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WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

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Surely these are days of great darkness and turmoil. What will be the outcome, is the question that many are discussing. We do not mean to infer that the United Nations may lose the war. If we are to judge by the supplies and armies and air power and sea power, then the victory is in sight. But there are vast problems that cannot be settled as easy as that. Post war problems concerning final adjustments among the United Nations themselves, to say nothing of the numerous boundary disputes, new governments to be set up, economic and social security problems, the care of the vanquished nations, and a thousand more matters even now appearing upon the horizon.

Then, too, we may ask, if possibly God may have some plans concerning human events. Are these dark days likely to eventuate in a great dispensational change? It could be in the plan of God to use Russia to smash the great German war machine. God has used pagan nations before to work out His designs. Then we may ask, "Has God an account to settle with Russia, yet, before He dismisses her?" What about those nations which have been exalted to Heaven in point of gospel privilege? Has God an account to settle with them? Could it be that the day of reckoning might not be far away?

What about Rome which so far has been practically unmolested? Has she any relationship with the great whore which is pictured as sitting upon seven hills? She is not considered ecclesiastically to favor the United Nations which are strongly Protestant in sentiment. Proof of this is seen in the attitude of Eire and French Canada. In Canada her attitude is actually menacing. She has offered mass in the corridors of the House of Commons. She has been opposed to encouraging her sons to take their place in the armed forces of the nation. She has been granted one chaplain for every five hundred of her soldiers, while Protestant churches have only one chaplain for every one thousand soldiers, and most of the smaller denominations have ou cannot wrestle with God and wrang, snon

Recently two very threatening bills have been placed before the House of Commons in Ottawa and the Provincial House in Toronto. The Ottawa Bill is No. 37, and the Toronto Bill is No. 43. Could it be reasonable to suppose that Rome is at the back of these Bills? They would make it an indictable offense to every one who

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Shades of British free speech and liberty of the press! Is this Nazi or Fascist practice with a vengeance? What are we coming to?

Could this be the dark hour before the dawn? In Japan, we understand that Chrisitans must render homage to the Emperor in the temples of Shinto. In Germany hundreds of ministers are in internment camps because they refuse to submit to atheist Nazi teaching. In Norway and all occupied countries the conditions are similar. It would not be surprising if in His own way, God is calling His people to closer co-operation and to separate themselves from the modern, compromising, and worldly churches who have a "form of godliness but deny the power thereof," and who "are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Many fine godly people are found in these groups, who are fighting the atmosphere about them. They had better heed the warning, "from such withdraw thyself," lest they be swallowed up. It is even likely that the principles of God's children may be tried in the fires of persecution, in order to separate the true from the false.

In the furnace God may prove thee,

Thence to bring thee forth more bright,
But can never cease to love thee:

Thou art precious in His sight:

God is with thee,
God thine everlasting light.

But our God will triumph eventually. It may not be long. He has said, "The nations and kingdoms that will not serve Thee shall perish." Apostate Babylon shall go down with a crash. Too long has she committed fornication with the kings of the earth and "trafficked in souls." The kings of the earth and the merchants shall wail when they see the smoke of her burning. The mighty armies of Gog and Magog, Gomer and Togarmah shall be destroyed in the great day of God Almighty. "Righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

Yes, dear reader, weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Sin shall not eventually triumph. Some day holiness will be popular. The great company who have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, and who will come up from every land and nation, shall cast their crowns before Him and cry, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reign-

DOES HE GET RESULTS?

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When a man is nominated for this or that position, the main question that figures in his election is, "Does he get results?" When a president or a premier is looking for a man to fill an important position the main question is not, "Can he make big speeches," or "Does he have a nice appearance," or "Where was he born?" but can he do the job?

This same question arises in ecclesiastical circles. Does a pastor or evangelist get adequate results? What kind of results? This depends. Some men are gifted as financiers. So, if a congregation is looking for a man to build a church, or get a church out of debt, this is the man. But, valuable as this qualification is, some men could not "fill the bill." Then again, some men could make a success out in the country, but not in a city. And again, some men are gifted more with a pen, than as a pulpit orator.

Well, what is the proper rating? Let us hear from the wisest man that ever lived. "He that winneth souls is wise." Let us hear from the greatest missionary that ever sailed the seas. "For me to live is Christ." That is, Christ so possesses me that he lives out his life again upon earth. "To the weak, became I weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some."

Wesley said to his preachers, "You may be eloquent, you may be winsome, you may be a good financier, yea, you may be in great demand, but if you do not win souls you are a failure. You are called not to do this or that, but to win souls."

CITY VERICITIES LITTLE SINS TIGHT bawolls

Years ago there was not a single thistle in the whole of Australia. A Scotchman who very much admired thistles thought it a pity that such a great island should be without that marvelous and glorious symbol of his great nation. He therefore collected a packet of thistle seed, and sent it over to one of his friends in Australia. Well, when it was landed, the officers may have said, "Oh, let it in; is it not a little one? It is only to be sown in a garden." Aye, yes, it was but a little one, but now whole districts of the country are covered with it, and it has become the farmer's pest and plague. It was a little one, but been a blessing if the ship that it would LOWER BRIGHTON wrecked. Take heed of Miss Alice Tedlie, Dec sins are like it. -Spurgeon.

Every church should support two pastors—one for the thousand at home, the other for