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EDITORIAL

WHEN IS GOD FOR US?

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8-31.

We don't know of, and cannot think of any question of greater importance to the children of men than the question asked in the caption of this little article, viz., When is God for Us?

The importance of the question is expressed in the words of the text. If God be for us, who can be against us? Or in other words, the Apostle means, If God, who is infinitely wise, and good, and powerful, and has all events of time and eternity under His direction, is for us, who can successfully be against us. For He has promised, no weapon formed against thee shall prosper. And all things work together for good to them that love God.

We believe that this truth and these promises have a very general application. They apply to nations, churches and individuals.

Then if we would be successful and victorious in our battles, and undertakings in life, it would seem necessary, according to the text to have God for us, or on our side.

Then let us ask the question again: When may we expect God to be for us? When may a nation expect God to be for it, and to fight its battles for it? The heads of our own great commonwealth ought to seriously consider this all important question just now, while we are engaged in this momentous struggle, this terrible war. Are we so conducting ourselves as a nation that we can conscientiously feel that God is for us? I know that our nation stands for Christian civilization, freedom from tyranny, a fair administration of justice, the support of the weak, and care of the needy. And also for an open Bible, and liberty to worship God as we please, which blessings are denied men in many lands at the present time. And we believe that our God is pleased with us so far as we stand for a righteous cause.

But many are asking, why does God permit us to suffer so many serious losses in this war, and why does He permit that tyrant Hitler to succeed as he has?

Let us also ask ourselves some pertinent questions: Are we as a nation not guilty also of some grievous sins? What about the sin of drunkenness? We were told today by an officer in uniform in the air force that drunkenness and other sins are terrible among the

soldiers in training. Will God excuse our empire and those in authority for manufacturing and selling this cursed stuff to our boys, and making drunkards of them, many of whom have gone out from good homes to serve their King and Country? The curse of God is on strong drink. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makes him drunken." Habk. 2-15.

Can we expect God to bless our nation which is guilty of this heinous sin? Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14-34.

What shall we say about the sins of Sabbath desecration, pleasure seeking, selfishness, worldliness, which are so common and on the increase in religious circles, when so many church-members leave their churches in summer to go pleasure seeking on the Lord's Day, that churches are also closed for several weeks for want of congregations? Will God be with churches and bless them when such conditions obtain?

When may preachers and professing Christians expect God to be for them, so that they will have that sense of His approval in their hearts, and a clear testimony, and gospel message that will convince our hearers of the reality of the experience that we profess and preach?

We heard a preacher who was pastor in one of the large denominations praying in a service one evening, and he said, Lord, forgive us for preaching only half a gospel. Knowing some of his church members as we did, we thought we knew why he had preached only half a gospel. Another preacher whom we knew, who was leaving his charge, and going to another field of labor, while delivering his farewell sermon, said, I confess to you my friends that I have not preached the whole gospel to you.

What shall we then say to these things? Let God's word answer this question. Hear his message to ancient Israel, who had sinned against him until he allowed another nation, which was a heathen nation, and was far worse than Israel, to come upon his own people, conquer them, and take them captive down to Babylon. This is what God said by his prophet Isaiah. Oh, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, etc. They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward, etc. Note his advice to them, his remedy, which will apply to us and to all nations.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well, etc.; come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword: For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Oh! that our own nation would heed the voice of God and prosper.

God also lays some very serious charges against his prophets and people in religious circles. He says: His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs; they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber, yea, they are greedy dogs, etc.

They all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter. Isa. 56-10. Jeremiah says: The prophets prophesy false-

ly, and the priests bear rule by their means, and my people love to have it so. I will leave my readers to judge whether conditions similar to these obtain in religious circles today. Are professing Christians today supporting preachers with their money and moral support, whom they know are not preaching the whole truth; the gospel of full salvation that saves men from all sin. "And what will ye do in the end thereof?"

There is, as there always has been, a mighty responsibility resting upon all God-called preachers. The angel said to Peter and John: Go stand and speak in the temple to the people, all the words of this life. The Apostle Paul said, so we preached, and so ye believed.

When may the preachers and people expect God to be for us? When the preachers preach the whole gospel to the people with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven to save them from sin and hell, without fear of offending the pleasure seeking, world loving, gambling, dancing, movie going, Sabbath desecrating church-members. Preach it until they repent of their sins, forsake them, turn to God, get regeneration, and sanctified wholly. Then we may feel that God is for us, and we can pray in faith that He will undertake in this awful war, give our nation victory over Hitlerism, and the church victory over the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us pray.

MARRIED

Young-Clark

At the Reformed Baptist parsonage, 136 Saint John St., Woodstock, N. B., a pretty wedding took place when on the third day of March, 1941, Miss Lenna Clark, daughter of Adelbert and Mrs. Clark, of Grafton, N. B., became the wife of Mr. Jerome Young, of Jacquet River, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. T. Sabine in the presence of immediate friends.

Hunter-Clark

The Reformed Baptist parsonage at Woodstock, N. B., was the scene of a pretty ceremony when on the seventh day of May, Rev. L. T. Sabine united in marriage, Miss Dorothy Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Clark, of Grafton, N. B., and Mr. Byron Hunter, of Glencoe, Glou. Co., N. B.

The ceremony was witnessed by friends of the parties.

To both parties, their many friends wish them every good success.

Andrews-Smith

Miss Minnie Rebecca Smith and Robert Kinney Andrews were united in marriage on Saturday evening, May 24th, at the Reformed Baptist parsonage, Havelock, N. S., the writer officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lovett Smith, Argyle, Yarmouth Co., N. S., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Andrews, Melbourne, Yarmouth Co., N. S. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Mullen, of Weymouth, were the witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will reside at Weymouth where Mr. Andrews is engaged in business. To this beautiful young couple we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life. P. W. BRIGGS

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Heb. 7:25.