

consequence, let such an one stop a moment and consider what would be the result if our Lord's plan were followed. There are, we will say, about forty million members of Protestant churches, and at least eight hundred millions yet in *entire ignorance* of the Gospel. Let us suppose that the whole Church, under some mighty baptism of fire, should undertake to bear the Gospel message to every living soul at once. If every Protestant believer could so be brought into active participation in this work as to be the means of reaching *twenty of these souls*, now without the Gospel, the work would be done. All cannot *go*, but all can *send*. Let us suppose, again, that Protestant churches should *send* out *one* missionary teacher for every *four hundred* communicants, we should have a missionary force of *one hundred thousand*; and by distributing this force in the entire field, each teacher would have to reach but eight thousand souls in order to evangelize the world. Allowing twenty years for that work, each laborer would have to reach but four hundred of the unevangelized each year.

We must push this work as we never have done; let men call us fools, fanatics, madmen; we can afford to bear it for the sake of doing the will of God. When Judson had buried himself in Burma, and ten years' work could show but eighteen converts, he was asked, "What of the prospect?" His heroic answer was, "Bright as the promises of God." When John Wesley proposed to go to Georgia as a missionary to the Indians, an unbeliever ridiculed him. "What is this? Are you one of the knights errant? How, pray, got you this Quixotism into *your* head? You want nothing, have a good provision for life, and a prospect of preferment; and must you leave all this to fight windmills—to convert American savages?"

Wesley calmly replied: "If the Bible be not true, I am as a very fool and madman as you can conceive; but if the Bible is of God, I am sober-minded. For He has declared, 'There is no man who hath left house, or friends, or brethren for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.'"

With such heroic missionaries as Adoniram Judson and John Wesley we are content to follow our Lord's leading without regard to apparent results. The command is plain: "Go ye also into the vineyard;" and the promise is sufficient: "Whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." God is a liberal rewarder, and He always exceeds His own promise. That workman is surest of blessing who does his Lord's work without the misgivings of unbelief or the exactions of a carnal spirit. The path of the missionary is the way to Calvary, but beyond the cross shines the crown.

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In a circular from Staunton, Va., "it is proposed to find two million Christians in the United States willing to give one dollar, in advance per month for ten years, praying that God will raise up preachers and teachers and physicians to carry His Gospel to the heathen, and so to bless their labors and our gifts that the native converts shall be able thereafter to carry on the work through their home missions without additional help from foreign lands."