

houses of their Master. There is still great need of laborers to gather in the Lord's harvest of human souls all over the world. Twenty-five centuries have come and gone since Daniel prophesied that all people, nations and languages should serve the Son of man. (Dan. 7: 13, 14.) It is well-nigh two thousand years since Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem for the salvation of the world; and still a thousand millions of the race, two-thirds of the world's population, do not know the Saviour. The Queen of Great Britain rules or protects three hundred and eighty-five millions of people. Of these, two hundred and eighty-five millions live in India, and all but a comparatively few of this vast population are still in heathen darkness: The Emperor of China holds sway over more than four hundred millions of subjects. This vast nation is still waiting, for the most part, to hear of Christ. The motto of the South African Missionary Society is "God first." There must be much prayer, and many gifts, and faithful labor, before He shall be first in every land.

Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him, v. 4. Again and again in the Gospels, when the name of Judas is mentioned, the fact is noted that he betrayed his Master. It was in no spite, but as a solemn warning, that he is so portrayed. The tragedy of Judas' case lies in the greatness of his opportunity. Close beside his Master he had walked. He had witnessed the wonderful deeds and

*Redeemed by the blood of the cross*  
 The recorded works of Jesus are only a small portion of the works He did. v. 35.

No one can have the spirit of Christ without feeling pity for the suffering. v. 36.

Still is it true that great is the number of souls to be won, and few are the soul-winners. v. 37.

It is the Lord of the harvest who sends forth the laborers, but He does this in answer to prayer. v. 38.

It is dangerous to pray that the Lord will send forth laborers unless we are willing to go, for He may send us. ch. 10: 1.

heard the wonderful words of the Man of Nazareth. His fall was all the sadder, and "his own place" (Acts 1: 25) doubtless all the more dreadful, because he knew but did not do. (Luke 12: 47.)

*Pray . . . go . . . preach . . . heal,* v. 38; ch. 10: 7, 8. As the writer was putting pen to paper to write down these words, the message came over the wires, "Cronje has surrendered with all his forces." A critical moment had passed. Good generalship has triumphed. One seems to hear in the short, sharp, ringing words of the Lord Jesus here the commands of a great Captain. He has but a little handful of followers. The conquest of a world has been committed to Him. His forces must be disposed to the best advantage. The directions must be of the clearest, the watchword must be of the sort that will move His followers to the depths. Hear Him. "Pray!" Bring the very God Himself to your side; in His name labor. "Go!" Even as I came from heaven to reach men, so go ye forth amongst men. "Preach!" Proclaim the King come and the Kingdom coming. "Heal!" With the King's compassion and might, and to approve yourselves His messengers. It was after such fashion that Christ meant the world to be won; and only so can it be won, by Christ-endowed men going to their fellows, and in Christ's own heavenly spirit of helpfulness bringing the news of salvation to them.

*For ye will be called to an extraordinary work.*  
 The apostles were ordinary men called to an extraordinary work. vs. 2, 3.

Judas may have cast demons out of others, but he allowed a demon to dwell in his own heart. v. 4.

One reason that Jesus did not send the apostles to the Gentiles was because their Jewish prejudices were still too strong. They were too narrow for a task requiring broadmindedness. (v. 5.) They were sent by and by, when they had grown stronger and broader.

Our Lord had a patriot's love for His own