

killed they will go to heaven instead of to eternal suffering. God has brought us into existence in one of the most terrible and dangerous periods in the world's history. The power of Satan is displayed more strongly than ever before.

Now 80% of all that is given toward Foreign Missions anywhere comes from N. America. There is nothing the devil would like better than to put an end to that, you can well imagine. That was not true before World War I, perhaps not even before World War II because England was a great center for missionary work and did a tremendous job of carrying out the gospel. But England has been reduced to impotence and unbelief has spread there as badly as in this country. This is the present center of Christianity.

But do we deserve God's favor any more than the people of Israel did when Nebuchadnezzar took them over? God wants us to be aware of the power of Satan. He wants us to learn to know Christ so well that no matter what comes, we will be ready to stand for His truth. He wants us to learn to know his word so well that if all copies of the Bible are taken away from us we will have His Word hid in our hearts that we might not sin against Him.

God has given and brought us into light(life) at one of the most crucial and dangerous periods of history. We need to be aware of the power of Satan, and we need to be preparing to go through whatever God may permit that power to accomplish. I want you to be aware of Satan's power. I don't want you to over-emphasize it.

For our own lives it is tremendously important we be aware of his wiles and deceptions and of his methods. That we will look at next time I speak to you. Let us pray:

Father we thank thee that though Satan is great and powerful, you are greater. Though you permit Satan tremendous power and we don't know what sufferings, what misery may come to us or to our loved ones in the days ahead. We know you can give us strength to go through it if we keep our eyes on you. We have a chance now to know the Word, to know and make it a part of ourselves, a chance to get ourselves in such a relation with Christ that we can stand whatever Satan may bring. Give us an awareness of the power of Satan, and a determination to learn the power of Christ, to learn the presence of Jesus and His willingness to control our inner hearts no matter what happens to our bodies. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.