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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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. . . Greetings once again to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. We hope that each of you are enjoying the manifold blessings of the Lord from day to day.

We appreciate very much those who help us maintain this weekly program and also mail the printed copies to those who request them. Our work is not sponsored by any organization, but we are trusting God and expecting him to move on the hearts of those who are willing to help support this work of faith. Your letters are appreciated. You may write to us by addressing your letter in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. May we hear from you this week?

Listen now to this scripture reading from John, chapter 8 and beginning with verse 33. "They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free,

YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED."

Today I want to talk to you concerning a matter which is sometimes controversial. That is--whether or not a child of God commits sin. An individual sometimes becomes so bound by evil habits that it is very difficult for them to feel that they are at liberty to serve God.

Sin does have a binding effect. It captures one's mind and heart. Habits are formed which enslave one to their power. There are many ways in which Satan works upon an individual to bind them by evil habits. The use of tobacco, alcohol, and narcotics often prevail upon those who use them until life itself seems hopeless. Notice a part



of this verse which I just read to you. It says, "whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

Young people, do not be deceived.

Let no one be mistaken. If sin is committed, there is a penalty attached to it. You are not at liberty to indulge in evil habits and then go free from the results of them.

Listen to these verses from II Peter chapter 2, beginning with verse 19. "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

There are certain classes of people in the world who desire to be "free thinkers". They do not want to be obligated by the laws of God, and they endeavor to cast off the condemnation which is felt by one's conscience of those who violate God's truth. But let me tell you something. The scriptures teach us to "be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Now let us make this more realistic. I have a letter from a young man who is now in a federal reformatory. He

tells in his own words what sin did for him, and then he tells how God has saved him from it all. But listen as Kathleen reads to you this letter.

"Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, I want to thank you for the good work you are doing for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! You have been not only a blessing but also a great inspiration to me. It's not the easiest thing to try and live a Christian life behind prison walls, but with your help James and I have been able to conquer many walls of temptation and also witness for Jesus.

"I would like to take a moment though and relate a few of the blessings Christ has given to me.

"Before I found Jesus, I was the most miserable and confused creature that has ever walked. Even though I had a good job, a wife and a son, and a good income, I really had no purpose in life. I was constantly searching for that inner peace and happiness that I could never find the way I was going about it. Although I hate to admit it, I believe I committed some of the worst sins known to man.

"I knew about Jesus though, but I was afraid to humble myself before him, and instead I continued to run, trying to get away from him. Finally my sins and actions led me to jail. What could I do? There were no more places to run!

"Then God loved me enough to send one of his messengers to show me the way to salvation. Right there in that jail cell I found my Lord. Since that time I've come much closer to him, and I can actually feel him working in

me daily. I'll be out of prison in about four months. . . I know what God wants of me, and I've given my whole life to him.

"I want to sincerely thank you once again, and ask your prayers for my life, not only for now, but also in the coming years.

"My prayers are with you constantly, Ronnie Lynn Cummings. Please pray also for the men here."

Thank you, Ronnie, and may God's grace and blessings be with you as you endeavor to follow the teachings of his word. Our prayer and heart's desire is that God may bless you and those with whom you associate behind those walls of the federal prison. Surely God needs those who will be a light and an example in the place where you are.

Let us spend a few moments in prayer.

Our Father,

Take the words of the message tonight and carry them upon the radio waves to the men and women in all walks of life. Let thy spirit be a witness to those who are endeavoring to run from God and cause them to break off their evil habits and find peace in the name of Jesus Christ we ask it. Amen.

Listen now to the poem:

I KNOW NOT WHY

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why--unworthy--Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing on His word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the word,
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noon-day fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air".

But "I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."--Selected

Listen now to the song entitled "Praise the Lord, I am Free", as sung by the Carver quartet.

We hope you have enjoyed our little visit tonight. If so, we would be pleased to hear from you. 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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I AM FROM SIN SET FREE

As by the light of op'ning day
The stars are all concealed,
So earthly pleasures fade away,
When Jesus is revealed.

Creatures no more divide my choice,
I bid them all depart;
His name, his love, his gracious voice,
Have fixed my roving heart.

AN AIR MAIL REPORT FROM MEXICO

Rosarito, Baja California
Mexico

"Greetings of much love to all the saints in our precious Saviour's name. He has been so wonderful to us! Praise His holy name forever!

"In Jesus' tender love I am surely encouraged. 'He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.' I Chron. 28:20.

"Jesus said, 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.' Matthew 28:19, 20.

"I am so thankful today for the precious blood of Jesus that cleanses from all sin!

"'Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your father; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.' I Peter 1:18, 19

"I am so thankful that I can have a little part in pointing others to that cleansing fountain that never shall lose its power! . . .

"We praise God for the three-day tent meeting that was held here in Rosarito Beach. It was well attended, and we feel much good was done through the preaching of the Word and ordinance services.

"We put beds. . . in the mission home for a number of saints who came from La Valle de Trinidad with one of our native preachers, Brother Tomas Mendoza and family.

"Paul said in II Corinthians 10:17 'But he that glorieth, let him glory in

the Lord.' And I can surely say we glory in the Lord for the Heavenly love that was felt for these saints who have been washed by the Blood of the Lamb. Praise our mighty God forever!

"We were all made sad by the recent suicide of one of Brother Tomas Mendoza's younger brothers. This man was only 22 years in age and left a wife and three small children. The brothers said that Jorge Mendoza was out of work, and there was no food in the house. The wife and children had gone to the neighbors for food. Then when she returned she found him hanging from the ceiling by a rope.

"The mission home was used again this time as a funeral home. The body was brought here, and the house was soon filled with the grieved ones. The family surely took this death to heart. This suicide was on Sunday, April 9th, then Brother Tomas and family stayed in the mission home here in Rosarito nine days longer after this tragedy.

"The Lord is surely using our Bro. Tomas Mendoza and our Bro. Harland Smith in a mighty way, and through their preaching and praying with different grieved ones during those nine days, souls were won for long eternity.

"Oh! what will it take to bring men to the Cross--to realize that they need to be washed by the blood of the Lamb. In St. John 10:9, Jesus said 'I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. . . .' In St. John 11:25, Jesus said 'I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!' Jesus is the only door!

"(The people here appreciated the gift of the good supply of clothes, shoes and toys from Bill Elwell of Pomona, California.) Some of the ones here

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

were really in need of clothes and shoes. You should have seen the little children's faces when made so happy by the toys.

"I was happy today to receive The Mission Trail paper and enjoyed reading every article. . .

"I am so thankful to our loving, heavenly Father for a little place in His vineyard. Through His help I am able to visit and pray with the people here in Rosarito for which I am burdened. I want to thank you for your faithful prayers! Please continue to pray for us that more eternity-bound souls will be won for Jesus' sake. Your sister in Christ," --Carrie Sheppard
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From Kentucky: April 30, "Dear Ones, We send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are very thankful to be saved and enjoying the blessings of our dear Saviour. He is so good to us, and we feel so unworthy. Curtis and Bro. Mart are in La. in some meetings at this time. I'm thankful the Lord worked it out so they could go together as Curtis is still not too strong in body. We do thank and praise our God for what He has done for him.

"Sister Samons came and got the children and me and we got to be with the saints in Dayton over the weekend. Bro. Wilson was there in a meeting. We enjoyed every service and felt like we had been in a campmeeting.

"I want to thank you for sending the Mission Trail papers. . . We have enjoyed every copy of it and pray the Lord's richest blessings upon them and each of you as you send them out each week.

"Curtis' father still desires an in-

terest in the saints' prayers. One of his greatest desires is to be able to attend one of the campmeetings this summer. Christian love,"

--Curtis, Burnice Williams & family

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From Ohio: "Dear Saints, We are grateful today for the many blessings of the Lord. He is so good to us, but we still have problems we are holding before the Lord and are assured He will work out in due time. We covet your prayers.

"Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Lois Abbott and Gordon and myself visited Sister Sharp Saturday who is in a very bad physical condition. She still has the use of one arm and is endeavoring to learn to type as her right arm is useless and she hasn't been able to write for some time now.

"Our baby is surely growing a lot and is learning to walk now. He's been such a happy baby--just like a bright ray of sunshine.

"We were certainly made to rejoice recently over the salvation of our brother, Bob. He had had so many hard things come his way in life, but is rejoicing now since he found the Lord. . . We are praising the Lord that he is saved now, and are not forgetting to pray God to keep him in these evil times. . . Our sincere desire is to see the cause of God to prosper and souls benefitted. In Christian fellowship," --Bro. & Sis. Gordon Humphrey

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From Okla: "Dear Ones, Greetings of love to you this morning. We are encouraged to keep pressing on for the dear Lord. Surely he loved us much to give his precious life upon the cross to bring this wondrous salvation to us."

--Edwin and Lillian Eck and family

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

Brother and Sister C. C. Carver of Shreveport, Louisiana were scheduled to leave New York by plane Sunday evening, April 30th for their overseas trip to Nigeria and India. Their first stop was Amsterdam. Sister Carver was not too well in body, and prayer was requested for her. Let us pray that God will use them mightily as they administer to the needs of those who anxiously await their coming.

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We were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Howard Coffey of Hammond, Louisiana pay us a short visit this week.

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Since many of the states in this area have changed to daylight saving time, we want our listeners to be sure and remember that our broadcast on XEG is still heard on central standard time. This makes it rather late for many to be up at the broadcast time, and we are hoping that the Lord will open the way and make it possible for us to have an earlier schedule either on XEG or, better still, a good radio station conveniently located within the states.

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Life is not salvage to be saved out of the world, but an investment to be used in the world.

From Pennsylvania: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! How great our God is, and if it were not for Him, we couldn't live one day. I wouldn't want to live one day without Him. . . Bro. and Sis. Gibson were with us from Sat. to Mon. What a big lift it gave us in every way. I pray God to bless all of you there and all of His saints. . . Yours in His service," --Eva Cox

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, What a beautiful world this is at this time of the year. I've been working in my flowers all day. There's a catalpa tree with a robin's nest, locust trees full of blossoms and honey bees, climbing roses on the rickety old fence, and tender young plants just coming up. I feel very close to God when I am working with my flowers. Truly spring is a masterpiece of God's handiwork. I can forget my pains and heartaches when I am alone with God and nature. . . Pray for me that I may be of some service to humanity each day and that by God's rich grace I will be able to meet each tomorrow's joys and sorrows, cares and responsibilities with courage and smiles. Sincerely," --Sibyl Delahunt

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