

whether it declines and dies out. God may work wonderful miracles to help you, but ordinarily today He doesn't. Ordinarily He works in other ways. God may strike dead the man who is causing trouble for you, but the man who is your leading supporter is just as apt to have the heart attack in the ~~work~~ world as it is today. God has gotten the work so it's spread out and He is leaving it to our consecration and to our prayer to quite an extent whether He blesses it in a particular area. All or most of Asia had the gospel. One thousand yrs. ago the gospel was spread through Asia. ~~III~~ In China there were hundreds of thousands of Christians, and then the people put their eyes on human things instead of on the Lord, and the Lord allowed persecution to wipe it out until most people don't know it ever was there.

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N. Africa was a great center of Christianity ~~at~~ with Cyprian, Tertullian and Augustine. And the Lord allowed the Moslems to take it over until there was hardly a Christian in hundreds of miles. The Lord could allow that to happen in the U.S. if we don't keep our eyes on Him if our Lord tarries. The fire of Taberah was a very real thing at certain vital crises in the work of God but ordinarily He chooses not to work that way but to work others ways in response to our prayers and to our keeping our eyes on him and following Him. And so the fire of Taberah is an instance of God did them, but I don't think it's an instance on what we can count on God to do in our day. Don't expect him necessarily to strike ~~the~~ dead the man in your church who is causing you a lot of trouble. God doesn't <sup>ordinarily</sup> work that way in our day. He did in those vital times. It's important in studying the Bible. ----- just say this is for this period, this is for this period, this is for this period -- It's all for all periods. But to say regardin each event and each circumstance, Is ~~this~~ this something that has a great immediate meaning for my life? Or is this something that shows me how <sup>wonderful</sup> God worked under certain circumstances which are diff. from the circumstances in which I am working.

Well the disaffection in the outskirts of the camp -- ordinarily if the fire of Taberah comes, or ordinarily if the leader shows ~~the~~ tact and finds what's