

# Faith of Our Fathers

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## **A. Its Place in Scripture**

# God is into Genealogies

## Matthew 1:1-17

1 ¶ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;

11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

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**B. Its Purpose in Scripture**

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1. **Authenticate** the historical accuracy of Scripture.
2. **Confirm** biblical prophecies regarding Christ.
3. **Point** us to a God who is interested the family and in details.

# Definition of A Grandparent

Glenn Pease

**“Grandparents**

can be just that,

**PARENTS**

who are

**GRAND.”**

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or as an Elderly?

## **Deuteronomy 4**



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1. The responsibility not just to **KNOW** but  
also to **DO** God's law. (v1)

*1 Now therefore **hearken** (to keep, guard, protect), O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to **do** them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.*

A. Personal Attention to the Works of God vv1-2  
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## 2. The responsibility to **PROTECT** God's law. (v2)

*2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*

# Question

**How WELL do YOU know God's Word  
to know WHEN error is being preached?**

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**1. How? – Do not allow our encounters and experiences with God slip away from us.**

*9a Only **take heed** to thyself, and **keep** thy soul diligently, **lest thou forget** the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they **depart** from thy heart all the days of thy life: ...*

Deuteronomy 4:9

How not to allow our encounters & experiences with God  
slip away from us?

“Only **take heed** (to be on one’s guard) *to thyself,*

*and **keep** (guard) thy soul diligently,*

**lest thou forget** (cease to care) *the things which thine  
eyes have seen,*

*and lest they **depart** (to be taken away) from thy heart all the  
days of thy life:”*



**“... memory serves to lead to the continuing experience of the presence and activity of God.”**

(WBC, Vol. 6A, p62)

## 2 Timothy 4:7

***“I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith:”***

# Matthew 24:3, 12

*“**3** And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?  
... **12** And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.**”*

**“Those CANNOT walk safely  
who walk carelessly.”**

(Preachers' Homiletic Commentary)

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2. Why are we to keep our faith?

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### 2. Why are we to keep our faith?

We have examples of Bible characters that drifted away.

- **Lot** – Pitched his tent towards the cities of sin (Gen 13:11)
- **Samson** – Allowed his feelings to detract him (Judges 14-16)
- **Peter** – He swayed at the crucial moment (Matt 26:69-75)
- **King David** – In an unguarded moment he fell (2 Samuel 11)
- **Demas** – In love with this present world (2 Tim 4:10)
- **King Solomon** – He started well but ended badly (2 Chron 1:10; 1 Kings 11:4)

# Wonderful Words of Life

**Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life,  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty.**

We can **NEVER**

PASS ON

what we **DO NOT** have.



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*9b ... but **teach** (to make known, to declare) **them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;***

*10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather Me the people together, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and **that they may teach their children.***

John MacArthur

“In order to be

**FAITHFUL STEWARDS,**

each of us needs to pass on to others  
what we have been taught.”

C. Personal Attention to One's Witness for God vv9b-10  
– Pass Your Faith

1. Our faith does **AFFECT** those who come after us.

*“Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.” (Pro 17:6)*

*“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.” (2 Tim 1:5)*

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2. Our faith is still an **ACTIVE** faith. (Psalm 71:17-18)

*“17a O God, thou hast taught me **from my youth**: ...*

*17b ... and hitherto have I **declared** Thy wondrous works.*

*18 **Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come.**”*

## 2. Our faith is still an ACTIVE faith. (Psalm 71:17-18)

- The psalmist's faith influenced others when he was young. (v17a)

*17a O God, thou hast taught me **from my youth**: ...*

- Up till in his old age, he declared God's wondrous works. (v17b)

*17b ... and hitherto have **I declared** Thy wondrous works.*

- Let my faith continue to be an active faith. (v18)

*18 **Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come.***"

## 2. Our faith is still an ACTIVE faith.

- Of the RIGHTEOUS elderly and grandparents, Scripture says ...

*“They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat (the appearance of vigor and health) and flourishing;” (Psalm 92:14)*



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To be “Parents who are **GRAND**, we start  
**RIGHT NOW** when/while we are  
parents.”

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### 3. Our faith is **BEGUN** when we are parents.

“I don't know how many times I've heard parents who are members of churches say to me: **I intentionally never discuss theology or religion with my children**, because I want them to believe whatever they come to believe honestly and not because they've been indoctrinated by us in the home. I don't want them to be slaves to a parental tradition. I want them to experience reality on its own terms and come to whatever conclusion they are drawn from the evidence. Such sentiments mystify me because they are at such odds with the teaching of Scripture.” (The Most Solemn Mandate – R. C. Sproul)

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3. Our faith is **BEGUN** when we are parents. (Deu 6:4-9)

*4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 **And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”*

The desire to be parents who are grand begins not just at home ...

It begins long before we are grandparents ....  
WHEN/WHILE we are parents.

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## Conclusion

**“Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to thee  
till death.”**



Matthew 25:21a

*“Well done, thou good and faithful servant:”*