Telling The Next Generation

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[0:00] The 9th of December, Telling the Next Generation. Psalm 48, 12-14 Walk about Zion, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

It was good going back to where our parents and grandparents had lived and showing these places to our children. Some of these places are now only ruins, especially the great-grandparents' homes. But they are still interesting.

Part of our family heritage. The Jewish people of old just loved Jerusalem, and especially the temple area. The writer of Psalm 48 pictures people going round that area, taking note of every part in it, so that they could tell their children what a wonderful place it was, and, more importantly, what a wonderful God their God was.

And God is still wonderful. He is our God. And we want the next generation to know that too. Telling children about God is one of the most important jobs God gives us to do.

As parents, as churches, as Christians, whether we are parents or not. And we should be excited when we do this. Psalm 48 is a really happy psalm. The writer was really excited about God and all that he did for his people.

[1:17] When we know the Lord Jesus is our Savior, we should be excited about that. About him and all he has done for us. We should be excited as we live out our Christian faith.

And that excitement should be obvious to our younger folk too. It should be infectious. And what a story we have to tell. The story of Jesus is the greatest story ever told.

Let us tell it to the next generation. And a prayer. Help us, Lord, to be your storytellers to the young folk among us. Amen.

Amen. Thank you.