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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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## "Search the Scriptures"

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a great privilege that I have to bring you once again a short message from the scriptures. I am glad for those who take the time to listen to the broadcast. I hope that you will feel when it is over that the time was well spent. May you be better prepared for the day and for its duties. So to begin with, listen to this scripture, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39 This is my advice for you as we journey into the new year. What better resolution could one have than to search out the things of God and purpose in his heart to live for God even more diligently than ever before. Now, that verse said, "Search the scriptures". That means to look into them diligently and earnestly. Search as if you were looking for hidden treasure and indeed there are many hidden treasures in the scriptures.

Do you keep a diary? Or did you ever keep a diary? Some years ago I did have a diary. It proves interesting reading when you look back over the months and years which have gone. You can view your hopes and anticipations, some of them which may have been fulfilled and others which were never accomplished.

In a diary you write some of your inmost thoughts and anticipations. It is a record of your life, day by day.

Now with these two thoughts in mind: Number 1, to search the scriptures, and Number 2, the diary, let us just suppose that the scriptures of the Bible could write a diary all of its own. What sort of a record or diary would your Bible have? Would it feel neglected?

Listen now to this illustration, or we might say the parable of:

### THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

January 15th, Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me now, I guess. Another New Year's resolution gone wrong.

February 2nd, Cleaning day. I was dusted with other things, and put back in my place.

February 3rd, Owner quickly picked me up and rushed off to Sunday School. He did not open me, however.

February 23rd, Cleaning day. Dusted and put back in my place. I have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2nd, Busy day. Owner had to present the lesson at a church society

meeting, and quickly looked up a lot of references.

May 5th, In Grandma's lap. She let a tear fall on John 14:1-2.

May 7, 8, 9, In Grandma's lap every afternoon now--a comfortable place.

May 10th, Grandma's gone. Back in my old place. She kissed me good-bye.

May 20th, Baby born here today. They wrote its name on one of my pages.

June 19th, Had a couple four-leaf clovers put in me today.

July 1st, Packed in a trunk with a lot of other things. Off for a vacation.

July 7th, Still in the trunk.

July 15th, Still in the trunk.

July 20th, Still in the trunk, almost everything else taken out.

July 25th, Home again in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

August 2nd, Rather stuffy and hot. Two magazines and a book and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

August 9th, Cleaning day. Dusted and put back again.

August 16th, Cleaned again with special care and put in a prominent place on the library table. Heard them say the minister is going to be here for dinner.

August 20th, Owner wrote date of Grandma's death between my pages in the

family record. He left his glasses between my pages.

December 31st, Owner just found his glasses. Wonder if he will make any resolutions about me for the new year? Isn't this a funny world?

And what kind of a diary could your Bible write, that Bible on the table in your living room?

--Selected by Juanita Williamson

Friends, I hope that is not the diary of your Bible. Don't let your Bible get lonely. Keep it close by as a constant companion.

Now, in our diligent search for the truth there are some other things that we are to search for. Listen to this scripture, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord". Jer. 29:13, 14 Did you ever notice how some folks can carry on a conversation about the weather, about the politics, about those in public office, about their jobs, or their hunting or fishing trips, and they are very talkative? But why is it when the more important things of the spiritual life are brought up that they lose interest so quickly? Aren't they searching for the truth? This promise of the Lord lets us know that he will be found of us when we search for him with all of our heart. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Lam. 3:40. Now notice the sequence. First, search the scriptures, secondly, search our ways. The writer of the Psalms puts it this way, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psa. 139:23, 24 You see he was not only searching



his own heart, but he invited the Lord to search it. If you think that God has to have a search warrant to enter into your affairs of life, I want you to listen to this scripture, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jer. 17:10 You see the Lord knows exactly what is in the heart of every individual. We may as well open it up for his inspection. And again in II Cor. 2:10 we find these words, "For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." Dear ones, are you willing for the Lord to search your heart? Are you willing for him to know your thoughts? Invite him to come in. Make him a part of your daily life.

After all, if you are not trying to hide anything from the Lord, you shouldn't mind his taking a search through your heart and life. In fact, after he does you can feel real good about it, if he doesn't condemn you.

Now let me briefly sum up the things that we should be searching for. First, we should search the scriptures, and of course search for God and his ways. Then we should search our own hearts and ask the Lord to search it too. But don't quit there. After the Lord has cleaned you up, picked you up out of the miry clay, set your feet upon the rock and put a new song in your mouth, He wants you to do some more searching. This is what I am doing right here on this broadcast. I am searching for those who have a love for the truth. I am searching for the sheep of God's pasture. I am searching for those who have been scattered abroad, by the prophets who are more interested in their own financial gain than they are in the welfare of God's children.

Listen to these dreadful words of the Lord, "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Ex. 35:6 Then a little further here in the 8th verse it says, "neither did my shepherds search for my flock". But I like this 11th verse, "For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out." Friends, if you are not interested in the things of God it is time you woke up. It may be later than you think. Time is fast coming to a close. The powers of darkness surround us and it is time when God's true children should stand together, search out the old paths, and walk therein. If you are searching for the truth, but don't find it in the formal spiritually dry places where you attend services, why don't you write us. It may be that there are some true saints of God living nearby to whom we could point you. If we may be a help to you be sure to let us know. You may address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Let us pray,

Our father,

We invite you to search our hearts, try our thoughts, and lead us in the way everlasting. Bless each listener of the broadcast. Convict the sinners, sanctify believers and heal the sick, and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here is a song "The music of thy name."  
The singers are "The Carver Quartett"

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 Ark.: "Greetings of love to you, in the dear name of Jesus the one who speaks peace to our hearts any time our mind is stayed on Him. The assurance in knowing He is so concerned He goes with me to my work and is near on every duty I do. I do love Him tonight and thank Him for victory in my soul. This has been a wonderful Jan. so far. I've enjoyed each day. Some how even the 'blue Mondays' are gay and bright. . . . Sure you enjoyed the assembly meeting; each meeting we can be in (referring to ours) brings a blessing to my heart. . . . We have a building fund started, a tiny seed--but the Lord wonderfully used the lad's loaves and fishes and surely He is mindful of this and we feel it is a need."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Libya, N. Africa: "As we start a new year we can think back over the one that has just passed and find many things to thank the Lord for. We are certainly in debt to Him! As we see sin around us it makes us appreciate the truth and the way of salvation more and more. At Christmas time we sure missed being at Guthrie for the assembly meeting. The mail here has been slow following the holiday rush. Thank you for the regular issues of the Mission Trail and your occasional notes. They mean a lot to us way over here. We also appreciate the letters we have gotten from different ones. Today, Friday, is one of my days off. It is the Moslem day of worship so the businesses close as they do on Sunday at home. We look for the spring to pass quickly and, Lord willing, we will be able to see you again in the summer. Christian love,"--Jim and Anecia Wall c/o Oasis Oil Co. of Libya, P. O. Box 395, Tripoli, Libya, North Africa

From Wisc.: 'I greet you all again in the name of the one who is Master of everything!. . . We who live here in Wisconsin are really snowed in this year. The temperature is to fall to 30° below tonight. . . . As I listen to the news I shudder at the things that are happening all over the universe. We no longer have to go overseas to find heathen. I hear it will be legal to sell beer on the college and university campus this year. Life is too rich and sober to be submerged in drink or dope. . . . I say:

Lord, of the years that are left to me,  
I give them to Thy hand;

Take me and break me, and mold me,  
To the pattern thou hast planned!"

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

From Calif.: "Greetings of love in his great and holy name to those that believe he is a precious, and truly He is to my heart. It's truly wonderful to know God has promised us sufficient grace and even an ABUNDANCE, if we will only receive it, for all our needs, which are many as we travel to our long home. Surely at the longest our pilgrimage here is so short. God is so very faithful to keep us reminded of these things and our greatest needs in life, to ever live in readiness to stand before our great Saviour, Judge and Lord. . . ."--Sis. Lavern Manuel

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From Mo.: " . . . We surely do appreciate all the dear saints of God. They mean so much to each other. I surely want the Lord to help me to live so that the saints won't be disappointed in me. I and wife plan on starting for Louin, Miss. Wed. morn Lord's will. Then we want to go on to Loranger, La. for a few services. May the dear Lord bless you in His service. And may He help us to live so that we can have a testimony at the end of our life as Paul."

--Bro. Murphy Allen



From Mo.: "Greetings in the Lord. Glad I can still say I'm encouraged in the Lord and mean by his help and grace to follow on for him. I get great joy in serving Him. Trust you all are well and happy in him. . . I enjoy the message over air." --Sis. Myrtle Glass

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From Ohio: 'Greetings in name of our Lord who is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Sorry I was not home when the mail came. So many Christmas cards came after I left. My sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith West, died in Ponca City, Oklahoma Christmas eve. I attended funeral, then flew from Okla. City to Los Angeles with other part of family that attended. Wished I could have had time to stop for meeting there, but was thankful to attend part of Sat. and all day Sunday at Pacoima, Calif. It was a good meeting. I saw many of saints I had not seen for years. Mother Zinn is still very low sick, yet she knew me. I visited Bro. Chandler and family one day after meeting closed. He is doing quite well now, attended the meeting also, preached on Sat. eve . . . My young people reports a good meeting there. We are happy they could attend. I haven't had a chance to talk to them yet, in detail, as we returned to many battles, as the devil's work is abounding in the land. Yet where sin abounds, grace does much more abound, praise our Lord. Yes, keep our name on mailing list. We find not only spiritual help but it serves as a letter from home. The family of God is our people. . . we did not report our meeting starting Dec. 9th thru 13th. Bro. Curtis Williams, Bro. Ed Johnston were with us. Much good was accomplished. We had a singing service on the Sat. night before all day service on Sun. 13th. We enjoyed so much.'

--Sis. Hazel Clark

From Fla.: "I greet you in the name of him who sees and cares for us all. Hope each of you are fine, as this leaves me up and about, thank the Lord, happy in the Saviour. I surely did enjoy the assembly meeting at Guthrie, the sweet fellowship among the saints of God, each message was food to my soul. I had a wonderful flight back home. Looking down in the clouds was like heaps of beautiful white snow. I thought how beautiful Heaven must be. . . I want to thank all the saints for your prayers for my flight back home. I just know the Lord was at the controls guiding the hands at the wheels. This was in my prayer and I could feel the effect of the saints prayers on both ends of the way. I do appreciate the kindness of all who made it possible for me to attend the meeting." --Sis. Mattie Savage

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From Jamaica: "Warm greetings of Christian love to you and family. Thanks for almanac and the beautiful gospel bearing card you sent us. The words are inspiring. I have read them more than once. They remind us not only of the birth of Christ, but the Christian's duty to 'take the joyful tidings of the Saviour's birth' to accomplishing the salvation of man of which 1971 gives more time to do. We shall continue in our prayers to remember you and the work you are doing in God's vineyard. May your messages and also 'The Mission Trail' bring greater blessings to their hearers and readers. We pray that God will give you greater inspirations with revelations of truth, renewed strength, greater opportunities for the spread of the gospel. . . and a greater harvest of souls. It was so nice to meet with you and Sis. Kathleen last year. It is a real joy to meet with members of God's wonderful family. Pray for us and the work for God here."

--Israel and Olga Smalling



# Children's Page

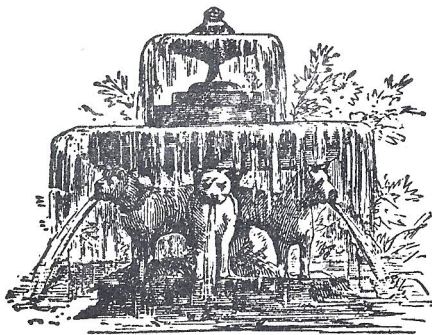
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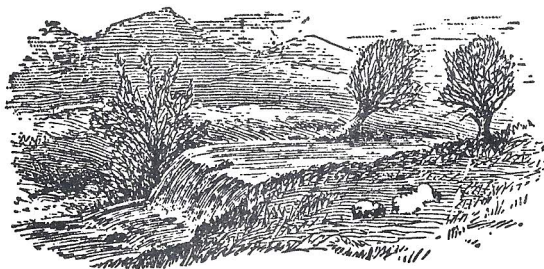
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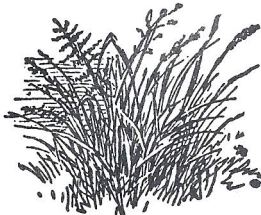
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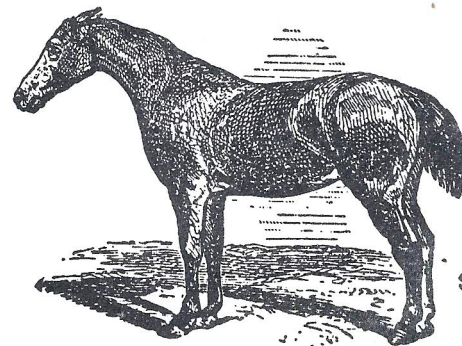
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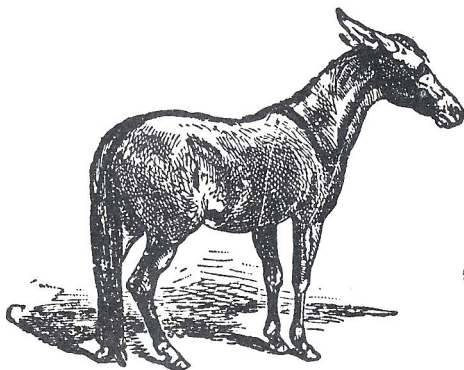


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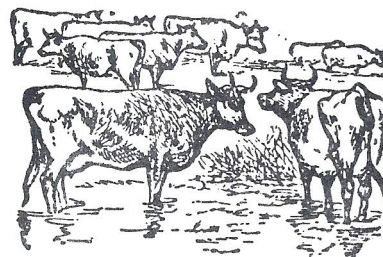


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we understand:

From Ala.: "Keep praying for us here in Alabama. The number is few but we are looking for the Lord to add to it."

--Sis. L. Cook

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From Ky.: "I trust this will find you each one well and encouraged to press on for the Lord. We are thankful to be well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. The Lord blessed us with a safe trip back home. Bro. Curtis was waiting here for his family. . . My husband left this morning for Kansas City, Mo. He's supposed to start meeting tonight. Remember the meeting in prayer. Bro. Gordon and Sis. Sybilla went to Dayton over the week end for the all day meeting. . . Pray for us."

--Sis. Verna Sammons

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From Ohio: "My eyes are still the same--but I'm not tired waiting on the Lord to heal them. I'm not discouraged altho I've asked many times for more grace and he giveth and giveth and giveth again. Yes, brother, the main artery and all else were severed in Sam's arm to the bone--the saw then slivered the bone and veered toward his thumb --stopped between thumb and fore finger. One doctor man said thumb may always be stiff. We are praying it won't be. He has a row of stitches 4 inches long, but we thank the Lord it's healing --if saw had cut cross ways he'd have bled to death--is still weak and nervous from loss of blood. To God be the glory for all he has done."

--Sis. Armilda Abbott

Remember in earnest prayer Brother W. W. Crawley who has been sorely afflicted.

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The funeral for Sis. Artie Bettis was held in Anthony, Kan. Jan. 20. Many of the saints will remember Sis. Bettis who lived so long in Anthony, Kan. and was a real standby for the little congregation there. She had not been well in recent months and the Lord saw that her work on this earth was finished and called her home on Jan. 17. Through the years her home was open to the saints where they were often fed and cared for. She was deeply concerned for the welfare of the Church. The following poem written by her daughter fits her case so well:

Why do you weep?  
This body is not I.  
'Tis just the house wherein I dwelt  
A few short years.

I lived and loved and toiled  
And learned of God  
Until my time was ended.  
Then up through endless realms  
Have I ascended  
To be with God.

Oh, do not weep  
But know that soon your time will come.  
You, too, live here just  
A few short years.  
Why should you wish to linger  
When release awaits the soul?

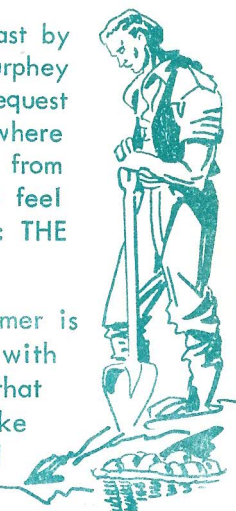
--Margaretta Kennedy





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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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