

The Generational God

Psalm 78:1-16

It is good and great to know the Lord. He is a God of love and loving kindness – Psalm 78:12-16. He promises us life that now is (here and now) and eternity – there and then.

How many of us cannot truthfully testify to the goodness of God in his or her life about either God's

- salvation
- healing
- provision
- protection
- power
- privileges
- growth in grace

especially through the ministry of Grace Bible Mission I am sure that each one of us here in this Mission will bluntly refuse and reject any idea or thought of being like the people in Ezekiel's day – **Ezek. 34:18, Isaiah 39:8**

This morning I want us to have a prayer session on "eni oro ba ku le lori..." This tree that the Lord has planted must not and shall not die. It must be passed on from generation to generation until our Lord comes in the air to take us home. Amen.

I would like also to speak this morning on behalf of the children: the children in our church families and the ones not yet born. They can't speak for themselves, and so God has spoken for them. And I want to apply what God has said for the children to our church family.

Let's look through the Scriptures and see those who succeeded and those that failed to pass on this baton of faith.

But first of all let's peruse these Scripture passages about God's testimony to we parents and guardians:

- ❖ Deuteronomy 6:4-9,
- ❖ Deuteronomy 4:9,
- ❖ Joel 1:3,
- ❖ Psalm 78:5-6,
- ❖ 1 Timothy 2:22

I. Men who succeeded in passing on the baton of faith in God and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to their following and next generation

- ❖ **Noah** – Genesis 6:5-10, 7:7
- ❖ **Abraham** – Exodus 3:15
- ❖ **Moses to Joshua** – Deuteronomy 31:1-9
- ❖ **David to Solomon** – 1 Chronicles 28:9-21
- ❖ **The Lord Jesus to the disciples** – Mark 3:13-19
- ❖ **Barnabas to Paul to Timothy/Titus** – Acts 9:26-27, 11:22-26, 1 Timothy 1:1-3, Titus 1:1-5

Missionaries to Nigeria

- **Catholic** – 15th century
 - ◆ Father Cavagnera – Italian
 - ◆ and Father Olier – French in 1914.
- Population now about 14 million
- **CMS, Anglican** – 1842
 - ◆ Henry Townsend

◆ Ajayi Crowther

◆ David Hinderer

Population now about 18 million

➤ **Methodist** – 1842

- Joseph May (Yoruba) converted in Sierra Leone – 1829
- Birch Freeman came to Nigeria 1842

Population now about 2 million

➤ **SIM (ECWA)** – 1893.

- Walter Covans
- Thomas Kent
- Roland Bingham

Population now about 4 million

➤ **Baptist** – 1850

- Thomas Jefferson Bowen
- Ogbomoso traders
 - All over the North
 - Ghana
 - Sierra Leone

Population in Nigeria now about 6 million

They passed on the baton successfully, and are still waxing stronger and stronger

➤ **Grace Bible Mission** – 1987

- You
- I

Population 1,000

Remember you are a stakeholder as well as I. Each one of us has a role to play.

II. Men who failed to pass on the baton of faith in God and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to their following and next generation

❖ **Adam** – Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 5:14-19

❖ **Lot** – Genesis 13:10-12; 19: 4-8; 12-14; 26; 30-38

❖ **Joshua and his generation** – Judges 2: 6-13

❖ **Eli** – 1 Samuel – 2:12-17; 27-36

❖ **Samuel** – 1 Samuel 8:1-5

❖ **Elisa** – 2 Kings 13:20-21; 5:26-27

❖ **Hezekiah** – 2 Chronicles 29:1-2, Isaiah 39:5-8, 2Chronicles 32:33; 33:3

❖ **Judas** – Acts 1:16-17, Matthew 26:14-16, John 12:4-6, Matthew 27:3-5

❖ **Demas** – 2 Timothy 4:10

III. How to pass on the baton of faith in God and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to our following and next generation

❖ Genesis 18:16-19

❖ Deuteronomy 6:4-9

❖ Mark 3:13-19

❖ Matthew 28:18-20

❖ 2 Timothy 2:2

❖ 1 Timothy 4:12, Philippians 1:27; 2:15; 3:17; 4:9

My dear brethren, must we dare to allow this tree, this faith, this Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – even this Grace Bible Mission, which you and I love and cherish so very dearly – to die with our generation – without passing on this baton of faith in God and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to our following and next generation

Rom 6:2: m̄i génoito. **May it never, never be. Amen.**

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