



# 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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## "One Thing Have I Desired of the Lord"

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. . . It is a real pleasure to be back with the listeners of radio station KCKW for our weekly visit. I have some very wonderful words from the scriptures to bring you. We hope you will stay tuned to this station for the next few minutes. For our new listeners, let me say that we print these messages and mail them each week free of charge to those who request them. If you are not getting the printed copies each week, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Listen now to this scripture found in Isaiah 43:10 and 11. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour."

I believe that these verses should be read often in the home, in the schools, and wherever else any occasion is given to read the scriptures. In the midst of doubt, unbelief, confusion, and strife it is a glorious thing to know that there is a living God, one who hears and answers prayer. It is indeed a comfort to those who are in distress and sorrow to know that the God whom we serve created the world and all who are in it. The universe was made by Him, and without Him was not anything made which exists. Furthermore, we believe that our life and breath come from God.

Did you notice the part of that verse which said, "before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me"? The next verse says virtually the same thing. "I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no

saviour." It is time that people realized that they may as well quit looking for any other thing to bring peace and satisfaction in their lives.

You have a choice. You may accept the God of the universe, believe His word and believe in His son as your saviour, or you may throw your life away chasing the bubbles of life and the philosophies of men, and yet all of this will avail you nothing when you come to the end of your life.

I am especially interested in the first part of this tenth verse which says "Ye are my witnesses." In Acts, chapter 1 and verse 8 we read these words, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost

part of the earth." Now these are the last words our Saviour spoke before he was taken away from his disciples. He said, "ye shall be witnesses".

Friends, are you a good witness for your Lord? Can He use your words to testify before others? You see there is much to be done if we are to carry out the commission which the Lord left for his people to do before his return.

First, I believe that we should be good examples of holy living in our homes. Your wife or your husband should know the depth of your sincerity in serving the Lord. Your children should be taught and trained in the things of God. Are you witnessing before them each day? Do you leave their training to others who have not a love for our Lord?

Next, we should be ready to speak for our Lord on the job where we work. Now this is hard for some people to do. Do those about you know that you have been born again? Are your habits of life clean? Or do those with whom you work hear you speak curse words or slang words? What is the manner in which you dress and act before them? These things are important in the sight of God. Do others see Christ in your life? Are you ashamed of our Lord? Are you afraid of what men are going to say of you? God forbid! Our Lord is counting on every born again child of God to be a witness for Him.

Next, we should set forth a good example by our interest in the worship of God by attending services and meeting together with the Lord's people. You see, the church is the body of our Lord. The co-operation and work of many combine to make his church the light of the world. His true church is

the one which sets forth the standards of the gospel and follows the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Then, we should not be content to merely have the truth ourselves. Someone else might say then, "Well, everyone is not going to be saved anyway. They will not all accept the truth." Friends, this may all be true, but did you know that the preaching of the gospel serves two causes. First it is the savour of life unto life to those who believe. To the others who are disobedient and unbelieving it will serve as a witness against them. It will condemn their evil works.

Some of you may have heard about Charles Spurgeon, the noted evangelist of England. Says Mr. Spurgeon, "I cannot tell how much I owe to the solemn words and prayers of my good mother. It was the custom on Sunday evenings while we were children for her to stay at home with us. We sat around the table and read verse by verse, while she explained the Scripture to us. After that was done then came the time of pleading with God. And some of the words of our mother's prayers we shall never forget, even when our heads are gray. I remember her once praying thus: 'Now, Lord, if my children go on in sin, it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear a swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold of Jesus Christ.' "

Certainly that would be a testimony, wouldn't it, friends, of our own mothers to say of us? Let us be the ones to heed the voice of God and be a witness to others. Will you pray with us and for us as we endeavor to reach others by means of radio and the literature which is mailed each week?

Listen to this poem.

### BE THE ONE TO PRAY

There were ten lepers on the road  
That Jesus trod that day,  
He cleansed and blessed them every one  
And sent them on their way,  
Nine went their way unheeding  
But one remained to pray.

And the careless hearts of mortals  
Are but little changed today,  
For out of all that could be healed  
And taught the best way  
Who might be shown the richer life  
Just one remains to pray.

O, be the one to heed His voice  
And come without delay,  
Turn not aside to right or left  
But walk the narrow way,  
And out of all the teeming crowds  
O, be the one to pray.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are indeed glad to be a witness  
for the saving grace of our Lord. We  
are glad that thou art able to save unto  
the uttermost all those who come unto  
God by Christ Jesus our Lord. Make  
the words of the message a blessing to  
those who hear them, and to thee we  
will give the praise in Jesus' name.  
Amen

Listen now to this poem.

### THE HARVEST FIELD

By Dolly Williams

Come, my loved ones, come, I pray,  
Let's labor for the Master today.  
Let's thrust in the sickle and gather  
the grain,  
That's scattered over mountain, hill  
and plain.

The fields are white to harvest we see,  
Loved ones will to the enemy yield;  
Let's seek the sheep that are gone astray,  
Let's pray and labor night and day.

Let's fight the enemy with the love of  
Christ;  
Let's fight with love and not with strife.  
Let's strive to win the lost to Him  
Who died on the cross for the sinners'  
sin.

Let's labor today, let's labor tomorrow,  
Let's labor on and on day after day;  
Let's fill our lives with work, not follies  
As we follow him in the narrow way.

Here now is a song entitled, "Are  
You Adorning the Doctrine". We hope  
you will enjoy it. Listen to it now as  
it is sung by Lynn and Alma Carver,  
Manuel and Marie Mitchell.

This message has been brought to  
you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,  
Oklahoma. It's been a real pleasure to  
bring you this little message today, and  
now until we meet again, may the Lord's  
richest blessings be with each of you,  
and a very cheerful good-bye!

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"So the Lord blessed the latter end  
of Job more than his beginning: for he  
had fourteen thousand sheep, and six  
thousand camels, and a thousand yoke  
of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He  
had also seven sons and three daugh-  
ters." Job 42:12 and 13.

This certainly portrays the favor of  
God shown to one of his servants called  
Job. The 17th verse says: "So Job  
died, being old and full of days." Now  
most of us hope to have a desirable  
ending when life is over, but in order  
to do so, we must be willing to pass  
through the furnace for God. Don't  
miss the next two broadcasts which  
deal with the life of Job.

## Testimonies

Excerpts of a tape letter from La. :  
 "We have just enjoyed a good service and a good Sunday school this morning. We have a lot to be thankful for. We attended Bro. and Sis. Harry Jackson's anniversary. I believe they have been married for about 66 years now. It's really encouraging to see how saints of God can be old and still sweet saints of God at the same time. We are thankful for God's mercies and His goodness to us. . .

"We would like to take this opportunity to say that we enjoy The Mission Trail. We look forward to it each week. We hope you don't get the idea that we appreciate it about as much as we let you know about it, but we really do appreciate it and find that it is a source of encouragement to us and look forward to receiving it and enjoy reading the testimonies, and the only thing we miss about it is the singing. . .

"We have been enjoying the blessings of the Lord. The Lord is real good to us, and we are encouraged in His service. We realize that the road is not always going to be smooth and flowers growing beside of it, but sometimes we have to go through the rough places, and the rough places really make us appreciate the fact that we can be at peace with God, that although the storms are raging, we can have the peace on the inside. . .

"Surely time is flying, and we need to, as the Word says, redeem the time for the days are evil. We realize that this life is full to capacity, our time is all taken, and we have to take time from something we would rather do to sit down and write a letter, or as we are doing now, make a tape and correspond and express our appreciation to those who are a blessing to us."

--Earl Watson

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Murphey, I greet you again in Jesus' precious name. I receive The Mission Trail and enjoy it, also others here like it. I think I sent three names from here, and I give my paper to a lady who likes to read. . . I had a sick spell and was real sick, but I looked to the Lord in earnest prayer. God heard and touched this old body once more. He still has work for me so I say amen. I feel better than I have for a long while. Praise the Lord! He is so good to me. We had a long hot summer, but the Lord sent some rain and cooled off. We also had a lot of forest fires that destroyed a lot of nice timber, but they have the fires out also. So we have much to praise the Lord for. We keep losing our old people here and that is to be expected. But I wonder if they are prepared to go. O, how burdened I feel for them and pray so much that God will wake them up. He's been so merciful to give them a long life. Please agree with me that some will see and prepare for that time that soon awaits us all. . . God bless you all,"

--O. K. Myers

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From Missouri: ". . . I want the dear saints everywhere to pray. I am willing for the good Lord to answer according to His will. May the Lord supply your needs and bless you all in His service,"

--Lottie Hilton

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From Arkansas: "Dear Friends, We greet you again this lovely morning. The birds were singing so sweetly; the sun in full array seemed to denote their praise to God. I said, 'Lord, this day keep me to show forth your glory, too.' I love Him this morning and read, 'I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.' . . . God so freely does all we need done."

--Lou Bray

## Trusting in God Brings Peace

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:6 and 7

By Patsy Murphey

Recently I received a letter from a friend, and part of it was especially inspirational to me. She also is a young person, and she wrote: ". . . It is so wonderful how each one of us is included in God's plan of salvation. I know as I am learning new trust in the Saviour, it's with the amazing delight and wonder of a little child discovering new enchantments. For it is something 'new' to me to be able to cast every burden at Jesus' feet. It's one thing to hear of it, another to actually experience the freedom of trusting in the Lord."

I think so many times how we would be so much better off if we could learn to completely put our trust in God and not worry about the problems we have or the future. In Psalms 55:22 we are told, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." How much more we can enjoy life when we learn to take our problems to the Lord and leave them there! He has promised to take care of His children and help them come through their trials victoriously!

Not long ago my brother Wayne fell and cut a deep gash in his leg. It looked bad and was very deep with part of the inside lying on top of the skin. We pulled it together the best we could and taped it and then had prayer for him. Later someone was encouraging him to not worry about it as it would be all right, and the answer he had was "It's God's worry now!" And sure enough

God did take care of it! It healed nicely and hasn't given him any more trouble.

I think the Hebrew children were such good examples of having perfect trust in the Saviour when they were faced with the prospect of being thrown in the fiery furnace if they did not bow down to the idol that the king had made. In the 3rd chapter of Daniel they told the king, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

They had their minds made up to serve God no matter what happened. If they were thrown in the fiery furnace, they knew the Lord could deliver them from it, but if He didn't, they were going to serve and trust Him anyway. They were put in the furnace, but one in the likeness of the Son of God walked with them, and they came out without a hair singed or the smell of fire on them. Later it proved a great blessing to them and was a testimony to those who had witnessed the scene.

I think a great part of the battle is won for living a consistent life for God when one has the firm decision that they are going to trust God regardless of what comes their way, and you may be sure that He will take good care of you!

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

Thank God for a Saviour who bought us  
 With treasure more precious than gold.  
 Thank God for the mercy that sought us,  
 To give us a home in His fold.  
 Thank God for His love which defends us  
 From all that could harm or molest.  
 Thank God for whatever He sends us,  
 Because it will be for best.

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From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Willie,  
 Greetings once again in the name of  
 our Redeemer. This card finds us en-  
 couraged and enjoying the blessings of  
 the Lord who has given us richly all  
 things to enjoy. We still enjoy getting  
 the paper and remember you in our  
 prayers. We are starting a revival  
 meeting in Coffeyville, Kansas, October  
 1st thru the 8th or as long as the Lord  
 leads. Bro. Curtis Williams will be  
 here. We invite all who can to come  
 and be with us. Pray for salvation of  
 souls for the meeting. Christian love,"  
 --Bro. Donald Sharp, 114 West 2nd,  
 Coffeyville, Kansas 67337

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Congratulations to Eddie and Roberta  
 Wilson of Kansas City on the birth of  
 their daughter Roxie Marie on Monday,  
 September 25th.

## New Station Added

Beginning October 8th, the broadcast  
 will be heard over KCIJ of Shreveport,  
 Louisiana. The time will be each Sun-  
 day morning at 7:30. The setting on  
 your radio dial is 980 kcs. KCIJ is a  
 5000 watt station and covers a large  
 area of north Louisiana. We would  
 like very much for those in the Shreve-  
 port area and the surrounding towns to  
 let us know how well they receive this  
 station. We take this step by faith be-  
 lieving that God will bless his Word and  
 supply the finances necessary to keep  
 the gospel on the air and in the mail.  
 The Jena, Louisiana station KCKW  
 continues to carry the message each  
 Sunday morning at the same time--7:30.  
 We believe that God is going to provide  
 openings on other stations that even  
 more of the saints will be able to hear  
 the broadcast. We desire your prayers  
 also that the unsaved may hear the liv-  
 ing Word which is able to turn them  
 from a life of sin and give them an in-  
 heritance among all the ransomed of  
 the Lord. It is time that we lift up  
 our eyes and look upon the fields which  
 are already white unto harvest.

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