

A Generation Not Knowing Jehovah

Judges 2:1-13

Benefits of Godliness

- 1 Tim. 4:6-8 – For this life, and that which is to come
- Prov. 14:34 – “Righteousness exalteth a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.”

Degenerate Branch

- Jer. 2:20-22 – “thou turned into the degenerate branches”
- Degenerate depicts one that has fallen below a desirable level of moral qualities.
- So is our society!

Isaiah's Depiction of a Debased Society

- Isa. 5:18-23 – Woe unto them
- Psa. 36:1 – No fear of God
- Isa. 3:8-12 – “For Jerusalem is ruined...”
- 1 Cor. 10:11-12 – What happened to Israel is our admonition.

Admonition

To warn; caution against faults;
to inform or remind by way of a
warning.

Causes of This Condition

- Lack of Teaching:
- Israel exhorted to teach their children:
 - Deut. 4:9-10 – make known
 - Deut. 6:4-9 – Teach them diligently
 - Deut. 11:18-21 – talking of them

Training Must Be Proper

- 1 Thess. 2:11-12 – As a father
- 2 Tim. 1:3-5 – A good example
- 2 Tim. 3:14-15 – Start early.

Our Society is a Product of Lawless Parents, thus, Lawless Children

- 2 Kgs. 2:23-24 – Idolaters
- Acts 7:51-52 – As your fathers
- 1 Sam. 3:13 – Error of Eli
- Gen. 18:19 – The supreme end of a child's education should be for the service of God.

Failure to Drive Out the Nations

- Exod. 23:31-32 – Drive out
- Judg. 2:11-17 – Idols not destroyed
- Eph. 6:4 – Children must be taught.

Failure to Drive Out the Nations

- Heb. 8:8-12 – For all shall know me: they will be taught!
- 2 Cor. 7:14-18 – “Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate...”

Not of This World

- Ezra 4:1-6 – Judah was hindered in their efforts.
- Ezra 5:1-5 – 20 yrs. later: the people were stirred up by the prophets.
- Ezra 7:1; 9:1, 5 – 60 yrs. later: the priests and Levites followed the abomination of the people of the land.

Not of This World

- Nehemiah's opposition 13 yrs. after Ezra:
 - 2:9-20 – Grieved the adversaries of Judah
 - 4:1-6 – People had a mind to work.
 - 4:7-13 – “Be not ye afraid of them”

Jesus Said

- Jn. 17:14 – “the world hateth them, because they are not of the world”
- Matt. 10:24-28 – “A disciple is not above his teacher.”

Ease and Luxury

- Deut. 31:14-20 - Israel had been warned.
- Lk. 12:13-21 - Prosperity can cause one to forget God.
- Prov. 30:7-9 - ...and say, Who is Jehovah?
- Amos 4:1; 6:1, 3-6 - “Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion.”
- Amos 5:18 - Israel’s lack of the fear of Jehovah was expressed in their arrogance.

Do you know Jehovah?

Jeremiah 22:13-16