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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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Three Hindrances to the Work of God

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A very cheerful good morning to all the listeners of the broadcast! How happy I am that God has made it possible for me to come your way once again with a short gospel message! The preaching of the truth is needed today as much or even more than ever before!

AUTUMN

Gone is the spring with all its flowers,
And gone the summer's verdant show;
Now strewn beneath the autumn bowers,
The yellow leaves await the snow.

Behold this earth so cold and gray,
An emblem of our life appears;
Its blooming robes sink to decay,
To rise again in round of years.

Earth cheers its winter's sleep with
dreams
Of springtime's warmth and gentle rain,
When she shall wake to murmuring
streams,
And songs of merry birds again.

So we came forth like springtime
flowers,
Soon into manhood's summer grow,
Then like the leaves of autumn bowers,
Lie down beneath the winter's snow.

And there our bodies slumb'ring wait,
Till time's short winter day has fled,
And Christ, our Lord and Advocate,
Shall come again to wake the dead.

Then winter's storm and summer's heat
Shall end in everlasting spring,
And all immortal we shall meet,
And round the throne of glory sing.

Listen to the scripture:

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputing: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" Phil. 2:12-15.

Dear ones, I speak to you today on the subject of "Three Hindrances to the Work of God." I believe I would list them in this order:

1. Murmurings and disputings
2. Unbelief
3. Hypocrites

The first topic is found in this 14th verse just given from the scripture: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings:" How many times has God been displeased with his people because of their murmurings and complainings. The way is rough and the battle is long. There is no end in sight and we wish for this or that comfort. But as a good soldier of the cross, saints must endure with boldness and aggression against the enemy of the cross. Take as an example the bravery of the soldiers under the command of Gen. George Washington back in the Revolutionary war. It was the winter of 1776. The soldiers were poorly clad and the Delaware River was icy and cold. But beyond that river was the enemy of their country. It was Christmas eve and these brave men crossed that Delaware river. I can imagine the chilly water as they entered it with their weapons of war. I wonder how many thought of their wives and children back home for whom they were fighting. They did it bravely.

The command was to attack and attack they did! The enemy was taken by surprise and capture was made of more than a thousand soldiers. Murmuring and complaining will not bring the results that endurance and hardship will produce.

The judgment of God rests against evil murmurers. Listen: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words..." Jude 14-16.

Again: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10:10-11.

One more scripture concerning murmuring: "And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink." Num. 20:3-5. How quickly they had forgotten all the Lord had done for them in bringing them through the Red Sea, the plagues sent upon the Egyptians and the manna in the wilderness. How quickly the eyes of folks are blinded when they begin to murmur and complain!

This then brings me to the next hindrance. Two: Unbelief. This time it was Moses and Aaron, the leaders of God's children. Here was Moses, the meekest man who ever lived, affected by unbelief. But let us get the facts from the scriptures:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together be-

fore the rock, and he said unto them, must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also: And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Num. 20:7-12. They had the water for all to drink but somehow Moses failed God because he struck the rock instead of speaking to it. He manifested unbelief in God.

In Heb. 4:12 we find these words: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Then going on down to verses 17 through 19 we see these words: "But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." I say this unbelief is one of the leading sins of this generation. The world is filled with unbelief. Cursing, swearing, gambling, cheating, immorality, hatred, killings, and such like all tell us that unbelief is widespread! Listen to Romans 11:19-21: "Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

Of Jesus it was said: "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. 13:58. But friends, there is one thing I would like

to impress upon you. God is true whether we believe or not. Hear this from Romans 3:3-4: "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Now to show how God looks at unbelief listen to Rev. 21:8--"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." That is where unbelief will lead.

Now let us look at number three: hypocrites. That is not a very good word. But it means: "One who affects virtues or qualities he does not have." He or she pretends something which is not real in their lives. Hypocrisy is the "act of playing a part on the stage." It is "a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; especially the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion." And the Bible has plenty to say about this. Jesus spoke to the scribes and Pharisees and had this to say:

"Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, and of all uncleanness.

Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets." Matt. 23:24-30.

In Job 8:13-14 we find these words: "So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:"

Let us as dear children of God, believe, endure unto the end and not play religion! And now let me briefly point out once again the hindrances to the work of God:

1. Unbelief
2. Murmuring, complaining and disputing
3. Hypocrites.

Our Father, do take the message and bear it to the hearts of the listeners of the broadcast. There are no doubt some who are unhappy and need a divine touch of thy grace. Others need a healing touch. Do the very best for each one and thine shall be the praise and glory through Christ. Amen.

Thanks, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be of some help be sure to let us know. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!



Testimonies

From La.: "It has been some time since we've written to you but that doesn't mean that we don't think of you. We hold you up in prayer always, asking the dear Lord to bless you in every needed way and to bless your labors for Him. We always look forward to receiving the little Mission Trail and its message to feed our souls and the letters from the saints. I'm in another battle of affliction ... Oh, I do long to stand firm and steadfast and not fail the dear Lord when He sends the fire. ... Oh if precious souls could only know the joys of salvation and what a blessed privilege it is to live for God, they would not linger so long in sin. Pray that God will give us grace and strength and help us lift Him up."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From W. Va.: "I wanted to write you all a few lines. I have said to my self for so long, I just must write to Bro. and Sister Murphey and just got started at some thing else and never did get around to writing, but want you to know I am receiving the little paper and still enjoy it as much as ever. I have been up since three in the morning. I got up, cooked me some breakfast and yet it wasn't day light till seven thirty. You will laugh when I tell you I had to repair this old antique typewriter before I could write but I guess it was me and the dear Lord... this has been a wonderful morning for me and since I waked up so early and knew there was no use to get up I just lay there... I thought on the good things of God how wonderful is His mercy to us all, how precious are the thoughts of Him. The 139th Psalm is my favorite Psalm and the first five verses of the 39th... with a heart full of love for all saints a sister in the faith of our dear Lord," --Gladys Morgan

From Canada: "Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name! We surely are thankful for what our Lord has done for us, considering the degree of our former depravity in sin and iniquity. But thank the Lord, that all has changed! I enjoy to be saved and am happy to be free in Christ. Now we can do what pleases Him. Praise the Lord! Thank you kindly for having put me on your mailing list for "The Mission Trail." I enjoy reading the message and the testimonies from your readers...we pray many souls yet lost in sin may be reached through your efforts. God bless the radio message and also the printed word, as it goes out to reach those who live outside of the listening area of the two radio stations...Recently the Lord gave us two more dear people as contact persons from Western Germany, who enjoy the truth that we have been sending out in all directions. The last person is a brother, who was recently allowed out of Russia and I am particularly happy for the Lord to have answered our prayer and special burden for an open door to these dear people. Please continue to pray for this literature effort. The Lord still has a few who love to hear and read uncompromising reformation truths. Let us continue to labour for the Lord in whatever little we can do to further the pure gospel of Christ. The work and the harvest field is His. He only expects us to be faithful servants in paying to others the debt we owe them for Jesus' sake."

--Bro. Reinhard Mueller

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From Ohio: "I am thanking the Lord for this great salvation, because He paid it all for us. And all to Him we owe; all of our time, will and love to please Him in this life and that is my desire to do the will of the Lord at all times...Your Bro. in Christ, "

--Kenneth Knight

From Ala.: "We hope this finds you and Sis. Frances well and encouraged in the Lord. Maybe this letter and enclosure will convey to you some of our appreciation of your labors in your work for the Lord. We really enjoy getting the Mission Trail! The messages have been so good and plain on the way to salvation and right living. Fall is beginning to be much in evidence down here with the shorter days and changing leaves. I really enjoy the changing seasons. This year has seemed to fly by. God has been so good to us to give us health and happiness. How we want to please him in return! We enjoyed seeing Clifford and Patsy and family for a little while at Hammond. Their little girl I could tell was Patsy's before I saw her with her parents ... Mother came and spent a week with us the first of this month. That was a real treat as I hadn't gotten to be with her for that long a time since I married. We took her on a camping trip with us up in the Smokie Mountains. It was so cool and beautiful there--very relaxing...Pray for us. Come our way if you ever feel led."

--Marshall and Melonie Whitson

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From Calif.: "Guess by this time you have heard about my mother (Annie McKinney) going home to be with Jesus. We are sad and miss her very much, but she is heaven's gain. Thank you for the little paper The Mission Trail. It's enjoyed over and over many times. We were privileged to be at the Pacoima meeting to enjoy the saints...Many of the loved ones have gone to their heavenly home. Our hearts were saddened when my sister Gladys and I walked over to the home and Mama's room with the empty bed. Someday we will be together for always ... pray for me. I want to live to please my Saviour."

--Sister Lucille Allen

From Idaho: "Greetings in the sweet and precious name of our redeemer & friend. He surely has been good to me and I do not know what I would have done without Him -- so glad that I have not had to try. His promise is "He will never leave me nor forsake me,"... it has been somewhat lonesome so have not spent much of the summer in the house. The Lord has given grace & help continually and health to be active so this has truly been a blessing from the Lord. After about six months He gave me employment for which I do believe was His will for me at this time... I work with the Senior Citizens and many of them have been forgotten by their children. They look forward to my weekly visit and we have such good times. Often we have an opportunity to have prayer with them. To me this is something wonderful. It is too bad that the children of these dear ones can not see what they are missing before it is too late... We do enjoy the Mission Trail and please keep it coming. Do keep encouraged and the Lord supply all your needs and grace daily. Yours for lost souls,"

--Sis. Ruby Marken

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From La.: "I was privileged to attend two meetings this summer also two tent meetings. I enjoyed being in all them and got good to my soul... The Lord is surely working and doing all He can to save every precious soul... Keep the Mission Trail coming. We enjoy it very much..."

--Sis. Effie Miller

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From Okla.: "Bro. Murphey, Greeting in much love. I hope you and family are well. I thank the dear Lord for yet being in the land of the living but I am not well any more. My memory is short, my body is weak. Please pray for these conditions. My sisters also need prayer. So my burdens are heavy... Good bye."

--Bro. Luther Reed

From Ark.: "Today the enemy of men's souls is trying to get all he can to move away from the proven truths and standards of God's word. Not far away--just far enough to deceive others and come before the Lord at the judgment and hear him say, "Depart from me, I never knew you." "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." Eccl. 3:14, 15. We want to turn to God's ways and not turn away from them.... We are praying and intend to continue in prayer for the ministers' meeting, that God would direct every heart..."

--Bro. Doug Walters

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From Kansas: "We are getting a nice rain today to get the wheat ground soaked up good and then sow the wheat and watch it grow. I hope you are all well and enjoying yourselves in the Lord. He is so good to us just to let us live on his earth for a little while... we can look the other way if we don't like to see the wicked things that are going on around us."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

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From Okla.: "Greeting in the holy name of Jesus. How are both of you? I trust and pray you all are good in health and enjoying the many blessings the Lord is so good to bestow upon us, each day he permits us to live. I'm still saved and have a longing and craving desire to please the Lord each day he permits me to see. I would not want to live any other way than to please my all and all. ... May the Lord bless you all is my prayer. Love,"

--Sis. Mary Anna Brown

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"And ye shall be witnesses unto me."

at press time

we understand:

From Ark.: "I would like to take this means to let the saints know I am still in the furnace of affliction but yet holding for my healing. It has been over thirteen weeks since I have been in bed. Please pray for a problem concerning someone to care for me as my two daughters and daughter in law who have been faithful in helping care for me are about worn out. They have children in school. My husband is not well either. I wish to acknowledge all the letters and cards as they have meant much to me. I do appreciate the prayers of the saints. The Lord spoke to me and said, "There was no hindrance." I know I have searched my heart and have a willingness to do whatever He wants me to. Pray for us all here at Grubbs."

--Sis. Della Anschultz

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Congratulations to Danny and Cheryl Doolittle on the birth of their son, Gary Lynn born Sept. 17; also to Bob and Erma Gayle Sallee on the birth of their daughter, Karen Kay born Sept. 27th.

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We visited Sis. Helen Allen in Ark. on Sun. Oct. 8. She had suffered much and was very weak. Then we learned Oct. 11 she had departed to be with the Lord. Pray for her husband and family in this time of sorrow.

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Sometimes folks have trouble getting our phone number from "information". If so, tell her our name is spelled with an "e" in it--as Murphey. Better still just write this down and use when you need to call us. (405) 282-1101.

Jefferson, Oregon -- Sept. 24: "I received word today of the tragic death of Grace Wookey, better known by the saints as the wife of Albert Nielsen. Albert was lost off the coast of British Columbia, Canada in 1962 and Grace remarried. She had a daughter and son since then so she leaves 4 daughters who are married and the daughter and son still at home. Her husband Garry Wookey was also seriously hurt and in intensive care when I received word. A big freight truck collided with them on the highway... According to the report the big truck swung over the center line and hit the car Grace and Garry were in."

--Sis. Hilda Nielsen.

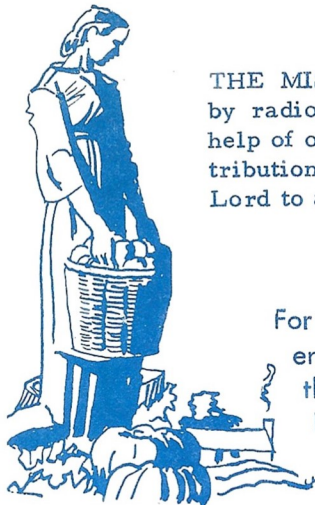
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New York City: "Greetings in Jesus' name. I'm still saved and pressing on in the Lord. Jesus is my King! But I'm very seriously ill now. I had a near-fatal fall out of my bed on my left side bringing on a heart attack and other diseases. I ask the prayers of all the saints for my complete healing. I'm trusting the Lord for my healing. God bless every one of you, is my prayer."

--Sis. Ella Hemphill

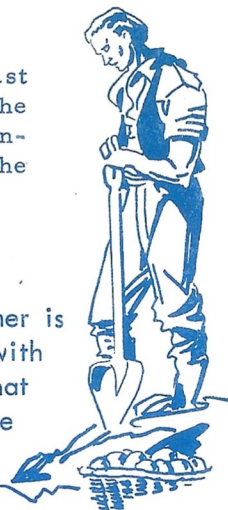
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We extend our sympathy to Bro. Floyd Hines upon the death of his dear companion, Sis. Ether Hines. The Lord called for her on her birthday, Sept. 16 at the age of 87 years of age. Pray for her husband, the children and other loved ones in this time of great sorrow. We are sure she will be greatly missed. Bro. Floyd Hines, 4508 Cramer Hwy. Hudson, Mich. 49247.



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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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