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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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"Thou Art the Man"

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. . . Good morning to all the listeners of this radio station. We are happy to be coming your way with another short gospel message. We hope that each one is well and happy in the service of the Lord today. You are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. It is a pleasure to hear from those who get a benefit from the scriptures, and if we may be of help to you, be sure to let us know.

To our new listeners let me say that we print these messages and mail them weekly free of charge to those who request them. Write us if you would like your name added to our mailing list. There is no charge or obligation. We operate this work for the Lord by faith on a free-will basis. We endeavor to make the gospel free without cost to those whose hearts are hungry for the truth, but we need the help of those who love the truth. If the Lord should speak to your heart to help in spreading forth the gospel, we would be happy to hear from you. And, of course, be sure and pray for us also. Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Today I am going to speak of something which is somewhat unpopular. Yet it is scriptural, and I consider it very vital to the growth of everyone who would fully develop into a man or woman of God. II Timothy, chapter 4, verses 3 and 4 read this way, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Especially am I concerned with the prophesy given by the Apostle Paul when he said, "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." I believe he knew what he was talking about. We believe he was divinely inspired by the spirit of God and that he foresaw in the future that men and women would depart from the truth and seek out teachers, preachers, theologians, Sunday school teachers, orators and those whose hearts depart from

the truth, and yet they would speak beautiful sounding words to tickle the ears of the people.

Friends, let me tell you something. What we need is not people who tickle our ears when we depart from the truth. God needs prophets who will point out the sins of the people to them.

Let me show you how God used a prophet to speak to David when David

had committed an abomination in the sight of God. He had given away to the lust of his eyes and was guilty of the sin of adultery by taking Uriah's wife while Uriah was out on the battle field. But let me assure you this sin did not go by unnoticed in the sight of God. Furthermore he had caused Uriah to be put in a dangerous place in the battle where his life was taken. Then he took Uriah's wife to be his own. There is a sentence in II Samuel the 11th chapter and verse 27 which stands out above the others. Listen as I read it. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

Have you ever taken time to ask yourself the question, "Is this thing which I am doing displeasing the Lord?" You see, many people are seeking their own pleasure more than the will of God. Here again is more of the prophesy which the Apostle Paul spoke of which should come in the last days. He said, "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." II Timothy 3:1-4. Isn't that a catalog of sin? Yet we are seeing it fulfilled before our very eyes in these last days.

Friends, there are certain things which displease God regardless of who does them. If they are wrong for one, then they are wrong for others. Now as I said, David's sin did not go by unnoticed, but all the while God had a true prophet to whom he could entrust his word. Nathan did not spare to tell David the truth.

You may read in the 12th chapter of II Samuel how Nathan gave the parable of the rich man who had flocks and herds of his own, but when a traveler came to his home, he sent to the poor man's possessions and fetched from him his one ewe lamb which he had nourished as one of his children. This he prepared for the feast for the traveler.

Well, of course, when David heard this, he became greatly disturbed. In fact, he immediately passed judgment upon such a man as this, for he said, "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die; And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." You see, these were David's own words now. Yes, he was ready to take vengeance immediately. He thought that was a terrible thing for one to do, and I agree with him. It was. But remember God had not forgotten the things which David had done, and it had displeased the Lord.

Can you picture Nathan that day standing before David the king in all of his glory? Was he seeking smooth words to tickle the ears of King David? I doubt it. He was, no doubt, thinking of the charge which God had given him to speak the truth and point out the sins of the king the same as he would point out the sins of the peasant in the field.

Therefore, he made this most powerful statement while, no doubt, looking David straight in the face. I wonder if he pointed his finger at him when he said, "Thou art the man". He went on to tell David how God had blessed him by delivering both Judah and Israel into his dominion. He gave him the goods of all those lands. Then Nathan said, "Wherefore hast thou despised

the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight?"

You see, with God there is no respecter of persons. He does not condone in one what he condemns in another. He does not sanction in an individual or a nation that which he condemns in his word. If a certain thing displeased God in David's day, the same thing today still displeases him. The time element does not change the characteristics or righteousness of God. This is also true when sin is found in an individual or a nation.

First as individuals God hath called upon all to repent of their wickedness. Friends, do you know what our country needs more than anything else? Uncle Sam needs a genuine repentance of heart. Uncle Sam needs to be found at prayer meeting on his knees seeking the face of God. For, no doubt, God is saying to America today, "Thou art the man". And, yet there are those who seek out prophets and preachers to tickle their ears.

Now just suppose that there had been no prophets of God in the days of David. Suppose Nathan had feared to tell the king of his sin. Then what? A sad condition would it have been indeed. Therefore, let us as the people of God not seek to tickle the ears of the people and to please them, but let us speak the truth, live the truth and abide in it forever lest God say to us, "Thou art the man".

Friends, let me ask you what is your purpose in life? Is it to please yourself? Is it to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of life for only a moment of time? Is it to hide your sins beneath a cloak of religion? Is it to profess to serve God in words and yet in works deny

Him? God forbid! Let us have one purpose above all others in life--that is to do the will of God. Really that is success in life. And that alone is the essence of a successful life.

I used to know a little piece of poetry that I learned in school. It went something like this:

Pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed.
Or like the snow falls in the river,
A moment white, then melts forever.
Or like the Borealis race that flit,
Ere you can point its place.
Or like the rainbow's lovely form
Vanishing amid the storm.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We pray that you would give each one of us the courage to do your will regardless of the cost. Bless those who hear the broadcast today. Be a comfort to those who are in sorrow. Provide healing for those who are afflicted and deliver those who are bound by the shackles of sin, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen to this song now, "The Wayworn Traveler" as sung by the Carver quartet. My father used to sing this old song. Sometimes I would join with him. If my father were living now, he would be 98 years old, but he has gone to his reward. However, I have never forgotten this lovely old song, "The Wayworn Traveler".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Sunday at this same time, same station, this is Willie Murphey saying a pleasant good-bye!

Testimonies

From Illinois: "Dear Saints at the Mission Trail, Greetings of love to all there in the name of our wonderful Lord and Master. It makes the joy bells of Heaven ring in my soul as I read The Mission Trail and realize the truth is going out over the world. May God's richest blessings be upon all there and supply every need, and may you never compromise with all the untruth that is going out over the world for the great need of the world today is Jesus Christ and the truth. We all need to realize as Paul did, we don't need to know any thing but Christ being crucified for the sins of the world. Remember all on my prayer list and don't forget to pray for me. My love to all there in the name of our precious Saviour that gave his life for us to be delivered from the clutches of the evil one." --Sister Bertha A. Gill

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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Keep pressing on for Jesus till He comes again. Pray for my body. A cup of food a day is the most I can eat. Your friend," --Bro. Victor Reel

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From California: "We send greetings from Kernville, Calif. to all the saints who have been so earnestly praying for my mother (Mrs. Mabel Doolittle). All the letters and cards that were sent her way have surely been a source of encouragement to her, and we take this means to thank each one as we are not able to answer each one individually and let you know that God has heard and answered prayer. . . For several days now she has been like a different person. I realize she has a long way to go yet, but we believe our God will speedily strengthen her and bring her on out. . ."

--Mrs. Merrill Williamson

From California: "Dear Brother & Sister Murphey & family, God is blessing me. I had another attack of affliction. I called Sister Edith Reavis, and she prayed. . . God heard, and the pain went away. But after that I had pain all through the night. . . But I am believing that God is going to heal completely. I enjoy The Mission Trail papers. They are encouragement to me. . . I was delighted to read Sister Edith Cole's letter in the paper--had not heard from her in so long. . . Please pray earnestly for me."

--Sister Opal Williams

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(Sister Opal Williams asked me to request special prayer for her healing. She trusts the Lord fully and has many hard trials to bear. . . --Edith Reavis)

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family. . . I love the Lord and want to please Him above all else. I am still sorely afflicted in body. At times my nerves are very bad also from the constant pain. I'm still depending on the Lord for both soul and body. . . Please continue to pray for me. I enjoy The Mission Trail paper and the program over KCKW very much. . . Christian love," --Viva LaCroix

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From Dumas, Texas: ". . . I am still praying God will send one of our good ministers here to live and build a congregation. . . Pray earnestly for me that I can keep encouraged and for my unsaved family. Your friend in Christ," --Sister Frances McDonald

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From California: ". . . This leaves me saved and sanctified and rejoicing in my soul though I do suffer much at times. . . Much Christian love,"

--Sister Dessie LeMelle

at press time

we understand:

From California: ". . . The Lord has been very near and precious to us in the loss of our dear husband. Surely the saints' prayers held us up. . . My husband passed away Oct. 19 after a long illness. He got saved before he died. Praise our God, and he took him home out of his suffering. His mother and I were with him until the end. God gave me a definite witness that he was saved, and it gave me such a settled peace I can't explain, but I was willing for God to take him or leave him. I wanted his will, and God who knows our future took him home to be with himself and ever be with him. Continue to pray for us. Christian love,"

--Sister Loretta Miles
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Brother and Sister Dan Kroker were in revival meeting last week in Oklahoma City where Bro. Archie Souder is pastor.

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From Arkansas: ". . . This has been a nice day in spite of the chill in the air. The nicest part was our church service this morning. Jimmy McMillian came down, and he brought the message. It is so encouraging to see a young person have the desire and the grace to get up before others as he did, and we all received a blessing. . . Please remember us in your prayers--our work here, our children, all of us. . . With love to all,"

--Ethel Worrall
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Last Sunday our family met with a few saints in Fairview, Oklahoma where we had meeting in Sister Lizzie Eck's home.

The Hammond, Louisiana assembly meeting begins Sunday, November 19.

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From California: ". . . Today still finds me encouraged to trust the dear Lord. I can't sing much, I can't preach, but thank the Lord I can and do pray. I want to say God has answered some of our prayers as I have gotten a job and I thank Him for it. I mean to use some of the money for His glory. Continue to pray as there are more and better things in the making for us."

--Edna Murry

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The folding doors are now in place in the Guthrie chapel where they serve to divide the new addition from the original part of the chapel which is used for regular services.

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From Kentucky: ". . . The Lord has blessed Louis with a good job and has worked other things out for us since we've been here. We both like it here."

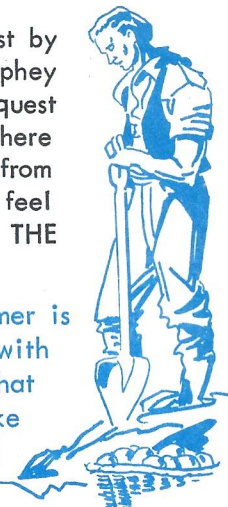
--Sue and Louis Morgan and Gina

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We have just printed a seventy-two page book of poetry entitled "Poems of Hope and Cheer". It consists of many poems which have been used on the broadcast covering a space of more than two years. Additional new poetry has been added which is published for the first time. Bro. Leslie Busbee has contributed a number of good poems. It is our desire that "Poems of Hope and Cheer" will have a wide circulation among those who love poetry. A copy is yours free for the asking.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following radio stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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