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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 Goodness and Severity of God - - Part 4

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Good morning and a very cheerful greeting to all of you. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way another time with the gospel of Christ. For several weeks now we have been discussing the goodness and the severity of God. Today we continue with this text, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Rom. 11:22 It is a pleasant thing to remember the goodness of God and it is a fearful thing to actually see and know the results of his severity upon those who refuse to accept and believe the gospel and turn from their sins.

In John 12:48 we find these words, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Now don't forget the words of Christ. Mark them well and remember those words of judgment and severity are just as surely coming to pass as is his offer of mercy. Then listen to this verse from John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Does that punishment seem too great? Well, remember there are some folks who have had the opportunity to hear and accept Christ but refuse to do so. So he says, "The wrath of God abideth on him."

And then in II Thes. the 1st chapter and beginning with verse 7, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that

know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power".

Friends, we are living at a time many folks take only that part of the scriptures which suit them best. They like the thought of going to heaven. They like the thought of eternal bliss and happiness and I do too. The Bible teaches this. But how true is that scripture, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46 How often do you hear the preaching of eternal judgment? Do you know that this is in the Bible also? Then listen, the 25th chapter of Matt. and verse 41 goes like this, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels". That sounds to me like an example of the severity of God and then in verse 46 these words, "And these shall go away into everlasting punish-

ment: but the righteous into life eternal." Friends, the same Bible which speaks of eternal life also speaks of eternal damnation. God is not only one of mercy but he is one of justice and severity.

There is so much vulgar, evil, blasphemous talking these days until some folks have gotten used to it. Perhaps it doesn't quite stir them like it once made them blush when they heard certain words and saw the evil things which are so prevalent these days. But listen to this warning and don't forget this is from the word of God also. It is found in Eph. the 5th chapter and beginning with verse 3, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Dear ones, don't forget that and I hope that you will not let any one deceive you with vain words for surely this part of the Bible is just as true as the other part is.

To further show the severity of God which is going to fall upon those who willfully disobey him, listen to this passage of scripture from Heb. 10 and beginning with verse 28, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant,

wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

It is my sincere hope that those who hear this broadcast will not be one upon whom the judgments of God will come because of their refusal to accept the truth and obey the gospel. Just think of the folks back in Noah's day who heard him proclaim the righteousness of God. Did they listen? Did they accept it? Did they give heed to it? Evidently not, friends, but it was the long suffering of God which waited upon them to come to repentance, but, there came an end to his long suffering and he sent the rains and the floods. How many folks were saved in that day? Just 8. Think of it, only 8 people that were delivered from the flood and then it was those who entered into the ark, the means of escape which God provided for them. And it is said that God shut the door. Dear ones, this final judgment and decision of who is going to enter heaven and who is going to be lost in the regions of despair is going to be left to God alone. It is not going to be the decision of some man, but it will be in the hands of a eternal and a just God.

In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah when the folks lived in wickedness it was Abraham who pleaded for mercy upon those cities. "Would you spare these cities if there should be 50 righteous people in them," pleaded dear old Abraham. Yes, the Lord said he would. And little by little Abraham pleaded with him until he finally reached the number of only 10 righteous people

living therein. Yes, the Lord said he would spare the city for only 10 righteous people. But were they found there? No, think of it, a city of thousands of people and not 10 righteous people therein. A perfect setting for God's wrath to be poured out. And the cities were destroyed with fire and brimstone from heaven. "Behold, therefore the goodness and the severity of God".

Friends, Christ has made a way for your escape. Christ is the ark by which you can be saved. He is the mediator by which you may approach God and receive forgiveness of sins. There is comfort for the righteous but there is torment ahead for the wicked. May God help you to flee from the wrath which is to come.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

We are glad for the provisions which have been made for our escape from the bondage of sin. Bless each listener of the broadcast today with the richest blessings of heaven and should there be those listening who have hardened their hearts against the truth, may this be the time they come to themselves and arise and go to their father who will abundantly pardon and blot out their transgressions for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen

Dear ones, we hope you have enjoyed this gospel message and if so I would be pleased to hear from you. Those who feel they need some spiritual help or if we may be of assistance to you in drawing closer to the Lord, please feel free to write us. You may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And may I take this opportunity to tell you that we sincerely and deeply appreciate those who

help us keep the message on the air from week to week. We are glad that it is possible for us to trust God to supply the needs and so far he has not failed us. We sincerely thank each of you who have had a part in helping keep the message on the air.

Here is a song, "Glorious Peace". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

Dear ones, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Okla.: "God sure has been good to me. He has healed me from epilepsy. I would like to ask you to pray for God to have His way with my life. I want to go back to work, but I want God to lead me where I go and in all I do. Please pray for me? There are also some others here in the Golden Rule Home needing prayer for healing. Please pray for them? I will remember you folks in prayer."

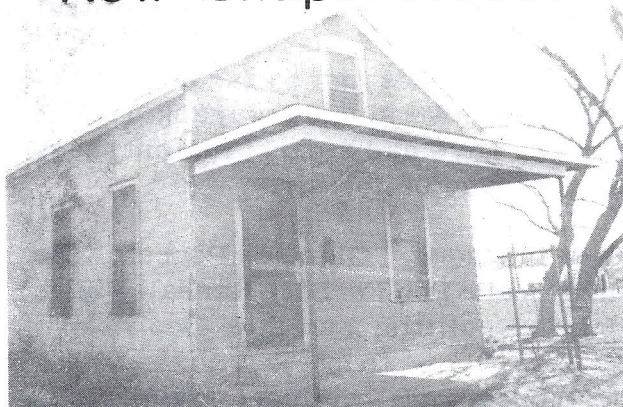
--Jerome Park

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From Calif.: "I am still in the Lord's hands. I love Him for He is so good to us. I am doing as well as can be expected. Many changes have taken place in my life but I'm still in the Hands of the Lord. I hope you are all well and enjoying good health, and the blessed peace and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you. I'm glad to be here with the saints. The Lord so sweetly provided a way for me that I knew not of, until I was right here among them, sweetly cared for by loving hands and willing hearts. Still remember me in your prayers."

--Sis. Georgia Zinn

New Chapel Needed



The present chapel at Nowata, Oklahoma

"Dear Saints: The saints of Nowata, Okla. are happy to announce their plans for a new meeting house. The Lord has been richly blessing in the services we have had in the small building we presently occupy. Because of smallness, age, and condition, we have all been praying about a more suitable meeting place. We feel the Lord is opening the way. We plan on doing much of the work ourselves. We would courteously appreciate the saints' prayers. The Lord has already provided some building material and some help from neighboring congregations. Some of whom have more building talent than we. This is a picture of most of the congregation, plus the Inmans from Kansas City. Yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Clarence Fry, Pastor, Box 145, Nowata, Okla. 74048



Saints at Nowata, Oklahoma

From Okla.: "Trust this finds you all well and happy. I am encouraged to press on for the dear Lord, as nothing else satisfies. I still enjoy the Mission Trail paper and broadcast. I thank the Lord for those who are standing for all of the truth. Am sending you a small offering for the good work you are doing."

--Sis. Sarah Hoffman

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From Calif.: "Just a few lines to let you know that I've changed my address. All is well with me. I like the home here real well. . . I enjoy the Mission Trail very much and want it sent to my new home. I am thankful to be as well as I am. I'm able to get around pretty good. Bro. O. B. Wilson is my minister here and I enjoy him and the Word of God very much."

--Edward Olson

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From Okla.: "Greeting dear ones in the precious name of Jesus. We do enjoy the good messages and the Mission Trail. Keeps us in touch with many of the big family of the Lord's children. The concern of the saints, one for the other, is indeed a precious thing, and to know we can call on them each other, day or night and instantly they go to the throne of grace in each other's behalf. . . We pray this finds all well. Ever be encouraged. This leaves me pressing on. If I make a mistake I try all the harder to press forward to live closer to my Lord and Saviour. Was privileged to be in meeting Sunday at Neosho and hear the second good message of the day. First one from Coffeyville at 8 that morning and that evening to make the day a day of blessings Sis. Ruth and saints from Webb City came by and visited a while. Enclosed find a small offering. Have some unsaved souls on my heart Please remember them and me."

--Doris Bowers

From Wash. : "My husband was saved about 4 months ago and now he enjoys reading the Mission Trail. We need the prayers of the saints that we may ever stand true to the Lord. We are sending a little offering to help in the Lord's work."

--Nona and Bonnie Wilson

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From Minn. : "Greetings this beautiful morning. The sun is shining brightly and I am basking in the sunlight of God's love this morning. It is well with my soul and I am in good health so I thank the Lord for his saving and keeping power. I rejoice in the knowledge of sins forgiven and am walking in all the truth that I have. It is a blessing to be receiving the Mission Trail. I enjoy the messages it brings and also the testimonies. God bless and keep you in health and in strength and give you the messages of salvation direct from God's Throne. Much love and prayers."

--Brother Andrew Senti

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From Ill. : "I am still on the winning side with Jesus. Praise his dear name for his keeping power. I find his grace is sufficient for every trial. The devil sure does try hard to get me, but thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. When I stop and think upon God's power and his great love to the world, I begin to realize what a mighty God we do serve. I live all alone, just me and the Lord and I find him a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He has always supplied all my needs, and if we will be obedient as he tells us all through his word, we will eat the good of the land. He is no respecter of persons. He has always dealt with me so gentle and kind with my faults and mistakes. Dear ones, live close to him and put him first in your lives. . . I surely do enjoy the Mission Trail."

--Sister Bertha Gill

From La. : "The Lord has been so good to us. We appreciate every blessing he has so graciously bestowed on us. I'm so glad I'm still saved and happy in the Lord. Surely his service is my sweetest delight. The things of this old world have no attraction for me. So glad I have left all the world to follow Jesus. I'm enclosing an offering to help spread the gospel through the Mission Trail and over the broadcast. We enjoy the messages as they go forth over the air and the Mission Trail."

--Audrey Baumgartner

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From Mo. : "I'm glad I can still say I'm encouraged in the Lord. He means more to me than I can write about. I am glad I can live for Him and trust Him."

--Myrtle Glass

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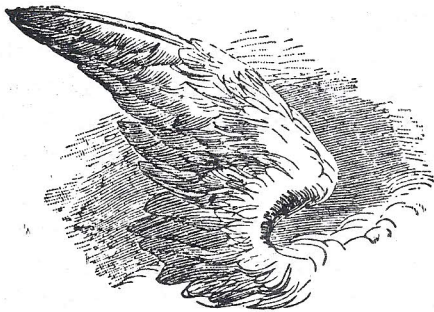
From S. C. : "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior who has done so much for us and is still doing. When God is working souls are being blessed. God is doing a great work in the earth today in those that He can work with. Praise His name. This leaves me still saved and much encouraged to live for God and not ashamed to let the world know that I'm living for Christ. I have been in a few battles of affliction since I was at the camp meeting but the Lord brought me out. Psalms 34:19 'Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.' Praise His name. Psalms 36:8-9 'They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.' Bro. and Sis. S. Abbott is here with us holding a week's meeting now. Oh, how glad I would be to be out there with you all to be in the meeting you all have. Oh, how I do love to be with saints."

--Bro. Archie Sweat

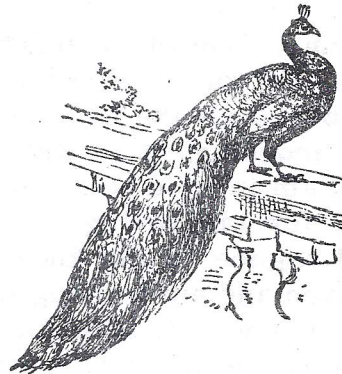
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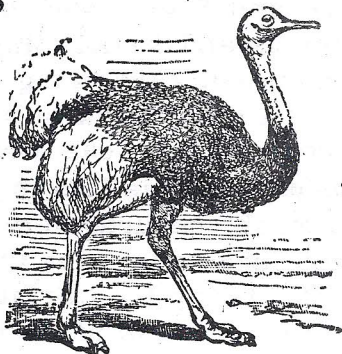
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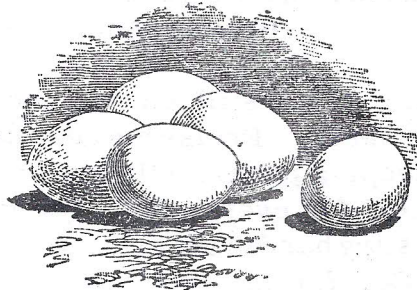
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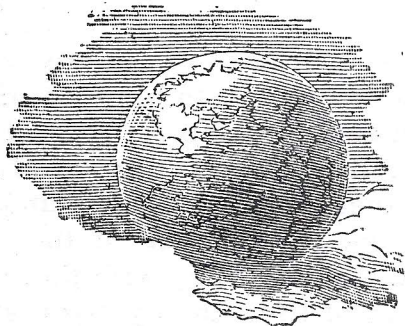
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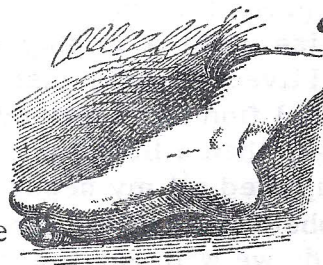
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JOB xxxix. 13—15

at press time

we understand:

"The saints in Enid, Oklahoma have moved to their new location at 125 W. Hemlock, on the corner of Hemlock and Independence. The Lord willing we plan to start a revival meeting beginning Wednesday night, April 1st and running to April 12th, or as the Lord leads. We are expecting Bro. Samons to be with us. All are invited to come. We will continue to have our 4th Sunday all-day meeting as usual."

--Lillian Eck

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Earnest prayer is requested for Sister Nellie Henderson's son who has an affliction which is proving to be quite serious. Also Sis. Ada Leach seems to have trouble with poor circulation. And Bro. E. B. Pinkerton has been very sick.

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We deeply regret the passing of Sister Maggie Freeman of Magnolia, Miss. who was buried Wednesday, March 11. We extend our sympathy to her husband Bro. Ed Freeman and other members of the family.

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From Ore.: "the saints here are all pretty well trying to get ready for the Easter meeting--just 10 days and not a single minister that we know of coming. One had said he was, but Sister Spaur heard that he wasn't coming, so do earnestly remember us in prayer. . . . so the Lord will just have to stir up some of His ministers. In times like these we really have to call on the Lord for help, but He never has failed us."

--Sis. Emma Busch

Best wishes to Bro. and Sis. Sam Barton on their 62nd wedding anniversary, March 25. Cards and letters mean so much to them in their shut-in days. Those who wish to remember them may send a card to:

2262 N. Columbia Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74110

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"God saw fit to call our father home-- James A. Jones Feb. 27, at the age of 87."

--Mrs. Zenola R. Knight

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"I visited Sharon Abbott today near Bristow. She broke both of her arms at school playing on Jungle Jim. She is doing pretty well."

--Frances Perkins

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Bro. Mart Samons is in revival meeting this week in Oklahoma City which is being held in the new chapel on NE 23rd Street.

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It was indeed both a pleasure and a privilege for me to again see and visit some of the saints which we had not seen for some time when Kathleen and I made a trip to Louisiana last week. We were in services at Shreveport, Midway, Loranger, and Hammond in addition to brief stops along the way. God richly blessed and protected even though we encountered snow on our return trip home March 16. Our first trip to the Hammond campmeeting was in 1936. It was good to be in services again with some whom we have known for many years, while others have finished their earthly labor.



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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 STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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