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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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. . . It is with pleasure that we come by radio to the listeners of this powerful radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are coming to you again with another gospel message. We are indeed happy to report that God has been blessing his word and our hearts have been warmed many times by the response which we get both from those who listen to the broadcast and also from those who get the printed copies each week.

To the new listeners who might like to be added to our mailing list, let me assure you that you may have these copies mailed to you without charge or obligation by simply sending us your request upon a post card or in a letter. And if we may assist you in a spiritual problem or if you are sick and desire prayer, do not hesitate to let us know of your request that we may join with you in an agreement of prayer.

But now for our scripture lesson today let us begin in Hebrews, the sixth chapter with verse nine. I quote: "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so,

AFTER HE HAD PATIENTLY ENDURED,

he obtained the promise."

We so often think of the patience of Job and the trials which he endured, but there are many other prophets which endured great persecutions because of their trust in God. However at this time, please consider the patriarch Abraham.

Now Abraham was seventy-five years old when God first called him from the

land of Ur of the Chaldees. Perhaps Abraham was not aware that his name would go down in Bible history as the father of the faithful. Perhaps he did not aspire to the greatness which came his way, but be that as it may, along with these promises came many trials of his faith.

In Genesis, chapter 12 and verse 3, we read of the promise which God made to Abraham. He said, "And I will bless

them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Here then was the promise which God made to Abraham.

After Abraham had obeyed the voice of God and departed from the land of his people, we read in Genesis, chapter 13 and beginning with verse 14 some of the promises which God made to him. "And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee."

Well, this sounds like some wonderful promises which God made to Abraham, but if Abraham had been like some people whom we know today, after about thirty or sixty days, he would have become discouraged. He would have considered that the promises were worthless because they had not come to pass immediately.

But not so with Abraham. He waited long and patiently for the fulfillment of these promises. The Lord tried him. He was no doubt tempted by Satan, opposed by men full of jealousy and distrust. But imagine, if you can, the magnitude of such a promise which God has made--that all the families of the earth would be blessed through his seed. And then imagine, if you can, that Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac his son was born; his wife Sarah was 90 years old. This is rather a ripe old age to begin a family whose de-

scendants would be as the stars of heaven for multitude or as the sands of the seashore for number.

But we are told in Romans, chapter 4 and verse 3 that: "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." In other words, Abraham was patiently enduring that he might receive the fulfillment of God's promises. His patience was tried by his relatives, his endurance was tested by his enemies, and his faith was placed in the furnace by the Almighty that it might be purified and polished.

Some things, then, to remember from Abraham's life are well worth pointing out. Patience in the midst of trial is a virtue that God does not overlook, believing expectation is a jewel which will be polished more brightly as God tries one's faith. Abraham's conduct condemns a hasty spirit, reproves a complaining one, encourages a patient one, and points out the way for others to yield themselves in quiet submission to God's will and way.

Remember now Abraham was tried but patiently endured. After the waiting came the fulfillment, for it was through Abraham that Christ came forth as the lion of the tribe of Judah to fulfill the promise of God in bringing deliverance to all people in all nations throughout the world. It is through Christ Jesus that we have hope and deliverance with a promise of eternal life.

Friends, if you should grow a little weary along the way of life, let me encourage you to patiently endure. Hold steadfast, unmovable, while yet believing that God will in his own time and way fulfill his promise to you in a personal manner. Be not moved about by every wave and wind of doctrine, but be established and settled in the truth,

even though the winds may blow contrary to the course which you have chosen to pursue. To further add to your encouragement, listen now to this poem entitled:

CONTRARY WINDS

By Leslie C. Busbee

I saw the morning air express
Roar over-head in threat'ning power;
Her wings were tilted in a stress
Against the south-tide of the hour.

I watched her as far down the sky
She left my wide and wondering view
Bent on her mission faithfully
And keeping on her courses true.

Her soaring move with sidewise sweep
To overcome the threat to stray.
Her pilot steered in wisdom deep
To keep her on her course that day.

And so, thought I, my course in life
Of like importance is to me;
Amid the jarring winds of strife
Unmoved, unshaken I must be.

But if I keep my course, I must
Brace up to master all I meet,
And navigate with peace and trust
A valiant pathway of my feet.

Take courage then, my soul, and though
Ye cross the path of common tread
Wherein contrary winds may blow,
Oh, by the hand of God be led.

Be not dismayed, thy portion bear
With joy to know ye have a part,
And with the ransomed thou shalt share,
And end the course ye once did start!

Let us unite our hearts and spirits
as we pause before our heavenly father
at this moment to pray.

Our Father,
There may be those listening to this

broadcast tonight who are facing the winds of adversity which threaten to overturn their bark as they endeavor to navigate the sea of time to the eternal shores of that land which thou hast promised to those who love thy word. Tonight, for them we offer a special prayer and pray that you would give them renewed courage to face the contrary winds which have caused many to change their course in life. Grant us grace to proceed by faith on this voyage which will lead us to thy eternal home for we ask it in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen

Listen now to the song entitled: "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All" as sung by the Mitchell family.

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

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Church of God Senior Citizens Home
Pacoima, California

". . . The home was opened August 22, 1966. There are now 12 residents. . . Others are considering. Marilyn Randall, a young sister from Compton, is one of the residents here. She is 31 or 32 years old. She is crippled and her sight is impaired. She is a real saint and a blessing to all--so the home is not altogether for the "aged"! The dear ones here are so happy. They just go up and down the corridors praising the Lord. I have been trying to get away but seems there is always something more or new to do. I hope to get free one day to be on the mission field full time. I will appreciate your prayers that God's will be done. . . Your brother in Christ," --Harland Smith

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Last Saturday evening, October 1st, Johnny Ray, 14, of Guthrie was critically injured in an accident when struck by a car while riding his Honda. He received head injuries, broken bones, cuts, and many bruises. It is requested that others join in prayer with the many saints who are interested and have been praying for his recovery.

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A hearty invitation is extended to those interested in gospel singing to attend the one to be held in the Neosho chapel Saturday evening, October 22nd.

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The saints of Springfield, Missouri plan to have all day meeting on the fifth Sunday, October 30th. The chapel is located at 718 N. Kansas. Others are invited.

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"Garfield, Arkansas, . . . We are planning to have all-day meetings every 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday the 16th. . . ." --Ethel Worrall (Note: "Central Community Building" is located about 4 miles south of Garfield, Arkansas, or about 10 miles north of Rogers just off Highway 62, near the Pratt cemetery. The saints who can are invited to spend the day in these services. The dinner will be furnished.)

The Church of God, 1701 N. Ash, Wichita, Kansas, plan to have a revival meeting beginning October 21, extending through October 30. We desire the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. All are welcome. Pray the Lord to give us a good harvest.

--Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor

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Earnest prayer is requested for the congregation at Kansas City who has purchased a building and furnished it with benches for their chapel, but some complications have arisen in regard to certain regulations. A hearing is scheduled for October 24th.

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From Michigan: ". . . I have been wanting to write to you before now to tell you how much we appreciate your efforts through the radio ministry and "The Mission Trail". . . Bro. Wilson was with us for a while, from Sept. 9-Sept. 19. We did so enjoy the word of God as it was brought forth. . . Yours in Christian love," --Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins and family.

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Be sure to see the pictures of the new Senior Citizens' Home of Pacoima, California in The Mission Trail for next week.

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