

Introduction:

- I want to talk to families this morning. I want to talk about seeds and succeeding generations. I want to attempt to stir hope in your heart regarding your children and grand children. God thinks in terms of generations. It is amazing in scripture to see the number of references to the generations, children, and children's children. Lets read a few:
- God loves the generations:
 - Dan 4:2-3 *I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. 3 How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation.* NKJV This is why we must always be considering the seed and succeeding generations.
 - Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise (crush NIV) your head, And you shall bruise His heel."* NKJV
 - Gen 18:18-19 *Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.* NKJV
 - *"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."* (Genesis 22:18, NKJV)

I. What's In a Seed? What does God see in the seed and what should we see in the seed?**A. What does God see in a seed? God's sees generationally.**

1. God is eternal therefore; everything He does is done with eternity in mind. How different would our choices be if we did everything with eternity in mind? (I am not talking about just getting into heaven). Do not believe the lie that your choices only affect you.
 - a) When man was created there was no time, only night and day. Adam and Eve were not created with death in their DNA. They were created to live forever.
 - b) In that economy of God, the world was self-sustaining and Adam and Eve would have lived forever thus maintaining God's purposes.
 - c) When they sinned, death entered and now God needed a way to maintain His eternal purposes within humanity. This he fulfilled through generations or the "seed" of man and through "time." The promise of the seed and succeeding generations had a futuristic dimension. Time or generations, was how God would restore or redeem mankind!
2. Generation defined – 1. The circle of a man's lifetime, from birth to death. 2. A period or age of time. Greek word is *genea* from which we get genealogy. Genealogies reflect a man's life.
3. Each of the scriptures we just read reflects eternity and God's presence there.
 - a) Dan 4:3 from generation to generation.
 - b) Gen 3:15 the continued crushing of Satan's head – forever
 - (1) The woman would reproduce
 - (2) The seed would be born with specific purpose
 - (3) That purpose would be to crush Satan's head.
 - c) Gen 18:18-19 A blessed world because of commanded obedience. Ten generations later!

B. What should we see in a seed?

1. The prophetic nature of seeds.
 - a) Seeds carry a prophetic nature because they speak of things to come. A farmer without seed has no hope for a future. Everything reproduces after its own kind. Gen. 1:11-12

- b) Seeds carry a prophetic nature because in them is the plan of God (not yet realized). To reproduce after your own kind. Gen 1:11-12 “The etymology of *mîn* cannot be established with certainty... from the noun *tēmûnâ* “form” with some such meaning as “to think out” or “to invent.”” Theological Wordbook of the OT. After its own kind. Ie. “It has been programmed by God.”TF
- c) Seeds carry a prophetic nature because what is in them requires hope and faith. This is the language of the Kingdom of God. Through faith and patience, we inherit promises.
 - (1) Hope provides the inspiration to act. Hope provides the motivation.
 - (2) Faith provides the action. Faith gives me the strength to act.
 - (3) Faith is what releases the Kingdom of God or purposes of God in the earth. Heb 11:6
Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- 2. Warning: Seeds do not determine yield! Two things determine yield.
 - a) Yield is determined by the quality of seed. Affected by the generations.
 - b) Yield is determined by the quality of the nurturing that is given to the seed.
- 3. Application: See your children as seeds. The quality of nurturing you give to the supernatural plan of God in them will be released by the amount of hope and faith you operate in regarding the Kingdom towards them.
- C. The purpose of the generations was
 - 1. To ensure that a messiah would enter the world in the “fullness of time” 1 Cor 15:55 “Death where is your sting, grave where is your victory.” Power of the enemy is completely destroyed.
 - 2. Is to bring God’s life into the dark world of lost men from generation to generation. This can only be fulfilled by the descendants of Adam. That is why we are called the body of Christ! That is who we are in the earth. We are God’s redemption, with the message of redemption.
 - 3. God looks on our world from a position of eternity where there is an everlasting dimension, through the seed or the succeeding generations!
 - 4. Therefore, He has enabled us to “stretch out” our existence beyond our own life times into succeeding generation. IE. Prophetic word to me, “The call of God has been upon you and your family for generations.”
 - 5. When God looks at a man or woman, he sees the *promise of seed* and the *hope of generations*, a seed with the potential to crush Satan’s head.

II. The Power of Generational Thinking

- A. The seed contains the vision that allows us to connect both past and future generations and empower us to face the future with hope.
 - 1. When we look at our history, it brings both shame and hope with it. We know our failures and we also know that we live with a hope with us. We know our failures but we also know our past does not determine our future. When we look at the generations we see also within the generations both pain and promise. Let me illustrate this for us.
 - 2. “**And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.**” (Genesis 3:15, NLT)
 - a) Eve knew that in their seed was the promise of the crushing of Satan. THE SEED
 - b) In their despair of their sin was the promise of their redemption. (The Seed) In the fog of failure was their gratitude of the promise.
 - c) God’s promise required them to look with in themselves for its fulfillment. Why therefore do we fear bringing kids into our world today!!! We fear because we have forgotten the promise! We fear because we choose to see the possible pain over the promise.
 - (1) Their first child was Cain, a man begotten of the Lord. And he became the first murderer!

- (2) Now notice the name of their third child. Seth – which means “appointed” *God has appointed me another seed instead of Able, whom Cain slew.* Gen. 4:25b.
- (a) Adam and Eve were connecting their past and their future in the next generation!!! And they were doing it by the seed. Why have babies? Because there are generational promises that are being fulfilled every time a child is born!
- (b) Seth was marked... “you will have seed!” There yet awaits a divine promise. Each generation holds promise because of the word of the Lord, Isa 55:11 *“It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”* NLT
- d) Abraham had to see himself as part of the generational chain. Gen 18:19 *“I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.”* (Genesis 18:19, NLT)
- (1) He had to project himself into the future because of the promise God gave him.
- (a) The promise was for seed.
- (b) The seeds of promise would perform mighty acts for God.
- (c) Abraham could only receive promises for his own lifetime, based on the condition that he would anticipate seed, reproduce seed, and teach that seed obedience to God’s law. It could only be perceived and received by faith!
- (2) Abraham had to become a generational man! He had to see the way God sees and think the way God thinks, for when God looks at a man he see more than just the man he sees his seed stretching far into the future. An eternal covenant can only be received by a man who has ceased to be bound by time.

- B.** You must develop a strong sense of history (seeing eternally, both past and future) and consider the purpose of your survival. God’s purpose for you is to bring forth children of promise who have history locked up in their loins, and in whose spirits is injected all the strength of their past! In their legacy are great kings, great warriors, powerful prophets and compassionate minstrels that sing the praises of their God.
1. Every generational person must see himself as a generational link (connecting past and future) in the plan of God for the salvation of the world. It is His will that none perish.
- a) He must hear the words of the promise of God in Gen. 3:15!
- b) It must be heard like it was first spoken!
- c) It must be appropriated by the hearer in a later generation as if it were spoken to him
- d) The hearer must say as Mary said, Be it unto me according to your word! Luke 1:38
2. We must be committed to producing seeds of promise for our generation and for the next.

III. We must think generational like our eternal God thinks.

- A.** To think generationally we have to stop thinking about ourselves and turn our hearts to our children. When we do, God will activate the prophetic plan within the seed for us and for our seed.
- B.** To think generationally we have to know what God has said to us generationally and to our children generationally. We also need to keep in remembrance the things He has personally spoke to us about our children.
- C.** Can you hear Moses mother! *“Not this one! Not you, my child! For I discern in your eyes and infinite depth of history. I see within the depths of your striving a determination to live. I see a future hope, a radically fierce determination to survive- for you must set your people free!”* Dr Patricia Morgan
- D.** Can you hear Joseph?

1. *Are you Mary's child? Whose son are you? Born to die, born to crush the head of Satan! Born to set your brothers free! I will bare you in my arms, I will give you to your Father, and I will teach you who you are! I will disciple you with servant hood and you will learn to love your people. You will learn to love your heavenly Father and blindly perform his every desire! You will learn every promise purposed for you, and you will reach up into eternity and take hold of every word spoken to you. You will say, "That the scripture and the word of the prophets might be fulfilled, I go... I my son will stand aside and let you be about your Fathers business. And I will stand amazed as you bring judgment to your generation and hope to all men of every race and every age. Then will I fully understand how God could invest His Divine Hope in such a Son as you...as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever... Dr Patricia Morgan*
2. May we arise and declare, "May my sons and daughters arise in their generation to crush the head of Satan!