

Study #15 Aaron Ironside

SHIP'S DECK LOG SHEET SPIRITUAL LEAKY HOME SYNDROME

WARM UP

Statistics show that children of divorced parents are more likely to end their own marriages through divorce. Children who grow up in an abusive home are more likely to be abusive themselves. Children whose parents drink, smoke, or use illegal drugs are more likely to do the same. This is the iniquity that is passed on from generation to generation.

BACKGROUND

The word punish comes from a Hebrew word called "yacar", which means to chastise, to strike, to instruct. The word visiting/visit comes from a Hebrew word called "paqad", which means to look over, inspect, care for, to count or examine. Understanding this phraseology, we see that God will inspect and examine the results of the father's iniquity on the generations to come. Remember if iniquity continues from generation to generation it becomes harder to remove. Therefore "visiting the iniquity of the fathers to the third and fourth generation" is in no way, shape or form a curse from God for punishment on future generations because of what the father had done, but a thorough inspection of the effects of the iniquity.



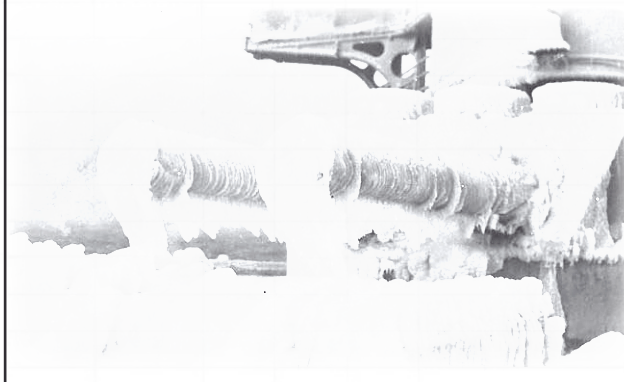
READ Exodus 34:6-7

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What areas of sin or brokenness are present in the lives of your parents and grandparents?
2. Are there any signs of those issues in your life? What are they?

3. What sort of things do you want to pass on to your children?

4. Have you asked God to break all ties with your past and generational consequences?



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will pray for the power of the Cross to destroy any negative generational consequences.

CONSIDER THIS

Abraham lied about his wife being his sister.
Isaac lied about his wife being his sister.
Jacob got conned and married his sweetheart's sister!



WRAP UP

An excellent example of confessing and repenting of generational sin is found in Nehemiah 1:5-7. In verse 5 we read, "I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments".

Did you catch something familiar that Nehemiah said here? He just restated the first part of Exodus 34:6-7. Nehemiah was basically saying, "Lord, I remember about generational sin, but I also remember you saying that you are a forgiving God".