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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 very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are certainly happy to be back with you for another gospel message from the word of God. Our heart-felt thanks to those who have written us and stood by with their prayers and support to help us keep this message on the air.

This is a work of faith, and we do appreciate those who are cooperating with us to help us maintain this weekly schedule. If you desire to write us, address your letter in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. And, of course, this is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Within a few days, it will be time for us to turn our attention once again to the thoughts of a Mother's love. We hope that those who honor their mothers on Mothers' Day will not do so in word only, but will do so with a godly life, proving by their actions that they mean the words they say. Listen to this verse found in Ezekiel, chapter 16 and verse 44. "Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying,

AS IS THE MOTHER, SO IS HER DAUGHTER. "

I believe that strong emphasis should be placed upon the fact that the influence of a mother and her life, either good or bad, is often passed on to her children. The children learn words and habits from those who are older, especially from their parents. Therefore if a mother is loose in her character, too much cannot be expected of her daughter. It is time that we as lovers of the truth should emphasize the need of godly homes with parents who love God and set a right example before their children. Parents should be able to say, "follow me as I follow Christ. "

Let me better illustrate it in this way. Not knowing the truth of this example I prefer to tell it only as a true-to-life illustration. It is reported that "a daughter came to a worldly mother

and said she was anxious about her sins, and she had been praying all night. The mother said, 'Oh, stop praying. I don't believe in praying. Get over all these religious notions, and I'll give you a dress that will cost \$500, and you may wear it next week to that party.

"The daughter took the dress, and she moved in the gay circle, the gayest of all the gay, that night. Sure enough all religious impressions were gone, and she stopped praying.

"A few months after this, when she came to die, she said in her closing moments: 'Mother, I wish you would bring me that dress that cost \$500.' The mother thought it a very strange request, but she brought it to please the dying child. 'Now,' said the daugh-

ter, 'Mother, hang that dress on the foot of the bed.' The dress was hung there--on the foot of the bed. Then the dying girl got up on one elbow and looked at the mother. Pointing to the dress, she said: 'Mother, that dress is the price of my soul.' Oh, what a momentous thing it is to be a mother."

In verse 49 of this same chapter in Ezekiel, we read, "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy."

Friends, is this not typical of many who are in our land today who are filled with pride and living after the desires of the flesh, loving pleasures more than they love God? It is a shame, yet true, that many mothers are unworthy of the title of being a true mother. Instead of instructing their children in the things of God, they are setting before them an example of worldliness and evil habits.

Listen to this instruction from Titus chapter 2 and beginning with verse 3. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Now, friends, this is the word of God. I didn't write it. It was written long before I came into this world, and I am confident that it will be here in the scriptures when you and I are gone.

Now you can mark it down for sure that any nation which is founded upon such principles of godly homes is in a good position to long endure the onslaughts of the enemy of all righteousness. But when these principles are omitted, homes are going to continue to be wrecked, and children will be left to go their way through a cold unfriendly world without the advice of a godly mother.

Every child is a bundle of tremendous possibilities; and whether the child shall come to life, its heart attuned to the eternal harmonies, and after a life of usefulness on earth go to a life of joy in Heaven, or whether it shall jar eternal discord, and after a life of wrong-doing on earth it shall go to a home of impenetrable darkness and an abyss of immeasurable plunge, is being decided by nursery song and Sunday school lesson and evening prayer and walk and ride and look and frown, and smile. Oh, how many children there are in glory singing never-ending praise to our redeemer who were brought to God through Christian parentage!

Friends, let us as parents fulfill our duty and obligations to our children by bringing them up in the way which they should go.

Listen now to this poem entitled:

PLASTIC CLAY

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded at my will.
I came again when days were passed,
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
 And gently fashioned it day by day,
 And molded with my power and art,
 A young child's soft and yielding heart.
 I came again when years were gone,
 It was a man I looked upon,
 The form I gave him still he bore,
 But I could change that form no more.

Let us spend a few moments in prayer.

Our Father,

Take the words of the message tonight and may they be as seed sown in good ground falling upon the ears of fathers and mothers and sons and daughters scattered throughout this vast land of America, and may we all realize the solemn obligation which we have before thee and the generations of yet unborn children and help us to fulfill our obligation faithfully, for we ask it in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen

Friends, I hope that our little visit has been profitable for you today. If so, I would certainly be pleased to hear from you. You may write me personally if you have any comments on the message today or any questions or perhaps a prayer request. Would you do that? Send your letter to me addressed in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma, or you may address it to me personally: Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here now is a song, "Sweetest Mother to Me", as sung by Arnett Carver, Manuel and Marie Mitchell, and Alma Carver.

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. 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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TESTIMONY

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and Family, Greetings to you in the lovely name of Jesus our Lord, who has loved us and given us ever-lasting consolation and good hope through grace. I have been reading your message each time you send it, and it has proved a blessing to me. . .

"I was at Pea Ridge, Arkansas today. Sister Bray read a little of your report of Bro. and Sis. Coffee's visit to Guthrie and his message to the saints there. It was encouraging.

"Bro. and Sis. Clark Porter were here a week with us. Their stay and visit and preaching was profitable unto us all. Jim Cole got saved the last night of the meeting. . .

"Sister Amos Porter is still not well from a stroke she suffered, but she is better. She is able to eat better than at first. The girls have all been at home with her most of the week, also Bro. Porter, but he said today that he was going to try to work some tomorrow. They still need prayer. Sister Porter is still unable to talk to them very much. . .

"Remember Bro. Stice in prayer. He is an elderly brother that lives in Granby. He is almost blind, and we heard today that he was not well other wise.

"Well, I must close for this time. We desire your earnest prayers as we endeavor to please the Lord and do what little we can in behalf of his service. Your saved Bro. washed in Jesus' blood,"

--T. V. McMillian

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

From Louisiana: "Dear Saints of God! . . . I was happy beyond measure last Friday night when I found your voice, Bro. Murphey, on radio for first time. Before I could never find it. I did rejoice and praise Lord. . . Wonderful to hear the voices of saints and voices in song also--I pray Lord to prosper this work in His name!

"We are burdened about our Lord's soon return and want folks to get ready to meet Him! Unsaved reader, do you know that Jesus is coming again? He said, 'I will come again'. John 14:3. And His word endureth forever for He is the truth. Angels said He would come again in like manner as He went up after He arose from the dead. Angels were not mistaken when they announced His first coming. The Holy Spirit, by mouth of the apostles, hath repeatedly said He would come again. Is not such an event, stated upon such authority, of vital importance? At His first coming the world rejected Him. He was the despised Nazarene, but when He comes again, He will appear as the blessed King of Kings and Lord of Lords! . . . How glorious it will be to see our Saviour in His beauty! Perhaps you are not a Christian, and you say, 'I don't care anything about it, and anything you have to say.' Then, my friend, we point you to the crucified Saviour of the world as the only hope of your salvation. We beg you to be ready. 'Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.' What will it profit you if you lose your soul? In God's sight it is very valuable. Jesus is coming, and we know neither the day nor the hour when He may come. If He should come now, would you be found of Him in peace? . . .

"Christ will gather His church, His

saints, His bride in the air. That will be a rejoicing. . . Prepare to meet Jesus! Now is the day and time. Time is fast slipping by for all of us. Time will soon be no more. Hurry and be saved to meet Him when He comes. Read and search your Bible. Strive and pray for purity of heart that you may be like Him and can see Him as He is. Praise Lord! . . .

"God save everyone is our prayer for you. All saints are very burdened for you, dear sinners. Hasten today to Him and be saved! Yours in Christian love,"

--Sister Rubye Quave
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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and family and all the blessed household of God here on earth, Greetings! I have victory in my soul and am guarding my visa (passport) from here to heaven where I expect to meet my redeemer in peace. Enclosed is my mite for your work there. I have heavy burdens. Please share them with me. Thank you,"

--Sister Georgia Zinn
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From Louisiana: "Dear Sister and Brother Murphey, Greetings to you and praise to our God who has made us all one in Him. This morning finds me with a greater desire to go forward into God's will that I might know Him in His fullness and please him better day by day. I do so much appreciate your labor of love in His service. There is nothing sweeter or more satisfying than to fully know God's will in our life and do it. We are praying for you, and we desire your prayers. . . Love to all the family. Yours in Him,"

--Gladys Cashio

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Earth's best cannot bear comparison with Heaven's least!

From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances and family, . . . Brother McMillian's message this morning was such a help and blessing to me. It seems that he always brings us just the right spiritual food. He quoted II Thes. 2:16, 17, and said that before we can be of comfort and help to others, God must give comfort and help to us. He told how his mother used to take the meal which had been ground at the mill and sift it several times to remove the chaff and undesirable parts before it could be used, and so God must sift us and make us ready for His use. Also he mentioned a set of tools (wrenches) he needs often, and when he needs them, he wants them where he can reach and get them. So I pray that I will be where the Lord can reach me when He needs me for something, and that I will be a vessel meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. We could not be useful to Him if an opportunity to do a good work came along, and we were not prepared for it, could we? I do need your prayers. . .

"The magnolia tree is full of buds so it will soon have blossoms. The school children have been bringing me lovely bouquets. One little girl Friday came with her hands full of the loveliest pansies and another had 3 beautiful red roses. My desk was fairly blooming! A boy brought a wild turnip he had pulled. He was proud because he could bring 'root and all'. . .

"Please remember me in your prayers. Also our work in this community. Sometimes it looks discouraging when there are so few of us interested, but the Devil is happy for us to be discouraged, so we are counting our blessings which are many, and refuse to be discouraged. . . My love to all of you," --Ethel Worrall

From Canada: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Just a note to say 'Thank you' for sending the Mission Trail each week. May God bless each and every one of you as you continue to work in His service. . . Yours in Christ," --Florence Squire

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in the Lord. I will write you a few lines. I am glad I can say I am still encouraged in the Lord, and He keeps me happy in my soul. . . Remember me in prayer. Will say bye for this time. Yours in the Lord," --Myrtle Glass

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From North Carolina: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, We send you greetings in Jesus' dear name. We want to thank you for the paper. It means so much to us. We want each one to remember us and our family in prayer. The Lord has been so good to us. Praise His name! . . . With Christian love," --E. J. and Violet Biddix and family

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From Minnesota: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Greetings of Christian love. I thank the dear Lord for his watch over us. I receive your paper. It encourages me. I was 82 Monday, April 24. I deeply appreciate your earnest prayers for soul and body to give me power to overcome. I love to hear from the saints. It encourages me and is appreciated much. I need the dear Lord's help every day. I am still very much afflicted. I love my Lord with all my heart. In Christian love,"

--E. J. Kirchner

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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

From Alabama: "May 4, 1967, We greet the Mission Trail in the name of Jesus. We are here in Carrollton, Alabama, in a good meeting, and the Lord is blessing us here. Praise His name! In love from the sisters,"

--Bell and Nancy Jones

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We have just completed the printing of a tract by Brother Pat Huskey dealing with the symbols of Revelations and their meaning. It is entitled "Things Which Are Revealed" and contains 16 pages. He has quoted freely from the writings of such well known ministers as F. G. Smith and H. M. Riggle. Prophecies relating to our present day are also brought out. A copy of this tract is yours free for the asking.

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. Murphey . . . I am still enjoying the good message from the word of God. . . My eyes are very weak. Pray that the Lord will heal them so I can read the papers. May the Lord bless you all in my prayers. From your sister for the work of the Lord,"

--Mary May

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Earnest prayer is requested for Sister Coffey of Hammond, Louisiana, who has been very sick.

Our mailing list continues to grow, and we appreciate those who have faithfully responded to the call of God in helping us pay our postage fees each week, as well as the broadcast time. The cost of paper and the many supplies is no small item within itself. We are trusting God by faith to work out His will in us. Remember us in prayer as we also pray for you.

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Once again the time of harvest has almost come for the combines to be rolling in the wheat fields. The grain is not expected to be so plentiful this year because of the drought. Some farmers will, no doubt, suffer loss. But, on the other hand, I am wondering if the cause of God will not also suffer this summer because of those who are unconcerned about the spiritual harvest which we should all be endeavoring to reach before the doors of God's mercy are forever closed. Many meetings and services will be held in various places. Let us pray that God may use this means to reach many with the gospel, and let us also not forget those in other lands who are calling for help. Why not turn your summer vacation into an expedition for gathering souls into God's harvest.

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