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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 "Golden Text" of the Bible*

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"And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." Mark 14:1-8.

Good morning, friends, each and every one; here now is our thought for today. It is the verse of all verses found in the Bible. We might call it the golden text of the Bible. Let me read it to you. Perhaps you have heard it many times before. From John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Now in this verse is wrapped up a great wealth of God's treasures. One of the first things we observe is the word "love". Notice that it was God's love. God, being the perfect creator as He is, we naturally expect, and rightly so, that He should have perfect love. It was this love of God that brought Christ to the world.

Listen to these verses beginning with Matthew 22:36, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord

thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." This then was the answer which Christ gave to one who wanted to know what the greatest commandment was. It is love--divine love for God first of all, and secondly, love for others.

In the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians and the 13th verse we read these words, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Friends, let me tell you that the greatest need in our age is that we may learn to love God more. It is then that His love will radiate from our lives and reach others.

Let us analyze love for a few moments. Perhaps you have seen a rainbow; we understand that some way light waves are broken down through the moisture in the

air or clouds, and the colors are shown separately in a rainbow. There is the red, the blue, the yellow, the violet, and the orange. Even so, did you know that love is made of various ingredients?

Love is a blend of many virtues. Here are just a few: patience, kindness, generosity, unselfishness, gentleness, and sincerity. We could go on into some length discussing these but time does not permit for us to bring out the many good qualities of each virtue. But if God so loved us that He gave His son to come into this world of sorrow and endured the scoffs and scorns of those who despised him, I believe that we should learn to love God.

Now the business of our lives is to have these things fitted into our characters. That is the supreme work to which we need to address ourselves in this world--to learn love. Is not life full of opportunities to learn love? Every man and woman, every day, has many opportunities to learn this grace which is above all virtues--the love of God. The world is not a playground. It is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday but an opportunity to learn one eternal lesson for us all--how better we can love.

What makes a man a good artist or a good musician? Practice. What makes a young lady a good stenographer? Practice. What makes a man a good man? Well, really and truly first it is to have the love of God in his heart. Next that he should practice that in his daily life.

Friends, I want to give you a little motto here which I hope you will not adopt for your policy in life. Too many people already have this atti-

tude. Listen:

"I lived for myself,  
I thought for myself,  
For myself, and none beside--  
Just as if Jesus had never lived,  
As if He had never died."

Friends you show me a person practicing that motto, and I will show you a person who is dead spiritually. Instead let us strive daily to love him who died for us, and then go one step further and show the love of God through our lives to those who do not love us. This is life eternal.

I am not speaking of an idealistic love but I am speaking of a realistic love; one which is active and will work for us the thing which hatred can never do. Show me a family where love is the rule of the home and I will show you a happy home. Show me a city where love is the rule, and I will show you a city where the problems are few. Show me a nation whose God is the God of love and I will show you a nation where the approval of God is resting and where the angels of his love are encamping about the inhabitants thereof.

Then show me a world where the gospel has gone and those who were living in hatred and sin repented and turned from their sin as did Ninevah when Jonah preached to them, and I will show you a world where there will be "peace on earth and good will toward men." Listen to this poem:

I ought to love my Saviour.  
He loved me long ago.  
Looked on my soul with favor,  
When deep in guilt and woe;  
And though my sin had grieved him,  
His father's law had crossed,  
Love drew him down from heaven  
To seek and save the lost.



I ought to love my Saviour,  
 He bore my sin and shame;  
 From glory to the manger,  
 On wings of love he came.  
 He trod this earth in sorrow,  
 Endured the pains of hell,  
 That I should not be banished,  
 But in his glory dwell.

--D. S. Warner

Let us pray, Our Father, we are indeed happy that you loved us before we loved thee and that because of that love our lives have been richer and fuller than they could have possibly been otherwise. Accept our thanks today and so fill us with the virtue and power of God that we may be a light to reflect the true love of God to others, and we will give thee the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be with us again next Sunday for our broadcast, same time, same station. Before we go listen to this song, "Tell me the Story of Jesus". The singers are Bob Forbes, Dorral Forbes, Melvin Doolittle and Randall Flynn.

This message has been brought to you by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge let us know. Let us send you one without cost or obligation on your part. If we may be of any help to you, be sure to write us. Address your letter to The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and now until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you; a pleasant goodbye!

## God Is Still In His Heaven

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalms 121:7-8.

## Testimonies

From KS: "Greetings this afternoon in the precious name of Jesus, the sweetest name ever spoken. The little poem was good and so true. It made me think of the speech, the college man gave at high school when I was a junior. He was seeking seniors wanting them to go to college. He said, 'Some of you will enter clean, so clean and pure and you will leave college as bad and dirty as a clean sheet that has been dragged through a muddy street.' How true; some come out believing there is no God. In my speech class a young man gave a speech to prove that there is no God. The teacher said, 'That is a very poor subject because you cannot prove that there is no God.' I heard this on the radio yesterday: An old miner (I think) was trying to prove that there wasn't any God and about that time he fell in to deep water, and he began to beg God to help him out. One of the other men said to him, 'I thought you didn't believe in God.' He said, 'He is mighty good help to call on when you can't swim.' We had a rain last night that caused some flooding. But I guess I slept through it all. \* \* \* With love and prayers," --Sister Mamie Norcutt

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From OK: "We are having some warm weather and some rain. We know the Lord knows best. I love the little paper. I am still trusting in Jesus. I know He will take care of me. I love Him very much. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Jannie Hill

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From NC: "I do thank you so much for the 1985 calendar. That is the only one I have received. Thanks again. I am enclosing a donation. Please pray for me that I will do all that Jesus will have me to do. Yours in Christ,"

--Sister Margaret Siler

From AR: "This is the ending of a perfect day. Being on the Lord's side it couldn't be but a good day. We hope every one is doing well in all ways. It seems the Lord is doing a real good job caring for us and certainly in the personal pronoun ME. I could never praise and thank Him for His mercy and love to me. We're having lovely weather. It has been so nice and sunny today. I washed and hanged out my clothes. The yard is green, lots of jonquils, daffodils and tulips can hardly wait to bloom. The good rains have furnished plenty moisture. The ground is soaked. We missed two Sundays getting to the chapel when the ice and snow was on. I feel encouraged with our work here.. A few new ones coming in is a delight . . . Yes, it's interesting how we used to shine the lamp and lantern chimneys, fill them up, trim the wicks and have a nice light, then study on the three R's\*\*\* Well, remember us in prayer. Our needs are many and we're depending on Jesus. I have some special burdens, need prayer."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From OK: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus our Redeemer. I truly enjoy The Mission Trail. Keep sending it to me. I do also enjoy the broadcast. 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Psa. 23:1. Yes, truly I am happy for Jesus our shepherd. In John 10:27-30, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.' Oh I am happy to know Jesus and the Father, the true God \* \*

\* Love your prayers for us all."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From GA: "I am sorry I haven't answered your letter since last year. I am not able to write well due to an affliction on my right arm and desire your prayers. I get chance to send you a letter when my sister and brother-in-law write for me on their visit to see me. I am still saved and trusting the Lord and I mean to go right on until the crown is won. My brother is in the hospital but we hope will be home soon. I have a sister in a nursing home with cancer. Please remember them both in prayer. Ever keep me before the throne of grace because I need your prayers. I am isolated from the other saints. I really enjoy reading the Mission Trail, and please continue to send it to me whether I write or not. . . Yours in Christ,"

--Sister Mary Johnson

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From OK: "I hope these few lines finds you all well and happy. I appreciated your letter and your prayers. I had the flu, was pretty bad, but not as bad as some that had it. I thank the Lord for all His goodness to me and to others."

--Sis. Minnie M. Pernicka

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From TX: "I'm more determined than ever to live my life walking in all the light revealed to me! I don't want to fail God (or mankind looking upon my life!) Please pray with me for strength and endurance to live a holy life. Looking around, it seems there's little I can do to help anyone to be led to the Savior; when we send tracts, talk to different ones, write or just stay true to the Lord in our actions and words, (it's not much), but sometimes that's all we can do, I realize. We only have to pray and the Lord faithfully deals with the souls of our loved ones, because His love is much greater than ours and He's giving them all a chance and He has truly shown great mercy in the past!"

--Sis. Jan Wood



From LA: "Warm greetings of love to you this beautiful spring-like morning! How we appreciate all the wonderful beauties of nature that God has created for us to enjoy. Everywhere we look we see His handiwork. Truly we can say with the poet, 'How Great Thou Art!' We want to thank you for the beautiful calendar. We appreciate it so much \* \* \* We look forward to the Mission Trail and enjoy it from cover to cover. When it comes, we usually sit right down and read it immediately. It is like a letter from home. We pray always for it to reach many souls and bless them as it has blessed us all through the years. May the Lord bless the two of you for your dedication to the work of the Lord. This lesson from 'Streams in the Desert' is so good. 'I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me.' (Hab. 2:1) 'There is no waiting on God for help, and there is no help from God, without watchful expectation on our part. If we ever fail to receive strength and defence from Him, it is because we are not on the lookout for it. Many a proffered succor from heaven goes past us because we are not standing on our watchtower to catch far-off indications of its approach, and to fling open the gates of our heart for its entrance. He whose expectations does not lead him to be on the alert for its coming will get but little. Let us watch for God in the events of our life.' We are striving to ever be on our watch, and more so as time goes on and the enemy is ever seeking to destroy our victory in Jesus. We ask an interest in your prayers. My blood pressure is very high \* \* \* I need much physical help from the Lord to heal the cause of this \* \* \* Please pray for all of us here. \* \* \* In the Lord's service,"

--Bro. Ben and Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

From CA: "I am happy in the Lord. 1984 was a year of joy, mixed with grief and sorrow. I enjoyed the meetings I was privileged to attend, and services at home were glorious. We lost three of our family this past year. We know God knows what is best."

--Sis. Naomi Jennings

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From LA: "Dear Saints: I want to thank the Lord for all of his many blessings to me and my family. I cannot begin to thank the Lord enough for how He has blessed my little grandchildren. If it was possible I would like to stretch a banner from one end of the world to the other saying, Thank you precious Lord for your many miraculous blessings to me. I also want to thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer in my behalf some months ago. It was when the weather was warm and I had helped my husband do some heavy work. After we were finished with the work I began hurting in my back, side and leg. I thought at first that I was just tired and would be all right after I rested. I lay down for about 2 hours. The pain eased some and I got up and washed my hair. I then started hurting very badly, the pain was severe. I called for prayer but didn't seem to get any relief. I called again about midnight (Aren't the saints precious to come day or night) and Bro. Arnett and Sis. Genevieve Carver came over to my house and prayed for me. They just continued to pray, one prayer after another until the Lord heard and answered prayer. The pain started getting less and less until it was completely gone. I was healed from that hour. What a wonderful God. I appreciate the saints so much too. I had a good night's rest and went to church the next morning. How can I ever thank the Lord enough? He has healed me many times. Christian love."

--Sis. Hassie Palmer

From MS: "I am still saved and mean to press on. I am so burdened for the unsaved. I think people are so deceived. I wish you would preach on deception. This year has been a sad year for me. My mother died last February. I live alone and I've been so sick. She was 96 years old. She said over and over that she was ready to go. Then in Aug. I fell and broke 3 ribs. I was in so much pain, but the Lord is so good. I am so feeble. I need prayer. Pray for me as I pray for you." --Novella Pugh

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From AZ: "I love the Lord. His ways are precious. The saints are my kind of people. I look forward to Heaven. I see less of interest in this world every day. Everywhere there is so much going on that is so sinful. My heart aches for the participants for they never seem to think about the end for their souls. May God have mercy is my constant prayer. The forces of evil are surely rampant and unless we stay close to God, we could so easily be swept into it also. Pray for me and include my unsaved family, please."

--Sister Orpha Mapes

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From OH: "Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Thought we'd write you a few lines. We hope you all are well and enjoying the blessing of the Lord. We surely have had a bad winter here in Dayton; guess you all had some of it out there too. We trust all the congregation there are all well \* \* \* Keep the little paper coming, and I'm sending a little offering to help with the work. Love and prayer." --Bro. Bill, Sis. Essie Abbott

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From AL: "Today finds me saved and happy in the Lord. Praise His holy name \* \* \* I have some special requests before the Lord. Please pray that He will work them out according to His will." --Sister Irene Richardson

From WV: "Greetings once more in the precious name of Jesus. I trust this finds you both well. We are well. The Lord has been real good to us all through the bad weather. We have a lot of snow that has been on for over a month. The snow that fell today was so pretty, just like soft white feathers coming down so light and fluffy. I enjoy the Mission Trail very very much and thanks for the calendar. The pictures and verses are very inspirational. I have a very special unspoken request for prayer. Please remember. Let's keep encouraged and pray for each other. Love and prayers,"

--Sister Erma Clevenger

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From SC: "How are you all at work? I do trust all are well. The flu is going around here. Some have pneumonia, but the Lord is blessing. I am more encouraged than ever to press on. I know I am living for the Lord. I am one of His and know it. Oh, how real He is as I am writing these few words \* \* \* Pray for us all here."--Sis. Nettie Harbeson

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From LA: "Just a few lines to let you know we appreciate getting the Mission Trail. We, also, appreciate all of the Lord's blessings to us down through the years. Surely the Lord is good and merciful to all mankind. Today is another beautiful, spring-like day! \* \* \* Pray for us and may the Lord bless all of your efforts for Him. Christian love," --Doyle and Cynthia LaCroix

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From CA: "The Lord has been so good to us thru another year. I am still pressing on the upward way. I feel the time is very short that I have to work so I give out the papers and tracts and pray that souls will be helped. Thanks for the beautiful calendars. Keep me on the mailing list and let us pray for each other." --Sis. Edith Reavis



# at press time

we understand:

## A REMINDER!

Another month has passed so quickly and here we are in the third month of 1985. It helps remind us that life is but a vapor and is so soon over. Here I am only 3 years from 50 and even if I should live to the general life expectancy of 70, well, my life would be two-thirds or so already over and done. My children are now grown and the grandchildren coming on but it does not seem so long ago since my own children were babies. It just shows more than ever that we need to get saved young and spend this short life for God rather than waste it on some dream or reach some star and find that even if we get there we are not truly satisfied because only God and salvation truly satisfies. I am so glad I found the true key to success in life when I was only 20 years old and got saved. I had a long ways to go and a lot to learn to understand that I had truly found the pearl of great price. But praise the Lord I have found it and I am truly satisfied and happy. If only we could get it over to the myriads of people who need salvation so badly, well truly they would accept it and cling to it for dear life too. Well, whether we can convince people or not at least we can be an example of holiness and happiness to them. May we enjoy the task that is set before us and make a true success for God.

--Shirley Knight

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Congratulations to Jerry and Cynthia Meek on the birth of their daughter, Elaine Faith on March 2.



BROTHER PAUL AND SISTER MABLE CARTER  
OF

Bakersfield congregation commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at Hodels' family restaurant, given by their children in the presence of many relatives, saints and friends. They were married October 15, 1934 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and are now enjoying the blessings of the Lord with their four children, fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. We wish for them many more years of happiness.

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## WICHITA SPRING MEETING

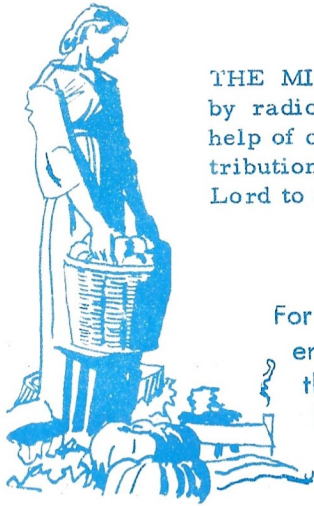
Lord willing the Wichita spring revival meeting will be held April 19-28th. We will be looking to the Lord to bless in every way that He sees fit. Come all!

--Sister Shirley Knight

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From MO: "I remember so well hearing your first broadcast. It was so exciting knowing the TRUTH was going out on the air waves, and it's still wonderful."

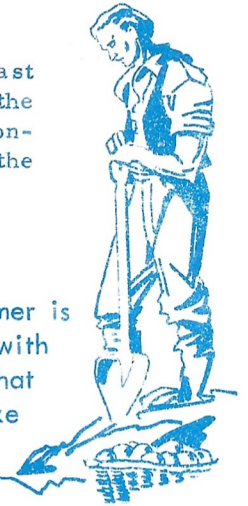
--Bob and Norene Harmon



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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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