



“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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The Well of Living Water

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Good morning to all the listeners of the broadcast! What a joy it is to be coming your way again! Listen to the words of Jesus from the 4th chapter of John, verse 14: "...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Before further comments let me share with you part of a letter and poem from a reader of The Mission Trail: I quote:

"I was reading my Bible one day and just stopped at John 4th chapter. As I meditated on what I had read, a beautiful picture came to my mind; and beautiful words too. So I put it all together, gave it my tune and I love to sing about it. Maybe you can use the words some time."

Jesus tired and weary sat down upon the well.

There came to Him a woman, the story may we tell?

She came to Him "a-thirsting" her soul and body too.

And Jesus gave her water, no other friend could do!

She hasted to the city, to those she knew so well

Whose hearts, (like hers) were thirsting for water not in the well.

Come see this man of wonders. I know you'll like him well.

He'll give you Living Water that was not in the well!

No more you'll be-a-thirsting for things this world contains.

This everlasting water--such joy and gladness brings,

You, too, will swell the chorus of glad salvation tell--

That Jesus gave you water that was not in the well.

Praise God for Living Water, from out salvation's well!

Where Jesus now is setting -- each thirsty soul to fill.

Come bring him all your troubles, from sin he'll set you free!

This Precious Loving Savior, the man of Galilee. --Sis. Armilda Abbott

Dear ones, salvation satisfies like water does a thirsty soul. Listen to this scripture from Isaiah 55:1-2, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul

delight itself in fatness."

But before water is reached, quite often there has to be some digging... This is necessary to make a well. Even so, salvation is free, but there must be a desire greater than all else in the world to get it! There must first come a decision that the full price will be met. One must count the cost and pay the price. The decision having now been made, a prayer can be sent up with confidence, knowing that the Lord will hear. Yet the enemy will try to flood the heart with doubts and unbelief, but the firm decision enables you to resist the spirit of unbelief, and it is then that the real condition of the soul is realized as never before. The one who is seeking a deeper feeling of conviction, upon reaching this point of positive decision to go through at any cost, as he calls upon God, will likely have all the feeling necessary. Then an earnest prayer can be made in spite of all the powers of Satan. It is a time of life and death; something must be done.

The condition may even be like that of Peter, when walking upon the water, the waves were rough about him, and he looked at the waves and began to sink. Finding that he was going down beneath the waves, perhaps never to be rescued, he called earnestly to the Master: "Lord, save or I perish," and the Lord stretched forth a helping hand and saved him from a watery grave. Just so with the one who has decided to take the step out into salvation; as the first efforts are made it may seem as if God is afar off, but there must be something done as the soul seems to be sinking amid the awful waves of darkness and despair, and as a prayer goes up, it is one from the depths of the soul, for the case is becoming a desperate one. The manifestations, however, are not alike with

every one at such a time; while one may be very emotional, weeping and wailing in the agony of despair, another may quietly ponder the question and confess the iniquity of the heart, and grasp the promises of the Word.

At such a time as this, when one may even feel the wretchedness of a sinful condition to the fullest extent, and be melted to tears with moanings and groanings, yet weeping and moaning will not save. Praying and not believing will not save. One might weep and pray for months without receiving, when, had they just confessed their sinful condition, and believed for the salvation of the soul, a change of heart would have been the result in a very short time. Sin is something that cannot be reasoned away with the heart by the most logical mind, neither will culture drive it away. It can only be removed from its stains and blighting influence, by the power of God, and when he is implored with all confidence the work will be speedily performed.

The sinner might bewail his condition and say: "Is it possible that the Lord will not hear me? will not answer my humble petition in this dark hour and time of need?" But listen to these words: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" Matt. 7:7; also, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. Here is another: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35. That ought to encourage the seeker who is really in earnest. Then going on down to verse 37 we find these words: "All that the Father giveth me shall

come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." So this shows the Savior is ever ready to save every one who is really in earnest. You cannot reason the matter out by yourself, but the Lord will reason with you. He says: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

Then at this point do not doubt the ability of God to deliver or keep, for he is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20. He is not only able, but he is just as willing to hear the humble cry and answer.

One might say: "I have asked, and repeatedly asked, and yet my weight of guilt and sin is as great as ever, and I feel that I am lost and undone. What shall I do?" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. He came to seek and to save the lost. If you feel that you are lost, then remember that he came to save you, and it is you that he is seeking after now. But, remember this also, when you really believe, it will cause action on your part. You will do something about it. And when you begin to look at it in the proper light you will not be long in finding where the trouble lies, and will soon be found of him.

When we consider that while we were far away from Him, wandering in the desert places of sin, turning from Him with a sense of guilt and shame because of our iniquities, that his loving care was over us, and his protecting arm was round about us, even while we were wandering farther and farther away from his loving

face; how much more would he take us into his loving embrace when we turn to come back to follow in his footsteps! Does it not seem very reasonable that he would gladly reach out a helping hand, and lend a listening ear to the humble cry of the one who now forsakes the evil way and turns unto the way of truth!

But remember, even though you may have taken the step toward a higher life, by way of a positive decision to go through, which is a great part of the battle, yet there are seemingly unseen chains that bind the soul and hinder the progress of the work desired. In other words, there are some extreme cases, as all are not alike; for while one may grasp the truth and light of the promises of God and be set free at once, others will weep and pray and continue in doubts and fears; sometimes are stubborn and willful, desiring to have their own way, instead of being subject to the will of God. The enemy takes advantage of such persons and tries to keep them bound with a selfish, stubborn mind, so he can lead them captive at his will, when there is no necessity of being under such an influence if they will call upon God, and rebuke and resist such a spirit, and obey the word of God and move out upon the promises given therein.

Some people want to be petted by the Lord, and have his children coax them, but God is no respecter of persons, neither has he any pets. He loves all and will have all to be saved who will come unto him and obey him. Satan may try his binding chains, and attempt to throw obstacles and difficulties in the way, but the one who is determined to have a Bible salvation can have all these things swept out of the way by the power of God.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Deal gently with the souls that are bound and cause them to see there is a way to be set free. First there is the decision between life and death. Then there is the repentance and turning away from all sin. And finally, comes the action of faith by which we claim the promises and the joys of the living waters start flowing within the soul. Bless every listener in the way which they need most for we ask it in Jesus name! Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be of some help in a spiritual way, be sure to let us know. May the Lord bless and keep every one. We appreciate those who have written us and expressed their appreciation and blessing they have received from the message. And we certainly appreciate those who help us keep the message on the air from week to week. May the Lord be with each of you. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Okla.: "I am happy in Jesus, thankful for the many blessings from God the Father. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Heb. 13:20, 21. It is so precious to me. My heart's prayer God bless you all and the Holy word as it goes over the Broadcast."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From Ark.: "We still enjoy the little paper and wish we could hear your broadcast. We visited Sister Della Anschultz yesterday, found her some better but still in need of the saints prayers. Hope we will be able to see you at the camp meeting this summer in Myrtle... Yours in the Lord,"

--Bro. Alvis, Sis. Bertha Dickey

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From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. "His name is wonderful"--I am so thankful I gave my life in his hands when a child, for it surely pays to serve Jesus. I do enjoy the little paper --love to read the letters and testimonies. Trust all is well with you. I am again enclosing money order for \$5.00 which is the new 1/2 dollars. I never spend one. They are to go for missions. Yours for souls,"

--Sis. Chas. Kelse

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From Kansas: "I think like this, Lord help me to live ready to go with whatever way you choose to take me... Please remember me in prayer. I need strength. May God bless you both in soul and body and I do pray for you and your labors for God."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Mo.: "It's a pleasure to be able to write in answer to your letter received and the Mission Trail paper received yesterday. I sat on back porch in the cool breeze and read it through and what a blessing I received from it and am so thankful to our Heavenly Father. I am for the gospel and freedom of speech here in our country and Christian people who deliver this Bible truth to the whole world. I still am reading the Bible in old testament yet, book of Samuel and some is very sad, ...I want to prayerfully understand as I read its pages daily."

--Sis. J. Edw. Leach

From Okla.: "Well our camp meeting is over, after the service tonight. I sure thank and praise the Lord that I got to attend as much as I did...I really like the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." It's all good but the first verse is my stand by. I use it so much. He really is my Shepherd...Also God is my refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. Love and prayers,"--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Calif.: "Time to let you know I still enjoy The Mission Trail. May God keep it going and on the air for the good of souls. Hope all are well at your home. I am still holding on for my healing. Pray I will defeat the devil and have the faith I need. I know God is still in the healing and all we need is faith...do remember us. We sure want to make heaven our home and we all have the devil to fight. I have different requests." --Sis. Ada Leach

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From Texas: "Oh how I praise my Lord for He careth for me. I surely want to please Him in all I do or say. May the Lord bless the both of you, also in the meeting there. Do remember us back home as you pray. The Lord said for us to pray one for another and I surely want to pray for my sisters and brothers. The Lord will lead me where He wants me to go."

--Sis. Verlene Williams

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From La.: "It has been some time since I have written to you. I think of you often and pray for you...Please pray for us. Ferman is sick and needs the Lord...I know the Lord can help him...He has some good days and some that he can hardly get about. I hope and trust that you have a good meeting, that the Lord will work with lost souls and bring them to repentance."

--Sis. Maurie Lea

From Ky.: "I just returned from a visit with my son in Selma, Indiana. It has been almost 3 years since my dear husband died leaving me all alone. But the Lord has been with me. I want to tell my recent experience. At the time of my fall the snow was mostly all melted off. We went to town. As we came out of the store I told Linda I thought I could make it alone. I was going nicely but some way I tripped...I fell forward, face down on the cement walk. A man coming toward us came and picked me up. When the man got me on my feet Linda with baby in one arm and the other one holding to me walked me to the car. I am sure now that it was God and God alone that permitted me to walk to the car. What a mighty God we serve. When we got home...I prayed that the Lord would relieve me. In a very few seconds the pain and hurting left me, but the soreness was still there and was for days to come. I had no bones broken. I am so happy and praising the Lord. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16."--Sis. Wilbur Jarvis

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From Calif.: "Whisper a little prayer for me. I'm kind of failing in body. Thank God I am still going, 90 yrs. old. A blessing from God. Keep the good work going." --Sis. Lessie Davenport

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From Va.: "Today finds me still encouraged in the Lord. I love the Lord and my heart's desire is to be pleasing unto him. I find the way grows sweeter as I follow the Lord as he leads me home. Yes, this way leads home to heaven and some day we'll all meet on that heavenly shore to be forever with the Lord. I want to be faithful until the end. "...he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

--Sis. Nancy Wagoner

From Okla.: "The Lord has blessed me in so many different ways. I hope you all are well and enjoying the best of health and are still enjoying the blessings of the dear Lord. I am in some hard battles now. Looks like I just keep them on hand, here of late. One is a real hard one, but it is nothing too hard for God. Pray for me that I can give it to the Lord in full and not be troubled so much." --Sis. Mary May

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From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Murphey and saints, greetings in Holy love. I know we are living in the last days. According to God's word the Bible is being fulfilled every day. People are looking for an easy way to heaven, but there is no easier way than living a saved life. I hear some say we can get to heaven a shorter way than you saints. I can't thank the Lord enough for being saved and trusting him for soul and body. I am not well at this time, but my trust is in God's care, so pray for me... I do enjoy reading my Mission Trail. By the grace of God I mean to keep pressing on." --Sis. Jettie Mae Phillips

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus! Oh! I couldn't live without Him. This leaves me some better, but my nerves are acting up again. I have rebuked the devil as Jesus did when he tempted Him. I had my first all night sleep last night for a long time... We had thunderstorms last night. Tore up the pretty yard flowers, but God sends the sunshine and also the rain. We cannot turn it off or on... Your sister in Him," --Eva Cox

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From Minn.: "Happy are we who are on the straight and narrow way and that the Lord Christ Jesus is our hope and stay. I am just recovering from a bad cold. God has been with me all the way."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

From Ark.: "Truly I'm very grateful to the Lord for his many and wonderful blessings to me. He daily supplies my needs and gives grace to meet the tests and trials of life. I'm very thankful tonight that the Lord ever called after me and saved my soul. I have no desire for the world and its way of life. I see so much unhappiness and hear so many complaining, that I ask, Oh, Lord, help me to never complain but be thankful for the things that come my way, knowing that it is for my good."

--Sis. Wanda Atnip

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From Calif.: "I am thanking God this beautiful afternoon for the victory that God gives me over the enemy of my soul, although I suffer most of the time. He helps me to endure these things without complaining for I fully believe He has a purpose in it all. I have learned some precious lessons since being in this Home. I have asked God to keep me in this furnace of afflictions until He knows that I have learned the lessons that I needed to be more like Him and be a greater blessing to my fellow man. I can truly praise Him in the trials for I know that it is His will concerning me. ...I do enjoy the little Mission Trail so much. Your good messages fit right in for the conditions of today..."

--Sis. Agnes Huskey

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From Ala.: "This is to let you know that I am well and doing fine as far as I know. I feel all right. I lost a lot of weight, but I am gaining a little since I stopped riding that old bus. I am standing for the old time truth."

--Bro. Henry P. Effinger

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From Mo.: "I'll write you a few lines in Jesus dear name. How are you all by now? I'm very well. The Lord is my helper. My trust is in God. He loves His children." --Lily Mae Glass

at press time

we understand:

It is with deep sorrow that we report a telegram from Jamaica informing us that Sister Olga Smalling passed away Sunday, June 4th. Her husband Bro. Smalling preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1976. In 1973 their trip to the States where they attended the Monark Mo. camp meeting was made possible by saints in America and the dear ones of their home congregation (Sis. Olga Smalling) back in Frankfield, Jamaica. We ask the saints to continue to pray for the work of the Lord in the island.



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From Ark.: "I need prayer for wisdom to know God's will and grace to do it. I have lost a sister and am called now to Calif. to be with a sister-in-law taking care of a patient. God's will be done. Remember me in prayer,"

--Sis. J.C. Morris

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A dear sister in the Lord has passed to her great reward. Sis. Myrtle Glass, Neosho, Mo., died May 30, 1978. Even though she was handicapped in body she was so cheerful in spirit and soul. No doubt many will remember her pleasant disposition and cheerful smile. Indeed the scripture is so true: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

A REMINDER

that the Wichita revival meeting will be held this year June 23 through July 2. The chapel is located on 1701 N. Ash, Wichita, Kansas. All are welcome. Bro. Lewis Williams is the pastor.

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We have been notified there will be no all-day service at Grubbs, Ark. the first Sunday in July.

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National Campmeeting, Monark Spgs., Mo., will be July 21 to 30.

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Hammond, La., June 24 to July 2.

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Myrtle, Mo., August 2 to 9.

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Boley, Okla., August 18 to 27.

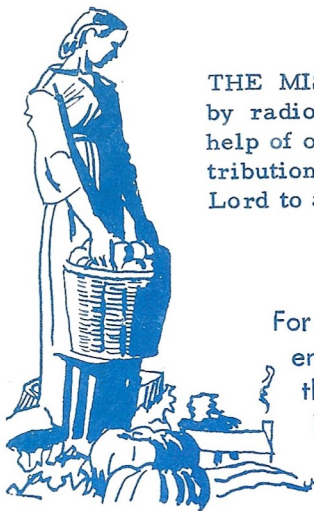
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From Oregon: "The Lord has promised to be faithful to us, and he surely has been to me. I'm still on crutches, but so much better. It sure is wonderful that we serve a God that forgives our sin, heals our bodies, protects us, and everything else he does for us! And all we do is take up our cross and follow him. I just wanted to let you know that I am better and trusting God for complete healing."

--Bro. Irwin Wattenbarger

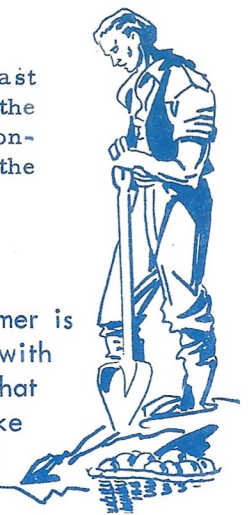
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Alvin and Kathleen McMurrin and their two children, James and Janet were home for a visit in June. And we are looking forward to Clifford and Patsy Smith and their three, Julie, Rodney and Michael being here for a few days in early July.



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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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