



The Mission Trail

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

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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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... Once again we are pleased to greet the listeners of radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma with your speaker Willie Murphey. We hope that each of you are well and happy in the service of the Lord wherever you may be. Then, too, we especially extend a hearty welcome to all new listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL. We invite your comments and prayers for this broadcast.

Our supreme purpose and aim is to preach the gospel and spread it both by radio and publication in all of its purity. What we desire more than anything else is to speak the truth and to know the truth for Christ said, "The truth shall make you free". Therefore, we desire to stand firmly upon the truths of the scripture and follow the teachings of the New Testament as it pertains to God's church and people.

We invite your questions and we offer to you our services in furthering the cause of Christ. This we are willing to do both by correspondence and also by prayer in your behalf. Address all mail to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now here is our topic for tonight. I quote from St. John, chapter 3, beginning at verse 3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee,

EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

I am thinking of the importance of the "new birth". This is the spiritual birth or transformation which takes place when one's life is transformed by the power of God. But in order for us to more fully understand this, let us consider the natural. Christ often

used the natural things to better portray the spiritual. This is true in this case concerning the spiritual birth also.

Now especially those parents to whom I am speaking, will more fully understand what it means to have a new child enter into their family by birth.

I well remember that grand and glorious event in the life of my wife Frances and myself when we were ready, or endeavoring to be ready for the birth of my son, Willie. I had temporarily left the room where the nurse was making

preparations for our newcomer. I was absent from the room only a matter of minutes, just long enough to return some clothing to our car which was parked outside. I immediately took the elevator back to the floor where I had just previously left Frances. The time which I had been absent from the room was so short that it hardly occurred to me that much change in our status as parents would have taken place. But to my astonishment as I walked down the halls in the early morning hours of October 28, 1954, I heard a noise which was not altogether unfamiliar to me, but as yet I seemed not to fully comprehend that this noise was emanating from our own room, or that is the delivery room, but then as I approached the door of this room the realization that this noise of a baby crying, which was my very own son, seemed to burst upon me with the joy and gladness which can only come to one who is blessed by the giver of all life upon the arrival of their newborn child.

We had two daughters already in our household which had brought us great joy, but now we were in possession of a son, one of our very own. And one which seemed healthy and normal. Of course, this will not be hard for you to understand when you know that he was kicking and crying.

Now just as it is necessary for one to be born into this world to see the beauties and glories of it, even so God has ordained that for one to enter into the kingdom of God, he must be born therein. This is a spiritual birth and is the only means by which we enter into the family of God. I am not speaking of church-joining. I am not speaking of hand-shaking, but I am speaking of a heart-felt experience that is brought about only through repentance and faith in God. This may take place in the life

of one who comes publicly and kneels at the altar of prayer with a contrite heart, or it may take place in the life of one who is isolated in the cornfield all by himself as he kneels before his maker and there repents of all his sins and accepts the cleansing blood of his saviour to purify him and make him a child of God.

Listen as we read again beginning at verse 6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?"

Now this is surely true, friends. Just as the wind blows and you cannot see the wind, but you feel the effects thereof, so it is with one who is born of the spirit. It is impossible for us to tell how God by his marvelous grace can forgive a sinner and make him a saint, or how he can transform a life that has been wasted in sin and make it one of purity.

Listen now to verse 6 and 7 of Isaiah 55. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord; and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Now there is one thing sure. In order for you to receive this pardon, you must make your approach to God. You must come seeking for his pardon. These verses 18, and 19, and 20 in Isaiah, chapter 1, I hope will cause you to understand this even better.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land, But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Should there be one tonight listening to this broadcast and you feel that your life has been more or less wasted, let me invite you to seek for this treasure of the new birth which is worth more than all the riches of the world. It is indeed valuable for it gives one the assurance of knowing that they are in the family of God and a child of the king. Let us pause for a moment of prayer.

Our Father,

We pray for that one who may be nearest the end of the journey of life and have not yet experienced what it is to be made anew through the transforming power of the grace of God. Bless that one and all others who seek to know thee in sincerity and truth, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

Listen now as Frances reads to you a letter which has been an encouragement to us.

Wolsey, South Dakota

Dear ones in the Lord: Greetings in the sweet name of our lovely Lord Jesus. I have been thinking of writing to you for some time. I enjoy receiving The Mission Trail, it is a blessing to my soul. . . Thank you so very much too, for the booklet of beautiful poems, and the family picture. It seems if I know you all much better since having the picture.

May the Lord truly bless you all, and give you heavenly wisdom for The Mission Trail messages that souls,

precious souls, shall be garnered for the Heavenly Kingdom of God this year of 1966, as the Lord guides you and keeps you in health with your minds stayed on the Lord. Lovingly and prayerfully, Bro. Asa and Sister Olive McFarling

Thank you, Bro. and Sis. McFarling of Wolsey, South Dakota. And now the song "Jesus Took My Burden And Left Me With A Song."

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy free of charge, you may have one upon your request. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey wishing you each and everyone a very pleasant goodnight and may God's richest blessings be yours.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

We have a great God in whom we trust. In Psalms 40:3 and 4, David said, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust."

In this chapter we see how God had listened unto David's prayer and saved him from a horrible pit, out of the miry clay. The Lord had changed everything in his life and gave him a new song--praises unto God. This caused many others to also ask the Lord to help them so that they too could trust in God.

God's blessings and approval will rest upon this man who is willing to forsake all and put perfect confidence in God.

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Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.

--Emerson

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Bro. Edward Kroker, Box 904, Me-hama, Ore. 97384, informs us that the Lord is blessing in his library of recorded tapes which are mailed free on a loan basis to those interested in hearing gospel preaching and singing of the saints.

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Bro. and Sis. Myrle E. Eddens, 1444 NE 11th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. have felt the leadings of the Lord to assume the responsibility of the Green Pastures congregation and are now faithfully laboring there. Plans are being made for a spring meeting or perhaps a camp-meeting which will be announced later. Co-operation of the saints will be appreciated.

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Quite a number have expressed disappointment in not being able to hear the weekly broadcast. In case there should be some who would be willing to help share the cost of radio time on other stations near your location, please contact us and let us know of your desire. We would be happy to make the necessary arrangements if such time is available on these stations.

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AIRMAIL--"We are 'gleaning today' in So. Car. and surely there is much to do here. . . So pray for us--we do you all. . ." Brother and Sister Sam Abbott

Congratulations are in order for Jerry Quave and his wife Sharon of Hammond, La., upon the birth of their 7 1/2 pound daughter, Deborah Eileen.

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Wayne Turner is now assistant to the chaplain of the Angola State Prison in Louisiana.

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Special prayer is requested for Bro. Darius Gibson of Route 3, Box 23, Seymour, Mo. 65746, who has been sorely afflicted, that he may be able to continue his faithful gospel work in which he has been engaged for many years while searching for those who are hungry for the truth. Very few states have been omitted from his ministry.

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Remember Bro. Curtis Williams, of Clearfield, Kentucky 40313, who has been very sick in recent weeks. Also Bro. Oscar Williamson of Route 1, Loranger, Louisiana 70446, is in need of healing of an abnormal growth on his lip. His faithfulness in serving God through the years is well known to those who are acquainted with him.

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