

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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BIBLE STUDY

(F. A. Dunlop)

Gospel of St. Matthew, Lesson 2.

In the present lesson we are to consider the Gospel, its purpose and plan.

II. (a) The Gospel—

(1) As to the authorship, the Pulpit Commentary gives the following argument in favour of St. Matthew: "It has been rightly urged and the odium attached to his calling, made it impossible that a later pseudonymous writer would have chosen him as the apostle on whom to affiliate a book which he wished to invest with a counterfeit authority. His occupation must have involved a certain clerical culture which would make him, as it were, the scholar of the company. Our first Gospel was quoted and used in the sub-apostolic age (A.D. 90-120) and was never ascribed to anyone else than the apostle whose name it bears."

(2) Respecting the original manuscript, the same Commentary gives an extensive argument to prove that the original was written in the Greek language. While there have been a few who claim a Hebrew original, several very good reasons are set forth to the contrary. It was written near the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, A.D. 70, but most certainly before that event took place.

(b) The Purpose and Plan—

(1) J. Morrison, D.D., says: "It was written for Jewish readers and aims at exhibiting Jesus as the Messiah of prophecy, the King of Israel who is come to set up the kingdom of Heaven." YOUNG (Galley Two) Hence, the reason for so much prominence given to the fulfillment of Old Testament predictions.

(2) In the genealogy in chapter one, we have the "business man" searching the records to show that Christ is in the "royal succession." He traces Christ back to Abraham and David. He gives him prominence by calling attention to the three cycles in Jewish history, viz.: "Fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the captivity, and fourteen generations from the captivity to Christ."

(3) The Sermon on the Mount, chapters five to seven inclusive, presents the Messiah's platform for the new Kingdom, and here Matthew also accredits Him with the voice of Kingly authority. (Ch. 7, vs. 29.)

(4) The grouping of the miracles and parables, is a method by which Matthew hopes to build undeniable evidence of Christ's supernatural place in things present and future as related to the Divine program.

(5) Matthew's greatest argument regarding the Messiahship of Christ rests on the fact that the Old Testament finds its consummation and significance in the life of Jesus. To this fact Matthew repeatedly refers.

Someone has said, "The motto of the life of Jesus as rendered by St. Matthew is, 'I am come to fulfill.'"

If you will study the Gospel of St. Matthew with this thought in mind, you will have no difficulty in discovering the purpose of the writer of the first Gospel.

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."

Amherst, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

It is now time for another report of our Y. P. Society. Since our last report, we have had some very spiritual meetings, we feel we have advanced in our Christian experience.

We have had very good attendance during the winter months. God indeed has been good to us in every way. We have not had very much sickness, which indeed is a lot to be thankful for. We have started something in our Society which is very helpful to our Young People.

A subject is chosen each night and three of our members each have a five minute talk on the subject chosen, our subject for Friday night being, "A Modern Good Samaritan."

We hold our annual business meeting this week.

We feel the past year has been a year of progress along the Christian way. May God bless every Y. P. Society who are endeavouring to do His will.

Yours in His service,
MRS. BRUCE LOGAN.

Port Maitland, N. S.

Dear Sister: March 23, 1938.

It has been requested that we, the Young People's Society of Port Maitland, send a report of this branch of the work. We are glad that we have an encouraging report to bring. The Lord has blessed and increased our ranks during the past few months. The average attendance of our weekly Young People's meetings is about twenty. The most of these have real testimonies of God's saving grace and a good many claim the experience of sanctification. Some of our young people are not privileged to attend every Friday night, and we miss those who have been called to active work, but we believe God is raising up others to fill their places.

We, as a society, appreciate the Bible Study plan and in each service we study it under the direction of our pastor, Bro. Rogers. About twenty of our number have joined this class. We expect to profit by this special effort, by increasing in the knowledge of God's word.

Frequently our Young People and older ones meet at the homes of "shut-ins" and other homes and enjoy a social evening. Most of our number take part in a programme of special songs, recitations, choruses, etc., closing with prayer.

We, with God's help, mean to keep His blessing upon us by obeying Him and taking our stand for Holiness. Our one motive is to work for the Salvation of souls and keep in perfect fellowship with God.

THELMA ROSE,
Secretary.

The Y. P. S. of the Woodstock church is pleased to report that our work is being taken up again. Two Sunday evening services have been given over to us, and Ronald Sabine has brought very helpful messages on both occasions. Others will speak from time to time.

We are looking for a gracious revival season in our church in May. Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Mallory of Trenton, Ont., are engaged as special workers.

We ask that you all will join us in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

GLEANINGS

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."—II Chron. 16:9.

"There is no limit to what God can do with a man, providing he will not touch the glory."

"I pray to God this day to make me an extraordinary Christian."—Whitfield.

(Note: We are very grateful to those who have sent poems to us, and ask that the name of authors be included if at all possible.—Ed.)

I'm going by the upper road, for that still holds the sun,

I'm climbing through night's pastures where the starry rivers run:

If you should think to seek me in my old dark abode,

You'll find this writing on the door,
"He's on the Upper Road."

SCRAPBOOK POEMS

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered;
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed with perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed;
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too, had loosed the moorings
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.
—Dr. Ralph S. Cushman.

Miss Lynda Ryder, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Moncton City Hospital, has recovered and has returned to her home at Salem. She wishes, through the Highway, to thank her many kind friends for gifts, cards, etc., and especially wishes to thank the R. B. Young People of Salem for the nice basket of fruit and flowers they sent her while in the hospital.

"THINGS TO COME"

(Wilbur H. Mullen)

This phrase carries with it the foreboding of calamity, an ominous warning of world chaos—political corruption, national disintegration, strikes, riots, wars—the likeness of which has never before been witnessed. The future holds in store events so momentous, and so vast in magnitude, that they will entirely eclipse all previous world disruptions. Even as a glow in the east announces the dawn, so existing world conditions announce the arrival of the spirit of