



The Young Highway

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

— Editorial —

FOR FATHER AND SON

Thinking of Father's Day one can hardly do better than to meditate upon an exhortation of a stately father to his beautiful son. This father was David. The son was Solomon. The exhortation was: "And thou Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father and serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever" (I Chron. 28:9).

These enriching words from a magnificent father are both enlightening and stimulating. Any father and child might well receive advice from the stately pen of the prophet.

Father's Day is not merely to honour fathers. It is a special day to give them their rightful honour as well as to emphasize the responsibility of the parent to the child and the responsibility of the child to the parent. David nobly fulfills his duty regarding the former while Solomon accepted his father's advice nobly and well.

Analyze the text with me. David stands on the eve of an earthly pilgrimage. Solomon stands in the sunrise of new responsibility. David advises his son how to best succeed in his office as successor to him. First and foremost is the double command: (1) Know God and (2) serve God. These two aspects are inseparable. Our knowledge of God is revealed in our service to God. How well we serve Him is a good yardstick to determine how well we know Him.

Then too, this Father was concerned that his son know his father's God. This was an honourable desire for David because it carried with it a long tradition which showed how valuable it was to know a God who was a practical help to David in his prosperous reign in Israel.

David's exhortation was not that his son have a knowledge about God, but that he have a personal acquaintance with God which would cause him to feel the warmth of friendship, fellowship and dependability.

The second command to "serve God" is of a twofold nature. Serve Him with (1) a perfect heart and (2) a willing mind. This father knew human nature. He knew his boy. He knew God's plan for adequate service. He said in so many words: Get your heart pure and your mind will be willing. Purity of heart is always a requisite for service. What noble commands David gave to his son when he said, "Know God and serve God."

You will note also that David gives a reason for his commands. They are also two fold. (1) "He searcheth all hearts". (2) He understandeth the imaginations of the thoughts". We might call these a double indictment.

No comment needs to be made on these evident facts concerning God. It is important that fathers impress upon their children the fact that while God searches our hearts and knows our thoughts, He also gives us a double opportunity. These opportunities are (1) to seek him or (2) to forsake Him. The choice that parents make, and the choice the children make will have rewards according to the nature of that choice. "If thou seek Him He will be found of thee. O' blessed Thought! If thou forsake Him He will cast thee off forever." How undesirable! These words were climaxed by verse 10 where the father expresses

his authority and expectancy as well as faith in his son." Take heed now for the Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary, be strong and do it."

BIBLE QUIZ SCORES

Marysville	220	Houlton	140
Marysville	180	Fredericton	90
Millstream	200	Saint John	130
Moncton	210	Sussex	50
Moncton	160	Havelock	100

Marysville has reached the finals and will compete against the winner of the Millstream-Moncton play-off at Beulah Camp on Saturday, July 8, 1961.

READING CONTEST NOTICE

All individual and Y.P. Society reading contest forms must be mailed by June 15, 1961 to: Merle E. Smith, 58 Mount Royal Blvd., Moncton, N. B.

There has been a wonderful response to the reading contest. Some young people have accumulated as high as 6000 points. Some societies have been reached the 40,000 mark. Individual winners and society winners will be announced on Saturday, July 15, 1961 at Beulah Camp.

YOUTH RALLY 1961

With memories of another wonderful Rally lingering in our minds, let's record some of the highlights of our weekend together at Memorial Hall, Fredericton, N. B. So many features of the rally made it an event to be remembered by the young people privileged to attend.

This year an interesting program provided spiritual help and entertainment during the entire weekend. Each night our evangelist preached. Saturday we gathered for prayer meeting, a film "Goal to Go", a panel discussion and hymn sing. Sunday morning we attended the local churches for Love Feast and morning worship. After the Sunday night service we joined hands forming a circle around the auditorium and sang hymns and joined our hearts for a closing prayer of praise and dedication.

How God blessed as hundreds of young people joined their voices in hymns of praise! Our own song leader, Paul Mullen, was with us for the first time at a denominational rally, contributed so much to the musical program. As usual God blessed his singing. David and Dwight joined their Dad to provide vocal and instrumental trios, a special feature of the rally.

How do our Marysville, Barkers Point and Fredericton friends provide such hospitality each time we gather in that area! Their efficient organizing and working together made the Rally a success in every aspect. May the warm appreciation lingering in our hearts and God's special blessing be the reward to those who planned, cooked and sacrificed for us, transported and ushered us.

The attendance at our annual rallies is a problem, but as someone has said—"a wonderful problem." This year was a record; already we've outgrown the Memorial Hall. Special congratulations go to the twenty-three Moncton delegates who "took home the banner". Under the leader-

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