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We speak of air currents and low pressure areas. All this has to do with atmosphere. We have cold and hot currents in the seas and gulfs. I read or heard a famous lady flyer telling of her experience in flying down the west coast of South America. There was one place where a cold current flowing into waters of the Pacific caused a fog that made it dangerous to travel over that section.

There are cold spiritual currents flowing into community life every now and again that create a blindness that makes it dangerous for our children to travel. They are apt to hit the rocks. Dance halls under the guise of municipal auditoriums, gambling halls under the guise of amusement parlors, bootlegging joints under the guise of homes, wets trying to repeal our dry laws under the guise of always having been drys. Under the guise of getting revenue for schools when they want nothing more nor less than hard whiskey for their parlors.

The condition of the atmosphere has a whole lot to do with the killing or making the plant grow. If the weather is cold in the spring the cut worm comes in and cuts down your corn and tomatoes. If your spiritual atmosphere is cold all kinds of worms come in to destroy your young life and they do it.

Under a certain kind of atmosphere we had the prehistoric reptile known as the Deoniseurs big as a house, big as a big house. People had no guns to shoot them with. The atmosphere killed them. They lived in hot atmosphere but when it cooled they died.

It takes hot weather to kill the pests and that is what we want to kill. So if we have a warm spiritual atmosphere many pests and even pests that are monsters die.

- a. Slavery lived when the love of God and God's value of a human life were unknown. Later a sentiment, an atmosphere developed that killed the institution.
- b. Duelling use to be thought of as an honorable way to end disputes. When the warmth of Christian forgiveness took on a more real sense duelling was given up.
- c. Lynching will go the same way.
- d. A warm spiritual atmosphere will kill the liquor business. You let a real revival break out in this church and then let the bootleggers try to sell to the people whose souls have been warmed and ~~they~~ will not try it a second time.
- e. When the hearts of men, in this old world, become warmed by the brotherly love of Jesus munition stock will go down to zero and freeze and war will be no more.

Cold spiritual atmosphere kills the prayer meeting at church and in the home. One preacher lived in a community where the children of the neighborhood ran in while they were at family prayer and asked what they were doing. The children became somewhat embarrassed over the situation and asked parents why they had to have prayer when the rest of the community did not.

Many people live so close together that you can hardly tell whether it is your phone ringing, your radio going, or your baby crying.

The way to get the right kind of atmosphere is by

- a. Prayer---persistent prayer.
- b. Press
- c. Pulpit
- d. Pew..you just let the pew begin to say, "We have a big preacher" and you will soon have one.