

the character of the God that gives the character to a religion. The highest missionary impulse is born of a personal experience of Christ's power to save. We testify that which we do know when we go and tell men that Christ saves. When one says that different religions are adapted to different peoples and we have no right to disturb them, he shows that he does not know much about Christ.

2. *The extent of our going with Christ is the measure of our coming to Christ.* The nearer we come to him the farther we shall want to go with him, and the farther we do go with him the nearer it shows that we have come to him. We are never any nearer to Christ than we are in sympathy and fellowship with him in his world-conquering work. Many good people talk and sing about "getting near to Christ" without having a very clear idea of what they want or why they want it. But nearness to Christ does not consist in the culture of a set of pious emotions and experiences that do not amount to anything. It means coming so near to the heart of Christ that we are in full sympathy with him in his world-wide work, and are ready to go to any distance, whether moral or geographical, in helping him carry it out. The foreign missionary enterprise was born of a deep, strong love for Christ; and it requires a deep and genuine piety to maintain it. It is criticised to-day as never before, and it is going to be criticised more and more. Why should we expect those who are not in sympathy with Christian work at home to see any good in it when they go abroad? The one thing which will enable us to hold steadfastly on our way in this

great work in spite of all attacks upon it or imperfections in it, is a personal consciousness of the sufficiency of Christ and of Christ alone to save.

3. *The great need of the individual believer and of the church is the development of the "going" spirit, and to this end we must really come nearer to Christ.* We have made much of the "Come" in our presentation of Christianity. We have planted churches, established Bible-schools, organized revivals, and said to the world, "Come." But have we ever realized that the "Go" of the gospel is just as broad as the "Come," and that all who profess to have come to Christ are in duty bound to go with Christ into all the world? Has the life of Christ in us ever filled us with an overmastering desire "to seek and to save that which is lost?" Missions are regarded too much as a cause, a department of church work, an annex instead of the end for which our churches exist. The result is that the vast majority of the inhabitants of the world know not Christ, whole masses in our great cities are alienated from our churches, and estranged from the best representatives of Christianity that we have. It is for us personally and collectively so to come to Christ that we shall bridge the chasm between the church and the unsaved world and do our best to give the gospel to the people of this generation. Everything else, good and bad, in these days goes with a rush,—commerce, education, politics, rum. Shall the church lag behind, which ought to lead? "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

## FOR THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCERS

The Following Subjects of Prayer are taken from our "Cycle of Prayer"

For the week beginning July 28:  
*Christian Stewardship.*

Am I in sentiment or in fact God's steward?—Luke xii. 42-48.

Last message of Dr. A. J. Gordon to his church:

"Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes for bestowing the rewards of service. Therefore:

"Ask yourself daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person:

"Inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of foreign missions—how much you owe to the heathen, because of what you owe to Christ, for redeeming you with

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his precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you when your Lord comes to reckon with you if he finds your wealth invested in superfluous luxuries or hoarded up in needless accumulations, instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the gospel to the lost."

Also

Pray for the teachers and students in the Duncan Academy, Tokyo, and other Christian schools in Japan.

For the week beginning August 4:

*Christian Stewardship.*

Am I a faithful steward? 1 Cor. iv. 2.

"O ministers of the Baptist denomination, men of God! have we not been playing at missions long enough? Is it anything more than playing—we mean as regards the great body of the membership of our churches? Each one giving, on an average, half a cent a week, twenty-six cents a year; that is to say, the amount given by each one of the seven hundred and fifty thousand Baptists of the Northern States for the salvation of one billion heathen is just one-fiftieth of the sum paid, on an average, by every man, woman and child in the United States for intoxicating drinks. O Church of the living God! How long hast thou slept? When wilt thou awake? When will the power of this deadly opiate be spent? How great thy responsibility, and how fearful the peril! May it not be that the Holy One of Israel is about to say to the American church, 'Oh, that thou hadst known, in this thy day, the things that make for thy peace!' The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof!" For it is as certain as that God reigns, that the whole earth shall be filled with his glory.

"Brethren of the Missionary Union, our denomination nearly a century ago awakened the Christian world on the subject of missions. Can we perform a similar service again? We believe that through the infinite grace of God we can."—DR. GEORGE W. NORTHRUP.

*Evangelistic Work.*

That street and chapel preaching and itinerating tours may be greatly blessed, and that tracts and Bible portions taken may be read and that they may convict of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and lead to an acceptance of Jesus as Savior.

For the week beginning August 11:

*City Missions at Home.*

The various kinds of work for the masses in our cities.  
*Burma.*

Pray for all missionaries in frontier stations.

Our heroic Dr. Bunker writes from his frontier station, Loi Kaw, Burma:

"That you may know, too, how the labor and living have affected us, Dr. Johnson had lost over a hundred pounds, and I am as 'poor as a crow.' But the point that overshadows all others in importance is this, we are here to capture the people for Christ, to bring the light. Here is the best business to invest in in Asia. The people are all ready to respond to the gospel. Oh, if you can *push* the work for a few years you shall see wonders or I mistake the promises and the signs before us. Wisdom would send a young man to this mission, to get his neck into the yoke. Can it be done? Can we soon lay hold of this great opportunity fully? Haven't we the money in this great Baptist denomination to do this work? Here are thousands upon thousands ready to be brought to the Savior and take on his image. We have seen this miracle wrought before our eyes over and over again. How long must we sit helpless and look at this darkness because sufficient means are not at hand to press the battle as we ought to press it?"

For the week beginning August 18:

*Vast Fields! Few Laborers!!*

"But, oh, the fields that are utterly untouched where no herald tells the wondrous story, and may not for a long time yet to come. Are there not some who would be glad to have some one stand here as their substitute to represent the King?"

"Within one day's travel of us are five walled cities with no less than three hundred thousand immortal souls, and each a centre for reaching probably double that number; three hundred thousand waiting for the gospel. To evangelize these multitudes you have us two missionaries and our wives, and beyond this circle are vast regions where the voice of the Christian teacher has yet to be heard. *Christ would not have it so. Shall his church allow it!*"—REV. W. M. UPCRAFT, Yachau.

*Thank God for and pray for the Pastors* who are faithfully training their people along missionary lines. Pray also that every man who shall be ordained as a Baptist minister may be thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit and capable and eager to train his church to active missionary effort.