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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 another gospel message. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey.

We deeply appreciate those who have written us letters of encouragement and stood by with their prayers and support to help keep this message on the air each week. Then, too, we have recently heard from a number of listeners to the broadcast who have great problems which they have discussed with us, and we request your prayers in their behalf. Some are in need of physical healing while others have financial problems and burdens. Let me assure you that we have been praying for you. Now, let your faith look directly to God for the answer and put your trust completely in him. He is not only able to solve the problems of life, but He is willing and ready to help us when we call upon his name.

For your encouragement, let me tell of an answer to prayer. This testimony was given by a young lady not long ago. She stated that her brother had been gone from home, and they were unable to hear from him for many years. During this time she longed to receive a letter from him telling of his whereabouts. And also during this time she prayed that God would in some way cause her to hear from him. Many times it looked very discouraging, especially when one day his mother said, "I can pray for him no longer."

You can well imagine how heart-rending such a statement would be coming from a mother whose son had been absent from home for so many years. Her faith did not seem to take it in that he would return, but not so with this child of God who gave the testimony. She continued to pray until the answer came. Sure enough one day a letter was received from him telling of his whereabouts. Not only this, but he soon came for a visit, and now his letters are encouraging to receive. So you see, we must not give up, but we must continue to fight the good fight of faith.

Listen now to the scripture reading from Matthew, chapter 21, and beginning with verse 1. "And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say,

THE LORD HATH NEED OF THEM,
and straightway he will send them."

Now this is a very interesting scripture, and it would be well for us to consider some of the thoughts herein. We often think of God as the creator of the world, and that he has need of nothing. In a sense, this is true. There is nothing we could do to add to his comfort since he is the God of all the world.

But, on the other hand, notice the request which Jesus made here for the donkey and the colt. This would indeed be a request for a small thing, but nevertheless, the scripture says, "The Lord hath need of them." And so it is with our service for the Master. In one way we might say there is very little which we could do to bring pleasure to the heart of God. But on the other hand, we can actually administer unto him by fulfilling his purpose and plan in our lives. Another thought--even though we may be limited in our ability yet there is a need for our service. Each one is able to perform some duty that will bring pleasure and glory to the work of God.

We should never feel that we are so unimportant that we have no talents to render unto God. It is true that when Christ spoke of the talents being divided among the servants in the 25th chapter of Matthew that some were given more responsibilities than others. One man was given five, another two, and yet another one talent.

Now we see that the man who had only one talent was not justified in laying this talent aside. For his obligation and duty yet remained to put his talent to use, even though he was so limited in his ability. Many times those who are gifted with an abundance of talents are unwilling to dedicate their abilities to the service of the Lord. Surely this is a tragic thing, for they will be held accountable for the manner in which they use their talents. But

just as they are responsible, even so is that individual responsible who has only one talent.

Now it is true that God did not intend that all should be preachers. He did not intend that all should be missionaries. He did not intend that all should be singers, for some have not the gift of singing. This is true of the other gifts of the Spirit. The total number of them are not given to each individual, but they are divided among the people of God as chosen by the spirit. However, God does intend to have preachers, missionaries, singers and workers in his church.

Now this is the beauty of the Lord's church. Each member is put in his place by Christ himself. Notice I Cor. 12th chapter and beginning with verse 28. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

Now just as God gives the gifts of the Spirit even so does he set the members in his body as it pleases him. This is not done by human organization, but by divine appointment of the Spirit of God.

Then, too, please do not forget the text, "The Lord hath need of them." So whoever you are and wherever you live, we want you to know that God has need of you and your talents. He is ever seeking for those who are willing and ready to give themselves without reserve into his hands. Are you will-

ing to do this? Are you ready to dedicate your ability and talents without reserve to the service of the Lord? If so, we are sure that he will richly reward you.

One reason why the need is so great today is because so few are willing to give heed to the call of God's spirit. This makes it all the more important that each of us do our best for him. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields around you, they are white already to harvest. This is true in our own nation and also those nations who surround us.

It is not for me to say where your chosen field of labor shall be, but it is for you to seek God in prayer and meditation while considering his word until he points out exactly the place where he would have you to labor. We hope that each one who hears this broadcast tonight will speedily put themselves in the place where they will be most effective in the service of God for surely "the Lord hath need of them". Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

There may be someone listening to the broadcast tonight who has an abundance of talents and are yet withholding them from thy use. We not only pray for this one, but also for those who are limited in their ability. May they each one willingly give their all into thy hands to use as thou doest see best both now and forever, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

And now this song, "He's Everything to Me". It is sung by Bob Forbes and his wife Dorall. And let me assure you this couple knows what it means to look to God in times of affliction and sorrow. But listen as they sing in the spirit, "He's Everything to Me".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy of today's message free of charge, you may have one by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 10:45, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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YOUR PLACE

Is your place a small place?

Tend it with care!

He set you there.

Is your place a large place?

Guard it with care!

He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is

Not yours alone, but His

Who set you there.

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LITTLE DEEDS

The Alpine strawberry is no larger than a pea, and yet is the sweetest of all the fruits of the field. And many of the most precious deeds of a true Christian are the small acts of his life, as the giving of a cup of cold water to a weary disciple, or the speaking of a word in due season.

"The smaller the gift or the service, in certain circumstances, the greater the evidence of love." To fetch the ass for Jesus was a truer test of love than to drive furiously like Jehu. To wash the feet of Jesus, like Mary, is an evidence of greater love than to spread a feast for Him like Simon the Pharisee. Mary with her alabaster box of ointment, the widow with her two mites, Peter forsaking his fishing tackle--these are truer acts of benevolence than the gifts of the rich. God's method of evaluation is accurate for he looks at the heart.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:



Shown in the picture above from left to right (front row) is Tony, John and Stony Samons. On the right is Brother Mart. Samons. Standing behind is David Baird and Larry Sneed. Brother and Sister Samons with workers have just closed a tent meeting in Kentucky. Of this they wrote: . . . The Lord has blessed so much in His word and singing here. We know it will not return unto Him void. The people here sit like they are spell bound when the Word is going forth. They never heard anything like it before. . . Lord willing we will be seeing you at Monark . . .

--Sis. Verna, Bro. Mart & boys.

Kathleen and Patsy have spent most of this week in the good services at the Myrtle, Missouri meeting.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Jimmy McMillian of Neosho, Mo. who was severely injured in an auto accident this week.

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Also Sister Max Williamson of Hammond, La. has been very, very sick and needs a healing touch.

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Bro. and Sis. Curtis Williams of Clearfield, Ky. was involved in an accident with their car and house trailer a short distance before they reached home when they were struck by a car. Considerable damage was done to their car and trailer.

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Sister Alta Bock of Tulsa, and her children received cuts and bruises when the pickup in which they were riding ran into the ditch which is believed was due to faulty steering mechanism. Colleen sustained a broken leg. Let us be united in prayer for them.

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The National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. begins Friday, July 22. Come with your heart open to receive the truth!

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