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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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The Eternal God

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every one who has their radio tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again. We hope all is going well for you as you enter this new year of 1969. We appreciate those who have prayed for us and co-operated with us to help keep the message on the air. This month we are beginning our 5th year of broadcasting. We are certainly indebted to God for his mercies and to him we give the praise for any good which may have been accomplished.

Now in this modern age of scientific improvements and much unbelief I am happy to tell you that I still accept the Bible as my rule of faith. I don't believe that God changes with the seasons and the tide of skepticism which is so prevalent in these days. I still believe that scripture which says "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Now you can explain that scientifically, if you want to, because it is an evident fact that folks are reaping what they have sown. But I just accept it as one of the laws of God, irrevocable and unchangeable. And now that brings me to this verse in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." You notice that it didn't say God was a spirit at one time or that God will exist at a future date but it plainly says "God is". By that I understand that God is eternal and from everlasting to everlasting. He has no beginning and no ending. Some folks criticize and some folks praise Him, but He is still God.

Sometimes when people make light of those who believe in God, the expression is used that 'God is dead'. And in seeking to refute this argument you may have heard the statement that 'God is dead to them' or that is, the unbeliever. To be real honest with you, friends, I don't like that expression for I believe that God is alive for evermore. Even though some do not believe--God is not dead. I say no. But rather let me explain it this way. The ones who are dead are those who are yet in their sins. It is not God who is dead; it is the sinner.

Now, of course, since God is a spirit he is naturally invisible so there is no wonder the Russian astronaut who looked around up in the heavens for him failed to find him. You don't behold him with your natural eye. Who of us would declare that a windstorm has no power. And yet you do not see it with your eyes, not the wind that is. You may see the result of it and you know the wind is blowing. But there is plenty of power in a windstorm and

don't forget it. Building complexes have been swept away, trees uprooted, and much damage suffered because of the wind.

Friends, not only is God a spirit and invisible but he is eternal, immortal, incorruptible, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. His word is immutable and he is all wise. These things can be proven not only by the scriptures, but by personal experiences of those who have known him and walked with God and what could we say to more fully describe him? He is beyond comprehension of the natural man. His ways and judgments are unsearchable. He is most high and yet 'God is love'. Then again he is perfect, holy, just, and true. Not only that but he is upright, righteous, good, great and gracious and I am glad to tell you that God is faithful and merciful. He is long suffering and full of compassion. Friends, I could be using many many scriptures to verify these statements which I am hurriedly mentioning to you as we swiftly pass on.

But there is another characteristic of God. He is 'heart-searching' and for this I am going to take time out right here to give this scripture to show how true this is. In I Chron. chapter 28 and verse 9 I quote, "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." Now if God searches the heart of every individual then I know there is no hiding from him. There is no covering up and no deceiving and furthermore we understand that God is a consuming

fire. He has the ownership of all things. Listen to these verses from John beginning with the first verse of chapter 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

They used to tell me in school that matter can neither be created nor destroyed. I believe that is true. You may change its form but you have not destroyed it altogether. Did you notice one verse which said that "all things were made by him and without him was not any thing made that was made"? I recently heard a certain preacher say something which I thought was real good. He was talking along this line and he mentioned how some people think they have made something. And he put it this way: "If you have made something, you just take it with you when you leave this world." Now that presents a little different thought, doesn't it? How well we know that we are going to take nothing with us when we leave this world and so it must be true that we really haven't made anything after all.

Friends, I am talking to you about the eternal God. Paul describes him this way, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they

might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:24-31

Now, friends, does the Bible plan of salvation suit you? Are you aware that God controls the universe? Do you know that he controls the laws of nature and that the commandments were given by him? It is also through Christ that we receive grace to walk uprightly before him. And then a final thought. It is God which executes judgment upon both men and nations.

Listen now to this poem.

There Always Will Be God

They cannot shell His temple,
Nor dynamite His throne;
They cannot bomb His city,
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender,
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off His supplies;
They cannot take His kingdom,

Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,
His truth remains the same,
His righteous laws still potent,
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion
There always will be God.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious Father,

What a privilege and an opportunity it is to know that we can serve thee the true and living God who is from everlasting to everlasting. Bless the words of the message and may they fall into good and honest hearts and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a song: "Take the name of Jesus with you". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station. And until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful good-bye and may God richly bless each one.

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Let nothing disturb thee,
Nothing affright thee,
All things are passing;
God never changeth;

Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth.

Testimonies

From South Carolina: "First I want to testify of being saved and still encouraged to press the battle on until the crown is won. My aim is to make heaven my home no matter what it costs. I'm doing all I know to please the Lord to the best of my understanding. I'm desiring to see everybody else make heaven their home. Tell everyone not to give up but to press the battle on until the crown is won. The few saints here seem to be still encouraged in the Lord. Pray for us as we continue to pray for everyone else. . ."

--Sis. Edna Crummie

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From California: "I had such a wonderful trip to Louisiana at Thanksgiving. I enjoyed the assembly meeting so much. It was surely a help to me. . . The devil is sure working hard to discourage God's people, and to cause confusion among them. But I'm so glad to be able to report victory in my soul, and to feel that I'm drawing closer to the Lord. I pray for all of God's children everywhere. We all surely need each others prayers."

--Hazel Savage

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From Oregon: "God is so good to His trusting children and I pray for your every need to be supplied abundantly. Dennis had a stiff neck one day and we thought it might be flu but God undertook and he was alright the next morning. Truly God is a very present help in every time of need. Harvey and Irwin were out shoveling snow and just as they were finishing my husband fell. But God again heard and answered prayer. Harvey went to work that night and only had a little soreness. We still have snow but the sun is shining beautifully today. . ."

--Harvey and Beverly Wattenbarger

From South Carolina: "I am asking all the saints to keep me and my family and my boy in the army on their prayer list for God will not forget us."

--Sallie Sweat

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From Ill.: "I am glad Jesus searched thru the storm and all thru the mountains till He found me and carried me in his loving arms safe into the fold. How safe and warm and loved I am there! All the hurts and wounds are healed there. The night was so dark and fearsome but here it is light; bright for He is there! Praise His name for ever. I thank Him for many blessings and victories of the year that has vanished, but there will be fruit and harvest through all this new year and the reaping shall go on day by day till Jesus comes to call us home. Through Him I want to labor more earnestly, pray more fervently, plough the earth more vigorously and sow the seed in tears and faith for we are laborers together and there are yet many sheep which are not of or in his fold and these he longs to have brought in. In my littleness I want to run to the cave and hide but He called me out to be his witness; his ambassador to make Him known and told me 'Thy work shall be rewarded. They shall come again from the land of the enemy'. I can hear a little stirring in the tops of the mulberry trees. Here and there God bears witness. His Spirit is moving on the dark waters. Surely the famine has reached all lands. Amos 8:11, 12 and people know not where to turn. I am so grateful for every prayer that ascends to God for me and no soul on earth escapes my intercession at the throne. Oh; I want so much from God this year, because He has told me what His needs and desires are. . . In His love,"

--Sis. Ada Scanlon

From Texas: "I wish to thank God for healing me last July at campmeeting. I had suffered from this affliction for 13 years and God so wonderfully healed me. The devil tried to make me believe that God hadn't healed me but I kept thanking God for healing me and testifying to others that he had healed me and soon it all went away and today I am healed." --Helen Lambright

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From Missouri: "How wonderful is our God unto us in all his ways. We are so thankful for his many blessings to us. We feel so unworthy. I have been sick with flu and other afflictions in my body, but the dear Lord has been so good to me. He has come to our rescue so many times in answer to prayer. How wonderful to know we can trust Him for both soul and body and for all things we need. He is a present help in every time of need. He has never failed us. How thankful we are that God ever had mercy on us and picked us up and out of that pit of sin we were in. When we look around and see the wickedness of this old world we think, but for the mercies of God we would be out there in it too. Oh, how we need to watch and pray for the old enemy of our soul is on every hand trying to discourage or trap us in some way. Dear ones, he has traps set all along the way to try and get us in them. He doesn't care how. I often think of how the trapper--when he is trapping for animals, how he will find a place where they travel and set his trap close to the path and he will partly cover it up so it will look so harmless. They put some bait on it too. Dear ones, the devil is just that sly. He will tell us, 'Oh that little thing is no harm and this is not so bad.' He is setting a trap, so let us watch and pray lest we fall into his trap." --Sister Vena Sell

From Kentucky: "I praise the Lord for deliverance from the flu. . . I am saved, sanctified and healed. Praise the dear Lord." --Sister Alpha Baldrige

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From Oregon: "Was so shocked when Sis. Busch told me by phone of Bro. H. Smith's passing and then I read it too when my paper came. The dear ones in Mexico are saddened I'm sure and I know they loved him dearly. I have so much to thank and praise God for this morning. He has truly been a merciful, kind, and loving heavenly Father to me. Just recently our son had a dead snag fall on him in the woods. He could have been killed instantly. Oh how thankful I am for God's protecting hand over him. He was bruised quite badly and had an ankle sprained. . . Our snow is going away but another storm coming the news says. God richly bless you all. Love," --Ruby Hutchinson and family

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From Missouri: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus! There is no other name under heaven that has brought so much love, peace, joy, happiness, and comfort, plus all the other benefits. There's no end to all the good things He does for us here, plus a home in Heaven--if we follow in His steps. Why doesn't all men follow Him, when so much is offered? It must be that the devil has their eyes blinded to all of this, or most of it. He deceives people by painting a glittery picture of His downward path. Then he gets people all ensnared in the pitfalls of sin, while they are blinded. Then he can hold them down, while they suffer and suffer. Because 'the way of the transgressor is hard.' Aren't we thankful God helped us up out of the horrible pit and shined His precious light on our pathway?"

--Mildred McIntosh

From Mississippi: "Another has come and gone. The Lord has led us safely on and given us one more year to follow Him. May we always do our best for Him." --Novella Pugh

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From Maine: "Don't know how you happened to send the Mission Trail to me but want to say I really enjoy it. Several that write in I am acquainted with. I was in the Glendale, Calif. congregation 1947 thru 1949. . ."

--Doris D. Lemonds

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From Oklahoma: "I do enjoy reading the Mission Trail, also the broadcast over KGGF. I'm sending in two new names so please put them on your mailing list for the Mission Trail. We asked to be remembered in your prayers here at West Cabin community, northwest of Vinita, Okla. This is the place where Bro. Curtis and Bro. Kenneth held tent meeting in Sept. The Lord met with us here. It was a wonderful meeting. I'm sending an offering to be used anyway you need to use it." --Mrs. C. J. Manley

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From Missouri: "Greetings of Christian love to all of you. Trust all is well at present. David was sick all of last week with flu and cold and Dennis had about 2 days of it this weekend. Connie has had a real trial of affliction all fall and winter. She had spells real often with her side and would suffer so terrible and often would pass out and once or twice was out for an hour but the Lord would be merciful and bring her through each spell. She hasn't had one now for about a week and a half and we feel like the Lord has undertaken, so you pray with us for complete victory over all her afflictions. . . May God bless you each one. Christian love,"

--Zella Dollins

From Missouri: "Bro. Stites is a precious man of God. He is having dizzy spells so remember him. . . in your prayers. He fasts so much he is weak in body. That is about all he does is fast and pray for the burdens of the church." --Pat Cole

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From Arkansas: "I am still going on for the Lord and my aim is to serve Him and do His will until He calls me home. It seems I have had lots of heartaches and trouble but the Lord knows all about it and He gives me strength to go on." --Rosa Tillman

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From Calif.: "I have enjoyed reading the Mission Trail very much. It has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to me to continue to 'fight the good fight of faith'. . ."

--Geneva Pierro

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From Oklahoma: "This morning my thanks and praise go to the great throne of heaven for His love, unto us, because we can rest assured that He will care for us if we but trust Him. I can say as the song says 'not one promise has He broken, faithful to His trust is He.' There are many things we don't understand, but from the past I know that the Lord will do all things well, much better than we even dared hope." --Clara Wahl

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From Colorado: "Just a few lines of thanks to each one that has been so kind to me since my husband's back has been so bad. I do thank each one for everything they have done for us and also for praying for us."

--Leona Carey

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From California: "The longer I live, the more I meditate on our Lord and His ways and the sweeter they are, praise God forever." --Victor S. Reel

at press time

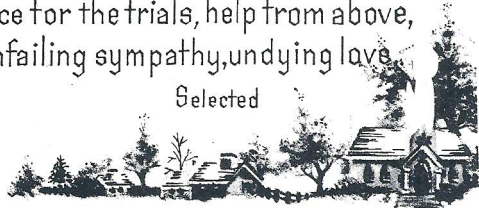
we understand:

Our love and sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Alma Embrey, who died here in Guthrie Friday evening, January 17. Her funeral was set for January 20. Her health has not been good for the past several weeks during which time the saints visited her frequently speaking of spiritual things and having prayer with her. We had hoped that God would heal her but we realize that he knows best by calling her home. The steps she took to make peace with God is a comfort to those of us who remain. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thess. 4:13, 14

What God Hath Promised....

God hath not promised skies always blue...
 Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
 God hath not promised sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow, peace without pain...
 God hath not promised we shall not know
 Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.
 He hath not told us we shall not bear
 Many a burden, many a care.
 But God hath promised strength for the day,
 Rest for the laborer, light for the way...
 Grace for the trials, help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

To Alford and Lula (Shelton) Lounds on their marriage in Northport, Alabama January 10. Their Oklahoma City home is located at 729 NE 25th Street. We wish them much happiness.

To James and Esther Hightower, Box 231, Neosho, Missouri 64850 on the birth of their daughter, Esther Jewellene, January 11th.

To Keith and Janet Marsh of Wichita, Kansas on the birth of their second daughter Sunday, January 12th.

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Bro. Kenneth and Sis. LaVerna Probst have moved from Alabama. Their new address is Route 1, Bartlett, Kansas 67332.

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From California: "This finds us yet saved, and sustained and guided by the power of the Spirit of God. We appreciate so much God's blessings and dealings in our hearts and lives. Surely He has proven his mercy, love, and faithfulness to us time and again. Our intensest desire is to be filled with His fullness and to please Him in all things. We were very pleased to meet you personally on your visit to the California State Assembly meeting. We pray the Lord to prosper you in the things of God. With Christian love,"

--Bonnie and Ann Matthews

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Agree with us in prayer for the many requests which we received recently.



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 stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KXOW *	Hot Springs, Arkansas	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

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