

first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall great enterprises of the Gospel work that are upon us! This is the God that rescued Daniel from the lions and the Hebrew children from the fire. It is He that maketh of the little one a great nation, and of the feeble one a mighty people. He maketh the increase of the handful of corn majestic as the forests of Lebanon. Let our trust be in God.

In the third place, let us faithfully do our part, and in our efforts measure up to the responsibilities of the hour. Opening doors invite earnest souls, enterprising men; men of faith, men of God. Enlarging fields, whitening harvests, demand more and more vigorous laborers, more skillful, active reapers. The fields are everywhere white to the harvest. The people perish in multitudes for lack of the Word of Life, and find it not. And the Lord of the harvest cometh quickly to the judgment; yea, to every man, He is at the door. Is this a time for sloth, inactivity, and indifference? Is this a time for covetousness, worldliness, and the gratification of pride or fond desire? Is this a time for heaping up of treasure and self-gratification on the part of the people of the Lord? Is it a time for us to be satisfied with what has been accomplished, and to take rest and glory to ourselves as though the work were all done? Has Jesus, the dying Lord, seen of the travail of His soul and been satisfied? Nay, verily, is it not rather a time that we humble ourselves before God, confessing that we have been unfaithful stewards, deploring that we have achieved so little with the means in our hand and yet astonished that God hath wrought so great things by our feeble, unworthy efforts? Is it not time that we deny ourselves of ungodliness and wordly lusts, and cease to make provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof? Is it not time to remember that we shall give account of our stewardship; that we are not our own, but are bought with a price; that we have nothing that we have not received; and that we shall render account for the use of the talents, five, two, or one, entrusted to our care? Is it not time that we consecrate self, property, family, talent, influence—all to God and His glorious work; choose Him as our portion, and leave us, in all our affairs, to His wise direction, that we and ours may be truly safe in this world and happy in that which is to come? Is it not time that Christian parents taught their children by example that the accumulation of riches is not the sole end of life, and that self-indulgence is not the highest excellency and felicity of our earthly pilgrimage? Is it not time that the Christian Church had learned what Christ meant when He said, "Seek ye

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