

nuclear arms they have hidden in Cuba and in Nicaragua and their enemy submarines under the ocean. All of these plans are like trusting to the word of the Assyrians in that situation. It is false. But Oh how our people, so many of them, are just completely brainwashed.

We don't know what is ahead, but we do know that if our Lord carries there are difficult times ahead for us. Isaiah was trying to get the people to put their trust in God and to be ready for what was going to come, to be prepared to trust Him ~~x~~ in spite of anything. Judging by human observation it would appear that in the next 30 years perhaps sooner than that we will have the commissars in this country and we will be like the people in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Russia where today where the Christians are being put into the army and set down to Afghanistan to be the instruments in trying to destroy that people there. Anyone who is a Christian in Russia today is not permitted to have a good job, and they are mistreated in every possible way.

Originally the communists thought they were going to do away with religion. They were going to have atheism completely ruling but they were unable to do it. They found that interest in the things of God is deep, deeper than they realized and they have not been able to do away with it. But Christian ministers are suffering torture in prison, suffering in all of the communist lands. It is not at all surprising if many of you will have to face that sort of situation Oh fill your mind with the wonderful teaching of the book of Isaiah. Fill your mind with the Word of God.

a missionary

I read of a man/who was seized by the communists in Tibet and they took his Bible away from him. For 3 yrs. he was in prison. He said, how happy he was for the amount of Scripture he had memorized that ~~the~~ he could say over and over. When finally they released him and let him go back to Britain--he was a British missionary and they gave him his Bibles back, Oh how glad he was to get it. But if you should be in that situation how much of the Scripture do you have in your mind that you don't read the paper for. How much do you have in your soul of the wonderful teachings of God's Word. We need the Word of God and there may come a famine for it. There is in those nations. I read of a Baptist missionary in Russia who not long ago was put into a prison and put into a room and put into a room with 8 murderers and he got back in a corner and took out his copy of the Gospel of John which he was fortunate enough to have with him and began to read. One came over and said, What's that you are reading? He told him, and he said, Let me see it. He took it from him, looked at it and said, Listen to this! And he began and the others sat spellbound. He read to them from the Gospel of John. There is a hunger for the Word in these parts of the world today.

Get your minds filled with God's Word. Learn the principles of it. Learn how to deal with situations as the prophets of God did in ancient times. Learn to know Christ not merely by word of mouth but personally, really and truly, as real as anything that you see in your life. Be prepared for the time that may well be ahead and may God enable you to do everything you can to postpone as far as possible the time, if our Lord carries, the darkness that will probably cover our own land, as it does so much else of the world. Let us pray. We thank you for Jesus Christ and for Is who stood true to God in face of terrible circumstances but used tact & methods to get the word to the people. Is who kept his eyes on Christ and went forward fearlessly & gave us these wonderful passages that have blessed your people thru the ages. We don't know what's ahead, or how soon the overflowing scourge will pass through...We know it is often your will to deepen our lives through suffering & if it is your will to use suffering to bring us closer to our Saviour help us to accept it with joy. Help us to work for the night is coming and to present your Word effectively and fearlessly,..May it not return to you void but accomplish its purpose. Amen.