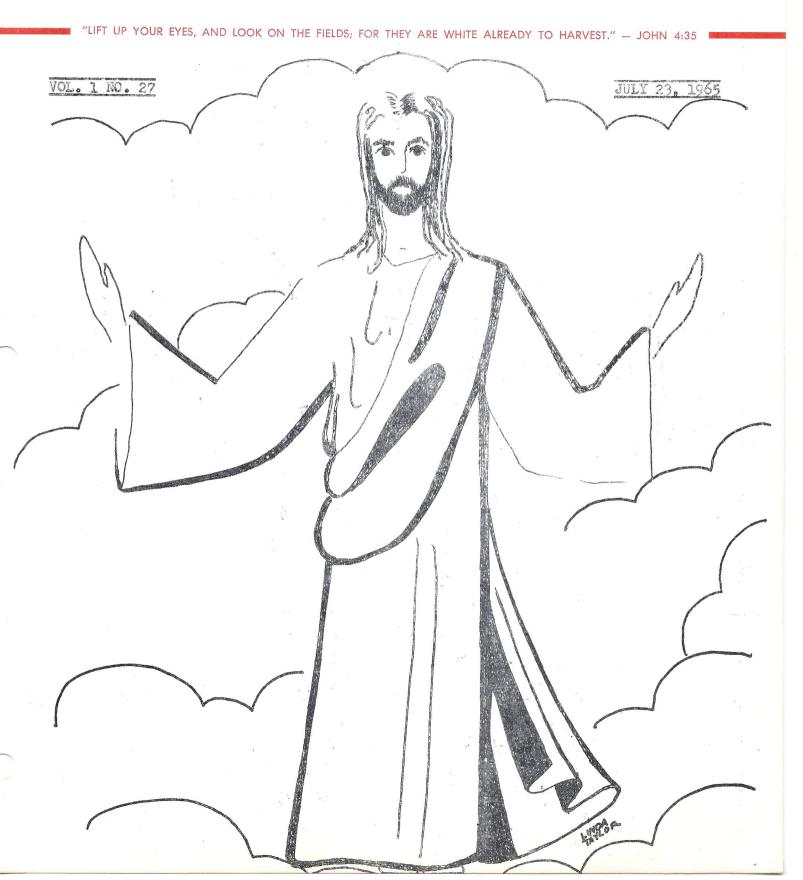


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The Mission Trail our Saviour trod No man had ever seen before: The wine-press of the wrath of God Bespoke the stains His garments bore, When offered He on Calv'ry's cross To save us from eternal loss And give us peace, dispelling strife.

The mission trail entwined about
The rugged hills of human fears;
It crossed the barren fields of doubt,
And bridged the darksome flood of tears.
And through the forest of despair
He paved a road of hope and trust;
His voice was music in the air
For weary pilgrims of the dust,

The mission trail for you and me He trod, yes, many years ago: The path of life and victory Now stretches through this earth below, No tongue or creed was left unreached, His voice went out to all the earth; And men can hear the gospel preached: The wonders of the Heav'nly birth.

But there are other trails that lead From all who hear the joyful sound: A trail of faith is ours to plead If we would gain that sacred ground. For all who hear the story told, Believing it with heart sincere The loving Saviour will enfold And fill their lives with hope and cheer.

How blest the soul who thus can win An ent'rance to the Heavenly Life, Whose faith o'ermasters doubt and sin And triumphs in this wale of strife, And to be to other souls a light Upon the path of life so true, Like Him, who now in grace and might This mission trail once surely knew.

Monterrey, Mexico. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Okla. coming to you each Friday night at 11:00 o'clock. It gives us great pleasure to be back with you in your home or sutomobile to discuss some of the most vital things of life----your spiritual welfare and happiness. In order to better understand the things which make up true happiness we must turn for assistance to the Word of God Without it how lost we would be!

First now, let me say that this message each week is available in print and you may have it mailed to you free of charge upon your request. Simply address THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

For our subject at this time I have chosen to speak about

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

In Acts chapter one and verse eleven we read "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Of this specific day when Christ shall appear in the heavens, we do not know. Neither is it given to others to know exactly of that day. Listen to the words of Jesus when he spoke concerning this notable event: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24:36

Take particular notice of this fact that any prophet or preacher predicting an exact date for the return of our Lord is not authorized by God to so speak.

However, there are certain indications given concerning conditions which will be prevalent immediately before His return.

Let us begin with this scripture in II Tim. 3:1-5: "This know also, that in the last days perilious times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

We have here quite a number of evils listed, some of which have prevailed throughout many generations. But there seems to be a rapid increse in these characteristics within recent years. Much more so than in previous years. Today we see people exhibit these evil habits, and that unashamed. The fear of God seems to have disappeared from their lives. In fact, there are certain ungodly men who endeavor to destroy the fear of the Lord from the heart and consciences of people today.

But here again is one of the signs of the time. Look again at this 5th verse: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" There was perhaps never a time in the history of the world when there were so many different forms and ceremonies which people have and yet all of these under the pretense of worshipping God. But many are unwilling to teach that there is power to save from sin in the blood of Christ. They only desire the form and yet deny the power.

This again is one of the indications that the coming of the Lord draweth near.

Look at this verse in Eph. 4:14: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Again Jesus taught his disciples in Luke, chapter 21 that there were going to be troublous times just before His coming——distress of nations with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear, because of those things that were coming upon the earth. Surely we are in the midst of very trying times bot for men and nations. It is sometimes a question as to how long either can exist. Especially is this true when God is forgotten. In Prov. 14:34 we quote: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

But back to this chapter 21 in Luke and verse 28, we again quote: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Listen to this song, "In Times Like These" as sung by Bob and Dorrall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

The song with comments.

Shall we bow our heads and hearts for a moment of prayer as we wait in the presence of God?

Our Eternal Father,

We pray that we may have the courage and faith to see beyond these perilous times in which we live. May we be able to grasp thy never-failing promises for an anchor to our souls. Bless all those out in radio-land for Christ's sake. Amen

Now listen to these words:

Day of judgment, day of wonders! Hark! the trumpet's awful sound! Louder than a thousand thunders, Shakes the wast creation round! How the summons Will the sinner's heart confound! See the Judge, our nature wearing, Clothed in majesty divine!
You who long for his appearing
Then shall say, "This God is mine."
Gracious Saviour,
Own me in that day for thine!

At his call the dead awaken, Rise to life from earth and sea; All the powers of nature, shaken By his voice, prepare to flee: Careless sinner, What will then become of thee?

But to those who have confessed, Loved and served the Lord below, He will say, "Come near, ye blessed; See the kingdom I bestow: You forever Shall my love and glory know."

Here then is a final song by the quartet: "What A Day That Will Be."

The song.

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Until next Friday night at 11:00 this is your speaker Willie Murphey saying "God bless you richly and a very pleasant goodnight."

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know that my Redeemer lives, And has prepared a place for me, And crowns of victory He gives To those who would His children be.

I'm trusting Jesus Christ for all, -- I know His blood now speaks for me; I'm listening for the welcome call, To say "The Master waiteth thee!"

I'm now enraptured at the thought, I stand and wonder at His love, That He from heav'n to earth was brought To die, that I may live above.

I know that Jesus soon will come, I know the time will not be long, 'Till I shall reach my heav'nly home To sing with joy the heav'nly song. AT PRESS TIME we understand:

"Be ye patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8

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The National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. begins today. It is anticipated that there will be a large number of saints and ministers from many states. Brother Kenneth Probst is the business manager, and may be contacted on the camp grounds or at Route 4 Box 172, Carthage, Mo. for further informations.

Bro. Pinkerton and Bro. Coffey had ordinances services with the boys at the jail in Amite, Louisiana on Friday, July 2nd. This would certainly be making realistic the teachings of the Word which says: "if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17

Probably, the most of the difficulties of trying to live the Christian life arise from attempting to half live it.

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Not until each loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, Will God unroll the pattern and explain the reason why The dark threads are as needful in the Weaver's skillful hand, As the threads of gold and silver for the pattern which He planned.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22. This scripture teaches us that we should recognize God and give Him his rightful place in our lives.

You can't act yesterday, for yesterday is gone. You can't act tomorrow, for tomorrow is not here. The only time you can act is today. Do it, then, while you can do it, today, TODAY.

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