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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 cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are indeed happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. We hope for the next few moments as you listen to the words of the gospel message that the hearts of each one may be strengthened to go forth with courage against the many evils which surround us on every hand.

We have taken this step by faith to preach the words of our Lord and send them forth both by radio and by the printed page. We are now in our third year of operation in this capacity, and we do appreciate those who have helped to make it possible. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. Those who write to us should address their letter in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The night in which our Lord was betrayed he found strength to support him in his time of deep trial by praying unto his father. If it was necessary for Christ to arise early in the morning and seek a quiet secret place of prayer in order that he may have grace and wisdom for the problems of each day, how important it is that we, as his children, should continually be in an attitude of prayer that we may understand and do his will. Listen to this verse from Matthew 26:41.

## "WATCH AND PRAY,

that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Today I want to speak to you concerning the importance of watching and praying. We notice there are two parts in this commandment. The first one is to watch. To me this indicates that one is alert and not sleepy and drowsy but wide awake to the things surrounding him. No doubt, most of you will agree that we are indeed surrounded by many temptations and evils in this present day. Therefore, lest we should be overthrown, it is imperative that we must watch. Here is a verse in I Corinthians 16:13 which so well brings out this thought. It says, "Watch ye,

stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Then listen to this verse from Eph. 1:18. It says, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

You see, it would be a hard thing for one to be watching with his eyes closed. The fact is that not everyone who professes the name of Christianity is in reality a child of God. Many people profess to serve God but in works they deny him. Therefore, we should watch for any doctrine which might slip in contrary to that which is ac-



ording to godliness.

Over in the book of I John, chapter 4 and verse 1, we read, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

By the same token, I would invite each of you to search the Word of God; let the eyes of your understanding be open and see whether or not the things we tell you on this radio program are true. Be not ignorant and blindly accept all which is spoken to you in the name of Christ. Search the scriptures and see for yourselves if your preacher is speaking to you the truth. After all, it is your soul which stands in the balance. You are largely responsible for the course you pursue. Therefore, you should watch and pray.

Now the second part of our text has to do with praying. I believe that here is a need from which no one is exempt. Prayer is certainly in order, and it is a stimulant to the faith of a sincere child of God. It will help you when other things about you crumble and decay.

Let us look at this privilege of prayer in an objective manner. First our prayer should be directed to God and not through some other channel. In II Corinthians 13:7 we read these words, "Now I pray to God, that ye do no evil;"

Then we notice in Acts 8:24, "Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me." So you see, it is God which holds the power necessary to answer our prayer.

However, our prayer should be in our Saviour's name. Notice the words of Jesus in John 16:23. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

Here is another little secret which some people seem to overlook. In Philippians 4:6 we read, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Do you give thanks along with your praying. I believe this indicates a healthy spiritual condition.

Our prayers should be offered in the spirit. In Jude verse 20 we read, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

Now it is not necessary for us to go through a multitude of repetition in order for God to understand our needs. He knows even before we ask him what we need. Listen to his instructions from Matthew 6:7. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

Another thing which some people seem to be unaware of is that God is under no obligation to hear the prayer of a sinner unless he is repenting and forsaking his sins.

Listen to this beautiful promise from Isaiah, chapter 58 and verses 9, 10 and 11. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light



rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Friends, are you watching and praying? Don't forget the two solemn obligations for each one who would be happy and successful in your walk of faith. Keep your eyes open and be alert for the truth refusing every evil and false way. In the meantime, season your decisions well with prayer. In fact, earnest prayer in the spirit, well watered with the tears from your eyes is sure to give a better understanding of the ways of God!

Let us humbly bow our heads just now as we offer a few words of prayer directly from our hearts.

Our Father,

We are indeed happy to acknowledge thee as the giver of all good gifts. Teach us to pray and give us more understanding of the divine ways of God. Bless all those who hear the broadcast tonight and lead them in the way everlasting, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now to the words of this poem.

#### ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER

Just close your eyes and open your heart  
And feel your worries and cares depart,  
Just yield yourself to the Father above  
And let Him hold you secure in His  
love. . .

For life on earth grows more involved  
With endless problems that can't be  
solved--

But God only asks us to do our best,

Then He will "take over" and finish the  
rest. . .

So when you are tired, discouraged and  
blue,

There's always one door that is open to  
you--

And that is the door to "The House of  
Prayer"

And you'll find God waiting to meet you  
there. . .

And "The House of Prayer" is no further  
away

Than the quiet spot where you kneel  
and pray--

For the heart is a temple when God is  
there

As we place ourselves in His loving  
care. . .

And He hears every prayer and answers  
each one

When we pray in His name "Thy Will  
Be Done" --

And the burdens that seemed too heavy  
to bear

Are lifted away on "The Wings of  
Prayer".

Here now is a beautiful song entitled  
"Wonderful" 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. 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, that is CST,  
this is Willie Murphey saying may God's  
richest blessings be yours and a very  
pleasant goodnight!

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From California: "Dear Saints,  
Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord  
is blessing the Orland saints richly.  
May his richest blessings be showered  
upon you in your work for him, print-  
ing and mailing the Mission Trail paper.  
Your sister in the Lord, " --Letha Reece



## Our Silver Wedding Anniversary

On the evening of June 6th, 1967, my heart and also the one of my dear companion, Frances, was filled to overflowing on our 25th wedding anniversary.

For this special occasion Sis. Marie Miles, (Frances' sister) and our two daughters, Kathleen and Patsy, had invited the saints, our friends and relatives to be with us in the afternoon and evening. A small booklet giving a short history of our lives had been prepared. It went back to the days of our courtship and then gave an account of our marriage, and it even included an account of that unforgettable evening when I asked Bro. Pruitt for his last unmarried daughter. In making this approach to him in asking for one of his cherished possessions, I had used the Bible illustration which Nathan had given to King David concerning the man who had only one lamb. This was indeed the case with Bro. and Sis. Pruitt at that time. Frances was the only child who was yet unmarried. After Bro. Pruitt had listened to our request, his permission was granted that I should have the hand of his daughter.

In our anniversary booklet Sis. Marie gave a report of what was taking place outside the office room while Frances and I were inside talking to her father. Here are her words: "My father was in there, and we just knew that this would be the time that Willie would ask for Frances. We asked Byron to run over to the window and listen to what they were talking about. He was a little fellow so thought that was fun. He ran over to the window, listened for a while and then came back. We asked him what they were talking about. He said, 'Oh, they were just talking about sheep!'"

Then as other events were brought to

mind, we were made to realize that the blessings of God have been great toward us. For each trial and victory through which God has protected us, we give thanks. Also we are grateful for each of our four living children which God has sent to brighten our days. Kathleen is our oldest daughter and is twenty-one. Patsy, the second daughter, is eighteen. Willie Eugene is twelve and will be in the eighth grade next school term, and Wayne is eleven and will be in the sixth grade.

Now all of these personal blessings would seem small and insignificant were we isolated from others, but to add to our joy a number of others came to our home to share our reminiscences with us.

Then, too, we want to thank all who remembered us with the beautiful cards and also those who gave gifts. May God bless you!

The verse on one card expressed it in this way:

With God to light each moment  
And to guide you on your way.  
May every new tomorrow  
Prove still brighter than today;  
And every year reveal to you  
More blessings, great and small,  
Placed there by his Loving Hand,  
Who made and planned it all!

Therefore, taking renewed courage from the grace which has been extended in the past, we believe that God will stand by us as we endeavor to spread the gospel to those both far and near.

Yours in Christ,

*Willie C. Murphy*  
*Frances E. Murphy*



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From Louisiana: "Dear Saints, I'm so glad to tell you that I am much better, and improving day by day. I didn't mean to alarm the saints when I requested prayer. I have been sicker than I've been for many a year, but God has shown His mercy to me again and how I appreciate it. How I appreciate every prayer that has been prayed for me. We belong to a wonderful family--none like it in the earth. I feel that God will bring me out healed and made well to His glory."

--May Carver

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From Oklahoma: "Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I am still encouraged in the Lord and fighting the fight of faith against affliction and suffering. I am better than I was at one time but still suffer much and remain so weak and unable to get around and stir. What little I get around over the house here I have to be rolled in a wheel chair. I am waiting on the great God of heaven, and my trust is in Him for I KNOW He doeth all things well. Please continue to pray for me. I surely need your prayers. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much and may our loving Father continue to. . . make you a blessing in the years to come."

--Nellie Poulos

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From Louisiana: "Dear Ones in the Lord, Greetings in Jesus' precious name and love. I do enjoy your program so much on the air. May God bless your efforts and labors for Him.

"I am very much afflicted after I had my teeth all pulled. I suffer almost constantly with gum ache--exposed nerve I suppose. . . I desire the saints to pray much for me that I will be able to attend the campmeeting at Hammond, Louisiana. . . Christian love,"

--Lillie Miller

From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Willie Murphey, I am still enjoying your program. . . The messages are very inspiring and soul searching. You make the way seem so much plainer. The poems are very very beautiful. They are a message within themselves. I let one of my sisters in Christ read the one God's Hall of Fame. . . From your sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. Mildred Stephens

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Sister Bertha Yoder of Springfield, Missouri is seriously afflicted in body and desires the earnest prayers of the saints.

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Ones, We trust the Lord will bless you with many more years together. We send our prayers and blessings for a wonderful day and for the coming years. Our prayers,"

--Pansy and Earl Roethler

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From Missouri: ". . . Please earnestly pray for me. I need much help from God. Do pray much."

--Mrs. E. C. Tombleson

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"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless the years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

--Isaac Watts



## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:



Brother Ostis and Sister Evelyn (Linch) Wilson

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Ostis Wilson and Sister Evelyn (Linch) Wilson who were married Saturday evening, June 3rd, at her home in Sylmar, California. A reception is planned for them on June 17th.

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It was a pleasure to have Bro. Darius and Sister Evelyn Gibson with us in services Wednesday night. He reports that he is continuing to improve, and we trust that God will strengthen both of them as they go on their trip to the northwest.

We received a phone call from Brother Harland Smith this week. He stated that: "The Lord wonderfully blessed in a two week-end tent meeting (May 28-June 4) in La Mision, (Mexico). Bro. Chandler and some of the saints from San Diego were there on a Monday and Tuesday nights. There were a goodly number of seekers and the presence of the Lord was felt by all."

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We wish Dawayne Lasiter and Carol Ann (Harmon) Lasiter much happiness and a long life together in the Lord's service. They were married Saturday.

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**Broadcast on KOMA**

Arrangements are being made for The Mission Trail to be heard on radio station KOMA, 1520 kc. each Sun. at 8:30 a.m. C.D.T., beginning July 2nd. We ask you to check this station now in your locality and let us know if it can be heard at 8:30 a.m. If this is satisfactory, we plan to discontinue our broadcast on XEG after Fri., June 30. We believe that Sunday morning will be a more favorable time and that the coverage will be good on KOMA which is a 50,000 watt station. We desire your earnest prayers that God will help us in this venture which is considerably more expensive.

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