

Generational Responsibility

Psalm 145: 4-7

“One looked down and saw the mud.

One looked up and saw the sun.

What you see is determined by where you look.”

A. The Mud (*The earth view of 2008*)

- Technology (*see sidebar*) *Daniel 12:4*
We may expect an increase in communication and computation. One is reminded of the words of Daniel 12:4; “... *Even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased*”. While these “time savers” can be helpful they can also capture the believer’s heart and time.
- Moral Pollution *Rom 1:25*
—We will hear more about things that effect the earth such as “global warming”.
—Earth is viewed by many as the source of life rather than God.
—Thus the perceived damaging of their life and god, mother earth, will be proclaimed with religious fervor.
—One is reminded of the words of Romans 1:25; “*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more that the Creator, who is blessed for ever, Amen*”.
—And verses 26-28 reveal that this reversal of truth results in moral depravity and minds incapable of good judgment.
- Hatred for Israel *Zech 14:2 (see back)*
- Declining Truth in the Church
2 Tim 3:1-5
—The church (unlike national Israel) is a spiritual nation that bears witness to the sacrificial death, resurrection power and saving grace by word and deed of the Son of God.
—However, 2 Timothy 3 prophesies that the last days will be characterized by those with a form of godliness (not the pagan here) living for pleasure and guilty of covenant breaking

If we know the deterioration below, why would we invest in a world that is passing away rather than in the eternal kingdom from above of God’s Anointed, the Lord Jesus Christ (*Psalm 2*)?

So let’s look UP...



A special thanks to brother Randy Amos for permission to use “The 23rd Megabyte” and the list of reasons why hatred for Israel will increase.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:

B. The Sun (*The heavenly 'Son' view of 2008*) Psalm 145:4-7

This passage lists seven things that are the 'responsibility' of one generation to pass on to the next generation. 145:4a

1. Mighty Acts 145:4b
 - Creating all things out of nothing *Gen 1*
 - Upholding all things by the word of His power *Col 1:15-18*
 - His mighty acts of grace in salvation *Eph 2:4-10*
 - Victory over Satan, the world and death *Rev 20-21*
2. Glory and Majesty 145:5a
 - The majesty of the Messiah *Psa 93:1*
 - The glory of the Son *John 2:11*
 - His glory as Mediator *1 Tim 2:5*
 - The Lord and King of glory *Psalm 24:8*
3. Wondrous Works 145:5b
 - Working of miracles *John 2:11*
 - Rising from the dead *1 Cor 15:20*
 - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit *Acts 2:4*
4. Awesome (Terrible) Acts 145:6a
 - Destruction of the disobedient by a flood *Gen 7-8*
 - The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah *Gen 19:24*
 - Deliverance from Egypt *Exodus 5-12*
5. Greatness of God 145:6b
 - Greatness above all other things *Psalm 95:3*
 - Greatness of His person *Psalm 48:1*
6. Goodness 145:7a
 - Leads us to repentance *Rom 2:4*
 - Everlasting goodness *Psalm 27:3*
7. Righteousness 145:7b
 - His essential righteousness as God *2 Peter 1:1*
 - His righteousness as Mediator *Heb 12:24*

All growth that is not toward God is growing to decay.

George Macdonald (1824–1905)

—> Finish by reading the remainder of the Psalm which

God is praised for his:

Goodness and tender mercies to all, Psalm 145:7-9

Power and kingdom, Psalm 145:10-13;

Kindness to the distressed, Psalm 145:14

Providence, Psalm 145:15-17

He hears and answers prayer, Psalm 145:18-20.

All should praise him, Psalm 145:21

Intro to 145:1-4a

Psalm 22—the suffering servant Psalm. “My God...why hast thou forsaken me...”

The Psalm starts with the Messiah on the cross and ends in the millennium—starting at vs. 26.

The last two verses—the theme of generational praise runs through the entire Bible:

NKJV Psalms 22:30

A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation, Psalm 22:31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done *this*.

NLT Psalms 22:30 Our children will also serve Him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

Psalm 22:31 His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything He has done.