

The Malachi Mandate

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Note: These are the notes that were given to us by our 2018 Ministerial Summit speaker, Savannah Marten. I know this information will be beneficial to all of us and will enable us to better understand and work with others.

The Malachi Mandate is the turning of the hearts of the fathers to the sons and sons to their fathers.

God reveals Himself as Abba; this is just not a stoic term for father, but Daddy. And He calls us sons and daughters; He calls us into being a family. When we act like family, we are displaying our relationship the way God intended. He's looking for a place of safety and grace.

What is the Malachi Mandate? *"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."* Malachi 4 (The English Standard Version)

This is not optional, it's a must to stay the curse (lest I come and...). Ps. 133 says that how beautiful is it when brothers and sisters dwell in unity; it commands a blessing. He's doing it! We're seeing; in an evil and depraved generation where sons and fathers are at odds, God is releasing the spirit of Elijah that will turn the hearts of the sons and fathers to each other.

God is desiring a generation where mothers/fathers and sons/daughters know who they are and their hearts are turned to one another in love and honor. God has long been a God of generations working together and telling of His works in the kingdom. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. Psalm 78:5-7

There are 6 generations currently alive (in America).

The GI Generation: Born 1901-1926. (117 – 92 yrs. old) Their characteristics include: Community-minded. • Strongly interested in personal morality and near-absolute standards of right and wrong. • Strong sense of personal civic duty. • "Use it up, fix it up, make it do, or do without."

Mature/Silents: Born 1927-1945. (91 - 73 yrs. old) • They are avid readers, especially newspapers. • "Retirement" means to sit in a rocking chair and live your final days in peace. • Strong sense of trans-generational common values and near absolute truths. • Disciplined, self-sacrificing, & cautious.

Baby Boomers: Born between 1946 and 1964. (72 – 54 yrs. old) • The "me" generation. • Ushered in the free love and societal "non-violent" protests which triggered violence. • Self-righteous & self-centered. • Too busy for much neighborly involvement yet strong desires to reset or change the common values for the good of all. • Optimistic, driven, team-oriented.

Generation X: Born 1965-1980 (53-38 yrs. old) • Very individualistic. • Want to save the neighborhood, not the world • Society and thus individuals are envisioned as disposable. •

Beginning obsession of individual rights prevailing over the common good, especially if it is applicable to any type of minority group.

Generation Y “Millennials”: Born 1981-2000 (37-18 yrs. old) • They schedule everything. • Prefer to work in teams. • With unlimited access to information they tend to be assertive with strong views. • Envision the world as a 24/7 place; want fast and immediate processing. • They have been told over and over again that they are special, and they expect the world to treat them that way. • They do not live to work, they prefer a more relaxed work environment with a lot of hand holding and accolades. • *This is NOT a term to describe youth that you don't understand.* It's a generation, and it moves as the millennials get older.

Generation Z: Born 2001 - current (17 – 1 yrs. old) • Not very focused, with all of the instant updates available anywhere, Z's are typically not the best at focusing singularly. • However, they are very capable of multi-tasking. • Tech reliant. The first generation where cell phones as personal computers were always there. • Hyper justice oriented, on a global scale - the amount of news that is available at their finger tips makes their justice global. • Post Christian, but extremely open to faith.

Bridges between generations • Generations don't just suddenly shift after a year. There's usually a few years at the end of a generation and at the beginning where the generation starts to shift identifiers. • *Team building* in your church building should include generational team building for individuals to better understand why their teammates operate differently than they do.

For the younger generations • *Elders at the gates.* • There are so many wise individuals in our community and I know the personal blessing of identifying those leaders and sitting under them. • *Wisdom* • Instead of learning the hard way, learn by their example. • There's some wisdom that only comes with the longevity of life of steadfastness with Jesus. • We actually **don't** know it all.

For the older generations • Difference vs preference • We don't want your old wine skins; we want the wine, systems vs wisdom. • Old men dream dreams and your young men prophecy, both sons and fathers are receiving dreams and visions, young men are prophesying, declaring the dreams and vision (Joel 2:28) *Father to the fatherless;* He sets the lonely in a family (an orphaned generation) Psalm 68 • This is the most fatherless generation, God's calling mothers and fathers to mother and father the orphans of these generations. • *Justice oriented,* God ordained, but enemy perverted. • The call for justice in these generations is from the Lord. The Lord is calling for true justice and the enemy is raging to pervert it. • We should be grabbing hold of this in the younger generations and raising them up in true justice. • *Permission to run free.* • We should want their floor to be our ceiling, to run higher and faster than we do!

Legacy and Stewarding Transition Well • Relay race analogy • The passing of the baton • The engagement/exchange zone. • It's not a relay unless you pass the baton • It's not the team that runs the fastest that wins; it's the team that successfully passes the baton. • Both teams must be running. • Trust and confidence. Requires knowing each other's abilities, not comfort zone / grace zone • not yelling go to early.

The prayers you are praying by faith now are most likely the harvest field of the next generation.