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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 Eternal God

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Gen. 1:1-5

Here is something which I believe if we understood it thoroughly, would solve many current problems of our present age. Notice this very first verse in the Bible. "In the beginning . . ." From this I understand that God is the first and the last, the creator of the heavens and the earth, and before all of these things took shape in our universe God was there. He is from everlasting to everlasting. There is no beginning of God and there is no ending of God. When the heavens shall pass away and the earth is no more God will still be the same. Then listen to this verse from Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Then here is another verse in Isa. 57:15 which is rather unique in that it is the only verse I have found in the Bible which mentions the word eternity. Of course eternal is mentioned lots of times, but this is the only verse containing the word eternity. Listen, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and

humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Then since God is eternal and he exists from everlasting to everlasting, we would do well to better understand his nature, his designs, and purposes for our lives. Now the verse which I just gave you mentioned that he not only inhabits eternity and dwells in the high and holy place but he lives with those who are of a contrite and humble spirit. It is said of Enoch that "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Gen. 5:24 Wouldn't you like to have a testimony like that, that you walked with God and God took you home. Well, the Lord will be glad to walk with you if you're pleased to walk with him. But there are certain requirements before God will condescend to dwell in human hearts.

First, one must be willing to open the door. God doesn't force himself upon those who have no desire to live for him. And secondly, you must come to God in faith and with a repenting heart. Then listen to this scripture from Isa. 40 and beginning with verse



28, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

In describing the beauty and blessings of the Lord let me share with you a letter:

"Dear Bro. Murphey and Christian friends of the Mission Trail paper, I do so much enjoy the good gospel messages and the testimonies of God's children. I wish everyone could see from where I am sitting in my kitchen looking out the door across the way. The beautiful scenery, the trees have all come out in their colors and splendor matching all the rainbow colors. The sun is shining down through them. What a beauty, only our God can paint a picture like the countryside is now at this time of year. And I do thank and praise him for it. If we would let his love shine through us what a beautiful world we could have. I pray daily for grace to help me make life a bit more happy and joyful for some poor soul. We have been blessed in so much as our son has shown some signs of physical improvements. Still we are praying for his soul. God will help us show him the way to salvation. . . God bless all of you in his service. Your Christian friend, Mrs. J. Edw. Leach"

Friends, I am glad to tell you today,

that I walk with the King and furthermore I am happy in doing so. Life is brighter and there is hope for those who have been made anew in Christ Jesus. You see, I belong to the Lord and nothing can come my way without the permission of my heavenly Father. Satan accused the Lord of having a hedge built around Job and he couldn't get to him. Well, that is true. However, God did permit Job to be sorely tried but still the Lord did keep a hedge about him and Satan was only allowed to come so far and no further.

Here is another verse which I like real well. "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Isa. 32:2 Friends, is your life hid with Christ in God? Are you protected from the storms and scoffs of the world? And are you willing to be separate from those of the world and cling alone to the cross of Christ? Listen to this poem:

#### RELIANCE ON GOD

If thou hast ever felt that all on earth  
Is transient and unstable, that the  
hopes  
Which man reposes on his brother  
man  
Are but broken reeds; if thou hast  
seen  
That life itself "is but a vapor,"  
sprung  
From times' upheaving ocean, decked,  
perhaps,  
With here and there a rainbow, but  
full soon  
To be dissolved and mingled with the  
vast  
And fathomless expanse that rolls its  
waves  
On every side around thee; if thy heart

Has deeply felt all this, and thus has  
learned  
That earth has no security, then go  
And place thy trust in God.

The bliss of earth  
Is transient as the colored light that  
beams  
In morning dew-drops. Yet a little  
while,  
And all that earth can show of majesty,  
Of strength, or loveliness, shall fade  
away  
Like vernal blossoms. From the  
conqueror's hand  
The scepter and the sword shall pass  
away;  
The mighty ones of earth shall lay  
them down  
In their low beds, and Death shall set  
his seal  
On Beauty's marble brow, and cold  
and pale,  
Bloomless and voiceless, shall the  
lovely ones,  
Go to the "congregation of the dead."

Yea, more than this: the mighty  
rocks that lift  
Their solemn forms upon the  
mountain heights,  
Like time's proud citadels, to bear  
the storms  
And wrecks of ages--these, too, shall  
decay,  
And Desolation's icy hand shall wave  
O'er all that thou canst see; blot out  
the suns  
That shed their glory o'er uncounted  
worlds;  
Call in the distant comets from their  
wild  
And devious course, and bid them  
cease to move;  
And clothe the heavens in darkness.  
But the power

Of God, his goodness, and his grace,

shall be  
Unchanged when all the worlds that  
he hath made  
Have ceased their revolutions. When  
the suns  
That burn in yonder sky have poured  
their last,  
Their dying glory o'er the remains of  
space.  
Still, God shall be the same--the  
same in love,  
In majesty, in mercy: then rely  
In faith on him, and thou shalt never  
find  
Hope disappointed or reliance vain.

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

We thank thee for the blessings of  
this day. We are grateful for the op-  
portunity of sending forth thy word over  
the broadcast to each listener along  
the way of life. Send a special bless-  
ing to those who are in trouble and the  
sick. Provide healing and comfort to  
the hearts that are broken and keep us  
ever in your will, living for thy glory  
and to thee we will give the praise  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a song, "I love to serve my  
Jesus." The singers are Manuel and  
Marie Mitchell and Frances Porter.

Dear ones, be sure to tune in again next  
week at this same time on this same  
station for another broadcast of The  
Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. And  
I do want to take this opportunity to tell  
you that we deeply appreciate those who  
co-operate with us and help keep the  
message on the air each week.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-  
phey saying may God's richest blessings  
be with each of you and a very cheerful  
good-bye!



## Testimonies

From Calif.: "We thank the Lord this morning for his love and mercy bestowed upon us and for all of his dealings with us. Our Father knows what we need to prepare us for heaven. Pray for me that I will be pliant and humble in his hands as he makes me an earthen vessel to glorify his name. We enjoy the Mission Trail so much that we read it as soon as we receive it. . . May God bless each of you as you labor for him to win souls while there is time. Christian love,"

--Letha Reece

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From Texas: "Today finds us with victory in our souls. So very thankful to the Lord for his goodness and mercies to us. Surely he has been so good to us in our trial. Isn't it wonderful to know the love of God in your hearts and to know you have brothers and sisters that are always interested in your trials, burdens, and sicknesses. I'm so thankful to all the saints that prayed for me and to God who answered. We are able to get around now (not so very graceful) but thanks be to God I can walk--even tho' most of time it's very painful. I'm not discouraged, my faith is fixed in the Lord, who knows the very thoughts and intents of our hearts. Praise His name. We enjoy the paper as it seems like a family letter that we so anxiously await each week. We are enclosing a small offering. We are looking forward to assembly meeting. Hope we get to be there for part of it at least. Do trust all your family are well, also all saints there. Pray for us as we do for all. I think of what Bro. Barton said when he asked us to remember him in prayer. He said, 'Just pray for all God's people and that will get me too.' Our love to all,"

--The Whitleys

From Ill.: "I am sure glad for the truth and to know we can live for Christ in this sinful world. Not too many love the truth now days."

--Sis. Mildred Snell

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## Heaven

"Heaven is a place of beauty and glory, a place of joy and peace with God and the angels in glory, a place of love and joy for now and forever. A home for you and me with the saints in glory, a place of beauty beyond words, a place without sorrow and woe. Why linger, sinners, Jesus is calling you to come to Him and receive His salvation, peace and joy and a home with the saints in glory for ever with God."

--W. D. Harmon

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the lovely Name of our wonderful Lord! He is so precious today. Outside it is dark and rainy, but thank God for the sunshine on the inside. When we are buffeted by the devil, it is so precious to just lift our voices in song. Please pray for some affliction I have. My leg is beginning to swell again, but I know God can take care of it. He has been so good to heal in many afflictions. I have others too, that He knows all about. Isn't it wonderful to have a Heavenly Father that knows all about us. He knows our thoughts afar off. Praise His Name! Mother is doing real well . . . Has two afghans in the making. Works on one and then the other, then stops to read in between. What a wonderful Mother she is and her influence has been a guiding hand to me for years. Offering enclosed and we do pray God will be with you in your travelling and in all your work for our Wonderful Lord. God bless you and family is our daily prayer. Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox



From La. : "I want you to know, I listen to the Mission Trail every Sunday morning. . . I am a 'semi shut in' and do not get out of my little house often. I live alone here in Jena and I am surely one who believes in the one true Church of God. Please remember me in prayer. I want to be true to Jesus until He calls me home. God bless you, and I'll be listening; come Sunday."

--Mildred Spurlock

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From Okla. : "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I so thoroughly enjoy the good messages of the Mission Trail and I know that it can't help but give light to them that will thoughtfully read it. May God help you to keep up the good work. Truly we are living in the very last days of trouble and destruction. But thank God we have a refuge. . . Pray for us as I do for you and your work."

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From Okla. : "Thanksgiving to our Father, which is in heaven. We are so happy to know the love of God. 'Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.' I John 4:10, 11 'But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' 'And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.' Rom. 5:8, 11 Wonderful words of life, and good cheer, I had troubles with common colds for about 2 weeks, but looking unto Jesus. Reading in the 53 chap. in Isa. 'and with his stripes we are healed.' I was with Sis. Lizzie Eck. We enjoyed the lesson in the Bible lessons in our studying of the Word of God. I love the prayers of the saints."

--Eva Penner

From Okla. : "I am still enjoying the presence of the Lord and find Him a very present help in time of need. He is my constant companion and friend. I enjoy the Mission Trail so much. I get to hear from so many that way, since I do not get around too much any more. . . Continue to pray for me. I sure need and depend on the prayers of the saints."

--Nellie Poulos

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From W. Va. : "Just a line to let you know we are receiving our Mission Trail and really do enjoy the. . . messages, poems, and testimonies. We are all well and so thankful Nancy made it home from Tiwan safely with a little grandson. The message on True Wisdom really inspired me. If it was ever a time we needed to depend on God's wisdom it is now. We want you dear ones to remember us in prayer."

--Bro. Cassell

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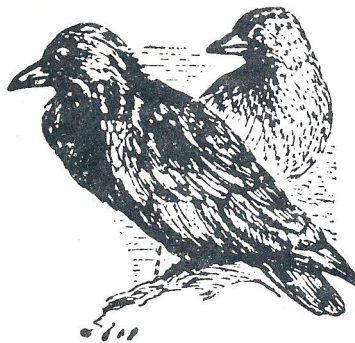
From Ark. : "I want to tell you as I promised the Lord I would, how he has helped me so much. Last year in July I had that bad spell with my stomach. Well, I went to the Monark camp meeting. God healed me. I didn't have any more trouble till this last Easter. I ate something that didn't agree with me (before this I could eat about anything) but since Easter off and on just about every thing I ate would hurt me. So about 3 weeks ago. . . in the night I was suffering so I began to just think back and how that I knew God had healed me. And that this was just the old enemy trying to get me. And the dear Lord showed me so plain that I just needed to resist and put a rebuke against it and take my stand. I just begin to do that. And the pain just left. I couldn't sleep at night. The Lord helped me to sleep better too. Oh, I praise him for all he has done."

--Della Anschultz



# Children's Page

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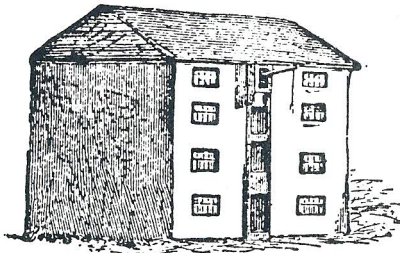
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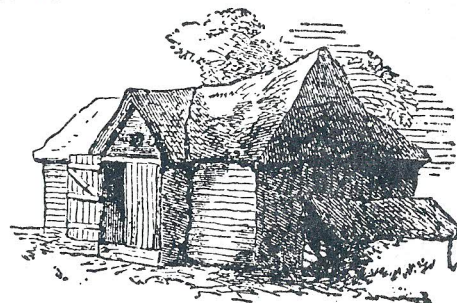
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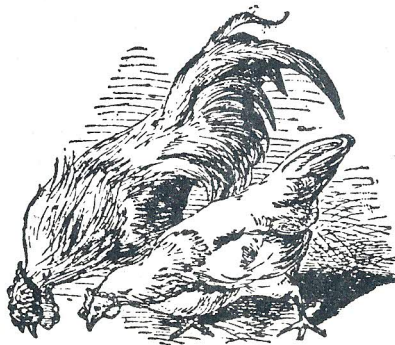


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and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better

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# at press time

we understand:

From Hammond, La.: "Sis. Coffey is up a little now but she sure does still need your prayers. God has been so good in bringing her through this far. Our meeting is close at hand and we are looking forward to it and to seeing the precious saints that the Lord sends to help and be with us. . . Do pray for the meeting."

--Gladys Cashio

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Bro. Charles Houch, age 76, passed away at his home near Perkasio, Pa. Oct. 31. Funeral services conducted by Bro. Curtis Williams and Sis. Ruth Murphey. Sis. Ruth was with the family the last week of his sickness and reports that his suffering was great, but he remained faithful in trusting his case in God's hands.

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## Many Thanks

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the saints and friends for all the prayers, kind words of sympathy, the flowers, the food, the funeral service, and other expressions of concern in the recent sickness and death of Ray White. May God reward each one.

--Ethel White and family

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Continue to remember Sis. Ethel in prayer that God may comfort her heart in this hour of sorrow. Even though it had seemed longer to me as mentioned before, it was earlier this year when Bro. Ray was saved and baptized which brought so much joy to the saints.

--Willie

Work is moving along on the new chapels at Enid and Anthony, Kansas. Brick work is being done at both places, and much of the roof work in Enid. The Anthony chapel will have a full size basement while the one at Enid is much larger in size but has no basement.

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From Calif.: "Dear saints of God scattered abroad, greetings in the name of the dear Savior. I cannot begin to tell all He has done for me and I love Him dearly. Please pray for me that I be real humble and obey Him in every way."

--Sis. Seretha Atkinson

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From Mo.: "Just a little note this morning. Hoping you are all well and encouraged to press on. We're sending you a little offering. We certainly enjoy the Mission Trail paper and also over Coffeyville station. We want you to know we think of you often and pray for you. In Christian love,"

--Bro. and Sis. Howard Hill

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From Ohio: "Greeting in Jesus dear name. We sure enjoy the Mission Trail and am sending you our new address. God surely worked every thing out for us and we can never thank and praise him enough. We enjoyed warm and sunny weather while moving, but it's snowing off and on all day. We just moved in and our new address is 3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410. Would appreciate your inserting it in next Mission Trail and pray for us and the Lord's work here. Sincerely,"

--Sis. S. E. Abbott





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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:

| RADIO<br>STATION | LOCATION            | DIAL<br>SETTING | TIME               |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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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