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### About the Cover

While looking through our file seeking for an idea for the cover of "*No Man Careth for My Soul*," we came across this picture drawn by Miss Sophie Muller of New Tribes Mission. Certainly this face represents the hopelessness of half the world.

Miss Muller is a missionary to Colombia, South America and is doing an outstanding work among tribal people. She has given us a view of the hundreds of men and women that she has seen without hope and without God.

We want to express our appreciation and thanks to Miss Muller and the New Tribes Mission for allowing us to use this picture.

## No Man Careth for My Soul

*"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: no man cared for my soul."*

— PSALMS 142:4

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Hudson Taylor tells of a tragic incident that took place in China during his early ministry in that country. Mr. Taylor and a beloved companion by the name of Peter (a Chinese Christian) were traveling in a junk from Shanghai to Ningpo. As they neared the city, Mr. Taylor was suddenly startled by a sudden splash and a cry that told of a man overboard. Jumping to his feet, he immediately noticed that his companion was missing.

The boatman, little concerned, said that it was Peter that had fallen overboard and had gone down under the surface of the water. It was impossible, because of the outgoing tide, to jump into the water to try to save Peter.

Eagerly Taylor scanned the water for someone to help save the man. Quickly his eye ran across some fishermen with a drag-net — just the thing he needed.

"Come!" he cried as hope revived, "Come and drag over this spot. A man is drowning!"

"Veh bin," was the amazing reply: "It is not convenient."

"Don't talk of convenience! Quickly come, or it will be too late."

"We are busy fishing."

"Never mind your fishing! Come — only come at once! I will pay you well."

"How much will you give us?"

"Five dollars! only don't stand talking. Save life without delay!"

"Too little!" they shouted across the water. "We will not come for less than thirty dollars."\*\*

And so it went on back and forth — too much inconvenience, not enough personal gain. The life was lost — but we can be thankful in this instance that the soul was saved. Our feelings cry out with bitter disgust at men who are so calloused that they would let a man drown without raising a hand to help. Some men put very little value on a life.

But are they any more calloused than a Christian, who looks out to the regions beyond, sees millions dying in despair without hope in this world or in the world to come, and yet turns his back? He resumes earning a living for himself — little concerned for those millions. They still do not hear the name of Jesus Christ for the *first* time. Perhaps if he would read Revelation 20 again . . . read again of the torments of those who never believe. If he would reexamine himself to see if he actually believes in Hell as God describes it . . . he might be convinced that Hell is REAL.

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\*\*Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Howard, *The Growth of a Work*, London: Lutterworth Press, 1955, pp. 4-5.

### **"Yes . . . but . . ."**

A Christian said recently, "You can't think about this too much, or you won't be able to sleep at night." Would to God that more Christians couldn't sleep at night. Would to God that more Christians couldn't sleep at night because they were thinking of the destiny of the heathen! The Church would begin to roll — missionaries would go out in hundreds — souls would hear the wondrous, saving gospel.

It wasn't until Hudson Taylor saw millions of Chinese going to a Christless eternity each month that he decided to do something about it. It wasn't until he was so disturbed that he couldn't sleep that China Inland Mission was born. We need some sleepless nights like this; we need stirring up to sacrifice all that we have to reach the unreached with the wonderful gospel of the Grace of God. Then God would give us deep peace, the result of a self-sacrificed life.

### **What Man Says . . .**

Daily we are realizing that many are missing God's revealed purpose for this age. A Christian said to us: "Take your time, there's no rush. God is going to get this job done." Another said, "Christ was not so interested in the heathen; we shouldn't be so concerned." Others said that so much mission talk sounds like the Great Commission of Matthew 28 and Mark 16, not the revelation given to the Apostle Paul.

### **What Does God Say?**

Are Christian missions Pauline? The Word of God proves they are Pauline. If we are not striving to reach the regions

beyond, we are not dispensational, and we are not scriptural.

Paul was separated by the Holy Spirit unto a peculiar work. What was that work? It is found in Acts 13:46-47. Because Israel failed to accept the Messiah, God cut them off in unbelief and sent Paul to the heathen (Gentiles). "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set *thee* to be a *light of the Gentiles*, that thou shouldest be for *salvation unto the ends of the earth*." Little did the prophets realize when they wrote this scripture concerning Christ, that the Gentiles would hear the gospel through the fall of Israel.

Nevertheless the truth stands: Paul was to take his message of Christ *to the ends of the earth*. He was carrying out his commission in Romans 15:20, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, *not where Christ was named*, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." Here Paul definitely states that his great purpose, that for which he was separated, was to preach where Christ was not named. Is this our purpose, our *first* and *greatest* aim? If not, we are not proclaiming the truth that Paul taught. The Holy Spirit through Paul made missions the *purpose* of the Church.

#### Test Your Vision

Is your Great Commission in 2 Cor. 5:19-20? Examine this commission again. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling *the world* unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto *us* the word of reconciliation." This is "world" vision, and strictly Pauline in doctrine. What greater message is there in all the Bible for a dying, sin-sick world than that revealed by the Lord

Jesus Christ to the Apostle Paul? Here is the message that is worldwide in scope, the message that includes every man, woman, and child. "For God hath concluded them *all* in unbelief that he might have mercy upon *all*." Romans 11:32. "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto *all* and upon *all* them that believe: for there is no difference." Romans 3:22.

### Compare Your Emphasis

Perhaps your Great commission is Ephesians 3:9, "And to make *all* men see what is the fellowship of the mystery . . ." Do you recognize that the *all* of this verse includes all men everywhere? Are you as concerned with a heathen who has never heard of Christ and has no security in anything, as you are with the already-saved Christian who is secure but has yet to see the "Mystery"??? Paul's life shows where he put the greatest emphasis. When he penned the book of Romans, he was planning to visit Spain. Why? Because they hadn't yet heard the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A quick look at Acts 13 to 28 proves that Paul was constantly reaching out farther and farther with his ministry, ever widening his circle to include the unreached ones.

You may have never realized it before, but if it weren't for the missionary efforts of Paul and those that followed after him, you would be the one sitting in darkness today. Paul was a missionary; Timothy, Titus, Luke, Epaphroditus, Priscilla and Aquilla, all followed his steps, always reaching out to those where Christ had not been named.



### Following Paul???

Recently missionaries were on deputation to present the tremendous need of Christless people. They wrote to churches for an opportunity to speak. Some churches never answered. One church wrote back and said they had a building program started and they couldn't afford to have them. What if this had been Paul writing to the Philippians about his trip to Spain? Would he have received the reply, "Sorry, Paul, we're too busy building buildings made with hands." Read 2 Cor. 8:1-15. In these few verses Paul holds up his beloved Macedonians (Philippians), and says, "Take a look, Corinthians, here is a real trophy of God's grace. People who should have been supporting themselves because of their poverty, are begging me to allow them the privilege to share in this fellowship of suffering. They are willing to give of their means, both what they can afford and also what they can't afford; and are giving *themselves* first of all." Men like Epaphroditus came out of that church, men who really suffered for Christ. You may be going the way of the Corinthians, forgetting about the suffering aspect of your Christian walk, but Paul speaks of reigning with Christ twice in his epistles. Both times the one condition is *suffering with Christ*. This is not just mental anguish or the social persecution that comes from men's mouths because of our stand for this message. It is the physical suffering that Paul talks about in 2 Cor. 11:16-33, coupled with the mental strain of deep concern for unbelievers and believers. Are you going to reign with Christ?

## Sold Out

Paul was the *missionary* with the special commission for today. Are we going to follow Paul as he followed Christ? Then we must put missions first and reach out to *all* people with today's message. The Apostle sums up his God-given ministry in Acts 20:26, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men." This quote is from Ezekiel 33:6, "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." In Acts 20:31, Paul sees himself as the watchman. "I ceased not to warn *every one* night and day with tears." With this solemn warning no wonder Paul was striving day and night with tears to reach the Christless world. He recognized his great responsibility and the hopeless doom of those that are not warned. We seem to believe that if we fail in our commission, God will raise up another watchman; but this is not what the scriptures teach. "The wicked shall die in his sin." No salvation — no hope! We beseech you to read all of Ezekiel 33, studying each verse personally.

## Conductors or Insulators?

God's eternal purpose throughout the scriptures is that all nations should be blessed. We dispensationalists often quote Romans 15:8 to prove that Christ's preaching on earth was sent only to Israel, but we fail to go on to verses 9-13

which declare the reason why. "And that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name." The word "Gentile" is used here six times in four verses. It was God's purpose, in sending Jesus Christ to Israel, that all the world might be blessed through them. If not, why the commissions of Matthew 28 and Mark 16? Israel failed God and could not be that channel of blessing. Now the responsibility has been given to us. Have we become "wise in our own conceits" as it says in Romans 11:25? When the Church of Jesus Christ ceases to be the channel of blessing unto the world, then this age of grace will end in apostasy. After the Church is "caught up", God will continue His dealings with men using penitent Israel as the channel of His blessings to the world. Then will be consummated God's eternal purpose. Revelation 7:9 predicts: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of *all* nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Oh, what a glorious day that will be! The remnant in the tribulation will not fail, but every tribe and tongue will hear the gospel of the Kingdom. To think that they will do the job in seven years that the Church has failed to do in 1900 years!

#### **Let's Face It**

Oh, Christian reader — let's face it! We're not fighting a good fight for God. We're fighting for our own worthless flesh.

We can *drive* our autos 1,000 miles a week and never *transport* a soul to Heaven.

We can *see* TV 25 hours a week and never *see* a soul saved from Hell.

We can be *present* for 7 church meetings a week and never *present* a soul to Christ.

We can *work* 50 hours a week and never do a *good work* for God.

We can *fellowship* with the saints every night of the week and not ever bring a soul into the *fellowship* of His dear Son.

We spend a shocking amount of God's time accomplishing absolutely nothing. The temporal tasks of self preservation are sapping our fighting power while the battle for souls which has eternal value is left to shadow boxing. Are we afraid to fly the colors of Christ so that everyone can see we have declared war on Satan and his devices? Are we seeking favorable comments from the world when the Word plainly tells us: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." We are commanded to endure hardness in our battle for God. We can't be lagging around with the latest styles and soft living when the King of Kings has called us to war!

WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT, WE EITHER HAVE THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY OR WE DON'T.

Do you think the U.S. is the only place where the Mystery should be known?

Do you think we have a balanced outreach when only 4 of our 85 ordained men are working outside the U.S.?

Do you think that less than 50 missionaries can evangelize the world?

Or . . . don't you think our message can save a soul?

If you too are convinced that the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery is the most liberating and challenging message to herald, let's unfurl its banner around the world. If we don't relay it, no one will!

#### **Where Do We Start?**

We live in an economy of schedules and routines. Why not start a personal program to increase your own missionary vision?

1. Restudy the dispensation of the Mystery as the **MIS- SIONARY MESSAGE**. Recount how Paul lived and died to spread it abroad.

2. Attend missionary conferences and meetings to see and hear what the needs are. Fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ to be up on what the Church is accomplishing as a whole.

3. Read the biographies of famous pioneer missionaries to be challenged by the powerfulness of our God (C. T. Studd, Hudson Taylor, Wm. Carey, Adoniram Judson, John & Betty Stam).

THEN . . .

1. Make sure you're not staying home when God needs and wants you out in another country.

— GO —

2. Figure out on paper if your comfortable living might be keeping someone from going to the field.

— GIVE —

3. Seek out and encourage any believer who expresses the desire to step out to the regions beyond.

— PRAY —

4. Arouse other Christians to the great odds we face on the mission frontiers and how every available soldier must take his place.

— TALK —

5. Challenge yourself to witness, work, eat, dress, and think on the missionary budget right here at home.

— LIVE —

Again the cry of the millions: "No man careth for my soul." God has committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. He has limited the preaching of the Cross to those who have been saved by it. See Romans 10:7-17. "*How shall they hear without a preacher?*" They won't hear and they won't be saved. An angel could not reveal to Cornelius what God wanted him to know . . . Peter had to go. Paul

was blind until Ananias went. The Holy Spirit works through the believer only as he goes to wield the Sword of the Spirit.

WE are accountable to God!

*"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."*

— 1 John 3:17-18

If we took a slice out of the world to represent the English-speaking portion, it would be only 9% of the total population.

We would expect that Christian effort would be in direct proportion to the need—91% to the non-English-speaking population.



## **STATISTICS GIVE THE TRUE PICTURE**

**90% OF THE WORLD'S CHRISTIANS ARE AMONG THE 9% WHO SPEAK ENGLISH!**

**94% OF THE ORDAINED PREACHERS MINISTER TO THE 9% WHO SPEAK ENGLISH!**

**96% OF ALL FINANCES ARE USED AMONG THE 9% WHO SPEAK ENGLISH!**

**10% OF THE WORLD'S CHRISTIANS ARE AMONG THE 91%!**

**6% OF THE ORDAINED PREACHERS MINISTER TO THE 91%!**

**4% OF ALL GIVING FINANCES MISSIONARY WORK TO THE 91%!**

Hence, of the heathen who have not heard of Christ, yea, who "have not the law," we read:

**"FOR AS MANY AS HAVE SINNED WITHOUT LAW SHALL ALSO PERISH WITHOUT LAW (Rom. 2:12).**

And this will take place, says Paul:

**"IN THE DAY WHEN GOD SHALL JUDGE THE SECRETS OF MEN BY JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL" (Ver. 16).**