

All in the Family - Part I

Joel 1.2-3

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Introduction:

- Older people are supposed to teach younger people about God

We can learn our best lesson from our elders because . . .

1. People who know God

- A.R, Fausset refers to this verse as “A spirited introduction, calling attention to old men—the best judges in questions concerning the past (Deut. 32:7; Job 32:7, “Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom”).
- Ex. 10:2; Pss. 48:13; 78:4, 6. Exod 12:24-27; Deut 4:9; 6:6-8, 20-23; 32:7; Esth 9:20-28).

2. Are supposed to tell

- The incomparable event, as yet unnamed, is to be ‘recounted’ suggesting a detailed enumeration to generations following
- Romans 10.14, 17

3. People who don’t know God

- So extraordinary and significant are current events that the account of them is to be passed on to subsequent generations. The preservation of significant events was a normal Hebrew tradition.¹
- Josiah - discovering the Book of the Law - 2Kings 22.11

4. About God

- The landmark story for Israel is Exodus; The landmark story for the Church is Gospel: incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Conclusion

- The elders, the people who know, the people who remember
- Are to tell the greatest story ever told, the story written on their hearts
- To their children so that subsequent generations will not forget
- Who God is and all that He has done

¹ Patterson, R. D., & Hill, A. E. (2008). [Cornerstone biblical commentary, Vol 10: Minor Prophets, Hosea–Malachi](#) (p. 106). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers