



# 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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## God's Mercy and Wrath

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. . . we are happy to be coming your way once again, friends, with another message of salvation. We are glad for the new listeners who have taken the time to write us, and for those who have not done so may I say if you get a blessing from the message we would be happy to hear from you. We appreciate those who help share the responsibility of keeping the message on the air. Here is the way to address your letter: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. This is Willie Murphey speaking. Now I hope that you are familiar with the theme song that you hear from Sunday to Sunday here on the broadcast. Would you like to hear a little more of it? Listen.

Friends, do not the words of that song present to you a challenge with a greater desire to do more for Christ than you have ever done before. Just think of it. Today even in this enlightened age in which we live there are many who are yet lingering in the shadows of darkness bound by the shackles of sin waiting for the gospel message to set them free. Let us be faithful in proclaiming God's word.

Here now is our scripture reading. From Rom. 11:22, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Since God is a spirit they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. We should also understand more about him. Some folks think of God as being full of love and mercy and that is true. But they seem to feel that if he is a God of love and mercy then he is just going to let people do as they please and he is going

to love them just the same. Well, God does love everyone. That is true, but be sure of this one thing that God is concerned about the way people live and act and although he loves them this does not prevent the judgments of God from coming their way when they disobey him.

Here then are some of the attributes and also a description of God's nature. First, he is a spirit as I have mentioned already, and next he is declared to be invisible, eternal, immortal, incorruptible, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, immutable, the only wise God. He is incomprehensible, unsearchable and most high. God is love and is perfect. He is also holy, just, true, upright, righteous, good, great, gracious, faithful, merciful, long suffering, and compassionate. And yet God is a jealous God. He is heart searching, and a consuming fire. He is the owner of all things, the controller of nature, the giver of law and bestows grace as he sees best. He is also the



executor of judgment upon men and nations.

Furthermore the word of God is likened to a fire, a hammer, a sword, a whirlwind, a rod, a lamp, and a looking glass. The word of God is true and powerful. It was through his word that God framed the worlds. And please be informed that God's word has declared that the earth shall be destroyed not by water but by fire. It was God's word which overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. His word is immutable, it shall never be broken, it shall never pass away. It shall abide forever and it is forever settled in heaven. Friends, God is not changeable as many of the people in the world these days. These are only a few of the things which the scriptures declare which God is. Listen to this poem which further describes the nature of God.

### The Infinity of God

Holy and infinite! Viewless, Eternal!  
Veiled in the glory that none can  
sustain,  
None comprehendeth thy being  
supernal,  
Nor can the heaven of heavens  
contain.

Holy and Infinite! Limitless,  
boundless,  
All thy perfections and power and  
praise!  
Ocean of mystery! awful and  
soundless,  
All thine unsearchable judgments and  
ways!

King of Eternity! what revelation  
Could the created and finite sustain,  
But for thy marvelous manifestation,  
Godhead incarnate in weakness and  
pain!

Therefore archangels and angels adore  
thee,  
Cherubim wonder, and seraphs  
admire;  
Therefore we praise thee, rejoicing  
before thee,  
Joining in rapture the heavenly choir.

Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises,  
Who shall not fear thee, and who shall  
not laud?  
Anthems of glory thy universe raises,  
Holy and Infinite! Father and God!

Next I would like to speak to you specifically about the mercy of God. You see his mercy is great. In fact it says so right here in Psa. 52:8, "But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever." And over in Psa. 108:4 we find these words, "For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds." In fact it is summed up in Psa. 119:64 like this, "The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes." I Peter 1:3 speaks about the mercy of God in this way, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". And then in Eph. 2:4 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," But just listen to this verse from II Cor. 1:3, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort".

Now someone might be inquisitive enough to ask, "Well, if God is all that merciful why does he not manifest himself in a more significant manner?" Friends, I declare to you that God does manifest his mercy. He does it over



and over again each day of our lives and some folks just don't seem to realize how merciful the Lord is. Here is one of the greatest ways in which God's mercy and love is manifested and that is in redeeming from sin and destruction those who repent of their evil ways. Psa. 130 and verse 7 reads, "Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption." Listen to these words from Acts 17:27-28, "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." Now, friends, doesn't that manifest the love and mercy of God? Everything that we have, every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the father of light. So the Lord is merciful to us. We should not forget that. It is through him and by him that we are able to live and breathe and move about and have the use of our mind and limbs. Just think what it might be if the Lord were to withhold his mercy from us.

But do you know what kind of people God especially takes delight in showing mercy to? It is those folks who fear him. Luke 1:50 puts it this way, "And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." So, you see, his mercy just continues on and on to those who fear the Lord.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious, merciful, and righteous Father,

We humbly acknowledge our need of thee and in doing so we seek for thy blessings to accompany the message and we also seek for mercy to be shown

to every listener of the broadcast and in receiving of thy mercy may we in turn have compassion and be long suffering with others and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here's a song, "Glorious Peace". The singers are Bob Forbes, Melvin Doo-little, Randall Flynn, and Dale Doo-little.

And so friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey speaking for all The Mission Trail family and saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour. I am thankful for God's great love and mercy to us and for all the rich blessings which all of His trusting children enjoy and appreciate every day of our lives. Praise the Lord. I am thankful for God's people everywhere. So thankful for the work of the Lord and for the part each one has in the Lord's work here on earth. God has blessed our lives and is blessing us each day . . . Sis. Edith Torrance is very weak, is not well in body and needs prayer. Please pray for her. She has been a real blessing to her next door neighbor, been helping her by staying nights with her. Her neighbor has not been well and not able to stay by herself. It has really helped both of them. . . My husband has had a recent illness with his heart and high blood pressure, but God is blessing and he is gaining strength in body and is much better. Thank the Lord. Enclosing an offering in Jesus name for His work there. May God bless you each one as you send out the little paper. . ."

--Lena Bowman



## Testimonies

From Okla.: "Last year at the Monark Springs campmeeting I picked up a 'soap tray' out at the lady's rest room with the thought of it being my own. But sometime afterward I detected I had chosen some one else's instead of mine; for I had two trays instead of one--Smile. Obviously I must have already placed my tray back in my bag after finishing with it, when I picked up the one that I thought was mine. My reason for writing is, I would like for you to make a inquiry in the Mission Trail as to whether any one had missed this soap tray. I am very sorry for the mistake I made and also for having been so long writing and telling about it. But if the person to whom it belongs would send me their address I will be glad to forward it to them. Sincerely yours," --Elnora Conley, P. O. Box 582, Boley, Okla.

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From Mo.: "Trust the dear Lord is blessing you all abundantly. We are trusting in God for complete healing for my husband. He is some better in body as he eats better and doesn't suffer as bad as he did. But we desire prayer for him as the enemy is trying to torment his mind with many things. He is trying to resist the old enemy but he needs an earnest agreement of prayer by the Church that God will deliver him from all that the devil brings to his mind. He doesn't seem capable of praying the prayer of faith for himself. So we are desiring all who knows the worth of prayer to be agreed with us all that God in a mighty way will undertake for him. He sure is needing help badly. The saints here are standing by us. They have been so precious to us. Must close for now. We thank each one of you."

--Ellen Wilson

From Missouri: "Once again we send greetings to one and all. We trust the Lord is blessing each of you, especially in a spiritual way. Thanks to all who prayed with us during Louie's illness, also for the beautiful cards and letters and many phone calls. It is so encouraging to hear from those who are able to pray and help carry the burden. When the Saints are praying it means Heaven is going to be moved. Unity in prayer changes things! Louie could only take bland food for three weeks and then it would sometimes hurt his stomach. If he got off the diet, he paid for it in suffering. His limbs were swollen on first one side then the other, a breaking out under the skin appeared and there are yet sores which look very bad. His stomach was probably broken out also. The Lord knows all about these bodies and we just looked to Him to help us. He proved to be a present help in time of need. Louie feels he received spiritual blessings from the affliction. The neighbors were so concerned, as this is a busy time for farmers who are preparing the ground for planting. We were receiving rains at this time however, so we told them we felt he would be able to work when it dried up. We received rains that others close by did not get. I can say we thank the Lord Louie is up and working, and to Him we give the praise. He is good to us and we desire to be worthy of His many blessings. Another thing we thank God for, we have been desiring the Lord to send others out to meeting and He has been doing just that. Please continue to remember the few here. We feel the Lord is blessing the work since the Murphy Allen family moved here. God bless each of the workers there and all of His children everywhere."

--The Louie Marlers



From Ky.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I trust this finds you each one well and encouraged in your souls. This leaves us much encouraged and feeling fine in body. Praise the Lord. It's been quite a while since I got your last letter, but I've been keeping quite busy. We went to Grubbs, Ark. over Easter Sunday and we also attended part of the Dayton revival. The weather is getting pretty now here in Kentucky, and I really think it's a beautiful state this time of year. I got the Mission Trail yesterday. I always enjoy reading it. It sounds like you had a nice trip to Wisconsin and meeting over Easter. I really enjoyed the meeting in Grubbs that Sunday. The messages were precious and it seemed just what I needed. There were six at the altar. The fellowship was so sweet. Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sybilla just left this morning. They came by Sunday night for meeting on their way home from Altapas, North Carolina. Bro. & Sis. Sam Abbott were in our services too. . . Bro. and Sis. Abbott both need prayer for their body. She is very weak from the awful spell she had in Dayton at the meeting. Sis. Frances, we are praying about building us a meeting house here. The old building is really so cold with such high ceilings and it looks so bad outside. The old coal stoves have been smoking so much and the soot flying. I just got real burdened a week ago Sunday night about it. I told the folks we each one make sure we have a good presentable place to live and God's house should be more important to us than our own. I told them I knew God sent us down here and I was willing to give up my home in Ohio so that I could please the Lord and come and help precious souls to see the truth and get ready for Heaven. Really only what we do for the Lord is all that will count in the end anyway.

Thurs. night at prayer meeting one brother came and gave me \$100.00 to put in savings toward us a meeting house. A sister gave me \$50.00 and Sunday I got \$20.00. So I thought that was pretty good for the first week. It seems the Lord is working things out. We desire to buy us a lot and we would like to get the lot that we had the tent meeting on. Lord willing, we plan to have another tent meeting some time in June after the Holly Hill camp meeting. As far as I know now we plan to attend the Holly Hill meeting. I haven't been there since about 4 years ago. My husband is in Coffeyville right now in a meeting. He closed meeting in Overland Park, Kansas Sunday. I sure miss him. The evenings are so long when he's gone. . . Well, you folks pray for us. Keep encouraged."

--Sis. Verna Samons and family

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From Okla.: "Greeting you in precious name Jesus. I still love the Lord above every thing else, because he's done so much for me. Here is a small donation, still enjoy the Mission Trail and also the broadcast. Pray for my loved ones."

--Mary Anna Brown

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From Calif.: "Greeting in Jesus name. Today finds me saved, pressing on for God, hope the same of you. Well, I didn't get to make it to the Florida meeting. It was too late when I found out about it, so I say all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. I was called to sing at a funeral and while setting there it came to me, you was needed here, so I was satisfied. I know the Lord has places for all his children, and I am willing to work where he sees fit. So I need your prayers. We are workers together with God. That's my greatest desire to work for him. . ."

--Sis. Mattie Francisco



From Kan.: 'Dear ones, While meditating on the words of the Lord these thoughts came to me from Isa. 55. In verse 10 we read how the rain and snow goes forth from heaven and waters the earth and brings forth 'seed to the sower, and bread to the eater'. Verse 11 says, 'So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, It will not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where unto I sent it.' So you see as water is to a garden so is His word to the thirsty soul and it will cause it to bud and bring forth the bread of life or Christ in us. It will certainly not return unto him void (empty) but bring precious souls to him. Now Mothers, (I write mothers because we mothers have charge of the children the greater part of the time) to be sure we should look after our little ones; temporal needs, but never neglect that better part, their spiritual needs. Their tender little hearts and minds are so receptive if we will only feed them on the word of God (spiritual food) before they are old enough to let the things of the world fill up their hearts and crowd out God's word. We read in Heb. 4:12, 'For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword.' We need to teach the word to our children so they will have the strength to do what is right. Eph. 6:11 'put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.' The next few verses tells us more about this armour. Then in verse 17 we read, 'And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God'. Jesus said, 'It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' Matt. 4:4 If we keep his word we will not fail.

## Mothers

Mothers, love your little children,  
Nourish them with tender care.  
Jesus said of such is the kingdom  
To him there are none more dear.

Mother worked, toiled and labored for  
her children, year after year.  
But that which I remember best  
Are the songs she sang of glory  
To our Lord and Saviour dear.

These things live on in memory  
His words she taught have not grown  
dim  
But will guide and point us heavenward  
And lead us out of strife and sin.

When the storms of life o'r shadow us  
The way grows dark and drear,  
Then we'll remember Mother's  
teaching  
Of His word, His love and care.

When our hearts are weak and  
troubled  
Trembling with an awful fear.  
Then the dear old hymns of Jesus  
In memory, once again we'll hear.

So, Mothers, love your children  
Feed them on the holy word  
It will guide them to the Saviour  
And will waft them home to God.

Love and prayers, " --Naomi Hiebert  
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From Okla.: "Hope you are all well  
this beautiful morning. There is so  
much to thank the dear Lord for. When  
you pray for me my right hand gets  
numb when I write. So I will close.  
Here is 2 dollars to help a little. May  
God bless you all real good and keep  
up the good work for the Lord."

--Ida Ruckman



# at press time

we understand:

From Okla.: "I got your nice letter, also good paper. It has so many good things to read about all the saints. Got your sermon over the radio. It is so good to hear God's word preached in its purity and truth of the words of God. We need more God filled spirit preachers to go out and into all the world and preach God's word to all the world. Time is short to get ready to go to meet God."--Sis. Ben Harrison

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## A Spiritual Church

If all the lazy folks will get up  
 And all the sleeping folks will wake up  
 And all the discouraged folks will  
   cheer up  
 And all the dishonest folks will  
   confess up  
 And all the estranged folks will make  
   up  
 And all the depressed folks will look  
   up  
 And all the lukewarm folks will  
   revive up  
 And all the sanctified folks will show  
   up  
 And all the professing folks will live  
   up  
 And all the vowing folks will pay up  
 And all the true soldiers will stand  
   up--  
 Then--yes then God will have a  
   spiritual church.  
 Let us wake up, pray up, sing up,  
   teach up, stay up, pay up, and never  
   give up  
 Until the cause of Christ is built up.  
   --Selected by Mattie Francisco

## God Is Still Working!



Anthony, Kansas--1968

Shown above is a group who attended services at Anthony, Kansas one Sunday last year. In the background is shown the little chapel which has been used for many years. It is generally in very poor condition, the roof is sagging, the walls are buckled and some of the plaster inside is loose. Therefore it seems good that better accommodations be made for the saints. Through the years some ministers who have served as pastors include: Bro. Ostis Wilson, Bro. Murphy Allen, Bro. Pat Huskey, Bro. Leslie Busbee, as well as others. After some disappointments in purchasing a new site and obtaining permission for rezoning it now appears that the Lord has opened the way to proceed. One half of a city block is being purchased on which to build a new chapel. Should you feel led to contribute toward this project it would be appreciated. Send your contribution to Sis. Dolly Gideon, Treas. 501 N. Springfield, Anthony, Kan. 67003



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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."



## 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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