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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 Second Coming!

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Good morning, friends. I am indeed happy to be coming your way on this Sunday morning. I am reminded that this is Mother's Day. It is a great blessing to have a godly mother. If your mother is still living, don't forget her, but show your love and appreciation while you have the opportunity to do so. My mother has long since departed from the walks of this life but I am deeply grateful for the things she taught me concerning the necessity of living for God. These have been a great blessing to me.

I hope you will stay tuned to this broadcast for a few moments while I speak to you about something which I consider very important, that is the second coming of Christ. Some folks think that at that time he will set up his kingdom here in this world and they will reign with him a thousand years. Or that is, somewhere along the line they're going to anticipate this reign. But I say unto you that Christ set up his kingdom when he came to this earth for the first time. Listen to this verse from Matt. 27:11, "And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest." The things which they didn't understand about Christ's kingdom was that it was a spiritual kingdom and was not of this world. These verses here in the 18th chapter of John bring that out. Jesus was speaking to Pilate when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto



"Give us of your oil: for our lamps are going out."

him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."

So, friends, I say there are going to be plenty of things taking place at the second coming of the Lord, but I am afraid it isn't going to be what some

folks are looking for. Now listen to this scripture from the 3rd chapter of II Peter. Notice how accurately this describes the conditions which are existing in our present day. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." Now that is verses 3 and 4. Did you notice it mentioned scoffers? To me this indicates folks who make light of the truth or sneer and scorn at the thought of the return of the Lord. Well, Peter foretold this already. So he said these folks would come.

But Jesus himself also accurately foretold what the kingdom of heaven was going to be like in the last days. He likened the kingdom of heaven unto 10 virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of these young women were wise and five of them were foolish. You see, the wise ones took oil with them in their vessels, but the foolish did not take an adequate supply of oil. Consequently at midnight when the bridegroom came the foolish virgins were not ready to meet him. They needed more oil for their light. But it was too late to get it then. Haven't you noticed how easy it is to neglect to do things? These foolish virgins went to buy some oil because the wise ones wouldn't divide with them and I don't blame them for that. They needed what they had for themselves. Well, when the foolish virgins came back they said, "Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." Matt. 25:11, 12

Now listen to this positive declaration which Peter gives here in II Peter third

chapter again and verse 10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Please notice that it says, "the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." That surely doesn't sound to me like a literal reign of a thousand years upon some earthly throne. If the earth was burned up and the elements had melted where would there be a time or a place at the second coming of Christ for such a reign? Here is what I am looking for in this 13th verse. I quote, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Dear ones, I say it is time that folks were getting ready to meet the Lord. His coming may be sooner than you think. Jesus said, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36 Now listen to this poem:

THE WORLD IN SIN

The world in sin is dying,
 Yet Jesus came to save;
 With outstretched arms he's crying,
 "My life for thee I gave."
 The ransom price was given
 Redemption to insure,
 That we might enter heaven
 And be forever pure.

The world in sin is sinking
 Still lower every day;
 Vain one, art thou not thinking
 How soon 'twill pass away?
 Then down to awful torment--
 O Lord! can it be so!--
 Thy soul at any moment
 May with reluctance go.

The world in sin is careless,
 A few there are indeed
 Who love the sacred Bible,
 Who will its counsel heed.
 Their ears are dull of hearing;
 Their eyes are blinded, too;
 Their hearts are void of feeling,
 Deceitful and untrue.

The world in awful stupor
 Is dreaming of delight
 In some millennial future,
 When wrong will all be right;
 But sad will be the picture
 In God's great judgment-day,
 To see these souls, with demons,
 Forever turned away.

The world in sin is sleeping
 On time's eternal brink,
 But soon with bitter weeping
 To torment it will sink;
 Despite of God's great mercy
 Bestowed on them each day,
 They'll hear his voice in judgment,
 "Depart from me for aye."

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message as it goes out over the airwaves. While we wait the return of the Lord help us to be busy teaching and warning those who are unready for thy return. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking the time to listen. I do hope the message will prove a blessing to you. If we may be of assistance to you, don't fail to let us know. Write us a letter. If you'd like an agreement of prayer tell us of your prayer requests. I shall be happy to remember you in prayer. Address your letter in this way, The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "If I could but take one soul to heaven". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

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

THE WEB OF LIFE

A beautiful piece of patches and shreds--
 But stay your passionate grieving--
 Is it late to pick up the broken threads
 And change the pattern of weaving?

The warp was dyed in the wool and drawn
 To the loom without your willing;
 But the shuttle that flies from dawn to dawn
 Carries the thread of your filling.

The fabric of life by which you are known
 Is not, perhaps, of your choosing;
 But the matter which gives it light and tone
 Is the color you are using.

Over the dingy ancestral dyes,
 Over and under, and over,
 The gold of your shuttle tints as it flies
 The blemish it may not cover.
 --Selected

Testimonies

From Okla.: 'I am feeling very well (not so well at present time), still saved and living for the dear Lord. I am trusting him for soul and body, hope you all are enjoying the best of health and the blessings of the dear Lord. He is blessing me in so many ways, thank the Lord! I am still enjoying the Mission Trail. Pray for me that I will be in this life what he would have me to be. Your sister,'

--Mary May

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From Calif. · "I do want to thank God for his many blessings to me. He keeps me saved, sanctified, and pressing on to glory. Bless his holy name. I do report real victory in my soul, although at times suffer much with numb hands, and other afflictions on my body; but God is so good to me. Praise his dear name. Please remember me at the throne of grace. I sure do enjoy the Mission Trail."

--Sis. Dessie LeMelle

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From Ark.: "To greet you again in the name of our dear Lord, Lord and Master of all things, the Creator of all things. I think of how each day, He puts a new song in our hearts and gives just the portion of grace, sufficient for each new born day, He has privileged us to have a part of. I love Him today for, 'He is mindful of me.' This is a beautiful day, seems the whole universe is declaring the glory of the Lord . . . Wish you could have sat in on our service Sun. eve. Sis. Worrall brought a lesson on 'How we glorify God'. This was surely an inspiration to me. All the scriptures were so good. It really all stemmed from 'Whether you eat or drink or whatsoever you do, do all for the glory of the Lord.' We are enjoying Bro. Vada McMillian on Sundays and do appreciate his concern for us. We do all need to grow more and more in the Lord. Pray for us, please."

--Sis. Lou Bray

From Pa.: "Each day brings new responsibilities and new burdens also, best of all, new blessings. Praise His name! Am so happy to know Him, whom to know is life eternal. . . I pray He will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory. My aunt will go home this week, so the daily tasks will be more, but I do thank God for the strength he daily gives me. Praise His Name!" --Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "May the Lord's blessing rest upon you all and the Mission Trail. I love Jesus. I love the Kingdom of God. Reading in the Word of God about the earnest of the Spirit, it is an inspiration from God, who loves us. My meditation this morning is on, 'Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?' James 2:17, 20 Looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith we go forward, although we are tested and tried. but we make our prayer unto God, who helps us to have the Living faith of God within us. Love your prayers on our behalf."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Kansas: "We are thankful for the victories won today. I fell Saturday, misstepped going down the basement steps and sprained my ankle. I thought it was broken at first. It has hindered me with all my plans but I can see good in it too, so thank the Lord for his blessings to me. . . We're expecting the Lord to help us in our undertaking, can't wait until a convenient time as that might be too late. It is a busy time now but it will be that way when Jesus comes and we must rush to the rescue and the night is coming upon us. Pray much for this meeting. . . We desire to see souls melt under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Pray for my ankle that it will heal speedily. Thank the Lord for his goodness to me thus far. Love,"

--Ralph & Inez Beisly

