



# 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 a real pleasure to be bringing to all the listeners of radio station XEG another gospel message from the word of God. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. We appreciate very much those who have written us letters of encouragement and have helped us maintain our weekly schedule on this radio station. Those who desire to write us may do so by addressing their letters to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a scripture which I hope will prove as interesting to you as it has to me. It is found in the 8th chapter of Psalms, and I will begin reading at verse 3. "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

## WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM?

and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"

Do these verses not give you a feeling of the greatness of God? When the writer considered the heavens, the moon, and the stars, then he realized how small and how insignificant we as human beings are. He wondered how God could be so mindful of us to visit us with the blessings which he daily sends our way.

And yet, I am fully convinced that God has a purpose for each life. We

might ask the question: "Why are we here?" Those who are concerned with their own gratification might guess at the answer and miss it, for they, no doubt, would say we are here for our own pleasure. Friends, let me warn you this is not the principal reason for which we are placed in the world.

Inasmuch as God has a purpose for the sun, the moon, the stars and all the elements of the universe, we believe he also has a purpose and a plan for each life. He is an all-wise creator, and He does have a purpose for each of us. In Romans 8:28 we read these words, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose!" Let me say it then in this way--God has an eternal purpose in all of his creation. It is not merely an afterthought.

Listen to what the Apostle Paul had to say about this in Ephesians, chapter

3 and beginning with verse 8. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Now did you especially notice that last verse which I read? It says, "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." You see, the purpose and will of God was revealed in Christ. It is only as we come in contact with him and learn to know him that we are able to ascertain his purpose and plan for us. Here we may find the perfect plan of God for our lives.

Now to briefly summarize this I would say first, that as we come in contact with Christ, our lives are transformed from one of sinfulness unto one of joy and happiness as we experience the boundless grace of God. You see, grace is unmerited favor. The penalty of death hung upon us, but through our Lord we are made new creatures in Christ. It gives us a new outlook on life. In fact, our ambitions and desires are changed as the purpose and plan of God is unfolded for us.

Now God does not only want us to be happy in this world, but He has provided better things for us--eternal glories which he has promised for those who are faithful to him. These are the things which we believe the righteous will inherit even after earthly cares of this life are over, or we might say as

one writer did, "After our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved," for then we shall have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Seeing then that God has a plan for all of his creation, we as individuals should endeavor to find exactly the place where we can be best used of him. Furthermore, it is the purpose and will of God that every nation and individual should have the opportunity to hear the gospel message. This presents a tremendous challenge to each of us as we endeavor to fulfill this mission for God.

So let us ask ourselves this question, "How may I be best used to glorify God?" When we realize there are many enslaved by the chains of sin with habits and superstition and spiritual darkness who do not know of His saving grace, we are stirred with a fervent desire to reach them in some way before it is too late.

Jesus once said "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4. Now we also have a space of time given us to work the works of God and fulfill his purpose in our lives.

Did you ever stop to think what might be the results if each of us should fail to find our purpose and place in the will of God? Who of us can tell the tragic results of a life without a purpose? It is likened unto a ship without a sail, or a plane without a compass, not knowing where their destination will end. Listen to these solemn lines.

#### THE UNSEEN BOUNDARY

There is a time, we know not when,  
A place we know not where,

That marks the destiny of men  
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,  
That crosses every path;  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and His wrath.

To pass that limit, is to die;  
To die as if by stealth;  
It does not quench the beaming eye  
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,  
The spirit light and gay;  
That which is pleasing still may please  
And care be thrust away.

Oh, where is this mysterious bourne  
By which our path is crossed,  
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn  
That he who goes is lost?

How far may we go on in sin?  
How long will God forbear?  
Where does hope end? and where begin  
The confines of despair?

An answer from the skies is sent:  
"Ye that from God depart!  
While it is called today, repent  
And harden not your heart."

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Now let me ask you this question.  
"Have you found God's plan and purpose  
for your life? Do you know what that  
plan is?" Then the second part of my  
question is this. "Are you fulfilling  
that plan as best you know how? Are  
you carrying out His purpose in your  
life?" If so, we know you have found  
contentment which can come only when  
one surrenders their life into the hands  
of an all-wise creator.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,  
Help each one to find the perfect

will of God for our lives, and finding  
it, may we fit into thy great plan of  
spreading the gospel throughout the  
world for we ask it in Jesus' name.  
Amen

Here now is a song, "In Times Like  
These", as sung by Bobby and Dorall  
Forbes, Randall Flynn and Melvin  
Doolittle.

This message has been brought to  
you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,  
Oklahoma. 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 Brother and Sis.  
Willie Murphey and family, Greetings  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior  
and the giver of every good and perfect  
gift. We are still rejoicing for the  
wonderful truth preached in our week's  
revival and all day services just ending  
last week, by Bro. Ostis Wilson of Los  
Angeles, California. The word went  
forth with power to the edification and  
conviction of many souls.

"This little message is also to thank  
each of you for your prayers in our  
behalf of the work here and our recent  
illness. May the Lord bless each of  
you for faithful prayers. Your sister  
in Christ,"

--Hazel Clark

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie,  
Sister Frances and children, Greetings  
of love in Jesus dear name. We are  
glad we are still saved and encouraged  
to go all the way with Jesus. He's our  
all in all. We have been sick and not  
able to go, but now we are able to go  
to meeting again for which we thank the  
dear Lord that he heard and answered  
prayer for us. . . We just wanted to  
write a few lines to let you know we are  
remembering you all and sending a  
little offering to help out. Remember  
us in prayer. . ." --Asa & Katie Gibson

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

From Mexico: ". . . We trust that all of you have not forgotten to pray for us. . . Pray that more of our native brethren will be filled with the Spirit so they can carry on that God's church may be formed in the land. . . Yours in his service,"

--James & Charlotte Huskey & family  
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From Arkansas: ". . . The Lord is so good to me. I've had a trial (yes more than one), but God is my strength and helper. . . I realize that each day would be a failure without God. I wouldn't think of beginning a day without Him. He is the strength of my life. . . ."

--Sister Lou Bray  
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May we belong to God in this mortal life, serving Him faithfully through its trials, bearing the cross after Him, and may we be His forever in life eternal.

. . . It is a great advancement toward the fulfillment of desires in the life beyond to have lived a Godly life on earth.  
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From Mexico: ". . . Pray for me as I endeavor to learn the Spanish, in order to be a better witness before the brethren here in Mexico. . . Yours in Christ,"

--Larry Sneed

From Louisiana: ". . . I am thanking and praising the Lord this morning for salvation and the victory I have in my soul. Glad I have left all the world to follow Jesus, and I find that the way grows brighter and sweeter each day.

. . . May the dear Lord bless your labors and efforts to get the truth over the air. In Christian love,"

--Audrey Baumgartner  
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Sister Della Anschultz of Grubbs, Ark. has a very urgent prayer request. Remember her when you pray.

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"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11

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Sister J. D. Winters of South Carolina also has a prayer request for her husband who is getting quite feeble.

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From California: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' name this beautiful day. God is richly blessing the Orland saints. Enclosed you will find a small offering. I would like to receive your little paper. . . May God richly bless each of you in your daily walk and work with the Lord. All our Christian love and prayers. Your sister in the Lord," --Letha Reece

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