



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 who are tuned to this radio station. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are indeed happy to be coming your way once again with another message of hope and cheer, and may I add that those who have stood by to help us in this work of faith have certainly brought hope and cheer to our hearts. We hope that we may in some small measure bring a little sunshine to others. If we have been able to do this by the grace of God, we would be pleased to hear from you. And if you would like a personal letter from us, you may expect one within a few days by addressing your letter to us this way: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma, or you might prefer to address it to me personally: Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this scripture reading found in the book of James, chapter 1, and verse 17,

EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE,

and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. "

Now this scripture plainly tells us that all the good things which comes to us are from the father of lights, or in other words, it is these blessings which come from God which we so richly enjoy from day to day. I do not believe that we should wait until Thanksgiving day comes once a year to be grateful, but we should be grateful every day for the untold blessings which come to us so freely.

Now have you ever taken time to sit down and count these blessings? Perhaps we could count a part of them, but I am sure that before we would be able to count them all, even an electronic computer would not be able to enumerate our blessings.

Listen at these two verses in P salms chapter 68, verses 19 and 20. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. "

So we see then that God is very liberal with his blessings for the writer says here that "he daily loadeth us with benefits. " But I would say that the first and greatest blessing and the most important one which a person could have is the knowledge that his sins are forgiven and that he is a child of God. Listen to this verse from Psalms 32:1. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. " Now here is something which is worth more than silver and gold. That is a good conscience and the peace of God in your heart.

Then in case you are fortunate enough to have a companion to work by your side and children to call your very own, we might say you have a double portion of God's blessings. Of course, we'd need some place to call home and food for our bodies when we are hungry and clothing to wear. So I would say then that these things which are most important in life cannot be purchased with silver and gold. Of course, we know that the food and clothing and so on could be purchased, but the peace of God I'm speaking about and the contentment which comes only from the knowledge of sins forgiven and the peace of God within your heart.

Now long ago Frances and I with our four children had the opportunity to make a trip back to my home state of Louisiana. It was during this month of April, 1966 that we drove along the highway and enjoyed the beauty of the handiwork of God. Once we stopped at a roadside park and there we noticed the dogwood trees and the other trees which had the green leaves coming out on them and looked so beautiful there and the different vines which were blooming and so forth, and things were so beautiful there as we stopped at the roadside park. And while we enjoyed the scenery the children enjoyed themselves by playing in the park and some of them trying to jump across the creek and various things of this nature as we enjoyed the beauty there.

Now I consider all these things as blessings from the Lord. Please do not forget the text, it says "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Certainly we should not be like the swine which feed upon the acorns which fall from the great oak trees without

ever bothering to look up and see where they come from. But we should lift up our eyes, as the Psalmist said there, unto the hills from whence cometh our help. So we should not forget our help.

Now if there should be one listening to this message tonight and you have an abundance of the temporal and physical blessings of life to enjoy, let me point out to you the admonition which Paul gave to Timothy. In I Timothy, chapter 6, and verse 17, we read, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." I hope you get the thought here, the great secret and happiness of success is found only by a life of devotion given into the Master's service. It is not found in an accumulation of worldly possessions. If this were true, then we would say that those who were richest would be the most happy. But this is not true, for often those who are the most happy are those who have very little of this world's goods.

So let me ask you this question. Friends, are you taking time to enjoy the beauty all about you and giving God the credit for bringing it to you?

Then and only then will you be truly happy as you count your blessings and name them one by one. Listen to this poem which Kathleen has for you.

A WORLD OF GLADNESS

With a world so full of gladness
Why should I be ever sad?
For entwining every hour
Music comes to make me glad.

Birds are singing; children laughing,
Flow'rs in blossom everywhere;
All of nature seems enchanted,
Joy is in the very air!

Rain refreshing meadow vistas,
Brooks are babbling their refrain;
Suffing pines and swishing ocean
Join aloft the gladsome strain!

Human hearts are built for gladness,
Built for rapture every day;
Then it is but ours to claim them
And go singing on our way.

Joy contagion goes by magic
Into mart and home and shop,
Carried on the wings of music
Set agoing ne'r will stop.

Let us study well this gladness,
Let us ever keep in tune;
Let us swell the mighty chorus
Heav'n in earth will then be soon.

Then someday the glorious portals
Will be swinging open wide,
Then we'll join the heavenly chorus,
There to evermore abide.

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Thank you Kathleen. Now let us
spend a moment in prayer.

Our Gracious Heavenly Father,

The giver of all good things, we come
before thee today with thankful hearts
for your many blessings and along with
our thanksgiving we pray that you would
help us to be a blessing to someone
along the journey of life. May the mes-
sage be an inspiration and a comfort
to those who are sick, and to those who
are shut-in and to those who are deso-
late of heart. We especially pray that
you would bless them and cause the
gospel story to be an inspiration to
them. Help us to do thy will in bring-
ing the message which will give peace
and hope for we ask it in Christ's name.
Amen.

Here now is a song entitled "Count
Your Blessings" and is sung by the Mit-
chell family. We hope you will enjoy it.

Many thanks to the Mitchell family
for that song "Count Your Many Bless-
ings". Friends, we hope it was an ins-
piration to you, also the message. We
certainly want it to be a help to some-
one along the journey of life.

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which you'd like for us to remember,
be sure to let us know about it when
you write. We also would appreciate
an interest in your prayers.

Now until next Friday night at 11:00
this is Willie Murphey speaking for all
of us here at The Mission Trail and
saying may God's richest blessings be
yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

By Kathleen and Patsy

In the early church there were young
people who played important parts. It
was Stephen, a young Christian, whom
God chose for the first martyr. Many
have been stirred because of the testi-
mony Stephen gave just before his death.
"Behold I see the heavens opened, and
the Son of God standing on the right
hand of God." Acts 7:56. When Peter
was delivered from prison, he went to
the house where many of God's children
were gathered praying for his release.
Of all those present God allowed Rhoda,
a young girl, to be the first to see Peter.

After Paul was converted he realized
the importance of young people, and he
gave this admonition to Timothy, "Be
thou an example of the believers, in
word, in conversation, in charity, in
spirit, in faith, in purity." I Tim. 4:12.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Kathleen left on Tuesday of this week for California. She traveled most of the way by train and hopes to spend some time within the next few weeks in Mexico. Your prayers for her success in brushing up on her Spanish in the work of the Lord and in contacting those people are appreciated.

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The services in Enid Sunday were well attended. The ordinances were observed in the afternoon, and one was baptized. This is a healthy indication of spiritual growth.

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Just a line in the name of our dear Lord and will say I am much better in body. . . We can't live too close to him. I enjoy your broadcast. Keep your courage. With love to all,

--Bro. J. M. Mitchell

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From South Carolina: "Dear Brother Willie, Greetings in the precious name of Him who is able to deliver from sin if we will hear his voice. I am here willing and ready to be counted for the cause of Christ and for the sake of the gospel that my life will be lived so it will be a help to others. Pray for me. . . ."

--Archie L. Sweat

From Kentucky: ". . . Truly there are rough shoals in the journey of life and we have to use the oars of faith and prayer or we will drift. We have to use the oars by the grace of God and look not behind us."

--Sister Alpha Baldrige

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A few more weeks and another school term will be over for many pupils in the U. S. A. It is hoped that all will use the next few months of summer in a profitable manner. This can especially be done by engaging in the services of the Lord. Many meetings will be in progress from the coast of the Pacific in Oregon to the Atlantic seaboard of South Carolina. Also much remains to be done in the missionary work, including such places as Nigeria, India, and Mexico. Let us ask ourselves the question, "What are we doing for our neighboring countries of South America and other foreign countries across the sea?" As we lift up our eyes and behold the field, God will point out the place for each of us. We are pleased that we are able to reach a few each week with THE MISSION TRAIL. Will you pray with us for the continued success of the work of the Lord in every field?

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