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IN CONS. TIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35 CONS.

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#### The World in Sin--Part 1

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Text: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness".

. . . and a pleasant greeting indeed to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We hope that you make it a regular habit to hear the message brought to you over this station each week at this same time. It is our sincere desire to honor Christ and preach the truth which will be a comfort and a blessing to the believer and a warning to the unsaved. The Apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;" Now in case you don't believe you positively cannot be saved, for we read again, "for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that is a warder of them that diligently seek him."

Now let us go quickly to our text and should I not finish with what is on my heart, I want to continue the message right on into the wee ahead. Here it is: "For the wrath o God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness". I invite everyone to stay tuned for the next few moments while I declare to you that God is concerned about the condition of a world in sin. But be reminded of this scripture, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Eccl. 8:11

We may as well face up to it, the moral and spiritual tide of the world today is at a rather low ebb. Spirituality seems to be declining, immorality and wickedness is abounding. In other words, we come in contact with some rather strong forces. But on the other hand, listen to how this scripture describes the word of the Lord, I quote, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" So that is what we are expecting the word of the Lord to do. It will save the believer and condemn the unjust in the day of judgment.

Now look what has happened, is presently happening, and is going to happen to the wicked. First notice carefully that my text is taken from the lst chapter of Romans and verse 18 and my comments will be directed along the remaining verses in this chapter. Verse 20 says, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse:" If one wants to understand the beauties of the invisible

God there is plenty of evidence in beholding the creation of God which is clearly seen. Really, folks are without excuse. You see, his invisible perfections are manifested by his visible works and may be apprehended by what he has made. Their immensity shows his omnipotence and their vast variety his pertections. That all powerful energy that was, and ever will exist, God has allowed to be displayed before intelligent beings who can make that survey. His works prove his being. government and support of this works prove it equally well. Creation and providence form a two fold demonstration of God, first, in the perfection of his nature and second, in the exercise of those perfections.

Now going on to verse 21 it speaks about some people by saying "because that when they knew not God". In other words they acquired a general knowledge of the unity and perfection of the divine nature but they glorified him not as God. Now I am persuaded that all of these folks have not lived in the dark ages. Some of them are living today. Because they do not proclaim him to the people but shut up his glory in their mysteries and give the people in exchange a corruptible image made like unto corruptible men. Wherefore God in punishment for their sins, of thus turning his truth into a lie, is suffering even their mysteries, which they have erected for a school of virtue, to degenerate into an odious sink of vice and immorality. giving them up unto all uncleanness and vile affections.

And, my friends, do you not know that in the world today and in the teachings of the people of this age there are those people that would teach you to be "free thinkers". In other words, that is

what they want to call it. They don't want you to be bound by any former teachings or laws of morality which would restrain you from doing whatever you want to do. But did you know this scripture is in the Bible? It is found in II Peter 2:19. Listen, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."

Another thing to notice about this type of people, so steeped in sin, is their lack of gratitude. They aren't thankful for the providence of God, but they become vain in their imaginations and their reasonings. This certainly refers to the foolish manner in which even the wisest of their philosophers discourse about the divine nature. Who can read their works without being struck with the vanity of their reasonings, as well as with the stupidity of their nonsense when speaking about God. In short, their foolish, darkened minds evidentally sought God no where but in the place in which he is never to be found, that is the vile corrupted and corrupting passions of their own hearts. And they did not discover him there, so they scarcely sought him Friends, be with us anywhere else. on the next broadcast as we look further into this scripture in Romans.

And now let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad that thou art an all wise and all powerful God, separate from sinners and corruption and yet ever willing to lend a listening ear to those of a humble and contrite heart. Bless each listener of the broadcast and may the seed sown fall into good and honest hearts and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And now this poem:

#### The World in Sin

The world in sin is dying,
Yet Jesus came to save;
With outstretched arms he's crying,
"My life for thee I gave."
The ransom price was given
Redemption to insure,
That we might enter heaven
And be forever pure.

The world in sin is sinking
Still lower every day;
Vain one, art thou not thinking
How soon 'twill pass away.
Then down to awful torment-O Lord! can it be so!-Thy soul at any moment
May with reluctance go.

The world in sin is careless,
And few there are indeed
Who love the sacred Bible,
Who will its counsel heed.
Their ears are dull of hearing;
Their eyes are blinded, too;
Their hearts are void of feeling,
Deceitful and untrue.

The world in sin grows harder Each day in every clime; Inspired with evil ardor, Slides down the steeps of time The masses madly rushing On sin's relentless tide, Where demon foes are crushing The souls for whom Christ died.

The world in sin is sleeping-Dread soul-destroying spell,
Like palsy o'er them creeping,
To drag them down to hell.
Infatuated mortals,
Lured on by treacherous wrong,
Will miss yon heaven's portals
And hopeless die ere long.

The world in awful stupor
Is dreaming of delight
In some millennial future,
When wrong will all be right;
But sad will be the picture
In God's great judgment-day,
To see these souls, with demons,
Forever turned away.

The world in sin's dominion
Refuses Christ, who died,
Whose favor brought salvation;
And there's no hope beside.
"Yet time enough," says Satan,
Who mocks the wretched doom
Of sinners near perdition,
Who have in heaven no room.

The world in sin is ruined;
Its withering, blighting curse
Is on the evil masses,
And still they're growing worse:
Their hearts are vain and trifling,
And bent to wicked greed;
Conviction they are stifling;
God's Word they will not heed.

The world in sin is sleeping
On time's eternal brink,
But soon with bitter weeping
To torment it will sink;
Despite of God's great mercy
Bestowed on them each day,
They'll hear his voice in judgment,
"Depart from me for aye."

Friends, doesn't that stir your heart to do more for God while we have time and opportunity than we have ever done before. Let us, as the people of God, as the saints of his own calling, proclaim his word to the ends of the world

Here's a song, "You can't do wrong and get by".

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie,

Okla. This is Willie Murphey speaking. Until we meet again may the Lord's richest blessings be with each of you and I will now say a very cheerful goodbve!

### Testimonies

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, and to the dear Saints scattered abroad, Greetings once again, in the name of our dear Saviour, Where-by are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. II Peter 1:4 It has been some time since I've sent my testimony in to the little Mission Trail. I can say, the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear, the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid. Psa. 27:1 I thought the Lord was going to call for me, the first two weeks in April. On top of my other affliction I took that worst flu that has reached so many. I was on the very brink of pneumonia, but some unsaved friends were looking on, as I had testified, that my trust and confidence was alone in God. So the Lord sure didn't fail me. He saw best to leave me here, for a while longer, but I desire your earnest prayers. . . this flu has left me in such a weakened condition. I wanted to get you a letter wrote before now, but wasn't able. I'm glad to know our God still lives, and still reigning in the hearts of the truly born-again Saints, and I can witness, that our God is real, and I've experienced Him in my own heart and soul. We appreciate the little Mission Trail and we truly appreciate the true gospel of the word of God that you dear ones are endeavoring to put out through the radio, and also through the printed page. May

the Lord abundantly bless your every effort, that you put forth through His dear name. I sure do thank the Lord for what He has done for my son Earl. Remember him much in prayer, that He will remain true and steadfast unto the end, and remember His home in a very special way, and also all our unsaved children and grandchildren, and the many of the dear Saints that have loved ones unprepared to meet the Lord. I sure desire to draw much closer to my dear Lord, for I really believe according to his precious word, the coming of the Lord is very close at hand, and I sure want my light to be burning bright when He comes, or should call for me in person, for heaven, dear ones, will surely be beyond our expectations, or ever what we'd dream it to be, and I sure don't want to miss it, and I want to take others with me. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Jude 24-25. From your little Sister, in the one true way,"

-- Maudie Sharp

From Wash.: "I am writing to tell you I enjoy the Mission Trail paper very much, read it over and over. I am sending a little offering. We need your prayers. With Christian love," --Bonnie Wilson

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From La.: "May God ever bless you is our prayer. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail and also pass it on to others. We sure do desire your prayers as husband and I are not well. I also want you to pray about some more requests. God only can work things like these. We can only trust and obey. " --Bro. and Sis. Alex C. Johnson From Calif.: "All the saints here are well. Remember our daughter Sharon who has a rheumatic affliction also unsaved love ones. Your brother in Christ,"

--E. V. Davenport

From Ky.: "We send greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Today finds us saved with a love in our heart for the Truth. The dear Lord has done much for us and we do want to thank and praise Him for all His wonderful blessings. We know we can't repay Him but we do want to do what little we can for the up-building of His Kingdom. We trust you are all well and enjoying the many blessings of the Lord. We are all well for which we are very thankful for. . "

--Curtis Williams and family

From S. C.: I am so glad that God gives me health and strength to take care of His saints. I am 70 years old and have taken care of all His blessed Pastors when they would come to Holly Hill, S. C. We did enjoy Bro. Williams and Bro. Darius Gibson (who is gone to rest) also Bro. Fry and his wife. Look to God to bless me always to serve Him and be ready when His children come in to welcome them to my home that He gives me, also Bro. and Sis. S. E. Our campmeeting will start Abbott. at Holly Hill, S. C. June 6. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. O'Neal Pratt, phone 496-5176. I love my Father whom I serve and do His will--not mine. Pray for me that I always will serve Him. My son has 100 more days in the army. I know God hears and answers prayer for he is still at Fort Knox, Ky. Still pray that God will take care of him and save his soul for I love him and want him to go to heaven with me. Pray for me for I am going to make heaven my home. "

-- Sis. Sallie Sweat

From Okla.: "So glad when the Mission Trail comes around. We are not any too well. My feet swell very badly. Pray that God will heal them. It's right on the point of dropsy, but God is able to heal it all. I called Sis. Eva Penner to pray. She said she would. She also needs our prayers. She has a bad cold. She said she feels better tonight. . . I was told the Enid saints are planning to build a new chapel. It will be nice to have. I hope it all goes well."

--Bro. and Sis. Berg

From Wisc.: "Greetings from Wisconsin. We sure did enjoy the good services at Stanley. I wish they could have lasted longer. It's a real blessing to me to be in services once in a while. Two weeks ago this Monday our Debbie came down with the mumps and the other two children have them, too. The Lord sure spared me. I never did have them and I still don't. Then, too, Duane's brother is up from Tenn. and his children have never had them. things have been somewhat difficult for us to see them. I enjoyed that poem about the aged man who walked so far and found the sign on the meeting door . . . I hope someday the Lord will see fit to give us a minister and a few more people that are interested in the good things of the Lord. This one song I just learned says, "I thank thee Lord that I can cast my burdens all on thee. " He's the only one we can cast our burdens on, at least he's the only one who can do something about them. Debbie likes to sing 'I'm Redeemed' and this one time she said, 'You know I always think of Bro. Murphey when I sing that! Maybe next time it won't take me so long to write, but they say it's better late than never. . . May the Lord pour out his richest blessings on you all. In Christian love, "

--Duane, Sue LaVeau, and family

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Every man a soldier, Must be our theme today; Christ for every creature, For this let's work and pray.

This must be our watchword, To reach men at all cost; Christ for every creature, Or millions will be lost.

Let's hasten then my brother, The truth let us proclaim; Christ for every creature, Salvation through His name.

Too long we've been indifferent, Let's shout it from the sky; Christ for every creature, Let's reach men ere they die.

Millions wait in darkness, For just one ray of light, Christ for every creature, Is nothing more than right.

Awake, oh sleeping Christian, Awake this very hour, Take Christ to every creature, With all your strength and power.

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From Mo.: "Lord willing, we will have our little meeting Sunday 18. Pray for us. Pray for David, he is not well, sure needs your prayers. He says he don't feel there is anything between him and the Lord and says he wants to live till he can be baptized. So pray much for him. I need healing too. As I have been suffering but by His great mercy I am up working doing what has to be done. May God bless you all. I sure enjoy the little paper. I hope I can send you more money to help later on. Must get this mailed as it's not long till post office will close. So remember us earnestly in prayer and others here that need the Lord. Your sister,"

--Becky Barnes

From Ore.: "I want to send this small offering. Please keep sending the Mission Trail in Evalee Stice's name. I am her mother and enjoy the paper very much. It is so clear white and so easy to read and understand. Since my eyes are not so good anymore, I enjoy reading it, the saints' letters from everywhere, also the sermon and prayer as we can't get it on radio. Pray for us."

--Mary Stice

From La.: "Greetings of love in Jesus name. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. I read it and pass it on. I am still encouraged to presson. The Lord is so good to me. He blesses me with strength and health for which I thank the Lord. I neglect to write but pray for you all. I have some unspoken request I want the Lord to work out for the salvation of souls. . . May Godbless you all. . . Yours in Christ,"

-- Mary Bush

From Calif.: "I had planned to write you sometime back but busy here and We were there, time passed quick. at the Easter service in Jefferson and again on the 3rd Sunday. Now we plan on being at the all day meeting at Jefferson, May 18, Lord willing, and perhaps to Mexico campmeeting May 25. Loretta and myself plan on being in as many meetings as the Lord directs or as we can. We both are hungry to be in the gospel work. We are happy together and wish to spend our time in The Lord encouragement to others. blessed and gave us victory in the last meeting we were in in Jefferson. Both of us have been blessed so many times in prayer and God's work. . . We are living by faith in God. We have had many problems but God has delivered us from them. We pray for your success in the broadcast. Yours in him, " --A. E. Harmon

# at press time

we understand:

Best wishes to Jim Cole and Emily McMillian. They plan to be married in the Neosho Church of God chapel Saturday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

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From Calif.: "The Lord has surely been blessing me since the middle of February. He healed me of some kind of stomach trouble I had for about 4 weeks. Instantly healed me of arthritis one day that hit me suddenly in my hip. Had sinus so bad and he since delivered me of it. I sure praise and thank him for it. With love," --Hazel Savage

From Okla.: Greetings of love to you in the work of the Lord, which is so badly needed in this sinful age. We so enjoy your messages both in writing and radio. Many eyes are being opened and souls blessed by these true Bible messages. May God bless and keep you in this good work with our help is my prayer. It is our duty to write more often. Please accept this small donation. Thanking God for his saving keeping power.

--Sis. R. C. Wadley

There are not many days left to make your plans to attend the Oklahoma camp meeting beginning in Guthrie on Memorial Day, May 30. Come praying and looking to the Lord for a blessing.

It is hoped that the Oklahoma congregations will not forget to co-operate and help on their day in the kitchen. Their day will be the same as it has been in the past.

From Fla.: "Hello to all! Thinking of you more often than you can guess!!"

--Viola Weir

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Words cannot express our deepest gratitude to everyone for their many expressions of sympathy, during the recent loss of our loved one. The many flowers, visits, calls, cards, foods and most of all, your prayers were so greatly appreciated. To each one who had a part in it, we want to say, "Thank you" from the depths of our hearts.

Mr. Leroy Creel
Stanley, Sharon, and Edward
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Creel
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Creel
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed
Mr. and Mrs. George Duncan

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An invitation is given to those who desire to attend the wedding of Richard Ray Adams and Glenda Fay Brewer which is to be held in the Sapulpa Church of God on Saturday, May 31, at 7 p.m.

We wish to inform our listeners who hear the broadcast over radio station KCIJ in Shreveport, La. that Sunday, May 25 will be the last broadcast on that station unless further arrangements are made. We have appreciated the opportunity of having the message heard in that area. However we feel that the response is not sufficient for its continuance. Pray that God may continue to bless his word and provide the means to keep it going forth over the air that the broadcast may be mantained in other areas.

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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