

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."
—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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OUR DAILY WORK

We read a pretty story of St. Anthony, who being in the wilderness, led there a very hard and straight life, insomuch that none at that time did the like; to whom came a voice from heaven saying, "Anthony, thou art not so perfect as a cobbler that dwelleth at Alexandria." Anthony, hearing this, rose up forthwith, and took his staff and went till he came to Alexandria where he found the cobbler. The cobbler was astonished to see so reverend a father come to his house. Then Anthony said to him, "Come and tell me thy whole conversation, and how thou spendest thy time." "Sir," said the cobbler, "as for me, good works have I none, for my life is but simple and slender. I am but a poor cobbler; in the morning when I rise, I pray for the city wherein I dwell, specially for all such neighbors and poor friends as I have; after, I set me at my labor, where I spend the whole day in getting my living, and I keep me from all falsehood, for I hate nothing so much as deceitfulness; wherefore, when I make to any man a promise, I keep it and perform it truly; and so I spend my time poorly with my wife and children, whom I teach and instruct, as far as my wit will serve me, to fear and dread God. And this is the sum of my simple life."

In this story you see how God loveth those that follow their vocation and live uprightly, without any falsehood in their dealing. This Anthony was a great, holy man yet the cobbler was as much esteemed before God as he.

—Hugh Latimer.

BARRIERS BETWEEN

The trees in Eden's garden were given to our first parents by God to be the source of life and joy; they turned them into means of separation from Him.

How often is it with the worldling! He allows the Divine blessings to become barriers between himself and intercourse with Heaven. God's good gifts are thus transformed into the producers of a curse; for separation from God spells misery and death. Adam and Eve hid themselves wilfully; there are those who do it unintentionally. They allow the concerns of daily life to accumulate around them until they are swallowed up by its business and its cares, and all thought of communion with the Highest is forgotten.

There are others, like our first parents, who do it of set purpose. They plunge into the whirl of work or of pleasure in order that they may exclude the Divine voice; they strive to forget the presence of God in the rush of every day. The utter futility of such a course hardly needs to be pointed out. Adam and Eve could

not see God, but that did not hide them from His sight; in the end they had to reveal themselves and give an account off their folly and sin.

OVER THE RADIO

The Captain's Urgent Call Was Wonderfully Answered, but the Answers God Gives to Those Who Pray Are Even More So

A newspaper story recently featured the plight of the captain of a small vessel who, one night, was taken ill. Canned food had brought on the disease known as ptomaine poisoning, and he realized that he was dangerously sick.

What was he to do? He certainly had access to the ship's well-stocked medicine-chest, but, unfortunately, he did not know which medicine to take, or if so, he had no skill to choose or compound it. Moment by moment he was growing worse. Ah, yes. Why did he not think of it before? The radio, of course. It was his only hope.

He feverishly set the telegraph to work, and through the air, out into the dark night, the message went, signalling to the north, south, east and west, urgently calling for a doctor and a prescription.

Soon, an answer came, apparently from nowhere. The agonized cry of the captain was heard, and he was safely guided by an experienced medical doctor on a ship a hundred miles away. The prescription was taken in time, and a life saved.

The newspaper termed it a parable of prayer, and so, in a sense it was. But, there is a striking difference between the operator of a radio telegraph, and the person who prays to God. The former sends out his message over the heaving seas, hoping somewhere to be heard, but not knowing where his call will find an instrument tuned to receive it. He who prays on the other hand, knows Who will hear. The Father-heart of God is ever ready to send assistance to His people at all times, and in all circumstances.—Sel.

— IF —

IF duty is not done, some one must suffer.

IF some one fails to carry out a plan, the scheme is spoiled.

IF man fails Divinity, only unhappiness, disaster and wickedness can result.

IF Eve had not fallen into temptation and Adam had not sinned, there would to-day be no depression, no sin, no sickness, no misery, no poverty, no unhappiness in the world.

If Noah had failed to heed the voice of God and ceased to build the most famous ship in history, he would have forever remained a nonentity.

IF Abraham had refused to place his dearest and best on the altar, Isaac his first born, at the call of God, he would not have played his destined role as father of the Jewish nation.

IF David had had no faith, Goliath would have continued to defy the armies of Israel.

IF Saul had been obedient to the will of God, he would have been spared a suicide's death.

IF Moses had obeyed God fully, he would have enjoyed the fruits of the Promised Land.

IF Enoch had not been a friend of God, he would not be to-day walking with God.

IF Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, had but been sincere instead of hypocritical they would never have offered strange fire before the altar of the Lord and they would have saved themselves from being burned to death by that fire. They fanned their own death flame.

IF Joshua had failed to do his duty, he would have remained a mere son of Nun.

IF Hannah's consecration had not been entire, there would have been no Samuel.

IF Solomon had not chosen wisely, would he have been the wisest man of all time?

IF Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, the prophet, had not been a slave to avarice, he could have escaped being a leper.

IF Haman had not sought revenge, he could have avoided the hangman's rope.

IF Paul had never asked, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" his glorious Epistles would never have been written.

IF by some unthinkable chance, the Christ, coming to earth as the second Adam, had failed in His eternal obligation, even as the first Adam failed, then what? The depravity, darkness and disaster which would have gripped the human race would have been hellish beyond words of description. But He died in atonement; He rose triumphant over death and the grave, and opened the eternal gates of Salvation and Heaven for all men. HAL-LELUJAH!

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THE NAME
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JESUS

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SALVATION

HAS HE PRE-EMINENCE IN YOUR LIFE?