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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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## *Spiritual Conflict*

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"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" 2 Cor. 10:3-5.

Good morning, friends. It is indeed a privilege to be coming your way again by means of radio. And it is even a greater privilege to be coming with the everlasting gospel of Christ. At a time when so much is heard about warfare, I would like to remind you that we are in a battle, too. But, not the kind which is fought with tanks, guns, and planes. This is a different kind of battle. It is the battle for the souls of men. Your and my soul is included in this battle. The conflict is deadly and the reward will be great or the loss will be heavy. Jesus said, "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. 16:26-27 Just think of the many worthless things which people allow to cheat them from their eternal reward! What is your excuse? But let us move on.

There is one thing certain--we need a spiritual guide in this conflict. We are unable to conquer in our own strength. It is reported in Judges 6:36-40 that Gideon put out a fleece for the Lord to witness to him when he was in the "valley of decision." He wanted to be sure. And God did witness to him in a mirac-

ulous way. One morning the fleece of wool was wet with the dew but the earth was dry all around it. Then he changed his request and the Lord granted it also. The fleece was dry and the earth all around was wet with dew, on the next day.

Let us get an application or lesson from Gideon's battle. First of all, when he started out he had too many men. The Lord wanted him to know it was not by the multitude of soldiers that he was going to win that battle. Gideon had 32,000 men and the Lord told him that was too many. So he let all those who were afraid go home. Right there, he lost more than half of his soldiers--in fact, twenty two thousand left him. That meant there were ten thousand which remained with Gideon. Well, the Lord said that was too many also. Gideon thinned them out again by taking them down to the brook to drink. When he had finished with that test, there were only three hundred men. But that was enough for the Lord to be glorified.

Would you like to know what Gideon did with that 300 men? Well, under the leading of the Lord he divided his men



into three groups--100 in each band. But let us not forget "the Midianites and the Amalekites lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number as the sand by the sea side for multitude." Isn't this a perfect example for God's children in the spiritual conflict? The forces of evil are great.

But this 300 men divided into three groups, each had three things. One--each had a pitcher. I am talking of a pitcher like you would carry water in. Imagine that for a weapon. But each had something else--he had a lamp inside that pitcher. A queer array, indeed, for weapons to be used against a multitude of armed men. But there was one other thing they had. That was a trumpet. Now, the pitcher, and lamp, was held in the left hand. This trumpet was held in the right hand.

Think of the confusion when those 300 brave men broke the pitchers at night, the lamps began to shine out, and then there was that blasting from those three hundred trumpets. One trumpet can sometimes make enough noise! But here was three hundred times that much noise. The enemy became so frightened and confused that they began to fight one another. It was a day of victory for Gideon and his men. Now, let us get the application. I believe there are three things we need to fight this battle--one, the vessels. Our bodies are the temples through which God works. Listen to this scripture: "for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 2 Cor. 6:16 But remember this, that vessel was broken. The excellency and glory came not from the vessel. It was only a covering for the lamp.

The lamp then represents the light of God. Listen to this scripture: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16 Now, don't you see that it takes God to make the light? Within ourselves we are nothing. But with that light shining in you others can see the difference.

The third thing these brave men had were trumpets. Trumpets represent the Word of God or the judgments of God. They did not use their own voice with which to sound forth. They did not "holler" to the top of their voices. No, their voice would not have been sufficient for the moment of such great importance! It took more than this. It required the trumpet which had been given them. In other words, the trumpet represents the truth which makes men free.

Now, this word of caution. Friends, did you know there are many voices today which are not sounding forth the gospel in a definite, clear tone. There is much confusion. And more than this, many are departing from the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Listen to this: "And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" 1 Cor. 14:7-8 Then in verse 33 we find these words: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."



It takes a great deal of courage to choose, always to obey God, for though we are not forbidden to teach about Jesus or to preach in His name, we may be tempted to be cowards in many ways. God has not promised that we shall never be tempted, but he says that with every temptation he will provide a way of escape. Sometimes it may be by sending his angel to take us right out of the hands of our enemies, and sometimes by giving us strength to be steadfast and brave in spite of them. If your flight is with angels on the wings of faith; if you know what is the rest that remaineth for the people of God; if Heaven and Christ are yours, and God is yours, then, though your days be intermittent, one day being cloudy and another fair, take courage and press on and up.

This poem says:

### TRUST IN GOD

Courage, brother: do not stumble,  
Though thy path is dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the humble;  
Trust in God and do the right.

Let the road be long and dreary,  
And its ending out of sight;  
Foot it bravely, never weary,  
Trust in God and do the right.

Perish policy and cunning,  
Perish all that fears the light;  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
Trust in God and do the right.

Some will hate thee, some will love thee,  
Some will flatter, some will slight;  
Cease from man and look above thee,  
Trust in God and do the right.

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Let us pray:

Our father, bless the word as it goes out over the airwaves. Help us to keep our vessels clean, the light of God shining brightly in our lives, and give us the courage to sound forth the trumpet with no uncertain sound that all may hear and be saved from the destruction which is just ahead for those who reject the truth. Thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

Thank you for listening. If you would like a printed copy of the message or the poem feel free to write us. There's no cost or obligation, you may have one by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here's a song: "What a Day That Will Be." The singers are: Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey, saying may God bless you richly and a very cheerful--Goodbye!

### *Correspondence*

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12: 11.

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From Calif.: "I am still saved and trusting the dear Lord--glad he loves me and called after me when I was in sin and all he has done for me since then. . . Hope all is well at the Mission Trail. I want God to bless the word as it goes out over the world. We are surely living in awful times and the last days I believe. Keep me on your prayer list for complete healing and my unsaved family. I enjoy the little paper--just isn't big enough. Bye bye. God bless all of you."

--Sister Ada Leach

From Kansas: "This note leaves me still encouraged to watch, fight and pray. As the times get wickeder it makes us feel happier to know that we have found a refuge. I still enjoy the Sunday morning program and the Mission Trail paper also and I do pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in this work. I just wanted to send a offering to help out in the work because I know it takes money to keep it going. May God bless you and your whole family in every way that is needful. Your sister in Christ,"

--Shirley Knight

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From Ohio: "Just a few lines this afternoon, as it has been quite some time since I have written you dear ones, but I want to say I'm still serving my Lord with all my heart and am learning more and more the blessed secret of how to serve him in a more acceptable way. I sure count it a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord, and let him govern our entire life. . . My daughter's youngest son and his wife has gotten gloriously saved and I sure thank the Lord. He permitted my grandson to get saved in my little room, so I could witness it. . . his dear wife soon followed. They were baptized last Sunday afternoon. . . We all have loved ones that need the Lord. Dear ones, let us pray earnestly for precious souls, and when we pray, let us believe that we have what we pray for. We are serving a great God. I believe we, as God's little ones, have been living far below our privileges. I'm sure asking for my faith to be increased more abundantly. We are praying for a revival in the city of Dayton, and I sure want the revival fire to start in my own heart. I'm expecting greater things from God, in the future, if the Lord delays his coming. . . In much Christian love," --Sis. Maudie Sharp

From S. Car.: "Greetings in the name of our dear Savior, who gave His life that we may have life--and that we might have it more abundantly. He has been more than wonderful to me, and I certainly praise Him for it. . . I feel like this is where the Lord wants us for the present. Surely He is working in our behalf--and I'm not afraid to trust Him. . . I'm working part time in a drapery shop. Please keep us on your prayer list. Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Jessie V. Houck

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From Mich.: "Greetings in the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I thought I better write to you again or you would think I forgot all about you. We hope and pray you are all well. We are about as we were the last time we wrote to you. So you either lost a daughter or gained a son at the Monark meeting. We have had some saints visit us in the last 2 months. Bro. and Sis. Brant, Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphry and children and Bro. McCoy and Bro. Key. We certainly enjoyed their company. It certainly has been dry here this spring and summer. We get a small shower now and then. We need a real soaking rain. The good Lord knows best. Our garden has done pretty good for being so dry. The Lord certainly has blessed us. We certainly do thank God for it. . . Your Bro. & Sister in one body."

--Floyd & Ether Hines

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From Wash.: "Greetings of love in the dear Lord's name. We are so thankful for his love for us. It was his great love for us that he went all the way to the cross, that we might be saved. We are so thankful for salvation. Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin. Thank the Lord. . . God bless all of you. Christian love,"

--Sister Violet Thomas



From Tripoli, Libya: "Dear Bro. Willie, We haven't heard from you in quite a while. We missed the paper too. Hope everything is OK there. We are thankful that our family is well and doing fine. The children start to school tomorrow. We had a rain shower today which means fall is almost here. Our trust is still in God and he has blessed us more than we could ask. Time was short and we were not able to spend much time in meeting this summer but we are looking forward to at least part of the assembly meeting. Christian love,"

--Jim Wall

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From Kansas: "There are times in my life when I get up in the morning and just don't know which way to go nor where to start but it always works out for good. I had a near accident out east of Ark. City at the state lake not many nights ago in which I narrowly escaped getting killed--don't think it could happen again for the timing was just right to let me get out of it without getting killed but the Lord spoke to me very plainly and said don't you drive out here any more at night and I have not been going at night since. Love to all,"

--C. A. Stone

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From Mo.: "I'm still happy in the Lord and so thankful for the privilege of being His child. He is so good to us each and every day. Last winter I had a sore place come on my finger and it stayed so sore that I would cry out with pain when I touched it against any thing. It stayed that way on up into the spring and it would get so red and angry looking. Then it got where I could see dark roots down thru it, but I kept looking to the Lord. One day in June, I noticed that one side of it was all loosened like it was coming out, and that's just what it did a few days later, just leaving a

smooth little hole where it had been and in a few days, you couldn't tell there had ever been anything there, and it hasn't been sore since. Do pray for me and my children. One son and his wife were saved 2 weeks ago and another daughter-in-law was saved Sunday, so pray they will all stay faithful. In Christian love to all the saints,"

--Sister Zella Dollins

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I hope and pray God will wake up America before it is too late. Our time is running out. It is later than people think."

--Sister Ben Harrison

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From Mexico: "Sister Edith and I really enjoyed so much our visit with you, want to thank you again for all your encouragement and help to us. I thank God every day for his saints in the earth. Seems I can just feel your prayers. God has made me very happy living here in this station with this Mexican family, Brother Miguel Gaspar and his wife Alicia and eight children. They love the Lord and serve Him in the truth. We have had some precious services here. Last Sunday we had a good number in services and they seem so very interested in the word of God. Our Brother Miguel brought a stirring message on Jesus being the door to the church and how we should live for Him in holiness. We are so thankful for the saved ones here in Ojos Negros. They go with us to have services in the different ranch homes where they live so far out. Some of the ones who are saved went with us last week to the Indian village, where we had a real good worship with much interest in the word. . . We are earnestly looking for more souls to be saved here. Please keep praying with us, for souls."--Sis. Carrie Shepherd  
Box 2860, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073



# Children's Page

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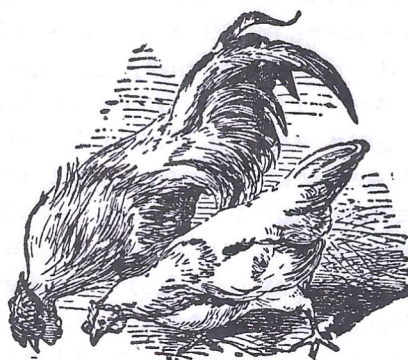
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MATT. xiii, 3, 4, 5, 7.



# at press time

we understand:



Jim and Laverne Manuel

After many months of suffering the Lord called for Bro. Jim Manuel on Sept. 7. It is reported he left this world with "sweeping victory". Even though Jim maintained a tender heart down through the years, it seemed difficult for him to reach the place where God wanted him to be. But here is where the prevailing prayers of his companion made the difference. Sister Laverne knew the value of prayer and saw the fulfillment of Jim's salvation. After the funeral in Calif. on Sept. 11 his body was to be returned to La. for burial. Pray the Lord to strengthen and comfort: Sister Laverne Manuel, 363 E. 7th, Pomona, Calif. 91766.

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All-day meeting has been announced for Grubbs, Arkansas on the first Sunday of October, which is the 3rd of the month. All are invited. Information: Randel Bradley, Box 231, Grubbs, Ark. 72431, Phone 501-252-3842.

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From Minn.: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Just a line to let you know that Sister Pearl Whitcomb passed away on September 1. She was 76 years old. Christian love,"

--Elmer Olson

## Meeting Notice

Bro. Clarence Fry has announced gospel services nightly at the Church of God chapel, 201 South Cedar Street in Nowata, Okla. beginning Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bro. O'Neal Pratt from Holly Hill, S. Carolina felt directed of the Lord to come for the meeting which is expected to last over two Sundays. The opening service in the new chapel was had last Feb. 14. It is located on the corner of Cedar and Fairview St., 2 blocks west of Bliss Cafe. Plan to attend and receive a blessing. For information contact Bro. Clarence Fry, Box 145, Nowata, Okla. 74048.

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"Another week has just about passed into eternity not ever to be recalled. So many souls have passed also, some to everlasting life but probably the greater part to eternal punishment."

--C. A. Stone

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Congratulations to Marvin and Vivian Cleek on the birth of their son Sept. 6. Sister Nellie Ott is the grandmother.

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"My beloved husband passed away with sudden heart attack and I am very lonely. He passed away down on his knees so I am sure he is with the Lord. I need your prayers as my health isn't good. I enjoy the Mission Trail so much. It is food for my soul for I do love the Lord and his holy way and all of God's people. . . "

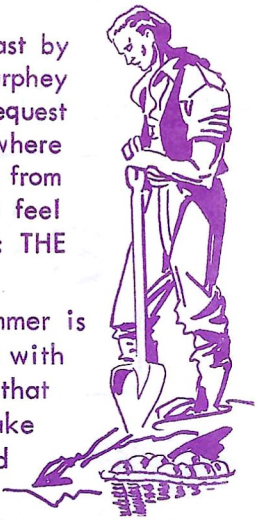
--Leona Carey, Box 367, Clifton, Colo. 81520





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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*

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