

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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A CHALLENGE TO YOUNG BELIEVERS

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"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams." Joel 2:28.

This promise applies to our time. It was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. On the basis of this promise Jesus gave His disciples their marching orders. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"It is the word of gentleman of the most strict and sacred honor so there's an end of it!", said David Livingstone.

The dogged perseverance, the heroic and effective missionary career of this man must be interpreted in the light of this promise. The commission will be fulfilled or unfulfilled according as believers comply with or reject the conditions of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

With reference to visions Mr. Wesley said, "In youth the outward senses are most vigorous, and the body is entire, whereby they are best qualified to sustain the shock which usually attends the visions of God."

Youth with strength is able to cope with problems, youth is capable of intense suffering and sacrifice. Youth with strong affections, passions and ambitions is called to the front as never before. God is calling for minds like our minds, blood like our blood, flesh like our flesh. Shall we respond to the call, applying ourselves to our tasks with a spirit of stick-to-it-iveness? Shall we retain our first love, our first visions, even though they be attended by constant shocks and demand adjustments? If so, a generation of youth living for worldly honor, gain, pleasure, and thrills can be changed by the mighty power of God.

It is estimated that the definitely holiness churches operating in Canada are ministering to about 300,000 people. That is about three percent of the people. What about the other ninety-seven percent? May God enable us to reach the towns and villages of the Maritime Provinces which are without a holiness church or Sunday School. Besides these there is the larger part of the Province of Quebec, most of Northern Ontario, many parts of Western Canada, saying nothing of Africa and the other continents of the world that are underprivileged with respect to gospel light. How can qualified students, ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, remain justified before God without responding to such needs?

Let us observe the condition and fulfillment of Pentecost as revealed through Peter. He was a believer, he had spiritual insight. Matt. 16: vs. 15, 16, 17. He was a diamond in the rough; a man of violent contrasts, always slipping into reverse. He always meant well but was prone to trust in his own knowledge of Divine things. A maiden in Pilate's hall looked at him and his eye fell. She said she thought he belonged to Jesus of Nazareth; and his heart sank, and he said, "No." Finally to make it plain that he had nothing to do with Jesus of Nazareth, he began

to curse and swear. Afterward realizing his sin he went out and wept bitterly. Soon after this occasion he confessed his inward depravity or what Scripture has termed "The Carnal Mind; The Flesh; The Body of Sin; Sin; The Sin that dwelleth in me; The Old Man." These are synonymous terms used to represent the same innate depraved nature. This remaining sin in believers is a unit of evil, manifesting itself in pride, jealousy, selfishness and fear. Believers must die out to the world. They must be cleansed by the Holy Ghost and fire. This experience is definite and instantaneous.

The Peter of Pilate's hall is the Peter of Pentecost save that in the latter he is filled with the Holy Ghost. At Pentecost he is a brave heart which dreads neither the power of the authorities or the violence of people. By the message that day about 3,000 sinners were changed to saints.

The command "Go ye!" can only be obeyed on the basis of a Pentecostal experience. It demands an unconditional surrender to Jesus Christ and an unbroken walk with Him in His life, death, resurrection and intercession. Let us pay the price and help to "Girdle the globe with salvation, with holiness unto the Lord."

"AND IMMEDIATELY THE SPIRIT DRIVETH HIM INTO THE WILDERNESS."

(Mark 1:12)

It seemed a strange proof of Divine favor "immediately." Immediately after what? After the opened heavens and the dove-like peace and the voice of the Father's blessing, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". It is no abnormal experience. Thou, too, hast passed through it, O my soul. Are not the times of thy deepest depression just the moments that follow thy loftiest flight? Yesterday thou wert soaring far in the firmament, and singing in the radiance of the morn; today thy wings are folded and thy song silent. At noon thou wert basking in the sunshine of a Father's smile; at eve thou art saying in the wilderness, "My way is hid from the Lord." Nay, but, my soul, the very suddenness of the change is a proof that it is not revolutionary.

Hast thou weighed the comfort of that word, "immediately"? Why does it come so soon after the blessing? Just to show that it is the sequel to the blessing. God shines on thee to make thee fit for life's desert places—for its Gethesemes, for its Calvaries. He lifts thee up that He may give thee strength to go further down; He illuminates thee that He may send thee into the night, that He may make thee a help to the helpless.

Not at all times art thou worthy of the wilderness, thou art only worthy of the wilderness after the splendors of Jordan. Nothing but the Son's vision can fit thee for the Spirit's burden; only the glory of the baptism can support the hunger of the heart of the desert—George Matheson.

After benediction comes battle.

The time of testing that marks and mightily enriches a soul's spiritual career is no ordinary one, but a period when all hell seems let loose, a period when we realize our souls are brought into a net, when we know that God is permitting us to be in the devil's hand. But it is a period

BOOKS TO READ

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Recently the National Association for the Promotion of Holiness, under the able leadership of its dynamic president, Rev. C. W. Butler, took another forward step in the work of spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands, by beginning the publication of a series of booklets under the collective name of "National Guard Series." These books are designed to deal with various fundamental themes and are prepared by outstanding men of the Holiness Movement of America. "Salvation By Faith?", "The Experience of Regeneration a Stepping Stone," "Evolution as a Theory of the Bible as a Tried Authority, Which?", and "Fifty Years Before and After," are some of the important subjects discussed by such prominent men as G. A. McLaughlin, C. W. Butler, and Comm. S. A. Brenge. These books can be obtained at a very reasonable figure, and are splendid for use in our Y. P. Societies. Our young people should be well schooled in the subject of Holiness and these booklets will greatly assist to the end.

HIS WILL

"For all things are for your sakes." 2 Cor. 4:15

And can it be that every varied scene,
Which so perplexing seems when viewed alone,
Guided and governed by a hand unseen,
Is really working God's great will for me?

I know it must be so, sorrow and joy
Blend in the chords of life harmoniously;
One altered note forever would destroy
What in the end proves perfect melody.

How often have we seen our fondest hope,
Which seems so bright and fair to our short
sight,
Entirely crushed, or changed, to give full scope
For God to work in us designs more bright.

I know His will is best; Infinite love
Can never err or make the least mistake,
For in the crucible of trial we prove
That He is working all things for our sake.

—Selected.

INFLUENCE

It speaks in our words; it radiates in our doings; it is eloquent in our silence; it goes in our goings; it stays in our stayings; it is potent in our consents; it is powerful in our refusals; it goes in ever-widening circles like those about a stone thrown into a pool—widening circles widening, widening, only to break on eternal shores. After all it is an eternal thing to live and have an influence over some one who is to live somewhere forever.—Selected.

which always ends in certain triumph for those who have committed the keeping of their souls to Him, a period of marvelous "nevertheless afterward" of abundant usefulness, the sixty-fold that surely follows.—Aphra White.