

Holiness Unto The Lord

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We are told in God's Word to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. We all know there is nothing to be compared with youth. When a person is young and filled with strength, health, and ambition, life holds a thrill at this time! Remember thy Creator in the times of thy youth, when the evil days draw not nigh, when you will turn and say I have no pleasure in them. God said in His Word, "I will renew thy youth." When we are born again, our childhood starts all over in God. If we will live in that world of trust and confidence in God's Word, He will flood our hearts with peace, health, and prosperity, for He said, "Above all things, I would that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." God is the Spirit of life, joy, and youth. He is the fountain of youth.

We hear the song, "In the land where we will never grow old," and "I am camping now in Canaan." This is very true, for we have passed from death unto life, and God's inspirational Words, which are Spirit and life, live in our hearts daily, inspiring us on to new victories. We are told to rejoice forevermore, that serving God is joy, peace, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost, so let's enjoy our faith in God and enjoy the eternal life He has given us. We are no longer time creatures of this world, but we are eternal beings.

This faith that Enoch and Elijah knew shall change our mortal beings as we go on with God. It will eradicate all sickness, disease, and move all heartaches. Let's place our trust in Him. Though we may have many battles with Satan, like the eagle, we renew our youth daily. Watch the mighty eagle, as he spreads his mighty wings against the storms and winds of opposition. To him, they are nothing more than stepping stones to a greater height, where there is an atmosphere of peace, high above all the doubts and fears of life. Don't run from opposition. It is made to reveal your hidden ability.

As a lad, I lived in the country, and, as you know, we had to cut firewood for the old log fireplace for heat. Before we would go out to cut the wood, we would go by the old shed to grind the axe. The grinding stone wasn't placed there to damage the axe, but to reveal the hidden potentials of the axe. It was the old stone of opposition that the axe faced that brought out its hidden qualities and made manifest its secret abilities.

So it is in life. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Opposition only proves what we are, and also brings to light the attributes of God that are His within man. These attributes change us into His glorious image as we defeat every foe by the faith of Jesus Christ. There is no limit. Moses opened the Red Sea, and Joshua controlled the sun. Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever. What will we do in our generation?

Let me say to the young people in our day: there is no age limit with God. This is your day, young people! God is using them from the cradle up. I recently read in the paper, that a child 20 months old was mature enough for motherhood, which is only a type of spiritual maturity to babes in Christ. Look at the young child in the Bible, who God made king when all mankind had failed Him. He turned the people back to God. He said that a little child would lead them in the last day, and children would lead the parents. While many children are leading their parents to worldly amusements, others are leading them to salvation. What will you do?

Not so very long ago, while out in Denver, Colorado in a meeting, a young lad, about nine years old, stood and mightily ministered under the anointing of God, and the people flooded the altar, while I myself looked on in tears. He stretched out his small, precious hands in prayer for the sick while the Spirit of God moved in a great way. The Scriptures teach that out of the mouth of babes, God has perfected praise. "You have no need for man to teach you, for they shall know Me from a child up, for they shall be taught of Me," God said.

While preaching in Miami, Florida, God allowed me the privilege of seeing another one of His miracles in action. A babe, who was doomed to die, had his whole life changed by a miracle of God. The newspapers carried the story, and doctors were confounded. At the age of seven, God spoke to this lad, and has moved him mightily across the nation in deliverance campaigns and radio ministry. Perhaps thousands have come to God by this mighty deliverer. God set him on fire by His Spirit. He makes His ministers of flame of fire. Hallelujah! What a God we are serving! As the song says, "Let's praise the wonderful name of Jesus." The Bible teaches the rocks will cry out if we hold our peace.

Let's praise Him for His mighty acts. The Lord of Hosts, mighty in battle! Young girl, God is wanting to use you! Young fellow, let Him in! He is wanting to change your whole life, wanting to call you into a mighty ministry of deliverance, to anoint you with the oil of gladness above your fellow. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover, the Bible says. This is the believer, whether they be man or woman. There are ministries of mercy and many spiritual gifts to them that will believe. I say to all of you teenagers: look at David, just a shepherd boy on the mountain side. God made David a king because of his trust in God. Remember, God holds the king's heart in His hand and turns it whithersoever He will, as the rivers of waters.

Under the mighty anointing of God, David slew a bear. He stood face to face with a roaring lion and his courage did not fail. Like Daniel in the lion's den, like the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, their deeds were so mighty that the whole kingdom and the laws of the land were changed to God's way of doing things. We face the challenge of changing the nations.

As David faced Goliath, he became a conqueror in the eyes of all the people. While the nations shook at the thundering of Goliath, David put his faith and trust in God and was victorious, for the Bible tells us the battle is the Lord's. The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but God works everything after the counsel of His own will. The world is groaning in great travail, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Look at the mighty acts of Samson, a great deliverer of Israel. Under the anointing of God, his strength was so great that he slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass. As the lion pounced upon him, he rent him as though he was a kid. Look at one of the great warriors of David. He jumped right into a lion's den and slew the lion. Look at Jonathan: one man and his armor bearer turned about the whole Philistine nation under the direction of God.

What can a single individual do under the anointing of God? Samson literally pulled down the pillars of a building with the God-given strength he had. Moses stood on a blazing mountain in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and reasoned with God because of faith. Your faith in God is so mighty that it can rock the foundations of the world. You are only as small as your faith.

As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is, the Bible tells us. Tear away from the old gang that you run with. Let God send you into all the world as a witness. See the land of the heathen by faith. Watch God make the way. They that grope in darkness are waiting for their deliverer. Will you fail your generation? The Bible says to them that sat in the regions of darkness, great light has sprung up. Remember, any old dead fish can drift along lifeless with the tide, but it takes courage and strength to fight your way through the filth that God is washing away with the stream of time. Move away from the old gang and their filthy jokes, the painted up Jezebels, who are just silly nothings, anointed of the devil to drag true sons and daughters to hell. Let God endow you with the power of a singing career of godliness, or to the preaching ministry, while He manifests you to the world. Let God give you a gift of miracles, of prophecy or divine healing. Let Him give you a ministry of giving that the writer spoke about, to always give you something to give. God will bless you mightily with prosperity and health.

Will you turn from the hog pens of the world and stop wallowing in the mire? Like the prodigal son, don't fill your belly with the husk that is made for the swine. The beggarly elements of this life are only allegories, types, and shadows, the husk in which the true grains of revelation grow. We have reached the hour of that harvest. Jesus said it was the end of the world. His angelic ministry has come forth to reap the grain. Are you a part of it?

God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory, and if He be for us, who can be against us? Time is slipping away. What is your decision? Jesus is coming soon. If He should tarry, you will soon grow old. Years of sickness and bondage of financial obligations made through the lust of the flesh will rob you of your victorious ministry. Seek the kingdom of God and these things will be added to you. God is calling for His Samsons, His Davids, and His great women like Esther. Prophets and prophetesses alike have been mightily anointed in the years gone by. The nations are trembling, the world is going into convulsions with sickness, unbelief, and poverty. Like Goliath, Satan stands between heaven and earth, threatening all the people. God is saying, "Who can I send? Who will go for Me?" He said, "I will give you great power, and nothing shall stand before you all the days of thy life. I shall never leave nor forsake you. I shall surely supply all of thy needs according to My riches in glory." Again I say, if God be for us, who can be against us?

Can you say with the prophet of old, Here am I, Lord, send me? I invite you to accept the Lord Jesus as your Savior today. May God bless you is my prayer.

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