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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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Patterns

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Good morning, friends. We are glad for the privilege of coming your way again by means of radio with a short gospel message from the word of the Lord. If there was ever a time in the history of the world people should be seeking the will of God for their lives, it is now. We are living in perilous times. When Moses was given specific instructions for making the candlestick of pure gold and the seven lamps thereof, there was one thing in particular given here in the 40th verse of the 25th chapter of Exodus which I would like for you to notice: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."

Now, whether we like it or not, life doesn't offer as much escape from rule and pattern as we might think. If we think we have original thoughts, do you suppose it is because we really have not read very much? The houses we live in, the church buildings we worship in, follow a few basic principles of architecture. Much of our food is prepared by ancient methods. Mathematicians have followed certain lines of solution ever since the Egyptians discovered some of the mysteries of the months of the years and the orbits of the planets of the universe.

Moses was given a pattern for the tabernacle and was told to follow it implicitly. Paul also spoke of a pattern. Writing to Titus, he said, "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:7-8.

In other words, he told Titus to so live

that no man could truthfully say bad things of him nor of the Master whom he followed. Think what a responsibility he had. But there is a responsibility laid upon us not only for our own lives but for the lives of others. There is always danger of mistake when we follow copies of other copies of the pattern.

Just ask any good carpenter about this and see whether or not he will not always recommend the rafters for the building be cut from the same pattern.

We should always pattern from the original model. The original model for us in this case is neither Moses nor Paul. Our pattern is Christ. Just as the mountain is the meeting place of earth and heaven--the place where the bending skies meet the highest points of the earth, the place where the clouds keep closest company with the granite--so Christ is the meeting place of divinity and humanity. Every man wishing to know God's thought of and for him must go up to Christ. Thus he can see the pattern clearly and come down strong,

and better fitted for the race, and full of hope.

Do you remember the great industrialist, Henry Ford? He built his first motorcar by hand in 1892. As the years went by Ford cars soon became known throughout the country. Especially was this true as early as 1908. It was about that time that Henry Ford standardized production on a single model for mass production, to sell at a mass-market price which was once as low as \$310. How would you like to buy a new Ford car for that amount now? That would be fantastic, wouldn't it? But let me point out what really revolutionized the industry. It was the making of the parts by a pattern to be uniform and then to be assembled on an assembly line. This really made the difference. It was then the wheels of progress began to roll. Just think of the changes and improvements which have been made since that time.

Do you remember the text now: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount." Don't think because someone else does a certain thing it will be all right for you to do it. Follow the pattern of Christ for your life. Others may get by with things which the Lord will not allow in your life. Now, bear in mind Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. The light of divine truth comes from God. We may serve as the candlestick, but a candlestick only serves to hold the candle which gives the light. Moses was very carefully instructed to make the candlestick after the pattern which had been given him. Here is a little poem which is straightforward and it says:

DO WHAT YOU FEEL YOU SHOULD

If you've any task to do,
Let me whisper, friend, to you,
Do it.
If you've anything to say,
True and needed, yea or nay,
Say it.
If you've anything to love,
And a blessing from above,
Love it.
If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give it.
If some hollow creed you doubt,
Though the whole world hoot and shout,
Doubt it.
If you've any debt to pay,
Rest you neither night nor day,
Pay it.
If you've any joy to hold,
Near your heart, lest it grow cold,
Hold it.
If you've any grief to meet,
At a loving Father's feet,
Meet it.
If you know what torch to light,
Guiding others in the night,
Light it.

I like that poem. It seems to teach us to fulfill the scripture from the book of Isaiah chapter 32 and verse 20. Listen: "Blessed are ye who sow beside all waters." It is indeed a wonderful privilege we have to send forth the word of the Lord over the airwaves trusting it will fall upon good and honest hearts.

If a farmer waited to investigate all the obscure factors involved in growing his crop he would never sow. The weather, the condition of the soil, the economics of the situation would so absorb his time through spring and summer that autumn would show his fields empty of the ripened grain and filled with weeds.

This scripture shows we should sow with a generous hand. In the realm of the spirit as in nature, there is need for urgency if we would please the Lord and rescue the dying. Jesus sowed in various types of ground, spiritually speaking: He cast his words on the air knowing full well some would fall on stony ground and others among the thorns which would choke the grain that it would bring forth no fruit. Think what a time of opportunity we have for sowing the truth. The earth has been plowed by bombs, harrowed by calamity and hatred has had its day. It is time now to speak, act, and work in sowing beside all waters, and above all to make our lives according to the pattern which God has for us.

Let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, bless the word to the good of every listener. Cause it to fall into good and honest hearts bringing forth fruit for thy sake and thine shall be the praise, Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. We hope you have enjoyed the message. If so, we would be glad to hear from you. You may write us by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And do be with us again next week at this same time on this same station... And now this song: "Are You Adorning The Doctrine." The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you in the center of his will and a very cheerful goodbye!



Correspondence

From Ga.: "Greetings in the name of our good kind heavenly Father who is so good to everybody. I do love him. I get so much pleasure in serving him and worshipping him in the beauty of holiness. I am so sorry to see and hear how the majority of the people celebrated the day our blessed Lord arose on--parents teaching their children Easter bunnys, Easter rabbits... People celebrate Christmas and the day our loving Lord arose on in many different ways... Oh, if parents and others would teach their children the true meaning of those two great days it would mean so much to their souls and the souls of others. I am happy in the Lord Jesus and I am still earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

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From Calif.: "Our heart is full of love. We come to greet you in Jesus dear name... The last time I wrote I told you of an affliction on my body which I was much concerned about. I did not tell you how serious it was... Do you know before you received my letter God healed me completely... We are serving a mighty God... I will be 85 next birthday so I have lots to thank and praise my God for, and that I am as well and able to live by my self, do my cooking, have a house keeper come in once a week and do my general cleaning."

--Sister Dessie LeMelle

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the Lord this nice morning. The Lord is so good to his trusting children. I'm glad I ever found him precious to my soul. I only want to be more like him each day... We remember you all in prayer. I'll say bye until next time. Yours in the Lord."

--Myrtle Glass

From Mo.: "Greetings in our dear Lord's name tonight. I haven't written for some time, but have thought of you many times. I'm still happy and encouraged in the Lord. When I think of all He has done for me I just can't begin to thank and praise Him enough. Even in the past year, He has done so much and worked out so many problems and burdens for me, and He has also touched my body and healed and helped so many times, I could not have stayed up and doing my work but for Him. I do desire the prayers of the saints, that I'll ever be found faithful and true to God. I have been so burdened for the lost souls lately, and especially the young folks... God bless and encourage all the saints and all the dear young people who are standing for God. In christian love,"

--Sister Zella Dollins

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! Just like the song says 'For He is so precious to me'. I do thank Him for salvation and His spirit dwelling within. I could not live without Him, for in time of stress and trouble, He is always there, so I just hold my hand in His great big hand and I know He will never forsake me..."

--Sister Eva Cox

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From Calif.: "Greetings of God's great love to all of you. I am sorry I haven't written, but I got very sick while in Ariz., didn't get to see any of the people I had hoped to. I was so sick with sinus as the citrus was all in bloom. My daughter's family decided to move back over here so I decided best to come back with them and not have to ride the bus. The children have had a very hard time trying to find a place to live and stayed with another daughter two weeks. All the time I was praying about it and one day much to all our surprise a lady she had made an appointment with called

and said she could have the apartment. It's a beautiful place so thank the Lord he does more for us than we can understand at times."

--Edna Murry

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From Oregon: "We sure had a good revival, got so much good food to our soul. The Lord sure blessed in the preaching of the word. The saints really was faithful to be at the most of the services... We are having rain right now. We had quite a lot this week, but not very cold for which we are thankful, as some of the fruit is bloomed out. The Lord knows what is best for us all... in the last Mission Trail a sister told how the Lord answered prayer before she called. He answered a wish I had made. I wished I had some of those good peaches they have around Marysville, Calif. and one of my daughters and family visited a niece down there and they sent me a case of peaches. I was so thankful for them."

--Sister Emma Busch

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the precious name of our blessed Saviour who suffered so much for us. I truly thank him for all he has done for me in the past year--how he raised me up and set me going again, praise his dear name... Please continue to pray for me as I am not very strong but I thank the Lord I am as well as I am. May the Lord bless all of you in the work of the Lord is my daily prayers for you and the broadcast work."

--Sister Atha

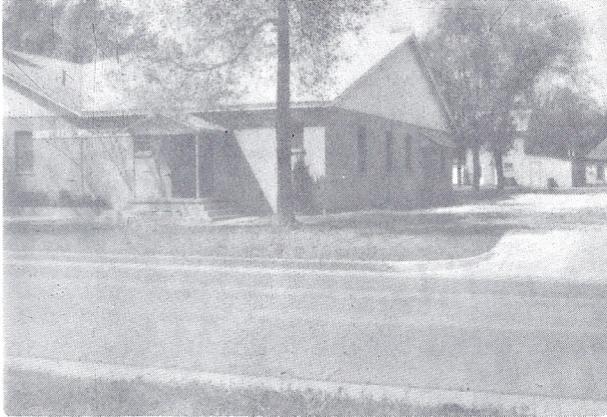
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From Ga.: "Greeting to all in Jesus' name. I am enjoying a happy life in my Saviour's name. I had a light stroke in my right hand on last December was one year ago. The Lord has been so good to me. I prayed to the Lord, but it never did get so I couldn't use it. I am happy in serving Him."

--Sister Claudia Robinson

at press time

we understand:



Shown is the picture of the chapel in Guthrie, Okla. where the state camp-meeting will be held beginning May 26. It will continue for ten days. The parking lot to the east now has gravel on it. The dining hall is shown in the background and the new addition which is not completely finished. Pray the Lord to prosper his work both in a material and spiritual way.

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Congratulations to Bro. E. W. Sanders, R. 2, Box 79, Spencer, Okla. 73084. He was 92 years of age April 7, 1972. Bro. Sanders has been laboring for the Lord for many years.

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From W. Va.: "Greetings in Jesus name. I'm so glad I found him. I don't know what I'd do without him. He is one we can take our burdens to. He will hear and answer prayer. I would like to ask all the saints to pray for my 2 children and their families, that they will get saved. Also my brother that is very sick. Pray the Lord will save him and deliver him from the drink habit. Pray for me too." --Sister Essie Carter

From Oklahoma: "We're thanking and praising the Lord today for freedom from the bondage of this world--salvation the precious gift from God. We pray this finds all well for we know there is much work keeping the Mission Trail printed and mailed. Wish I lived nearer. I could run in and lend a helping hand when needed. We look forward to each Mission Trail. Husband missed the extra page this time as he always hunted the scriptures, but he really enjoys every testimony and I do too. Many we know that write. Many new names for which we thank the Lord, makes us think of the words, .. There will be no strangers there. All will be gladness when we meet over yonder. Thank the dear Lord for hearing and answering prayer times and times."

--Sister Doris Bowers

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From Ga.: "Holy greeting to you all in the name of the good master. I am well as common, hope the same of you all. Well, I am still holding on. I have gone too far to turn back now. I am trying hard to make it, giving out tracts every where. I enjoy reading the paper. They are very nice to read so I am enclosing this letter with 5 dollars to help the good cause." --Brother Friendly Green

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With the coming of the summer let us be as wise as the ants to do God's will: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meet in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." Prov. 6:6-8.



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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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RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
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