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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 Strait Gate

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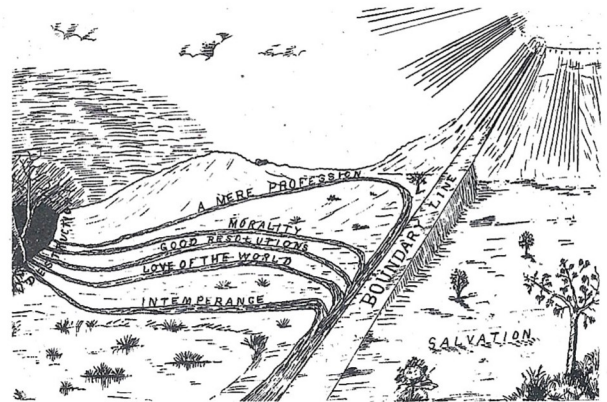
Good morning, friends. It is time for another broadcast. For our foundation text I would like to start with this scripture: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13-14. Here is a poem:

### KEEP STEADY

Keep steady, young man, keep steady,  
Nor waver when put to the test;  
When Satan assails be ready,  
Defeat him by doing your best.  
With plausible words he advances;  
With cunning he strengthens his chances;  
He does all his planning with care;  
He's wily and wicked. Beware!

Resist all his sly approaches,  
Yield never an inch to the foe;  
Whenever that foe encroaches,  
Resort to a resolute No!  
With flattery, cunning he plies you;  
With sympathy, artful he tries you;  
His wiles he keeps well out of sight;  
He comes as an "angel of light"!

Let truth be your watchword ever,  
Let right be the law of your life.  
With these for your guides you never  
Will suffer defeat in the strife.  
Give battle to vices that tempt you;  
Your virtues can never exempt you;  
Temptations will come, but be strong;  
Give battle to all that is wrong.



Now, if Jesus said that the gate is strait and the way narrow that leads to life and few there be that find it, then we ought to listen to the Word. It will pay us to give good heed to it. Too many folks are prone to wander from the path of righteousness. The enemy is always ready to tempt and allure with the things of the world. Just about the time the wanderer from God has concluded to meet the conditions laid down in the Bible, and lead a life of salvation the enemy comes in with his reasonings and suggestions, pointing out many other ways which he says are more easily traveled and will take you through all right.

To one, he points out the Universalist road; that is, that every one will be saved, and none lost, and that there is no place of future punishment. This doctrine has soothed the troubled hearts of multitudes and caused them to "believe a lie that they all might be damned who believed not the truth." 2 Thess. 2:12. For Jesus says, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46.

Another misleading path which the enemy points out, and by which many are deceived, is that of Morality. He says, "Do the best you can and you will come out all right," and other arguments of like nature. People sometimes say: "I never killed any one nor robbed them of their money; do not lie, nor cheat my neighbors; am upright in all my dealings, go to church, and have never done anything very bad," and expect to get through all right in the end.

My friend, if that is your record, you are on the same list with the worst sinners that ever lived, and are doomed to spend eternity with them; for He says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

To another one the enemy of souls will say: "Just profess to be saved and you will be all right." That is the trouble with the religious world today, the great majority of them are professing and do not possess an experience of salvation. It is one thing to have a profession, and quite a different thing to have a real possession of salvation. Some profess when they know they are not saved; such are hypocrites, others are deceived. This professing business, and being without the Spirit and power of God to accompany the same, helps to drive folks away from the truth and is a means

of making infidels.

The scriptures plainly say: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3. The devil says, "Oh you do not need a change of heart; just resolve to do better, and claim it and you will get through." Yes, you will get through, but not to heaven, on that line; for the way to hell is paved with good resolutions, and multitudes have gone ahead with good resolutions and landed their souls in perdition. It takes good resolutions in order to get saved, yet it takes something more; the grace of God and meeting the conditions of his word. It takes a real change of heart, a birth of the Spirit; for, "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

And friends, let me also state it isn't enough to say you are a "born again believer," as so many do these days, but you must in reality have been made a new creature in Christ, and left the crooked ways of sin.

Nicodemus, a "ruler of the Jews," a "master in Israel," could not understand these things because he had only a profession and knew so little about a change of heart. But Jesus gave him to understand that his profession would not take him through to heaven. There are a great many prominent people who have been professing to be saved for years, and yet do not know what it is to have real salvation.

Jesus came to "seek and to save the lost," and if a man does not believe he is lost he is not apt to take the proper course to retrace his steps and be found. A person must realize his lost condition, that he is unsaved and with-



outhope, unless Christ reaches forth a helping hand, or there is not much reliance to be placed in his profession.

Suppose a man is lost in a large forest and going in exactly the wrong direction, thinking that he is going all right; do you think it would be of any use to tell him to turn and go the other way? No; he would probably say, "I know my business, and I believe I am going in the right direction." But he goes on, and you say, "Man, you are lost; you are going precisely in the opposite direction from what you should." By some convincing argument you may make him to realize perhaps he is not going exactly right, and he is only partly convinced, so he turns his course of travel a little to the right or to the left and goes on; but yet he is lost, and wandering farther and farther from home. Just so it is with the one who is deceived by the delusion of sin and Satan; he goes on in his lost condition expecting to come out all right.

It's harder for a man to get saved who is deceived by the false doctrines of Satan and is claiming to be saved, when he only has a delusion, than it is for the one who is going on in the depths of sin; because the latter knows his lost condition and is sometimes ready to be found as soon as the way is pointed out.

Another side-track upon which so many are switched is, Excuses. These are many numberless excuses, or that is they almost seem numberless, and the enemy is always on hand to help to find them. Many try to console themselves with the idea that "God is too good to bring people into the world and send them to hell; he is not so unjust." If people go there it is of their own choice, and contrary to the will of God. The Lord makes this matter very plain and

says: "The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he has committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live." Ezek. 33:12, also 14-16. Cannot any one see by this that God would still be a just God if every one should choose the broad way and land their souls in hell? He says, "Whosoever will, may come." He makes the call, and offers not only to save all who will come unto him and believe and obey, but promises to keep them saved as long as they will obey.

There are certain laws of nature beyond which, if one goes, he is subject to the penalties. For instance, if you are standing beside a hot stove nature tells you if you put your hand upon it, you will receive a severe burn. But you may say, "I will risk it, and as God is a just God he will not let me get burned." You proceed, get burned, and may even blame God for it and say he is unjust, when it is only a result of your foolish, unwise course which you persistently pursued at the same time your better judgment warned you not to pursue such a course. This is just about as reasonable as to accuse God of sending souls to hell.

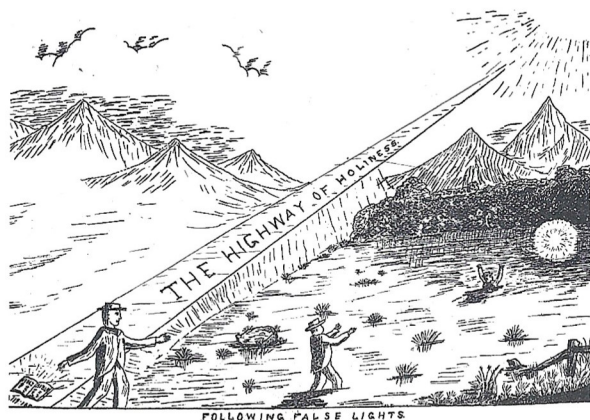


One might say, "I don't believe the Bible." Well, your unbelief does not change the word of God, neither does it remove the penalty of your guilty deeds.

Dear ones, strive to enter in at the strait gate. As the true way is forsaken the false doctrines appear to shine more brightly and seem more plausible than the real truths of the Bible; but the deceptive doctrines lead on into greater darkness until, when too late they are awakened to the alarming condition, and discover the deceptions of Satan as they sink into the pitfalls of perdition through the delusions of the enemy. It pays for the sinner to follow the word of God as his guide, which will light his pathway unto eternal life and happiness. Likewise the believer will find it is a sure guide to keep him on the way of holiness.

Our Father, bless the message this day to the good of every listener. May they with all sincerity follow the truth, being born, not of corruptible seed, but of the Spirit, by the Word of God and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen....

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you always, and a very cheerful good-bye!



## Report From India



**Bro. Richard Madden** February 27, 1978  
Dear Brother Willie, Greetings of Christian love in Jesus name. I am very grateful to the Lord for His goodness to me, and that through His mercy I am safely back at home after a profitable four week visit to India. The trip was hard on me physically, but the joy of seeing the hand of the Lord work in so many ways was rewarding. I visited quite a number of the congregations which reached as far away as 200 miles from the state meeting grounds at Karikkom, which is Bro. John Varghese's home town. I had many wonderful experiences--will relate one for example, which was truly a blessing to my soul, when there were approximately 5-600 people sitting under the (panlan) tabernacle for near 3 hours listening to the Word of God. I was also made happy to see several new chapels for the use of the saints in India. ... Sincerely, "--Bro. Richard Madden

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### LEST WE FORGET

In that last hour with anguish riven,  
Praying for a world that was unforgiven,  
While unconcerned the world slept on  
Not knowing His life would soon be gone,  
'Twas a bitter cup He drank that nite,  
While His own disciples fled in fright.  
On the cross He hung where all could see  
And there He died for you and me.  
Oh! let me ne'er forget, dear Lord,  
Thy consecration there,  
Beside that rock, that cold dark rock,  
That last long anguished prayer--  
And as that stone rolled from the tomb  
Dispelling death and darkest gloom,  
We know your prayer was not in vain,  
And that we too, will live again.

--Grace Jones



## Testimonies

From Calif.: "I am praising God for victory in my soul today. Even though my body is suffering, my soul is happy. I do enjoy being in the Sunset Guest Home ... I have lots of company and we enjoy visiting and praying together. Dear Sisters Wilson, Wittenborn and Hunter are so faithful to come each day and we have sweet fellowship together, praise the Lord for His dear saints ... I do enjoy the Mission Trail so much."

--Sis. Agnes Huskey

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From Calif.: "I want to thank the Lord for sparing me to see this new year. On new year's eve about 1:30 o'clock in the evening after the dust storm we had here I took down with the flu and in a few days my stomach was so sore I couldn't stand to touch it, and my side I couldn't lay on. But my whole trust was in the Lord. I laid my left hand across the bed. I said Lord I am nothing and can do nothing. I am helpless. I know you can heal me or take me. I said like Job, though you slay me yet will I trust you. It seemed the Lord was right near me. I told him I am going to trust you all the way. I was really suffering. The Lord started at the bottom of my stomach and came to the top. I said thank the Lord I am healed. He did the same at my side. I said thank the Lord. I am healed and he healed me all at once. I haven't had a pain since. I am thanking the Lord for his goodness..."

--Sis. Mattie Francisco

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"I am a soldier of the cross, a follower of the lamb. I guard my life in Jesus name that I might wear a crown. My name is in the book of life, I bless the name of Jesus. I rise above all doubt and strife to keep my title clear."

--Bro. Gene Harmon

From Okla.: "Thank the Lord for letting us live to see another year. And we mean to put in all our time to please him. Hope this finds you all well in body. There has been so much sickness the last few months. But the Lord has been so good to us."

--Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Warren

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From La.: "Oh, we have so much for which to thank the dear Lord. He has surely been good to me since I've been left alone... We have surely appreciated having Bro. and Sis. Probst. They were a great help especially in Aunt Neva's sickness and death ... Bro. & Sis. Probst took Alta and me to Baton Rouge on St. Valentine's Day. Sister Lula and Bro. Max had invited us over for dinner, and we did a little shopping and then had a real nice visit with Audrey Henry. We enjoyed the day so much. It was such a beautiful day the Lord had given us."

--Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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From W. Va.: "God has done wonders for me again. I have not a pain in my body, thanks to our dear Lord. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take him at his word, just in simple faith to trust him to do what he says he'll do. He says his eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open to our cry. I wouldn't trade my faith for all the money this old world could hold. It can't be compared. Well, I didn't intend to preach but there is praise in my heart I can't express when I try in my weak human way to extol his greatness. I have wanted to write you all for a long time but this has been such an awful winter, seems to cause you to be so depressed at times, so much wrong going on all over any way you look. Seems like people are not satisfied with anything any more, But I guess it is just the word of God being fulfilled in our day."

--Sis. Gladys Morgan



From Mo.: "I'm thankful today to be saved and enjoying salvation. I'm reminded of one of Bro. B. E. Warren's songs which says, "Oh praise the Lord for his grace and truth, For the peace we have today, For the light that gleams like morning beams, all along the holy way!" I am much encouraged to live for the Lord and I find his service sweeter all the way. What an exalted privilege it is to be a priest in the new covenant sanctuary which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth! My prayer is "Lord, help me to offer my sacrifices acceptably unto thee." The Lord is still blessing and leading us in "The Ministry of Holy Song" radio broadcast. We are learning and singing many of the old songs... They have been a great blessing to me and hopefully we will be able to make them a greater blessing by sharing them with others." --Bro. Harlan Sorrell

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From Wisc.: "Greeting from the land of snow and ice. We had a long cold winter but no extreme spells. Many, many cold days. I mean from -10 to -20 degrees. We haven't had a real thaw yet, snow on the roofs all winter. Had only about a foot of snow and that lies flat. Had so many nice sunny days and not much drifting of snow... Elsie had a bad eye. It was real red and drained, but is much better now. I had a spell, some kind of digestive upset, but now I am completely recovered--so good to be well...how time flies. We sure need to be prepared for the life to come. We are living in a wicked world and we must watch and pray that we are not overcome. The world is going on at a rapid pace... I believe we are living in the closing day of time. I hope we can come to the Guthrie camp meeting. We are looking forward to the time."

--Bro. and Sis. Frank Dietrich



Sis. Nellie Poulos

It is with much respect and deep sorrow we announce the death of another devoted "warrior" of the cross. Sis. Nellie Poulos, who lacked one week of reaching her 88th birthday, quietly slipped away to be with the Lord March 17th. Her faith was undaunted and she looked forward to her home going. So after more than fifty years as a minister, the Lord saw her work on earth was finished. After a funeral service in Enid, Okla., the body was taken back to San Bernardino, Calif. for another service and burial. Her husband, Bro. Gus Poulos died in 1965.

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From Calif.: "I am encouraged to press the battle on. My greatest desire is to please him. I am doing real well since God has healed my body, also my husband. We do thank God..."

--Bro. & Sis. Paul E. Carter

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From Texas: "Greeting today in the name of our Savior who came and released us from bondage with his wonderful salvation... We do appreciate the Mission Trail. Lee has had a flare up with his heart but God has had great mercy again... Remember us when the Lord brings us to your mind that we do his will and be faithful to the end."

--The Lee Whitley's

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Our prayers go out for the saints of Holly Hill, S. Car. in the death of their pastor, Bro. O'Neal Pratt.



# at press time

we understand:



Bro. Manless and Sis. Theresa Gaines

"I would like very much to thank all the saints and loved ones for their many cards, letters, calls, visits, donations and all other acts of kindness during the sickness and death of my dear companion that has gone to be with the Lord. I truly thank God for the three precious years we shared together and the privilege of caring for one of his servants. I shall cherish the memories continually. Your sister in Christ, "

--Theresa Gaines

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We regret the death of a young man, Carl McClain and our sympathy is extended to his loved ones, especially his mother, Sis. Vivian McClain, R. 5, Box 1419-A-1, Muskogee, Okla. 74401

SPRING MEETING at Goulds, Florida is set for April 14 through the 23rd. Everyone welcome.

--Bro. Herschell Hargrave, pastor

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"The saints at Springfield, Mo. plan to have a gospel singing the night of April 29th and all day meeting the 30th at 718 N. Kansas. Come and be with us for the singing and plan to stay for all day services on Sunday."

--The Saints at Springfield, Mo.

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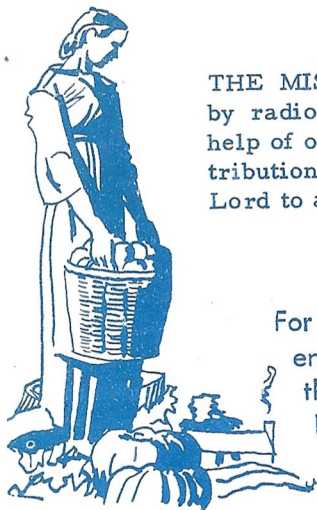
Bro. Oley Lowe died early Sunday, February 26th in Springfield, Mo. His funeral was held March 1. Bro. Oley was 88 years of age.

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Sis. Dorothy Bridges writes that she and her brother are in their new home. "Is little more than 1/4 mile from court square. We get our mail at the door. They bring our groceries out to us. They are very nice to us and pick up our trash and garbage. We do not have two large fronts to keep clean... We do not have the brick around the house, the yard fixed and the ditch finished, but we can keep warm for which I praise God. Our address: 400 N. St. Matt., Carthage, Miss. 39051."

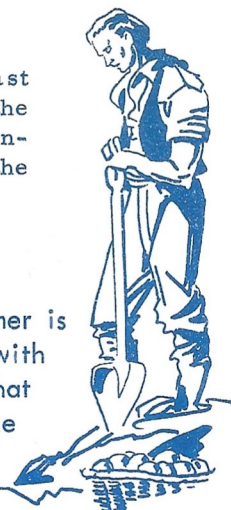
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Bro. Ira D. Stover is greatly afflicted and is in need of earnest prayers of the saints. Bro. and Sis. Stover have spent many years of their lives administering to others. Send get well cards to them c/o Lawrence Taylor, 5497 Ave. 376, Kingsbury, Calif. 93631.



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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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