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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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## "Safety Days"

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Good morning, friends. I am certainly happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I hope you are enjoying the blessings of the Lord today. There is a certain scripture to which my attention has been recently called and it has made a real appeal to me. I hope it has as much meaning to you as it does to me. Some scriptures just seem to stand out more than others, although we are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. I believe if we took a few guide lines it would help us to measure to the rest of the word of the Lord. But listen to this: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God." Eccl. 8:12-13 & 14.

Because God does not punish immediately every crime and sin, it is easy for men to think he disregards evil acts; and therefore they are emboldened to sin more and more. So this long-suffering of God, which leadeth to repentance, is abused so as to lead to even more crimes. When men sin against the remedy of their salvation, how can they escape perdition? There is something about the delay of justice which works disaster with those who commit these crimes against the laws of God. No doubt the enemy joins with them to help build up this feeling of pride and shrewdness.

I suppose if every person who sinned just dropped dead right then and there like Ananias and Sapphira did when they lied about the price of the possession which they sold and pretended to give it all to the church, then people would

be a little more careful how they lived. But this is not always the case. It is not always a sign of righteous living just because some people live to be old. Neither is it proof that God has forgotten their evil deeds.

Here is a verse which says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. That does not sound to me like a person can live so long that God forgets his wickedness. No, indeed. God is not that forgetful. Just because one escapes the arm of the law, does not mean God can be put off forever. Whereas, really, it is the goodness of God that their lives are prolonged. Rather than seeing how long they can escape, they ought to be playing it safe. They should see how quickly they can repent and obtain forgiveness from the Lord. But notice, this particular sin-



ner may do evil a hundred times! Think how long suffering the Lord must be with a person like that. That is not two or three times, but a hundred times! Even after all of that their life is spared often times, and God is not willing for them to perish but that they should come to repentance. If God bears so long with a transgressor, waiting in his long-suffering for him to repent and turn to him surely he will be especially kind to them that fear him, and endeavour to walk uprightly before him.

In visiting the office of a large company, you may have observed a safety, or accident record board. Here is posted continually from time to time the number of days the company has gone without an accident. And they are really interested in stretching that record too. They don't want to see their safety record shattered. They would rather their employees did not have accidents. Many times expensive measures are taken to avoid accidents.

Not long ago I was talking to a man who worked in the coal mines of Illinois. He worked many feet below the surface of the earth. A part of his job was to reinforce the roof of the mine and make it safe to work in. I really don't think I would like working that far below the surface of the earth, but he had done it so many years that it was all a part of his job. He was speaking of cave-ins and he said some places were more safe from these than others, but regardless of the nature of the soil, one could not see through all of that roof to tell what it might do! And I believe him. I would say it pays to be on the safe side, wouldn't you?

What would you think of a fellow who said, "Why I have worked in this mine for 40 years and it never has caved in

on me." Would you say that is proof it never will cave in? Would you be willing to work there without taking any safety measures? Now, it might be possible that a man could work there for a life time, take no particular safety measures and escape death in the mines, but on the other hand, it might crush him with very little warning any day. Why should one go through all that suspense, not knowing what might happen, when a few safety measures could be taken to prevent such from taking place?

Another thing, too. There is that certainty that the wicked are going to be punished. They may escape for a hundred times, but ultimately, they shall not escape. Their days on this earth will come to a close and then this scripture in Eccl. will be so applicable: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:13-14.

But just listen to the assurance given the righteous: "yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him."

Have you seen the sign on some truck or auto: "Safety is no accident." Now, if this is so important in a material way, don't you think it is time to do as the scripture says: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14

Here is a safety feature expressed in poem which all of us can use, I believe if we will give heed to it:

### *Diligence*

If you've ever made a garden,

With a love to see things grow,  
You will own that every morning  
It was hoe, hoe, hoe.

Were you ever in a vineyard  
Where the grapes were ripe and thick?  
When you went to fill your basket  
You must pick, pick, pick.

Did you ever learn a lesson  
Just by taking time to cry?  
Or was this your resolution,  
"I will try, try, try?"

Did you ever meet temptation  
Like a lion in the way,  
When you knew your only refuge  
Was to pray, pray, pray?

Jesus is the way to heaven,  
And if you get there, you must  
Trust in his almighty power  
Ever trust, trust, trust.

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Friends, don't forget the text. Make it a part of your life: "Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him."

Let us pray.  
Our father in heaven, bless the truth of thy word as it goes out over the air-waves. May it be a warning to the sinners to leave off their evil ways. Encourage the faithful to be patient, steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as their labor is not in vain in the Lord and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen to the message. If it has proven a blessing we would be so happy to hear from you. Perhaps you would like a printed copy free of charge. If so, write us. You may address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song: "Sing It Again".

The singers are: Lynn, and Arnett Carver, Genevieve and Sharon Carver, and Gloria Martens.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you always and a very chereful goodbye.

### *Correspondence*

From Calif.: "I am still saved this morning and trusting my dear Lord. I enjoy the Mission Trail so much, love to read about so many of my brothers and sister. God is so good to all of us . . . Hope you are all well. I am doing pretty good. My eye has been bothering me some, but I know the good Lord knows all about it. We have been having nice weather here in Calif. It was a little cool but warmed up. We have a nice fall garden coming on. May the good Lord bless all of you and keep the good news going to as many as you can. We sure do need it these days. We have to fight the old devil so much. So pray for me."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Miss.: "Dear ones, a few lines in a hurry; do not have much chance to write. Mama is not so well and some of my folks are in bad shape, will appreciate you continuing to pray for us."

--Sister Dorothy Bridges

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—James 1:5.

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.—Prov. 2:6-7.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!—Prov. 9:10; 8:13; 16:6.



From Calif.: "Our heartfelt Christian Greetings to each and all of you. Wanted to let you know we deeply appreciate you sending us the paper and enjoy the messages and testimonies it contains. We trust all of you are well and sustained by the Great Grace of God in these perilous times. Congratulations to you. . . Grandparents on your second grandchild, but am sure you don't feel much older! We have 9 grand-children and all seem to like to come to grandma and grandpa's house, and we certainly wouldn't want it any other way. If we can continually maintain, and finally leave a heritage of love, devotion and faithfulness to God we will be happy when we have to say farewell to them and this world. . . If your pathway ever brings you near please come to see us. In Christian love to all."

--Lois and Robert Longley

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From Calif.: "Our heart is full of love. We come to greet you in Jesus dear name. . . God is so good to me and I love Him with all my heart. I had a bad fall, but God was so good, did not break a bone, but hurt my left wrist quite badly and my God has done wonders for my wrist. I still suffer much with numb hands. . . This leaves me with real victory in my soul."

--Sis. Dessie LeMelle

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From Oregon: (353 letters this year) "Dear Bro. Willie and family. I greet you in Jesus dear name. I can report victory in my soul, and I am thankful for all the dear Lord has done for my body. He gives me rest some nights, but others I am restless most of the night, but last night I had a pretty good night, and am hoping for a good rest to-night again. The Lord is good to me and I love him and want to live to please him in all I do and say. He means more to me than all else in this old

world. Our weather is pretty good, had rain one 24 hour period last week, but it has been pretty most of time since. I was sad to hear of Sis. Meeks passing. . . she was a sweet sister, but really should we be so sad? The word Psalms 116:15 says: 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.' I sure miss getting to the service, only been there 3 times since the camp meeting which closed July 4 and this trouble started the 7th. . . May the Lord bless you all. Christian love and prayers,"

--Sister Emma Busch

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior! He is so precious to me. Today is beautiful and sunny and a crispness in the air of Fall. We learned a poem in school, "October's bright blue weather" and truly it is. . . We had our vacation in Tionesta, where the mountains are so beautiful. My daughter works as the Editor of their weekly paper and couldn't be with us very much, but in the evening they took us to see deer along the road. How pretty they are and not too wild until first shot of a hunter's gun, then they really run fast. We saw so many beautiful animals, birds and God's handiwork everywhere. . . God bless you as you travel and protect you and may many souls find the Lord and know the forgiveness of sin in their lives. Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "Trust all is well with you. We are thankful to be feeling well and on the go. Seemingly, it's so much to keep us busy around our place. . . We enjoy the Mission Trail and when we read of others enjoying it also, it's a joy to send a little to help keep it going out. May the Lord bless you always and thank you always for prayer."

--Johnnye Lee and Milton Johnson



From Okla.: "Well I trust all of you are feeling fine. I am still gaining. I don't feel so good all the time. We got good rain, thank the good Lord for that. God permitted me to have some fruit, enough to do me and a few beans and a few peas. I am glad God is good to us all in these trying hours. . . so much sin all around us, only thing we can do is to pray and trust good Lord. . . . People have turned so far from God they can't afford to make things right with their neighbor. I am afraid they will miss heaven. God said in his word his spirit wouldn't always strive with man. It's appointed unto man once to die, after this the judgment. Well, I am ready to go when Jesus calls me that way."

--Sister Ben Harrison

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From S. Car.: "Today finds me working and fighting in the battle for my Lord. We are having plenty of trials and tests to go through with, but praise God His grace is sufficient to keep us true and faithful. Well, the few saints here seem to be much encouraged and we hope you all will keep the good work going forward for God. Here is a little help to help you broadcast God's holy word. Praise God for this truth that's being preached in its fullness. Don't forget to pray for us."

--Sister Edna Crummie

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From Ohio: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Eph. 3:20. I praise the Lord today for Salvation, that delivers from all sin, and fully satisfies the soul. I'm so glad we are serving a living God this morning. . . and He is still saving precious souls that are hungry and thirsty for the truth. My heart has been made to greatly rejoice again, when My Daughter's oldest Son's wife, Della Neff got gloriously saved on the

night of Sept. 19th. She had called me long distance, and she was the happiest I've ever known her to be. . . Jimmy and Dorothy are doing fine, but continue to pray that these young Saints will go on and get deeper with the Lord. Let's pray, and expect greater things from the Lord. He tells us in Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need. Remember my body much in prayer also, and some unspoken requests. In much Christian love, your little Sister in the one true way."

--Maudie Sharp

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From Ga.: "I do trust all are well in body and soul. I am well in my soul, but my body is on the weak side, although I am thankful to our wonderful Lord who has helped me and blessed me in many good ways. I have learned to be thankful. . . . Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:20. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:18. We miss our sister so very much but we understand. Pray much for us. . . I am one in the true body."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

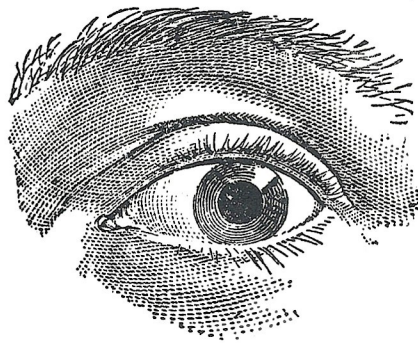
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From S. Car.: "I am writing to let you hear from me once again. This finds me still pressing on to make heaven. . . it means so much to trust God for everything in our life here. I am glad since I got in with the saints of God, born into the one family of God I can now trust in Him for the healing of my body. . . it encourages my heart to hear from the saints through the little Mission paper. So I am still praying for you. . . may God bless you and your wife in this work. . . pray much for me. Your saved brother in the one body."

--Bro. Eddie Drigger

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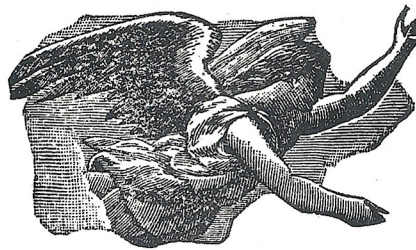
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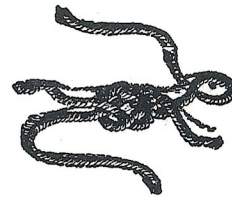
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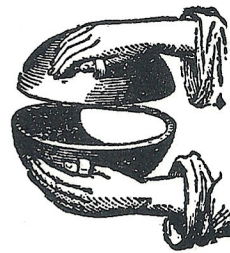
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we understand:

From La. : "Just a few lines. . . I am still in the fight for heaven, still looking for our blessed Lord. May he find us true with the garments pure and clear. It's cool here with plenty rain. Mayo seems to be getting along fine. It makes us all glad. . . May our Lord bless you all in the work there. Much Christian love,"

--Bro. J. M. Mitchell

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From Okla. : "I hope all are well. I live so busy going to meeting that I neglect to write. I was 90 years old in August, but so thankful I can take care of myself, yet I live alone. The dear Lord has been so good to me. I still enjoy the paper, read it as soon as I can. I am sending a little offering to help."

--Sister Birdie M. Matthesen

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From Ill. : "Linda, Delmar, children, Mary and I went to the Grubbs all-day meeting last Sunday. I stayed all night on Sat. with Sis. Allen. Mary stayed with Melonie Marler and Delmar and Linda went on to spend the rest of the night (after 10 p. m.) with DeLoris and Randell Bradley. . . How much it meant to all of us to know that Ed had been saved, by Gods great mercy and love! I sometimes am so lonesome when I think of him--but I do not weep as those without hope--for I know he is better off and God doeth all things well. . . How good the Lord is! Worthy of my very best in all things. I do love and adore Him most of all. . . May the Lord bless you all, and keep you happy in His work. With love,"

--Sister Thelma Sprague

## SINGING AND ALL-DAY MEETING

All-day meeting will be held in the Church of God chapel, Myrtle, Mo., Sunday, Nov. 7. You are invited to come for the Saturday night singing at 7:30, Nov. 6, and stay over until Sunday. Beds furnished for those spending the night. Come singing and praying.

--Sister Margaret Eck, Box 706, Myrtle, Mo. 65778. Ph. 417-938-2562.

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In returning from Guthrie to his home in Mo. Friday, Oct. 8, Bro. Austin McMillian's car struck a horse in the road near Coyle, Okla. and extensive damage was done to his car. Brother Austin received a small cut on the forehead, but reported the day following that he was doing real well and was thankful for the prayers of the saints.

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Special service in song is to be had at "Upper Whorton" near Huntsville, Arkansas Oct. 23, 7:30 p. m. See last week's paper for directions in getting there. Also a singing is planned for Springfield, Mo. Church of God chapel, 718 N. Kansas on October 30 at 7:30 p. m. and all-day service Sunday, Oct. 31. All are invited.

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We are having meeting at Bro. E. A. Loftis' home at Prattsville, Ark. Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning of the third week-end of each month. If you are in driving distance, we would be glad to have you in these meetings. For information contact: Bro. Murphy Allen, Rt. 1, Box 161, Senath, Mo. 63876, Ph. 314-738-2551.



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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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