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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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What Should Be The Proper Christian Attitude In Our National Emergency?

"Why Should God Bless America?"--An Important Question To Consider

What is the basis of the claims of America on God? On what grounds do we ask Him to bless us? I recently read a story of a newsreel in which a popular woman radio singer sang, "God Bless America." As she sang there were flashed on the screen various scenes from many parts of America, mountains, valleys, waterfalls, fields of grain, fields of cotton, mines, oil wells, factories, skyscrapers, shipyards, great ships, railroads, trains, automobiles and areoplanes. The inference was that our strength, our security and our merit are rooted in these things, that our material possessions constitute America. So when we sing, "God Bless America," we mean God bless our material assets, and, incidentally, bless us through them.

We are rather well off in all of these things. If they constitute a valid basis for claiming the blessings of God, America is in a good position with Him.

We constitute only about 6 per cent of the world's population, but we possess: one-half of the world's gold, 40 per cent of the world's silver, 50 per cent of the world's zinc, 60 1-2 per cent of the world's copper, 66 1-2 per cent of the world's oil, 40 per cent of the world's railroads, and 85 per cent of the world's automobiles, and so, on and on.

But, we should remember that all of these things belonged to God before we possessed them and that they still belong to Him.

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Here In America

Maurice Sugar, communistic leader, and counsel for C. I. O., was a recent candidate on the communistic ticket in Detroit. One of the advertisements put out by his party at that time made this appeal:

"To all who hate the smug priests of the Catholic church, and the slimy hypocritical ministers of the Protestant churches; . . . to all who are opposed by this damnable government, we address this message: Vote for our candidate—Maurice Sugar.

"Close the churches and make those buildings into shelters for homeless men and women. Down with religion, which is opium which the ruling class feeds you to keep you satisfied with the miserable existence which you lead. There is no God!"



The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD"

"Thou God seest me" (Gen. 16:13).

"There are more eyes fastened upon man than he realizes. In life, we may think ourselves obscure and unobserved, yet this is far from true.

There are within the world, 1,500,000,000 of earth's population. In some sense at least, there are 1,500,000,000 pairs of human eyes resting upon us. For one to imagine or even dream that he is unobserved, is the basest of folly.

Then too, the angels of God behold us daily. They are spoken of as "ministering spirits", who serve the "heirs of salvation". "Are they not all ministering spirits, set forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation"? (Heb. 1:14). The Scriptures also indicate that each of us have our guardian angels to watch after, care for, and protect us. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 18:10). In view of the fact that they minister unto us, and that they guard us, then surely their eyes are resting upon us. Then we have an indication from the Scriptures that the angels go to church. "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels" (I Cor. 11:10). They hear our songs; they observe our prayers; they learn lessons from our preaching just as mortal man must

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A Message To Troubled Believers Facing Prospects Of Dictatorship And War

The inevitable has happened! Mr. Roosevelt has taken for himself powers which will prove to be dictatorial.

This is nothing new. While the world at large was somewhat stunned by his recent fireside speech, Bible students have constantly expected such an announcement.

For over eight years, the editor of The Baptist Examiner has contended that Mr. Roosevelt would be the last president—that our country will be governed by dictators from now on.

On May 7, 1933, I preached on "The Stage Being Set For The Closing Of This World's History."

On November 8, 1936, I preached on "A Ten-fold Prophecy."

On April 10, 1938, I preached on "How Close Are We To Dictatorship?"

In each of these messages, my contention has been the same—dictatorship will soon be a reality.

And now, newspaper correspondents and writers of the secular press declare that Mr. Roosevelt has embarked on the road to dictatorship. Henceforth, the country will be governed solely by Mr. Roosevelt's conscience.

One of Washington's outstanding correspondents says:

"Primarily, he wants power to regiment the American economic system into the New Deal formula. By doing this, he hopes to make the defense effort successful, and the social gains he so often men-

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Bible Measurements

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

A Sabbath day's journey was about a mile.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A finger's breadth was equal to one inch.

Ezekiel's reed was nearly eleven feet.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents in value.

A shekel of gold was worth \$8.

A talent of silver was worth \$538.50.

A talent of gold was worth \$13,809.

A farthing was worth three cents.

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CAN WE KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING?



Man's Way:- Armament.

God's Way: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" II Chron. 7:14.

A MESSAGE TO TROUBLED BELIEVERS FACING PROSPECTS OF DICTATORSHIP AND WAR

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tions a lasting reality. The New Deal social revolution begun, despite bitter opposition, during the exigency of the depression is to be completed with little or no opposition during the emergency of the war. That, in a nutshell, is the picture behind the proclamation.

With his vast newly assumed powers, Mr. Roosevelt will be able to take over the Ford Motor Company and run it to suit himself, or any other business or firm in the United States. He will be able to set the price of every article bought and sold from coast to coast. He can draft any man or woman in the country for whatever purpose he sees fit. He can, but probably won't, completely control the press and radio, and forbid publication of any criticism of his policies. He can, and probably will, encourage a nationwide witchhunt of so-called 'subversive' elements which will enmesh many more innocent people than were crushed by Attorney General Palmer's similar but more modest nullification of the Bill of Rights."

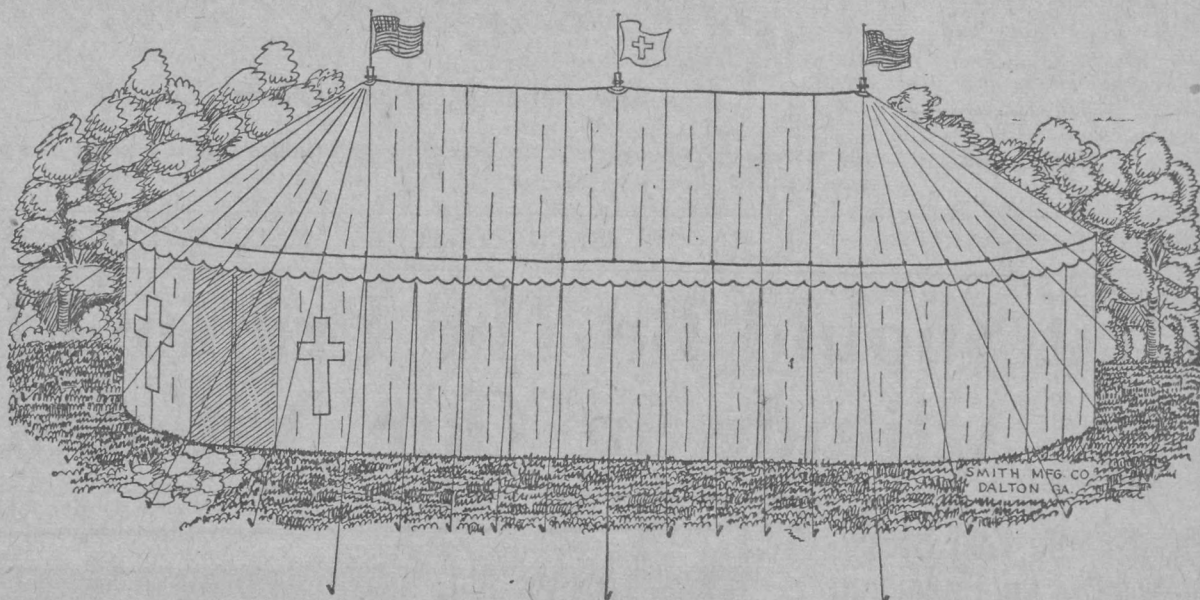
There are many who are saying, "It can't happen here; the 130,000,000 people of America are not going under a dictatorship."

I contend that it is already happening here, and that there are 130,000,000 Americans already under a dictatorship.

Labor troubles are about a thing of the past. Everything will soon be under control of the government. Every piece of machinery, every factory, every acre of ground, and every

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OUR NEW TENT



We thank God that we are privileged herewith to present to our readers a picture of our new tent. We only wish that you could see it personally. I am sure that your cause of rejoicing would be even greater.

It really is much larger than it appears—it being 35 x 60' in size. The top is made of thirteen oz. canvass—the heaviest canvass that can be bought—the same kind Uncle Sam uses throughout the army. Both the top and the walls are khaki, and the interior has a beautiful red trimming. This tent is now in use—being erected on the school house lot in Coal Grove, Ohio. We invite all of our readers who live within "going distance", to worship with us. Nothing would give us greater joy than to have you visit us during this tent meeting.

We expect to keep it busy during the summer, using it from place to place. Will you pray for us that God's blessings shall rest upon this moveable tabernacle as we shall use it.

This tent has been purchased from the Smith Manufacturing Company of Dalton, Georgia. We hereby express to them our appreciation for the fine workmanship and their courteous service to us. We further recommend them to any of our readers who may be in need of canvass goods of any type.

We truly thank God for each person who has had a part in assisting us to buy this tent. We thank God for the offerings that have been made, and we pray God's blessings to rest upon each contributor. The following are those who have made possible the purchase of this tent:

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learn. Also, the Scriptures reveal to us that the angels are vitally interested in the salvation of the lost. "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Lk. 15:10). Whenever a lost one is saved, the angels rejoice over that sinner's conversion. Thus beloved, in view of the fact that they go to church, and that they rejoice over the sinners that are saved, then surely the angels must behold us. Though we cannot see them, about us day by day, are the angels of God observing us.

The Scriptures would also indicate that the Devil and his squadron of evil spirits likewise notice us. "And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night" (Rev. 12:10). It is an evident fact that they know our failures, since the Devil is called "the accuser of the brethren". This was the way he treated Job. He accused him to God. "Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land" (Job 1:9, 10). So about us every day, are not only the angels which are ministering unto us, but the Devil and his evil spirits, who are noticing our failures and mistakes.

Likewise, the redeemed of God constantly look our way. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). As we have often said, the Greek word for "witness" is the word for "spectator". The spectators referred to, are the "heroes of faith" spoken of in the preceeding chapter, such as Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and many others. This text then would lead us to believe that those who are redeemed in Heaven, as spectators, now constantly look down upon us, observing both our valor and our cowardice, our service and our sins.

What a solemnity this brings to the mind of man. It causes a sacred hush to fall upon us to remember that we are being observed daily by at least part of the 1,500,000,000 of earth's humanity; by the angels of God in heaven; by the Devil and his evil spirits; and even by the multiplied thousands and millions of the redeemed of God now in Heaven, who constantly gaze our way. Yet beloved, all this is as nought, when compared to the overwhelming truth of our text: "Thou God seest me". What matter it if every man of the world were looking at me? What would it matter if all the angels of God in Heaven—more than 60,000 of them were watching me? What matter it though Satan and all his cohorts are pointing an accusing finger toward me? What matter it though the millions of redeemed in Heaven are looking my way? All this amounts to nothing when we con-

sider our text, "Thou God seest me".

I

It is an established fact that God sees us. "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" (Psa. 121:4). Unlike man, God never sleeps, so that we are constantly beneath the unslumbering eye of God. In this connection, it is interesting to notice what the name God really means. The Greeks called God "Theos". They derived this word from the Greek stem "Theisthai" which means "to see". Thus beloved, their first idea of God was "One who sees". It would be hard to suppose a God who could not see His own creatures. When once you remove the thought that God sees each of us, you extinguish diety at a single stroke.

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and know me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psa. 139:1-10). How marvelous is this Scripture that God sees us when we sit down, and when we rise up; He sees the path in which we walk; He sees the bed upon which we lie; He beholds the words as they are formed upon our tongue; He sees both before us and behind us; it is impossible to get away from Him. In Heaven or in Hell, or in the depths of the ocean God is still with us. He is omniscient; He sees us constantly. Yet beloved, if this Scripture seem marvelous to you, listen to this one which likewise declares the sovereign fact of His omniscience: "Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite" (Psa. 147:5).

Still again we notice other Scriptures which tell us that God is omniscient, and that He sees us all the time. "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings" (Prov. 5:21). "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:23, 24). "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isa. 46:9, 10). "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things" (I Jn. 3:20).

Suppose that there were no other creature on earth but you; suppose that the stars were blotted out; suppose that the angels of God were all dead; suppose that the glorified saints were all gone, and that all of mankind was abolished; suppose that even the Devil and his evil spirits were all obliterated, and that you

were left alone. Even then beloved, you would not be alone, for God would still be looking at you. How steadily God could observe you then, if He had none other to observe but you. Well beloved, God can observe you just as steadily today. He can see you just as accurately, and carefully, and painstakingly as though you were the only one of all His myraids of creatures in the world.

I tell you beloved, it is an established fact that God sees us. Go out into the woods and lie down by a hidden brook with the willows to shelter and shade you, yet God sees you. Retire to your room and go back into the closet thereof, and lock the door. It may be so dark there that the eye of man could not behold you, but God sees you. Go into some old castle, and down many a winding stair until you get to a dungeon far beneath the ground. The light of day has never yet penetrated its darkness; there is no eye to see you; there is no ear to hear you; there is no countenance there to smile upon you; yet God sees you, He knows all about you.

I often think of that great eccentric English preacher, Rowland Hill. I am told that he preached so forcibly that regardless of where you were, you thought that he was speaking to you personally. If you were in a window or far away from the speakers stand in some doorway, you had the conviction that he was preaching directly to you. How I wish that I might have that ability in preaching. How interesting it is to know that God sees you individually and singly in just that manner. I would to God, that you might have the conviction that He is looking at you and seeing you just now.

II

In view of the fact that God sees us, then this brings some practical lessons to us.

First of all, here is a practical lesson for the individual who prays. God sees you. He sees the words as they form upon your lips; even if there is no word formed, he beholds the sign and accepts the spirit for the word that might be spoken. He sees the tears as they may roll down your cheek when you talk with Him, and when you intercede in behalf of others. Beloved, how marvelously encouraging this is. Since He can see us, and does see us, He surely can hear us.

Then this doctrine that God sees us, offers a practical lesson to the slandered saint. Do you recall the time when David went out to fight against Goliath. You remember that one of his big brothers rebuked him. "And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, why comest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle" (I Sam. 17:28). David did not stop to answer; he made no reply to his brother. When he came back a little later from the battle with the head and the sword of the giant in his possession, he did not need to make a verbal answer. The victory which he won was all the answer which he needed. I think often beloved, in these twelve years of my pastorate here, how that I have been slandered and evilly spoken against hundreds of times. I do not mean to say beloved, that I am per-

fect; I realize that I am far from it; I do not mean to say that all the accusations are untrue; I do not mean to say that I am guiltless of many of the charges brought against me. Yet beloved, I can point to hundreds here within this town whose souls have been saved, and whose lives have been reclaimed through my message; I can point to drunkards and adulterers and with a justifiable pride tell you that it was through the message that I preached, attended by the power of the Holy Spirit, that their lives have been changed; I can point to hundreds, who through my radio messages, have been saved and blessed, and helped in their Christian living; I can point to hundreds who have been saved through the tracts which we have written and printed; I can point out hundreds who have been saved through revival meetings and Bible Conferences. This beloved, is always my answer to any slanderous accusation that may be presented.

Have you been slandered beloved, talked against, talked about? "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Mt. 5:10-12). How intensely practical is the doctrine of the omniscience of God to the slandered saint. God sees you and He knows all about you. Why then worry or fret because of what someone may have to say relative to you?

This doctrine that God sees us, presents an intensely practical lesson to the ungodly. I stopped one day, on a roadside between Cincinnati and Russell to observe a glass beehive, with the bees working inside. This world beloved, is nothing more than such a beehive in which God sees us constantly. To the ungodly man or woman who may be listening to this broadcast, I make a definite appeal. God is looking at you; He observes you; He sees what you are doing day by day. If a man steals in the dark, this is bad enough. For him to steal in the daylight, shows the exceeding hardness of his heart. Ungodly man, ungodly woman, you are sinning in the presence of God with the light of God constantly beaming upon you. You are sinning in the very teeth of God. How utterly hard and depraved and crusted over with sin must be your heart.

Dear one, in view of your ungodliness, you need to be saved. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (I Pet. 4:17, 18). You may ask, how is this possible? Listen: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Pet. 3:18). "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). May God help you to receive Him now.

"WHY SHOULD GOD BLESS AMERICA?" — AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO CONSIDER

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(Gen. 1:28; Ps. 24:1; Deut. 1:13). On what basis does God promise to bless individuals and nations?

(Joshua 1:5-7; Prov. 14:34; Isa. 33:15, 16; Matt. 6:33; John 8:31, 32; Matt. 28:18-20—)

How does America stand from the viewpoint of the basis, laid down in these divine words, on which God promises His blessings? How do we stand as individuals?

What kind of basis have we laid for singing, "God Bless America"? While we have enjoyed the bountiful blessings of a large share of his material things how have we as a nation and as individuals treated Him, His wishes, desires, and laws? What is our record as to the observance of His law? How do we stand as to righteousness and sin? What are the facts as to our speaking uprightly, despising the gain of oppression, refusing to take bribes, to hear of blood, or to look upon evil? Do we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and trust Him that His material blessing will follow?

A recent Gallup poll in 7,600 average middle class homes revealed the startling fact that 40 per cent of these homes did not own a Bible.

Dr. Walter S. Athearn conducted a survey which covered the entire country. This survey showed that 70 per cent of the youth of America grow from infancy to maturity without any continuous and systematic instruction and training in either morals or religion.

Dr. Herman H. Horn of New York University says the per cent is at least 65.

Dr. Geo. H. Betts says 75 per cent of the youth of the land are thus growing up.

America, as such, laughs at God, His word and His will. We have neither the inclination nor time to be taught of Him! Be the disciples of a crucified Galilean, that's ridiculous! As far as being baptized, that's absurd! Abide in His word and observe His commandments! A free, learned and rich people such as we in America! That's laughable!

On the basis of this Gallup poll we may safely say at least half of the homes of America do not possess a Bible. As we get away from the average middle class homes, in which the poll was made, in either direction, the number not owning Bibles will become larger.

Most of those who own one do not read it.

Most of those who read it pay no attention to it as far as their conduct is concerned.

From 65 to 75 out of every 100 of our children are brought up in utter ignorance of it. We have practically left God out of our homes and schools. We yield to Him only limited authority and reluctant obedience even in the churches.

What are the results? What kind of nation has this procedure made of America? We are the richest nation on earth. Yes, that's right. But let us look at a few other details that constitute a part of the picture.

A forged check is cashed each 3 1-2 minutes.

A major crime is committed each 22 seconds, nearly 3 a minute.

Crime has increased 450 per cent during the last fifty years.

The average age of the criminal is yearly becoming less.

More than 50 per cent of the major crimes in 1939 were committed by youths less than 25 years of age.

Harold Nathan, 1st Assistant G-Man, says:

Nearly 400,000 Americans now living will be murdered.

Nearly 300,000 Americans now living will commit murder.

There were 9,600 murders in the U. S. in 1936.

Our murder rate is 10.7 per 100,000 and the rate is increasing nearly 11 per cent a year. Our murder rate is 4 1-2 times that of Switzerland, 18 times that of Scotland, 19 times that of Great Britain.

Mr. Nathan tells us further:

1,445,581 major crimes are committed yearly and they are increasing 235 a day.

The Northwestern Insurance Company says that gambling costs the people of the United States seven billion dollars a year, \$53.00 per capita.

We spend \$13.50 per capita for education in the U. S.

We spend \$53.00 per capita for gambling, and

We spend \$40.00 per capita for liquor each year.

In the old saloon days there were 177,000 saloons in the United States. Now there are 437,000 legalized liquor stores. And the old saloon was a high type institution of moral, cultural and spiritual development compared with our present day liquor joints in which 1,335,000 girls and women are working. Get the entire picture. Don't miss any of the details. We have in the midst of our marvelous material blessings 245,000 churches over against our 437,000 liquor joints. In Washington, D. C., we have 399 churches and 1,874 liquor joints. Liquor enters in, one way or another, into 70 per cent of the arrests of the land. Since repeal we have multiplied the number of drinkers in America over and over among men, women, and youth.

There are more than one million recorded cases of syphilis in the United States and the doctors tell me that not half of them are reported. It is estimated on the basis of the records of a number of large hospitals that 348,000 to 412,000 young people contract this dread disease each year while drinking.

I do not include gonorrhea because I have been unable to secure dependable figures. But reliable physicians tell me these cases are more numerous than syphilis.

I am only calling attention to a few of the details in the picture of the nation we have made of America. Nothing is to be gained by sticking our heads in the sand and refusing to see them.

Just one more. During the last ten years religious contributions in America have decreased 30 per cent and all other religious activities have decreased in proportion, while all of the destructive, debauching sins discussed, and many others, have increased by leaps and bounds.

And yet, we sing, "God Bless America." We sing it in the liquor joints, we sing it in the road houses, we sing it in the dance halls, we sing it over the radio, and sometimes we sing it in churches. Such procedure is utter blasphemy.

We treat God with complete contempt. We utterly ignore Him. We laugh Him and His word to scorn.

We revel in our material wealth and debauch ourselves in all kinds of sin. And then, when the world gets on fire and we sense imminent danger, we hysterically sing, "God Bless America," and feel very religious and very safe.

Rober Babson, in his business survey of the nation for the week ending Jan. 1, 1941, discusses the situation from every viewpoint, predicts a prosperous year for 1941, but concludes as follows: "There really is only one thing which troubles me about 1941. It is that our prosperity may make us less dependent upon God, whom we need now more than ever. The material destruction facing Europe and England—terrible as it will be—may develop there a spiritual awakening of tremendous value. History shows that the rebirth of nations has come through adversity—never through prosperity. Hence, we must be on our guard that America with all its material wealth is not left the most pagan of all nations."

"Making life easy does not make it better. Avoiding war does not insure us against disaster. More money does not mean more self-control. Automobiles, electric refrigerators, and radios will not take the place of self-reliance, self-denial, and the willingness to cooperate for the common good. We all know that the great need of the entire world today is more of the Christ-like spirit—of wisdom, sacrifice, and charity. Let us emphasize this during 1941, as otherwise our security and prosperity may be our temptation and our downfall."

I have kept the text until last. We shall now read it and close. It is 2 Chron. 7:13, 14. Won't you get your Bible and read verses 11 to 22 and see the similarity between conditions there and then and here and now? Let us read the text together.

"If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In our America the clouds are dark and threatening. Enemies are at work to devour the land. Pestilence is imminent and perilous. As a nation we are afraid. There is one refuge of absolute safety. It does not consist in armies, navies and air corps, soldiers, sailors, and pilots, numerous and mighty as these may be. Our only refuge is God. We as individuals and as a nation can enjoy the perfect security of this refuge only as we humble ourselves, repent of our sins, turn from them to Him according to His law, ask for and enjoy forgiveness and healing.

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BIBLE MEASUREMENTS

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A mite was worth less than a quarter of a cent.

A gerah was worth a cent.

An ephah or bath contains seven gallons and five pints.

A firkin was about eight and seven-eighths gallons.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

An omer was six pints.

A cab was from three to five pints.

A MESSAGE TO TROUBLED BELIEVERS FACING PROSPECTS OF DICTATORSHIP AND WAR

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human being regardless of age or sex, will soon be regimented by the government. No man will "buy" or "sell" except by governmental authority.

The reserves of all banks will be taken over by the government, and the depositors will be given an I. O. U. The same will be true of the resources of the Life Insurance Companies—the policy holders will all hold I. O. U's.

What Shall Be Our Attitude?

In the face of what seems to be inevitable, this is the question genuine Christians all over the country are asking. May we allow God's Word to reply:

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Mark 12:17).

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." (Romans 13:1-7).

Neither Jesus nor Paul agreed with the tyrannical, corrupt, paganistic, militaristic, dictatorial government of the Roman Empire. Yet, they encouraged the followers of Jesus to abide by its laws and precepts, thus giving us the proper perspective for today's crisis.

Above all else, our expectancy should be the return of the Lord. May His coming be soon!

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

OUR NEW TENT

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Russell, Kentucky	1.25
Manford Gayheart	
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