

It will not work. God says this is not the way to find safety but by turning to the Lord. Of course that is exactly the situation with America today. Some people say, Let's just destroy our atomic weapons and after all the Russians will be nice and we won't have an atomic war. If we have an atomic war everybody is going to be killed and as I heard a famous professor from Cornell say yesterday on TV, If we have an atomic war man will disappear; everybody will be destroyed. We can give you assurance there is not going to be any atomic war. Nobody wants to destroy the whole world or destroy all of humanity. There is no danger from that source.

But you let the American defenses lag to the point that the Russians are so strong they could destroy us if they choose, then there will be nothing left to do but suffer. If they reach that point we will then find ourselves in a far worse situation which will be very terrible and the way the Russian propaganda is getting great numbers of Americans to day, Let's close down our defenses. Let's do away with our armies. Let's do away with our atomic force and then the Russians will be shamed and won't hurt us. It does not work that way. If they continue that way there is no hope for the nation. We'll be like they are in Russia where if you follow the Lord very much you will soon find yourself in a concentration camp, suffering under torture and having to work under terrible situations. It is a crime in Russia even to tell a child that there is a God. That is the situation that is ahead.

God said to these people, Your deliverance is by turning to God and that's the only way you will ever be saved. He says the same thing to us. If America turns to God God will deliver it. We will not be delivered by throwing everything away and lying down. That will not protect us but by really turning to God and they will be saved. The way the ~~Russ~~ Russian propaganda is succeeding thus far and getting such numbers of people opposed even to going into that island where ~~===~~ even to criticize going into that island where the Russians and the Cubans had laid up a tremendous amount of ammunition and everything to be ready to take a big step forward in conquering this whole hemisphere and yet the journalists are criticizing Reagan and criticizing him and saying it is immoral for us to do that. Why unless the nation turns to God you just wonder what's ahead.

But of course unless we turn to God we have no hope anyway. Our only hope is in the Lord. He can work things out in accordance with his will. I'm told that 80% of all the money that is now spent for studying the Word of God through distant lands, that 80% of it comes from the U.S. So it may be that because of the comparatively small group of people that are really standing for the Lord here that the Lord will in some way sweep aside this danger and preserve us for another century perhaps if the Lord should tarry. That of course we cannot predict. The answer is that which Isaiah gave to them: If you turn to the Lord you will be delivered and that is the only way that you can.

What actually happened there was that when Ahaz died he was succeeded by his godly son Hezekiah and Hezekiah did turn to the Lord and when the Assyrian force came and was going to conquer the land, God by a miracle delivered them from the Assyrians. That's one of the big things emphasized ~~xxx~~ in the book of Isaiah. It's in chs. 36-37 it tells how the Assyrian king came and ravaged the land all around and for three years the Israelites were closed in behind those