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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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Deceit--Part 1

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I am going to speak briefly about deceit or deceive. That is spelled d-e-c-e-i-t. It is used a lot by a lot of folks in different ways. But first here is the definition for the word deceive. "To cause to believe an untruth, or to practice deceit." Here are a few synonyms for it, mislead, delude, beguile. Other words in describing it more fully, implies the imposing of a false belief that causes bewilderment or helplessness or furthers the agent's purpose. Then mislead stresses a leading astray from the truth usually by deliberately deceiving. Delude and beguile stress the action of the one deceived. Delude implies an inability to distinguish between the true and the false; beguile, a readiness to be charmed or persuaded by the deceiver.

And now the text, from Jer. 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Then let us go on and hear verse 10, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

Deceit is a dangerous thing and yet as I said it is used by many folks in many different ways. Let us look at it now from a scriptural standpoint. In Mark 7:21-23 we find where deceit comes from: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within and defile the man." So we find here that deceit comes from an evil heart. Then it is usually manifested by the tongue. Did you ever notice that? Rom. 3:13 brings this out, "Their throat is an open sep-

ulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:" That sounds bad enough doesn't it? But notice the next five points backed up by the scriptures regarding deceit:

1. The wicked are full of deceit. "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers," Rom. 1:29

2. The wicked devise it. "The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit." Prov. 12:5 The same thought is brought out in Psa. 35:20, "For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land".

3. And then the wicked utter deceit. Listen to this: "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before their

eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.' Psa. 36:1-4

4. Not only do the wicked devise and utter deceit but they work deceit. Prov. 11:18 says, "The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." Furthermore then listen to this next characteristic.

5. The wicked delight in deceit. In Prov. 20:17 we find these words, "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." Now did you ever have your mouth filled with gravel, grit, and sand? It is pretty rough chewing, isn't it? Well, this is the way it is for those folks who try to practice deceit, take delight in it and think they get away with it. After all is said and done their life is pretty well filled with grit and gravel.

Now, how about an example? Going over to the 27th chapter of Gen. we find the report of two boys. They were twins and yet Esau was older than his brother Jacob and was lawfully entitled to the blessing from his father Isaac. So one day when Isaac was an old man, his eyes were rather dim, and he didn't know just how much longer he was going to live, he decided he had better be setting things in order by blessing his oldest son, Esau. Now you may remember that Esau had in a moment of weakness one day bargained to exchange his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage. He must have been pretty hungry! Well, anyway Isaac was still going

to bless him. So he told him to go out with his bow and quiver and take some venison. You see it is nothing new to hunt for deer with bows and arrows. Now while Esau was gone Jacob's mother Rebekah seemed to be determined that Jacob was going to get this blessing and not Esau. So here is what she and Jacob did.

I quote, "And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob." You see, one of the reasons they could do this was because Esau was a real hairy man so when Isaac felt of Jacob or that is he felt of that hairy skin which he had on him then he thought it was Esau. But wait a minute, let me give you this story first hand. Do you think these words were a little deceitful that Jacob said? Here they are beginning with Gen. 27:19, "And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he

said, I am."

Now would you say this is a good example of deceit? I would say yes. For he deceived him first by his words. He said, "I am thy firstborn Esau". Secondly he deceived his dear old father who was blind, by his actions. He gave him kid's flesh for venison and said he had executed his order and got it by hunting. And number 3 he deceived his father by his clothing. He put on Esau's garments and the kidskins upon his hands and the smooth of his neck. In short he made use of 3 different species of deception for that particular occasion to accomplish his ends. To attempt to excuse his conduct only disserves the cause of religion and truth. Men have laboured not only to excuse this conduct of Rebekah and Jacob but even to show that it was consistent and that the whole was according to the mind and will of God. God and truth is under no obligation to such defenders. Their hands are more unshallowed than those of Uzzah. And however the bearers may stumble the ark of God requires not their support. I grant you that the design of God in this particular case was that the elder should serve the younger. But who are we to say that God could not bring this about in his own will and way other than by this deceitful means used by Jacob and Rebekah? And is it not true that Jacob's life was filled with some bitter, bitter experiences because of this deceit? At one point in the following years he wrestled with the angel of God in the early morning hours before the breaking of day in order to receive a blessing from God to prepare him to meet his brother Esau once again.

Friends, time is not sufficient to finish this subject in one broadcast, but will you be with us again next Sunday, lis-

tening to this same station at this time as we continue with this thought of deceit?

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Help us to be open with our hearts and lives, honest before God and before men, and never be guilty of using deceit to accomplish some purpose of our own contrary to the will of God and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Wisconsin: "Greetings of love in the name of our blessed saviour. We are thinking of you at this campmeeting time and trust you will have a profitable campmeeting. We are praying that some honest hearts will get saved and enter the kingdom of God. We are with you in spirit and wish the distance was not so great so we could attend a part of the meeting. But we hope to see you at the Monark campmeeting if the good Lord permits. We have been working in our garden trying to get ahead of the weeds. Strawberries are coming on fast and should be in full swing by the middle of June. They look real good. But it is getting on the dry order. We need a nice warm shower. Although we had a real nice warm week with some 90° weather. It is 55° this morning and the wind from the east feels cool. We send our greeting of love to all the precious saints at the meeting. Tell them all hello for us. Sincerely in Christian love,"

--Frank Dietrich

Testimonies

From Calif.: "the longer I know my Jesus the fuller of his love I get. . . I do thank my Lord and God for his great salvation and love. It is so good. My love to all the saints." --Bro. Reel

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A Benediction

The Lord Almighty bless thee
From his own heavenly store;
The fulness of his presence
Be with thee evermore.

--Ex. 33:14

May he his Spirit give thee
Full freely from his store--
A well of living water,
A fountain flowing o'er.

--John 4:14

May Jesus hold thee safely,
Close to his beating heart,
And to thy soul's deep yearning
His love and life impart.

--Deut. 33:12

And may thine ears be opened
To hear his whisper low
Down in thy heart's deep chambers,
Where he alone can go.

--Psa. 25:14

In blessing, may he bless thee,
Filled full to flowing o'er,
With gifts from heaven above thee,
Both now and evermore.

--Mal. 3:10

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From Ark.: "Trust this finds all of you well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. I got my Mission Trail Sat. and sure did enjoy reading it as always. I love my dear Lord, so thankful for all his many blessings to me. So glad for the desire to live for him and to do his will. I do have much to thank him

for. I want to testify of his healing power in my behalf. He has healed me of an affliction I have had for 9 mos. Oh! how I do thank him for it. I feel so undeserving of the many things he does for me. Pray that I will live only to please the dear Lord. I do want to live closer to him. May God richly bless you in your work for him."

--Nellie Henderson

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From California: "Greetings in Jesus' name. Today finds me enjoying the straight and narrow way. This is the only way to heaven. Our heavenly father leads us gently on day by day. I appreciate his checkings and all his dealings with me. He knows what I need spiritually to perfect me for heaven. We are so helpless without him but he gives us the promise that he will go with us all the way. I enjoy the Mission Trail. May God's richest blessings be upon you as you work for him."

--Letha Reece

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From Texas: "Greetings in the Savior's dear name. I love the Lord this morning. I am a little weak in body. But I'm trusting God to see me through, giving me the strength to press on physically till He heals me as well as spiritually until he takes me home. I guess we will not be at Guthrie meeting this year unless God shows us differently. We plan Lord willing to go to California and a day or so visit to La Mision, Mexico. I'm sitting in front of post office with my neice, Ruby Geraldine Lort. So will mail this right away. Remember in prayer. . ."

--Sis. Velda Ellis

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Would my soul could more encompass
Heaven's glory, willed to me;
Oh, the love of God so precious!
'Tis a deep and shoreless sea.

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From Calif.: "I want to thank you for your prayers. I am gaining in my body which I do thank the Lord for his goodness. He is a present help in time of need."

--Sis. Alpha Daniels

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From Kansas: "you know God sends the rain upon the just and the unjust. He knows what He is doing, and I'm sure it is best. . . Those sermons that get right down to where I live puts me to digging deeper. I think of them in this way, if God gave the minister that message, He's got grace for me to measure up with. . . May the good Lord bless each one of you and supply your daily needs."

--Mamie Norcutt

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From Mo.: "It has been sometime since I wrote, but have thought of you and have been praying for you. Trust you are all well there and that God is blessing all your labors. We are very well. Connie has been feeling lots better for which we do thank the Lord. We have so much to praise Him for. I had to part with my dear father May 20th and it was hard but we know God does all things well and best. He had suffered such terrible pain for 4 weeks --day and night. He told us he was ready to go and was going to rest and knew it was the best way. I'm thankful I could be there with him and helped to wait on him and pray for him. The last 3 nights we prayed together most all night long and I know God helped him to bear the pain. He was always a good, kind and understanding father and loved all his family. I was with him and holding his hand when God took him real easy from the suffering of this life forever. Pray for me and all my family, I surely want to be ready and acceptable before God when I leave this world. God bless you and all saints everywhere."

--Sis. Zella Dollins

From Taipei, Taiwan: "It has been sometime since I have written you so I'll write and let you know how we are! Everything here in Taipei is about the same. It is getting rather hot now! Sure is a lot nicer here in the summer time. Now that it is warmer we have been able to see a little of Taiwan. It sure is a good experience to be able to come to Taiwan. Countries like this need prayer and to know more about God. We will be leaving here on July 3! We only have 30 days left here! As of now, we are to go to San Angelo, Texas from here for 2 months as Charles has to go to school. Then from there we are to go home for 20 days leave before going to Italy! . . . Please discontinue my copy of the Mission Trail for time being! I'll let you know my new address as soon as we get settled. . . Thanks so very much for sending the Mission Trail to me! I have many unspoken requests for prayer. I would like for you to pray for God to please give us a safe trip home! We will be traveling half way around the world and we need God to have mercy and help us to arrive home safely! I have a lot of faith in the prayers of the Lord's people and feel that the Lord does hear and answer!"

--Nancy Wagoner

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THINK!

Did you ever think
When the hearse goes by,
Some day both you and I
Will take a ride in that big hack
To never remember of coming back
Rake, scrape, borrow and save
You will loose it all when you go to
the grave
If life was a thing that money
Could buy
The rich would live
And the poor would die.

--Selected by Luther Reed

From Ore.: "I greet you again in the precious name of Jesus. The name that means so much to the whole world if they will only accept it. I am so glad I accepted when I was just a child . . . He is so good to me, cares for me so wonderful. I am so glad He is no respecter of persons. He just answered the saints and my prayers for my dear son who was very sick. He had been going to the doctor for some time but didn't get much help. I was very anxious about him. I sent to Guthrie for prayer. The Lord healed. The last time he went to the doctor he pronounced him OK of heart and the other trouble. O praise the Lord for his mercy and goodness. I want you folks to agree with me in prayer for his soul that he will get saved. He has been healed several times of very bad things. . . Pray for me here in this home that I be an example for the Lord and that I may be a blessing to these dear old people. They keep passing away and so many seem unconcerned about their souls. I do want to be a help to them so much. I visit them and pray with some of them. They seem to like me to do this. Pray for us all. I am enclosing \$3 for to help you in your work for souls. I wish it was more. I still make pillowcases and baby booties for my money to give. I am so glad the Lord helps me do this work."

--Sis. O. K. Myers

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From Arkansas: "It is with a sad and bleeding heart that I will try to write you. Yesterday I stood by and watched the earth claim my darling little girl. She passed away June 4th. It was a tragic death. But God knows best. I prayed so much for her to be well of the awful sickness she had had for so long, but it was not his will. Then I said Lord I've done all I can. It's all in your hands. And now she is gone.

No one can hurt her ever again. She'll not have to suffer the pain and agony she has suffered for so many years. Truly, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Pray for me. I must be held up on the wings of prayers else I don't feel like I can go on. I wish I could see you all in person but your prayers I need so much. She was getting the Mission Trail and enjoyed it so much. She had 5 children. The youngest is 11 years old. Ask God to help me to do the right things and say the right things to them and her husband. . . my neighbors were all so good to me. . . May God bless you all and all the people that listen to you on radio and all the dear ones that read the Mission Trail."

--Sibyl Delahunt

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He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heavenly comfort
fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine--
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

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It's So Good

It's so good to have a Saviour
With a love that cannot die.
Precious are the joys He gives me,
And the faith He doth supply.

It's so good to have a Shepherd
Leading into pastures green,
By the waters still and soothing,
In an atmosphere serene.

It's so good to have a Pilot
Steering with such grace and ease,
Not alone when all is tranquil,
But through very stormy seas.

It's so good to have a Healer
Of the body and the soul.
It's so good to walk with Jesus,
And to let Him have control.

at press time

we understand:

Bro. Ray Key of Kalamazoo, Mich. is to be in revival with the saints at Pampa, Texas beginning Wed. evening, June 11 and continuing through Sunday, June 15. All day services are set for Sunday. Those living in that area are invited to attend these services at 1125 Ripley Street.

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MEETING STARTING DATES

Tulsa, Okla.	June 13
Hammond, La.	June 27
Jefferson, Ore.	June 27
Akron, Ohio	July 5
Monark, Mo.	July 18
Myrtle, Mo.	Aug. 1
Fresno, Calif.	Aug. 8
Pacoima, Calif.	Aug. 22

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From Oregon: "Received the paper. Sure enjoy reading it. Hope you keep sending the paper, enjoy them very much and God bless you in your work. Jefferson meeting, if I am not mistaken will start June 27. Am planning if it the Lord will to go to the meeting. I thank God I am saved. All folks are well. My daughter is fine now. . . I give others the paper when I am through reading it. Keep the good work up. As ever your,"

--Bro. Ed Olson

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We have a request from a friend who is interested in obtaining a copy of the book, "Christian Theology" by R. R. Byrum. It was printed a good many years ago by the Gospel Trumpet Co. If you have this book or know someone who does, and would be willing to either loan or sell it, please let us know.

Bro. Dan LaFaver died in the Golden Rule Home of Shawnee last week. His funeral was on Saturday, June 7th. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, children, and other relatives in this time of sorrow.

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The Lord has called another of His children to their reward. Sis. Prudence Brown of Tulsa died Wednesday, June 4.

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From Ind.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I haven't heard your program but have heard of it and pray that God will bless it to the saving of lost souls and the edification of believers. I live in Ft. Wayne, Ind. and attend services at Dayton or Kalamazoo. There is a precious group of saints in both places . . . May God lead in all things."

--Ed Johnston

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The Oklahoma State campmeeting which closed Sunday, June 8th is now past history but eternity alone will reveal the lasting good which was accomplished by the working of the Holy Spirit. Many gospel messages went forth and a number came to an altar of prayer for salvation. Six were baptised and the attendance in general was real good. It was decided in the business session to have the campmeeting begin next summer at approximately the same time. That date will be May 29, 1970.

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"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is".

Hebrews 10:25



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

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