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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . A very hearty welcome to all who are tuned in to radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and, of course, your speaker is Willie Murphey. We have been made very happy in recent weeks by the response which we have gotten from those who hear the broadcast. We certainly deeply appreciate the interest which has been shown during this past year in this work which we have endeavored to do for the Lord and His cause throughout the world. This present broadcast tonight will complete our first year on the air. The broadcast next week will begin our second year. To those who have shared with us in this work of faith, we feel deeply indebted, and we are made to realize more the sacred trust which God and his people have placed in us to be true to him and faithful to the calling of God. We do say "thank you", and as we look forward to this new year, let us take new courage as we lift up our eyes and look on the fields.

It would be real interesting to know how many people who hear the broadcast have kept a complete file of the messages which we have printed during this past year. For the benefit of those who may not realize it, we print these messages each week and mail them to those who are interested. This mailing list continues to grow from week to week so if there are new listeners to the broadcast and you would like to be included among this number who receive the printed copies, please let us know, send us your request. There is no subscription price, but we do this by faith as the Lord supplies. You may write to us directly by simply addressing THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. No other address is necessary.

We have heard from some new listeners, and we do appreciate knowing of your interest in the messages. On the broadcast today we plan to share some of these letters with you, so please stay with us now as we read to you this text found in II Timothy, first chapter, and verse 12. "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed:

## FOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

To me this scripture seems to contain a full sermon within itself, but I would like to summarize it this way.

There are three outstanding points contained in this text, and we notice first that Paul said in his letter to Timothy here that "I know whom I have believed".

It is a good thing to know some things for sure. It may be all right to have



questions and doubts regarding other things in life, but when it comes to the all-important matter of your salvation, it is a good thing to know in whom you are trusting.

In Psalms 46:10 we quote this verse: "Be still, and know that I am God". We are living in such a swiftly moving age that people do not remain still long enough to have real contact with God. In this way they never come to know him, but it is truly indeed a wonderful experience when you can testify from the depths of your own heart that I know whom I have believed.

We know him not because we have seen him with our eyes. We know him not because we have shook his hand, but we know him through faith as our own personal saviour, and we know him through the marvelous manner in which he has answered prayer and brought about changes which otherwise seemed impossible.

After Jesus was resurrected and appeared to his disciples, Thomas refused to believe that he had been in their presence, but when he once again appeared unto them in the presence of Thomas he exclaimed "My Lord and my God". Jesus then said to him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." This is the way we come to know God better. When we accept his word and make it a part of our daily living, we also receive of his spirit which is the spirit of truth. He then directs our lives into the pathway which is pleasing in his sight. In this way we become personally acquainted with our Saviour.

Now the second thing of importance about our text is the fact that we are persuaded that God is able to keep us.

Indeed it would be a tragic thing if God saved us and yet we continued day by day in our sins.

Now I don't know how easily persuaded the Apostle Paul was. He may have been a little obstinate for it seemed to have required a special revelation from God for him to change his manner of living when he was struck down on the road to Damascus, but having made this change in his life, he was then persuaded that God was able to care for him.

Listen also at this testimony of Abraham for it says of him in Romans, chapter four, and verses 20 and 21: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

I personally especially like this phrase of being fully persuaded. This seems to indicate the very nature of the individual which means he is not uncertain nor wavering any longer. For he is fully settled and established with a firm determination to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

Now let us briefly notice the third thing of importance about our text. "I have committed unto him against that day." I can see in this the importance of us being able to commit our ways unto God. We cannot solve the problems of life with our limited understanding and ability. We cannot possibly foresee the future and understand all the complications which may arise and all the complex problems which we daily face. Therefore it is by the grace of God we are able to commit our ways unto him. But now look at this scripture in Psalms 37:5. It says, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall



bring it to pass. "

Let us go back and read this verse once again, and I believe it will have a fuller, richer meaning to us than ever before: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. "

Let us lift our hearts to God in prayer just now.

Our Father,

We appreciate the glorious privilege of speaking your word to those who listen to this broadcast. We pray that you would bless every word which they have heard today to the lasting good and benefit of both their spiritual welfare and their physical healing as well as their temporal blessings which you so freely give us from day to day. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now as Frances shares with you some of the letters which have made us so happy. Go right ahead, Frances.

From Texas: "Dear Sir, I listened to your sermon on the air last night and enjoyed it so much; I live alone. I'm 81 years old: my husband passed away the 26th of April 1965--would appreciate the literature you offer to send out; if there should be any charge, let me know. A friend, "

From Oklahoma: "Dear Sir, Would you please send me Tom's Dream and the other radio program. I'm a shut-in . . P. S. I love your programs -- always listen to it. "

From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey . . . I have been receiving the Mission Trail paper . . . and enjoy reading it so much. I listen to the broadcast when I can get it . . . I do

enjoy reading the paper and wish could have more time to hear the pretty singing as I am so handicapped getting around on my crutches. . . We are nearing the end of this life's journey and I sure want to meet my saviour in peace. "

And then here is our song. It is entitled "I Know Whom I Have Believed". It is sung by Sharon Watkins, Doris Joiner, Waldo Eck, and Willie Murphey.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a free copy of today's message in print, you may have one by sending us your request. There is no charge or obligation on your part. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey wishing you each and every one the very best of God's richest blessings and a very pleasant goodnight.

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

As one minister was preparing to leave from the assembly meeting, he spoke to a group of young people who were standing nearby. He left with us this advice found in Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God. "

It is important that we have on the whole armour for as this verse goes on to say, "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. "

If it were just an unimportant battle in which we were engaged, or if the enemy was not so strong, it might be possible to leave off part of this armour. But this battle is for our souls and the enemy which we are fighting knows where our greatest weakness lies, and this is where he will attack. Therefore "take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day".

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Our son, Willie, who is eleven years old came home from school last Friday evening with the thrilling news that his teacher, Mrs. Mason, had offered to give him a small folding machine which needed some repair work. This machine we now have and with a little tuning up no doubt can be used as a labor-saver. Our many thanks to Mrs. Mason.

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A goodly number were present in the services at Fariview, Okla. last Sun. Afterward we visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Penner, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Penner. We also enjoyed very much the hospitality of Edwin and Lillian Eck in their new home before the evening service in Enid.

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One who attended the Pacoima, Calif. assembly meeting gave this report, ". . . Had a wonderful assembly meeting. We surely praise the Lord."

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A listener from Texas had this to say about a recent broadcast, "Your program Friday night on talents (whether one or many) was so wonderful. Please mail me the poem the lady read on the program. It's the most beautiful and encouraging I've ever heard in my life."

"Dear Bro. Willie, Greetings in Jesus' name. We surely did enjoy the Guthrie meeting and our visit with you dear saints. God gave us a safe trip home and we truly thank and praise Him for all His goodness and mercies unto us. . . . May the Lord bless you in your efforts to spread the gospel. When you pray remember us and the work here at Hammond. Your whole brother,"

--T. H. Coffey

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Leo and Mildred McIntosh were in service January 2 with Bro. and Sis. Tombleson of Mansfield, Mo. They hope to continue having Bible study in this area while the Tomblesons are away in Colorado. It is inspiring to see the gospel spreading.

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Urgent prayer is requested for Bro. Mart Samons who is busy in the gospel work and needs a special healing touch to his body. Also Bro. Curtis Williams desires special prayer.

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Sis. Key of Senath, Missouri, has been very sick and prayer is requested for her healing. She has laboured many years in the gospel work. Much of this devoted service has been rendered in Southern Louisiana.

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