

you would like--see how lean are the results, see how little is being done in regard to ~~what~~ what ought to be done. A hundred years ago they were saying, "The evangelization of the world in this generation!" And today there are more heathen in the world than there were at that time. Of course there are more people in the world. There are far more Christians than there ~~were~~ were then, but when it comes to the completion of the total task, we seem further from it than we did/ then. One hundred years ago we had in town after town four churches on four corners, each of them preaching salvation through the blood of Christ, and today you may have the same four churches with a handfull of people in each of them listening to a talk toward glorification of the Federal Council. The Word of God, which was so spread in this country has disappeared from section after section, and that is true of our whole western world. "My leanness, my leanness," we are not accomplishing what we had hoped to. We work, we struggle, we strive to serve the Lord, but in the end, so often we have to say, "My leanness, my leanness; woe unto me. The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously." We have a picture then of the time of the outgoing of God's message out to the world, and yet it is not a time of complete victory, but of witness. It is a time when there is the song of glory to God, and many ~~of~~ are brought to His cause, but there is no suggestion here of a complete victory through the outgoing of the Gospel.

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we have a picture that even when things look wonderful , then comes comes misery: "Fear and the pit and the snam- snare are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.// And it shall come to pass that he that fleeth from the noise of the fear shall draw into the pit." Would that Roosevelt had read this verse a few ~~of~~ years ago. He saw Hitler here with his totalitarian despotism, and he said, "Let's destroy him." And in destroying H<sub>1</sub>ttler, he fell into the pit of confronting us with- with Stalin, the leader of a far worse totalitarianism and despotism. And the world today is far worse off than it was in ~~1939~~ 1939 and ~~1941~~ 1941,