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very few minutes with repetition through the day. That would be three hundred and sixty-five verses in a year. How many are there here who memorized three three hundred and sixty-five verses of the Scripture last year? Even one a week, fifty verses a year. Think how much you'd learn in ten years, even at that. The Lord wants us to utilize the time to store up the Word of God in our hearts, to redeem the time. And then, communion with God. Now you will find people who will tell you that they stay on their knees hour after hour after hour after hour praying, and I often wonder whether they are sleeping or praying during most of that time. I don't think that a man's devotion to God is determined by the number of hours that he spends on his knees. I think that that is a very wrong sort of measure to go by, but I think that the Lord wants us to be in perpetual communion with Himself. I think He wants us to set aside a specific time for prayer, but to be in communion with Him all the time; and I think that the very time when we shouldn't neglect our communion with God is the time of crisis. The very time when you shouldn't neglect coming to chapel is the time when examinations are on. I always say that anybody who comes to the chapel period just before Church History and Old Testament examination I permit to take the examination. I don't say anything about the others, of course, but I do hope that you will utilize these chapel services during the exam period. That is the best time in the world not to neglect your personal devotions, the examination time. God wants us to spend the time with Him when things are going smoothly and He wants us to spend the time with Him in times of crisis, redeeming the time, redeeming the time, but then, I don't think redeeming the time merely means consecrating the time to God, though that is a vital part of it. I think He wants us to redeem it for vital accomplishment, not to put things off, but to do them now. Some of you may have read that account in the Readers' Digest of a woman—a man and woman who read about this Russian teacher who was seized by the Russian Consul, and they said, "Oh, somebody ought to do something about that," but they got