

back in England. All the nation joined in a great expression of praise to God for the marvelous deliverance He had given.

Yet three years later the situation was entirely different. Most English accounts of the battle had no word of thankfulness to God for the climatic conditions that played so great a part in the deliverance. Nothing was said about the great volume of prayer that had gone up to God and how it had been answered. All that was talked about was the great valor and skill of the Royal Air Force which was said to have driven back the German force and made the victory possible, and the great loyalty and energy of the English sailors who had rescued the endangered soldiers. Was the weather an accident, or did God actually answer prayer?

During my third year in college I became acquainted with a young woman whose father had been an earnest Christian minister. She herself, however, had lost all faith in Christianity, and had adopted an entirely materialistic viewpoint of life. She told me that she was then living with an aunt with views similar to her own. She told me how one day during the previous summer her aunt had taken her to town to do some shopping. As they entered the streets of Pasadena they found it difficult to find a parking place. Then they came to a place where there was ample room, but a bicycle was parked right in the middle of it. The aunt asked her to move the bicycle to the end of the space so that the car could be parked. She said that as she started to move the bicycle she tripped and her foot caught. She fell over, and her leg was broken. At that moment, she said, there was not a single bed available in the Pasadena hospital. If she had entered the hospital at that instant they would have turned her away because no bed was available and there was no prospect of any becoming available in the near future. However, between the time when she was lifted into her aunt's car and the time when her aunt arrived at the hospital, a bed was unexpectedly vacated and there was a place to take care of her. "Now," she