

experiences which has been read by many thousands, and now she has written a new book which some say is even better than the first book. God is using her to have a testimony, to have an outreach for Jesus that is far beyond what she would have had if she had not had this terrible experience. to go through first.

But such an experience is not ahead for many of us. In these days barring a great world catastrophe which may very well come, most of us can look forward to tolerable health and strength. But how easy it is for us to get to feel that getting people to agree with us on some minor points, arguing about some secondary matters, disputing over some matter of form and ceremony, is more vital than teaching people to learn to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

How easy it is for us to get our eyes off the purpose for which Christ died. I was talking with a young man the other day who told me his brother was very much interested in Christian things and had become connected with a comparatively small group, not tiny, but a comparatively small group of people who he believed were very earnest Christians. This man looked forward to seeing his brother this Christmas season for a few minutes. They made arrangements that as he was ~~xxxxxx~~ driving a long distance, the brother would come a short distance to a point where they met. He was expecting he'd have pleasant fellowship with his brother in the things of the Lord, for the time they would have together.

But the brother immediately said to him, You have a Christmas tree! Why do you put lights on a tree? This is pagan. This is wrong. This is wicked! The brother was so wrought up trying to convince him that it was wicked to have a Christmas tree or to observe Christmas that he had no time for or energy or interest in sharing together the things of the Lord, and finding ways for God to use him in leading souls to Christ.

After all the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is a tree of life! This is when we celebrate the birth of Christ. Jesus is the Light of the world! Why shouldn't we put out the lights at Christmas time? We don't know when Jesus was born. But isn't it wonderful that on one particular day of the year, all the Christian world in which the great majority are pagan-- but all the Christian world remembers the birth of Christ and the name of Christ and of Christmas is put before everybody. We celebrate it and have joy. The children even of unbelievers ask why we do this? What's the purpose of this?

I don't think many people say, This is a revival of the old Saturnalia, back in pagan days they used to have a celebration like that. I'm sure that even in the groups of the most unchristian people it is mentioned that this is a remembrance, a day on which we celebrate the entrance of Christ into the world. It is a means of making Christ known. It gives the background we can use in order to call people's attention to Christ.

But this was all the brother would speak of. He was so concerned about the wickedness of observing Christmas that his brother came away quite downcast and discouraged. I feel the same way when I run on to people who are determined you must have exactly this