

**Title:** When the generations turn  
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### **A warning**

#### **malachi 4:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

### **God of the generations**

#### **deuteronomy 7:9**

<sup>9</sup> "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

### **Are we prepared for Jesus?**

#### **luke 1:17**

<sup>17</sup> He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

## **1. A turning of hearts**

#### **psalm 51:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

#### **matthew 18:3-4 (AMP)**

<sup>3</sup> And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all]. <sup>4</sup> Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

## **2. Restoration of the generations**

#### **ephesians 6:1-4 (AMP)**

<sup>1</sup> CHILDREN, OBEY your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right. <sup>2</sup> Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother--this is the first commandment with a promise--<sup>3</sup> That all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth. <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.

## **3. Blessing upon the earth**

#### **psalm 112:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments. <sup>2</sup> His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

#### **galatians 3:13-14 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"--<sup>14</sup> so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.