



The Young Highway

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

— Editorial —

THE CROSS IN A PRAYER

The message of "The Cross" brings to the Easter season an added richness as well as richness to the significance of the gospel. This is revealed in the garden-prayer in Gethsemane. It is also revealed in events of passion week so closely connected with this climactic event in the garden.

The fact that Jesus prayed is significant. But, that Jesus prayed as He did is of supreme worth. To understand "The Cross" in His prayer in the Garden, one must go back to Palm Sunday and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There Jesus revealed His kingship and accepted the same. This event, overshadowed later by the moments in the Upper Room, revealed the true significance of the Cross. In the Upper Room, Jesus outlined the virtues of His body and of His blood in symbolic form when He said, "My body which is broken for you", and the cup as, "the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you." These symbolisms spoke of death — Cruel death. They also spoke of victory through death.

With the spiritual significance of these symbols in mind; and with the physical consequence of making them a reality, Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray. Because of these facts, the essence of His prayer was cross-bearing. It was with the cross in mind that Jesus prayed, "If it be possible, let this cup (of Suffering and Shame) pass from Me." But His cross was born by His willingness to have His Father's will performed in His life.

There is a sense in which Jesus bore His cross in the Garden. He suffered the pangs of its reality. Its anguish, its torment and its pressure were all thrust upon the master in the Garden as he prayed. Doubtless it was these pressures which caused Him to sweat great drops of blood which were so filled with virtue.

While the brook Cedron had not failed to physically separate Jesus' bearing of His cross in prayer in Gethsemane and the place of actual crucifixion, it could not separate the significance of the two events, both of which foreshadowed the principle of redemption—The giving of life for the sake of the gospel. It was in prayer that Jesus bore His cross.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free!
No, there's a cross for ev'ry one,
And there's a cross for me."

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EXCELLENT READING FOR YOUTH

1. A Love Story which begins with tragedy and ends in a wonderful romance (The Book of Ruth)
2. Heroism, crime and intrigue (The book of Esther)
3. Short stories with excitement, challenge and a purpose
 - (a) Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel chapter 6)
 - (b) A mysterious Dream of a King (Daniel chapter 2)
 - (c) Three men and God (Daniel chapter 3)
 - (d) A man Transferred from a ship to land by a fish (The book of Jonah)

The King's Highway

REPORT FROM YARMOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Mr. Kenneth Banks has been elected as President of the Yarmouth Y. P. Society. Others elected at the annual meeting were, Melvin Smith (Vice-President), Vaughan Bell (Self-Denial Treasurer), and Patricia Otis (Secretary Treasurer).

The interest in our Young People's meetings keeps increasing. Our Programs so far have consisted of Special Speakers, Films, Quizzes, etc., and we are looking forward to a Spring Youth Rally in our District.

Our prayers are that we may endeavour to make this new year a prosperous one in the work of the Lord.

Secretary Treasurer,
Patricia Otis.

A YOUNG PERSON'S PRAYER

Lord of all hearts, wilt Thou hold me steady when compelled to mingle among those whose ideals are lower than my own.

Save me from a false sense of being superior to these companions of mine.

Grant me a sympathetic understanding of the forces that have made them what they are.

Let me move among them with patience, reasonable humility, and good will.

But—grant that my own Christian ideals will shine with a clearer light and be set more firmly in my own soul in the face of such a test.

Enable me to see with a new clearness the long roads of consequences that follow both right and wrong.

Show me the reasons for righteousness.

Grant me the joys that come with clean living.

Give me the long look that sees beyond a present pleasure to a larger good.

Thus, hold Thou me steady among evil companions. In the Name of the Great and Unseen Companion. Amen!

—Our Young People.

IT WORKS

A mechanic was called in to repair the mechanism of a giant telescope. During the noon hour the chief astronomer came upon the man reading the Bible.

"What good do you expect from that?" he asked. "The Bible is out of date. Why, you don't even know who wrote it;"

The mechanic puzzled a moment. Then he looked up. "Don't you make considerable use of the multiplication table in your calculations?"

"Yes, of course," returned the other.

"Do you know who wrote it?"

"Why, no, I guess I don't."

"Then," said the mechanic, "how can you trust the multiplication table when you don't know who wrote it?"

"We trust it because . . . well, because it works," the astronomer finished testily.

"Well, I trust the Bible for the same reason—it just works."

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"Even the truth, if it is to win its way, must be set forth graciously, attractively, persuasively."