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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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## Counting the Cost

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Good morning, friends. I am certainly happy for the opportunity and privilege to bring you another short gospel message from the word of God. Indeed, there are many privileges that we have in this life, especially when we choose to serve the Lord. Just think of the opportunity and privilege we have of being saved from our sins with the assurance, knowing that we are God's children. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's. This was the statement made by the apostle Paul. I am sure that he knew what he was talking about. He was in many dangers often. But he had that assurance that he was God's child whether he lived or died. So, I am glad for that privilege, today, too. I'm glad to be one of his little ones. There are many many advantages, of course. The assurance to know that we are saved from our sins is worth more than all the world.

But, along with all of these privileges and advantages come also certain responsibilities. If we would positively and definitely choose to be one of God's children, and I hope that you will and that you are fully persuaded along this line, then there are certain responsibilities that go along with this. It is like going down to purchase a new car. You might look at the car, you might size it up and see the color of the paint, the white wall tires, the conveniences, the smoothness of the operation of the car all around, but the catch would be when you have looked it over, as to whether or not you are fully prepared to pay the cost for that car.

Let me use that to bring to your minds this scripture here that I have for you in Luke, the 14th chapter of Luke, and beginning with verse 25: "And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, if any man come to me, and hate not his father,

and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

Now I don't believe the Lord was speaking here that you should really have hatred and ill-will in your heart for your parents, or your loved ones. But he means here that you should put God first in your life. You should put him above your loved ones, your father, your mother, or anyone else in life, who might persuade you to do things which would not be God's will for you. All right, let us continue:

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Can't you just hear one say: "Why, I didn't know there was going to be any cross to bear! I thought it was all going to be lovely and smooth sailing and easy going!" But dear ones, let me assure you, there's going to be a cross for you to bear and for me.



Therefore, it is important that we count the cost. Notice a little more:

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Wouldn't that be humiliating to think that someone had began a building and they weren't able to finish it? They would perhaps feel like running off and hiding to get away from the public view. But their works would be there, part of it would anyway, to show that they had started the tower and wasn't able to finish it. And don't you know that's the way it is with many many folks who begin to live for God. They see the advantages, they want the privileges, yes, who is it that wouldn't want to have the peace of God within their hearts and the assurance that they belong to him. Who is it that wouldn't want to know that should they leave this world any moment, they would be saved from eternal agonies of punishment? This is worth a lot.

"Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

So, I say the important part in making your decision for the Lord, is to count the cost and see whether or not this is really your choice. Let us be like Ruth

was of old. When Naomi persuaded her, or that is gave her the opportunity to go back, Naomi didn't offer her a lot of advantages and privileges. She let her know that she didn't have any more sons for her husband. But she just left it up to her to decide, or in fact, she rather persuaded her to go and stay with her people, if she would. But, no, Ruth made the decision that she was going to go with her. She was going to let Naomi's God be her God, and Naomi's people would be her people. Where Naomi stayed that's where she would stay. She would just be content to follow her all the way.

Oh, I would to God that more people were persuaded like this in their choice in serving God. That they would be fully persuaded to just follow him and take whatever he may send their way. But, rest assured, dear ones, it won't all be bitter. It won't all be hard places, because there will be many many rewarding things in life that will outweigh the suffering and the cost that you will have to pay in choosing to be one of God's little ones.

We might think for a moment: What are some of these costs that we might have to pay? Well, let us remember first of all that we must consecrate to be just a very lowly humble person. Especially is this true in the eyes of the world. We're not going to be great in the eyes of the world. How could we be? God didn't call us for that purpose and mission--to be great in the eyes of the world. He called us to just carry out his purpose and will in life.

Let us be like Moses of old. It is said that he chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. So, there will be some suffering, there will be



some reproaches. Another thing, dear ones, are you really willing to be different from the world? Not for the sake of being different, but for the sake of doing God's will in your life. You must settle it once and for all, if you would be successful and happy in living for God, that you are going to be different. And you will be. You'll certainly be different from the world in many many ways--in your manner of speech, the things upon which you set your heart, your manner of dress. God does care about these things. He is particular about his people. He wants them to be a peculiar people, chosen to show forth the light of God through their hearts and lives. Let us be like Moses of old, that we may choose rather to suffer reproaches and be one of God's little ones. Just dare to be different. Here's another scripture in Matthew, the 7th chapter of Matt. and beginning with verse 24: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Now, these people are the ones who did God's will. They counted the cost, they paid the price, and I'm convinced they were happy in doing so, that they were glad they did. But let us go on:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

So, you may rest assured, there are

going to be some trials, there are going to be some problems in life. We may as well settle it once and for all to go God's way regardless of the cost. Let us choose His way above all others.

Shall we pray:

Our gracious father, we're so glad for the privilege of bringing thy word over this radio station. We pray that you would accompany the word to the hearts of every listener. Bless each one in the way which they need today. Heal the sick, deliver those who are bound by habits of chain, and sins. Set them free and may they count the cost and be glad they did. Bless each one this day. We'll surely give thee the praise in Jesus name.

Thank you dear ones, for a few moments of your time. If we may be a help to you do be free to write us. Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Here is a song: "The Cross is not Greater than His Grace."

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep every one of you and a very cheerful Goodbye!



SALOME DANCING BEFORE HEROD.



## Correspondence

From Kansas: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. It's so precious to have a loving Savior that we can trust every step of the way. . . It was good to have the young saints with us at Coffeyville and to see how they could take the lead in the service for the Lord. The young saints need great encouragement for the devil is surely working to overthrow everyone he can and he doesn't care what method he uses. But we are still serving a mighty God. When I see what a time the other teachers have with their students, I can't keep from saying Thank you God for choosing the first grade for me. . ." --Mamie Norcutt

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From Okla.: "It has been a few months since I wrote to you, but I still listen every Sunday morning to your sermon on radio from KGGF, Coffeyville, Kansas. . . I am enclosing a small offering for you to use as you wish, hope it helps a little. May the Lord always help and be near you," --Mable Been

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From Mo.: "Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I send greetings in Jesus dear name. I enjoyed the camp meeting down at Myrtle, met so many dear saints and made another pen pal. Oh, I enjoy the good encouraging letters I receive. We have just had our all day meeting. . . had a good turn out and much fellowship and good old fashioned testimonies. Where Bro. Fox is, there's bound to be rejoicing in our dear Lord, as He is on fire for the Lord. Sunday morning he brought an anointed message and Sis. Eck preached the afternoon message which was so inspiring. . . We had a basket lunch at the noon hour. . . still baskets couldn't have held all the soul nourishing meal we received from the Master's table, praise the Lord. I'm glad to report excellent health since I

gave the Lord my body same as my soul. 'I haven't had a sick spell since.' There is a song I love to hear, 'To Know that He Knows and Understands.' I want to trust Him while I live so His promise will be fulfilled when I die. How can people live without this 'Christ of the Cross.' He has healed me so many times and helped me for the best concerning all problems and burdens. He is all and all to me."

--Sister Lillian Dinkens

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From Wisc.: "Greetings, and God bless you! We are having our rainy fall season and the leaves are falling fast. I'm almost prepared for winter. I have the storm windows on and the insulation and tarpaper around the walls of the house but as yet my small space heater is not back in the basement yet and my oil tank must be raised up at the back before I can put oil in it. The last few days were warm and muggy so I haven't really needed oil yet. . . So good that we have the power of prayer and our God is watching. Well, today, I am another year older. . . I hope you are all well and happy and again, God bless you all!"

--Sister Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Okla.: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Greetings of love in Jesus' name. We are still saved and encouraged to press on for the Lord. It has been some time since I have seen you and I'm a little lonely for you. You know the saints are just one big family and just as we get lonely for our natural families, so we do for the family of God. Our heart surely is bubbling over with love for God's people. I haven't done as much to help with the radio broadcast as I should but I do mean by God's help to do better in the future. . . May God continually bless you in every way. Continue to pray for us. Yours in Christ,"

--Frances Chandler



From Calif. : "Dear Bro. Willie, Just a few words to say I was in pretty bad shape with gall stone trouble. My left kidney was so sore and my stomach and all my organs so sore. One morning in Sept. I had gotten up. God just touched me. All soreness left and is still gone but have some symptoms. . . Just keep me on your prayer list."

--Bro. Guy Littrell

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From Mo. : "Dear Ones, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Trust this finds all well and enjoying many blessings from our Heavenly Father. Today finds us much encouraged in the Lord and with a hearty appetite for the truth. We appreciate you faithfully sending us the Mission Trail and find much encouragement in it. May the Lord bless your labors of love. Pray for us."

--The Glen Inmans

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From Ark. : "Dear ones who send the Mission Trail. It is time I send an offering, and tell you I do appreciate your prayers, for it's hard to be alone when it seems your prayers are not answered. And yet I know God is God and there is nothing he doesn't understand. Knowing His grace is sufficient and believing His word, I will go on."

--Mrs. J. C. Morris

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#### SOUND SPEECH

"Sound speech, that cannot be condemned;" Titus 2:8. "Upon every family, upon every individual Christian, is laid the duty of barring the way against corrupt speech. . . It is the work of parents to train their children to proper habits of speech. The very best school for this culture is the home life. From the earliest years the children should be taught to speak respectfully and lovingly to their parents and to one another. They should be taught that only words of gentleness, truth, and purity

must pass their lips. Let the parents themselves be daily learners in the school of Christ. Then by precept and example they can teach their children the use of 'sound speech, that can not be condemned.' This is one of the greatest and most responsible of their duties. As followers of Christ we should make our words such as to be a help and an encouragement to one another."--Sel.

#### My Bible And I

We've traveled together,  
My Bible and I,  
Through all kinds of weather,  
With smile or with sigh!  
In sorrow or sunshine,  
In tempest or calm!  
Thy friendship unchanging,  
My lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together,  
My Bible and I,  
When life had grown weary,  
And death e'en was nigh!  
But all through the darkness  
Of mist or of wrong,  
I found there a solace,  
A prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us,  
My Bible and I?  
Shall "isms" or schisms,  
Or "new lights" who try?  
Shall shadow for substance,  
Or stone for good bread,  
Supplant thy sound wisdom,  
Give folly instead?

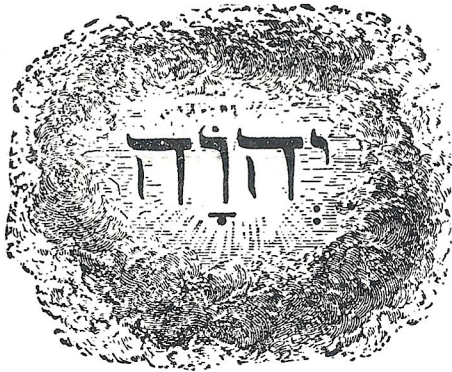
Ah, no, my dear Bible,  
Exponent of light!  
Thou sword of the spirit,  
Put error to flight!  
And still through life's journey,  
Until my last sigh,  
We'll travel together,  
My Bible and I.

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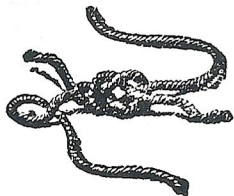
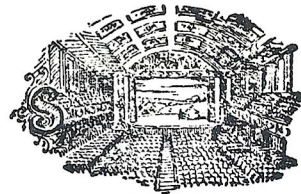
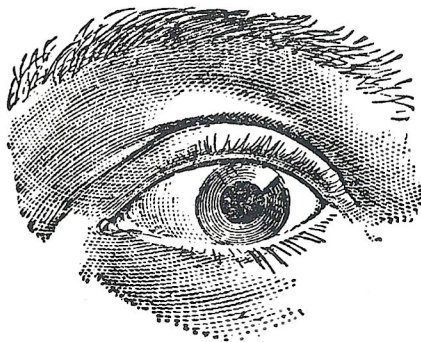


# Children's Page

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# at press time

we understand:

## *Prayer Request*

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

--Luke 10:2

Since my first trip to Quito, Ecuador in South America more than two years ago I have had a great longing to return and learn more of the possibilities of doing missionary work in this needy area. It is no small assignment, but as this "press-time" news is being prepared for publication the Lord is working and the door presently is open for me to make the trip this month. I will be traveling by car as far as Miami, Florida from where I will take the plane to Ecuador. In order to do this a few issues of the printed copies of the Mission Trail will be omitted. Continue to listen for the broadcasts over the radio stations at the usual time on Sundays. Frances will remain home with our two school boys, Willie and Wayne as they all faithfully look after things in my absence. Pray that God may open doors and provide traveling mercy, as well as work upon the hearts of those in authority with whom we will be coming in contact. Our trust is in the Lord. We are eagerly looking forward to bringing you a more complete report on future broadcasts and also printed copies of the Mission Trail. Pray for us as we pray for you. Your brother in Christ,

--Willie C. Murphey

"We had a lovely wedding and trip and so enjoyed it. We are at home now and so happy. God has been good to us. We feel blessed above many and yet so undeserving. Please send us the Mission Trail to the outside address. We'd appreciate it as we miss it!"

--Toney and Jeanie Samons,  
105 Wilderness Rd., Apt. 1, Danville,  
Ky. 40422

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Brother Ostis Wilson brought the saints in Guthrie some inspiring messages before he and his wife, Sister Evelyn left on their westward journey October 27. He is now the pastor of the congregation in Jefferson, Oregon.

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Revival services are scheduled to begin in the Church of God chapel, corner of Eldridge and Elmwood Drive, Coffeyville, Kansas on the evening of Nov. 8. Bro. Mart Samons plans to be in this meeting. All are invited.

## ARE YOU READY?

By Helen Sanderson Imler

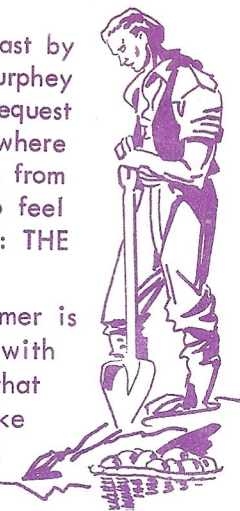
I am ready, said the Reaper  
As he moved among the throng--  
Snatching children, men, and women,  
Hastening to take them along  
I am ready, said the Reaper,  
Be it midnight or at noon;  
I will visit you so surely--  
Maybe late; maybe soon.  
I am ready, said the Reaper,  
Give it thought while yet 'tis day;  
I may visit you ere nightfall--  
Are you ready to go away?





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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

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

| RADIO<br>STATION | LOCATION            | DIAL<br>SETTING | TIME               |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| KGGF             | Coffeyville, Kansas | 690 kc.         | Sunday, 8:00 a. m. |
| KCKW             | Jena, Louisiana     | 1480 kc.        | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
| WFPR             | Hammond, Louisiana  | 1400 kc.        | Sunday, 7:45 a. m. |

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