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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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“The heart is deceitful . . .”

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Good morning. I am happy to be coming your way with another short gospel message. We sincerely hope and trust that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Listen to this text: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. This speaks of the natural heart of a man or woman being unregenerated and unredeemed. If your heart is different, it is but by the grace of God. And if your heart is like this, I hope by the end of this message you will make your way to the Lord in repentance and have a change of heart.

Now, from the dictionary we find this definition: Deceit--the act or practice of deceiving; an attempt or device to deceive. It goes on to further explain: Deceive implies the imposing of a false idea or belief that causes bewilderment or helplessness or furthers the agent's purpose; mislead stresses a leading astray from the truth usually by deliberately deceiving; delude and beguile stress the action of the one deceived, delude implying an inability to distinguish between the true and the false, beguile, a readiness to be charmed or persuaded by the deceiver.

So it seems to me, to have an "heart deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" would indeed mean that this heart was in need of a cleansing.

Let us look further into this condition. I am reminded of the way in which one of the ancient writers expressed it: "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." Notice two things about an heart like this:

First--when deceit is manifest in men's lives it comes from a wicked heart. Here it is in Mark 7:21-23 -- "From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within, and defile the man."

Secondly--When in men's hearts deceit is usually manifest through the tongue. Listen to Romans 3:13--"Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit;"

Then I want you to notice five other characteristics of these wicked people. 1. The wicked are full of deceit. "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers," Romans 1:29.

2. The wicked devise it. "The thoughts

of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit." Prov. 12:5. And also Psalms 35:20. Listen: "For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land."

3. The wicked utter deceit. Listen again to the word. "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil." Psalms 36:1-4.

4. The wicked work deceit. "The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." Proverbs 11:18.

5. The wicked delight in deceit. "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." Proverbs 20:17. So you can see the wicked are filled with this deceit and work it as well as take pleasure in it, but afterwards their mouth shall be filled with gravel. Did you ever get a mouthful of sand, grit or gravel. Let me tell you, it isn't very pleasant to have grit between your teeth. It might be all right for a chicken to have some gravel to digest its food, but a man wasn't made that way. He doesn't need gravel in his mouth. It doesn't chew very well. Neither does deceit work for his good in the end.

Notice three other things concerning false teachers of deceit. First: False teachers work deceit. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of

Christ." 2 Cor. 11:13. So you see they would have you to believe they are teachers of the truth when in reality, they are deceitful workers of iniquity.

Second: These false teachers preach deceit. Listen to Isaiah 30 beginning with verse 9, "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Get you out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."

Third: False teachers handle the word of God deceitfully. But the true prophet of God does not do this. Listen: "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:2-4.

Then, let me point out some of the evils of deceit. 1. It hinders the knowledge of God. "Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people? Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait." Jeremiah 9:6-8.

2. Deceit keeps men from turning to

God. "Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return."

3. Deceit leads to pride and oppression. Have you noticed how many times Jeremiah has mentioned deceit? Here he speaks again: "As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof? Jer. 5:27-31.

4. Deceit leads men to speak lies. Listen: "A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies." Prov. 14:25.

5. Deceit leads men to fraud. "His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity." Psa. 10:7.

6. Men cover up hatred and bitterness by deceit. "He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." Prov. 26:24-27. Friends, I believe I have given enough

scriptures to show that deceit is a great evil in the sight of God. But please listen to this one other scripture showing that it shall not go unpunished. "But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee." Psa. 55:23.

Let us pray. Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Open the minds of those who are deceived by the enemy and bring repentance to their hearts before the final day of judgment when the secrets of all men shall be revealed and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now this song "Peace Like a River." The singers are the Loftis sisters and Lynn Carver.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "...glad to say this evening we are still on the winning side for Jesus. Praise his name. The way doesn't always seem bright and the road smooth but we can thank the dear Lord for the precious light of his word he has given us. Then we have the promise that he will never leave us nor forsake us... Sorry we have been so long in writing but have been very busy... The past week end we had a very bad flood and high waters everywhere. It washed out and covered up a lot of our garden. We may save two thirds of it. We can thank the Lord he didn't let it get quite to the house. May God bless you in your work for him. Pray for us. We enjoy the sermons in The Mission Trail..." --Cecil and Erma Clevenger

From W. Va.: "It is so wonderful how the Lord touched and healed Brian's feet and legs. His skin is smooth and normal again. Thanks be to the Lord. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord heals. It's a blessing to my soul to see such an act from God. It pays to rebuke the devil and put our whole trust in God. ...I've prayed for a larger house. The one we live in is so small, but thank God for what we have. Last summer we bought a lot... They finished digging out our basement today, plan to lay the blocks Sat. Lord wills we'll be in our house by August. Isn't it wonderful what the Lord can do?"--Elaine Landis

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From Calif.: "I do love God and want to be careful how I live. I don't want to miss heaven and I believe time is near at hand, so much wickedness in this old world. I know God don't like sin and plenty of it most every where you look. May the dear Lord help us all to make it in."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the name of Him who shall come for the redeemed soon, praise His name! May we be ready to greet Him when He appears in glory to carry us to our eternal home... Keep encouraged in Him. Here we have battles to fight and victories to win. We know that in all our afflictions He is with us, and praise His name, there is nothing to fear. All will work for the good of the cause and the faithful ones who endure. Keep on encouraging the saints. The old enemy is ever after us all... we are living in the end time. Today God is purging His church. ...the "third part" is to be tried by fire. All the saved today are included in this "third part." Where the severe persecutions are going on the church is growing. Where we are at ease the church is cold and dying... May God stir us all."

--Bro. H. P. Huskey

From Okla.: "I do hope that you and family are enjoying the richest of his grace. I do so much enjoy the Mission Trail. It seems that each subject is just what we need. I have been very ill but through prayer the Lord has wonderfully blessed. I am able to be up and around again. I wasn't able to attend the spring assembly but my heart and thoughts were there. I am thankful for the prayers of the saints. Continue to pray for me as I pray for you."

--Sis. Rilla C. Wadley

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From New York: "I received your... letter of encouragement, and it was precious to my heart. I am still saved and looking to the Lord for complete healing of this affliction, which I now learn was a stroke. I thank God I am greatly improved. I can even talk better which I could hardly do at first. Thank you for all your prayers in my behalf. I'm going on in Jesus' name until I'm completely healed. Praise the Lord."

--Sis. Ella Mae Hemphill

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From Calif.: "Sorry I haven't written for so long. I have been thinking of you and praying for you all. The Lord has been so good to us. My husband and I both were very ill some time ago, but we thank the Lord for how he has blessed us both. We are doing real good now and have been for over a year so we give God all the praise. We are thankful also my husband was saved in Dec. of '72, so we have a lot to be thankful for. ...we sure enjoy The Mission Trail. The messages and testimonies are so encouraging... Pray for us."

--Bro. Paul and Sis. Mable Carter

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"A prayer request for our eyes and strength in our body. Please pray earnestly. We are thanking God for salvation and for his healing power."

--Joe and Maria Breckenridge

From Texas: "How swiftly the years go by. Hard to believe your children are all out of school. You have taught and trained them in the truth... May your remaining years accomplish much for the Lord. I have had my share of illness, disappointments and illness, trials since I last wrote you. The battle is the Lord's business and I'm still standing and abiding in the truth, willing to fight on 'til the battle in this life is won. The scripture Psa. 90:12-- "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" has been on my mind for some time. I realize my time here on earth is almost up. How I try to make every moment count for God. If people would only live today as tho they knew it was their last, what love they would show. I shall never forget the only message I remember hearing Brother Chandler preach. How we are to forgive as tho it had never been. I believe I can say that has been my life... Have you ever noticed how much more interesting a book becomes when you know the author. So it is with the Bible." --Edith Wall

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From Minn.: "(Jesus said) I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. This leads me to believe we should praise Him more and more. As God wants to be praised for what He has already done for us . . . we ask for more and more. Do we praise Him enough for His loving care... He loves us still and knows what is best for us at all times."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "We thank you for the Mission Trail and your devotion to our Lord and master. We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord and thanking Him for saving and keeping grace. What a mighty God we serve. Trust you are both well. Use the little offering where it is most needed." --Sis. Ruth Turner

From Mo.: "Oh yes, Jesus will give rest to the weary soul when they turn from sin and turn to Him. This evening I am enjoying peace and rest. The great burden of sin and sorrow I once had is gone. I am so thankful for what Jesus has done for me. I enjoy the little paper and I love to hear from the dear ones. I can't go to meeting and be with them like I'd love to, but the Lord has souls everywhere who need to know Him. So I want to be doing what I can to help others. I have meeting in my home every third Sunday... Dear ones, time is going by and still many souls are unsaved... let us get under the burden for lost souls and pray for them..."

--Sister Becky Barnes

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From Ga.: "Bro. Murphey, we three pray that you all rejoice with us. The good Lord has blessed us to make our last payment on our chapel. We are so happy in the Lord. We went out on faith. We didn't give any envelopes asking for help. We didn't give any box suppers or any kind of extra meeting to get finance... We just went out on faith and trusted the God of heaven for our help and he has helped us to make the first and last payment. Oh, what a mighty God we serve. We want to thank our God and all those who have helped us."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

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From Fla.: "I thank each of you for your prayers for me, though I know there are many who don't know me, yet when you pray for the saints everywhere I was included during my hard trial and ... sickness... on the 2nd day in June this house had many saints and friends here singing the sweet songs of Zion and anointed me and prayed for me. I began to sleep all day and eat... I thank the Lord that I really believe the Bible and every word the Saviour said."

--Sis. E. B. McNair

From La.: "We enjoy listening to WFPR for the Mission Trail every Sunday morning. We trust you can continue to keep it on the air... Pray for us as we pray for you. Christian love and prayer." --Elva and Neva Joiner

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From Mo.: "I trust this finds you well and enjoying the blessings of God... I still enjoy reading the paper. May God ever bless you in the work you are doing for Him to His glory. With Christian love," --Sis. Edith Torrance

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From Mo.: "...we enjoy the messages and testimonies; seems like we become acquainted with the saints in sharing their joys and sorrows. I hope everyone is well and enjoying God's blessings and the beauty of the new trees and flowers. It's all so lovely. Oh, yes, I could not forget the birds with their beautiful melody including a hoot owl and turtle dove. I just love God's creation of these things for us to enjoy and thank him daily for them." --Mrs. J. Edw. Leach

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From Ind.: "I am so thankful that I am saved and have a desire for truth. I can look back over my life and see how God had his hand on me many times and directed my life, even while I was living in sin. I appreciate this and am made to weep many times when I think on these things." --Bro. Earl Bliss

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From Mo.: "...it has been some time since I have written to you dear ones, but every day you are remembered in prayer. I trust all are well and enjoying many of God's rich blessings... I love to meet the dear children of God. The fellowship is precious and the presence of God in all... Salvation is the gift of God. When we walk the path that Jesus trod, it gives us peace and joy within, when it saves us from all sin."

--Sister N. E. Adams

"I AM THE WAY"

"And these shall be a highway,
and a way"--the Way of Life.
A holy way of quietness and peace,
No room for strife.

"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,"
Christ said, "I bring soul peace.
I came to bring you hope and love,
and joys that never cease."

"The unclean shall not pass that way,"
He said, "No room for sin,"
But His redeemed shall walk that holy
way and follow Him.

"I am the Truth--come, take and eat
of this the Living Bread.
Take, eat, and satisfy the hungry soul,
You shall be fed."

"I am the Life--the soul that is athirst
May find in Me
A fountain freely offered--freely take,
It is for thee."

"Drink of this Water and you'll never
thirst," No more you'll roam
In search of peace, for you will be
content; He'll lead you home."

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

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From Va.: "Today finds me still encouraged and pressing on. I get a little battle ridden at times but the Lord is my strength. I know that someday we'll all be at rest. This life is only a trial to make us worthy of Heaven. No matter what the devil brings my way the Lord will see me through. He has answered so many prayers... I want to stay true to Him." --Sis. Nancy Wagoner

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From S. Car.: "I have the Mission Trails from 1969 up to the present and enjoy them so much. Please pray for me that I may know and do the Lord's will." --Madge Smith

at press time

we understand:

REVIVAL MEETING NOTICE

The Lord willing and conditions permitting there will be a revival meeting at the Egbert Allen home beginning August 12, 1974 which will continue as long as the Lord leads. Location, 13 miles southeast of Norwood, Mo. on 76 Highway. Directions, take U.S. 60 Highway to Norwood, turn south on blacktop road "C". Travel "C" 11 miles to highway 76, turn left and go two miles on 76 to our house. Bring your campers. Lots of good shade, water and hospitality. We would like to have 10 o'clock morning services. May the Lord send the ministers he can use in this meeting. For further information write or call Egbert Allen, R. 2, Norwood, Mo. 65717. Phone 417-746-2840.

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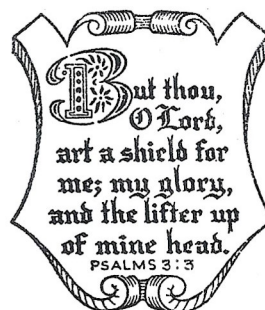
On the evening of Saturday, June 29th, the Guthrie chapel was the scene of a joyful occasion upon the marriage of Miss Marsha Beisly to Gerald Mitchell. Later, at the reception they received some nice gifts, which will help them get started in their Louisiana home. We wish them much happiness and pray God's blessings may be theirs.

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The National campmeeting begins July 19th and continues through the 28th under the tabernacle at Monark which is about five miles east of Neosho, Mo. New ground recently purchased will be available for camping and parking. We are praying the Lord to richly bless.

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State Campmeeting, Myrtle, Mo. is set for August 2nd through 11th.



From La.: "We are encouraged to press on for Him and are thankful for His many blessings to us from day to day. We wouldn't know what to do without the Lord in these times of trouble--the sinners and professors need the saints to pray for them, encourage them and show them the way. We owe a debt to the ones who have not had the privilege of knowing the truth."

--Bro. Ben and Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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Brother John Varghese from India is visiting a number of the congregations and attending some of the campmeetings. He does plan to be at the National meeting before returning to India.

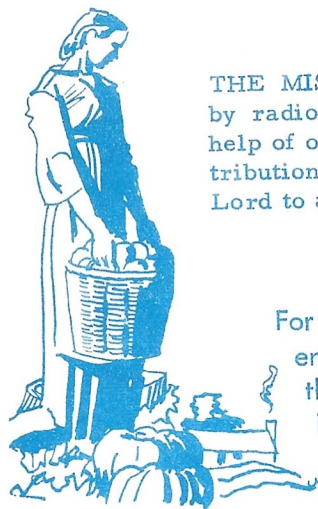
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From S. Car.: "If nothing happens, and the Lord wills, I hope I will meet you at the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri July 19."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

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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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