



# The Mission Trail

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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 joy that we bring to the listeners of radio station XEG another message from the Word of God. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. We do enjoy hearing from those who are willing to take the time and write us. If you are hearing the broadcast for the first time, we would be most pleased for you to let us know of it, or if you are one of those who enjoy the broadcast but never seem to find the time to write us, we would be very pleased to hear from you this week. You may address your letter to us in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Your letters of encouragement mean so much to us.

Here are a few verses found in II Timothy, chapter 3 and beginning with verse 14 which I hope will be an encouragement to you. I quote: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES,

which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

On our broadcast today I want to talk to you about the Holy Scriptures. First, let me say that the scriptures are our rule of faith. We have no other discipline except the holy scriptures. We have no church rolls by which we accept people into the Church of God. They enter the door into God's church by faith when they are born again.

One verse of song which so well describes the equality of God's people says, "The Bible is our rule of faith, and Christ alone is Lord, All we are equal in his sight when we obey his

word; No earthly master do we know, to manrule will not bow, But to each other and to God eternal trueness vow."

Now let me show you some of the things which the Bible--the eternal word of God--will do for us. In Psalms 119 and verse 105, we read, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

I like the thought expressed here that the word when obeyed will be an unerring guide into the deep things of God. It will guide our steps aright. When Paul was writing to Timothy concerning the holy scriptures, he informed him that they would make him wise unto salvation. Most people would like to be considered wise. Here is a simple plan for it--just follow the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Furthermore, they are profitable

for a correct and perfect doctrine. They are a reproof to those who do evil, and they will instruct those who have a desire to be righteous. But listen to the 6th verse of the 12th chapter of Psalms. "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

Here is another verse which expresses the same thought in Psalms 119:140. "Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it."

Then listen to what Jesus said in his prayer to the Father. In John 17:17 we read, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

In Psalms 119 and verse 160 we read, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

We also understand that God's law is perfect. In Psalms 19:7 we read, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

And speaking of anything being sure and steadfast, listen to the way the Psalmist described the testimony of the Lord in Psalms 93:5. "Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever."

Then in Psalms 130:17 he described them as being precious. Listen to this verse. "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me O God! how great is the sum of them!" Notice also the 18th verse. It says: "If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee."

But let me warn you of this. The holy scriptures are not to be tampered

with or altered. Listen to Hebrews 4:12. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Friends, let me warn you of any and all who would alter the scriptures or deviate from the truth taught in the word of God.

The scriptures are not given for just a certain few people, but they are given for the nations of all the world. In Romans 15:4 we read, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

So you see, they provide comfort and consolation to those who pass through the depths of trials. The scriptures are also given for the purpose of producing faith in those who hear them. This we read in Romans 10:17. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing, by the word of God."

If you need comfort in affliction, then surely you need to be quickened by the word of God. This 50th verse of the 119th Psalm brings this out. "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me." You see, the word of God will regenerate, quicken, and convert those who give heed to its teachings.

In I Peter 1:23 we read, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Let us now add verses 24 and 25 to this. "For all flesh is as grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Friends, I am glad to tell you tonight that I appreciate the holy scriptures. They have proven to be a source of comfort to me in the time of need. They have sustained me when the words of human wisdom would fail. Let me ask you this question then. "Are you so living that God's word is abiding in you?" His word should be your constant companion. If you have not learned the strength of relying upon his Word, we hope that you will turn to him without further delay.

Listen now as Patsy brings you these words concerning the Bible.

### USES OF THE BIBLE

When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;  
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light,  
When I am hungry, it is vital bread:  
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.  
When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;  
Or lonely, thronging friends I find  
therein.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;  
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.  
If I am ignorant, it is my school;  
If I am sinking, it is solid ground.  
If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;  
And wings, if boldly I aspire.

Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;  
Or naked, it is raiment, rich and warm.  
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;  
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the  
storm.

Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;  
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.

Does gloom oppress? The Bible is a  
sun.

Or ugliness? It is a garden fair.

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And now let us honor our Father and his words as we bow our hearts before him in prayer.

Our Father,

Surely thy word is forever settled in heaven. Give us the grace and courage to stand upon it without wavering, believing that thou wilt fulfill it to our good and to thy glory as we obey its precepts and to thee we'll give the praise through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Here now is a song, "O, the Glory", as sung by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel 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 your request. 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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From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in the name of Israel's God. We feel like writing you a few lines to let you know we are still encouraged to keep on pressing up the King's Highway. We are indeed thankful that we can say like David in Psalms chapter 34 and beginning with verse 1, it is indeed wonderful to be able to bless the Lord at all times. . . We are encouraged to go on to the end with the good Lord. We can see clearly by the scriptures the blessings and power in praising the Lord. . ."

--Bro. & Sis. Theophilus A. Jones Jr.

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From Indiana: "Dear Bro. Willie & Family, Greetings in Jesus lovely name, who redeemed us from all our transgressions and set our feet on the Solid Rock. I truly appreciate all the many blessings that God has done for me, and how he has preserved me from the world and sin. He truly has proved himself more than a companion to me. . . ."

--Earl B. Bliss

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

A hearty invitation is given to all to attend the all-day services to be held in the Sapulpa road chapel on Sunday, April 30.

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We extend our sympathy to Brother and Sister Rufus Beisly and relatives and friends on the death of Dennis Beisly, 19 years old. His funeral was held in Welch, Oklahoma on April 25. Bro. Charles Smith and Sister Margaret Eck took care of the service.

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". . . Have you heard about the singing in Springfield, (Mo.), Sat. night at the little chapel on Kansas Street? (April 29) Then all-day meeting next day on Sunday. You are given a special invitation to come. . . We're looking forward to it and the gathering together of the saints. What a joy and blessing from God! . . . Love in Jesus,"

--Leo and Mildred McIntosh and girls

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Much work has been done on the new addition of the chapel in Guthrie. The new roof is now on and the paneling complete on the gable of the east end. Much yet remains to be done. All who can help with either labor or finances are urged to contact Bro. M. A. Davis, Route 4, Guthrie. Phone Bu 2-3442

Word has just been received that the home of Bro. and Sis. Darius Gibson, Route 3, Box 23, Seymour, Missouri 65746, was struck by a storm last Sun. which did severe damage to the roof, damaged the walls and broke out windows. The roof of the well house was taken off, and a number of trees were uprooted. The home of one neighbor was burned to the ground. Darius and Evelyn were in Indiana at the time. The nearby home of their son Ruel was not damaged.

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Congratulations to Norman and Rhenda Allen on the birth of their son, Marshall Glenn, who was born April 15th.

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From South Dakota: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances Murphey and family, Greetings in the sweet name of our lovely Lord Jesus. 'What would we do without Jesus, What would His children do with the long pathway before them, Hidden from mortal view. How could their footsteps be guided, Surely their feet would stray, But for the hand of the Master Lovingly leading the way!' He never fails! . . . May the dear Lord bless and guide you and give you good understanding of His precious will is my prayer." --Sister Olive McFarling

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