

Editorial/Focus - January 1978

'Middle East erupts in renewed conflict.' 'Rhodesia nears brink of disaster.' 'Amin orders hundreds killed.' These are just a few of the continual reminders of the evils in our generation, With our minds daily assaulted by such headlines it is easy to develop the switch-off mechanism. We often read of conflict and death in an unemotional and detached way, occasionally flinching at some particularly horrific account, while hastily reminding ourselves 'at least it is overseas somewhere', and then wonder, "How did Leeds get on in the game with Everton this last week?" Or, "Has the latest Leyland strike been resolved?" Christians need to awake to the dreadful reality of our times. With the return of Jesus Christ coming nearer, demonic spirits are intensifying their activities within the Christian church — fermenting division, misunderstanding, strife, jealousy, competition, apathy, lethargy, pride. All these have proven to be very effective weapons in satanic armoury, and used in the successful campaign to paralyse the Church in many parts of our land. It is tragic to hear Christians self-congratulatingly referring to their church as numbering over 200 or 300 people without mentioning the fact that this is still less than one thousandth of the population of their city! The prophetic voice of our moment is awakening Christians to the nature of the conflict of our times.

Today, we send out this issue with greater hope than we have known for many years. More and more reports are coming our way of God's people awakening to this spiritual war that we are engaged in. The prophetic voice is being heard. God's people are gathering together, discovering their place and rank in the army of the living God. The prayers of faith are finding answers. We see the harvest is coming in. 1978 As we enter another year we do so with a great shout of hallelujah in our hearts. Our next issue carries exciting reports of what lies before us in many parts of this country and worldwide. Also we are sharing with you some of the prophetic revelation God has given us concerning the work of the ministry and this magazine as 1978 unfolds. Be sure to get next month's issue. We covet your prayer for us as editorial staff and as ministers to the Church of Jesus Christ. Pray with us that this coming year will be the greatest ingathering of lost souls into the Kingdom of God we have ever known, and that the Church of Jesus Christ in our land will arise in a new and exciting authority, demonstrating that the Kingdom of God is here.