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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 cheerful 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 are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with another gospel message over this powerful radio station. We have received much encouragement from the response of those who hear The Mission Trail, and also those who get the printed copies each week.

For the benefit of our new listeners let me explain that we do publish this message and mail it each week free of charge to those who request it. If you are not now receiving these copies, be sure to send us your name and address if you would like for us to mail them to you. There is no cost or obligation. We are glad to have a part in the great work of the Lord, and we feel that this message is proving a blessing to many souls. We would appreciate your prayers.

For our scripture reading listen to this verse from I Timothy, chapter 1 and verse 5. It says, "Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of

A GOOD CONSCIENCE,

and of faith unfeigned:" On our last broadcast I spoke of an "evil conscience" and how such a conscience is not a safe guide for one to follow. One's conscience must be properly instructed if we hope to use it as a guide in fulfilling the will of God.

But I would like to point out that your conscience is a very important part of your spiritual life. In fact, it is hard to serve God without a good conscience. We see from this verse in Timothy that one should have a pure heart and a good conscience. Now we understand that a pure heart can only be made this way by the atoning blood of Christ through faith in his redemptive plan for man's salvation. This brings satisfaction to one whose heart has been made pure.

It also causes one's conscience to be at ease.

In speaking of the Gentiles which had not the law, notice how God used their conscience to work with them. In Romans, chapter 2 and verses 14 and 15, we read: "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

So you see one's conscience cannot be separated from his spiritual welfare, for he must have a good conscience

without the knowledge of guilt. I would say that a good conscience is worth more than all the wealth of the world and all the learning of the wise men combined.

Listen to this testimony which the apostle Paul had as quoted from Acts 24:16. "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." Let me tell you something. To have a conscience void of offense toward God and men is no small thing. I would say that this is certainly a good conscience, wouldn't you?

In I John, chapter 3 and verses 20 and 21 we read: "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things, Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

A number of years ago a police officer came to the home of a certain lady whom I knew very well. She went to the door to see what he wanted. He immediately said to her, "Don't be afraid lady, we won't harm you." Then he went on to explain what information he was seeking. But she had an answer for him which I have long remembered and which seems to me was so fitting for the occasion. She said, "I'm not afraid, for I haven't done anything to be afraid for."

Now on the other hand, think how differently it might have been if she knew of some violation which had been committed and the police officers were coming to take her to jail. In other words, I would say that she had a good conscience. She had no knowledge of a wrong doing which warranted her being arrested by the police officer. It must be a dreadful thing for criminals to continually live in fear of being arrested. They take many precautions

to avoid police officers and others who might give them away lest they should be taken by the courts of justice.

Now the basic trouble is this--their conscience is not at ease and is causing them misery. If the conscience can be purified then happiness will be the result.

Listen to this verse from Hebrews 9:14. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Think about it, friends. God made a provision through the atonement of his son, Christ Jesus, who shed his blood that our conscience may be purified through faith in him and that you might have a conscience void of offense toward God and men. In other words, he has made provision for us to have a good conscience.

In I Peter, chapter 3 and verse 21 we read: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Let us sum it up, then, in this manner. One who has a conscience which is properly instructed and fully understands the will of God is certainly blessed indeed. Then as one lives with a clear conscience at all times, he has assurance and confidence that he can call upon his heavenly father in time of need.

Again, I say, a good conscience is worth much.

Listen now as Patsy brings you this thought.

WHAT MONEY CANNOT DO

"Money, no doubt, is a power; but a power of well defined and narrow limits. It will purchase plenty, but not peace; it will furnish your table with luxuries, but not you with an appetite to enjoy them. It will surround your sick bed with physicians, but not restore health to a sickly frame; it will encompass you with flatters, but will not produce true friends; it will bribe for you into silence the tongues of accusing men, but not an accusing conscience; it will pay some debt, but not the largest one of all, your debt to the law of God; it will relieve many fears, but not those of guilt--the terrors that crown the brows of Death. He stands as grim and terrible by the dying bed of wealth as by the pallet of the poorest beggar whom pitiless riches has thrust from her door." --Selected

Thank you, Patsy. Friends, we hope if there is one tonight who hears this broadcast and your conscience is defiled and guilty through many transgressions, which you have committed before God and man, we hope that from this time on you may turn your hearts to God and find that peace and satisfaction which He alone can give.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We thank thee for the provision which has been made whereby we may have a clear conscience before God and men. Should there be one listening to the broadcast tonight whose conscience is not in a good condition, we pray that you would help them to seek the pardon of thy forgiveness and so learn the joy of living with a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and to thee we'll give the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

Listen now to the song "O the Glory" as sung by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

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EARTHLY TREASURES

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

These mortal joys, how soon they fade!
How swift they pass away!
The dying flower reclines its head,
The beauty of a day.

The bags are rent, the treasure's lost,
We fondly called our own:
Scarce could we the possession boast,
When, lo! we found it gone.

But there are joys that cannot die,
With God laid up in store;
Treasure, beyond the changing sky,
Brighter than golden ore.

The seeds which piety and love
Have scattered here below,
In the fair, fertile fields above,
To ample harvests grow.

The mite my willing hands can give,
At Jesus' feet I lay;
Grace shall the humble gift receive,
And Heaven at large repay.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

The Jefferson, Oregon assembly meeting begins today.

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Many who have been praying for the work in Kansas City will be interested to know that the public officials because of certain objections have ruled against the saints having services in their new location. Extensive work has been done in preparing the building for use. Bro. Roy Harmon, the pastor, and his wife Virginia along with the congregation of young people have felt definitely led of the Lord in this project. They are not discouraged now, but are waiting upon Him for further instructions. Your earnest prayers are requested.

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It is reported that the revival meeting which Bro. Murphy Allen held in Springfield, Missouri last week was blessed of the Lord with some souls seeking spiritual help. The all-day meeting Sunday was especially profitable. Bro. Allen preached in the morning and Bro. Gibson in the afternoon. We understand that Bro. Leslie Busbee, the pastor, said, "I didn't know it was going to be so good."

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Plan now to attend the Hammond, La. assembly meeting beginning Nov. 20.

Gospel singing has been scheduled for Saturday evening, November 19th, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The location of the chapel is at Norfolk Avenue and Pine Place. An invitation is extended to those interested in gospel singing.

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From Shawnee, Okla.: "Dear Readers of the Mission Trail: I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers offered for me, also for the 'get well' cards, the letters and offerings I have received since being sick. I want to thank each one who made the days brighter. I have been here in the Golden Rule Home about two months. My nerves have mended greatly, but the condition of my heart keeps me in my room most of the time resting. It is too much for me to go to services. Please continue to pray that I will be healed."

--Ruth Murphey

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Bro. Mart Samons has been in revival meeting this week in Oklahoma City at the congregation on 50th Street. The sound instruction Wednesday night on the "Separation" of God's people from the world was appreciated. We were present that night. The attendance was good. A number of other ministers were also present.

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