

Why Boys Go Wrong

By William J. Robinson, A.M., D.D. Ignorance is a high way to ruin. It leads into the way of pitfalls, snags, veiled temptations and other deadly evils. There are many winsome and capable persons who commend the wiles of the devil as ways of pleasure: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (II Cor. 11:14.) "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12.) When gripped by bitter sorrow and insatiable anguish millions have found this true, but it was then too late to mend their ways and walk in the paths of rectitude. Dr. John H. Ryan, Chaplain of the Illinois State Reformatory, gives the following reasons why boys go wrong: "Bad associations and illicit liquor are the causes given by more than half the boys. At least two-thirds of the entire 3,500 had received no religious instruction for a year or more prior to their arrest. Of the 2,229 boys who had at one time attended church more than seventy per cent broke away from church and religious interest at the ages of fourteen to nineteen. This, according to the boys themselves, is the most dangerous period. Moreover, half these boys came from broken homes—by the death of one or both parents, or by the separation of the parents—and at the time of arrest forty per cent were really without home influence of any sort."—Word and Way.

Surely here is food for most serious, persistent and prayerful thought. Thousands of boys and girls are being disgraced and ruined annually. Every delinquent youth becomes a maker of delinquents, and each one of these is a potential criminal traveling the path that leads to the penitentiary, habit.

These horrible facts should lead to criminality, and, in many cases, the gallows. In many instances the mile stones on the roads over which they have journeyed are broken hearts, wrecked lives, spilled blood and clouds of blackest shame. move every parent and every Christian to most earnestly ask what is back of this deplorable condition? What is the remedy? The answer is easy. The fear of God is not in the hearts of multitudes of parents; and, therefore, their children do not fear Him and readily fall into the snares of the devil. God dishonoring parents send into society nearly all these pitiable delinquents to ruin themselves and poison the hearts of innocent youths.

The remedy is at hand. "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nature and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4.) This done and these children are saved to the paths of rectitude and a happy and honored family is assured. For a father to be able to say: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) will settle this issue for his own home and radiate a saving in-

fluence into other homes. It is indeed a great privilege so to live as to safeguard your own loved ones and bless all the lives you touch.

But I have written of preventative methods. Well, after all, that is the best thing to do. Stop producing an article and it will soon be off the market. But that only a small per cent, shamefully small, of professedly Christian parents are making any serious efforts to apply these preventatives. Half of them rarely attend church and still less make any serious effort to train their children to fear God.

The fact is that multitudes of professedly Christian parents not only do not train their children to fear the Lord, and walk in the paths of rectitude, but actually lead them into temptation. Such parents are stumbling blocks in the way of their children and a formidable barrier against all who would gladly lead them in the ways of righteousness. This charge is irrefutable, a horrible indictment of these parents, a burning shame and an inexcusable disgrace to them. They are treasuring up bitterness and anguish for their own souls.

It is pertinent to ask what else can be done to save our youths from becoming delinquents and to help those who have already fallen? This question will grip and effectually stir the soul of every earnest Christian. Remove the causes of delinquency and put safeguards against vice into effective action.

Re-read what Dr. Ryan said. These delinquents did not attend the services in the house of God. They had broken away from the churches, and in doing so allied themselves with the forces of evil. Having done the first, they could not avoid doing the second—there was nothing else to do, it was inevitable, utterly unavoidable.

To make sure of the safety of a youth this truth must be burned into his soul. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:15, 6). This is the supreme task of each individual Christian and of the churches. To neglect this duty is to be recreant to a sacred trust; for boys and girls who regularly attend church seldom go far wrong.

Let me urge upon every parent, every Christian and every Sunday-school teacher to make all reasonable efforts to induce every youth, yea every soul, to regularly attend the services in the house of the Lord; and to urge most earnestly upon each minister to "declare the whole counsel of God" earnestly, sincerely, forcibly, and unceasingly. For the gospel "Is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). This is the one and never failing remedy. All else is tinkling cymbals and sounding brass.

"Throw out the Life-Line across the dark wave,

There is a brother whom some one should save; Somebody's brother! oh, who then, will dare To throw out the Life-Line, his peril to share?" Kansas, City, Mo.

The Small Town's Opportunity

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The cities of the future are the small towns of today. They should begin now to provide for their development.

Card Of Thanks.

The family wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our father and grandfather, A. M. Boyles.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for January 5

THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 1:1-23 (Print Matt. 2:10-23)

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God's Care of Jesus When a Child.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Care of Jesus When a Child.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How the Child-King Was Received.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Childhood of the Saviour-King.

The central theme of Matthew is Jesus Christ the King, the fulfiller of the Messianic hope. In harmony with this pre-eminent theme, Matthew first deals with the all important question of His genealogy, for His right to occupy the throne of David must be established.

The royal covenant was made to David (II Sam. 7:8-16, cf. Acts 2:30-32). In harmony with this, the first verse of Matthew's record constitutes a key to the book.

I. The Birth of Jesus, the King (1:18-25).

1. The Saviour was to be the seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15), the son of a virgin (Is. 7:14). This was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The genealogy (Matt. 1:1-17) shows His legal right to the throne, but something more is required in order to be the Saviour from sin. He must be both human and divine (Is. 9:7). The Saviour was begotten by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, thus becoming Immanuel, which in its fullness means, "God with us, God for us, and God in us."

II. The Childhood of Jesus, the King (2:1-23).

1. Wise men from the East seeking Israel's King (vv. 1, 2).

The King's reception was most heartless. His own nation received Him not. His advent was heralded by a star which guided men of a foreign nation to seek and worship Him, pouring out their gifts to Him. These men were Persian or Arabian astrologers—students of the stars. Their attention was attracted by the appearance of an unusual star. Through the influence of the Jews who remained in Chaldea, or the direct influence of Daniel extending to this time, they had become acquainted with Israel's hope as to the Messiah.

2. Herod seeking to kill the King (vv. 3-8; 16-18).

The news brought by the wise men struck terror to Herod's heart. He was not alone in this, for all Jerusalem was troubled with him. The news ought to have brought joy, but a glimpse at the social customs in and about Jerusalem of that day enables us to understand why this news brought uneasiness to the people. They were living in the greatest luxury. Fine dress, sumptuous feasts, fine houses and other luxuries led to gross immoralities. This is why Herod and Jerusalem were troubled. A Saviour who would save them from their sins was not wanted. Their desire was to continue in them. Herod demanded of the priests and scribes information as to where Christ should be born. The fact that they were able to tell him so promptly shows that they had a technical knowledge of the Scriptures, but not a heart for the Saviour set forth therein. We face similar conditions today. This all occurred in Jerusalem, the city of the King, the place of all places where He should have been welcome. When the wise men returned to their country by another way, Herod slew all the male children two years of age and under in Bethlehem and its coasts.

3. The King found by the wise men (vv. 9-12).

The wise men having obtained the desired information, started immediately to find the King. As soon as they left the city, the star as it guided them in the East, appeared again to lead them on. Not that it had disappeared from the sky, but the dwellings of the city no doubt shut out the sight of it. Frequently, spiritual vision is obscured by the things of this world.

4. The King protected (vv. 13-23).

(1) Flight to Egypt (vv. 13-15).

To escape Herod's wicked aim, God directed Joseph to take Mary and the child Jesus and flee to Egypt. In obedience to the heavenly vision, he went and remained there till Herod's death.

(2) Return to Nazareth (vv. 19-23).

Upon the death of Herod, the angel of the Lord directed Joseph to take Jesus and His mother and go into the land of Israel. By divine direction, he returned to Galilee and dwelt at Nazareth.

Kind Words

Kind words can never die because they are expressions of God's love. God, the ever-living one, is love, and His words are eternal; they are the expression of His unchanging nature. —Selected.

In God's Atmosphere of Love

When we are living in God's atmosphere of love He notices our cry for help, though soft as a whisper or as a breath on a garment's hem.—Dr. J. B. Webster.

Euel Hutcherson, prominent citizen of Sandy Ridge, was a visitor to Danbury today.

Corbett Priddy and Anderson Bennett, of Route 1, were visitors here Friday.

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For Beautiful Hands and Arms

By DORIS HALE, DuBarry Beauty Consultant

BEAUTIFUL hands, more than anything else, tell the true character of their possessor. Many of you probably will say, "But I wasn't born with beautiful hands, and that's that." Well—I'll admit you can't change their actual formation. If your fingers seem too long or too short there's little you can do about it. And it's hard to remedy hands that are very fat or thin. But at least you can keep your hands soft and smooth, even if you have lots of work to do around a house or in an office. Your nails should be beautifully manicured, and the cuticle never allowed to become ragged.

Perhaps you have hands that were tanned by the summer's sun. Of course this tan will fade in time, but I'd suggest hastening the process by using a gently whitening hand cream. Keep a jar of it in your kitchen, up above the sink, and another in the bathroom. Always apply a little hand cream after washing your hands, to protect them against possible discoloration or roughening by housework. Use it on the arms, too, especially when they have been wet.

After I have given myself a

facial I like to spread the remaining cream all over my two hands, rubbing them together until most of it is absorbed. If there's time, I massage my arms, too. This will prevent the skin from getting flabby, and will keep it soft.

So many of us remember to keep our hands and arms smooth and white, but forget almost entirely how easily the elbows become roughened when neglected. Let me advise you to rub a skin food or tissue cream into them before going to bed. Both creams are softening in effect, and will help to keep the elbows from becoming coarse skinned. I always put a little of one of these creams into the palm of each hand, and work it into my elbows with firm rotary motions. Usually I leave it on all night, and most of the cream has disappeared by morning.

If you're going out in the evening, use hand cream on your hands and arms just before you finish dressing. Then dust lightly with a powder puff, and rub in the powder smoothly. This will transform even neglected arms and hands into smoothness and whiteness.

Most of us prefer to wash our hands regularly with warm soap and water, but if your skin is very tender and chapped, I suggest substituting a good cleansing cream occasionally.