



The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

— Editorial —

PERSONAL ADJUSTMENT AND LIFE

(Scripture II Kings 2)

We are thinking of young people who are called upon to make decisions in life; and of people who have to face new problems alone. The words of II Kings 2:12 are passing through our mind as a basis for our meditation—"And Elisha... saw him no more."

It is a well known fact that some people depend upon others when they should depend upon themselves. Elisha had to learn this fact. His experiences with Elijah at Jordan, Jericho and Bethel were experiences when Elijah took the initiative and made the major decisions. Elisha experienced a day when he had to face life without Elijah to think and make his decisions for him.

It is not wrong for you to depend upon your Elijah as long as God gives him to you, but the time will come when you must get along without him. You will have to face life alone and make new adjustments.

You will have to make adjustments at Jordan (v 13). Jordan stands for the place where you feel you have no fellowship with anyone else. It is the place where no one can take the responsibility for you. Elijah had been taken from Elisha in a chariot of fire. Elisha was left to meet the demands of life alone. But, the experiences he had with Elijah taught him valuable lessons which strengthened his relationship with God. Elisha faced Jordan alone after Elijah was taken from him. Elisha had been to Jordan before. Now he puts to the test what he had learned from his former companion. Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and put his faith to the test as he faced Jordan alone. Elisha cries, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" The answer was evident as God came and met his need.

You many also have to face life alone at Jericho (vs 15, 18). Jericho means the place of fragrance. The sons of the prophets met Elisha after he had lost his dear friend. They said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha". What a commentary on the radiance of his life. Such commendation was soon followed by a test of faith. The city was badly in need of water. Elisha performed a great miracle and healed the waters. He had seen Elijah do great miracles at Jericho before. He now faced life alone. The thing that seemed humanly impossible, God through Elisha brought to pass.

Finally you may have to face life alone at Bethel (v:23). Bethel means the house of God. No matter how much God blesses you at Jordan or your Jericho, you will find times when you feel alone. You may actually be alone in your stand for God. You feel as though you were at "wits end corner." If this is your experience, remember that God is there. Oswald Chambers once said, "When you are at your wits end you are at the beginning of God's wisdom". Your Bethel may be a lonely place. People may make fun of your religion. You may be perplexed, discouraged and feel that the job is too big for you. Remember your Jordan experiences when you have seen men of God do great things through faith in God. Remember Elisha's faith at Jericho. These experiences will help you be true to God through your Bethel experiences.

After Elisha passed through these three great ex-

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periences of faith testing and proving of God, he went out to Carmel, a place of usefulness and service.

"Holiness Echoes"

SANCTIFIED IN REALITY

By J. B. Chapman

In what sense are we sanctified through the truth? by "the truth" we understand the Word of God, the Bible. In what sense are we sanctified by the Bible? certainly the Book, just as a book, is insufficient to purge our hearts from sin. Then it must be that it is the teachings, the doctrines of the Bible that are intended. One may be correct in his interpretation of the Bible, and orthodox on the whole Christian Creed, and yet not be vitally anything that the unbeliever is not. One may be a holiness man in his faith and preference and not be at all a holy man. So that one who is sanctified through the truth, and nothing more, is like one who theoretically knows the road to a nearby city, but who has not yet travelled that road for himself.

PERSONAL CLEANSING

By E. F. Walker

This is the sanctification Jesus prayed His disciples might have — a personal cleansing from sin, in order to live a holy life. Made pure in order to sustain devotion to God. A pure heart full of holy love. Beyond this we cannot go in this world; but short of this we ought never to rest. We cannot serve God here with a perfect service; but nevertheless, like Asa, we may have a perfect heart all our days (2 Chron. 15:17). "As servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." (Eph. 6:6).

YOUTH EVANGELIST APPOINTED

Miss Sheila Graham of Millville, N. B. has been appointed official Youth Evangelist of the Reformed Baptist Y. P. Association.

Miss Graham is a graduate of Millville High School and N. B. Teacher's College. After teaching for two years at Meductic, N. B., she felt the call of God upon her for full time Christian service. She is a capable evangelist, a gifted speaker, and has the anointing of the Lord upon her ministry. In several areas when Miss Graham has conducted revival campaigns, the Lord has been pleased to give her wonderful success.

In the very near future, we expect to engage in a denomination-wide prayer program for Miss Graham and her ministry. Prayer pledge cards, prayer reminder cards, and a prayer bulletin for revival will be used to promote prayer bands for revival in our area. This should stimulate our young people to pray, not only for Miss Graham but for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost throughout our denomination.

When the campaign is announced, we must have the co-operation of older people as well as our young people.

We believe this program of prayer, blessed by the Spirit of God, will result in a great spiritual awakening in our area. Let us pray to this end.

Merle E. Smith.