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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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"I Will Fear No Evil: for Thou Art With Me"

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. . . A pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KOMA. I received a very interesting report on the broadcast last Sunday which I would like to pass along to you. Bro. and Sister Edwin Eck of Goltry, Oklahoma were driving along the highway with their family in the car. Their radio was tuned to KOMA. They have four children. Two of these consist of a set of twin boys aged three. These boys are named Merrill and Darrell. Shortly after I began talking on the broadcast, Merrill spoke up and said, "Good morning, Bro. Willie." I am glad the boys were listening. So to Merrill and Darrell, as well as to all others tuned to this broadcast today, I say, "A very pleasant good morning to you." We hope you are listening.

In Psalms chapter 118 and verse 24 we read a scripture which says, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." So we do have much to rejoice for, even though we are living in a world of trouble. We hope that the listeners of this radio station will continue to hold us up in prayer as we endeavor to proclaim the word of God both on the air and by the weekly printed copies of this message.

If you are not now getting these copies each week, you may have them sent to your home without cost or obligation to you by simply sending us your name and address. There is no catch to this offer. We trust the Lord by faith to supply the means for the broadcast time and the postage each week. So write us and let us add your name to our mailing list. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla.

Now listen to the reading of the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

I am especially attracted to a part of the 4th verse which says, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

I believe there is something about a child of God which gives him an assurance even in the midst of outward trouble and distress.

Now I don't mean to say that we are going to always have smooth sailing. This is not true, for we are going to meet opposition regardless of which course we choose to pursue. In fact, we are living among conditions today which are far from pleasant. Evil is abounding on every hand. Turmoil and strife are prevalent throughout the country.

It is getting to the place where you cannot safely walk down the streets at night. Many are filled with hatred and envy. The Apostle Paul in writing of conditions which were yet to come, wrote of these things in II Timothy 3:13 when he said, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

One would naturally be inclined to think, if there is so much evil, wars, rumors of wars, rioting, stealing, lying, cheating, lawlessness, and murdering, then it must be very hard to live a godly life. In reality, some people think it impossible to live a holy life, but this is not true. In Romans 5:20 we read, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." God has plenty of grace to keep anyone who will put their trust in him.

Now I am not here to tell you so much about the evil conditions in the world. These things are commonly known to most of us. There is no need for us to unduly enlarge them and look at them in despondency. Did you know that the more you allow your thoughts to dwell on an injustice or injury, the more your life will be affected by it? That is what is happening to so many. They see, hear, and think in terms of that which exists around them, and of course they become pessimistic and downcast, sometimes even to the point of despair-

ing of life itself.

But I am here to tell you that God has sufficient grace to keep you even in the midst of evil conditions. When Jesus prayed for his disciples in the 17th chapter of John and the 15th verse, he said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil."

I believe that God is willing and ready to answer that prayer that we be kept from evil. I not only believe it is possible, but I believe it is practical. There are those which live with the abiding presence of God in their lives, and they feel a security and trust which is not known to those who yet abide in sin.

Listen to this scripture from Psalm 91 beginning with verse 1. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels

charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Now isn't that encouraging? But wait just a moment; let me give you this word of caution. In Matthew 24:12 we read, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." And again in Luke 18:8, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

I believe I can answer that by saying "yes", he will find faith on the earth, but the number who have faith is going to be small. This is all the more reason why we should be fervent in spirit serving the Lord by day and by night.

Listen to this poem.

He Knows the Way that Leads to Glory

There is a Guide that never falters,
And when He leads I cannot stray,
For step by step, He goes before me,
And marks my path. He knows the way.

He knows the way that leads to glory;
Thy ev'ry fear He will allay,
And bring thee safe at last to heaven,
Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.

Oft times the path grows dim and dreary,
The darkness hides the cheering ray,
Still I will trust tho' worn and weary,
My Saviour leads, He knows the way.

He knows the evils that surround me,
The turnings that would lead astray,
No foes of night can ere confound me,
For Jesus leads, He knows the way.

O heart weighed down with nameless
anguish,
O guilty soul torn with dismay,
Thine ev'ry foe, His pow'r will vanquish,
Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

Bless each one who hears the words of the message today. May they realize the omnipotent power of God to save even unto the uttermost all those that come unto God by Christ Jesus our Lord. Then give them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified, and to Thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a song which I hope will be a blessing to you, "Home of the Soul".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We hope you have enjoyed our little visit as we have spoken of the things which are so important to all of us. If you would like to have a printed copy free of charge, we would be glad to hear from you. Now until next Sunday morning at 8:30, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours. A cheerful good-bye!

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in the Lord this evening. This finds me still pressing on for the dear Lord, and mean by his help and grace to be true to the end. I can't begin to tell of his blessings to me. . . We were so glad we got to go to some of the camp-meeting. It was food to our souls. I'm glad we saw you all. Oh, yes, we can get the message over the radio of your broadcast. We sure enjoy hearing it so much. . . I also have some unspoken requests I would be glad for you all to remember in prayer. . . Yours in Christ," --Myrtle Glass

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

The Guthrie meeting for this summer is now a record of the past, but we sincerely hope that the many which came forward and received spiritual help will continue to be faithful to the Lord. Nine were baptized on the last Sunday afternoon. The new baptistry was used for this service and proved to be very convenient.

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Sister Carrie Sheppard, after attending the Guthrie meeting, left for her mission work in Mexico. She does appreciate the prayers of the saints in her behalf.

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" . . . as for me I am still holding on to God that He will have His way and get a lesson to all of us . . ."

-- Edna Murry

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From Tennessee: ". . . I appreciate all of the people of God. I've enjoyed my last Mission Trail paper. This morning my heart was made sad as I read about the dear ones who have passed on to their reward. My desire is to be as faithful as those soldiers of the cross.

. . . Yours for the gospel,"

--Nora and Darlene Clayton

Another Station Added

Beginning Sunday, September 3rd, another broadcast station will carry The Mission Trail message. KCKW is located in Jena, Louisiana and operates on a frequency of 1480 kc. The time will be 7:30 a. m. This, of course, is in addition to KOMA located in Oklahoma City. These two stations will then carry the weekly broadcast. The message is now heard on KOMA at 8:30 a. m. each Sunday.

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The campmeeting in Boley, Oklahoma begins today, Friday, August 18. A hearty invitation is extended to those who love the truth to be in these services. Come expecting the Lord to send showers of blessings as the word is preached in its fullness to convict sinners, save the lost, sanctify the believers, and heal the sick. Further information may be obtained from the pastor, Sister Katherine Williams, 905 NE 15th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104.

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Dover, Oklahoma campmeeting begins Friday, September 1st.

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