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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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Gleaning Time

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. . . and a cheerful greeting, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. It is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. Did you know that we are in the evening of time and God is gleaning out the honest souls that are scattered throughout his great harvest field. The remnant of the great Gentile world is now being gleaned. Listen to this scripture from Isa. 17:6, "Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the Lord God of Israel."

Now, this is the prophecy which was given some 735 yrs. before Christ and of course we see it being fulfilled right in our day. You see God is gleaning out those who are honest at heart and are willing to hear the truth. Did you know not every one will accept the truth? But I am glad that God has a few berries in the top of the branches which he is still gleaning. Now listen to this scripture from Isa. 24:13, "When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done."

Well, someone might ask, "Just where are these people whom God is gleaning?" I will tell you honestly, friends, they are scattered in the sectarian world throughout many denominations who are not teaching the full truth. God is calling today for every honest hearted person who is willing to accept the truth of the Bible to come out of spiritual Babylon. Now I want you to listen carefully to this scripture in

Ez. chapter 34 and beginning with verse 1 and then I want you to decide whether or not this is the exact condition which is presently existing in the false religious movements of our day. Here it is:

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

"Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

"The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that

which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

"And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

"Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

"As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

"Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

"Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

"And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their ownland, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

"I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel."

Wouldn't you say that this scripture is being fulfilled by many who call themselves pastors and preachers? Actually they are more interested in their own financial welfare than they are in teaching the word of God and seeking the welfare of the souls in their congregation. Now we are speaking about a gleaning time and God is calling his people out of confusion. In Rev. chapter 18 and verse 1 we find these words, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

Here is the way that God is gleaning these souls from spiritual confusion. Listen in Jer. 16:16 we find these words, "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. "

Let me give you another scripture which describes God's people and the highway of holiness. Beginning with Isa. 35 and verse 8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there; And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." In other words God desires unity among his people. Unity and oneness are the things which the enemy surely hates. Then someone might ask, "To what is God gathering his people?" And may I give the answer in the words of that song,

"To unity, glorious, rich and complete,
One faith and one body, one Lord,
One way and one spirit, one hope and one God,
They come at the call of His word.

And then this scripture from Joel 2 and verse 32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. "

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are grateful for the pure and spotless church of God which includes the redeemed of all races and of every

nation and language under heaven. Bless thy word which goes forth over the air. May it find lodging in good and honest hearts and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear ones, would you live to please the Lord? Then let me remind you once again of this scripture which was given on the broadcast last week. I mentioned that it was in Heb. but I should have said Rom. 12:2. But here it is: "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. "

May I take just a moment now to remind you that this message is brought your way over this radio station as it is each week by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We are trusting the Lord by faith to move upon the hearts of those who can help us spread his word and we do appreciate your prayers and co-operation. Be sure to be with us again next week at this same time.

Here now is a song: "Praise the Lord I'm free". It is sung by the Carver Quartett. . . .



"pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest"

Testimonies

From California: "Greetings of love. May this find you going strong in the Lord. There is so much to do and so little time to do it that we all need to be all on the altar that we might be used of him for the advancement of his cause. You have a wonderful chance to get the message of the evening light truths to souls. We, the saints in light have a message for this lost world that no other movement has and God wants it to go out in these last days. There are a few saved honest souls left in fallen Babylon that need a better understanding of her awful condition and to know that God is still calling to them to come out of her and they need to hear the truth about the one true way, the Church of God which contains all God's children. If we do not warn the saved which are still in Babylon God will hold this against us, so help us, oh! God to send out the truth which is so much needed today. God is still blessing us here in Orland and the saints are growing in Him. All glory be to him. The way grows sweeter each day. My dear wife had the flu but is much better at this writing. Hope this finds all well there. Enclosed find a little offering. With our love and prayers,"

--Bro. and Sis. Huskey

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From Oklahoma: "This leaves me still saved and encouraged to live for God. I do enjoy the Mission Trail. I am sending a little money to help with the broadcast. Remember us in prayer."

--Mrs. Sylvester Arnold

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From California: "How is my little Bro. Willie doing today, the days of rain and sunshine? Please pray for my body. I am able to eat a very little once a day, getting very weak. Your brother,"

--Victor Reel

From California: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. Today finds me saved, encouraged to press on for God. Oh how I enjoy reading the paper. It is so much encouragement and to know the saints that are putting it out. I thank the Lord for you all. We really had good meeting in Stockton. The Lord was with us. We were there for the first night, so many got saved, I never kept up with them. Someone said to their estimate it was about 50 went to the altar, some for sanctification. . . the Lord sure blessed and I want to thank every one for praying for a lady that had the car wreck. She is home again but she suffers with her back. Please remember her. I am working one day every other week. I saw the picture of the car she was in. It was the Lord that spared her life. May the Lord bless you all."

--Sister Mattie Francisco

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From Missouri: "We were so happy to get to go to Senath for the all day meeting Sunday. There were several there. It seemed the chapel was almost filled for the morning service. Some left at noon. I took the flu while I was over there--was anointed and prayed for. I feel the Lord did help but I am still not over it. . . I desire the saints' prayers. I've trusted the Lord for soul and body for almost 50 years. I can say the Lord has been good to me. Surely I find Him a present help in time of need. I feel He has done more for me than I could ask or think. I do feel so unworthy. I want to be more worthy of His love to me. Now I desire the saints to keep remembering my sister Myrtle Niswonger in prayer. . . we know the Lord can work things out for her and solve every problem. . . she can't walk, is in a wheel chair. . . With lots of love and prayers,"

--Katie and Asa Gibson

From Louisiana: "Trusting the Lord's blessings upon you, and requesting your continued prayers on my behalf, I remain, Yours in Christ,"

--Wayne Turner

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From Louisiana: "I realize more and more as I grow older, it is in Him we live and move and have our being. Yesterday some words came to my mind something about being in the fear of the Lord all day. Sometimes it was 'will' instead of 'fear'. I thought it was scripture and meant to see if I could find it. But it kinda left my mind as the day wore on and I failed to look for it. But this morning soon after I got up, it came to my mind and I felt sure it was some of Solomon's words in Proverbs. So I looked it up. Sure enough, there it was Prov. 23:17, "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." I thought of how necessary it is for us each morning when we start on a new day to have that for our goal, to be in the fear of the Lord all day. And surely, if we are in His fear, we are in His will. . . We were so thankful when a call was made to LaVern last Sat. to learn that she felt assured the Lord had undertaken for her and she had felt a little stronger the last 2 days and some of the pressure and hurts around her heart had let up. We are expecting the Lord to bring her through . . . I took mama Mon. to visit Sis. Nichols. We don't know if she knew who we were or not. She just smiled at us. . . Our heart surely goes out to Bro. Nichols. . . He has surely been faithful in caring for her these 5 yrs. . . it is such a strain on him. They surely need our continued prayers. I must close now and get this in the box. We enjoy the message each Sun. morning. Just wish everybody in reach of the station would get it. In Christian love,"

--Alta Flynn

From Guthrie: "Thank you so much for your prayers while I was sick. . . I am feeling good and am so thankful."

--Minnie White

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From Oklahoma: "Dear ones scattered abroad, It is with a heavy heart I greet you today. We are both sick with the flu or some sort of cold. We took sick March 2 at almost the same hour. But my husband is much worse than I am. I have no voice, so I almost have to talk in a whisper. His mouth is so sore from coughing. On March 3 at 9 a.m. we received a long distance call from Illinois that my youngest sister and her husband had been found dead in their burning home. They were living in West Frankfort, Illinois. Their only daughter, Phyllis Ann Barnes, of St. Louis, Mo. had been notified that their deaths were caused by the smoke. The firemen had got the bodies out before the floor fell into the basement. It was such a shock to us. I now have only one sister left. Pray that she and I will be in the number when we get our call to come up higher. This sister lives in Salinas, Calif. Her name is Juaneta Mote. She and I were both sick and weren't able to attend our sister's funeral. Please pray that God will comfort Phyllis' dear heart as she will be so alone in this world. We know not what the future holds for us. But we do know we will be pressing on towards the glory land where there will be no disappointments or reverses of life. Oh, dear readers of this sad disappointment, please keep your souls right with God, for the death angel may have your card in his hand to be delivered before the day ends. And when that message comes it's too late to prepare for your journey. May God bless one and all is my prayer."

--Hettie and Sam Barton



From S. C.: "Dear Bro. Willie and saints everywhere. I sure do enjoy the Mission Trail paper. It sure is food to our souls. Husband and I are still saved and living for the Lord. . . Christian love to all."

--Sister Nettie Harbeson

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From Wisconsin: "I just read The Mission Trail. I was much encouraged for the healing of my body after I read the testimony of Sis. Amy Hunter. She had the same afflictions I now have. I would like to wake up some morning and be able to say, "Lord, I believe I'm alright" and have the Spirit answer me, "Yes, I swept everything out at one time!" How I wish I were rich so I could send you more money! Someone has said, "Money is not his who has it, but his who uses it for the glory of God." . . May God richly bless you all,"

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

From Oklahoma: "I am still encouraged to live for the Lord, still trusting Him for my soul and body. The Lord has healed me lately of stomach trouble but I still have a little illness. Still pray for me. . . May the Lord bless you all in the work for the Lord. Your sister,"

--Mary May

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From Washington: "I have been slow in writing in and sending my small gift but I truly think of you all that are laboring in God's service and I do praise him more each day and nite I live. I had a bad spell with my heart. I called Sister Spaur to pray for me so she called some of the saints close for prayer and a few hours my heart got much better and haven't had a bad spell since. Praise the Lord. I enjoy The Mission Trail so much. I am like one sister said wish it was larger. I still need prayer for my knees. Hope this finds each one well at your place. . . ."

--Carrie Westrope

MY KITCHEN PRAYER

God bless my little kitchen,
I love its every nook,
And bless me as I do my work--
Wash pots and pans and cook.

And may the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from above
With thy great blessing and thy grace
But most of all dear God, thy love.

As we partake of earthly food,
The table before us spread
We'll not forget to thank the Lord
Who gives us daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, God,
And those who enter in
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness which has no end.

--Submitted by Sis. J. S. Landers

From Pa.: "Will you please put my name on your mailing list for The Mission Trail. I found a copy where I do my washing. Thank God for whoever put it there. Could I have your Christmas message, also the back copies so far this year. Can I send money to help to get the message out. May God bless you." --Mrs. George Ludy

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Sis. Ada Leach desires the prayers of the saints for her daughter who is not well, and some other requests which she is holding before the Lord.

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From Ky.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I trust this will find each of you well and enjoying the many blessings of our Heavenly Father. Truly He has been good to us this winter. Although we've had many battles, we've also had many victories. We are thankful for both. It takes both to make us strong in the Lord. We have had a mild winter here in Kentucky. It will soon be two years in October since the Lord moved us here. I'm so glad I know it was the Lord, because many times I've gotten homesick for my little house in Fairborn. I miss so much the saints staying in our home there. That surely was the delight of my heart when the saints came by for a few days. The Lord blest us with company over the weekend. Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sybilla and baby came Saturday night and just left this morning. The Lord used Bro. Gordon to bring us two good messages while he was here. We appreciate them so much. Also the Lord blest Bro. and Sis. Curtis Williams and family, also Alice Hall to be with us for our Sunday morning service. I felt the Lord just gave me a special blessing by sending them in. Thank the Lord. Bro. Curtis is much, much better but still needs complete healing. . ."

--Sis. Verna Samons

The Little Things

Help me to do the little things,
Dear Lord, to thee I pray
That I may help some troubled soul
Along life's weary way.
I have no millions to bestow,
No noble place to fill,
But surely there is something, Lord,
If I but seek thy will.

When He was here, our blessed Lord,
And o'er the sands did tread,
He had no wealth, nor millions, nay--
No place to lay his head.
But meek and lowly was life,
Full of compassion, too--
His deeds of love and kindness great
Will live the whole world through.

"Give me the roses while I live,"
We often hear them say.
"I cannot enjoy them when I'm gone,
Nor hear nice things you say."
It's now, their hearts grow weary;
It's now, their trials they face:
A kind word, deed, or letter now
May help them win their race.

A hearty smile and a hand-shake
Can mean so much sometimes
To a heart with a heavy burden
Who's trying HARD to 'climb.'
A prayer in the secret closet
For the lost of all mankind,
May save a soul from destruction
And help him Christ to find.

A beautiful life I want to live,
For I want the world to see
The life of our blessed Saviour,
Being lived again in me.
So help me, Lord, as in this life
I travel day by day,
To do the little things I can
In a kind and loving way.

--Armilda Abbott

Revival Notice

The saints of Dayton, Ohio are desirous to have a revival meeting beginning Wed. April 2 and continuing through April 13, or longer if the Lord should lead. We are looking to the Lord to send in the Spirit-filled minister or ministers of God's own choosing for these services. All lovers of the truth are invited. In these perilous days before the coming of the Lord when many are compromising and falling away from the truth, the true church of God has the solemn obligation to 'earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.' The chapel is located at 622 Tyron. Those interested may contact Bro. William McCoy, 24 Belpre Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45403.

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From Golden Rule Home: "Dear saints of God, Greeting in the lovely name of Jesus. . . Pray for my eyes. I am thankful I can see as good as I do. I sure don't want to miss heaven. I have a bad affliction."

--Sister Mary Whitmore

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INFLUENCE

Drop a pebble in the water,
And its ripples reach out far;
And the sunbeams dancing on them
May reflect them to a star.
Do a deed of simple kindness,
Though its end you may not see;
It may reach, like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity.

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From Arkansas: "We can't hear your broadcast but really love the Mission Trail. Keep sending it to us. We are sending a little offering to help out. Use it where it is needed most. Pray for us as we pray for you each day. Yours in Christ,"

--Jay and Nettie Warford

The Gospel

I bless the time when to mine eyes
unshielded
The wealth of Christ was offered
unto me,
And in sincerity my heart I yielded
To find that truth did fully set me
free.

I muse upon its worth, its consolation
And find it totals up a glorious sum;
Affording life and wonderful salvation
That which is now and that which is to
come.

Unfolded from the Bible's hidden
treasure
Comes knowledge of the love and
grace of God
While blessings fall by measure upon
measure
To bless my soul while here on earth
I trod.

I've heard it, yes, the joyful sound is
ringing
Its music in my soul from day to day
As faith and love from flowing wells
are bringing
Abounding life to quench my thirst
away.

Oh, weary heart who has not heard
the beauty
And glory of the gospel of God's son;
Unconscious of thine everlasting duty,
Unmindful of the rising of the sun:

The light has come, oh, walk ye,
walk ye in it,
The power of sin he broke upon the
tree;
Surrender to Him now this very
minute
And let the Christ your lord and
saviour be.

--Leslie Busbee

at press time

we understand:



Sister Minnie Duncan

Many of the saints are acquainted with Sis. Minnie Duncan who will be 81 yrs. old on March 25. A surprise (we hope) 'open house' will be had for her on Sunday, March 16, in the home of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Maybelle Pruitt at 1106 W. Washington, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Those who wish to remember her with a card may do so by sending it in care of this address, or better still, bring it in person from 2 to 5 p. m.

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Congratulations to Leslie and Sylvia Busbee of Springfield, Mo. on the birth of their son last week.

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We also offer congratulations to Merrill and Beulah Smith of Shawnee, Okla. on the birth of their son last week.

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From Okla.: "This finds me more determined to live for the One who died for me. He has been so good to me. We are having good soul searching services this week. . . We are all well. We miss John and Loretta as they are in Kansas City now. . . "--Clara Wahl

From Missouri: "Greetings in Jesus dear name! Our all-day meeting was a real success here. I have the flu and need your prayers. Had planned on going to Hammond today but had to postpone it because didn't feel like going. Hope to start it March 11. Will you please make this announcement. . . All-day meeting at the YMCA in Decatur, Ill. on second Sunday in April (April 13). We hope to be able to continue to have these meetings once a month on 2nd Sun. So all in this area is urged to attend these meetings."

--Murphy Allen, Route 1 Box 161, Senath, Mo. 63876

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From Ky.: "We returned Mon. nite from a 4 day visit with the saints at Holly Hill. We were glad to find the faithful few keeping encouraged in the Lord and looking forward to another camp meeting in June. We had four services at Holly Hill and attended the Sunday p.m. service at Ridgeville. The Lord blest and added His approval to these services and we feel the saints were edified, strengthened, and encouraged to press on. Bro. Sweat is planting garden for the camp meeting. He needs your prayers as he is not a well man in body but flourishing in the things of God. Bro. Abbott stood the trip well, even beyond our expectation. We truly thank you for your prayers. . . appreciate your prayers. Bro. Abbott at times has pain in his body. But able to 'go' and 'do' as the Lord directs. In His sweet service,"

--Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott



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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."



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