1 Peter 1:13 -5

The world then has reason for hope. The world will not go on in the present state of misery, of immanent war, of immanent destruction, of immanent danger forever. There is a great hope which is founded on God's Word, the only basis on which any hope can be founded. That God has promised His glorious millennium. We can look forward to it, we can hope we can know it is coming.

We do not know when it is to be. The times and seasons the Lord has kept in His own hands. We don't know when it is coming. We know that it iscoming, but we are here k while He tarries in order to witness for Him. He has left us here upon this earth in the meantime that we should go into the highways and bywasy and compell them to go in- to come in). He has left us here in order that as Jesus said, we may extend the wonderful invitation Jesus gave: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Or as Paul said, We as ambassadors for Christ do beseech you, be ye reconcilled to God." Or as Peter said, on the day of Pentecost, We call on you to repent and be baptized every one of MMX you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and with XMXX many other words he did testify and say, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." The Christian is here to extend the invitation to all he can, to come to Christ and to accept Him. That is why God leaves us here after we become Christians. We should live godly lives in this present world and look for His coming, and in meantime we should compel them to come in. We should be His instruments, his means to spread His Gospel.

That's what Paul said. Paul, palnted; Apollos watered, and God gives the increase. In many times in the past God has given a most wonderful increase, a most tremendous ingathering. But today we see an ingathering that is a tiny fraction of what past days have seen. Today we see the world turning away from the Gosppl. Today we see our country whose greatness is built upon the fact of the acceptance of the Bible as the foundation, and of the brining each generation as it comes face to face with the wonderful invitation of Christ, and with the certainty of the Word of God. We see our nation which is built in its greatness upon that, turning away from it!

I had part in a trial in Seattle, a year ago, and the thing in that trial that made me the saddest was the testimony of a Professor from the University of California. The trial itself was a very sad thing because there we were -- the Supreme Court had said you can't teach Christianity in the schools, and we were protesting their teaching anti-Christianity! Against their tearing down faith, and they were claiming their rights to tear down faith, claiming to do it objectively of course, but the thing that impressed me saddest of all was when they brought this Prof. from the U. of Calif, who previously when he was on the staff of the U. of Iowa was given a year!s leave of absence to travel about the country to observe the teaching of religion in