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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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"Pray Without Ceasing"

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I have a very simple text for you. It is a complete verse in the Bible and it only has 3 words in it. But if you and I can live up to this verse we will be making great strides toward drawing near the Lord and living a successful life above the temptations and trials which so often come. Here it is. It is found in I Thes. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing". To me it is an appalling thing to think of someone who has gone through childhood, youth, and perhaps into manhood and has never really learned to pray. Now prayer is a sincere desire of the heart. It may be uttered or it may be unexpressed and just because one prays it is not a foregone conclusion that he is saved or a child of God, but it is a means by which one may really and truly come to know God. Don't wait for tragedy or disaster to come your way before you pray, but follow the instructions given in this verse which says "Pray without ceasing". "Oh, well", one might say, "I don't want to spend all of my time on my knees." Take another look, friends, at this scripture. It didn't say to pray all day long on your knees. However, I do think it is a good way in which to start the day to kneel and ask the blessings of God upon you, his people, the work of God, and the world in general before you start your day. But this means that one should have a continual attitude of prayer in their hearts from morning until night, seeking the guidance and the favor, and the wisdom of God as the choices are made throughout the day. In fact, if you are in constant communion with the Lord you will be in a better condition to meet the problems which will arise throughout the day.

Take for instance the expression, "Let us pray". How many times have you heard that, and how many times at an appropriate occasion have you failed to hear that expression, "Let us pray"? Did you know that on the 24th of July 1969 when President Nixon stood on the deck of the USS Hornet to welcome the astronauts of Apollo 11 that he made mention that our prayers had at least been answered in part and the suggestion was made, which was carried out, the chaplain offer a prayer of thanksgiving. The chaplain did that. I think it was fitting and becoming and why should

we not from day to day acknowledge our dependence and helplessness upon God by seeking his guidance and wisdom? Are you aware that the US Senate and the House of Representatives have a chaplain who opens the sessions each day with prayer? And did you know that Chief Justice Warren E. Burger was recently sworn into the Supreme Court and when he was he took the oath of office which ended with these words, "So help me, God". Friends, it is time for us to pray without ceasing.

I remember a dear brother in the Lord

who was once very sick. Many prayers had been offered for his recovery, yet seemingly to no avail. Indeed it looked rather discouraging to continue praying, but one day I asked him, "Would you like for us to have prayer for you?" He made a reply which I have never forgotten. It has lingered in my memory down through the years. Here it is: "What we need is not prayer but the answer!" How true this is today. If we can only find the secret to unanswered prayers, we will be in a better position to receive the answer.

So let us take a look at this scripture in James, chapter 4 and verse 3. "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Many prayers go unanswered and unheeded because they are asked only for selfish interests.

Do you remember the little prayer that is sometimes told about how the old gentleman prayed? "Lord bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more. Amen."

In this we might say he asked amiss, for he desired to restrict the blessings of God to his family only.

When Christ was in great agony in the garden of Gethsemane, he prayed three times and asked the father to remove the cup of suffering and death from him, but he concluded with this final phrase: "Nevertheless not my will but thine be done." So if we exclude from our prayers all that is not the will of God, we place ourselves in a position to receive an answer!

Then suppose we eliminate this obstacle and confine our asking only to things within his will. Are we then likely to encounter difficulty in receiving the

answer? Well, sometimes, possibly!

Now there is no question but what it is the will of God to heal people of bodily afflictions as well as spiritual diseases of the soul. This he can and does do without the use of modern drugs, but wait, look at this 16th verse of the 5th chapter of James. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Evidently then, from this verse, we are made to know that many times people have concealed within their hearts hidden secrets and sins unconfessed over which God will not heal. The proper thing to do here then, is to confess and forsake such faults. Leave them far behind and lay hold upon the promises of God for your healing.

Someone may come up with this thought even as the rich young ruler who came to Jesus for instruction: "All these things have I observed from my youth up; what lack I yet?" he said. So one may say; "I am only asking within the will of God, and I do confess my faults and continue in prayer."

Then let me add that you are not far from receiving an answer. Upon this basis of faith God can and does often deliver; however, there is one other thing I would like to mention. The apostle Paul had a particular request for which he sought the Lord three times, and so far as we know it was not granted, but he did receive the assurance that: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Now, friends, we just simply cannot put God in a corner and demand of him

an answer tailored to our own satisfaction, for sometimes the answer is "yes" and, of course, we are glad when we get an answer like this, and sometimes it is "no", at other times it may be "wait".

Now, are you willing to still have faith and trust God? I hope so, for surely he does have the power to help in every time of need. Listen to this reading Frances has:

We note in the Free Echo that Mrs. Prayer Meeting is dead. In the belief that friends of the deceased might be interested, we print the death notice. Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. She was born many years ago in the midst of great revivals and deep spirituality. She grew to be a strong and healthy child, fed mostly on testimony and Bible study. She was educated in the school of Christian teachers, the Holy Spirit and the Divine Scriptures. She soon grew to womanhood and was prominent throughout the world for a number of years, and was one of the most influential members of this famous church family.

For the last several years, Mrs. Prayer Meeting has been in failing health and gradually wasting away until recently when she was rendered almost helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, weakness of purpose, lack of will power, and inactivity.

At the last she was but a shadow of her former self. Her last words were whispered inquiries concerning the absence of her loved ones, now busy in the market places, trades, and of worldly amusements.

Experts, included Dr. Works, Dr. Re-

form, Dr. Joiner, and Dr. Churchman, all disagreed as to the cause of fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem showed a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with a lack of faith and of heartfelt religion. Also shameless desertion and nonsupport hastened her death.

Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over the memories of her past beauty and power. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Memories awaiting the judgment.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless each word to the listeners of the broadcast and help us from day to day to continually live in an attitude of prayer, humbleness and meekness before thee and for that which is accomplished we will give thee the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a song, "Teach me Lord to wait" as sung by the Carver Quartett.

Friends, let us have patience to wait upon the Lord until we receive the answer. This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey and Frances saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Many Are Without . . .

A great "without" has been written on heathenism. Men and women are toiling without prayer, without songs of praise. They have rulers without justice and without righteousness, homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men without ideals and enthusiasm, little children without purity, without innocence; and worst of all, death without hope.

Testimonies

From Colo.: "Greetings in Jesus name. Thought I would write a few lines and let you know I am still serving Jesus. He has been so good to me, gives me strength to carry on and health. I love Him and want to do His will as long as He leaves me here. Sometime I get lonely since my dear husband has gone on to glory, but Jesus has stood by me and gives me blessings and encourages me to press on. Please pray for me. I have been weak in body but am better now but still need prayer. Enclose is an offering to help when needed. I love the Mission Trail, but can't get the broadcast. May God help you in your work. God bless all of you. Your Sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. R. A. Tombleson

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From La.: "I have had a mind quite a while to write, but you know how the devil can get you to put off things by being neglectful and busy. I am going to try to write this a. m. in spite of what the enemy may say. He will surely deprive us of many a blessing if we listen to his voice, but I want to listen to a still small voice which comes from higher goals. Praise God. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways, I could never repay him. So I want to live close to him that I may receive his blessings. He surely has blessed me abundantly and healed me of many afflictions. I feel my unworthiness to him and want to be drawn closer to him. I have been suffering with arthritis real bad but in answer to prayer he came to my rescue. I sure do thank him. I enjoy the Mission Trail and am sending a little donation to help out. I trust you are all well and may God bless you in his service. Pray for me. Love and prayers,"

--Mrs. Maurie Lea

From Mo.: "We are happy to greet you in Jesus name today, and happy to report we have the wonderful peace of God abiding in our souls. We received The Mission Trail paper today and were reminded to write and notify you of our change of address. We'll be moving next week. . . We really enjoy the paper every week; get much good from it. The Lord has really been blessing us spiritually lately, and revealing much truth to our souls. We trust He's blessing you there also."

--Jim and Emily Cole

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From S. C.: "In Jesus sweet name we greet you. Sorry haven't written before now. Husband has been right sick. He has gotten some better. The saints came, had prayer for him. He started getting better, thank God for His blessings and love. It's just the same today as it is always. If you pray and trust in Him He will not leave us nor forsake us, praise His name. I want to give Him all the praises. This leaves us still saved, looking up, pressing onward. Praise His holy name. Pray for husband, as we pray for you all." --Bro. and Sis. D. L. Harbeson

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From Okla.: "We greet you in the precious name of our Lord and saviour. . . He made the way for me to be in 2 services that blessed our soul at Nowata. Also to be in all day services at Neosho and received two rich messages there. . . Find enclosed a small offering to keep the light of the only True way going out into this dark world, where it seems gross darkness is just a step away. As David said, If only souls in darkness could hear that joyful sound. And would turn and run to our saviour before it is too late. May God encourage your hearts and supply your needs. Christian love,"

--Doris Bowers

From Wisc.: "Greetings in our precious Savior's name. I'm so glad He is ever the same. . . It is a cloudy, rainy, dark morning here in Stanley. The temperature at 7 o'clock this morning was 48°. Yesterday it was 38°, so you see we are getting along toward winter. There are a few trees that have turned to reds and yellows. I prefer to have them green, but in Wisconsin we don't have summer the year around. We have long winters usually. . . . We are all quite well here. Bro. Olson was in bed with a cold last Sunday but is much improved. He is working days now at a different school. We are so thankful he is through with night work. The Lord is really good to us. . . Trust this finds all of you there just fine. I know you are busy. Trust to see you sometime.(?) We never know just how things will work out."

--Sis. Olson

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From Okla.: "Greeting in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Trust that all is well there. I want you to know that I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. It has been a blessing to me. I do thank the Lord for the privilege of prayer. When we come to ask mercy and a blessing from God we should have a spirit of love and forgiveness in our hearts. How can we pray forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and yet indulge in an unforgiving spirit? Matt. 6:12 'If we expect our own prayer to be heard we must forgive others in the same manner and to the same extent as we hope to be forgiven.' "Praying in the Holy Ghost keep yourselves in the love of God". Jude 20, 21 We are praying for you to keep the good work. The Lord will reward you. I am praying and pressing for my reward in Heaven. May the Lord richly bless you all is my prayer. Your sister in the one body,"

--Earnestine Myles

HE SET ME FREE

Once I was in prison
So lonely and so sad
Many hours I spent in weeping
For no happiness I had
I wanted out of prison
But my way I could not see
Until I came to Jesus
And Jesus set me free.

Chorus:

Yes, Jesus set me free
Oh yes He set me free
He broke the chains that bound me
And gave me liberty
He gave me peace and gladness
Now I am singing day by day
For He broke the chains that bound me
And my Burden rolled away.

Dear ones, if you are bound in sin
In darkness and despair
In sorrow and in trouble
And you feel that no one cares
Oh turn to the loving Saviour
Who all your sins did bear
For He came to heal your broken heart
And all your grief to bear.

Your prison house is very dark
Just like mine was I know
But Jesus wants to save you
His love and mercy show
He came the broken hearts to heal
And to set the captives free
He'll break the chains that bind you
And give you liberty.

Now dear ones listen to the Lord
And don't turn Him away
For we all must stand before Him!
On that great judgment day.
Oh come to Him and be forgiven
Then on the last great day
You will be placed at His right hand
To live with Him always.

--Sister Becky Barnes

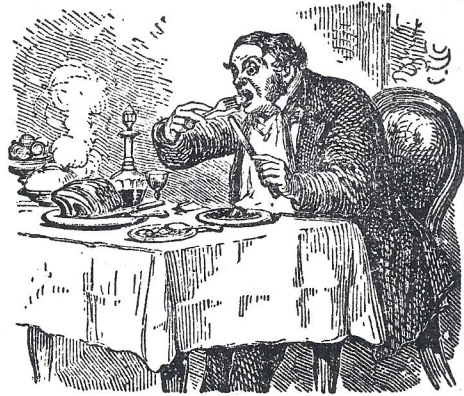
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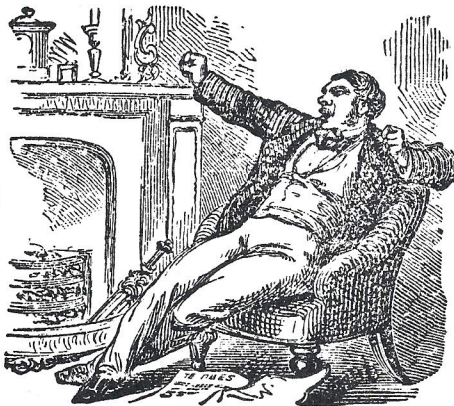
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we understand:

From Mo.: "Our Bro. Bigley passed away Friday evening at 5:00. He was nearly 89 years old. He was saved while Bro. Allen lived here. Bro. Allen took care of the service yesterday. It was a nice service and so many lovely flowers. Sis. Olive Bigley cared for him faithfully. He had been afflicted since he broke a hip in Aug. 1967. She looks so frail and is so tired out, so please pray for her. We were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Allen with us Sun. night for service, also Janice."

--Sis. Lula Caughron

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From Kentucky: "Sis. Frances, it is past midnight and I'm not able to go to sleep right away. I got the sad news tonight that my dear Mother passed away. Oh, it's so hard to realize she's gone and I won't be able to go see her anymore. My dear husband is or was in Sapulpa, Okla. tonight and had just called me and gave me a telephone number he could be reached in case I needed him. It wasn't 30 min. I don't guess until my brother called and said Momie was dead. I had to call Mart right back and tell him to come home. He was supposed to start meeting in Sapulpa tonight. I did hate for him to start home tonight as I know he's no doubt tired. . . Do remember us in prayer. I guess the funeral will be Wednesday. I would like for you to request prayer for my brother-in-law who is in the hospital with his 3rd coronary heart attack."

--Sis. Verna Samons and family,
222 N. 1st St., Danville, Ky. 40422

It was good to hear the voice of Bro. Jim Broker of north Missouri on the end of a long distance telephone line recently. They are planning a revival at the Benton Church of God chapel about 5 miles south of Mound City, Mo. on Route BB. It is scheduled to begin Oct. 19 and continue through 26. He said, "We request the Lord to send us Spirit-filled ministers."

Bro. Jim Broker

312 Frazier St.

Mound City, Missouri 64470

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Remember in earnest prayer Sister Wollert of Lamar, Colo. who has been very sick.

Dorothy Bridges desires the prayers of the saints for her mother who has cancer.

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Do any of the readers of Mission Trail have the little tract "Dan's Vision of Hell"? I would be so thankful to get one.

Sis. Becky Barnes

Stoutland, Missouri 65567

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From West Va.: "At this writing I am still here in West Virginia, but I will go to Akron, Ohio Saturday to visit a few days with relatives, also will see Sister Hazel Clark and contact others to visit by phone if I do not get to the services. . . I have met a lot of precious souls hungry for the truth. . . trust you both are well and the dear Lord is blessing you and yours,"

--Bea Spaur



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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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