



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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. . . A very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We hope that each of you are well and happy. We especially hope that as you have been sharing the blessings from the Lord, you may also in return be faithful to Him and His cause throughout the world. I am certainly happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio.

This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey. Now sometimes it is a little hard to understand the spelling of the town of Guthrie, so let me take time just now to spell it for you. G-u-t-h-r-i-e. That is Guthrie, Oklahoma. We would be most pleased to hear from those who listen to the broadcast. You may expect a personal reply from us within a few days. Now that address once again is The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

But let us go on with the thought for this evening. In Galatians, chapter 6 and verses 7 and 8, we read this: "Be not deceived;

GOD IS NOT MOCKED:

for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Now please let us look closely at these verses for the next few moments, and we will, no doubt, discover perhaps with some amazement the conditions which prevail in this modern age in which we live.

First it says, "Be not deceived;" By saying it this way, I take it to mean that it is possible for one to be deceived. To be deceived means that they believe something to be true which is not true at all. In other words, they are merely fooling themselves. In fact, I think some people are pleased to have them-

selves deceived hoping that something is true which does not really exist.

Not long ago a certain letter to the editor of a very prominent newspaper in the state of Oklahoma made some very shocking statements which were published in this newspaper. Of course, the writer would naturally be responsible and the newspaper just merely quoted him, but nevertheless, among other things this letter to the editor brought out, was the thought that God was not dead, he was merely obsolete.

You may recall having heard such a statement within recent years that God is dead or no longer exists. But this writer left the impression that God was just needed no longer, in other words he is antique or out-dated.

Think of it, friends, what are we coming to when people claim almost anything in regard to God--that he is dead, that he is antique, that he is obsolete, or no longer needed? Some feel that they can solve their problems without the assistance of God. Nothing could be further from the truth.

But listen once again now to this scripture, and it seems to me that we should be able to clearly understand that God in his infinite wisdom and understanding foresaw the existence of things as they are even today. He saw them, and he knows now the deceitfulness, the wickedness, and the evil which is covered up in the hearts of those who depart from him. Listen to this scripture once again, it says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. . ."

Now the second thought expressed in this verse is the fact that God is not mocked. Normally when someone mocks another, he takes the attitude that the one he is mocking is inferior to him or below the level of his equality, therefore, he feels that he is in a position to make light of him or to make fun of another's inability or weakness. This is often true of someone who is mentally retarded or handicapped. Another will make light of him and point out his handicaps, as he enjoys the sport of mocking him.

In fact, we understand that shortly after the so called "Dark Ages" of Europe, there were a particular class of people who kept nearby a "jester" whose job was specifically the purpose of making light of others, and to think of all the jokes he could to amuse and entertain his master at the expense of the guests, or whoever else might be called to his attention, just for the purpose of entertainment. Now sometimes this

sport was considered very great and amusing, and at other times the jester might even overstep his privileges and make fun of his master which would bring down upon him his wrath, even to the point of endangering the jester's life.

But, friends, I want you to know that when people are making light of another they may get by with it in this world, but when it comes to the point of blasphemy and the denying of the existence of God, I say it is time that people awake to the realities of the impending judgments of God.

Let me describe this a little more vividly to you by reading from II Kings, chapter 2 and verses 23 and 24. This is speaking of the prophet Elisha after Elijah had been caught up into heaven, and a double portion of his spirit was passed on to Elisha. Evidently this word had been passed around and was known that Elijah had been translated. Therefore the children mentioned in this passage spoke very lightly of Elisha even to the point which was displeasing in the sight of God. Now God being who he is, we can well understand that he is no respecter of persons. This is just one of the laws that was violated, and swift judgment was brought to pass against those involved in this case.

But listen now to the reading, I quote: "And he went up from thence unto Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them." End of quote.

Now this is just one example of the wrath of God manifested against those

who were making light of his prophet. But listen now to these two verses in the book of Jude. I quote verses 14 and 15. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Now lest there should be some who think that they can say anything and do anything against the word of God and against the spirit of God, let me remind you that God has promised that he will bring this world into judgment and that there in his presence we shall each give an account of not only our deeds, but also our words. Listen now to this poetry entitled:

We Reap As We Sow
by C. W. Naylor

If we shall scatter tares in the fallow,
How shall we hope that they shall not
grow?

We cannot gather wheat for the garner,
If only useless weeds we shall sow.

Should we be sowing briars and thistles,
Where would the grain and flowers find
room?

If we are sowing hatred and malice,
We cannot pluck affection's sweet bloom.

As is the sowing, so is the reaping,
Sinner, the seed you carelessly cast
Bringeth a harvest, bitter with anguish,
Sure will thy reaping be at the last.

Gentleness, kindness, purity, true-
ness,

Yield a rich fruitage, never to cease;
Sowing in meekness unto the Spirit
Bringeth eternal blessings and peace.

Soon you shall gather what you now
scatter;

Unto your life give diligent heed:
What we are sowing surely is growing,
That which we reap shall be as the seed.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We humbly pray that you will take the words of the message today and bear them by thy spirit unto those who are seeking to know thee and to understand the plan of thy great salvation. May thy word spring up in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls, across this great nation until the hardest infidel may fully understand that God is not mocked, but that we shall surely reap the seed which we have scattered, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

Here now is a song, "Do You Ever Think To Pray". It is sung by Manual Mitchell, Marie Mitchell, Sherlene Mitchell, and Cynthia LaCroix.

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 by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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A PASSION FOR SERVICE

All true service begins in personal contact with Jesus. One cannot know Him personally without catching the warm contagion of His spirit for others. And there is a fine fragrance, a gentle, soft warmth, about the service that grows out of being with Him.

Whenever the Spirit of the Lord Jesus sways the heart, there is a passion to serve. --Selected

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

God has answered prayer in a marvelous way this past week. We are indeed grateful for the manifestation of His healing power and we are glad that his eyes "are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." We are reminded of the scripture which says, Let your requests be made known with thanksgiving. So we indeed give thanks to God as we continue to wait before him.

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We rejoice with Keith and Janet Marsh of Wichita, upon the birth of their daughter, Lori Ann, on March 10.

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From Hammond, La.: "Dear Bro. Willie, . . . We are planning our spring revival to begin Sun. April 3 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 10. Lord willing, Bro. Charles Smith will be the evangelist. Remember us when you pray. . . May the Lord bless you and your family in your work for Him."

--Bro. T. H. Coffey

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We extend our sympathy and prayers to Sis. Ethel Worrall, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark. 72732, upon the death of her husband, Mr. Worrall, on March 19. Your letter of encouragement to Ethel would no doubt prove a blessing in this time of sorrow.

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and Frances, We send greetings of love to all in the precious name of Jesus who has done so much for us all. We trust all your family are well. We are about as usual. You folks still keep praying for Sis. Key. She has some pretty good days and then some bad days, still has to have help night and day, so it takes several ones and they all need prayer that they will hold up. We have Laverne Manuel with us now. Don't know how quick she will be going home for Jim is not well at all. We are expecting Bro. Probst next week end. We are all real anxious for them to come. . . Bro. Oscar still needs all our prayers. . . We notice the young boy from India wanting some books. It makes our heart rejoice when we hear of one soul interested in the Lord. May God bless you all is our prayer. Pray for us."

--Dallas and Mamie Flynn

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From Pa.: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Am so glad there are those who will stand for the pure word of God and preach the Truth. . . We enjoy your messages you send. They are a great help to us in our Christian life. I shall give them to others. . . Your sister in Him,"

--Eva Cox

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