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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 happy to be coming once again to the listeners of radio station XEG. We hope that each of you are well and happy and enjoying the blessings of the Lord as we draw near to the closing of another year. Indeed we have much to be grateful for as we consider and count our blessings which have been so freely showered upon us throughout the year. For this we give thanks.

But as we lift up our eyes and look upon the great unfinished task before us, we are hoping that the new year of 1967 will bring even greater victories as we press onward to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. We appreciate those who have faithfully stood by with their prayers and letters throughout this year of 1966. If you desire to write to us, you may address your letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Listen now to the first verse of Psalms 127.

"EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE,

they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

This verse clearly points out how utterly dependent we are upon God. Except God is in a thing it is vain and hopeless for us to try to support it within our own selves.

You see, this verse also says, "except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." In other words we must realize that our ability and strength is very limited, but through God we can accomplish his purpose for us regardless of the obstacles.

After the apostle Paul had given instructions to the elders of the church at Ephesus, he then realized that it was only God that could keep and support them.

In Acts, chapter 20 and verse 32, he gave this very encouraging scripture when he said, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." If we will stand for God's truth, I believe he will vindicate himself in behalf of the gospel.

Listen now to this prophecy which speaks of the coming of Christ. From Isaiah, chapter 9 and beginning with verse 6 we read: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his

kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Most people would, no doubt, agree that this scripture speaks of the birth of Jesus when he was born of the Virgin Mary, but when it comes to the establishing of the kingdom of God which verse 7 speaks of, many believe that this is to be done at some future time. But I want to declare unto you that Christ set up his kingdom and established it upon the day of pentecost and gave the church the commission of preaching his gospel throughout the world.

Listen to another prophecy from Daniel which speaks about the kingdom of God. In Daniel 2:44-45 we read, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

At the birth of Christ the Roman empire was at its zenith and controlled the known world of that day. This was the fourth world empire which was prophesied of in Daniel, but I want to tell you that Christ did set up his kingdom in the days of these kingdoms.

There is certainly no argument that the Roman empire fell with a crash under the weight of its own corruption. The

early Christians withstood persecutions which are beyond words of description. But they conquered and they conquered through that name of Christ, our ever victorious king.

Listen to this reading from Daniel, chapter 4, beginning in verse 34, Nebuchadnezzar said, "I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

There is a vast difference in the true church of God and man-made organizations. Members are accepted into organizations by merely joining, but one can only become a member of God's family through the new birth. This is a spiritual operation which takes place between an individual and God himself.

Then and then only is he created a new creature in Christ with new hopes, new aspirations, and new plans. Then he has fellowship with all others who are redeemed by the blood of Christ. One verse of a well known song says, "We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood washed one while love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done." I say that this is a kingdom beyond comparison with any earthly dominion.

Listen now to these verses in Phil., chapter 2, beginning with verse 9. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things

in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. "

Then listen to these verses from Ephesians, chapter 1 and beginning with verse 20. "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. "

Friends, one whose name is so great as this, would he not be the king of all the earth? If every knee should bow before him, would he not be greater in power than all the dominions of men? If he is greater than all the universe and the heavens thereof, then I say that he is the king of all the world, even today. I am glad to tell you that I am a member of his family. I am a citizen of his kingdom and the government is upon his shoulders.

Listen now to this poem entitled,

Creator of the Universe

Who made the sun to rule the day,
The moon to rule the night?
Who made the million twinkling stars
To give the travelers light?
Who made the heavens tinted hue,
The clouds that send us rain,
The lightning flash, the thunder's roar,
That echoes o'er the plain?
Who made the earth whose broad expanse
Is so full of beauty fair,
The trees, the birds, the flowers, the
grass,
About us everywhere?

A mind so wise and wonderful
A heart so kind and good
To plan for the smallest creature
Shelter, warmth and food.
We call Him "God", "Supreme" and
"Great",
"Allwise" and "wonderful",
And to think He placed us o'er His works,
With blessings bountiful.
May he give us of His wisdom
And our hearts with love immerse.
How can we praise Him as we should--
Creator of the Universe?

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Let us pray.

Our Father,

Indeed we are happy to be serving the God of all the world, the creator of the universe. Take the words of the message tonight and bless them to every heart and prepare us for the struggles which lie ahead in the year of 1967 and to thee we'll give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to this song "What A Kingdom" as 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 printed copy free of charge, you may have one by simply sending us your request. And now until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying a very happy new year to all of our listeners and a pleasant goodnight!

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PERFECT TIMING

"God's help is always sure
His methods seldom guessed;
Delay will make our pleasure pure,
Surprise will give it zest.
His wisdom is sublime,
His heart profoundly kind;
God never is before His time,
And never is behind. "--Selected

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Arthur and Mary Dixon of 1050 Wiles Drive, Dayton, Ohio, were critically injured in an auto-train collision while in Anderson, Indiana. Each received a broken leg. Your prayers for them are requested. A get-well card might help brighten the long hours during their recovery.

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Prayer is also requested for John and Della Gutwein's son Jeff who was born December 22 in Dayton, Ohio. It has been difficult for him to retain nourishment.

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The word of the Lord as given under the Holy Spirit and delivered by his servants in the Guthrie assembly meeting has been a comfort to God's people and also a warning to the unsaved. A number have knelt at the altar seeking pardon and favor of God. A considerable amount of snow covered the ground just prior to the meeting which made highways very slick and dangerous. Nevertheless God's mercy and protection was extended to those in attendance.

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Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy marriage to Clyde and Lynda Parson who were married Friday, December 23.

In this issue we are again enclosing a coupon with your name and address on it. Many have already returned their coupon. If you have already done so, it is not necessary to return the one sent you this time, but if you have not done so, please return this to us as soon as possible if it is your wish to receive The Mission Trail for 1967. It is free for the asking! It is our plans for 1967 to bring you, our listeners and readers of The Mission Trail, more missionary reports from abroad as well as news and happenings which will be of interest to the saints at home, in addition to the weekly messages which we hope and pray will be beneficial to both saints and sinners. We especially hope you will hear the broadcast on January 13th, at which time a number of testimonies will be given over the air. The printed copy will contain more testimonies to make a total of eight pages for that week.

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All who will are invited to pray with us for many requests. Some individuals in need of prayer include: Jessie Taylor, Viva LaCroix, Norma Allen, Minnie Duncan, John and Pearl Bailey, E. B. Pinkerton, Rosa Tillman, Mary Gladys Wilson, and Lindsey Shelton.

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