

the Lord in ceasing to pray for you, but I will teach you the good and the right way. Samuel was about as irritated as a man could get against Saul. Saul had done things that he had repeatedly been warned against. He had shown a heart that was turning away from God, and the people were following with Saul in his activities, and Samuel had pronounced the strongest of rebuke against him. And yet, Samuel said, God forbid that I should sin against ~~the~~ the Lord in ceasing to pray for your. What a stress that was on the importance of prayer. There are times when it is necessary to you to rebuke someone. There are times when it is necessary for you to oppose them very strongly. But do you sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for them.

This is actually sin. Sin is not simply a matter ~~in~~ of doing that which is worldly, doing that which is unrighteous, doing that which in itself is an act against God's command. Here is the neglect of an act which is commanded and stressed so in the Scripture, and he says that it is sin, to sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for your. Mr. Curnow has just told us of the wonderful response that has come ~~in~~ in to the letter that has gone out. Of the many new friends that are being made, even though most of them up to the present at least, are sending in comparatively small gifts of the great number of them who are taking an interest. And we praise God for that. But Mr. Curnow mentioned that in the over all giving there had been something of a drop in that there was quite a bit behind in some that needed to be paid. Have some of us sinned against the Lord in not carrying on the burden of prayer ~~that~~ that we should for this phase of His work? Have some of us been sinning against the Lord in failing to do our part in carrying the prayer burden. God has a work which He wants each Christian to do. He has studies that he wants us to do. He has preaching He wants us to do. He has active Christian service that every Christian is to do, and He is sinning against the Lord if ~~he~~ he neglects it. But do we realize that one part of the work that God has for each of us to do, is this work of prayer, of praying for those phases of His work with which we are connected, of praying for those