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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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Hidden Treasure

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"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." Matt. 13:44

Good morning, friends. I hope today finds you well and encouraged in the work of the Lord. I hope, too, that you will keep your radio tuned to this broadcast for the next few moments. It might be worth more to you than doing a lot of other things you could think of. Let me ask you this question: As a child, did you ever hear that old expression, at the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold? Do you suppose people said that because they knew how hard it was to really find the end of a rainbow? You know, you can see a rainbow and you can think you can tell where the end of it is, but it seems by the time you get to where you thought it was, it was not there, it has moved on. That is somewhat like the expression, "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence." But did you know that some folks are never satisfied with what they can gain and accumulate in this world, be that diamonds, pearls, or gold. It never seems to quite satisfy.

And speaking of hidden treasure, this was something very customary for folks to do back in early days. I don't know how many but maybe there are some that still do this, hide their treasure in the earth. But back in those days when there was danger of thieves and

robbers it was not at all unusual for a man to go and dig a hole in the ground somewhere. In there he would put his gold, silver, valuable possessions. They considered it a safe place I suppose, to hide these valuables. But sometimes the place where they were hidden was forgotten, or death might claim the owner. At other times imprisonment or exile might separate this man from his treasure and the wealth he had taken such pains to preserve was left for some fortunate finder, or maybe never discovered.

So there would be this farmer, with the old team of oxen plowing in the soil and he would discover the buried treasure. Don't you know he would be a happy man and glad that he had been out there plowing. But on the other hand, don't you suppose that some people might sit down right at the foot of a tree and not know that the hidden riches were buried at its roots? Well, really it was that way, figuratively speaking, with the Jews. Christ came and they didn't recognize him as being the one in which were hidden the treasures of God. The Jews had the Word of God in their hands, but the truth was hidden from them. Their eyes were blinded. Really, the treasure-house

of all knowledge was open to them, but they knew it not.

And so it is, dear ones, with the people of our day. They are so busy, many of them are, with the affairs of this life that they walk right over the commandments of God and forsake the greatest treasure of all time, salvation which has been brought through our saviour. There are those today who are eagerly seeking for earthly treasure. Their minds are filled with selfish and ambition-thoughts for the sake of gaining worldly riches, honor, or power. They are willing to go to extremes. But from them the treasures of God are hidden. It is like this scripture says here in I Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Then here is another scripture that is certainly applicable to our day. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, . . . should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Dear ones, there are a lot of folks who are wise in their own estimation, who are puffed up by the teaching of vain philosophy, but the beauty and the power and mystery of the plan of redemption they do not perceive. There are those who have eyes, but they see not; they have ears, but they hear not; they have intellect, but they discern not the signs of the times, nor the hidden treasures of the gospel. There is much church joining, handshaking, and outward show by those

who profess to know God, but in works they deny him. They refuse to allow him to be the ruler of their heart and lives. Do you know what has happened? They have been blinded by the god of this world.

But Jesus knew there were people like this even in his day. He attempted to correct this situation when he sounded forth that warning which is good for our time. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26 Think of it, what would it profit a man though he had all the treasures that heart could wish? What would it be worth when he came to the end of life without God? The value of salvation, a personal experience with Christ and the knowledge that your sins are forgiven, is worth more than all the silver and gold. The riches of earth cannot compare with it. The Bible or the word of God contains the unsearchable riches of Christ. Yet think how many books have been written that do not lead to God and the kingdom of heaven. I say that this type of education is a perversion of the truth and a reproach to God. Sin has obscured the vision of the natural man and their minds have rejected the word of God. Some folks look upon this way of living as old fashioned, stale, and uninteresting. But I have not found it so. I have found priceless treasures and would not exchange what God has done for me for all the things that the world has to offer. Listen to this poem:

MY TREASURE

I have a very precious gift,
Presented by a loving friend;
Its equal you would scarcely find,
If all around the world you send;

A gem so beautiful and rare,
I'm sure I could not tell its worth;
No diadem so rich e'er crowned
A king or prince of royal birth.

In poverty I once was bound,
But now I'm richer than a king;
The wealth of nations could not give,
Nor to my heart such pleasure bring;
In filthy garments once was clad,
My clothing tattered, worn, and old;
But now I'm dressed in snowy white,
In garments wrought with purest gold.

In sickness 'tis a healing balm
That drives each ache and pain away;
It sweetens all the toil of life,
And brings good cheer to every day:
For all the riches of the world,
I would not from my treasure part;
'Tis hidden in a place secure--
I keep it locked within my heart.

You ask me what this treasure is
That to my life such blessings give,
The joy and comfort of my soul,
That keeps me sweet and in me lives:
It is the greatest of all gifts
That God could give to any one,
The brightest gem of heaven above,
'Tis Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Dear ones, you may be ever so poor
in this world's goods, but if you know
the Christ of Calvary, the one who bled
suffered, died and rose again for you,
you too have riches which are unsearch-
able. Listen to this verse from Rom.
11:33, "O the depth of the riches both
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
how unsearchable are his judgments,
and his ways past finding out!"

Friends, have you found these unsearch-
able riches? If not, I hope you will
do so at once.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the message as it goes out over
the airwaves. Do cause it to enter into
the hearts of those who are receptive.
Bless each listener in the way which
they need most, deliver from sin, fill
with thy spirit, and may we value more
than all the treasures of earth the un-
searchable things of Christ and thine
shall be the praise through his name.
Amen

Thank you for listening. If you have
received a blessing we would be so
happy to know about it, or if we may
be a help to you, please be free to write
us. Address your letter to The Mis-
sion Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "Beautiful, peaceful
Zion." The singers are Bob Forbes,
Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and
Dale Doolittle.

And now until we meet again this is
Willie Murphey saying may God's rich
blessings rest upon you and a very
cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Colo.: "The dear Lord has been
so good to me and has answered prayer
in many ways. I love Him today with
all my heart and want to do His will.
When I have tests and trials He helps
me through them and has touched my
body in lot of ways. The way is lonely
without my dear husband and at times
feel like I just can't go on. Then I go
to pray and Jesus helps me. I do thank
Him for his love and mercy to me. . .
I want to do more for Him while He
leaves me here. Can't get you on the
air but am thankful for the Mission
Trail. Enjoy it. . . May God bless all
his children everywhere. Pray for
me." --Mrs. Roland Tombleson

From Kans. : "I will try to do a little more for the Lord as the days roll on. I know that the Lord has some thing he wants me to do or else I would have been gone long ago. Seems to me He has for some time been using me to fight the devil and his church denominations, the which has got the poor people in such a cramp that they can't shake off the idea of wanting to join something, makes no difference what it is just so they go with the crowd. I use the Bible to point this out so it's not just my way of thinking. I just ask any who want to take issue with what I am saying to turn with me to Eph. 3: 14-15 and find out for themselves what name we should go by. . . it's hard to convince people that they don't have to join anything but if they would turn to Acts 2:47, it's simple if we let the Lord do the adding. . . my name is already written in the Book of Life so why bother with anything in this life."--C. A. Stone

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From S. C. : 'Dear Brother Willie and family: writing to let you hear from me once again. I am still enjoying this blessed good free salvation, still building on the Rock which is Jesus our Lord. I find in the 3rd chapter of Col. beginning at the first verse which reads "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." . . . So I am glad today finds me dead in Christ. Praise the Lord. I find in the 5th chapter of St. John reading the 24th verse, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but

is passed from death unto life." . . . I am pressing on each day to get nearer and nearer to Him, that I will be ready to meet Him when He returns back for His saints. I sure am enjoying the little Mission Trail paper and the message you bring each week and also the testimonies from the saints. They encourage me so much. I love the saints everywhere.' --Bro. Eddie Driggers

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From Mich. : "We are enjoying the first copies of your radio messages. We are sorry we are not near a station that broadcasts the true gospel message. We wish to thank the dear children of God who sent you our name and address. May they be blessed. . ."

--The Readers

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From Ark. : "I want you to know I still enjoy the Mission Trail paper and desire to be remembered in prayer for God to help us know his will. My daughter had surgery again, then recently had a car accident. . . do pray for her."

--Mrs. J. C. Morris

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From N. C. : "Greeting in the name of Jesus. We all here in Durham hope you all are well. It has been a wonderful blessing to have the Mission Trail in my home. I enjoy it. We were so glad to have the two Brothers and Sister with us sometime ago, Bro. C. Williams, Bro. and Sis. Doolittle. . . Please pray for us here in Durham. The good Lord has blessed us with 5 wonderful lots. We here are trying to build and need your prayer so much because we are looking for God to supply all our needs for the chapel. We have just a few saints here but we all are trusting in the good Lord for everything. If the Lord leads any one to help please send it to this address: Sis. Leagertha Lennon, 3202 Apex Rd., Durham, N. C. 27707."

From Kansas: "I want to thank the Lord for what He did for me when Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances prayed for me. I have been getting stronger every day. I feel stronger than I did before I took this last attack. I want to tell the saints I thank them for their prayers. I love them very much. I hope to see them during the campmeeting. Continue to pray for me. I am so glad for salvation and all of God's blessings to us. I am happy this morning. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail very much. I feel like I have had a visit with the saints."

--Sis. Lavina Martens

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From La.: "We enjoy the little paper too, with the testimonies added to the message of the broadcast. It is always encouraging to read testimonies of other saints telling how the Lord is blessing, working and dealing with them. We are all just one big family and I am so thankful the Lord has the same love for each of us individually and knows how to deal and work with us to get us to Heaven. Ruth and Charles will have a spiritual birthday the 27th of this month. Oh, how I thank the Lord for that born again experience they received bringing such a change in their life. And now, one year later, they still have a testimony of victory. The Lord has been faithful to deal with them checking and reproof when they need it. Also comforting and encouraging when they need that too. He has done so much for all of us, we could never give Him the thanks due Him."

--Sis. Alta Flynn

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From La.: "We trust this will find you dear ones well and happy in the Master's service. We are about as usual. I surely do thank the dear Lord for all that he means to me. He is so good to us. I have lots to thank and praise the Lord for this afternoon. I

thank him for his saving grace and his keeping power also his mighty healing power. Here two or three months ago something came on my neck just below my right ear. It began to itch one day and I scratched it. I didn't know that it was there. It would itch and sting if I got it wet. Those that saw it thought it looked pretty bad. . . I knew my trust was in the Lord. I believed the Lord would dry that thing up and it would come off and praise the Lord it began to dry up and get smaller and Tuesday. . . it came off!"--Sis. Audrey Baumgartner

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From Ark.: "We send greetings in Jesus dear name. Trust all is going well with you and the family as you labor in sending out the little Mission Trail paper. We always look forward to its coming and our hearts are always refreshed and encouraged by reading its messages and the good testimonies of the saints. We are glad to be able to report victory in our souls. God has been so very good and precious to us in many different ways. When we think how patient and good the Lord has been in dealing with us in bringing us out into this blessed truth and with the people of God, our hearts are truly made to rejoice and praise his wonderful name. Bro. Willie, we would love for you to announce our plans, the Lord willing, to have a tent meeting here in our community at Prattsville, Ark. The date July 10th through the 18th. We are earnestly looking to the Lord for his blessing and approval upon this effort. We surely do desire the prayers of all the saints that God will move in a very special way in presenting the truth to the people round about us here. We especially invite any of the saints who feel led of the Lord to come be with us in this meeting. Yours in Christian love, --Bro. and Sis. E. A. Loftis
P. S. My telephone is 699-4368."

