

Disappointment!

(1) "The Story of an Old Man's Frustration".

1. May think this strange indeed..but I have planned to talk to this meeting..with so many Y.P. present..on this TOPIC. I TELL YOU..There are few sadder sights than the utter frustration of an old man. Did you ever observe? Many, many such..living in our favoured land of Canada. Life all spent..used up..youth gone, vigour waned away.. strength dissipated..AND GOALS NOT REACHED...FRUSTRATED! That is one of most pitiable sights..TOTAL UNHAPPINESS.

Today speak about this..that you young people may never...

2. Let me read you the Bible story of such a man.

John 5:1-9. Old man? I think so. Life-span not long in those days. Paul was "Paul the aged" at about 60. How old this man when became impotent? Disease? Accident? Doesn't say from birth. Per. young man ~~like you~~..20-22.. He had laid at this pool 38 years. Could easily have been 60. AND COMPLETELY FRUSTRATED! Tried and tried..as that

water stirred..Shuffled over..rolled..eagerly thrusting to healing..but ALWAYS too late...How many times? Hope faded. At last he said: "I'm beat. I'll never make it. No man.."
What a picture of frustrated old age! Lying there..right beside place where healing supposed to be found..BEATEN!

A step away...for 38 long, weary years. Weaker, worse. 3, or 4 ft. away from transformation...and missed it! UNTIL

3. Now..in order to appreciate spir, meaning of this true story..look at setting. Place was real..still is..not far from place of old sheep gate in east wall. I was there. Notice time. Water stirred at "certain season"..not some "UNcertain" time. Well-known. What season? Well, vs.1. says this great gathering, multitude (vs.3) came together at a certain "Feast of the Jews". What feast? Not named. Called by Edersheim "The Unknown Feast". Guess made it was some unbiblical feast.."Feast of the wood-gathering". I think not. Of sufficient spir. importance to draw our Lord Jesus to Jerusalem. Not Passover..for 3 of those named in John. This comes in between two of them. (2:23 and 6:4). Suggest well be Feast of Pentecost..50 days after Passover. Suggest this bec. of that strange angelic visita

bringing healing to some. Surely this is picture of that greater visitation that came later on a Pentecost day when God's Holy spirit came to stir the whole world..and to bring spiritual healing to the ^{all}impotent multitudes of earth/!

4. Now may God teach us where we stand today. First:- Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us..(I Cor. 5:7). Our redemption is an accomplished FACT. Penalty of our sins paid. And since that great Pentecost..H.S. in world.

Harvest - 50 days

Here today..in this presence..this building..the Great Invisible Presence of God..moving on our hearts..turning us to God..ever pointing all of us to Christ..saying again...Acts 13:38-39. Eternal salvation..forgiveness of sins..surety of heaven.. is as NEAR TO US..AS THAT POOL NEAR TO THAT IMPOTENT MAN!

And a voice sounds again in our spir. ears:- "Wilt thou be made whole?" Saviour's shadow falls across OUR PATH... and Jesus is very near.

5. Here for so many lies real tragedy. Here ^{in Canada} ~~in Alberta~~ this glorious Gospel is published ev'where..tracts, Bibles, sermons. b'casts, kindly witness by so many X'ns...so near..and YET SOME GROW UP TO BE FRUSTRATED OLD MEN, WOMEN..never finding peace and joy and forgiveness and happiness and assurance of heaven.

What a pity! When they could have stepped over the line to the place of personal faith in the Saviour.. DON'T BECOME...

"Only a step to Jesus..Then why not take it now?" "ALMOST" God says "Behold now is the day of salvation".. "Now is the accepted time". "Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come..Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee..Out of my sickness into thy health..Out of my want and into Thy wealth..Out of my sin and into thyself..Jesus I come to Thee". "And him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out". Come! - Doon - Rephyn - Describe -

THEN: - HE TOOK UP HIS BED AND WALKED < NEW LIFE FROM
SAVIOUR - THEN - NEW WALK FOR SAVIOUR. - OR STILL
GREAT DEAL OF FRUSTRATION - WASTING LIFE.

more impatient
ev. day

K. Agrepha
- Dashed word in Bible
not run - here - dash
"Almost"

Peoples Mission, Kelowna - B. Lamb - ~~Aug 12/63~~ Aug 12/63

MAYTON RURAL S.S. CONVEN. JUNE 23/63

MILDEN, SASK. - APR 24/62

KILLAM V.F.C. MAR 18/62 - (WITH CHORR)