

"2. Are you ready to consecrate yourself to and to enter upon this work *now*?

"3. Are you ready to cry mightily to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit of power for the work *now*?

"4. *What will you do NOW?*

"We have only some brief suggestions to make for aid and guidance. Are they more than Christ requires in this great crisis? They are as follows:

"1. That you set to work in your sphere immediately yourself.

"2. That you stir up the Christians next to you and seek the salvation of the sinners nearest you.

"3. That you seek to rouse every Christian organization with which you are connected—whether church, or young people's or missionary society—to enter immediately upon the work for which it was made and for which it exists, the work of giving the Gospel to the world for its speedy salvation.

"4. That in all this you do not wait for some one else, or some organization or mass of Christians, to move, but that without delay you yourself rise to present duty by taking advantage of present emergencies and opportunities.

"It cannot be denied that the task is gigantic, almost appalling; but the Gospel, as Paul assured the Roman Christians, is '*the power of God unto salvation.*' Even in the Old Dispensation the Lord, by the prophet Malachi, cried to Israel: '*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now therewith, . . . if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*' What limit then to Gospel grace in this the dispensation of the Spirit? God delights in Pentecostal scenes. We have only to cast ourselves on the Divine grace in a full consecration.

"In so doing we shall, by the grace of God, make the movement for which Christ calls world-wide and effective, and the twentieth century will dawn with bright prospects for the conquest of the world for Christ.

"We ask you to ponder this matter prayerfully and make your own decision regarding your personal duty, as *one of the appointed leaders of God's host*, and to let the Master know and the world know what you purpose to do as your part and in your place. Give us and give the Church the benefit of your prayers, your counsel, and your hearty cooperation. *Is it not for the Master's glory?*"

Some of the most interesting pages in history are those which describe the siege of cities. The walls of the beleaguered city are surrounded on all sides by men trying to force an entrance. Some make sudden onsets on the gates. Some batter the walls with rams and engines. Some plant ladders against the walls and fight hand to hand with the defenders. Everywhere there is noise, and tumult, and capture, and death, the shouts of the fighters and the moans of the dying, yet still the city is not taken. But all the while there is, unknown to the defenders, a body of men digging and mining under the very wall of the city. They are undermining the foundations of the city ramparts—the city is doomed.

I sometimes think that this is the work which our Christian schools and colleges in heathen lands are doing. We are sapping the foundations of heathenism. The city is strong and ancient; its walls are thick and high and deep. But it is doomed. In our hands God has put an ax, and we are digging, digging: and in the end through the darkness we shall reach the light.—*Rev. John Lendrum.*