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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 pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KCKW.~~
We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord today. It is a real privilege to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We like to hear from those who enjoy the broadcast. If we may be of any help to you, don't fail to let us know. You may write to us by addressing your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Let us turn now to the book of all books and read a few choice scriptures to help us through the day. I believe it is a good thing for us to be familiar with the Bible and read it often. Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in II Timothy, the 3rd chapter and beginning with verse 15. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Now if we desire to have wisdom and understanding we should seek it from the source of all wisdom, the Word of God which reveals the plan of God in the scriptures.

But here is what I really want to talk about for a few moments. In John chapter 17 and verse 16 we read the words of our Lord when he was praying just before his crucifixion. He said this: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." He was referring to his disciples who had followed him until this time. Some of them had forsaken their fishing nets, others had left their occupation, and they had listened to the teachings of our Lord. These teachings had left an impression upon them, and they were made to know that there was a differ-

ence between one who followed God and one who lives after his own selfish pleasures and, of course, the pleasures of the world.

To Seek

You see, the world is made up of two classes of people. There are those who are of the world. They speak concerning the things of the world. They seek the pleasures of the world, and they live for what they can gain in this world. Then there are the righteous people whom God has saved from the world. They are not of the world either in spirit, manner of life, or disposition

of heart. Their affections are upon things which are above. Their purpose is to serve and please God.

To further show that these two classes of people exist, listen to this 14th verse from the 6th chapter of II Corinthians. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" I believe that verse within itself would prove that both righteous and unrighteous people exist all around us. It is our purpose and duty to set the example that others may see that the richer, fuller life abounds in those who are serving the Lord.

To further bring out this contrast, listen to the first two verses of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Now this mentions the spirit of the world which works in the children of disobedience. In other words, those who are unsaved and who love not the Lord are of the world. They have the spirit of the world which causes them to think and act in a worldly manner.

In contrast to this, listen to the testimony of the Apostle Paul in I Cor. 2nd chapter and 2nd verse. "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." This is the spirit of a child of God. His affections have been elevated to a supreme love for the Saviour which motivates his thoughts and actions. Naturally these are contrary to the desires of the flesh and of the world.

Once again let us turn to the scriptures which will even further define the point of separation from the world in the lives of those who seek to please God. This time I am reading from I Peter, the 4th chapter and beginning with verse 2. "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."

Then as we sum up a few of these things, we see a line which is clearly drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. Their affections, desires, interests, and purposes are different. The purpose of the world is to please and serve self. The purpose of a Christian is to please and serve God. The world values temporal possessions and pleasures. The Christian values eternal things.

Listen to this 18th verse of the 4th chapter of II Corinthians. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

To the world success means temporal gain, honor, and preferment. To the Christian success means living a holy life and doing good.

~~Not long ago~~ I heard a certain individual tell that when his class was ready to graduate from the junior high school,

an educated man was the speaker for the occasion. He began to enumerate the things of a scholastic nature which the student would have to know in order to be a "success" in life. Then a young lady spoke up and asked a question which seemed to be quite puzzling and perplexing for him to answer. She asked, "What is success?" In other words, she wanted to know what do you call success, what are you seeking to attain? The speaker thought for a little bit, but he never seemed to come forth with a satisfactory answer to that question. He went on to say you are going to need these scholastic achievements to be successful in life.

Indeed that would be a stunning question to ask. "What do you call success?" We might ask ourselves this question. How do we know when we have been successful? Is it when we have attained a certain amount of possessions in this life? Is it success when one has found pleasure in worldly amusements?

Friends, let us be honest with ourselves. The answer to these questions is "no". Success is not measured in temporal gains or the honor of the world. Success means finding the place which God has for you in life and faithfully performing your duty. Those who are not of the world do not act, talk, nor dress like the world. Nor do they seek to find pleasure in worldly things apart from God.

Now, lest any should get the impression that this seems a dull and monotonous life, let me assure you, that is not true. It is the happiest life which you could attain in this world--the satisfaction of knowing ^{that} you are in the center of the will of God.

A young man once said to me, "Willie,

if going to heaven means that you are going to float around up there and sing and play on a golden harp, I don't want to go there." I guess he liked a little more action than he thought that would be. After thinking for a moment here is the answer ^{which} I gave him, "If that is the way you feel about it, you may be sure you will not have to go there." You see, one would be out of place in heaven if they do not first learn to love God and enjoy his service right here in this world. Remember the text. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Let us pray.

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message to each one tuned to this radio station, and may they learn to know the fullness of joy and satisfaction which comes from a life separated from the world and wholly yielded to thee, and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to this poem entitled:

THROUGH PEACE TO LIGHT

I do not ask, O Lord, that life should
always be a pleasant road:
I do not ask that Thou shouldst take
from me aught of its load.
I do not ask that flowers should always
spring beneath my feet--
Too well I know the poison and the sting
of things too sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I
plead, Lead me aright.

Here now is a song, "More About Jesus". It is sung by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

~~This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,~~

*until we meet again this is Willie
Murphy saying God bless you everyone
and a very cheerful goodbye!*

Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, you may have one by simply sending us your request. And now until next Sunday morning at 7:30 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very pleasant good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Mexico: "Greetings of much love to you in Jesus' lovely name! I am much encouraged to labor for the Lord here. 'Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.' Ps. 63:3.

"I am thankful to our God to be back with the dear ones here in Mexico. On my return I found the Tomas family and two brothers from Valley Trinidad living in our mission station and enjoying the fellowship of the saints.

"Last week we had a three-day meeting here in Rosarito. The meeting was well attended and some found spiritual help at an altar of prayer. There were good testimonies and good singing, and new ones found their way to the mission station to worship with us. We were all so happy to have our Brother and Sister Wittenborn and Lois with us and also Sister Edith Cole to help in the meeting.

"We give thanks to the Lord for answering prayer for the sick who called for prayer. I am happy, too, to visit in their homes again. Thankful for your prayers for the work here. Your sister in the Lord,"

--Carrie Sheppard

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From Mississippi: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Just a few lines to let you know The Mission Trail is more than a blessing to us. I read it the second time. I will say I do love every line. Pray for us as we pray for you. Christian love," --Rosa Watson

IN APPRECIATION

A letter from Bro. and Sis. W. W. Crawley of Boley, Oklahoma expresses their appreciation to those who remembered them on their 68th wedding anniversary--the 26th day of August. The letter goes on to say: "I united with the saints of God in Boley, Okla. in 1911 when Bro. Robinson and Bro. Winn were living. And ever since I got saved I have been going to the campmeeting. I only missed two campmeetings in Boley. I am now 92 years old. My wife is 88 years old. We both are still saved and encouraged to fight the battle on. . . Your sister and brother in Christ,"

--W. W. Crawley

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From Missouri: "Dear readers of The Mission Trail, May God bless you. I thought I would let you know I am getting located in my own home again, as some have wondered where I am, etc. My new address is 711 Delaware Street, Neosho, Missouri. It was a year ago I was taken to the Golden Rule Home sick and was there until April. I am not so strong, but am thankful to be up and endeavoring to do something for the cause of God, and I want to be led by His spirit and surely want to have a part with the Lord. --Ruth Murphey"

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From Oklahoma: "To The Mission Trail. . . God's word tells us not to rejoice because the spirits are subject to us, but to rejoice because our names are written in Heaven, doesn't it? I am rejoicing because my name is written in Heaven. I was so thankful to go to Monark Springs campmeeting, and one night at Guthrie Oklahoma campmeeting. I am getting aged, soon be 84. I have so much to be thankful for. I ask God to help me so live that he can say well done thy good and faithful servant and take me home to glory. . . I love Jesus." --Mary Whitmore

STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute;
But He will say, "This is the way;
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so;
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
That God, who gave His Son,
Holds all my moments in His hands,
And gives them one by one.

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, We greet you from Arkansas in the precious name of Jesus. We do praise him for all his goodness to us, but time and space do not permit us to tell of his dealings with us throughout the summer. We moved our house trailer to Grubbs this week. There was a dairy bar and cafe opened next to our location in Swifton, and it was so noisy, also the wickedness of the young people was so bad, we felt it good to make a move. So we are on the church property here. It will make it handier for the services, also in taking care of the visiting saints, so we are thankful to be here with the work.

"We felt sad to leave dear Sister Adams. We know she will be lonely, but we can still get her for services and visit her, and should she need us to help her out, we can be free to do so.

"We also wish to tell you, the Lord

willing, we will begin our all-day meetings on the 3rd Sunday of this month. (Sept. 17) We dismissed them during the campmeeting season, also that we were gone for two months.

"We wish to express to your young people, also to all the saved young people everywhere, our appreciation of their humble lives and sweet conduct. When you just see what goes on in the world, it truly makes us feel thankful for the boys and girls that's given their hearts to Jesus and living for Him. . . We've been missing the Mission Trail this summer, so we would be glad to be back on the mailing list. May God bless you in God's work and do pray for us here. Christian love,"

--Brother and Sister Albert Eck

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From South Dakota: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings of tender love in the holy name of our lovely Lord Jesus. It doesn't seem that it has been more than a month since I bid you good-bye on that last morning in Guthrie at the bus station. Time flies so fast for me. . . Most of all I treasure in my heart the memory of the good messages I received from the spirit anointed servants of the Lord, which like manna from heaven, fell into my hungry soul to help me on my pilgrimage to my eternal home. . . It was such a blessed privilege to meet so many of the dear saints there, to converse about the things of God. I feel that the Lord rewarded me and brought me to a wealthy place, indeed, for my soul's enrichment. . .

"May His sweet blessing and guiding hand ever rest upon you and your family in the gleaning and edifying of souls for the furtherance of His heavenly kingdom in these last evil days. Do remember my unsaved loved ones in prayer. Lovingly and prayerfully,"

--Sister Olive McFarling

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

"Dear Bro. Willie, Trust all are well and happy in the Lord. I'm planning on starting meeting at Dayton, Ohio tomorrow night, Sept. 8, Lord willing. Pray for the meeting there. . . With Christian love,"

--Murphy Allen

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All the lovers of good gospel singing are invited to Webb City, Missouri, Friday, September 29th. The singing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 in the Church of God chapel.

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We were glad to meet with the saints of Shreveport, La. last Sunday. A number of others came from West Monroe and Midway, La. The Lord is adding to the congregation there, and Brother Carver, the pastor, baptized eight in the afternoon. A large number of the congregation is made up of young people who are now having young people's meeting each Friday night in their homes.

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Remember the 2nd Sunday all-day meetings of the Dayton, Ohio congregation which begin this month. The next 2nd Sunday is October 8th.

SHARON ROSE

Down along a lonely way
I found the Sharon Rose one day.
In the wilderness for me
He grew in humble majesty.
My Sharon Rose! I see Him now
And He wears thorns upon His brow!
His fragrant life was crushed and spilled
That mine might be with beauty filled,
Joy o'er my life His fragrance throws
And in my soul eternal grows
My Sharon Rose! My Sharon Rose!

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We are grateful for those who have been praying with us for my sister, Mrs. J. R. Kelly of Shreveport, La. We desire your continued prayers that God may bless her in both soul and body, and that she may completely recover from her illness.

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Sister Lou Bray of Garfield, Arkansas wishes the announcement to be made that they plan to have all-day meeting on the 3rd Sunday, September 17th. The Central Community Building is located about 4 miles south of Garfield, Arkansas, or about 10 miles north of Rogers, just off Highway 62, near the Pratt cemetery.

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