



— Editorial —

TREES OF THE BIBLE

The Bible refers to multitudes of various kinds of trees. I want to refer to three of the outstanding trees of the Bible. In the book of Genesis we are told that, "The Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:15-17)

Peter tells of another tree in 1 Pet. 2: 21-24. "Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that ye should follow in His steps; who did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth: who when He was reviled reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that Judgest righteously; Who his own self bare our sins in His body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye are healed.

In the book of Revelation 22:14, John writes: "Blessed are they who do His commandments that they might have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city."

It is quite obvious that these scriptures refer to (1) THE TREE OF SEPARATION, (2) THE TREE OF REDEMPTION and (3) THE TREE OF LIFE. Associated with these trees are truths which govern or influence the activities of men. With reference to the first tree there is a condition which reveals both the love and severity of God.

Man was created in the image of God. This created creature (was and still is) so constituted to require fellowship with the Divine. Fellowship is one of the keys to happiness; and happiness is the grand pursuit of all men. In his prime state of creation, man enjoyed fellowship with God his creator. Communion with God was part of the happy existence of our foreparents. But Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden with certain limitations. They were restricted in the scope of his activities and appropriations. Yet their heaven below had a great expanse. Life was complete when God and man were found in their proper places. For some reason man did not wish to remain within the restrictions of God's command. He partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Man then became separated from God. Thus this tree might well be called the **Tree of Separation**.

Can you imagine Adam and Eve, once enjoying all the blessings of fellowship and harmony with God, being turned out of the Garden; cut off to suffer the consequence of sin? If this were only true of our forefathers, we might reconcile ourselves to the fact that they made a great mistake. We could profit by their example. The fact is, however, that this tree of separation produced everlasting fruit. The tragedy is that by the sin of Adam death passed upon all men, and all men are subject to eternal death. That is man's just reward. God had no choice but to execute justice. He did this with a revelation of His love in a promise of a plan whereby His fallen creatures could regain the paradise which was lost. Lost by partaking of the fruit of the **Tree of Separation** from God.

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Holiness is happiness; and the more you have of the former, the more you will enjoy of the latter

—J. A. James

The King's Highway

CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK

I was reading recently of a certain open-air preacher in London, England who was preaching with a large crowd around him. Most everyone was talking about the Shamrock races. A sort of rough character in the crowd yelled to the preacher, "What do you know about the Shamrock?" The preacher ignored this question on two occasions. The third time the intruder called, "Mr. Preacher, I'm asking you what you know about the Shamrock?" Without a bit of hesitation, and with his face heavenward, the preacher cried, "On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; all other rocks are — sham rocks!" Ed.

YOUTH WEEK AT MONCTON

The Young People's Group of the Moncton Church held their Annual Youth Week from January 28 to February 4, with our Superintendent, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, as evangelist and Paul Mullen as song leader.

We were pleased with the turnout and interest taken. Several young people found definite spiritual help.

An attendance contest was initiated several weeks prior to the special services and proved very successful in arousing the enthusiasm of our group. Through this means many other young people were contacted, some who have never even attended our church before. We were all thrilled by the special music provided by Paul Mullen and the truth so effectively presented by Mr. Ingersoll.

We held a special rally on the last Sunday afternoon of the campaign. The church was filled to capacity. A silver cup was presented to Gerald Carson who was the captain of the winning team in the attendance contest. The service featured solos, duets, a male quartet and a selection from the choir, followed by a stirring message by our Superintendent.

Comments regarding our youth work and the high caliber of our speaker and song leader were received from many visitors. We have a tremendous responsibility to share our spiritual blessings with other young people.

It is the prayer and concern of the Moncton Society to grow spiritually and numerically, and to win others for Christ.

Yvonne Doyle, Reporter.

MEMORIZATION CONTEST

Word from the director of the Memorization Contest indicates that competition is keen; and the enthusiasm is good.

All contestants should review their Bible verses thoroughly, in preparation for play-offs which will begin soon.

YOUTH CAMPERS

Do you remember the good times we had together at Youth Camp last year?

Have you made plans to attend Youth Camp 1962?

Have you considered bringing along an unsaved classmate or friend?

Have you started "talking up" Youth Camp in your local society?

Have you prayed for Youth Camp 1962 and the young people we may help to win and establish in an experience with the Lord?

Watch your highway for further announcements.