

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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Please remember the great young people's rally at Marysville, May 6th to 8th inclusive. This will be a great time of inspiration for all who attend. The young people cannot afford to miss it. Whereas our young people don't spend their money on tobaccos, cigarettes, movies, beer, etc., they can afford to attend these spiritual feasts, even though it costs a little money to get there. The spiritual fellowship of the best young people in the country will surely be beneficial to all. Make your plans now. The roads no doubt will be very good by that time, and autos can bring loads of young people at a very small cost.

## STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW Lesson IV.

In this lesson we have the Messiah laying down the principles of the new kingdom. Please read chapters 5, 6 and 7.

In the sermon on the Mount Matthew is making his grand stand. Here he argues that the kingdom of the Messiah is spiritual rather than material. If he is to defend Christ's claims of Messiahship he must necessarily prove this for it is certain that Christ in His first advent established no earthly kingdom. Matthew, being present at this great inaugural address of Christ's, discovers the true nature of the kingdom, viz.: A kingdom of righteousness.

This is the truth the Jewish nation "stumbled over" and refused to accept. For the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount I shall give you the words of J. Blair, M.A.:

"The Sermon on the Mount seems to be particularly levelled against the common indispositions of heart and errors of life, which they were guilty of who looked for the kingdom of the Messiah, for in it our Saviour acquaints the people and His disciples who are the blessed persons who shall be admitted to that kingdom, namely, not the covetous and ambitious, but the poor in spirit; not the luxurious and licentious, but the serious, penitent mourners; not the fierce and haughty, but the meek and lowly; not they who hoped to possess themselves of their neighbors' estates by unjust conquest, but they who studied an exact honesty and uprightness in all their dealings; not the lewd and unclean, but the pure in heart; not the fighting and contentious but the quiet and peaceable; not the persecutors but the persecuted for Christ's sake and their duty. So that all the beatitudes are the setting up of so many quite contrary dispositions of mind to those they were possessed with." We can well imagine how difficult it would be for Israel to accept this as the platform of the "kingdom" they had so long hoped for. For an outline to the Sermon I can offer no better than the following by Peloubet:

### A. The ideal man in God's kingdom.

1. The Beatitudes, the inner spirit of the heavenly life; the principles, the source, the foundation whence right conduct flows. Chapter 5:1-10.
2. The spirit tested in persecution. 5:11, 12.
3. The spirit expressed, as salt and light. 5:13, 16.
4. The truth shown by contrast of the new with the old, and its misinterpretation. 5:17-48.
5. Applications to the religious life 6:1-18.
  - (a) A lesson on Almsgiving.
  - (b) A lesson on Prayer.

(c) A lesson on Forgiveness.

(d) A lesson on Fasting.

6. Applications to the aim and purpose of life. Chapter 6:19-34.

(a) The Supreme choice, (1) of Treasure (2) of Master.

7. Guards against insidious dangers to the religious spirit. 7:1-6.

(a) Judging others—Motes and Beams, Pearls and Swine.

8. The means of obtaining and sustaining the New Life, Chapter 7:7-11.

9. The Golden Rule, 7:12.

10. Persuasives toward entering the New Life, 7:13, 14.

11. Tests for ourselves and others, 7:15-27. How to know who really belong to the Kingdom. F. A. DUNLOP

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are grateful for the fine response to the Bible Study plan. With only three societies reported, we have a membership of sixty, with indications that there will be more members in some of these groups. We are sure there are others taking the course who have not written us, and we urge you to do so, in order that we may learn the total number in our "class." Some have written that their society was planning to follow the study, but we have heard nothing definite concerning the number, etc. Please write us if you are studying with us.

Also, some societies and individuals have sent in their contributions to the fund for purchasing prizes to be awarded those who prepare the best papers on the various Gospels. Some individuals have shown a keen interest in the plan by giving toward the fund although they are not able to take part in the contest. We also invite all others who wish to, to contribute to this fund. We give below a list of those contributing, and the amounts given.

Port Maitland Society.....\$1.50  
Fredericton Society ..... 90  
Wilbur Mullen ..... 20

Let us hear from your Society before the next issue.

## LOW MAN—HIGH MAN

That low man seeks a little thing to do,

Sees it and does it;

This high man, with a great thing to pursue,

Dies ere he knows it.

That low man goes on adding one to one,

His hundred's soon hit;

This high man, aiming at a million,

Misses an unit.

That, has the world here—should he need the next,

Let the world mind him!

This, throws himself on God, and unperplexed

Seeking shall find Him. —Browning.

## CHINA AND THE CHRIST CHILD

"Sir J. F. Davis, one of the best and most trustworthy authorities on China and the Chinese, tells us that the first missionaries to that country found that the sacred books of the Chinese spoke of a son of a virgin mother who should bring joy and happiness to the world. It is also well known that for many centuries, some say 'thousands of years,' before the Birth of Christ, the Buddhist priest in Tibet had a tradition that

## GLEANINGS

"Woman, behold thy son! . . . Son, behold thy mother!" John 19:26, 27.

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"The answer to prayer is given not as a reward for meritorious action, but because the prayer itself rightly understood coincides with God's will."—Daniel Steele.

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"If we do not get back to visions, peeps into heaven, consciousness of the higher glory and the larger life, we shall lose our religion; our altar will become a bare stone, unblessed by visitant from heaven."—Joseph Parker.

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"Waiting exercises our grace; waiting tries our faith; therefore, wait in hope; for though the promise tarry, it can never come too late."

—C. H. Spurgeon.

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"We may lay it down as an elemental principle of religion, that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often, and long, alone with God."

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"Go to the deep of God's promise,  
And claim whatsoever ye will;  
The blessing of God will not fail thee,  
His Word He will surely fulfil."

## SCRAPBOOK POEMS

### My Mother

She always leaned to watch for us,  
Anxious if we were late,  
In winter by the window,  
In summer by the gate.

And though we mocked her tenderly  
Who had such foolish care,  
The long way home would seem more safe  
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us—  
She never could forget!  
And so I think that where she is  
She must be waiting yet.

Waiting till we come home to her,  
Anxious if we are late—  
Watching from heaven's window,  
Leaning from heaven's gate.

—Margaret Widdemer.

## RESULTS AND ROSES

The man who wants a garden fair,  
Or small or very big,  
With flowers growing here and there,  
Must bend his back and dig.

The things are mighty few on earth  
That wishes can attain.

Whate'er we want of any worth  
We've got to work to gain.

It matters not what good you seek,  
Its secret here reposes:  
You've got to dig from week to week  
To get Results or Roses.

—Edgar A. Guest.

a virgin should bring forth a son who should bless the world." But that knowledge did not lead them to the Christmas Babe.—Sel.