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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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O B E D I E N C E

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. . . and a very cheerful and warm greeting indeed to each and every listener of the broadcast. I hope that you are enduring the summer weather without too much difficulty. After a while it will be cooler, in fact, we may be wondering where the summer went. But let us realize that God loves us and we should love him whether the weather is hot or cold. Let us be like the story which is told of a farmer who placed the weather vane above his barn. On the weather vane was the writing "God is love". The neighbor came by and with a question which was somewhat critical asked, "Do you mean to tell me that God's love is as changeable as the wind?" The farmer replied, "No, God is love regardless from which direction the wind blows." I am glad for God's love, aren't you?

In the 6th chapter of Rom. and verse 16 we find these words, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Here is a perfect formula for successful Christian living. It is incorporated in the word 'obey' or 'obedience'. You may substitute many other things such as good moral living, Sunday school going, and the giving to charitable causes but if you fail to obey the will of God you have missed the most important mark of all. Or in other words, if you don't obey you just simply cannot please the Lord.

Would you like an example? Take for instance the time when Saul was commanded to destroy the Amalekites and all of their cattle. He carried out most of the commands of the Lord, but he saved the best of the cattle and brought back King Agag. But listen to what Samuel told him in I Sam. 15:22, "And

Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." You see, Saul claimed that the people saved the best of the cattle as a sacrifice to the Lord. But God wasn't at all interested in such a sacrifice. What he wanted was obedience and this is still what the Lord wants today. He wants perfect submission and obedience to his will.

Now don't you know that the Lord being all wise knows our hearts and thoughts. Yes, even our motives. But it is not unusual for one who disobeys to begin making excuses. How many times have you heard this, friends? But before the excuses were necessary Saul said, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." "And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Now that would be a

little disturbing to have those sheep bleating and the cattle lowing in the background, wouldn't it? It would be a hard thing to keep the cows quiet just because one's conscience was hurting.

But I believe I can point to one thing which was Saul's downfall. It was his lack of humility. Listen to this verse from I Sam. 15:17, "And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" When stubbornness and rebellion takes over pride is in evidence and humility flees, which is sure to bring the displeasure of God. Because of Saul's sin the kingdom was taken from him and his ending was not good.

And speaking of excuses is this not exactly what Adam did when he was questioned in regards to his disobedience. He said, "The woman whom thou gavest me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." But regardless of their excuses they had disobeyed and because of this they were driven from the garden and from the presence of the Lord. Friends excuses is not what God wants. He wants obedience and a willingness to do what he commanded.

And to show you further how important obedience is, take the example of Peter. He said to Jesus, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Does that sound a little rebellious? But here is what Jesus said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." That was just a plain statement of facts. If he wasn't willing for Christ to wash his feet the Lord would exclude him from having any part with him. I am glad that Peter was willing to humble himself for he then said, "Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head." I wish that

more people were willing for the Lord to just use them in whatever way he would choose. The scriptures plainly teach repent ye, and believe the gospel. A lack of repentance or a lack of believing will also bring the displeasure of God.

After the sermon on the mount Jesus went on to teach what would happen to those who heard his words and did them. They were likened unto a man which built a house, he dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. But those who heard and did not were likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand. It fell and great was the fall thereof.

In case any should think that obedience is not so important then listen to this scripture from Isa. 1:19, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." That is fair enough, isn't it? The 20th verse goes on to say, "But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." This would be regardless of whatever excuse you may have for disobedience too. I say, God puts a premium on obedience. It is not altogether how much one may be gifted or how many talents they have but their happiness and Christian life depends upon their obedience. To put it in the words of Jesus he told his disciples, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Now of course, you are required to do more to walk in the light more as you know more of the will of God and I am glad the Lord is faithful to let his light shine upon each and every one.

And now friends, may I ask each of you personally, are you obeying the will of God to all of your knowledge and under-

standing? If so, you have found the key to successful living. I Peter 1:14 speaks of 'obedient children'. Let us not make excuses for disobedience and neglect but let us be up and about our father's business. Listen to this poem:

There is a grace few mortals find,
A star all heaven loves to see;
It is a meek and lowly mind,
The gem of pure humility.

No ornament on earth so rare,
No jewel in all heaven's mart,
Can beautify a soul so fair
As deep humility of heart.

O God, hath e'er thy balance weighed
A jewel so sublimely sweet
As that pure life that's ever laid
All humbly down at Jesus' feet?

All earthly crowns shall turn to mold,
All glittering pride and vanity;
But meekness decks the soul with gold
That shines through all eternity.

Within my hidden man, dear Lord,
That priceless ornament bestow,
The sweetest gift in all the world;
O Jesus, keep me meek and low.

Let us pray, Our gracious Father,
May we be as little children who obey
with simplicity thy commandment. We
are convinced that obedience will bring
happiness. This we ask for each lis-
tener of the broadcast and to thee we
will give the praise through Christ our
Lord. Amen

Here's a song, "Have thine own way,
Lord". The singers are Bob Forbes,
Tröy Gentry, Dale Doolittle, and Ran-
dall Flynn.

This message has been brought your
way over this radio station by The Mis-

sion Trail of Guthrie, Okla. If you
have enjoyed it we would be happy to
hear from you. 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!

Testimonies

From Ill. : "I am thanking and praising
God for what he has done for me since
Oct. 24, 68. I am gaining back my
strength and feeling real good. Still
have a small problem physically, I'd
like for you to remember. I do a good
share of my housework and my cooking.
God is a prayer hearing and answering
God. I love him and want to serve him
more faithfully. Thank you for your
prayers. I pray for you each day. May
God bless you. A sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. Daisy Payton

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From Okla. : "Well now it's just about
four years since I first met the saints
and heard the truth. I shall never for-
get that night in Springfield, Mo. When
I first heard the truth, I said thank
you Lord, this is it. After searching
for the truth for fifty six years that
was a glorious night for me. For sure
old Satan has worked overtime with
me at times, but I thank our dear Lord
for giving me grace to overcome all
my problems and storms and every
affliction I've had has drawn me that
much closer to the Lord. I often think
when I was put out to face the wicked
world at the age of 14 years had no one
to turn to for good advice, if God hadn't
kept his hand upon me where would I
have been today. Thank you, Lord.
I can not praise my Lord enough. Saints
please pray that I will be what the Lord
wants me to be as I mean to hold on
till eternity. Christian love,"

--Sis. Agnes Gatties

From Calif. : "It has been some time since I wrote you. I am still saved and trusting in the dear Lord and enjoy the Mission Trail. I sure do love to read it. I thank the Lord he is bringing my daughter and granddaughter thru. It is so wonderful how God answers the prayers of his people, not that we deserve it, but He loves us and I am so glad. . . I still have request to pray about. I pray God will take care of His work. So remember me when you pray. Your sister,"

--Ada Leach

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Thank God For Friends

I thank Thee, God for friends;
I give so little, they so much.
They give drab days the heavenly touch
I thank Thee, God, for friends.

I thank Thee, God, for friends.
And if, dear Lord, Thou canst use such
A life as mine, to bring that touch
Of love and gladness and good cheer
To other lonely hearts down here,
Teach me Lord to be a friend.

--Sis. A. Gatties

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From Wash. : "We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, the one who gave his life that we might have life and have it more abundantly. I am so thankful this morning that I can say I am still saved and sanctified and endeavoring to do all to the glory of God. He does so many things for me, and I want to please him. I want my life to be a testimony, that others may desire to live for the Lord. We hope every one there is well. We are sending a little gift to help get the gospel out to perishing souls. We pray for all the work there. We ask an interest in your prayers for our unsaved family. May God bless one and all."

--Sister Thomas

From Ill. : "Please send me the Mission Trail. We did live in Shreveport and we had to move back to Ill. I can't hear the broadcast up here, and I would really enjoy reading the Mission Trail."

--Terlin Palmer

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From Ore. : "I do so much appreciate little paper. I was privileged to attend Jefferson camp meeting. We had a wonderful time. I wish you could have come. . ."

--Mrs. Nina Vandehey

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From Wisc. : "It is a beautiful day here today and Johnnie is mowing hay for Duane. Sure do wish we could get down to camp meeting at Monark Springs too. But here in Wisconsin it is a very busy time. We haven't been having very good haying weather so isn't going as fast as it should. . . It would do us all good to be in services with God's people. They are the nicest people in the world to be with and up here we know of only a very few. Do wish you folks didn't live so far away so we could be together once in a while. . . Pray for us."

--Bro. and Sis. John LaVeau

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From Ore. : "Our camp meeting was a real good one. Heard so many good things that was a real blessing to us all, and we all enjoyed them so much. . . We had real good weather after the first 2 rainy days. Two days were a little warm, but the rest of the time was cool and still cool, need a little fire early of morning. Remember Sis. Madeline Reynolds. She has been down with her back a week now, is a little better but still in bed. Bro. Charles Elwell and family and his mother and her family have moved to Oregon, was at service Sun. We are glad to have them up here so they can be with us. May the Lord bless you all in your labour for the Lord."

--Sis. Emma Busch

No. 173. It Will Matter But Little at Last

Johnson Oatman, Jr. R. H. Cornelius, owner

R. H. Cornelius

1. When we get to the end of our jour - ney And our strug - gles are,
 2. Some of us may have had a fair voy - age, Or we may have been
 3. Tho' our hearts have been bro - ken by sor - row, Tho' our skies have with
 4. There is on - ly one thing that will mat - ter: Have our lives with the

o - ver and past; What we've had out of life as our por - tion,
 stung by the blast; Wheth - er we've been thro' storm or thro' sun - shine,
 clouds been o'er cast; Tho' our backs have been bent with the bur - den,
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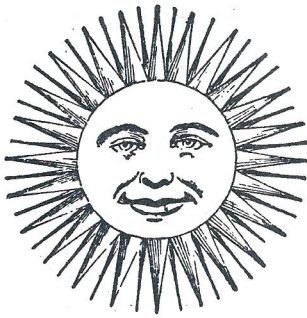
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 Is the thing that will mat - ter at last.

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small and unknown, or a king on some throne, It will matter but lit - tle at last.

Children's Page

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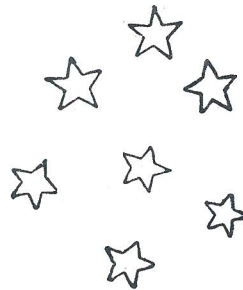
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we understand:

Congratulations and best wishes to James Linch and Geraldine Luehring who plan to be married on Saturday, the sixteenth of August, 8 p. m. in the Church of God chapel in Pacoima, Calif. Reception is to be held following the ceremony.

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From Calif. : "I enjoy the Mission Trail . . . I am yet encouraged to press on. A small offering to be used as you see fit. Christian love from"

--Esther Thornton

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From Nigeria: "Dear Bro. Murphey, We send to you all greetings of love in Jesus' name. . . Since we resumed communication, I had been requesting you to send me the copies of the Mission Trail as you did before but no definite reply. We wish you tell us your mind over the issue for it is not necessary to harp on the same string. Do remember us in your daily prayers that peace be restored in Nigeria soon. With much Christian love,"

--B. U. Udeme

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"I also want to thank all for your prayers. My granddaughter is doing fine, thank God."

--Ida Ruckman

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From La. : "We would like to have attended at least some of the Monark campmeeting but it didn't work out. We certainly have an interest there though and are praying for the meeting. I hope there will be a good number get saved there."

--Manuel Mitchell

In the national business meeting at Monark July 24, Bro. Ralph Beisly resigned as business manager and Bro. Austin McMillian was appointed to take his place. Bro. Kenneth Probst was selected to assist him. Bro. Austin and his wife, Sis. Idabelle, have been faithfully laboring for the saints and their comfort at the campmeeting. They are worthy of our prayers and co-operation. His mailing address is: Route 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850

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It appears that the price of the small acreage east of the national campground at Monark, Mo. is much too high to be purchased for the expansion of the grounds. However it is hoped that a larger plot of ground may be obtained soon at a reasonable price. More on this later. Be praying about it!

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Even though the number attending the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. did not seem quite as great as some years in the past the Lord blessed. Many were at the altar for spiritual help. Other campmeetings continuing throughout this summer are as follows:

Myrtle, Mo.	August 1-10
Boley, Okla.	August 8-17
Pacoima, Calif.	August 8-17
Dover, Okla.	August 22-31

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I was thankful to spend a few days in Calif. with Clifford and Patsy Smith and our new granddaughter. The baby was gaining weight and doing fine. I also attended part of Monark campmeeting.

--Frances



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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:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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