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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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"Ye Are My Witnesses"

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. . . A very cheerful and pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KCKW. It is a real pleasure to be coming your way again by means of radio with the words of the gospel. We hope that all of you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord this Sunday morning. We would like very much to hear from you if you get a blessing from our weekly visit. Those who desire to write us may do so by addressing their letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. Guthrie is spelled G-u-t-h-r-i-e. That is Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to the reading of the word from the 27th Psalm, beginning with verse 1. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock."

I like those verses, don't you? The writer in this case must have, no doubt, had some problems and troubles as all of us do. There were those who were his enemies, and they sought to destroy him, but it seems to me that he had found a source of strength and comfort that gave him assurance that God was going to take care of him. He found a secret dwelling place in the house of the Lord. Now I do not mean the actual building or the framework of a church building, but I am talking about the temple of God in which all are dwelling who have been saved from

their sins. Did you know that God has a church in this world? Notice then the conditions for dwelling in God's house.

First, there must be a singleness of aim. David said here in verse 4, "One thing have I desired of the Lord." People have a lot of desires these days. They desire good jobs, they desire a happy home, they desire a nice automobile, and really, there is not much end to the things people desire. Then there are many who will say that they desire to please the Lord, or they

desire to go to heaven when they leave this world, but I want to tell you something. I believe in order for us to please the Lord right here in this life, we are going to have a desire which is greater than all else in our life. The intensity of that desire must exceed all of our other wishes.

David went on to say in the same verse, "that will I seek after". This term "seek" implies diligence and carefulness. Jesus said in Matthew, chapter 7 and beginning with verse 7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

Now, of course, the Lord is willing to give good things to his children, but I believe the first thing and the most important thing for all of us to seek is an entrance into his kingdom right here in this world. We can be made a part of God's great family and dwell in the house of the Lord.

Look again what the writer David said. "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."

Friends, it is a wonderful and beautiful thing to be a part of God's family. You can behold his love for you right

here in this life. You can have answers to your prayers, but it is only as we become a part of his house that we can behold his beauty. As we enquire of the Lord, he will instruct us and teach us in the way which we should go. But on the other hand, we must also have a receptive heart. Listen to these words entitled:

BE STILL, MY HEART

Be still, my heart! We murmur, you and I,
We fret and fret, while precious hours fly.

Be still, my heart! The silent are truly blest;
There is no rapture for a heart distressed.

Be still, my heart! The deep, dark night is
still,
The trees in prayer, the star above the hill.

Be still, and to this promise softly cling,
The silent hear the great archangels sing.

How true this is, friends. In order for us to receive the things that we need from the Lord, we are going to have to be willing to listen to His voice.

There is another beautiful thing about the house of God or the Church of God. It fills both heaven and earth. Part of God's church is in heaven, and another part is here in the world. Listen to the 14th and 15th verses in the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

Jacob had a little vision of the glory of God. He, no doubt, felt rather destitute and lonely after he had fled from his brother. This particular night he lay down to rest. His pillow was made of stones which he found, and as he slept he had a vision and a

promise which God gave him. But let me read it to you from Genesis 28, beginning with verse 11.

"And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed."

That indeed was a wonderful dream which Jacob had, but look what he said about it in verses 16 and 17. "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Friends, let me tell you plainly that I believe you can be a part of God's family and church right here in this world, but in order to do so, you must have a desire to seek his will above everything else. May the Lord open the windows of heaven and pour out his richest blessings upon each and every one as they seek to do his will. Let us pray.

Our Father,

We acknowledge thee as being the Lord of both heaven and earth, and we are the sheep of thy pasture. We are glad to be a member of thy family. We ask a special blessing for all those who hear the broadcast today. May the

windows of heaven be opened above them that they may partake of the richness of God, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, in order to get the blessings from heaven, we must have a fervent and an earnest desire to please Him. Listen to this poem entitled:

WHERE WOULD YOU BE?

Where would I be on a prayer meeting night
If the Lord should suddenly come?
In my place of prayer, or out with the crowd
Just having some innocent fun?

Where would I be? With the faithful and true?
Or at home in an easy chair?
Too tired, too selfish, too careless perhaps
To be with the Christians for prayer.

Where would I be? Getting food for my soul
And praying for those that are lost?
Or absent again, forgetting the One
Who bought me at infinite cost?

Where would I be? I've excuses enough
But how would they look in His sight?
Where would I want Him to find me at last
Should He come on prayer meeting night?

Here now is a beautiful song, "Dwelling in Beulah Land", and is sung by Bobby Forbes, Dale Doolittle, Randall Flynn, Troy Gentry. May the Lord bless it to you as you listen to this song, "Dwelling in Beulah Land".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, we would be glad to send you one upon your request. And now until next Sunday morning at 7:30 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant good-bye!

"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16:16

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and all the children, Greetings once again from Ohio in Jesus' dear name. The Lord willing the next time I write will be 'greetings from Kentucky'. . . Really it's been so long since I wrote. . . that I hardly know how to start.

"I've been enjoying The Mission Trail. . . I was reading the article Sis. Patsy wrote on unity. . . That is just the way it is. One of us can't do much, but all of us working together can accomplish something for the Lord if we do it in his name and to his glory.

"Well, I guess you folks have heard by now that we are moving to Kentucky. . . . We put our house up for sale one day, and the next day the Lord sold it. I know it had to be Him. We will move right after the first of October, Lord willing. We haven't found a house yet, but feel sure the Lord will help us find one.

"Mart is over in Cass, West Va. right now in a meeting. He called me last night and told me there were 40 or 50 people there last night, and about 20 raised their hands for prayer. I don't think they even have a church over there of any kind that has regular services. There's an old community church building there, and anyone that wants to can have services. It's a completely new field it looks like. . . They are so hungry and no one to feed them. Do pray for them. . . Surely we need to pray for the Lord to send more laborers in to the field. . .

". . . Mart is still going to work out in the field. Bro. and Sis. Abbott and Bro. Williams have all agreed to

work with us down there. Bro. Abbott just lives about 50 miles from where we'll live, and Bro. Curtis Williams about 110 miles, so it won't be too far for either one of them. . .

"Bro. Gordon Humphrey went with Mart over in West Va. . . I must close so do pray for us and write us some time, and we'll try not to wait so long the next time. Love and prayers,"

--Sister Verna Samons
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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. . . Yes, I am encouraged. . . God knows what is best for his children. He knows how to answer prayer and tells us in his word to look at things unseen and not things seen. Praise God for his comforting word. God works in mysterious ways. To trust God we cannot question God's dealings. 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding.' Praise our good Lord. He has been so wonderful to me, saving my soul and delivering me from sin and set me on the road to heaven. Pray for me and my family for God to have his will and way. . ."

--Jim Kutra

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From California: "Dear Frances & Willie: Today finds me saved and determined to serve the Lord regardless of circumstances around me. The little paper is a blessing to me. I look forward to getting it. I am sending another name and address for you to send the paper to. Pray for me and my family. I need prayer for my body. May the Lord bless you richly. Love,"

--Edith Reavis

From Louisiana: "Dear Saints everywhere, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my love for the dear Lord and His children. We are encouraged to press on. Surely the Devil is trying every means he knows to turn us from the truth, but thank the Lord for victory tonight. The way grows dearer to me every day. My goal is Heaven, and by His grace, I mean to go right on.

"Many of the saints heard about our little boy who had a bad rupture or something. This started about one and a half years ago and got real bad about a month ago. But the Lord has touched him, and it is just about normal. What a mighty God we serve! He has done so many things for us--not just little things, but to us, real miracles! The song says, 'Oh, how could I this friend deny when He's so good to me!'

"I'm suffering much with arthritis in my hands and feet. I know the Lord is able to heal anything. This morning before getting up I reached for my Bible, and it opened to this scripture. Isaiah 41:10. 'Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.' Thank the dear Lord! I am standing on His promise. I do want to be true to the Lord. Pray for us. Christian love,"

--Dora Doolittle
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From California: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family: Greetings of love to you in Jesus' precious name. This finds me still saved and sanctified and much encouraged to press on for God at all times. . . Must close now. Christian love and prayers,"

--Sister Thomasene Taylor
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From California: ". . . I hope this finds you up and going for the Lord."

--U. S. Reel

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Greetings in the name of our Lord and to all of the saints everywhere. First I would like to thank God for his many blessings and how good He is to me. I also thank the saints for their prayers in my behalf when I was so sick. I read two chapters before I got to bed and two before I get up in the morning. Just as I finished reading that night and prayed the whole room was filled with angels all around me. They were singing the prettiest songs I ever heard in my life. . . They were so bright till the whole room and everything in it was shining like them. . . I am still praising the Lord for his goodness to me and mercy to me. He made me able to bear what was to come the next four days. I took real sick and passed out. I was out for four days then the Lord brought to me this 23rd Psalm and the 4th verse saying, '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'. . . I do praise the Lord for He is all and all to me.

--Mack McClendon
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From Calif.: ". . . I am saved today and mean to go all the way with my dear Lord. I enjoy reading The Mission Trail each week."--Sis. Lucinda Chiles

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From Virginia: ". . . Greetings in the mighty name of our great Saviour. . . . I grew up in the old time truth where Riggle, Smith, Warren, Orr, Warner, Byrum, Berry, Brown and others were preaching the glorious gospel under the burning effects of the Holy Spirit. . . God's people are to be one, not in some movement or group but in Christ. . . It is the spirit of God working in the hearts of His people that they should be one. . . I am old. Just my little boy and I live together. . . Yours for truth," --Wm. J. Preston

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

We are much concerned about the broadcast being heard in other areas. Please be agreed with us that God will open opportunities on other radio stations where the gospel message will be most effective. We are trusting the Lord by faith to direct us and supply the means for the good seed to be sown throughout the land even though we live in perilous times when many are departing from the faith. Some hearts are still hungry for the truth. Let us each one be faithful in the place to which God has called us.

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Prayer is requested for Sister Dolly Gideon of Anthony, Kansas who is passing through a time of great sorrow this week. Her son Max died quite suddenly last Sunday evening leaving his wife Mary and children. Max was a brother to Dixie Hand.

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An invitation is extended to the young people of California to attend special services in Bakersfield on Friday night, October 6th. All are invited to the gospel singing scheduled there for Saturday night and the all-day services on Sunday, October 8th.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Sis. Lillie Hood of Oklahoma City are being held this week. We believe her devoted and faithful life for God will be long remembered by the saints.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ostis Wilson upon the death of his brother, Eldon. We trust the Lord will comfort Eldon's wife and children also.

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The practicing of Spanish songs in the Guthrie chapel each Tuesday night is proving of great interest to some. Several Spanish-speaking people have been attending the services recently.

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It was encouraging to see the services in Guthrie so well attended last Sunday. In the evening service even greater joy was felt as one came forward and knelt at the altar for salvation. Others raised their hand as an expression of their desire for prayer.

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We are making a limited number of books containing past issues of The Mission Trail. These go back to the very beginning of more than two years ago and extend through the year of 1966. Some issues are missing. We are offering them free and post paid to those who send us their request. Those who write first will receive more nearly completed copies. Please only one to a family. Send your request now!

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