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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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"For None of Us Liveth to Himself . . ."

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Good morning, friends to one and all on this winter day in January! We hope each and every one of you are keeping warm in your homes, and more than this--warm in your lives and souls with the richest blessings of the Lord. Cold weather alone doesn't make a desolate life, but sin will! Separation from God is indeed, the greatest of all tragedies! First, this text, then a poem and some comments:

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Romans 14:7.

How true! We are not in this world alone. In fact, sometimes we seem to be crowded into this small planet!

One day Frances, and I went grocery shopping. One store we entered was spacious and roomy with wide aisles and only a few customers. It was a joy to push the shopping cart through the aisles and leisurely select our list of groceries from the well-stocked shelves! But alas, this was not the case of another supermarket where we shopped! Many were coming and going, the aisles were well filled. Some perhaps, were shopping for groceries after bad weather had kept them away for days. The check-out lines took considerable time to pass and indeed, we were made to realize that we were not alone in this world! So our lives are affected by others in many different ways. Patience is often required as we learn to live with others here below.

Listen to the way this writer expressed his feeling of being all alone:

ALONE

Alone, I stand beside Life's stream,
And watch its surging splash and sheen,
And long for worlds unseen.

Alone, I note the ebb and flow--
The tides that come, the tides that go,
Of human weal and woe.

Alone, I pass on crowded street
By halls, whose throngs with joy replete
Round friendship's altar meet.

Alone, I wander oft and muse
Along Thought's silent avenues,
As Duty's path I choose.

Alone, I sit at eventide
Midst fancy's guests, who lurk and hide
In memory's castle wide.

Alone, I count the sands of Time,
The shifting scenes of day's decline,
And turn to realms sublime.

Alone, I press Life's walks--alone!
As joys of other days have flown,
Yon heaven holds my own.

Alone I tread upon the brink

Of time's rough rugged shores and think
Beyond, "I'll pleasures drink."

Alone, ah yes, alone! I wait
A welcome through the eternal gate
At close of earthly state.

Alone! yet not alone, I'll glide
O'er angry waves which worlds divide
With Jesus by my side.

Let us look again at the scripture:
"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:8-11.

Saints should act in all things according to the mind and will of God, and not follow their own wills. The apostle indicates that in all walks of life, one should strive to please God, for he is accountable to him alone for his conduct in everything. God is our master, we must live to him, as we live under his notice and by his mercy; and even when we cease to live among men, we are still in his hand. Therefore, what we do, or what we leave undone, should be in reference to that long eternity which is ever at hand.

We are not our own, but we are the Lord's both in life and death. Christ lived, died and rose again, that he might be the Lord of the dead and the living;

for his power extends equally over both worlds: separate, as well as embodied spirits, are under his authority; and he it is who is to raise even the dead to live: and thus all throughout eternity shall live under his dominion.

We are not the final judge of our brother! It is possible that we might misunderstand our brother and not fully see the motives in his heart! But God knows all this! He it is who will judge the world by Christ Jesus. We are accountable to God for our conduct, and shall be judged at his bar; and let us consider that whatever measure we mete, the same shall be measured unto us again.

We will not be required, at the bar of God, to give account for the conduct of each other, but each shall give account of himself: and let him take heed that he be prepared to do so with joy. Judgment belongs to the Lord, and he will condemn those only who should not be acquitted.

Listen: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Romans 12:19. Then look at the 20th and 21st verses: "Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Let us remember, at one time we were enemies of God, living in sin, hateful and hating one another. Yet God fed us, clothed us and preserved us alive. Let us do to our enemy the same. Has not the goodness of God and long suffering towards us been the means of breaking our hard hearts and melting them

unto repentance? How do we know that a similar conduct toward our enemies may not also do the same for them? Your kindness may be the means of causing your enemies to see their need of God and coming to repentance, thus being your real friend! Wouldn't that be good?

In quoting from the commentator Adam Clarke, I find he had this to say:

"A moral enemy is more easily overcome by kindness than by hostility—Against the latter he arms himself; and all the evil passions of his heart concentrate themselves in opposition to him who is striving to retaliate, by violence, the injurious acts which he has received from him. But where the injured man is laboring to do him good for his evil--to repay his curses with blessings and prayers, his evil passions have no longer any motive, any incentive; his mind relaxes; the turbulence of his passions is calmed; reason and conscience are permitted to speak; he is disarmed, or, in other words, he finds that he has no use for his weapons; he beholds in the injured man a magnanimous friend, whose mind is superior to all the insults and injuries which he has received, and who is determined never to permit the heavenly principle that influences his soul to bow itself before the miserable, mean, and wretched spirit of revenge. This amiable man views in his enemy a spirit which he beholds with horror, and he cannot consent to receive into his own bosom a disposition which he sees to be so destructive to another; and he knows that as soon as he begins to avenge himself, he places himself on a par with the unprincipled man whose conduct he has so much reason to blame, and whose spirit he has so much cause to abominate. He who avenges himself receives

into his own heart all the evil and disgraceful passions by which his enemy is rendered both wretched and contemptible. There is the voice of eternal reason in "Avenge not yourselves:-- overcome evil with good;" as well as the high authority and command of the living God." I really love that and believe it will work wonders through the power of God.

To have Christ enthroned within the soul is to have this great fountain of life; for this "gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith." When the love of God reigns supreme the soul is filled with all the fulness of God, and the ever flowing fountain is a well of living water, springing up into everlasting life; for, "behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted." Isa. 12:2-4.

And ye "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Pet. 1:8-9. God never intended that his people should go about lean in their souls, but that they should be fat and flourishing and enjoying the blessings which he has in store for them.

Our Father, bless the word sent forth that it may accomplish the good intended, saving souls, sanctifying believers and encouraging the saints... Heal those who are in need of physical

strength. And lead us continually in the way of life everlasting for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

And now this poem:

A NAME IN THE SAND

Alone I walked the ocean strand;
A pearly shell was in my hand;
I stooped and wrote upon the sand
My name, the year, the day.
As onward from the spot I passed,
One lingering look behind I cast--
A wave came rolling high and fast,
And washed my lines away.

And, so, methought, 'twill shortly be
With every mark on earth from me;
A wave of dark oblivion's sea
Will sweep across the place
Where I have trod the sandy shore
Of time, --and been, to be no more;
Of me, my name, the name I bore,
To leave no track nor trace.

And yet, with Him who counts the sands,
And holds the waters in His hands,
I know a lasting record stands
Inscribed against my name,
Of all this mortal part has wrought,
Of all this thinking soul has thought,
And from these fleeting moments caught
For glory or for shame.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying, God bless and keep you throughout this year of 1979 and always! Until we meet again, I say a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Calif.: "This letter finds me still saved and encouraged to follow the Lord. Do keep my name on the mailing list for 1979. Thankful the Lord kept me saved, sanctified and with a deeper desire to keep saved..."--Bro. & Sis. Bramlett

From Ark.: "I wanted to write you all about my dear sister Della Anschultz passing away. I miss her so much. Our dear Lord knows best. This is what she had been living for. I believe she is with our dear Lord. She got worse during that ice storm. I was there with her. She suffered so greatly God took her for awhile. We all thought she was going, but the Lord let her come back to do some more work for him. She began talking to people to get saved, live to meet her in heaven. My son came the next day to see her. She told him she loved him... She told him she thought she was going. She didn't want to come back. He asked her if she got to see inside of those pearly gates. She said, yes, I did. I didn't want to come back. It was so beautiful. He was so pretty, the Lord showed me the strait and narrow gate. The gate was so narrow, there was just enough room for you and the Lord to go through. There was not enough room for this worldly pride to hang on. I have heard of people going to heaven, but this is first time I ever experienced it. After she was gone the presence of the Lord was so sweet and peaceful in her room. Oh, how it pays to live for God. I want all of you... to pray for me. I want to live close to Him. In the Bible when David's little boy died, he got up, washed his hands and face and said: I can't bring him back, but I can go to him. That's what I know. I can go to her. I am her sister, --Stellar J. Ivie

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From Mo.: "Here we are entering in a new year and I pray each saint will draw nearer in the work of the Lord for time is short and we as God's children should fill our time with His work, live so that people can see Jesus in us... my vision is much worse. I ask all the saints to pray for me."

--Sis. Lillian Dinkens

From Kansas: "May the good Lord bless and take care of both of you in this stormy weather ... I tell myself that everything works together for the good of those that love the Lord and I know I love the Lord. My trust is in Him... Hope you had a real good assembly meeting and that everyone made it back home safe and sound... Isn't God good to provide us with food, raiment and shelter? I get out to feed the birds and take my trash out... I do enjoy hearing from the saints and to hear you on the radio. It is an encouragement, just to know they believe as I believe. They believe the truths. I do enjoy the Mission Trail and you know I want you to always keep sending it to me."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt
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From La.: "We have started into a new year and we certainly don't know what we may face in it, but we are serving a mighty God, one who has promised to be with us in all our troubles and afflictions, even to the end. I love the Lord and His way of holiness--the strait, also straight and narrow way. The world has no charms for me, it is fading more and more into the background. There's joy and happiness in serving the Lord. "The life of a Christian is happy and free." Yet with all that I realize we have to do as Jesus said, "watch and pray," for the devil is very cunning and he will trip us if he possibly can, for he hates our heavenly father and all who will live for Him. But I'm so thankful the devil can not trip us or cause us to fall, if we keep our hand in the saviour's... I'm thankful we don't have to get cold in our souls regardless of how cold the weather gets. Though it is sad to see some get cold and formal in their experience with the Lord. Again, I say "watch and pray." I love to read the Mission Trail ... May the Lord bless both of you..." --Sis. Myrtis Flynn

From Okla.: "I love the Lord so much and I have truly learned to trust him for everything. No matter how small the problem I still need his help. Truly as the word says, "for without me you can do nothing" I realize this more and more. Do pray for us. Your sister in Christ,"

--Sis. Theresa Gaines
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From Tenn.: "May the Lord continue to bless your labor for Him. Trust each of you are well and encouraged in the calling he has given to you. The reward is for those that endure, so be thou faithful and you'll receive the prize. We thank the Lord for his saving grace, power to keep from sin, and to heal our bodies. Have trusted him for more than 60 years, all praise to him for his love, care and healing over these many years. Yours for the truth,"

--Charles B. Williams
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From Minn.: "The Lord bless you all who are working on the Mission Trail and broadcasting the gospel through the air which is God's will. I am still getting around good. We are having cold weather and plenty of snow which is common to Minnesota. And I hear that the cold has gone down south also. ... I still love the Lord and will abide with what he provides. Hard times are here and no doubt will get worse, but he, God, will provide all our needs we are sure. Soon we will be with him in the glory forever." --Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Ill.: "Greeting in the wonderful name of Jesus. Another new year is here and I am still saved and living for God the best I know but I want to live better so pray for me. I hope this finds you all well and encouraged in the Lord. I hear you had a wonderful assembly meeting. I am fine, thank God for salvation, health and strength he gives me every day." --Sis. Mildred Snell

From Kansas: "The Lord has blessed us abundantly in '78 and we trust him to lead us thru '79 according to his will and what is glorifying to him. We do not know what the year holds but we know it is in God's hands and if we be faithful to him he will surely take us safely thru. May the Lord continue to bless you both and keep the truth going forth over the radio. The saints will all have to dig deeper to be able to hold steady but it will be worth it to do so."

--Sis. Shirley Knight
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From Calif.: "How could we ever thank the great God of heaven enough for that great sacrifice and all it meant to have his only son come down to earth, take upon himself an earthly body, be misused and mistreated by cruel hands of men and suffer the death on the cross, and yet love them all the while they were nailing him there, saying Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. Oh, dear ones, it's a mighty God indeed, we serve. Our hearts say oh, God help us to be ever thankful and faithful to you for it all."

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon
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From La.: "We know and do believe Jesus Christ is same today and we're glad to be in this precious church today! With the Lord's help and grace we do want to live close to Him... We don't want to limit God's power. It wouldn't be right. He hasn't lost any power! And there can be marvelous healings today as God made the covenant with us! If we believe for something in our heart, we will get it! God just wants our whole heart... He wants to see our faith and all heaven is open to us if we hold on to our Lord!... Trust each of you and family are well and all dear saints are looking up for our redemption draweth nigh! Jesus is coming again..."

--Sis. Rubye Quave

From Colo.: "Jesus has been so good to me this past year. I was just thanking Jesus this morning for all the aches and pains he has delivered me of this past year. I want to live closer to him in 1979. I am so glad he has helped us so many many times since we got saved. If people would serve the Lord this world would be a better place to live. Husband was gone 7 years this past Christmas. It was much easier when he was here with me but God's way is best. He knew how we suffered. Do pray for us all here."

--Sis. Addie McEndree
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From La.: "Greeting in Jesus dear name. May the dear Lord continue to bless you in your labors for him. We enjoy the Mission Trail so here is a little offering to keep it coming. The Lord blessed us with a good assembly meeting, precious messages, good attendance and good weather. We thank the Lord for his many blessings to us each day. Dallas is slowly improving from the fall he had but still needs your continued prayers as well as we all do. So pray for us as we pray for you."

--Sis. Elva Joiner
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"Thank the Lord for his goodness to us thus this far."--Ewell and Vera Dotson

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! The One who came as a Babe in the manger (God sending His son) to die for the sins of the whole world. I am so glad He drew me to Him and I answered His call. What peace to know Him, whom to know is life eternal... God bless all you do for Him. May He watch over you on the highway. Dangers lurk on every hand, but aren't you glad our Heavenly Father watches over us at all times. Praise His Name! May souls be saved thru your work in His vineyard, bodies healed and believers sanctified."

--Sis. Eva Cox

at press time

we understand:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20. True this proved to be in the recent assembly meeting in Guthrie! The Lord was here and working through His Spirit. Many truths were brought forth in the preaching and souls found their way to the altar of prayer. Many young people gave their hearts to the Lord. It is our prayer they will become fully established in the truth and find their places in the body of Christ. Attendance was very good with many attending from throughout the state as well as others from without the state. The weather for the most part was good until the last weekend when the roads became hazardous and ice-covered. Some delayed their departure and others trusted the Lord to give them a safe trip home. Bro. Merrill Williamson's van skidded on ice near Gainesville, Texas and turned over on its side and then righted itself again. Bro. Merrill was not seriously hurt and the van was only slightly damaged. So he was able to drive on home to Jena, La. the next day. So far the month of January is proving to be one of bitter winter weather in Oklahoma. But the Lord is good to his trusting children. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

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"Enclosed check for twenty five dollars in memory of Mother -- Sister Nellie Poulos. I would like to continue my subscription... We think of you often. Sure miss Mother." --Ruth Wright

"Please keep the Mission Trail coming to me. I appreciate its truth and trust many souls are being blessed."

--Malinda Penner

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Eldora Jennings requests prayer for her uncle, Bill Stephens in Arizona who is greatly afflicted with stomach and throat trouble. Pray for him soul and body.

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"I do enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper, and the message "A True Story of Redemption," was good. Pray for us..."

--Sis. Eva Hardman

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From Calif.: "I still enjoy The Mission Trail, just not large enough. Well, we don't know what this year will bring. But one thing we know -- God holds it all. ... So pray for all of us as we do you."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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With fourteen years of the broadcast behind and upon entering our fifteenth year I am reminded of two scriptures: one we have used from the beginning, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 5:35; and the other Phil. 3:13-14-- "but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Each year we are a little older and a little closer to our long eternal home. Many thanks to all who have made this labor of love possible thus far. We are expecting God's continued blessings as we press forward!



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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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