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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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## *Present Salvation*

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Good morning, friends. I hope you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord during these warm summer days. We are reminded that the campmeeting season is here again. Let me tell you what I want to do. I want to take just a few seconds of time to give to each and every one of you who listen to this broadcast a special invitation to attend the national campmeeting of the Church of God in Missouri beginning July 23 continuing through August 1. This will be under the big tabernacle about 5 miles east of Neosho in the community known as Monark Springs. Be sure to come. It will be possible for you to meet saints there who live all over the country. There you can hear the truth as it goes forth from Mt. Zion by God's ministers as they are moved by the Holy Spirit. Listen to this song, "Glorious Peace" which was sung there in an earlier campmeeting.

Doesn't that make you want to be in another good campmeeting?

Friends, here is a scripture for you and it is found in the 2nd chapter of Titus and the 11th and 12th verses. Listen, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. There are several things worth noticing about this scripture. It mentions "the grace of God that bringeth salvation". In other words it brings salvation right now. That is in the present, isn't it? Yes, God's grace brought salvation long before now, and if the world stands his grace will still be there to cleanse sinners, but what we are interested in is his grace right now in the present. Then notice, after it told us how to live in denying worldly lusts and that we should live soberly, righteously, and godly

it gives this, "in this present world." Not in the world of yesterday, and not in the world of tomorrow, but in this world right now. There are plenty of folks who have plans for tomorrow, but just think how quickly those plans can be banished and never materialize.

Friends, it is not safe to build your hope on "hearsay". You need the facts, the present facts. Hearsay can get you into a lot of trouble. Another expression often used is "they say". Who might "they" be? Well, it might be most anyone. The boy down at the corner service station or the friendly barber, or the man at the grocery store. It might be from the lady who lives next door, or just down the street. She could pass what she heard as she spoke to you across the backyard fence. I have a poem for you that brings out the comparison of what "some say", "they say", "they think", and "they tell". Now, listen to this poem:

## Present Experience

Some say that in heaven a sinner  
There shall never, no, never be  
found,

But that in this lowland of sorrow  
To the lusts of the flesh we are bound;  
But those who have come to the Savior  
Have washed in the all-cleansing tide,  
Are now singing of perfect salvation  
As they stand, all redeemed, by his  
side.

They think that the Spirit of promise,  
Which to the disciples was given  
To fit and prepare them for service,  
Has long since gone back up to heaven:  
But we find that the promise included  
The saints that are living today,  
For he strengthens and comforts and  
guides us,  
And says he'll be with us alway.

They say that away in a new world  
In a city with streets of pure gold,  
That after our life's race is ended  
We shall drink of its pleasures untold;  
But the spiritual city of Zion,  
We enter through Jesus today,  
And the saints in its glory are  
walking;  
Their sins have been all washed away.

They tell us that over in glory  
All the Christians shall there be made  
one,  
But here amid so much confusion  
That surely can never be done;  
But the glory that Jesus has given  
From Babylon bondage sets free,  
And the sanctified saints now are  
dwelling  
In a perfect and sweet unity.

I hope you like that poem. I am sure  
that what God has for us in the future  
will be fine. He can make a world so  
wonderful, as we have it now, and so

well supplied with food, water, oxygen,  
and clothing, yes, and loved ones to  
give us comfort and strength. Then I  
know that he is able to provide for us  
in the future. But what the folks need  
today is a present salvation. There  
are some people who have found this  
pearl of great price and are really en-  
joying it right now. Are you one of  
those? I am glad to say that I am. God  
still has a remnant right here in this  
world. Listen to this scripture, "God  
hath not cast away his people which he  
foreknew. Wot ye not what the scrip-  
ture saith of Elias? how he maketh  
intercession to God against Israel,  
saying, Lord, they have killed thy  
prophets, and digged down thine altars;  
and I am left alone, and they seek my  
life. But what saith the answer of God  
unto him? I have reserved to myself  
seven thousand men, who have not bowed  
the knee to the image of Baal. Even  
so then at this present time also there  
is a remnant according to the election  
of grace." Romans 11:2-5 Please no-  
tice that it said "in this present time".  
I accept it that way, do you?

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the message as it goes out  
over the airwaves. We are so glad for  
the opportunity to be a witness for you.  
Remember those who have burdens and  
problems. Some are in need of heal-  
ing. Give them the desires of their  
heart and we will be careful to give  
thee the praise through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

If we may be a help to you be sure to  
let us know. You can get in touch with  
us by addressing your letter to The  
Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We  
certainly appreciate the saints and those  
who have a love for the truth who help

us keep this message on the air from week to week. And if you are not already on our mailing list and receiving these printed copies free of charge be sure to let us know. Just send us your name and address and say, "Please include me on your weekly mailing list." Now, there's no charge or obligation on your part.

Now this song, "I know whom I have believed".

Dear ones, we appreciate so much those whom we hear from, from week to week, and if you've not written us before, do take the time to do that. If you receive a blessing from the message, we would be so happy to hear from you. Just address your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We hope that we'll be able to see you at the Monark campmeeting and of course many other saints are expecting to be there. That date now of course is July the 23rd. And the campground is located out east of Neosho, Mo. about 5 miles east of Neosho, Mo., in the little community there known as Monark Springs. Campmeeting has been held there for many many years, and the folks out in that country could tell you, I'm sure, that is nearby where the tabernacle is located. So let me say this, God bless every one of you and until we meet again, a very cheerful good-bye!

#### RESULTS OF NEGLECT

Satan works on human minds, leading them to think that there is wonderful knowledge to be gained apart from God. By deceptive reasoning he led Adam and Eve to doubt God's word, and to supply its place with a theory that led to disobedience. And his reasoning is doing today what it did in Eden. Teach-

ers who mingle with the education they are giving the sentiments of infidel authors, plant in the minds of youth thoughts that will lead to distrust of God and transgression of His law.

A student may go through all the grades of the schools and colleges of today. He may devote all his powers to acquiring knowledge. But unless he has a knowledge of God, unless he obeys the laws that govern his being, he will destroy himself. By wrong habits he loses his power of self-appreciation. He loses self-control. He can not reason correctly about matters that concern him most closely. He is reckless and irrational in his treatment of mind and body. By wrong habits he makes of himself a wreck. Happiness he can not have; for his neglect to cultivate pure, healthful principles places him under the control of habits that ruin his peace. His years of taxing study are lost; for he has destroyed himself. He has misused his physical and mental powers, and the temple of the body is in ruins. He is ruined for this life and for the life to come. By acquiring earthly knowledge he thought to gain a treasure; but by laying his Bible aside, he sacrificed a treasure worth every thing else.

The word of God is to be our guide. We are to educate our children in the truths found therein. It is an inexhaustible treasure; but men fail to find this treasure, because they do not search until it is within their possession. Very many are content with a surface work, taking for granted that they have all that is essential. They take the sayings of others for truth, being too indifferent to put themselves to diligent, earnest labor, represented in the word as digging for hidden treasure.

From S. C. : 'It has been a while since I wrote but nevertheless, you all are in my mind and prayers. I want the dear saints to know how wonderful it was at the campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C. With me was my little boy. His grandfather closed the car door on his finger. He was crying and the blood was pouring down his little hand, but thank God, Brother Fry and his wife Sister Fry came to him. Brother Fry took his little hand up and asked him if he believed the Lord will heal him. He said "yes, sir" and Brother Fry started praying. God stopped the blood, stopped the pains and it was not long before he was up playing and did not have a minute's trouble with that finger. . . I thank the Lord for his blessed healing power. . . Pray for my baby daughter who has cancer, but I thank the Lord she has given her heart to the good Lord.'

--Sis. Sallie Sweat

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From Okla. : 'I thank the good Lord for all the good rains, what He is to us and for His love and grace. I got to hear your sermon over the radio. My oldest daughter fixed my radio to where I can pick up your broadcast. I am so happy to hear the Word of God preached. I trust there will be some that will heed God's word and be saved. Time is so short for Jesus is coming soon. People are traveling the road to eternity and hell will be their doom. They had better wake up while God is giving them ample time because God tells us in His word His spirit will not always strive with man. Jesus tells us, behold today is the day of salvation, not tomorrow or else some other day. Now is the accepted time. Well, thank the good Lord for all His saints that are trying to do all they can to get people to heed God's word. If they are lost it will be their fault. I want you to pray for me. . .'

--Sis. Ben Harrison

From Kansas: "We surely thank you and the other saints of God for their prayers in Forrest's behalf. When I called you the fluid in his system was so bad that he was swollen from his feet to his waist. His legs looked as if they could burst. That is all gone now and we surely give God all the glory. How it pays to trust a living God. Our God is surely real. . . I'm sure you are going to miss Kathleen, but I hope and pray her marriage will be blest of God. I hope I can see you folks at Monark, but I'm not certain just when or if I will get to go. . . I was glad to listen to your message this morning. We pray God to bless each one of you in the work of the Lord. With love,"

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Pa. : "Today is quite hot. Up to 95 they said. We do greet each one of the saints in the precious Name of our dear Lord and Savior. Mother is very ill. Near death. But God hasn't seen fit to take her yet. She is still testifying to each one who comes in. We had a nurse to come and stay at night, so she said she never saw such faith. She almost goes, then rallies and sings beautiful hymns. Oh! what a precious Mother in Israel. We had another woman come and stay a few hours as we just couldn't stay and she told me this morning she wouldn't have missed that for anything. Mother sang to her and gave her her testimony how she trusted God for her body and soul for over 55 yr. Praise his name! Offering enclosed. God bless you in your work in His vineyard. We know you are using your talents He has given to you and it is such a blessing to read the Mission Trail and to get a sermon that way, for when we don't get to go be with any of the saints, we get very homesick to hear real good sermons."

--Eva Cox

From Kansas: "It is pressing just awful close to 100 in the shade. Well I guess we can't complain. We had it so cold for so long before it did warm up. Every time in the summer I think of the song we used to sing which went like this: The earth will melt with fervent heat, the heavens pass away and all mankind his doom shall meet, In that last great day. It's surely coming and I think very soon. I am watching for it. I will put this in the post office and head for the shade again. I worked all morning. In fact I have been doing the disking behind the combines but we will soon be done. Thank the Lord for the good wheat crop and the fine weather we have had to do the harvesting. I wonder how many took time to thank our God for their many blessings. I will close for this time. Love to all,"

--C. A. Stone

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From Mo.: 'Greeting in Jesus' dear name who is my all and all today. I sure thank Him for giving us courage and strength to press the battle on for Him. I want to ever fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. I want to ever keep heaven in view. We trust this finds you all well and encouraged in the good work you are doing for God. You will probably never know how much good you are doing. I am sure this work keeps you and your family busy. Surely you will have a great reward. We still enjoy the messages over the air and in the paper. We look forward each week to hear and read them and especially enjoyed the one about exercise. If we exercise ourselves in the Lord we are doers of the word and not hearers only. Well, I get help from them all and thank you for sending us the little papers each week. . . I am so glad for the new life the Lord gave me when I got so sick, tired of my old sinful life. I believe

every one has to get to that place before the Lord can save them. Then after the Lord saved me He made me see I needed to be sanctified holy to have grace to do all the will of God. When we get saved we have saving grace, but when we get sanctified we have standing grace. We can stand true through the trials and tests of life. All things are possible to them that believe, but seems we are living in a time of unbelief as never before . . . I pray the Lord to give us a greater burden for the lost and help us to be a true example as never before. Will say bye; hope to see you all at camp meeting. Do remember us in prayer.'

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From Ill.: "Enclosed is a small offering for the work of the Lord. We are thankful for your labors and enjoy hearing about the different ones of the saints. . . We get hungry to be in services, but the Lord knows we are trying to let our light shine where ever we are. . . May the Lord lead in every thing you undertake for Him. Do pray for us and my family. . . Christian love and prayers,"

--Viola Perry

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From La.: 'Hope this finds all well. We have lots to be thankful for. We just need to take more time and look around and count our many blessings. Although there are some things we don't understand, why some things are like they are, we must count God faithful and just. He knows what we need better than we do. There are problems and afflictions in almost every home. Of course our main burden now is mama and her affliction. We so desire the Lord to bless and help her. We know he can. It's hard to see her suffer so much and get so little rest. Please help us pray for her. Love,'

--Marie and Manuel Mitchell

