

Expressing Christ in the World

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Sufficient words have been given of the warnings, of the falling away, of the trials that will come. And yet, little ones, do you understand?

Your greatest trials will not be in the day when the world becomes hungry and men begin to lash out at one another and persecute the saints. It shall even be easier in that day to stand for belief, than in this day. For in that day, belief shall become to you as black and white, good and evil - standing in stark opposition, one recognizing another.

But this day, going out tomorrow, will be your greatest trial. That trial will be in the world of those who do not care so much. "Am I bold enough to cause a difference in the face of this earth and the consciousness of her people?"

Know what the Master said, "I would thou were cold or hot, so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

Now understand that the greatest challenge is in the time when the persecution is not so great, when the challenge seems not so great. It will take a man with a great deal of motivation and recognition of the spirit of God in his heart to make the change, to begin the movement toward that heat of the light of the Christ. Your challenge is to begin to move this earth from her place of apostasy toward the recognition of her Master.

Then, what new opportunities lie ahead of you? Fishing in the sea of a million fish, becoming fishers of men for the Master. What new challenges? The challenge of building the new Jerusalem. Building it out of the creativity of remembering the arms of the Father, and saying, "I will find peace in the comfort of lying in the bosom of Abraham, in the return to the garden that was the beginning. I will not put my faith, my treasure, in the things that I might accumulate to myself here. But despising these things, I will reach out with my arms, my heart, my mind, to embrace those things that are of value, that are of God. And I will cry forth in that time, 'Even so, come Lord Jesus'"

If that be the highest desire in your heart, if a dozen men would desire, more than all other desires, the embracing of the presence of the Master, He would come.

Understand this. If one womb were presented to Him as a stable, He would enter there, and bless the world again by walking among her people. And if all the stars, all the planets, were strung with diamonds and rubies and pearls, still they would turn their face in jealous recognition of fair Earth, trodden by the steps of the Master of masters.