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and all the good things that they have. How easy it is for us not to realize what God is doing. Not to recognize that without Him we would have absolutely nothing. "They know not, he says, that I healed them." In Hos. 7:9 he says: "Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not, yea grey hairs are here and there upon him yet he knoweth it not." We fail to recognize our condition and we fail to recognize what God has done and is doing for us.

In 1940, I believe it was, that the Germans closed in with their great forces into France, and a large British force was there trapped with the German tanks around them and it was announced jubilantly by Hitler and his associates over the radio that within 2 or 3 days all this great no. of British soldiers would be behind barbed wire. And then something most unusual. All over England people were going to services to pray for their troops. There were great prayer meetings all over the country, and the channel was covered with fog for a period of 2 or 3 days. Completely covered so that was impossible for planes to do any damage to ships on the channel or to ~~the~~ the soldiers who were out on the piers hoping that they could escape. And the Eng. channel is ordinarily one of the most disagreeable and roughest sections of water I have ever seen. I crossed it once when I was 9 yrs. old, and I lay on an upper bunk and my father lay on a lower bunk for the whole time of the crossing, that is ~~for~~ after the first 20 minutes and ~~neither~~ neither of us knew whether the other lived or died or hardly cared, in fact wished almost we wouldn't live ourselves. Now little boats on the channel when it is in the conditions it so often is ~~is~~ would have great difficulty crossing, but during these next 3 days the channel was very smooth and they took all the little boats and all the small fishing boats and ~~all~~ every kind of craft they could get a hold of and they went across the channel there to Dunkirk and on the long <sup>pier</sup> ~~the~~ there these thousands of British soldiers were and the ~~the~~ fog was overhead and the planes could not see to bomb them. Radar had not yet been developed at all to the stage that it was later in the war, and the great bulk of these men in the next 3 days were taken on these boats and carried over safely into England and all the people praised the Lord for what he had done in delivering this great force. But a woman came to me about 15 yrs. later, and said to me, I have just been reading accounts of the war and they all say, ~~Isn't~~ Isn't it wonderful how the British air force held back the German