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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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. . . We are indeed happy to be coming to the listeners of radio station XEG once again with the gospel message of The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. For the benefit of our new listeners let me tell you that this is Willie Murphey speaking to you, and we invite your comments on the broadcast. Address all correspondence to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma, or you may address it to me personally, Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We shall endeavor to give you an answer.

We do appreciate those who are standing by with their prayers and support to help us keep this gospel message on the air. However, let me assure you that it is not necessary for you to send money in order to obtain a printed copy of the broadcast. Just let us know of your interest in receiving these weekly messages. We are endeavoring to spread the pure gospel truth of the new testament church throughout our own beloved land and into the regions beyond where there are many who have not yet accepted the truth of God's word.

Listen now as I begin reading to you from the book of Zechariah, chapter 13 and verse 1. I quote:

"IN THAT DAY

there shall be a fountain opened in the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

I am especially interested in the first three words of this verse, "In that day". Now there might be a variety of opinions as to what this phrase means. Some might consider that this day has never come. Perhaps others are looking for it to come at some future time, but I am of the firm opinion that this refers to the gospel dispensation and became effective when Christ died on the cross.

Listen to verse 6 of this same chapter. It says, "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine

hands? Than he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

Now was it not one of Christ's own disciples who betrayed him for thirty pieces of silver? Was it not those who professed to be his friends and claimed to be doers of the law who caused him to be tried before Pilate and condemned to death? We might say then that it was in the house of his friends where he received cruel treatment because of their envy and jealousy.

Nevertheless, it was through his death and sacrifice that we receive atonement for our sins. Therefore, we consider this text, "In that day" to

be applicable of the gospel dispensation. Now we are still living in this gospel day.

Listen to the "gospel Prophet" Isaiah who wrote of this day to which we are referring. Beginning with chapter 35 and verse 1, I read:

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; . . . nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." End of quotation.

Now I am of the opinion that this prophecy refers to the coming of Christ or the gospel day. Now I am speaking of his first coming to the earth. In other words, these are the things which were to take place in that day. In looking back over the history of our Lord, can you not recall that he opened the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, the lame was healed and the leper cleansed and more than this, Satan was cast out and dethroned from the hearts and minds of those over whom so long he had held sway. And in his place the peace of God filled the heart of the man who was possessed with the devils.

John the Baptist spoke of the coming of Christ. Listen to his testimony in Matthew, chapter 3 and verse 3. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." We understand that John was here speaking of the wicked and crooked paths of sin which was found in the lives of those who professed to know God.

No doubt, there are many tonight listening to this broadcast who will remember the words of that song, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood". Would you join with me in singing a verse of this?

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains,

Friends, I am happy indeed that in this gospel day we have atonement for our sins. It is not necessary for you to wait until some future time to accept

Christ, but the invitation is given to one and all if you will only hear the gospel message. In fact this is the good news that we bring to you at this time. God willeth not the death of any, but that all should come to repentance. (See II Peter 3:9) Therefore, the dry and parched ground in the lives of those who are separated from God may be watered by his grace and kissed with the atonement of his salvation. Thereby, becoming like a watered garden and like a desert that blossoms with the roses. Listen now as Kathleen brings to you this poem.

STORMS OF LIFE

By Ima M. Springer

"And the desert blossoms as a rose."
These words ran thru my mind,
And I thought of circumstances and fate,
In all of life for mankind.

The beauty of a desert garden,
Can't possibly be told with words
For beauties rare, in the desert air
Are creations wrought by our Lord.

But the hand of man had his part to do.
To fashion canals and ditches,
To catch the rain from the mountains
round,
And guide it to garden patches.

The beauty and life giving crops that grow
Get their life flow from far away
And precious indeed was each drop of
rain
That traveled so far every day.

Were it not for the storms in the moun-
tain top
Where strong trees bend beneath the gale
The flowers and crops in the lower land
Would soon wither up and fail.

And just so in each of our lives
Many storms we all must bear.

Not to sustain our own life alone.
But make others aware of God's care.

Each storm o'ercome is a tread in the
stairs,
That leads to heavenly places
Only by pushing our way thru the gale,
Can we join the immortal races.

Every tread on the stairs of life,
Is fraught with danger and peril
But when God's peace abides, His love
is our guide
And each day a conquest in trial.

Break not thou in the storms of life,
Tho' furious and boisterous the gale,
The wind brings the rain; the rain brings
new life
Thru all, God's blessings prevail.

Thank you, Kathleen. Let us pray.

Our Father,

Take the thoughts expressed in the
message tonight and as they are borne
by the radio waves and the printed mes-
sage over land and over sea, make them
a blessing to some soul in need and
thine shall be the praise through Christ
our Lord. Amen

Listen now to the song, "He Will
Not Fail Me Now".

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 address.
Remember us in your prayers and may
God's richest blessings be yours. Un-
til next Friday night at 10:45, this is
Willie Murphey saying a very pleasant
goodnight!

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Dear Bro. Willie and Family, . . .
 We have many times enjoyed listening to the broadcast and it has been a blessing to us. . . We heard from Bro. Samons and his co-workers by phone Sunday and they are rejoicing in a good meeting. One was baptized and others enjoying the truth (in Charlestown, Indiana). . . We want to urge everyone to get in real earnestness before the Lord concerning this effort so that it will continue on and on and all our hearts will be enriched by seeing souls come out of darkness into this glorious freedom. . . Pray the Lord to send us help on the work at Monark. Lovingly
 Yours, --Ralph and Inez Beisly

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NOTE: Bro. and Sis. Samons' address is Gen. Del., Thelma, Kentucky. Remember them and the workers with the tent meeting.

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The family of Sis. Ophelia Phebe Jeffery wishes to express their appreciation for the many encouraging cards, letters, also telegrams, flowers, and all the deeds of kindness through our bereavement.

--Sis. Earnestine Jordan

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Sis. Frances McDonald desires earnest prayer for her mother who is not well.

From Louisiana: Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings tonight in the name of our dear Saviour. He is so good to us. How we do thank him and praise him for his love and blessings to us. We are so thankful to have the privilege of knowing him as our personal Saviour, Sanctifier and Healer. . . Surely I can say "There is joy in the Service of the Master". . . Pray for us that we will be all God wants us to be and be yielded to him for service as he bids us. We have all things consecrated to God and we want to work for him. The only real happiness is living close to God and working for him. . . We sometimes hear the Mission Trail and we appreciate being a regular receiver of The Mission Trail paper. Keep encouraged and may your words be a blessing to many. No doubt, more than you'll ever know receive words of comfort by way of radio. So keep up the good work. May God richly bless and reward you for every labor of love. Remember us and the work here when you pray. With Christian love,

--Bob and Dorall Forbes

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