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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 Warm Welcome

to all the listeners of radio station XEG for another gospel broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Your speaker is Willie Murphey. As many of you know the annual campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri (near Neosho) begins today. Our welcome is also extended to those in attendance at this meeting.



WELCOME TO MONARK SPRINGS, MO.

By Leslie Busbee

Come, ye people! For thee flowing
Springs of everlasting life
From the lives of saints here showing
Freedom from all sin and strife.

Gathered from the hills of darkness,
Saved and washed in Jesus' blood
On these holy grounds of worship
Camps a mighty host of God.

For a season here shall echo
Songs of praise and pray'rs of love,
Mighty sermons rich annointed
By the Spirit from above.

Thus the name so well portraying
As His grace each bosom fills,
"Monarch Springs" are now a flowing
From this camp among the hills.

Many of those in these services will be expecting the rich blessings of God to be freely given and manifested for their need. Some will be coming who are in need of spiritual grace, others for physical healing, and still others, no doubt, with financial problems and burdens of life. But the God whom we serve and represent to you is abundantly able to satisfy the needs of these hearts with his marvelous grace and blessings. So come with faith expecting to receive.

Your attention is directed to a scripture in Psalms, chapter 19, and verse 14. I quote, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

Now many sermons have been preached concerning the importance of our words. Therein lies the power to make glad and also the power to wound and injure another. All of this is contained in the use of words, either good or bad. It is not my intention to bring you another discourse on this part of this verse which I read, but I would like to go one step further and point out the importance of meditation.

Notice again the text. It said, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Not only is it important for us to speak good words at the right time and the right place, but perhaps even more important than this is for us to think correctly and meditate upon the things which are profitable. From these meditations comes forth the deeds, or the fruits, which is manifested in one's life. This may be either good or bad according to the meditations which are carried on inwardly.

Now, in the olden days under the law if one committed the crime of murder, the sentence of death rested upon him. But in this gospel dispensation, Christ said, and I quote from Matthew, chapter 5, and beginning with verse 21, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:"

So you see, to commit the crime of murder is certainly a very serious offence against the laws of God, but Christ also pointed out that for one to be angry with his brother without a cause, he shall be in danger of the judgment. In other words, the type of meditation or thoughts which are allowed to linger in one's mind affects his life and the fruits thereof will show it. There is no contradiction of this fact. If one spends his time reading and meditating upon filthy literature and trashy material, his life will be affected by these thoughts.

Furthermore, consider verses 27 and 28 of the 5th chapter of Matthew. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That who-

soever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Now let me ask you a question. In this case, why would the individual who had accepted such a thought in his heart be guilty before God? Would it be because he had performed the immoral act? Not necessarily so, for no outward indications of such lewdness may exist upon his countenance, nevertheless, he is guilty before God for the corruptness of his meditations.

Now as you can readily see, we are here dealing with spiritual problems. Here are some battles which cannot be won with tanks and guns--it is these conflicts which go on deep within the hearts and minds of men and women. These are spiritual battles and require an abundance of God's grace for one to be victorious.

Listen to this reading from II Corinthians, chapter 10, and beginning with verse 3. I quote: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ:"

Now take the example which Christ left in the garden of Gethsemane. We so often think that it was at the cross where the final victory was won, and this is true. For he said, "It is finished" just before the last breath from his weary body while hanging on the cross had departed from him, but actually the grace for the victory came when he was praying in the garden. Now Christ could have called legions of angels to his rescue. He could have prevented

the soldiers from taking him captive. In fact, he prayed that the cup of suffering might pass from him, but his spirit was dedicated and willing to carry out the mission of God. Therefore, he said, nevertheless, "Not my will but thine be done."

In 1660 in the country of England, God called a very humble man to preach his word. John Bunyan, a tinker and a mender of pots and kettles had caught the vision which was greater worth than the material things of earth. This was the souls of men. Contrary to the rules and regulations of the Church of England, he began to preach to the people a message of righteousness. Therefore one day when a number had met for worship at the home of a friend, John Bunyan received word that an officer was coming to apprehend him. He could have escaped, but he thought he would be playing the coward to do so and that it might be a bad effect on the congregation should he run off and leave them. Especially did the man at whose house was the meeting to be held, tried to prevail upon Bunyan to leave. He said he knew that it would be certain that Bunyan would be cast into prison.

Now inwardly the thoughts and meditations of John Bunyan began to give him trouble. He considered, shall I flee, or shall I remain and face the officer? Bunyan paced up and down before the house for a whole hour before the service and thought the question out as to whether he should flee or remain and suffer the consequences, resolving in the end "not to go away". The meeting began, and sure enough the officer arrived to take Bunyan into custody.

Nevertheless, the lesson which I want to impress upon your minds is this: the victory was gained inwardly against the spiritual forces which were pressing so hard against him.

Let us spend a moment in prayer just now.

Our Father,

It is quite possible that there are those tonight listening to this broadcast who are enduring a great fight of affliction, physically, financially, mentally, or spiritually. For them we pray that an abundance of grace may be given. And that through the spiritual forces of Christ they may gain the victory for we ask it in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Now Friends, you may find it difficult to gain such a victory which we have spoken of on this broadcast. Especially is this true if you endeavor to do it within your own limited strength, but let me assure you that through the word of God and the Spirit of God, by his grace it is possible to be an overcomer. Listen now to the song, "By the Grace of God", as sung by Bob Forbes, Dorall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

This broadcast 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, you may have one free of charge by simply sending us your request. And now let me leave this final thought with you. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Till next Friday night at 10:45, this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Matthew 12:34, 35

Guthrie, Oklahoma
July 22, 1966

Dear Ones,

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude and appreciation both to God and his people that we send our greetings of love to each of you.

Since January of 1965, approximately 18 months ago, it has been our pleasure to bring you this weekly broadcast. This we have enjoyed doing. We also believe that our lives have been enriched while we endeavored to bring the gospel both to those of the church and to those who are not familiar with its glorious power to deliver from sin and bring abiding peace to all who believe.

We do appreciate the many letters of encouragement from those who stood by to help us finance this project.

Some of you may be aware that during this time I have worked with my hands to help supply the needs for our family and also purchase equipment to record the messages, to type them, also machinery to put them into printed form. Our shop is in the basement

of our home. Kathleen and Patsy, our daughters, help us, also our sons Willie and Wayne.

The number on our mailing list has steadily increased until now the postage alone is more than \$22 each week. The duties have increased until now it is difficult to accomplish this on a part-time basis. It seemed necessary for us to make a choice which course to pursue.

Therefore after much prayer and careful consideration we have chosen to resign our job with the Okla. Pub. Co. This becomes effective after July 23. It has not been an easy choice to make, but we believe that it is one with which God is pleased. We feel that the time remaining for us to work for Him is more valuable than the money. Therefore, we plan to continue The Mission Trail as the Lord provides, and we hope to have some time to devote to evangelistic services also.

Your prayers will be appreciated. Our home telephone number is Bu 2-1101.

Your family in Christ for the spread of the gospel both at home and upon the mission fields.

Lovingly,

Willie C. Murphey	Kathleen	Willie
Frances C. Murphey	Patsy	Wayne

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

THESE MEETINGS ARE HELD TO THE GLORY OF GOD

• FOR THE JUSTIFICATION OF SINNERS
• SANCTIFICATION FOR BELIEVERS
• HEALING FOR THE BODY THROUGH FAITH IN GOD
• ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOD'S SAINTS AND THE
• BRINGING TOGETHER AGAIN THE SAINTS OF
THE EVENING LIGHT REFORMATION

COME AGAIN

The Welcome Sign on the Monark Campgrounds also invites you to come again.

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THE OLD CAMPGROUND

By D. S. Warner

We have met today on the old campground,
And our hearts, O God, o'erflow
With our songs of joy and a stream of thanks
For the love thou dost bestow.

We have met today on the old campground,
Oh, the fellowship so sweet,
As the pure in heart all together flow,
In the bonds of love complete.

We have met today on the old campground,
And we come in Jesus' name:
Here, O mighty God, let thy thunder sound,
And thy awful Spirit flame.

We have met today on the old campground,
And we come to work and pray;
Here, redeem, dear Lord, even multitudes,
At thy altar day by day.

It is expected that a large number will be attending the national campmeeting in Monark Springs, Missouri, which begins today, July 22.

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From Oklahoma: . . . We do enjoy the message. We listen to you when I am at home. . . I am saved and want my life to tell the gospel story. I want to help poor, dying souls to come to the light. I am glad that we have one that can do all things for us. . .

--Sister Nancy Jones

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From Nigeria: . . . The Mission Trail has been a consoling pamphlet to me in particular. Every copy carries with it a living message. Surely every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. Your brother in Christ,

--B. U. Udeme

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I had a visit with James White who is in prison. He seems to be much encouraged since he has been saved. He desires that I give his greetings to all. Please pray for him.

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