

Can we expect economic safety and progress in the future? We do not know. But our hope is not built on our knowledge of human things. Our hope is built on the knowledge of Christ and the fact that He has the future in His hands and the fact that He has work for us to do, and He has a plan for us and He will lead us in it.

We look forward to the more distant future. People today are terrified with the idea of atomic warfare. Actually I think there's little danger of it. I think it is a false fear. I do not think there will be atomic warfare. But if trends go on as they are at present there is something just as bad or almost as bad. That is that if the USSR continues as it has for the last 10 years to spend a tremendous part of its resources and starve its people in order to have sufficient funds to build and build and build armaments as we pay little attention to it and let it go back and back and this goes on. . . They could easily and humanly speaking will certainly reach the point where it becomes so obvious that their power is greater than ours that people will easily be led to surrender.

If they do we who believe in Christ will have to face what the people in Eastern Europe have had to face for the last 30 years. Persecution, torture for believing in Christ, for presenting the Word. That may very well be ahead for any of us. But we know that if we have hope in Christ, we know He will give us strength to go through it and to witness to Him. We know that he has a purpose in it for us. We know that if that comes somewhere beyond this is the return of our Lord, and His establishment of complete peace and joy and happiness in heaven. So we place our hope in Christ.

I remember when I was in Los Angeles many years ago, after I had graduated from college, they had a conference at one of the churches, one of the big churches. This was supposed to be a ~~peace conference~~ conference to unite religion, education, and science. They were all to be represented in this great peace conference. In this meeting the man who presided announced that we have the leading new thoughts from science, we have men who thoroughly understand evolution, understand all that science has discovered about the universe, we have educators who understand how these ideas are to be inculcated into the minds of the young, and we have the Jubilee singers where who are going to sing wonderful gospel hymns. So I sat there in the meeting and I heard a man tell how Jesus never knew anything but what he learned at school. He was born just as any other person was. When he died that was the end. But he said it in such a pious voice. He said, JESUS never knew anything but what he learned in school. He said, When JESUS died that was the end!

The elderly women in the seat in front of me every time he said JESUS they turned to each other and said, Isn't that beautiful. Isn't that lovely." I thought how the people are like sheep without a shepherd. They were led by what is given to them. Jesus said, Woe to him that leads one of these little ones astray. It would be better for him to have a millstone tied around his neck