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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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The World in Sin-- Part II

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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 cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. It is indeed a pleasure to come your way once again with a gospel message which we hope will find lodging in every good and honest heart. To our new listeners, let me say that we print these messages and mail them weekly to those who request them. If you are not already on our mailing list be sure to send us your name and address. They are mailed free without a subscription price or a charge. We trust the Lord to supply the means to keep his word going forth through the mail and over the air. Your co-operation is appreciated. We do desire your prayers also.

Let us pick up now where we left off on our last broadcast. We are dealing with this text of scripture, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness". Rom. 1:18 We noticed previously that the folks who didn't like to retain God in their knowledge were given over to a reprobate mind, being filled with wickedness of many sorts because they chose rather to live after their own fleshly desires than to walk after the spirit. Perhaps a warning would be in order right here to those who have known the truth and deviated from it. Once a person turns their back on the truth they become blinded and often they put darkness for light and evil for good.

Now look what happened to these folks of whom Paul was writing. First, God gave them up unto vile affections. They

followed the fleshly lusts of their own sensual desires. They changed the natural use of the sexes and their passions led them into many unseemly things. And in verse 29 we see that they were filled with unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, and whisperers. Can you think of any sins which are not covered in this catalog? Some of the people of our modern day are endeavoring to change even the moral laws which God has placed in the hearts of boys and girls as they grow into manhood and womanhood. But by the authority of the scriptures, I declare to you that these evils which are listed in this first chapter of Romans are wrong and sinful. It matters not who teaches or who practices otherwise. Then the scriptures go right on in the next few verses and lists some other things which accompany

those who teach and practice such an ungodly way of living. Listen, "Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful".

Not long ago I was reading a newspaper account of a certain fashion designer who rose from a very low financial standing to one of prominence and was well known in the United States after coming here from Europe. He had designed clothing for movie actresses and others who required special formal designing in their dress. But from the report of this designer there was one thing I appreciated. It might come as somewhat of a surprise to you as it did to me. Do you know what he thought? He thought the trend of our day has gone entirely too far in exposing the bareness of the human body. He had had enough designing for those folks who did not wear enough clothing to be decent in appearance. I say amen. It is time that someone spoke out against the trends of our day. And my friend, God is counting on you and on me to take our stand for the truth. I, too, would like to go on record as being in agreement with these verses found in Romans which cry out against the wickedness of men and of women.

Friends, it will be worth your while to read and study this first chapter of Romans. Notice this final verse 32, "Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Now, if you don't want to be condemned with the wicked you must not only be cleansed from your own wickedness but you must take no pleasure or de-

light in folks who do do the things that are evil. Alright, here we can have a choice. We can choose the way downward or we can choose God's way which is upward. This chapter gives us one of the finest views of the gospel of Christ to be met with anywhere. It is God's method of saving a lost world, in a way which the world could never have imagined. It is more than human. It is a glorious and divine truth that Christ died for the ungodly. God's plan is essentially necessary to the salvation of man, and fully adequate to the purpose of its institution. Though it is an extension of the old covenant, wherein the blood of sheep and cattle were offered for sacrifices for sin, yet this new and living way which Christ has brought to us with the shedding of his blood is far superior and it is as different from the old as the person is from the picture which represents it, and as the substance is from the shadow that is projected by it. There are no excluding clauses in it, it is for the Jew and for the Greek, for the wise and for the unwise, for all the nations of the universe and for all the individuals of those nations. And yet, friends the sad part of it is that so many times it is rejected by the wise and the learned of our day. Let us come down from our own learning and wisdom to accept the wisdom and the plan of God. God's plan includes the Indians, the Chinese, the Japanese, the African, and the Europeans. His grace is free as the air we breathe. His plan was not designed for one nation. But don't forget this verse from Acts 17:31, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Therefore just as God's mercy and forgiveness is

free to all, even so his judgment is going to fall upon all who refuse to accept his grace. Listen to this poem:

The Course of the World

Carelessly drifting, the world rushes on;
For pleasure and folly in madness they run,
Allured by the glitter, the pride, and the show;
So careless and thoughtless, still onward they go;
Unheeding the voice of the watchman on high:
"Oh, turn ye! oh, turn ye! for why will ye die?"

Carelessly drifting away from their God,
Away from his people, away from his Word;
Bewitched and enchanted with sin's siren song,
They plunge in the whirlpool of folly and wrong;
Forgetting the holy, the pure, and the true;
Still onward the follies of sin they pursue.

Carelessly drifting, the wise and the great,
The rich and the poor, alike go to their fate;
For gold and for silver, for honor and fame,
So blind and deluded their glory's their shame;
Forsaking true wisdom and knowledge for dross,
They seek for mere bubbles--how great is their loss!

Carelessly drifting from Jesus and right
Still farther and farther in sin's blackest night;
The prayers and the tears of loved ones they crush

Like filth in the streets as onward they rush;
Hardening their heart as an adamant stone,
Rejecting the blood for their sins to atone.

Carelessly drifting from heaven and home,
From bright fields Elysian forever to roam;
Far, far, from God's mercy, his smiles, and his love,
To suffer forever 'neath his wrath from above;
The blackness of darkness they choose for their fate;
They awake to their doom when, alas! 'tis too late.

Let us pray, Our heavenly Father,
We are glad that even in a world of sin and shame there is a plan and a way through Christ by which we can be saved. We are grateful for thy redeeming grace and we are glad that he is able to save to the uttermost all them that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for us. Bless the broadcast to each listener and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, would you like to be free from the world and its sins? Then you need to come to Christ and be a member of His body. Listen to this song, "Beautiful, Peaceful Zion". The singers: Bob Forbes, Randell Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

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

... more about letter writing

From La.: "May the peace and grace of God be upon you continuously. It has been some time since I have written to you but wanted to send in a testimony for the paper and an offering which I should have sent some time ago. I also wished to tell you that we received our Mission Trail yesterday and I really enjoyed the message on 'Letterwriting'. It was a very timely message and we heartily agree on the importance of letter writing. Sometimes the Lord will impress very heavily upon the mind of a child of God to write a letter to someone. That person may be going through some heavy trial or may be almost overcome with discouragement. If we obey the Lord and write to that person we might help them to gain a victory that might otherwise be lost. Letter writing is a talent that some of us can use for the Lord. I know there have been times when I'd hear about a complete stranger going through some awful experience. My heart would go out to them in compassion and I'd feel a burden to pray for them. Often while in prayer the Lord would impress me to write them a letter of encouragement. When the Lord leads me that way He gives me scriptures to write that will be just what that person needs. Remember, we do not know the hearts of others. Sometimes we do not know that they are even in a trial but the Lord knows and if we listen and obey He can use us in that way the same as any other capacity. I remember several years ago when one of our dear brother ministers had the gospel tent and a group of young helpers in a very ungodly, rough place, holding meetings. I hadn't heard any reports of these meetings but the Lord directed me to write to a young sister in this meeting. I got my Bible out and the Lord gave

me a message much like he gives to his ministers. The thoughts come so rapidly that I could scarcely get them down on paper fast enough. Some months later this brother minister came to me and was telling me what a discouraging time he and the whole company were having in this meeting and how the devil was really giving them a hard time and when my letter arrived this young sister was so blessed that she gave the letter to others to read and this preacher brother was so blessed and encouraged that he asked permission to send the letter on to his wife at home that she might be encouraged and blessed by it. Dear ones, I'm not writing this to exalt myself or brag about how the Lord used me, but so that others might see and know just how important a little letter can be sometimes. I was young in the Lord and had been very ill with rheumatic fever, had small children and felt there was nothing much that I could do in the Lord's work. The Lord had used me in visiting the sick and doing personal work but now I was confined pretty close at home and didn't know anything I could do for the Lord as my health was so poor and my time was so taken up with my children and home. I was so surprised when this brother told me of what blessing and encouragement this letter had been to him, his wife, and another young minister who was just starting out in the work as well as others, when I had only intended it for the young sister who was our child in the Lord. That was the first time I was aware that God could use us in writing letters. Dear ones, we have many elderly saints among us, many afflicted ones, some isolated, some invalids, surely there is someone whom we know that would be blessed by a letter from us. Let us pray and seek the Lord to use us more in blessing

someone who may not be as blessed to get about and be out in meetings as we are. I realize that letter writing is time consuming and we might feel that we need to be cleaning our house, sewing or working in our garden but God gives us 24 hrs. in a day. Surely we can spend a few of them for his cause and we just might be the one who could help some precious soul find the Lord through a few words in a letter. I know what it means to a shut in to get a letter, even if it's only a few lines, and how alone and forgotten they feel when we neglect to write. So let us do more letter writing for the Lord. I want to thank all the saints who prayed for my mother this past year. She left us on the 7th day of April and it was the most beautiful death I ever witnessed. My Mother was in a terrible physical condition. She had a long record of heart disease, high blood pressure, had cancer and several strokes. It was unbelievable how little she suffered considering the condition of her body. The Lord surely heard and answered prayer in her behalf, the last 3 wks. she lived, she'd hardly let us leave her bedside. It was an awful strain on us but the Lord never failed us. Time and again, I'd go to him to hold me up for His word promises 'as your day is so shall your strength be' and He never one time failed us. Some times I sat alone all night with my dying mother and the Lord gave her visions of beautiful trees and flowers and a restful place. She talked to the Lord and asked for prayer. We feel real encouraged about her soul. She died so peacefully without a struggle. My 2 sisters and 2 aunts came and helped me the last 2 wks. of Mama's life. The change in her made quite an impression on all of her loved ones. They just couldn't believe what they saw. They were much impressed by the way the saints stood by us at

the last and helped us out. One sister who is a minister in one of the biggest denominations in our land today, said that she felt she could trust one of the saints who was caring for our Mother while we rested a while, more than anyone else she'd ever known. She said 'I feel like I can trust her to care for Mama, just as well as one of us would.' That meant a lot to me, coming from this sister. Mama had grown to love and depend on the saints. She knew when she was suffering and the medicine brought no relief that prayer would. The Lord worked so we could have the saints in charge of the funeral services. Bro. Carver brought the message, Bro. Arnett Carver, Doyle and Carolyn Arender sang, and Bro. Leslie Busbee prayed at the graveside. How we did appreciate having the saints for it's likely that many of our loved ones will never have another opportunity to hear the truth preached and see it lived out in the lives of others as they did at this time. We miss mama so much and are lonely without her, but we can't thank the Lord enough for how he blessed her and us by giving us the privilege of caring for her the last year of her life. In Christian love, "

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Ore.: "As I walk that Mission Trail I see many wonderful truths and sacrifices. I am thrilled by the poems, especially this last one about preacher on vacation. I read that when I was a young girl. My sister had a scrap book and she had cut this out of something and pasted it in there and I have thought of it many times but never expected to see it again. So I was real thrilled when it turned up again. I have quite a scrap book of poems myself, a lot which I have written so I am a lover of poetry. . . I see my dear mother's testimony quite often in your paper.

She is a grand old saint. On April 23rd we went to La Grande to spend her 88th birthday with her on 25th. I was called on jury duty for the 1st time in my whole life and was afraid judge wouldn't excuse me to go see her but I had already planned it in advance before I was called so he kindly excused me for 2 wks. I had written the saints at Jefferson to pray for me that I might not have to serve if it was not His will, so they did but it must have been his will. I feel I have learned some precious things while listening to testimonies of those on trial. I have watched people place their hand on the sacred Bible and swear to tell the truth but feel they had no intention of doing so unless it fitted their cause. I too have faced the serious thought of what it will be like to stand in the presence of the great judge of all the earth and hear our final sentence pronounced for life or eternal death forever separated from his fold . . . we never know when or how long we will serve and so it is in this life. We do not know when we will be called or how long we have to serve before God calls us into judgment and that's one sentence no one will escape. My mother is very well and enjoyed her birthday and still able to crotchet and embroider. She has some arthritis in her legs but gets around. . . She had 9 children. One daughter died at 26. She has one son now and 7 girls living. From childhood I had a desire to serve God and talked to Him as a friend. We had family worship in our home. My father was a minister when a young man and held meeting by traveling in an old wagon and slept in school houses oft times. He was a wonderful man. His memory is very dear to me. He and I were close in his last yrs. as I was saved and we would sing sacred songs together. He had a fine voice. He composed a lovely poem before he

died and I wrote it down as he composed it. Here it is:

LONGING

I long to be gone to my beautiful home
Where angels are waiting for me,
In those pure realms of light where
sin never comes
My soul is ever longing to be.

Oh, I long to be gone, why tarry I
here
With my body so broken and frail?
Light gleaming from the portals
enraptures my soul
Oh, I long to weigh anchor; I long to
set sail.

In that land free from pain on the far
away plain
Where the traveler and labors of life
time are o'er,
There sickness and sorrow will never
be known
But rest there with Jesus, sweet rest
evermore.

I soon shall pass from earthy vision
To that land beyond the sun,
Where the pilgrims have their country
And the work of life is done.

Much Christian love to all,"

--Grace Jones

Mexico Mission Report

From Mo.: "I will take this time to greet you in the sweet name of Jesus. This name means salvation from sin and peace and joy in our everyday life. The Lord has blessed me in my soul so much lately. To me salvation is real. The Christian life and the work of the Lord is a real challenge. He has been blessing the work there and the people are still encouraged. I came home for my youngest sister's

graduation and also my youngest brother's wedding this Saturday. It is so good to be home again and I appreciate all the blessings the Lord gives from time to time. I received a letter from the folks in Mexico telling that they have services in my absence. I asked them to meet together and everyone do what the Lord would have them do. They have written that the Lord has met with and blessed them. Next week I plan to go back and will spend the summer if the Lord wills. The folks wrote that it has been real hot down there so I would appreciate your remembering me in prayer because I have never spent the summer there and am not accustomed to the heat. I know the Lord can help me get used to the heat. I received your letter and am sorry I have not answered any sooner. I do appreciate your letters, your prayers, and your gift of love. I trust that the Lord will bless and reward you for it. Let us as co-labourers with Christ labor on faithfully to the end when we will receive our just reward. In Christian love," --Edith Cole
Field Address: P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

TESTIMONIES

From Calif.: "Trust all is going well with your family. This is the busy season here. Strawberries are ripe now and I have been making jam. My heart bothers me quite a lot. I need your prayers. I am looking to the Lord to help." --Edith Reavis

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From Calif.: "This is to say I am yet saved. Why I say yet saved, because there are so many who have lost out and gone back in sin. But by the grace of God I mean to press on. The Lord is so good. He has healed me so many times. I need your prayer. I am not well in body. I have love ones in sin."

--Sis. Jettie Mae Phillips

From Okla.: "Trust all are well and the dear Lord is blessing you in his work and supplying your every need. We enjoy the messages over the radio, also the Mission Trail paper. It's a blessing each week to hear from the different saints at different times and different places. Thankful for the blessings of God to us. They are so many we just couldn't count them. The Lord is so good to all his trusting children. We called Louie last night as we had heard he wasn't doing so well again. He said he was feeling fine and the dear Lord heard prayer concerning the trouble he had in his feet and legs. We do thank the Lord for that and all his love and blessing to his children. God bless you dear ones in getting the gospel out to a lost world. We have some request for prayer."

--Loyd and Cassie Wilson

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From Kansas: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Tis the sweetest name that earth has ever known. I am thanking the Lord for the great gift of salvation that I too possess within and for what my saviour is to me. I am encouraged in the Lord and appreciate more and more the refuge I have as a saint of God. As the world gets more wicked we just feel more blessed to be kept from the things of the world. It is so good to have something within to keep from being caught up in the whirlpool like spirit that is in the world. It is good to have a solid reason to be different from the modern trends of worldliness. I am determined by the grace of God to keep pressing on in the upward way and I don't mean to let any man take my crown. I am sending a small offering to help with your wonderful work. I hear the broadcast each Sunday and enjoy. May the Lord continue to bless each of you."

--Shirley Knight

From Ark.: "Still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. It's wonderful to have God to fight our battles and give us grace and strength daily to overcome the temptations and snares of the devil. Just read a marvelous testimony from a dear old saint that thrilled my soul. I truly want my life to count for Christ. Anything less than the best is not good enough. Have been quite low physically. Certainly need your prayers. We won't be able to make the campmeeting in Guthrie. The children have to go all day that day, May 30, to school and I can't get off from work. Do remember us in prayer though. Christian love,"

--Odessa Cryer

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From Calif.: I have been wanting to write you sooner but my hands were hardly able to do the writing. But I now praise our dear Lord and Saviour for all His goodness to me. I praise Him that He has given me grace sufficient to keep me saved, sanctified, and that He has healed me. I have now walked several times from my room to the dining room in my walker which is quite a long walk. . . please keep on praying for the strength of my body. The dear Lord has been good to me. . . . My heart is burdened for souls to be saved, some of my own loved ones and so many others that need help. It is not the Lord's will that any should perish. . .

--Emma Luehring

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From Pa.: "It is quite some time since our last correspondence. I still am saved and enjoying this wonderful salvation that we have a God who is touched with feeling of our infirmities. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It comes as a saintly guest, bringing . . . cheer or encouragement, exhortation, and blessing. I thank you for it and pray God to bless, keep you encouraged and able to keep up the good work. I realize there is cost and work to keep

it going. Enclosed find offering to help a little. It is wonderful and beautiful to see how God blesses and supplies. I too trust God for my needs from day to day. Please remember me in prayer for my ears. God is able to heal and restore hearing in both ears. I am thankful for His goodness to me. I ever want to be faithful standing on the promises of God. Love in Christ,"

--Sis. Julia Llewellyn

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From Colo.: "As I got up this morning I started reading your little paper and enjoyed reading it, so I felt led to send you a little donation again. We are both feeling pretty well again and have been able to go about our daily duties which are many on the farm. So we are thankful. However, one of our boys had a bad accident last Oct. and had to go back to the hospital for ten days in traction again, but they released him last night and is feeling pretty good again. So we wish you would remember him in prayer. We still see the McEndrees once in a while and they are always a blessing to us."

--The Reinhart Wollerts

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From La.: "Trust this finds you well and busy in the Lord's work. We enjoy reading the Mission Trail and listening to the broadcast every Sun. a. m. on WFPR. Enclosed is a little offering to continue it on the air. We are thankful for the many blessings the dear Lord bestows upon us and gives us strength to attend services most of the time. We appreciate our pastor and the good truths that is preached each time. Trust we will be seeing all of you at the Hammond campmeeting. The dear Lord is blessing Mamie since she fell and her hands are continually improving. But they both still need prayer and pray for us.

Christian love,"

--Elva and Neva Joiner

at press time

we understand:

Please pray for Sis. Ruby Hutchinson of Lyons, Ore. She has some heavy burdens and needs a healing touch to her body also.

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We regret that Ricky Porter was involved in an auto accident Monday, May 19, while driving from Springfield to Columbia, Mo. He was thrown from the car and taken to the hospital in Springfield. It is reported that he has improved some. Let us continue to remember him in prayer.

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Gospel singing

The saints at Central community building hope to have a gospel singing Sat. June 14. Service to begin at 8 o'clock in the evening. All day service on Sun. after the singing. The building is located about ten miles east of Rogers, Ark. just off highway 62. Bring your song book and come. For further information contact Bro T. V. McMillian Route 5 Box 29, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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From Wis.: "We just had a lovely all night rain and everything here is green and beautiful. I still hear only one robin but I saw a bluebird this morning and was surprised. . . I will close for this time with these lines,
Cease not to pray for me tho sundered far,

Come, meet me at the mercy seat
from where you are;

Nor time, nor distance can divide
Our hearts that in His love abide."

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

"We are both not so good, both weak, Alta Bock real sick. Pray for her."

--Sis. Hettie Barton

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Congratulations to Paul and Carol Cole of Kansas City on the birth of their son who was born May 21.

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From La.: "Trials. . . haven't failed to come but it's so wonderful to have the Lord to go to. So many people don't have and they have their problems too."

--Marie, Manuel Mitchell and family



The Guthrie chapel--1969

Windows have been cleaned, additional benches have been purchased and arranged in the chapel as well as other work necessary for the preparation of the campmeeting which begins this week in Guthrie at the Church of God chapel, W. Warner and 6th St. on Friday, May 30 continuing through June 8.



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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

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KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
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