

Judges 2:10-11

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Because the parents didn't do verse 10 "***When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.***" their children did verses 11 "***Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals***"

God did some awesome things in the lives of the Israelites while they went through the wilderness for 40 years. But not only that, God did many awesome things for the Israelites after they got to the Promised Land, as God defeated the armies of the nations that were there. Strong nations that had giants and many chariots (Chariots equaled power) and a vast number of seasoned warriors. And this was not an overnight thing where Israel came into the country and in a few days took it over, no it was a matter of several years of fighting and learning. Yeah learning too. If you go back to the previous book of Joshua, we (and Israel) learned that when God tells you to do something, you need to be obedient.

We know of the story of the Wall of Jericho falling down, and how God told the people, "***But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.***" **Joshua 6:19** and we know that Achan took some of the gold and silver and a beautiful garment, even though God said that everything was to go back to Him. The result was that about 36 men died because of his disobedience of one man to the Lord. So when Joshua fell on his face before the Lord in prayer, God replied with, "***Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.***" **Joshua 7:11** And the end result was that Achan and his entire family died because of his sin.

But with that and all the lessons the Israelites learned, you would think that they would have taught their children about God. But as today's verses say, "***When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals***"

And the only reason that the "***generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel***" was simply because they were not taught the things of the Lord and all that He did.

† ***Eventually that entire generation died and was buried. Then another generation grew up that didn't know anything of GOD or the work he had done for Israel. Judges 2:10 (MSG)***

After reading that, we need to ask the question, “*Do our children know about the Lord and the awesome things He has done in our lives?*”

Sure you may take them to church on Sunday and they hear the little bible stories and such. But do they know how awesome God really is beyond the Sunday School stories?

Have you told them how He has saved you and how He has provided in ways that only He can? How He has changed your life and the life of others in the family and friends?

Do they know how God healed you of sickness and protected you from something bad that could have happened?

Have you taught them how God hates sin and the consequences of sin, or do you just teach them the make you feel good verses of the bible all about the blessings of God?

If all you teach your children are the great things they can get from God, and how they can get more and more blessings from God and others, but never warn them about the consequences of sin and the bad things they do, then you are raising spoiled, bratty, Christian children, who won't fear God, and instead they will turn God into a Santa Claus or a Jeanie, and they will want God so that they can just get from God, but never give or do for the Lord or others.

† ***they served Baal-gods; they deserted GOD, the God of their parents who had led them out of Egypt; they took up with other gods, gods of the peoples around them. They actually worshiped them! And oh, how they angered GOD. Judges 2:12 (MSG)***

So, ask yourself, or even pray about what you are teaching and showing your children about the Lord. Or maybe it's a matter of asking yourself what you are NOT teaching and telling your children about the Lord, that will cause them to turn their back on the Lord.

† ***“But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. Never forget the day when you stood before the LORD your God at Mount Sinai, where he told me, ‘Summon the people before me, and I will personally instruct them. Then they will learn to fear me as long as they live, and they will teach their children to fear me also.’ Deuteronomy 4:9-10 (NLT2)***

† ***Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.***