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THE CHALLENGE OF THE CRISIS

We are living in a time of world crisis. Thoughtful people in various walks of life are deeply disturbed concerning the future. The international atmosphere is charged with tension, unrest, and anxiety. Every week, and in some weeks every day, there are new and threatening developments which remind us of the prophecy of Christ when He spoke of the days when there would be "upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity".

World systems and world leaders seem impotent as a surging tide of evil sweeps across the earth. Dictators are being deposed, and governments are being overthrown. Weapons of war, with powers of destruction that make those used in previous battles seem like toys, are being produced and stockpiled. Solemn warnings are being issued by statesmen and scientists who agree that the possibility of world-destruction are frighteningly real.

What is the hope of our fear-stricken society? To whom can they turn in this hour of distress? The answer is to be discovered in the actions and attitudes that are generally manifest. People are turning toward the Church in increasing numbers. Statesmen, scientists, educators, and social welfare workers, are calling on those who bear the name of Christ to lead them out of the wilderness of fear and into the land where an abiding peace is assured.

This is an hour of tremendous challenge and opportunity for the people of God. The cry of anguish that has been wrung from hearts of a frustrated generation has reached the ears of the Lord of hosts and His eyes run to and fro throughout the earth in search of those through whom He may show His great power.

Surely the Almighty is eagerly willing to save us from the dreadful catastrophe that seems to be threatening. And if He is to accomplish such a deliverance He must do it through the Church. The searching question mark that hangs darkly over us is; Are we alert to the crisis, and are we able to meet the challenge? Has a sense of urgency laid hold upon us, and are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to spiritual conflict and conquest?

The challenge of the crisis is clearly outlined against the dark background of world affairs. Ominous rumblings warn of the threatening storm. There is a sound that would bring hope and cheer to the hearts of those who fear the worst. It is the sound of the Gospel trumpet ringing out with clarion call, the sound of people of God moving "like a mighty army" to match strength with the hordes of hell that seem organized and on the move in an all-out effort toward world-destruction, moral and physical.

My friends, this is no time for sectionalism, sectarianism, or spiritual apathy. It is no time for bickering and complaining. We are faced with a tremendous emergency. But for the help that God may give, our crisis will end in terrible calamity.

Let us gird on the armour, go forth to the battle, and join heart and hand in a supreme effort toward a mighty moving of the Spirit of God, the hope of our hapless generation!

RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

In the heart of beautiful and fertile Aroostook County, Maine, Riverside Camp is located. About twenty-five miles north of Houlton and a half mile off Highway No. 1, the camp site is almost under the shadow of lofty Mars Hill mountain.

The spiritual fellowship of Riverside Camp Meeting is rich and refreshing. For the ministers who are privileged to attend, it is especially enjoyable since they are not under the demands of business and board meetings as they are at Beulah Camp.

Rev. Robert Woods, of Pefferlaw, Ontario, evangelist for this year's Riverside Camp is a member of the Church of the Nazarene. He has served as pastor and evangelist for more than twenty years and was Superintendent of the Ontario District of the Nazarene Church for four years. He has been in full time evangelism since 1925 conducting campaign in many communities in Canada and United States.

Song evangelist Cedric Landers, of Moncton, N. B. will direct the music of this year's Riverside Camp. Cedric is a talented and consecrated musician. He plays the Hammond organ and piano accordion well and has a fine solo voice. His ministry of music is highly rated by pastors and churches that have had Cedric with them.

Let us join in prayer for this year's Riverside Camp Meeting. May the power of God be upon the assembly!

THE CALL TO HOLINESS

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The act of God in sanctification is followed by the work of God in holiness of character and life. "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (I Thess. 3:12,13).

Nothing surprised nor distressed John Wesley so much as the number of those who entered into the blessing of entire sanctification and lost it. The same disastrous experience is with us. The moral failures are largely responsible for the unbelief that despises the blessing. The strain of trying to live the holy life is intolerable if the life itself declines. It is only possible with God, and the conditions of life and growth are constant and uncompromising.

If the experience is not to end in disappointment and dishonor, there must be the work of God that establishes in holiness. The garden of God can suffer no neglect.

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