

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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

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BIBLE STUDY

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Lesson III.—Mark 4-6

Chapter IV.—

Chapter three began with Christ in the synagogue and closes with the Jews rejected; in this we see Jesus teaching the masses in the open air.

1. Parable of the Sower.

This might better be termed the parable of soils. The sower and the seed are the same in each case but the soils are different. Note this difference carefully. Was there any trouble with the seed?

2. Jesus illustrates truth by reference to a candle.

3. Parables of the Kingdom: a. As seed cast into the ground; its gradual development. b. The mustard seed. Illustrating what may come from a small beginning. The principle is the same in both good and evil. May suggest an abnormal growth of the church in its outward manifestations.

4. Stilling of the Tempest.

We behold the Conqueror meeting a new challenge, the stormy Galilee. His disciples are astonished for He commandeth even the wind and the waters and they obey Him. None other than the Son of God could do this.

Chapter V.—

1. The Demoniac Healed.

Jesus comes into direct contact with evil spirits and demonstrates His mastery over them. Since it is impossible for Satan to cast out Satan, we see further proof of Christ's deity.

2. Woman healed of issue of blood.

Multitudes thronged Jesus but only one furnished the vital touch of faith. Faith that contacts Jesus is the only faith that saves.

3. Jairus' daughter raised from the dead.

Jesus shows Himself a Conqueror even in the realm of death. All Christ's miracles illustrate what He can do for different classes of sinners. The three last miracles may well picture three classes of sinners. The wild and reckless, the mild and secret, and those apparently without hope.

Chapter VI.—

1. Jesus visits His own country.

Neither He nor His message are well received. This is a good theme for discussion: Why has not a prophet honour in his own country? Does this mean that a man is never used of God among his own people?

2. Jesus calls the twelve and sends them forth. Many miracles are done by the apostles.

3. John the Baptist Beheaded.

A great example of what unholy relations will lead to. John's uncompromising attitude to sin cost him his head but he left a shining example for preachers and laymen to copy.

4. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

Here is more proof of the deity of Christ, and also beautifully illustrates the fact that Jesus is the bread of life. Consider well the part the little boy played in this wonderful miracle. Quite a demand to ask a boy to sacrifice his lunch, but was he the loser? Cannot we all learn a lesson here?

5. Jesus walks on the Sea.

One of the most thrilling occurrences of the whole New Testament. Visualize the storm-tossed ship on the angry sea. Jesus apparently was heedless of their need, but he immediately listens to their cries and comes to their assistance, saying, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid."

1. Questions for discussion.

Referring to the parable of the sower, Chap. 4, who is responsible for the condition of the soil?

2. Are there any demon possessed people these days?

3. How many proofs could you already produce to prove that Jesus was the Son of God?

4. Why could not Jesus do many mighty works in His own country?

5. Why did Herod behead John the Baptist?

Question one of last study was badly jumbled. It was this: What significance had the titles, Jesus, Christ, Son of God?

EDITORIAL

"WE HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE"

How exceedingly influential are the decisions and choice of men relating to the revealed will of God! The life and destiny, not only of those immediately concerned as individuals or nations, but also of every succeeding generation of men, are in a great measure molded by the decisions of their predecessors. Abraham believed God, "went out, not knowing whither he went," and became the father of a multitude of children of faith which, in number, according to the promise, are "many as the stars of the sky . . . and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable." Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God," and under God altered the course of history by leading his people out of Egyptian slavery into the national liberty and prosperity. Paul the apostle rejected wealth, honour, and physical comfort to become a messenger of good tidings to the Gentile world, and as a result of his "counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ," thousands will rise up in that day and call him blessed. John Wesley, a man of letters, culture, and exceptional abilities of leadership, responded to the call of the Spirit, and forsaking the pleasant and comfortable surroundings of the established church, became a zealous and tireless itinerant preacher, founder of Methodism, and according to many historians the most influential man in England during the eighteenth century.

The fiftieth anniversary of the birth of our Reformed Baptist Denomination, reviving memories and stimulating reflections, enables us with the history of fifty years of victory behind, to realize how momentous the choice of the little company of people who on Nov. 3, 1888, banded themselves together for the express purpose of "spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands." The strength of their faith, and breadth of their vision I do not know, but the wisdom of their decisions, the genuineness of their heart experiences, has

been verified by the blessing of God upon the cause they espoused a half century ago. The sacrificial pioneering of these defenders of "the faith once delivered," has its incomparable reward in the glorification of a great company, and the sanctification of a number perhaps as great who still live to bless the earth.

All the ministers who led the way in preaching entire sanctification in this section under our denomination are gone, as well as many of their immediate successors. We are grateful that there are yet a few surviving who joined the ranks in the early days of the battle.

We have, through experience, learned to appreciate what the choice of these men involved. Through their purpose to obey God rather than men, the Gospel of full salvation, with its innumerable benefits, has become our glorious heritage.

What of the attitude of the younger element of our denomination today? What can we forecast for the future of the truth of holiness from the standpoint of the faith and experience of the present generation? I trust that I am correct in the opinion that our young people on this anniversary pledge heart allegiance to the truth received from the fathers. We believe, as they, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord, and that through the ministry of the Holy Ghost believers can be saved from all sin and live in constant heart victory. "Remove not the ancient landmarks which the fathers have set."

AN IMPORTANT LETTER

Dear Young People:

Once again I find it necessary to bring to your attention a financial need.

As you know, we have had some extra expense this year in connection with sending a representative to Toronto to plan for a Holiness Rally next fall, and consequently we are short on the amount owing for our Page in the Highway.

We greatly appreciate the way the Societies have responded to any previous appeal, and we are confident that you will not fail us in this emergency need due to extra expense.

In order to meet this demand, we are asking that all the Y. P. Groups take up a special offering in their meeting during the week of Nov. 17th, and forward the amounts to me, to the address given below.

I am sure that all will co-operate in as far as it is possible, to help us make up our deficit.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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FROM OUR JUNIOR CRUSADER LEADER

Dear Friends of the Junior Crusaders:

Greetings in the name of King Jesus!

How I should love to hear from each Crusader Group, and learn how they are getting along!

I am hoping that everybody, adults as well