

their satellites, where one hardly dares to speak without wondering whether his words might be misunderstood and reported to the authorities and as a result he may be suddenly arrested, perhaps without even being told why? Will everyone live in constant danger of being tortured on suspicion of "political unreliability," or of being put away in an insane asylum or a cancer ward?

No one knows what is immediately ahead. We know that eventually, perhaps very soon, Jesus Christ will come back, and that He will set up His wonderful kingdom of peace and happiness upon this earth. Let us fix our eyes upon that *wonderful* day that is surely coming. In the meantime let us stand for what is right; let us do what we can to maintain peace and justice, but let us always recognize that God alone controls the future, and God has given us His word that eventually He will cause righteousness to triumph.

Prayer: God, our Father, we thank you for the marvelous promises of the Scripture. Help us to go forward with courage and faith, knowing that you will work your perfect will. We thank you that you have revealed to us that it is your will, not only to give us peace in our hearts today, and the opportunity to serve Christ effectively, but also to know that soon, perhaps very soon, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth. How wonderful it is to know that He will remove the curse that is upon the animal creation, that He will remove the curse that makes our bodies subject to disease and weakness, that He will put an end to all the violence that we see in the world today, and that He will reign in peace, happiness and glory during the marvelous period to which we look forward with so much hope. We thank you that the Scriptures are so clear in their teaching about this wonderful hope. Fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ and help each of us to be ready when He comes. We ask in His Name. Amen.