



The Mission Trail

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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 pleasant greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We certainly count it a privilege to be back with you with another gospel message of hope and cheer. We trust that it may serve as an inspiration to those who hear The Mission Trail broadcast.

And may I add that it has certainly been a pleasure to hear from those who receive the message each week. We appreciate your encouraging letters. For the benefit of our new listeners, let me explain that we print and mail copies of this message each week to those who are interested. If you would like to have your name included on our mailing list, please send us your correct address at once. There is no charge or obligation on your part. We are glad to mail them to you free of charge as the Lord provides the means.

For our thought at this time, let us consider an expression which is often heard. We shall call it:

LIFE'S MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT.

Listen to this verse from Proverbs 18:17. I quote: "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him." No doubt, most of you have heard the expression that "if you don't look out for yourself, no one else will". Therefore, it is very common for people to have the thought in mind that they must plan their affairs of life. Now, of course, this is all right to a certain extent, but there is a limit as to how far one can make his plans and go without the assistance of God.

Notice again the thought expressed in this verse. It says that he that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him. And in speaking of embarrassing moments, let me explain a personal

experience which I had and show how it took some explaining for me to give an account of my actions to another who was wondering what I was doing.

It happened this way. A number of years ago while in the city of Shreveport, Louisiana where my sister lived, I desired to make a stop and enter her place of business in the early morning hours about opening time to pick up some wreathes before continuing my trip. You see, my sister and her husband operated a flower shop.

Now in order for it to be no inconvenience to others, I had been given the key to their flower shop, and I was to unlock the door myself. In my haste to unlock the door I pulled up and stopped near the flower shop. Well, I really

was near there, but just next door the business was a cleaning and pressing shop. It was this cleaning and pressing shop where I was attempting to enter (and really I was having a little trouble to get my key to operate the door lock) when the manager of the shop appeared on the scene to open his business for the day. It still had not dawned upon me that I was attempting to unlock the wrong door, and I said to him, "My key doesn't work very well in this lock, do you have one which will fit it." He said, "Well, I certainly hope so."

While I stood by, he took his key and unlocked the door. Now all of this time the manager thought that I was some friendly fellow attempting to play a trick on him while I thought I was entering the flower shop. Friends, do you think this was an embarrassing moment when the door was opened and there I stood with the manager in the cleaning and pressing shop? You know without me saying so that it took some explaining on my part. You can well imagine how I attempted to explain to him that I was trying to get into the shop next door. To say the least, it was an embarrassing moment. Do remember the text: "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him."

When Paul and Barnabas was preaching in a certain place, they found a deputy who desired to hear the word of the Lord, however, Elymas the sorcerer, withstood them attempting to turn away the deputy from hearing the truth. Perhaps it is possible that the sorcerer thought he was in the right, but listen to the words of the apostle Paul from Acts 13:10-11. "And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon

thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand."

Now don't you know this must have been an embarrassing moment for this man? And, in addition to this, think how great was the condemnation which rested upon him? Surely God was searching his heart. Surely God knew the thoughts and the motives and the intentions of this evil man.

But wait a moment if you think this was an embarrassing moment. Listen to this scripture from Matthew, chapter 22. Here Jesus gives the parable of the man who made the great supper and invited the many guests. Some of those who had been invited had other things to do, therefore, they went their ways, one to his farm and another to his merchandise. They were unwilling to lay aside their affairs of life in order to accept this invitation.

Then the invitation was then given to those who roamed the streets so the servants went out into the highways and the hedges and invited in the beggars and the poor to the wedding supper. Evidently there must have been a special robe or garment which was given to each one that they should all be dressed alike.

No doubt, this would have been a beautiful sight to see each one dressed in the robe furnished by the good man of the house. But for some reason, one man failed to get on this wedding robe which had been offered him and which was furnished, no doubt, free of charge.

But listen to what must have been a very embarrassing moment for this man. In Matthew, chapter 22, and be-

ginning at verse 11 we read: "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith to him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Yes, think of the tragic, disappointing circumstance here after this one had come to the wedding supper and there find that he had failed to make the necessary preparations. He was taken out of the room and cast into outer darkness.

Friends, this will indeed be the most embarrassing moment for anyone who has failed to properly align his life with the will of God. Let me ask you: Have you on the robe of righteousness which God alone can give? Have you repented and turned away from every known sin in your life? Are you living without condemnation? I hope so. This is my wish for you. And I know this is the will of God for all of his children. He has made the necessary preparations. He has made the sacrifice. He has sent out the invitation and this invitation is offered free if we will only accept it, nevertheless, there are those who have had the opportunity to hear the gospel. They have heard it from day to day and from time to time, but over and over and over again, have they failed to give heed to the invitation. Listen now to this poem entitled:

IF YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE

If none but you in the world to-day
Had tried to live in the Christ-like way,
Could the rest of the world look close
at you
And find the path that is straight and
true?

If none but you in the world so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide
Would the things you do and the things
you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world
to-day
Are many who watch you upon your way.
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true!

Then guard this treasure that you possess
This power to hurt, or help and bless,
And live so close to the standard true
That others may safely follow you.

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Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We pray that the words of the message tonight will find sincere and honest hearts in which to spring up and bear the fruits of righteousness. Remember all who are distressed by the wages of sin and help them to cast off the yoke of bondage and experience the glorious freedom which thou alone canst give, for Christ's sake. Amen

Friends, it is no doubt an embarrassing thing to have a neighbor search you as the text mentioned, but think what it will be for God with his piercing eye to look into your heart! Would it not be much better to ask him to search you now and purify your heart with his all-cleansing power? Listen now to this song entitled "Search Me O God" as sung by Sherlene Mitchell, Pat Price, Lanette Carver and Sharon Carver.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 11:00 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Our daughter, Patsy Murphey, is happy to be completing her high school studies this school term. The commencement exercises will be held Tuesday, May 24, 1966.

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Congratulations are also in order for a number of other graduates which include Patsy Wilson, Ronnie Taylor, Walter Parker, Merle Porter, Gertrude Lounds (Okla. City), Nancy Mapes (college), Loretta Wahl (Enid), Melvin Doolittle, (Loranger, La.) and Joan McIntosh (Marshfield, Mo.). It is our wish that God may richly bless and guide these young people and direct them into the right course to follow.

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We will be happy to have Kathleen home this week after her trip to Calif. and Mexico. She took a number of pictures, some of which we hope to run in THE MISSION TRAIL at a later date and tell more of the missionary activities in Mexico.

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There is no moment like the present. We must take advantage of the opportunities to spread the gospel now or many precious souls will be lost because we failed to do our duty. Golden moments lost now cannot be recalled.

From Ohio:

Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in Jesus dear name. I don't get to hear your broadcast, but I do get The Mission Trail. And it really is a real encouragement to my heart. I was in a wreck Aug. 9th of last year. I'm not able to attend services as I had in former days. I still have a deep desire to make heaven my home at the end of life's journey. I would appreciate all your earnest prayers that I'll be among the faithful at that day. I would appreciate a letter from you Bro. Murphey and any of the other dear saints. . . My address is. . . Maudie Sharp, 1702 Kenton St., Springfield, Ohio 45505.

(NOTE: This would be an excellent opportunity to show your love for Sister Sharp who has lost both legs and is confined to a wheel chair or bed in her home. Why not a letter from you? --Ed.)

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Another from Ohio:

Dear ones: . . . We have just returned from Rosamond, Ill. where we had a few nights meeting with the saints in their chapel at Vera. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship and the hospitality of the dear ones there. Christian love, Wm. and Verga McCoy, 24 Belpre Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45403

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