THE SJPREME NEED OF THIS WORLD' Sounich bop.

And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins. - Matt.1:21

The first unhappy sound that ever reched the courts of heaven was the far off groan of a lost world. A world that had taken the best a loying God could offer and sacrificed it on the altars of self indulgence. Suddenly found itself estraged from God's presence and barred from his fellowship forever. This breach between God and man was made a thougand times more hopeless because man could do nothing within himself to mend it.

But no sconer had the cry of a lost world reached heaven than another voice was heard. "Lo I come to do thy will oh God". This was the voice of the Son of God himself. The only Begotten One. This glad voice sent a lightening ray of hope into the weakening pulse beat of a dieing world. It reverbrated over every Mt. Echoed down every valley and shivered down or corridor.

Believing men and women will never cease to marvle at the magnificent condescension of Christ. Of his disrobing himself of his dazzling splendor and coming down from a mansion to a manger to lead a lost world back to God.

Heaven attested to the giganthe significence of this miracle by sending a choir of angels to song his advent over the star lit plains of Bethlehem.

The chief word in the text is the word that the angel told Mary to call her child. 6 to the Savior of His people from their sins.

There is but one curse in all the world *- the curse of sin-. All the s suffering and call the sorrow, and all the war, and all the depression, and all the woe in general is because of the one curse of sin that has swept liketa blight over the earth.

Ithas been a long time since the voice of Jesus was heard in the streets of Jerusalem. A long time since the night hills of Judes heard him pray. A long time since he finished his mission on the cross of Calvary. Went to these grate and ascended is to the eright hand of God. But after all that he did to reconcile the world and after all that has been done by his followers through these long centuries, the earth is today a prodigal; roaming the rim of ruin. Still as helpless as an orphan and a child , crying in the night.

Men will schrug their shoulders at the "ranting voice" of the gospel minister and call him an alarmist, a reformer and kill joy. They will disregard his warning and laugh at his advice. While they turn to Communism, Atheism, and Socialism as a paniced for their ills. But the only remedy for this sick and tired old world is the same to day as it was two thousand years ago. It can only be found in the precious name of Jesus.

Allow meto read what a prominent News paper editor said some time age in an editorial:

Surely the future looks black enough, yet it holds a hope a single hope. One and only one power can arrest a descent into another dark age, and save us; that is the christian religion The paramount issue underlying all present struggle is the religion of Christ and Him crisified, the bed rock of civilization the source and resource of all that is worth having in the world.

For the past half century the cry for more and better education has been the platform that this world is supposed to ride into a veritable Utopia

But after these years paganism is on the increase and savagery is breaking out in unheard of atrocities.

Some say that the constant fear of atomic energy will frighten the outlaw nations of earth into lamb like ddocility. But fear can never tame the savage in men.

There is only one thing under heave that can make the world a safe and

peaceful place to live, and x katxis x

The hope is expressed in the words of the poet.

I know of lands that are sunk in shame And of hearts that faint and tire But I know of a name, a name, a name That can set these lands on fire.

You out there will you accept Jesus as your personal savior, let Him come into day let him come in to stay.

