

A Strange Generation

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for tonight, we bless Your Holy name for keeping us till this moment, we thank You for Your grace and mercy, and we pray from our hearts today that You speak into our hearts, give us grace to learn at Your feet again, bless Your Word from our teacher tonight, and give us grace to walk in them, we thank You for answered prayers, in Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Study

Saints of God, please follow tonight's study carefully as The Lord Jesus Christ is currently impressing a burden in my heart, it happens not too frequently, He wants to communicate something into our spirit man because we would be considering a very critical topic which is so much expedient especially at a time such as this.

Beloveth, what does it mean to say something is strange? It simply means to say a thing is different in an unusual way from what it used to be, it means when something is no longer ordinary or expected. When a thing is weird, not natural and beyond normal.

So what does a generation mean? It simply means a group of living beings constituting a single step in the line of descent from an ancestor. It is also a group of individuals born, living and existing, occurring or originating during the same time. If we look into the scriptures careful we would see that there are different lists written out as lists of different generations. Everyone who have ever lived on earth falls in one generation or the other, there is basically no one without a generation except the forever existing God, The Father of The Lord Jesus Christ and Himself. What does a strange generation now mean, it simply means a a group of living beings constituting a single step in the line of descent from an

ancestor that is different in an unusual way from what it used to be

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not blesstheir mother. **12** There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yetis not washed from their filthiness. **13** There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and theireyelids are lifted up.**14** There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and theirjaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men

From our definition of what a generation is, we can also see that a generation refers to a set of people at a particular time. The first verse of our Bible text **Proverbs 30:11 KJV** There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

That is, there is a set of people, a category of people, a group of people, a number of people who curse their father and does not bless their mother. Brethren, God Almighty, in the 10 commandments wisely included that one must honour one's parents which is the 5th commandment. **Exodus 20:12 KJV Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.** But there is still a class of people who do not have regards for God's commandments, they do the direct opposite of what is written they "**curse**". Since it is not possible to place curse on someone whom we claim to honour they directly dishonour their parents, they are not afraid of God's laws to keep them. Knowing fully well that The fear of The Lord makes one to depart from sin yet they choose to walk in their own ways. Cursing one's parents goes to the point of not showing them regards in all ways. And when talking about parents, we are not only talking about one's biological parents because some might say that this study does not concern them because they do not have parents anymore for they are both dead, that's not it, it also means parents in The Lord, those whom the Lord has placed over us as watchmen for our souls. These strange generation of people say all sorts of mannerless things against their parents cursing one's parents is not only done when one speaks against them verbally one can curse one's parents in several ways.

1. By Dishonoring them: Ephesians 6:1-2 KJV Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. [2] Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first

commandment with promise;) There are some set of people who disobey their parents both biological and spiritual, there are some people who no one can speak to, they are one man army, their wives cannot speak to them, their husbands cannot speak to them, their friends and even parents too. Whenever they make decisions that can even cause them problem no one would be able to advise them because they will never listen. There are some whom their parents would be advising and they would be looking at the time to signify that the time is far spent. Some say all sorts of words that do not glorify God about their parents and leaders. What they will never say in front of these men is what they say at their backs. There is no doubt that we have these set of people now who know more than their parents and would never see any reason to reverence them. What a strange generation!

2. By Mocking them: Proverbs 30:17 KJV *The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.* These set of people treat their parents with contempt and ridicule them. The Lord is usually angry with those into such. Some make jests of their parents both biological and spiritual ones, every act of mockery against one's parents incur God's anger on one, you have no genuine reason to mock your parents. God will never hold such a person guiltless.

3. By beating them: This is one of the strange things that happens in this strange generation, a set of people who now beat up their parents **Exodus 21:15 KJV** *And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death* God has no other verdicts on those who do such than for them to be put to death, thank God for His grace upon us now, if not many would have died, but there is still eternal death in hell fire for those who do such and are not willing to repent. Many cases where a child gives his/her parents heavy blows, what of those who kill their parents for money ritual, those who beat their leaders with the words of their mouths and actions, backbiting about them with others, running them down in front of others, all these set of people have to repent and retribute if they do not want God's anger to remain on them. It is one of the evidence of the attributes of this strange generation working in them.

4. By seeing their nakedness: This refers to those who are delighted in seeing the nakedness of their parents both biological and spiritual. That is, they derive joy in

seeing their shame. We see Ham, one of Noah's son do this. **Genesis 9:22 KJV** And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. **Genesis 9:24-25 KJV** And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. [25] And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. The result that come along with such acts is a curse, even if men do not see one, God does see. It's so painful to know that in this strange generation there are children who peep to watch their parents make love in the house, same way some peep seeking to always find the weakness and faults of their leaders in other to use it against them. These things are dangerous to the souls of those who do them, it's very good to see that one avoids what would make one find him or her self in such position. Ham was cursed and it affected his generation, things such as these do not only have personal effect but can also affect ones family and descendants. May we not find ourselves in such situations in Jesus Christ name.

Just like the case of Ham who did that to his biological father, Aaron and Miriam also did something similar which made a whole chapter dedicated to tell their story. **Numbers 12:1-2,16 KJV** And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. [2] And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? **AND THE LORD HEARD IT.**

Miriam and Aaron were Moses elder siblings, and they spoke against him because of the Ethiopian woman whom he married and then in their claim, they also said God is always speaking to Moses comparing themselves with Moses whom The Lord has called, chosen, and anointed to lead them. **And God heard it**

There are those who say such words in this strange generation among themselves and even in their hearts against their leaders, not knowing God hears it. **Numbers 12:4-5 KJV** And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. [5] And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. What these men did annoyed God to the point that He had to come down to attend to the matter. **Numbers 12:9 KJV** And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed.

One would have wondered why should God be this angry with them, after all, Miriam was a prophetess and Aaron a priest and they both older than Moses, why would God take this matter so seriously to the point that He made Miriam leprous **Numbers 12:10 KJV** *And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.* This passes a simple message to us, that God chooses His servants not by age. These set of people think they could talk to Moses anyhow possibly because they are older than him or because they are also called by God. But Moses' call was higher than theirs and they refused to acknowledge it. **Numbers 12:15 KJV** *And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.*

Has this strange generation not taken after what Aaron and Miriam did? Many no longer have regards for those whom God has made leaders over them because they feel they are more anointed and advanced in age, God does not look the way we look. He recognizes only those whom He has chosen and placed over us, when we joke with them, He comes down Himself to fight for them. If God were to act the way He acted then in this generation, many would have been long gone, We must be very careful not to fall into the mistake these men made, over familiarity with Moses also caused it, don't be too familiar with a genuine servant of God to the point that you unconsciously and consciously mock him, no matter where, when and how you say it, don't forget that God will hear it!

Many children have abused their parents and they give their parents commands to follow. These days we have children who do not honour their parents but curse them, they do not bless them, those who neglect their parents at old age are also in this category. They do not bless them with prayers, Financially or Materially. The end result of this is stated in **Proverbs 20:20 KJV** *Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.* This talks about the eternal consequence of doing such. Our bible text further states in the next verse,

Proverbs 30:12 KJV *There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.* A generation that is filled with its own ways and not for any reason seek to walk circumspectly since they are just, holy and righteous in their own eyes, measuring their righteousness with a tape rule according to their own standard, then seeing no reason to get it right with God.

They walk, talk, dress, react, associates in ways they feel is right they are unguided by The Word of God, they feel alright in what they do but they are not washed from their filthiness, these set of people do not retain God in their knowledge, they are always right and do not need anyone to correct them. Those who try to do so are taken as enemies and they do not see anything good in others, they are superior to all and walk in that pride. Thus they go into all sorts of errors and go deeper into iniquity. They forget that God weighs the Spirit of every man.

Proverbs 16:2 KJV All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Since these set of people are pure in their own eyes not relying on Christ holiness they are those who put on the holier-than-thou attitude.

Isaiah 65:5 KJV Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. They do not need to examine themselves constantly for they see no need to do so in as much as they can do miracles, signs and wonders and still live in sin they are fine. A strange generation that believes one can look like a prostitute outwardly and still possess a pure heart. No wonder The Lord called a similar generation a generation of vipers

Matthew 23:33 KJV Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? These Set of people are filled with their own ways. We must check our lives and make amends in areas we have fallen short so that we can stand blamelessly before God.

If we read the **verse 12** of this chapter it says, "a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness" these set of people are living in sin, they are well rooted in iniquity but they believe that they are holy because they measure their holiness with the scale of men, therefore no matter what anyone tells them about their sinful ways they will discard it because they believe they are holy and do not need anyone to mention sin to them. In most cases the reason why they believe they're holy is because they measure themselves by themselves saying if so and so can be seen as holy then I am holy, these are those who apostle Paul refers to when he said those who compare themselves by themselves and not wise. **2 Corinthians 10:12 KJV** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not

wise. In their eyes they are pure not because they examine themselves through the light of the scriptures, in fact whenever they read the scriptures they seek to see other things aside sins, so as not to get touched for them to be able to change. They are not ready to hear of anything that will bring their weakness and evil deeds to limelight, they prefer to hide in darkness to continue the works of darkness, that's the generation we are in, a generation that looks up to those around them and claim superiority, those who refuse to let The Word of God reveal whom they are to them. They are pure yet indulge in secret sins like masturbation, fornication even inside the church, they tell lies saying after all "it's just to save me from unnecessary embarrassment" a set of people filled with lust, yet because they do not commit the act physically they claim to be pure. People who value speaking in capital letter tongues than living a just life and a life devoid of hypocrisy. What a generation, a set of people who are readily available to place curses on people who offends them and can do anything to get financial gains like Balaam. They still see some sins as little while others are big. Hmmm, what a generation!

(Verse 13) There are these set of people oh!—how lofty are their eyes, they are those who are blatantly and disdainfully proud. They look at others as not worthy to be set with their dogs, they would always exhibit an high level of pride for their eyelids and lifted up. They see themselves better, higher and greater in every way than those around them, their workmates are nowhere to be compared to them in their own eyes even their neighbours are despised by them, in short they see nothing good in others. **Proverbs 30:14 KJV** **There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.** These are instruments of cruelty that devour the poor, they cut through the properties of the weak and helpless to enrich themselves. They can also be likened to the politicians of our time, they see governmental position and funds as means to enrich themselves and would not bother about the cry of the innocents around them in as much as they are fine. Those whom they are to protect with their swords are those who they have chosen to take advantage of their rights and goods, like how Ahab took over Naboth's vineyard, just in that same way, they oppress and suppress the common. God has said that we will always have the poor with us, but for sole purpose of caring for them, protect and fight for their

cause but these ungodly products of these strange generation wishes to wipe them away from the Earth because of the hatred they have for them. They are like the wicked whose fangs would be broken and whose lives would The Lord Himself deliver out of their mouth. **Job 27:17 KJV He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.** They are workers of iniquity who have no knowledge, they delight in eating God's people as if they are eating bread and they do not call on the name of The Lord, they rejoice in the pains and sorrows of others. But The Lord has promised an utter end for them.

God care so much for the needies and would not in any way justify their oppressors, but this generation do not care about God's Word rather choose to do as they have devised in their hearts making God angry with them. We must therefore single our selves out and be separate from such wicked acts so that we will not share in their sins. May The Lord bestow the grace to live rightly in this strange generation upon us all in Jesus Christ name. Amen

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