There Arose A Generation (Judges 2:10,11)

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INTRODUCTION

- And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord. Nor yet the work which he had done for Israel.
- A cycle is now going to ensue where they will fall away, they will turn away from God and serve idols, and God will have to punish them.
- They became less enamored with him and a lot more enamored with themselves.

1 The Unique Impact on Firsthand Eyewitnesses

Joshua 24:31

- There's a difference between seeing things firsthand, being an eyewitness, and having those things told to you as a generation once removed or a generation several times removed.
- When you have seen those things with your eyes, they are indelibly pressed or impressed upon your mind.
- The ability to recall these events frequently and effectively is important because behavior is molded as a result.
- We need to impress upon our children, as is impressed in Judges chapter 2, that it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- That sin is destructive. And that we should come to feel about it as God does. We should detest and hate it.
- If we don't get that job done, a generation will arise behind us who does not know the Lord, nor the great things that God has done for Israel.

2 The Problem of Idolatry

1 John 5:21; Acts 19; Deuteronomy 8

- Serving these idols allowed them to do some things that they wanted to do, that their God wouldn't let them do. That's really one of the big attractions to idolatry.
- Most false doctrines allow things God forbids. They permit things that are unrighteous, often calling them righteous.
- Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
- You may well serve your idol. Whatever it is that's more important to you than God. Whether it's a thing or an idea.
- But when we choose good things, when we choose God's things, when we choose to retain his deeds in our memory, that will not be taken away from you.
- Don't grow weary in the task of lauding God's good deeds.

3 The Problem of Unperceived Alienation

- We have a great spiritual problem here with dire consequences.
- The things were not well with God, though they thought they were.
- We still tend to take things that were just handed to us for granted.
- Did you once have a greater zeal and appreciation for what God has done than you do right now?
- When we in our time forget what was done to set us free, we will leave off in the pursuit of faith and growing in every way that God wants us to grow. And we find ourselves alienated from God.
- And not even realizing it. May we never forget.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you done that? Have you washed your robes? Have you turned from vanity, idle sin to serve a living and true God?

MY NOTES