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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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Turning Points in Troubled Lives!

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Good morning, friends. It is certainly a joy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I hope today finds you encouraged to press on for the truth and in nothing terrified by your adversaries as the scriptures tell us. If we would win that crown of eternal life we must run with patience the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Consider this scripture from the book of Job: "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."

This scripture is found in the last chapter of Job and verse 10. I like that verse, don't you? Have you ever heard that expression: "It is a long road which has no turns" Such is the case here in the life of Job. But, dear ones, don't forget, there was a turning point. He was a godly man, and honored the Lord. Satan was literally turned loose on him, with the exceptions which the Lord put on him, to try his faith, but he stood the test and came out victoriously. There was a turning point in his suffering. And you may be sure Job spoke with authority after the trials were past. Who, more than he, would be better qualified to speak from experience? He traveled the road of life, and came through great and severe trials! I say Job speaks with great authority on human woes. He sure knew the bitter facts of life.

Think of it for a moment. His children died on the eve of what we might call a family reunion. That was not the tragic death of one child only, but Job had seven sons, and three daughters, and everyone of them died at one time.

Wouldn't that be tragic? Furthermore, Job's health was shattered by foul and lingering disease; his wife counseled him to curse God and die and so escape his misery; his friends, if we might call them that, who were supposed to comfort him, had little comfort to offer but lots of criticism and faults to find. According to them, Job was suffering great punishment for his great sins; They considered him a reprobate from the Lord, and in reality, he was not. God had only allowed Satan to try his faith. These friends supposed Job was only getting what was coming to him. They looked on him as a hoary reprobate getting what he deserved, a moral monster condemned to monstrous agonies. "The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" had pierced him through with many sorrows. He was broken on the wheel of life, according to the opinion of these friends, so called.

But wait a moment. There is another expression worth mentioning at this point: "All is well that ends well." Did you ever hear of that? I sure do like the happy ending of Job. Don't for-

get that scripture I gave you a few moments ago: "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends." So, dear ones, you, too, may be called to go through the valley of the shadow of death, but just remember, there will come a turning point in your suffering. It will not last forever. There will come a change. Job struck the very depths of trouble, but then he began to rise. Dawn broke at last on the long dark night of stress and strain. Please notice the precise moment when that dawn came. It was when he prayed for his friends.

This is indeed a very significant statement in the life of Job. We should not overlook it. All that goes before this time in his life were the things approaching this climax! And the things which followed this unforgettable event in Job's life was a part of the happy ending.

But how about these three friends? Well, here is what the Lord had to say for them: "My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job." Job 41:7-8.

Can't you just imagine how humiliating it must have been for these fellows to go right back to Job and ask him to pray for them? I would like to have heard their request when they asked for that prayer, wouldn't you? They must have had to lay down all that wisdom which

they had put forth as the mind of God! After all, they weren't as wise as they had professed to be.

But that is not all--think what a forgiving attitude Job must have had to be willing to even look at them, let alone to pray for them! Just think of all the cruel and hard things they had accused him of! They falsely accused Job. But then he was willing to pray for them. This certainly took some grace on his part. Instead of cursing these so called friends he prayed for them. And God heard that prayer which was the turning point in Job's life. From there on, it was victory all the way!

The lesson we should learn from this, is that the way out of our troubles into happiness is the way of self-forgetfulness. Lay down your pride and prejudice. The Lord seeks to walk with that one who is of an humble and meek spirit and with the one who trembles at the word of God.

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!"

Sometimes when an artist draws or paints a picture he puts the figure of a man in it for no reason at all except proportion. Knowing the height of a man, we can judge, when we look at the picture, the height of the central object. That object which gives proportion to all other things in the scripture is the cross of Christ. The apostle Paul said "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6:14.

This cross of Christ tells of the value of a human individual and the worth of a never-dying soul. Sacrifice is interwoven with the very nature of things. Jesus made it plain that he died not only for all of us but for each of us. So really, in the shadow of the cross of suffering Job stood tall among those of his day. Even though it was before the cross of Christ, yet it was in the shadow of the cross.

Dear ones, are you willing to take up your cross and follow Christ? Let us pray,

Our father, bless the word to the good of every listener. Help us to be like Christ--forgiving and willing to pray for any enemies which we may have and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may help you with some heart-breaking load, be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail Guthrie, Okla. And may I also take just a moment to say many many thanks to every one of you who have stood by us down through the years as we endeavored to proclaim the word over the air. We certainly appreciate it. We trust that God may bless you richly and that the word may profit those who hear.

Here is a song "The Church Has One Foundation." The singers are Lynn and Arnett Carver.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful goodbye!

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"And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken."--Isaiah 62:12.

Testimonies

From La.: "Greetings of love this morning! Trust this finds you well and encouraged in the Lord. We are all well and enjoying this nice spring weather down at Loranger. Makes us want to get out and work in the garden... Please remember us when you pray that we will always be found doing the will of the Lord."

--Sis. Veva Myers

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From Ala.: "Dear ones, hope this finds you all well and enjoying life. The weather is so pretty today. I want to praise the dear Lord. He is so good to us. I do enjoy walking and talking with the Lord here in this life. I could not live without him. He has done so much for me that I could never do for myself. Praise his holy name... I have a very special unspoken request... I am so thankful for every one of the saints, from the least to the greatest, that we can send our prayer request to one another, and pray for one another. I thank God today for each one of you that has taken time to pray over my request."

--Sis. Pearlene Whitson

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From Oregon: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I just got home and have been busy looking over my mail and taking care of some business... please do send the paper. I really do enjoy it. It is like a letter from home. I don't write many letters as my hands are not so good. I surely did enjoy my visit with my children and my family in the Lord. I met some new ones and many I hadn't seen for several years, but it encouraged me greatly... It is raining today but was just like spring yesterday. Everything is so green and pretty and the flowers are blooming. I was happy to get home but it is very lonely at times, so pray for me. Love and prayers."

--Sis. Margaret Olson

From La.: "God answers prayers! Divine healing is in the atonement and we all know Jesus Christ is same today, yesterday and forever! We are glad we're in this way. It grows more precious to me as I grow older. I don't feel like it would be right to limit power of God! God's power has helped us in so many ways and He hasn't lost any power! There can be marvelous healings today. I know, because praise to Him alone I am healed of diabetes... Several times I was healed instantly! This time I waited patiently and with faith anchored deep... There isn't enough words I can find to thank Him for healing me!... I love God today and all you dear saints and thank each of you for your prayers for me at Guthrie camp meeting last summer while I was so ill!"

--Sis. Rubye Quave

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From New Mex.: "I have a request for prayer--a little grand daughter is very sick in a bad condition after pneumonia and flu, the lung damaged. It had collapsed, so do thank you so much for your prayers in her behalf." Christian love,

--Ruth Doolittle

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From Illinois: "I am writing a letter for Mrs. Iva Boling. Last Wednesday she fell and broke her right arm, therefore she is unable to write to you herself. Her right leg is also hurt quite badly and so she has constant pain in both her leg and arm. She would request prayer in her behalf from both of you and also all the other saints there. ... Thank you for your prayers in her time of need. She is trusting the Lord for a real answer to prayer in your combined efforts. May the Lord bless each of you"

--Sister Iva Boling

306 Randolph St., Pinckneyville, Ill. 62274 (By Kathi D. Keast) P.S. I know she would dearly love a few get well cards! Thank you.

From La.: "Warm greetings of love to you in the precious name of Jesus. It has been awhile since I've written to you... The Mission Trail is always a blessing to me, but I especially enjoyed the one that arrived yesterday with the testimony of the early-day pioneer minister telling how God answered prayer in such a marvelous way for him. It inspired my heart and caused me to think back over the years at the many different times when God answered prayer for me before I called. I'd like to tell of two incidents of answers to prayer that has been outstanding to me, insomuch that they were answered before I prayed. I trust this will be an encouragement to some one. When we first met the saints, about 27 yrs. ago, I hadn't learned much about having God answer prayer, although I had experienced a few outstanding answers to prayer. We don't always have to ask audibly as prayer is the sincere desire of the heart and God knows every thought and intent of our heart. At that time I hadn't learned this and thought we always had to ask. I was real hungry in my soul to know more how to live for God and I heard about Bro. C. E. Orr's little book "How to Live a Holy Life". In my heart I yearned for that book. I hadn't prayed about it but the next day when I went to get my mail there was this little book in my mail box--sent to me by a sister who lived over 200 miles away and whom I'd never met. Oh, how my heart rejoiced as I wept and thanked God and I thought "Now, HOW did this Sis. KNOW I wanted that particular book?" So the Lord showed me that He knew about it--so, I learned two lessons there. I learned that God heard the cry of my heart without words and that he could talk to the hearts of his children and move upon them to supply the need of another of his little ones." Continued next week.

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

A FIELD REPORT

From Mexico: "Trust that all is well with you today in every way. I can report victory in my soul and have sweet peace and joy within me. Seems I feel more of a challenge as I look about the work of God here, than I have had. I guess the enemy got me to looking around but I began to ask the Lord to give me more burden for the lost and to try look at it as He does. I do want to be faithful to Him and souls around me. I do know that the enemy of our souls is constantly endeavoring to get our eyes off of Christ. And that is why Jesus told us to watch and pray. Thank you for sending me the Mission Trail. I enjoy reading it so very much. It is an inspiration to me. I get lonesome for some messages in English. I enjoyed hearing the messages on the radio while I was home. I had wanted to come to Guthrie on the way back but the folks who fixed the pick-up held us up about a week longer than they told us at the beginning... We went around to each mission station last week and visited different folks along the way. The trip was 445 miles. Sis. Opal Kelly wasn't there as she had been sick and some of the saints from San Diego came and took her back with them. We spent 2 nights with Bro. Tomas and family and were in services with them. We had a good trip and feel that it was real profitable especially for us. Most of the folks we visited with were living for the Lord but some we fear have lost their first love of God. Our trip gave us more of a burden for the lost and for the saints, for the devil is so very cunning. The services in the Valle de Trinidad with the brethren was a real blessing for us, to hear the good testimonies for the Lord. The whole Mendoza family is precious indeed. We plan to have our camp-meeting here in El Ejido Patzcuaro the 28th of March through the

2nd of April. It's almost too hot now to have it but we can hardly have it any other time. If you wish to mention this in the paper it would be good and to invite all who could to come and for all to pray for this meeting. We have lots to do to get ready for it. Well, I must close for now. May God bless you dear ones ever close to Himself."

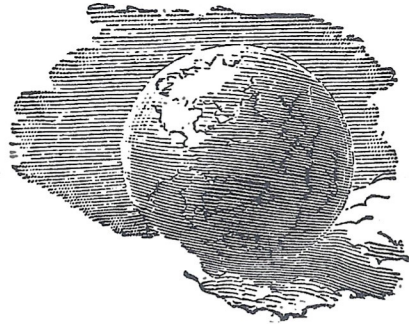
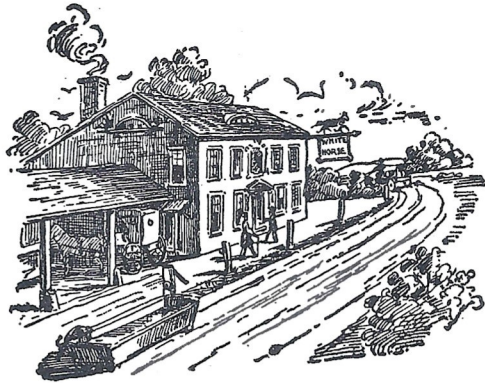
--Sis. Edith Cole, Box 1425, Calexico, California 92231.

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From Ga.: "I am always glad to receive letters from the people of God. They are real encouraging. I have a very sick brother. Please pray along with me to the Lord for the healing of his body and soul. My son is doing nicely, thank God and thank you all for praying along with me to the Lord for his healing... my Bro. Friendly's eldest daughter passed on the 26 of Feb. So we see the Lord is still calling. Yes, we are still passing on to that long long eternity. We all are very sad indeed but we realize it was the great handiwork of God so we are still pressing on knowing that we too, soon must go and I am striving to enter in at the strait gate... the lesson for this week entitled "Shipwreck"--it was touching. There were different ways you mentioned how we can be shipwrecked. It came to me while I was reading my paper how this world is shipwrecked. I tell you this world is in a sad pitiful condition. I read the 1 chapter of Rom. the 18 verse where the Bible is certainly fulfilling. People are acting now as the people did in the days of Noah, Matt. 24:37-39... we three are doing very good with the services here. The Lord meets us here each time. Bro. Humphrey and his family passed through on last weekend and stopped over night with us. We were glad to have them stop by with us. Pray for us as we pray for you all."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

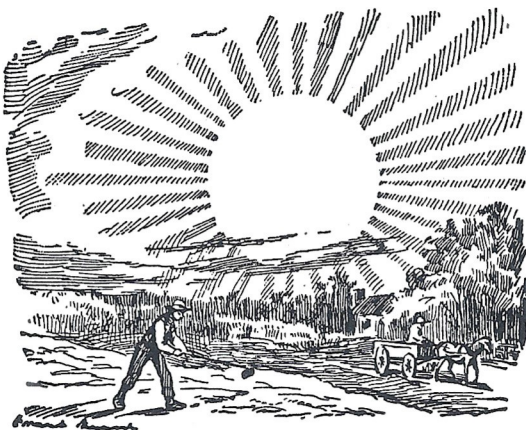
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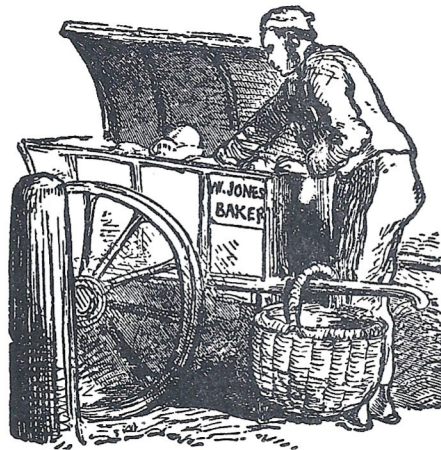
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WORK DAY REPORT

Work day on Saturday, March 11 proved to be very valuable and much was accomplished on the new addition to the dining hall in Guthrie. A number of men from the local congregation as well as some from other congregations came for work. Before the day was over the frame work of rafters, joist, sheeting and part of the shingles was on. The sisters of the congregation prepared the food for the noonday meal. However, much remains to be done in order to be prepared for the state campmeeting in early summer. Also much expense is involved. Those congregations and individuals who wish to share in this work of the Lord should send their offering directly to the state treasurer: Frances Deforth, Route 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

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From Mo.: "I am taking care of my aunt here in Joplin who had a stroke and was in the hospital 4 weeks. We buried 2 of our aunts week before last. Hope all of you are well. I missed the flu and colds all winter until lately, had a bad bad cold, but the Lord helped me out. May God bless you each one." --Sis. Ruth Murphey, 602 N. Fountain, Cartersville, Mo. 64835

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From So. Car.: "This finds me much encouraged in the Lord. Though the battle is great I intend to win it by God's help. I need more and more of the prayers of the other saints to pray with me, so please don't forget us in your prayers. We have lots of sick folks around here." --Edna Crummie

Easter Meeting

Brother Ostis Wilson, pastor of the Jefferson, Oregon congregation, has announced special revival services there beginning March 26th and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 2. They are looking forward to having Brother Kenneth Probst in this meeting and all those who read the Mission Trail and can possibly do so are urged to attend. The Church of God chapel is on Hazel Street. Everyone welcome.

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HOLLY HILL CAMPMEETING

It has been announced that the Holly Hill South Carolina campmeeting will begin June 2 and continue through June 10.

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LOOK AND LIVE!

Look back on all the way the Lord your God has led you. Do you not see it dotted with ten thousand blessings in disguise? Call to mind the needed succor sent at the critical moment: the right way chosen for you, instead of the wrong way you had chosen for yourself; the hurtful thing to which your heart so fondly clung, taken from your path; the breathing-time granted, which your tried and struggling spirit just at the moment needed. Oh, has not Jesus stood at your side when you knew it not? Has not infinite Love encircled every event with its everlasting arms, and gilded every cloud with its merciful lining? Oh, retrace your steps, and mark His footprint in each one! Thank Him for them all, and learn the needed lesson of leaning more simply on Jesus!



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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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