

the conversation turn on pleasant things that neighbors have done, the troubles and sorrows of acquaintances that may be shared prayerfully by the family, or the heavy burdens and responsibilities of community and government leaders which should cause families of concerned citizens to pray?

These are not idle questions. They bring us straight to the difference which exists between family tables that are under the rule of the devil and family tables that are truly the Lord's.

FLUTTERING STORM SIGNALS

By R. A. Kerby

Bitter Winds, sweeping over our entire globe, are whipping to tatters the storm flags flying above every realm of today's life. No one with even a minimum of moral discrimination can fail to understand their unmistakable warning. It will be of everlasting spiritual profit seriously to consider these harbingers of the gathering global storm.

As the principles of sound theological thought undergird all life, it must needs follow that any corruption arising here will of necessity communicate itself to the whole circle of human life and activity. The church world today is being flooded with unbelief, ritualism, and even in many situations called evangelical, a mode of scriptural interpretation which pays only lip service to the holy commands of God. Under the guise of exalting the Cross and free grace, all manner of sin and excess are passed over. This antinomian teaching, which would justify the wicked in his sin, has a natural affinity for "the carnal mind, which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Thousands will flock to this standard, for it demands no crucifixion to self and the world. The incredibly rapid spread of this false teaching constitutes one of the most protentious signs of our troubled times.

Racial tensions, springing up like rank weeds all over the world, are but another sign of our deeply-disturbed day. What these will produce at home and abroad in the future no one can predict.

Storm signals are also flying in the financial world. Creeping inflation is now bringing deep concern to all nations. Every budget officer, from household to nation, is in water both deep and hot. Surely this is contributing heavily to the current "distress of nations." Unless checked, confusion awaits us all.

It is not necessary to speak at length of Communism, for its deadly intent is daily becoming more apparent. In those quarters of the earth where the professed church has lost her saltiness, nothing remains but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Communism—which is essentially anti-God in its nature and methods—can flourish only where the true worship of God has fallen into decay. It is now sweeping China in such a way that even Russia stands aghast. Napoleon once said, "Let China sleep. When she awakens, the world will be sorry."

The uncanny advance in military science now renders certain that the next global war will be the last. One responsible statesman recently declared that there has been more change during the past fifty years than in the preceding four centuries, and that this will continue progressively. General Sarnoff says that the advance witnessed in electronics during the past fifty years will be put in the shade by what the next twenty will bring. The human mind is stunned at the unspeakable potential for destruction in our modern instruments of war. The only possible explanation for this sudden entrance of the mind of man into the realm of unlimited power is that the God of power would have it so. Only the very blind will

In view of these events, none but the sin-hardened will fail to see His hand at work.

The establishment of Israel as a nation is another sign to a troubled world that great things are in the offing. The vortex of coming events will be found to center in the affairs of this strange, gifted, God-ordained people.

These storm signals, flying over the realms of theology, racial tensions, finance, Communism, military science and Zionism, all declare that we are living in crisis times.

The thinking mind can but conclude that the race is rapidly approaching an "explosive climax" without parallel.

fail to fall down before God in deepest humility and ardent desire that His Kingdom may come and His will may be done "on earth, as it is in heaven." This is the "blessed hope" which alone has the power to sustain the soul through these perilous times.

AFTER YOUTH CAMP

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I thank the Lord for a good Camp meeting at Beulah! Tonight I have been at a service of the Youth Camp. The message of Brother Hughbanks was simple, forceful, and direct. I have seen many of the boys and girls kneel at the altar for spiritual help and I have been impressed to write a word of exhortation to the fathers and mothers who have sent their children here, some with the hope and prayer that they might be led to make a definite decision for the Lord.

We are glad for the help and good advice given at the altar, and for a time of crisis in these lives when important decisions are made, but these young people are going back home, and back to school, and what about the help they need to nurture and encourage their growth? Are you as their parents going to pray for them, and with them, giving them all the help possible to ensure their success in continuing as true Christians? Soon they will return to school, and be subject to many temptations there, and in their hours of recreation. Let us who are older not forget the word of encouragement and prayerful concern for these who are seeking a new way of life.

Some may have tried before and became disheartened and discouraged. May this not happen again because of our failure to take them on our hearts and feel our responsibility for their welfare.

Is your home one of prayer where parents and children pray together every day that they may learn the true source of help in their time of need? It is so important that they become established at this critical time in their lives. Do not leave their instruction to the haphazard teaching received here and there, but let us help them get grounded in the Word of God to fortify them against the devices of the enemy.

These are perilous days. False doctrines are leaping at us over the radio, by high pressure agents who seek entrance through our doors, by much literature which the mails deliver at our homes. The truths of the Bible must be impressed on their minds, Jesus Christ as the Saviour enthroned in their hearts, the Holy Spirit given complete control in their lives to guide into all truth, or there will be weak places through which the enemy can enter, and he will eagerly do it if any entrance is unguarded.

There may be some who will return to homes that unfortunately are not Christian. May the Young People's meetings in every church be places of warm helpful christian fellowship. Let every christian take one or more young persons on his heart for special prayer and helpful contact. God grant us all a whole year of victory and usefulness before we meet again at Beulah, if Jesus tarries!