



The Young Highway

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

— Editorial —

MEN WITHOUT A MASTER

"Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto Him, because no man hath hired us." These words are lifted from one of the great parables of Jesus (Matt. 20:1-7). We are immediately concerned with the basis for Jesus' question. This is revealed in the parable as Jesus shows interest in the human affairs of life. He at once speaks of the kingdom of heaven by associating His remarks with the needs of men, and His need for men. Thus in locating the needs of men Jesus meets them with a place of service in His vineyard. The idleness of our lives may be an opportunity for the Master to ask us a similar question. "Why sit ye here . . . idle?" The Master hath need of you. Yet the general complaint of the church is, "No man hath hired us." This is the cry of masterless men. The men of the parable had no master until Jesus spoke to them. Although this parable is ancient, it has a modern meaning.

To be without a master is to be without a purpose. When one has no purpose his talents are unused. When one's talents are unused frustration and often bitterness threaten the life of the individual. While this is true, exercising our talents is not enough to satisfy if it is merely exercise in toil. There must be direction and purpose in our toiling.

To be without a master is to be without a passion. Without Jesus as master, we have no passion to see the sinner saved. Without Jesus, our concern for the spiritual well-being of our fellowmen is restricted. Jesus would have us to be passionate as were James and John, yet worthy to be called the "sons of thunder." And, what was their passion? They had the passion of Jesus, who was their master. Without this passion the world sinks into lethargy and sin. It was this passion that was behind the work of Shaftesbury and Wilberforce. John Wesley knew this passion. William Carey was driven by this passion to burn out for God on the mission field.

When we are dominated by human passion, life cannot hold for us, the highest and best. But when we are mastered by the passion of Jesus, Walter Fancutt says, "We are set for a life of service and love."

Finally, to be without a master is to be without "The Master." To live without Christ is to live without fullness of life. To steer a course in life without Christ is like trying to steer a ship without a rudder. The course is aimless and vain.

There are many today who lack a conscience free from guilt; a heart free from pain; a life free from sin. In the market-place of life these men stand unhelped because the Christian is saying, "No man hath hired us." Men without "The Master" are waiting for His Gospel. Men are waiting for the touch of the Master which cleanses from sin; that word which heals; that Spirit which empowers the life. They are waiting for that love which forgives and perhaps for that call which leads to service. When the men of the parable met Jesus as Master they heard Him say, "Go ye also into the vineyard. . . ." Young people, What do you hear Him say?

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It is a signal mark of decadence when people are more troubled by pain than by sin, by suffering than by moral evil.—William Temple.

GROWTH IN HOLINESS

The scriptures do not teach growing into holiness, but growing in holiness after we are made holy.

"The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger." Job. 17:9

Here we see that "growing stronger" is put after "cleanness." The work of cleansing puts the soul in the very state to grow.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature . . . Having escaped the corruption that is in the world and besides this . . . add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge . . ." 2 Peter 1:4-7.

In this we see the escaping from corruption through faith in the promise comes before the addition of growth in the perfect graces. Purification is a subtraction; growth is an addition.

NOTE: (1) Heart purity is wrought instantaneously; growth in grace is gradual.

(2) Sanctification is the removal of inward sin; growth in grace is adding the fruit of the Spirit.

(3) Heart cleansing is by faith alone; growth in grace is by giving diligence—both faith and works.

—Holiness Manual

YOUTH RALLY AT BEALS

A youth rally held in the Reformed Baptist Church at Beals, Maine, October 14th and 15th was one of blessing and help.

Special speakers at the rally were, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, Alliance Superintendent, and Mr. Merle Smith, President of the Reformed Baptist Young People's Association.

Mr. Ingersoll's messages were inspiring and helpful to our young people as he spoke under the anointing of the spirit.

Mr. Smith gave some very practical suggestions on the planning of young people's meetings, and many other ideas on how to conduct youth services.

A special feature of the rally was the music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacCallum of Moncton, N. B. God's blessing upon their singing added so much to the rally.

Special guests at the rally were: Mrs. H. R. Ingersoll and Mrs. Merle Smith.

It was a wonderful rally. So many received a spiritual uplift.

Madelyn Faulkingham,
Secretary.

SPECIAL

Make early preparation for the forthcoming "Scriptural Memorization Contest."

Watch for further announcements in later issues of the Highway.

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