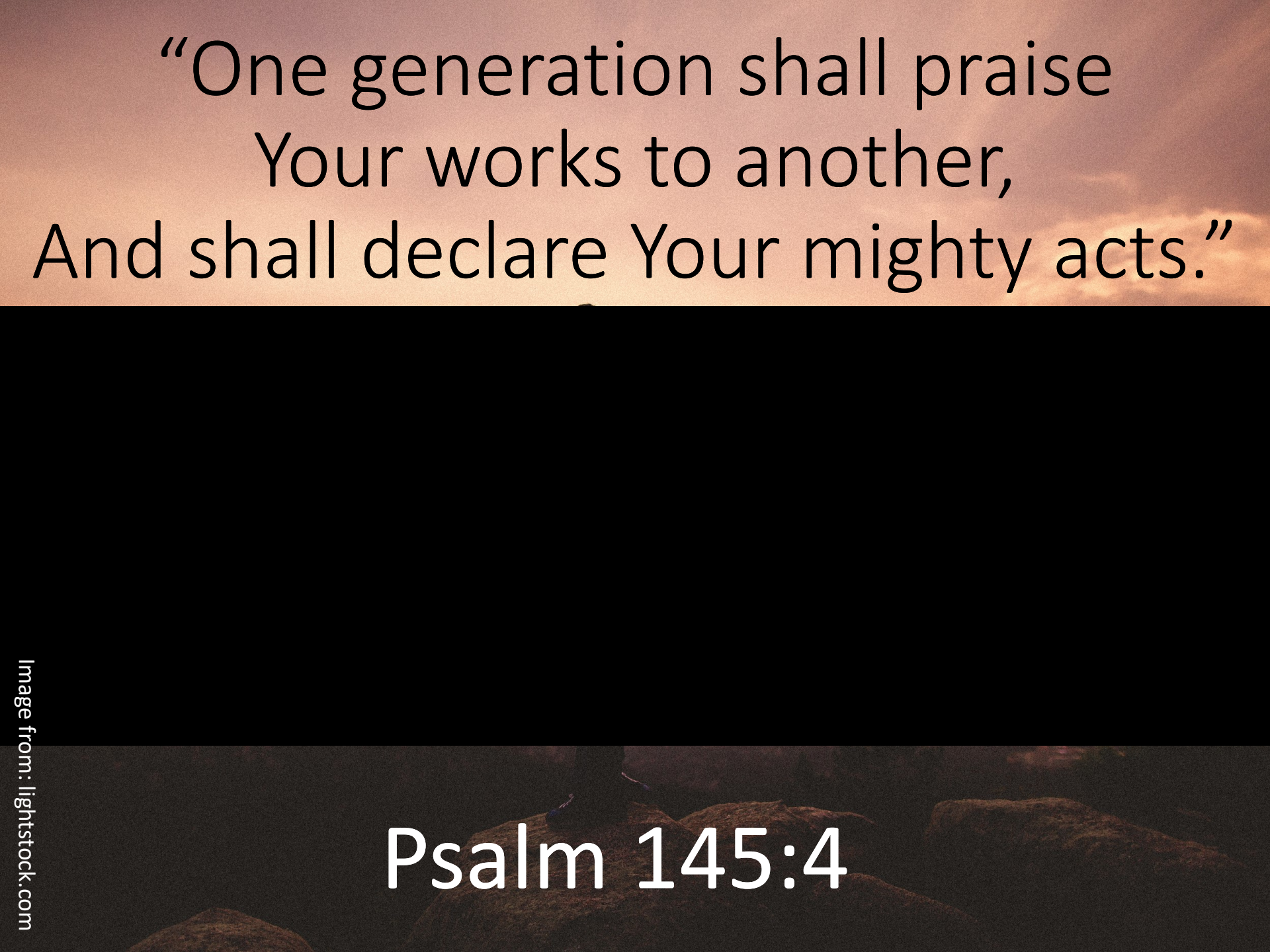




- ✓ Saturday – Church Picnic, Noon-3:30pm
- ✓ Next Sunday – L2L Kickoff Lunch
- ✓ September 26 – 2 Languages, 1 Faith



“One generation shall praise
Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4

Generation to Generation

Our Theme for 2021

Lord Bless Us With Leaders

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From Generation to Generation

The Importance of Spiritual Leadership

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➤ A passage about one of Israel's great victories: Judges 5:2

Judges 5:2

² “That the leaders led in Israel,
That the people volunteered,
Bless the LORD!

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➤ A passage about the church and leadership: Ephesians 4:11-16

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles,
and some *as* prophets, and
some *as* evangelists, and
some *as* pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for
the work of service, to the building up
of the body of Christ;

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹⁶ from whom [Christ] the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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- One of the biggest challenges of spiritual leadership: changing generations.

Judges 2:7,10

⁷The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:7,10

¹⁰ All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

An Example to Notice:



- The passage where God brought them together: 1 Kings 19:15-21

1 Kings 19:15-21

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

¹⁶ and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

1 Kings 19:15-21

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.

1 Kings 19:15-21

²¹ So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave *it* to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him.

An Example to Notice:



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- The passage where God separated them: 2 Kings chapter 2

2 Kings 2:6

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

2 Kings 2:7-8

⁷ Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

⁸ Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

2 Kings 2:9-10

⁹ When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

2 Kings 2:9-10

¹⁰ He said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”

2 Kings 2:11-12

¹¹ As they were going along and talking, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

2 Kings 2:11-12

¹² Elisha saw *it* and cried out, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:13-15

¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

2 Kings 2:13-15

¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

2 Kings 2:13-15

¹⁵ Now when the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho opposite *him* saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Things to Notice

1) Notice in
Elijah:
the need to
invest in future
leaders.

Things to Notice

2) Notice in
Elisha:
a heart that
desires to
serve God.

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Isaiah 6:8

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

John 21:17

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?”

And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”
Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

I pray there will always be those
who love and believe in God
enough to serve!



Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.