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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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"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:2, 3 Friends, here are the words of the prophet Malachi and a prophesy concerning Christ our Lord which was foretold some 460 years before Christ. For this broadcast and perhaps the next one, too, I want to use the time to show some of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Saviour and then the scriptures directly relating to the fulfillment of those prophecies as they pertain to Christ. But before we go into that listen to this poem:

HARK! THOSE HOLY VOICES

Hark! what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelulahs rise.

Hear them tell the wondrous story,
Hear them chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

"Peace on earth, good will from heaven.
Reaching far as man is found!
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

"Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King!

"Haste, ye mortals, to adore him;
Learn his name, and taste his joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before him,
'Glory be to God most high!'"

Notice particularly that this scripture in Malachi mentions "the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;" We believe that the Sun of righteousness is Jesus Christ.

There is much speculation as to when Christ was born. We understand that a certain catalogue gives no less than 136 different opinions concerning the year of Christ's birth, and as to his birthday, that has been placed by sects and creeds and learned men in every month in the year. It was under the reign of Pope Julius I as head of the Catholic church when the date of Dec. 25 was established. However, Adam Clarke, the noted commentary, estimates that it was not Dec. 25 at all on which Christ was born since the shepherds were still in the field keeping watch over the flocks by night and therefore it was likely not later than Sept. in which our Lord was born.

But be that as it may, friends. This

is not the important thing at all--the date of Christ's birth. Endless arguments might go on concerning this from here on. All of which would have no important consequence. But the important thing of it all is that he was born a saviour, a king, a prophet, and priest according to the prophecies and the scriptures given. Here then are some prophecies concerning Christ.

Prophecy 1: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15

Fulfillment: "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." I Cor. 15:25 This is speaking of Jesus.

Prophecy 2: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. 49:10

Fulfillment: "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30

Prophecy 3: "And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them." Isa. 19:20

Fulfillment: "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21

Notice, dear ones, that we are giving you the prophecies concerning the coming of Christ on the one hand and on the other hand we are giving you the scriptures pertaining to their fulfillment.

Prophecy 4: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." Isa. 59:20

Fulfillment: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14 Wouldn't you say that was a wonderful redeemer who could take away all the guilt and condemnation from a person? I say indeed it is.

Prophecy 5: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14

Fulfillment: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:22, 23

Prophecy 6: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots". Isa. 11 and verse 1. Then verse 10 goes on to say, "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

Fulfillment: "And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to

be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus". Acts 13:22, 23

Friends, next week if the Lord is willing I hope to continue with some more of the prophecies and show how they were really and actually fulfilled in Christ. And just as the shepherds speedily went to find the new born Christ, I hope that each and every listener of this broadcast will make haste to find the peace of God in their own souls. All delays are dangerous but he who delays to seek Jesus when the angels, the messengers of God, bring him glad tidings of salvation risks his present safety, and his eternal happiness. Oh, what would the lost in hell give for those moments in which the living hear of salvation had they the same possibilities of receiving it. Listener and reader, be wise. Acquaint thyself now with God and be at peace and thereby good will come unto thee.

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

Bless the word of the broadcast to every listener and may this account of Christ our saviour be not only a historical fact in our lives but make it a reality, a living experience to all those who seek thee in sincerity and truth and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

May I take just a moment to tell you that this message is brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We are trusting God by faith to move upon the hearts of his people to help us keep his word going forth over the air

and through the mail. If we may be a help to you, be sure to let us know. We deeply appreciate those who have stood by us for---well, it has been almost 5 years now, and have helped us keep the message on the air. For this we are thankful and may God richly reward every one of you. Let us be faithful while the Lord gives us time and opportunity to spread forth his word unto the end of the world.

Here now is a song, "By the grace of God". The singers are Bob and Dor-rall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

Dear ones, we hope that the Christmas season which is just ahead will bring each and every one of you peace and happiness. And I believe that God can give you contentment and satisfaction in your hearts if you will give your lives completely into his hands.

And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey speaking for all of us at The Mission Trail and saying may God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Calif.: "Good news for you. This evening Dale called from his home in Poway, Calif. He was home and released from the hospital in San Diego. We were down there last Sat. Dec. 6th and Dale's trouble had worsened. He had been in the hospital 31 days. When we got back home was when you were called for prayer. Sunday evening Brother Lawrence Pruitt's home was called for prayer. God had heard all your prayers and I thank you each and every one for being His children. Please continue to pray for Dale, he has a long ways to go to be well again."

--Sis. Lucille Allen

Testimonies

From Ill.: "Greetings of Christian love to all the dear saints everywhere. I love them every one and thank God for them and their prayers. I am still on the winning side with Jesus, and love him with all my heart. I live all alone, and my children all so far away from me. They don't get to come home very often. I have had the flu and was so sick for several days. I ask your prayers that I stay true to God at any price or cost. We are living in perilous and dangerous times. We are going down the valley one by one and, dear ones, live close to God every minute of your life. The devil keeps busy. I am still one of God's needy creatures . . . I do enjoy the Mission Trail so much and thank you, Bro. Willie and wife and children, for your work of labor and love for God and his cause."

--Sister Bertha Gill

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From La.: "We send greeting of love in the precious name of Jesus, trusting you are all well and rejoicing in this great salvation. I surely thank and praise the Lord for what he means to me. . . The song says 'Tell what the Lord has done for you.' Two weeks ago today I was sweeping the front porch and steps and while sweeping steps I got over-balanced and fell from either top or second step, I don't remember. The Lord so wonderfully protected me from breaking a hip or arm. I fell on my left knee and right arm above my elbow. My steps are 4 steps high, so you see the Lord really blessed me, just my knee and arm bruised. I surely give God all the praise. We had a wonderful meeting. The Lord sent in real Holy Spirit filled ministers to preach the Truth. . . Enclosed you will find offering"

--Audrey Baumgartner

From Ark.: "I enjoy the papers a lot and have read many times pieces written by some of my old friends. Desire your prayers for an unspoken request. I also enjoy the poems and verses printed in the Mission Trail. Some of them I clip out and save. I often think of the song, "Count your blessings." When this old world seems so troubled, I rely on this song. It makes a happiness fill my heart for it says, "Count your many blessings and see what God hath done." God bless each and everyone."

--Mrs. Sid Covey

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings in his dear name. This December morning finds me still saved and walking in all the light that shines upon my pathway. I'm encouraged in the Lord. Oh, he is so good to me. As my days, so has my strength been. Deut. 33:25. . . This year that is nearing its close has been a busy one. But I've truly enjoyed it. I can truly say I have not wasted my time away, but have redeemed the time knowing the days are evil and time is fast closing in. We do not know how long that we will have to spread this precious truth. There's something that every one can do. Every member in our natural body has its part to play, to keep our body working correctly. So it is with the body of Christ, the church. Each member has its place. And if all do their part with an eye single to God, all will move on smoothly. . . We don't know what the coming year holds in store for any one of us. So let us draw close to God and to one another. . . for how soon the Lord may call us as he has been doing of late--calling some of his choiciest jewels home. . . Let us all live to be able to answer that call in peace when it comes our time to go."

--Evelyn Gibson, Box 103, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044

From Kansas: "Greetings in Jesus name. As we near the end of another year, we pause and place greater emphasis on the Greatness and Goodness of our Dear Father, and yet we know He is the same Lord that has always watched over us and humbly we thank Him, for we acknowledge all good things do come from God. He shares his love with us. . . We enjoy the broadcast."

--H. E. and Etta Martin

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From Ohio: "A few lines in Jesus dear name. Trust all is well at your house. As for me--I am sure down with a deep cold on my chest. I guess the long all night ride from Hammond was just too much for the weaker vessel. . . Yes, we definitely desire to come to Guthrie Assembly, Lord willing and I am able. I know if He wants us to come He'll make me able." --Sis. S. E. Abbott 3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410

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From North Africa: "Almost six months have passed since we left home. We miss seeing the saints and being in meeting most of all. The Lord has been real good to us, though, since we got here. Except for a few colds we have all been well. Our trust is still in the Lord. Just recently the new government nationalized the hospitals. This is causing most of the Americans to do a lot of worrying. Without medical attention close at hand they get real nervous and I am sure some will leave because of this situation. I am thankful to be serving God who answers prayer regardless of the political condition! We have been getting a few letters that help us keep in touch with the saints. Also we got the Faith and Victory. We would appreciate receiving the Mission Trail paper too. We miss the Sunday broadcast from Coffeyville. The change in government here hasn't really affected us much. People have

been friendly. The people that have had trouble are mainly those that drink. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited under the new government. Must close for now. Remember us when you pray."

--Jim, Anecia Wall and children
c/o Oasis Oil Co. of Libya, P. O. Box 395, Tripoli, Libya, North Africa

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the Lord. . . this finds me encouraged in the Lord. We will soon be in a new year, so by the help and grace of the Lord I intend to be true to the end. I know He has plenty of grace for His trusting children. . ."

--Myrtle Glass

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From Okla.: "I am an elderly widow living alone since my husband C. C. Raney passed away last January. But I'm really never alone for the dear Lord has been with me and blessed me with almost perfect health and I do thank and praise Him. 'What a mighty God we serve.' I am including a small offering as I would like very much to keep receiving the Mission Trail."

--Mrs. C. C. Raney

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From La.: "May God touch each and everyone of you all with His richest blessings. Remember us in prayer, and be assured that we remember you every night. 'For in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.' Yours in Christ,"

--Mark Spinks

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From Calif.: "Greeting in the Lord. Hope everything is going well with you and yours. I won't be reading any more of the Mission Trail. The last few months I don't see so good. My boy Jim Shirley got me the New Testament in recording so I could hear the Word of God, that way I can still outdo the devil. Yours in Christ,"

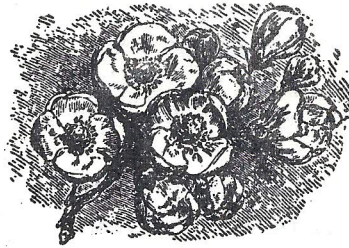
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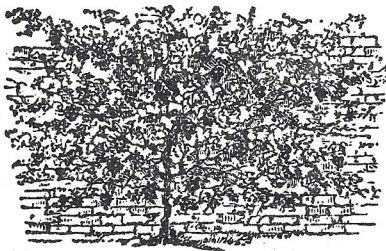
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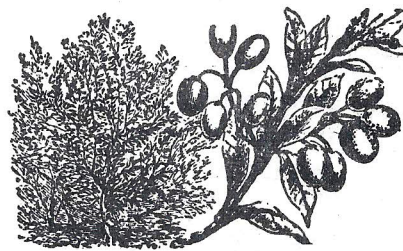
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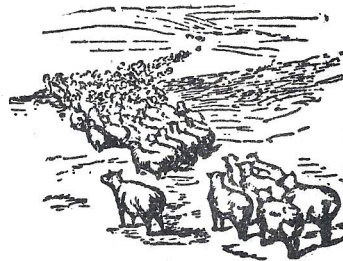
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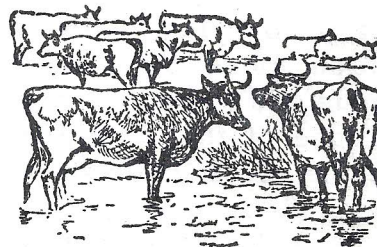
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in the stalls: yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

HABAKKUK iii. 17, 18.

at press time

we understand:

Oklahoma State Assembly meeting begins in Guthrie today, Dec. 19. The chapel is located at the corner of 6th and West Warner. Plan to attend.

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From La.: ". . . After just being with Sis. Coffey in our assembly meeting, seeing her as active as she was with her usual sweet smile, it is hard to realize that she is gone. She will be greatly missed. The funeral service was real precious yesterday. Her form looked so sweet and restful. Our dear Dora Doolittle surely needs much earnest prayer for this awful rheumatic condition she has. . . When I called an hour or so ago, Dale said she was able to be out of bed this morning and go to the bathroom. . ." --Sis. Alta Flynn

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From Kansas: "This morning finds me yet happy in the Lord for His great mercy and love unto me, more encourage to follow and trust Him as He allows me to stay in this world for I find in him all I need in this life and all the eternal peace, joy, and happiness. What a wonderful reality. Yes by all means keep the paper coming. It is such a blessing and comfort to my soul. I never lay it down until I have read every word of it and reread it daily until the next issue of it arrives. Then I pass it on that others may enjoy the message from the Lord, and may be inspired to seek the Lord before it is too late, as I so desire to carry some one to the cross of Christ. . . Your sister under the blood of our Lord and Saviour," --Mae Belle Jennings

"I am happy with the Lord. He is ever near. I read His word often. Praying for His blessings also on all."

--Mattie Bowman

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". . . the Lord has been so good to me this winter, have only had one little spell with my ears and throat. I am trusting in the Lord completely and standing on His promises. Your sister in Christ,"

--Naomi Anno

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Congratulations to Dale and Linda Probst, of Tulsa, Okla. on the birth of their daughter last week.

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From Pa.: "Another year has almost passed and gone into eternity. I know there is much need of the gospel every where while so few accept it. Bro. Houck was our pastor. We surely miss him so much. We know our loss is heaven's gain. We know he fought a good fight and kept the faith."

--Mrs. Paul Slifer

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Our heartfelt thanks to each of you who have expressed your desire to have the Mission Trail come to your home in the new year.

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". . . was sorry to hear of Sis. Taylor's passing. Her testimony always had strength and courage in them to me."

--Johnnye Lee Johnson

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". . . sad to hear Sis. Jessie Taylor's passing. I heard she was a faithful saint of God. We do remember her relatives in prayer." --Fannie Henderson



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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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