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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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. . . This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey coming to you once again with our weekly message and our visit which we enjoy so much. To those who may be hearing this broadcast for the first time over radio station XEG, let me take the time to tell you that we print this message and mail it each week, and you may have a copy mailed to you without cost or obligation by simply sending us your name and correct address. We prefer to make the gospel without charge and trust the Lord that our needs are supplied. We do personally thank those who have stood by with their prayers and letters of support to help us continue this broadcast each week.

For this broadcast I feel especially impressed to speak to you about the Lord's people and the difference between those who are his people and those who only make a profession to serve him.

Look at this text in St. John, chapter 17 and beginning with verse 14. It says: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because

THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD,

even as I am not of the world." This same expression is emphasized again in verse 16. It says, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

Let us see now if we can better understand the meaning of the fact that God's people are not of the world. In the first place Jesus was here praying for his disciples. He had almost completed his work in the world and was ready to go to the cross to be crucified for the redemption of the sins of the people. Therefore, he was praying for his chosen disciples whom he had selected out of the world.

In other words, they were in the world but not of the world. In verse 11 he said, "And now I am no more in the

world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee."

Friends, do you believe that God has a people who are living in the world today and yet are not of the world? Let me be quick to assure you this is true. His people are not of the world.

Listen to these verses from I John, chapter 2 and beginning with verse 15. It says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Using these scriptures then as a foundation, we would say that those who live after the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes and the pride of life are not the children of God. They may profess to be, they may belong to a religious movement, but deep down in their heart if they live after the desires of the flesh and mind, I am here to tell you that they are not God's children.

If you think I need more scripture to back up this statement which seemed a little emphatic, consider this verse from I Peter, chapter 2 and verse 11. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

Now let me ask you this: "Who is a stranger and a pilgrim?" Well, it would be someone passing through a country who was not really a native of that land. Their speech, their habits, and customs of living would not be familiar to the natives of the land through which they were passing. Furthermore, the language of a stranger is often not understood by the natives, neither is the language of the natives understood by a stranger. This is often the case.

Let me explain it this way. Some months ago while on a short missionary trip into Mexico I was accompanied by my daughter and her girl friend. My daughter Patsy understood enough Spanish to make out fairly well among the natives, but her friend relied upon Patsy's knowledge of Spanish when no one else was around to interpret for her.

At one particular stop a young Spanish speaking man walked over to the car and engaged in a casual conversation while we waited. It was not unusual after he had made some comment for

Patsy's friend to ask her, "Now what did he say?" This went on for some time until we were ready to leave. Instead of the young man speaking his final farewell in Spanish, he said in plain English, "Bye, bye". The young lady who had been so accustomed to asking for an interpretation seemed unaware that he had spoken English and turning to Patsy she asked, "Now what does that mean?"

So, friends, you may easily see what it means to be a stranger in a foreign land. Consider the application well and may the Lord give you understanding of heart to know that God's people do not speak, think, nor act according to the customs of the world.

Listen at this verse from Hebrews, chapter 11 and verse 13. It says, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

Now let us go one step further. I believe that God wants his people separated from all who profess to know God but in works deny him. Listen to this scripture from II Corinthians, chapter 6 and verse 14. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

And then verses 17 and 18 say this: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Yet one might ask the question: Don't you believe that there are saved people in all churches?

To this I would answer, no doubt, there are some who are saved in these places. But I will add this: It is not the will of God for his church to be divided into many groups and beliefs. Furthermore, one must be willing to accept the truth and walk in the light if he is to remain saved. God's word teaches that His people are separate. When one is born again he is automatically a member of God's church and it is unnecessary for him to join another.

And speaking of God's people as being a "called-out people", listen to this verse from Revelations, chapter 18 and verse 2. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

Now Babylon symbolizes man-made religions. They fail to honor Christ as their head. Then verse 4 says, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Friends, don't you see that it means more to be a separate and an exclusive "called-out people" of God than it does to merely profess to serve him, yet in works deny his power? Consider well these verses and measure your life by the standard of his word and spirit. Really, the truth is what we need, for the truth will set us free from all the influences and powers which would separate God's people. Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

There may be one listening to this broadcast tonight who is allowing professors to stand between them and God. For this soul we offer a special prayer

and pray that you would deliver them and set them free. Open their eyes to see the glorious kingdom of God, his church, which is the mother of all truly born-again children of God. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Here then is a song entitled "What a Kingdom" and is sung by Lynn and Alma Carver, Manuel and Marie Mitchell.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a copy free of charge, you may have one without obligation by simply sending us your request. And now 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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CORRESPONDENCE

From Texas: ". . . On nite of Aug. 19th I came in late, tired from toil thru day--happened to turn on the radio. Your program came on as it was beginning of series 3 sermons. The one that nite was most impressive--Try to Forgive and Forget. I told my wife I wanted to get copy of the sermon. So she got us put on the mailing. Every time we can we listen to you. If not, I look forward for my mail for your message to be in the mail. I had a note book binder that was the very thing to keep each sermon in. At this time I have all them. . . . I just know you have a wonderful Christian working family. May the Lord continue to bless you all in Christian work. . . Yours very truly,"

--Charles Ray Leazar

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Willie, Frances, and family, Just a few lines to say how we enjoyed the broadcast. Sure enjoyed every word of it. . . Ray has sure suffered all day and is feeling bad tonight. Pray for us. We sure need your prayers. . . Love,"

--Ray and Ethel White

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

From Manitoba, Canada: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings of love and appreciation in Jesus' name. I trust this letter will find all of you in the best of health and much encouraged in the Lord's work. I praise His name, first for being the Master, Saviour and Lord of my life; secondly for folks such as you who faithfully forward the Mission Trail paper each week. My God knows how much this encourages me to follow the path of the Lord. Enclosed is a gift of five dollars in appreciation of many blessings received from God and your paper. . . Please remember my unsaved loved ones in prayer. Thank you kindly for taking time to read my letter. 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' Yours in Christ,"

--Miss Florence Squire

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Bro. Wayne Miller of Hammond, La. desires prayer for his healing.

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From California: ". . . I appreciate your work for God and pray He will continue to bless and help you spread the gospel by air and the printed page. . . . May the Lord bless and keep you."

--Sister Naomi Amey

The Hammond, Louisiana assembly meeting is now a matter of history, but the benefits and blessings will, no doubt, long remain in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of attending the services there. The new wall paneling, ceiling and light fixtures made the building a most welcome place for the saints to gather, although at times, the crowds were so large that even extra chairs in the aisles seemed insufficient to seat everyone. A large number of ministers and gospel workers were present from many places and the word was preached under the anointing of the Spirit. Patsy and I had the privilege of attending the meeting from Friday through Sunday. Then we made stops of one night each in the congregations of Kentwood, Midway, and Shreveport before returning home. I well remember the first meeting I attended in the Kentwood community thirty years ago this past summer. It was a pleasure to see those who have stood faithful there now worshipping in a nice new chapel.

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The Guthrie assembly meeting and also the Pacoima, Calif. assembly meeting begin Friday, December 23 and run through Sunday, January 1.

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