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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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Pilgrims on Earth

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are certainly happy to have the opportunity of bringing you another message from God's holy word. First listen to the reading of this scripture beginning in I Peter 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

I believe there is a difference between God's people and those who are of the world. This scripture particularly mentions pilgrims. Now a pilgrim is someone just passing through a country or we might say they are travelers. They don't remain long at one place but they are moving onward. Neither are they citizens of the country through which they travel. Can you not see that God's people are not of the world? In order that you may better understand what I mean, listen to this scripture beginning in John 17:14, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

This is included in the prayer which Jesus was praying for his disciples. Of course the disciples were in the world but they certainly were not of the world. In other words, their

affections were upon eternal things and not upon things in the world. This is also the teaching of the scripture in Col. 3 and beginning with verse 1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." I believe these scriptures are sufficient to convince one that God's people are not of the world. They are a separate people and are chosen to be examples to the world. God's people should be examples in conversation, in dress, and in actions, living honestly before Him and others.

But to further bring out the thought of being pilgrims let us go to Heb. 11 and begin with verse 13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and em-

braced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Here is a parallel of some people known as Rechabites of whom the prophet Jeremiah informs us. Take your Bible and turn to the 35th chapter of Jer. and read the account of these people--the Rechabites which were very likely the descendants of Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses. Somewhere down the line one of their forefathers known as Jonadab had positively instructed these people along some fundamental truths which we would do well to consider. But here, let me give it to you from the scriptures. Beginning in Jer. 35 and verse 6, "But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever: Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us." Here then, I say, is a true example of pilgrims and

strangers in the world.

Friends, as a child of God, are you willing to be different and to be separate and to stand alone for God. Now Jeremiah used these people as a reproof to the Israelites who were disobeying God's commandments. Here is what Jeremiah did. He brought these folks up to the temple in Jerusalem. There Jeremiah placed bowls of wine before them and said drink. But they refused. Now don't you think they knew that strong drink would poison the body, dull the brain, and close the heart to God? It seems that their whole religious and political institution consisted in obedience to 3 simple precepts, each of which has an appropriate meaning.

1. "Ye shall drink no wine". In other words, ye shall preserve your bodies in temperance, shall use nothing that would deprive you of the exercise of your sober reason at any time; lest in such a time ye should do what might be prejudicial to yourselves, injurious to your neighbor, or dishonourable to your God.
2. "Neither shall ye build house". Ye shall not become residents in any place; ye shall not court earthly possessions; ye shall live free from ambition and from envy, that ye may be free from contention and strife.
3. "But--ye shall dwell in tents". Ye shall imitate your forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the rest of the patriarchs, who dwelt in tents, being strangers and pilgrims upon earth, looking for a heavenly country, and being determined to have nothing here that would indispose their minds towards that place of endless rest, or prevent them from passing through

temporal things so as not to lose those that are eternal.

Friends, is this not the vision that we as God's people need today. We need to lift up our eyes from the temporal things of earth, get them fixed firmly upon the eternal things of God and listen carefully for his commands lest we should displease the Lord by our actions in this world.

There must necessarily be more in these injunctions than meets the eye in the letter of this account. Now I am not necessarily implying that God's people should not own a home, plant a garden, or have a job. But I do want you to consider this lesson and realize that God's people are not 'of the world'.

In the words of the Apostle Paul I would advise this way, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

Dear ones, we need understanding from God in these perilous times which we live. We need to know his will concerning us. I am reminded of a scripture which says, (This one is found in Rom. 12:2.) "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad that you have chosen to redeem a people from the world to be the true church which is without spot and blameless. Bless each listener of the broadcast and may they seek always to be preserved holy and for thyself alone and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Just a reminder now to tell you that this message is brought your way each week by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. If we may be of any help to you or if you'd like a printed copy of the message you may have one free of charge without cost or obligation just by simply writing and addressing your letter in this way, The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Here's a song now by the Carver quartett, "Jesus is pleading for thee."

Tune in again next week at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of The Mission Trail and now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

The Right Saviour

I love the dear Lord, because
He keeps me happy, contented and
free,
He blesses me with mercy and love
He is just the right Saviour for me.

He keeps me each day
In the straight narrow way,
He is my peace by night, and by day
He is just the right Saviour for me.

He is so great and so good
He blesses my daily food,
And supplies every need
He is just the right Saviour for me.

When I am sick, or in pain
He blesses again and again
Oh, praise His great and wonderful
name
I am never alone; He is still on the
throne
He is just the right Saviour for me.

--Sister N. E. Adams

Testimonies

From Montana: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. How we have appreciated the little paper coming to our home every week through the cold and snow that we have had for over two months! We got around three feet of snow around the first of the year and still have about half of it. It was the coldest winter for many years but we certainly were thankful for a good home and lots of food and fuel, thankful too that the dear Lord has protected us from colds and the flu. We are so thankful that the saints hold us up in prayer. We really need it as do all of God's people. How we need to have and manifest that fervent love one toward another. Am glad to be able to do a little for his cause. Find a small offering enclosed. May the good Lord bless everyone,"

--Sis. Edith Boyer

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings to you once again. I am praising the dear Lord for His presence with me and His blessings to me. He keeps me day by day and I can see his protecting care and great love manifested to me in so many ways. He is with me in each battle that comes my way and I am depending on Him to go with me all the way. We have travelled together for more than sixty years and He promised me I will never leave thee nor forsake thee and He can't lie. His promise is sure so I am sure of His presence. To do His will is my heart's desire. We think of you and your work often and enjoy the Mission Trail so much and ask God's rich blessings on you daily. Enclose five dollars to help a little. Continue to pray for us. We are just living on the prayers of the saints. We are so dependent on him and helpless without Him. Christian love,"

--Nellie Poulos

From Louisiana: "We still enjoy your program of a Sunday morning on KCKW and also the little paper. . . We have just finished reading 'The Hidden Rainbow' and it makes us to realize how greatly we the church as a whole needs more evangelistic and missionary spirit today. Trusting the Lord to bless you and supply the needs there. Pray for us. Love from us here,"

--Manuel E. Mitchell

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From Oregon: "I thank the Lord for His goodness to me in giving me good health and all the needs of life but most of all I thank Him for salvation as Jesus shed his blood on the cross that I might be saved. I was thinking how we compare to popcorn. We used to raise some popcorn with yellow kernels, some with black kernels, some with red and some with white kernels. When the popcorn is in the right condition and put over a fire it pops into big white tender fluffy balls and is no longer little hard kernels of different colors. You can no longer see the different colors of them but they are all alike--pure white and tender. Even the white is different from the hard white kernels. So it is with us. We may be different colors or nationalities but when the Holy Spirit brings in the fire we are no longer black or red or yellow or white and hard but are all pure white and tender and good. Some one said if the pan is left open the corn will pop right out of the pan and maybe the Holy Spirit fire will pop us out of our little pan, too, to spread the gospel to other places and other people. So let us get in the right condition so the Holy Spirit can pop us out of our hard shells and be pure white and good and tender and ready to do what we can in the service of the Lord. May God bless you in your work."

--Hilda A. Nielsen

From Arkansas: "We are thankful today for the blessing of salvation we have in our heart. Still have more of a fixed determination to keep in the fight against the enemy of our soul. Trust everything is going well with you there as you labor in the work of the Master. We would be most happy to see you but on account of the long distance that keeps that down to a very low minimum. It seems the will of God is to have his children scattered so they may be able to reflect some light wherever they may be. God bless and encourage you is our prayer."

--Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Loftis

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From Taiwan: "I hope that this letter finds you all well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We are well at this time but think maybe John is coming down with a cold. Please do pray for him. Our little boy sure is growing and has blessed us with so much happiness. Pray that we'll raise him to please God. Charles got orders for Italy. We'll be leaving here the 10th of August. He is trying to get state-side orders. Pray that if it's the Lord's will that he can get his orders changed. . . . Please remember us here so far away from home in all your prayers. We need them so. You know, when I look at the conditions of the world around me. I feel so hurt deep down inside to think that man is destroying himself and fast. Sometimes I wonder why these rioters on our streets today and the hippies don't wake up, not only them but every sinner. I like to dream about the world turning to God but I know that that will never be but it would be so wonderful if every one would turn to God. It is rainy here tonight and sure is lonely. Well, dear ones, I must close for now. Please do remember all my prayer requests. . . ."

--Nancy Wagoner

From Louisiana: "Greetings in precious love. I've been meaning to get this offering off for a while but seems I'm so rushed with many responsibilities that I keep forgetting it. We are all very well here except my mother who seems to grow weaker. She is just alive and that's about all that can be said for her. . . . Sis. Brown needs prayer, has been ill for a month--in bed most of the time and Aunt Alice Hollingsworth's son is very ill and not saved. She's much burdened for him. He is the father of Maxine Brown. God bless all of you, trust that all is well with you. Much love,"

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Heb. 13:8

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From Pennsylvania: "Greetings in the precious name of our dear Lord and Savior. How it fills our hearts with gladness to be one with our sisters and brothers in the Lord, even though we have not met personally. We do enjoy the Mission Trail so much. . . . we pray daily that God will bless all you do for Him. We do not know the ones who are mentioned in the paper, but we do know that Jesus said when we serve Him we are all brothers in the Lord. . . . When we read of others having trials or hard places the same as we do, we know God is with all of his children in every time of need. . . . Today Mother is having terrible pains in her head and it is so hot, but she was crocheting and has such a wonderful sense of humor. She laughs so often at things that make her happy. What a wonderful Mother she is. She will be 84 on Sat. Feb. 22 if God lets her live until then. God bless all you do for Him and help you in every way you have need. . . ."

--Eva Cox

From Mo.: "Greetings to my Christian friends. Due to illnesses in our families I have been slowed down with my correspondence. Want to thank all of you for your prayers in our behalf. I am feeling better and my son was released Friday 14th from hospital. He has not fully recovered from the brain damage but one can see a very much improved condition there for which we give our dear Lord all the praise and glory. . . I have just put him in God's care and thank him for what he has done for he was a very sick boy. Bro. Murphey, you ask us to come to campmeeting this year. I sure want to and pray God will prepare the way. I love the sweet fellowship with God's people. . . I do so much enjoy the Mission Trail. It's really food for the soul. God bless all of you for your interest in one of the least of his sheep. If you are ever this way again drop by and visit with us again. Much Christian love and prayers. Please hold us up to the throne of grace,"

--Mrs. J. Edw. Leach and children

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From Arkansas: "I have a praise in my heart today for a wonderful savior. To think we can come to Him at every time for every need, what more could we ask for? and we couldn't live without Him. However there is a mass of people struggling along in a terrible sinful state that have never met our Lord. I have a desire to be drawn closer and closer. I feel more secure the closer I get to Him. What protection. I often think of a phrase in a song 'folded in the arms of power'. It is strength to my soul. Do trust things are moving along nicely for all of you. God is good to us. . . We do enjoy the Mission Trail program coming in so nicely. Nice you could be in Coffeyville with the dear ones there. Listen to

this: I wish I could explain this as cute as it really was. Kevin, 4 yrs., Ronald's little boy, was here (all of them) but we were eating breakfast. I had the radio on Coffeyville about 15 to 8 for your message. We were visiting, etc. and no one paying any attention much so when your theme song came (real clear) Kevin perked up, looked all around, and said, "Well, that sounds just like campmeeting!" At once he noticed the difference. It really thrilled me. Once we hear there is truly a difference, right? But to think so quickly Kevin grasped the difference. I had a letter from Sis. Mc Murrin. She was requesting prayer and was writing to other of the saints for their prayers. We are agreed that the Lord will give her complete healing of this terrible rash on her body. We too are so concerned about Sister Ersa. . . Love and best wishes," --Lou Bray

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The Valley

I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the "God of all comfort" was with me,
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As the earth needs the clouds and the
sunshine,

Our souls need both sorrow and joy;
So He places us oft in the furnace,
The dross from the gold to destroy.

When He leads through some valley of
trouble,

His powerful hand we can trace;
For the trials and sorrows He sends us
Are part of His lessons of grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging and
pruning,

Forgetting the Husbandman knows
The deeper the cutting and paring,
The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed;
He has a wise purpose in view,
And in the dark valley He whispers,
"Hereafter thou'lt know what I do."

As we travel through life's shadowed
valley,

Fresh springs of His love ever rise;
And we learn that our sorrows and losses
Are blessings just sent in disguise.

at press time

we understand:

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Glenna Lawson of the Webb City, Mo. congregation. Her husband, Paul Lawson, took sick last Saturday night, March 1 and within a few hours died apparently with an heart attack. They had only recently moved to Missouri from California. May the dear Lord bless the daughters, relatives, and friends in this time of sorrow and loss.

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"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" Col. 4:2

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From California: "Greetings in Jesus' name. Just a few hurried lines at this time. Have wanted to write you to send no more Mission Trails till I return home. I had planned to leave for Springfield, Mo. March 3 but--! My dear sister, Dottie Henry, had a stroke last Friday night (the 21st). You may have already heard. . . She is speechless and can't swallow and the right side is paralyzed. They are feeding thru the veins. Yes, she was hospitalized by her sons that night. I'm ready to go see her now. . . every day we have looked for a decided change, but it hasn't come, only she does open her eyes partly when anyone speaks to her and she does use her left hand a little to rub her eye, etc. But there is no response when we take her hand and ask her questions. Just leaving the hospital. I combed her hair and she would put her hand to her head, but no opening of eyes or response at all. So pray and God bless all of you. Love,"

--Sis. Vera Forbes

It is good to have our daughter, Patsy, visiting with us this week before she returns to her home. Clifford and Patsy now live in California.

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From Okla.: 'Greetings in the dear name of our saviour. . . I have been truly blessed. January 2 I was struck down in Los Angeles, Calif. with a stroke. My entire left side, high blood pressure and other complaints. I am so thankful for his mercy, praise ye the Lord. . . February 23--my blood pressure is normal, all symptoms of stroke are gone. I will take this method to thank the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf. I am thankful that I can report victory in my soul. . . I was able to ride home (Okeene, Okla.) by train, pullman car, from Los Angeles. . . I am so thankful for the wonderful work of the Lord. Since being home The Mission Trail paper has been so much comfort to me. I have read the 5 which was here on my arrival. Please continue to send them. . .'

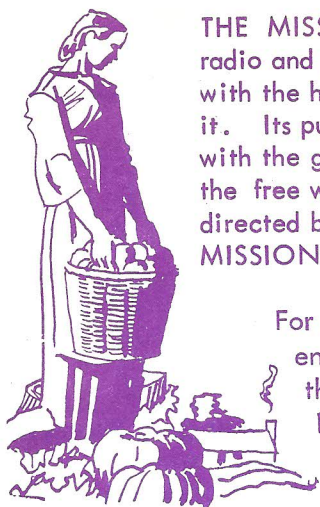
--Maria Breckenridge

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I ask not wealth, but power to take
And use the things I have, aright;
Not years, but wisdom that shall
make
My life a profit and delight.

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It was decided to have a revival meeting here in Guthrie beginning Sunday, March 9. We trust that God will speak to those ministers whom he can use in these services in breaking the bread of life to both saints and sinners.



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.

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