

Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and turn away from the wickedness that's so prevalent and the denial of His truth that is so common, God could sweep away dangers with a wave of his hand. But I'm not sure we deserve it. I'm not at all sure.

From all indications this century is coming to continue as all the past centuries have. When wicked men have fought against one another and evil has seemed to triumph. God has His purpose in it all.

So if we're going to look at world conditions, there is no reason for anything but pessimism. But if we look at God there is no reason for anything but optimism. God wants us to take our eyes away from earthly things and to look at Jesus Christ, and to realize that He is supreme no matter what man can do. We can be still and know that He is God, He will be exalted among the nations. He will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord Almighty is with us if we truly are saved through Christ. That does not mean that God is going to save us from all misery. It is hard for us to realize why last October when Dr. Murray was on his way to an engagement, another car should rush through a stop sign, hit him broadside and cause the tremendous injury it did. When we think of the way God is using Dr. Murray; when we think of the appointments he had for this fall, we cannot understand why God would permit such a thing to happen. Nevertheless we know God is in control.

God wants us to work, to labor, to strive to make Jesus Christ known. Yet how ready we are to spend our time arguing about minor points. I think God wants us to study the minor points. I think he wants us to study and go to the Scripture and investigate and learn what's true. But I think most of all he wants us to keep our eyes on the major points. He wants us to be still and know that He is God. He wants us to be sure that in making Jesus known, learning to grow in grace ourselves and learning how to help others to grow in grace is more important than all that human means can do.

He wants us to work, to toil and make our lives count for the utmost. Yet with some of us, we have disappointments. We find tragedies. I don't know how many of you have read the book called Jonni. I don't know why the girl was called Jonni. I have not read it myself, but I've heard others tell about the book. How this girl was a fine athlete. She seemed to have everything good ahead for her in life. She dived, hit her head on the rock, and was paralyzed from the neck down. It seemed as though the pleasant life she'd enjoyed so much was ended, and nothing but misery was ahead.

After a time of misery and suffering, she came to see that God had a purpose in all that had happened, and even in what she had gone through. In the hopelessness that seemed to be ahead of her, God had a purpose. She has learned to hold a pen or a crayon in her mouth and to make pictures holding it in her mouth. She cannot make any movement below the neck. To make pictures so (lovely). And she has written a book telling about her spiritual