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. . . Greetings to all the saints and my friends who have again waited for this hour to tune in The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. First let me say that my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude by your response. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank those of you who are praying that God will cause this 15 minutes to reach not only those who are serving God and be an inspiration to them, but that it may penetrate the hidden recesses of the hearts of men and women, boys and girls, who either have not heard the message before or have turned from the right way to follow the downward way where the "wages of sin is death." I am asking God that he will help me to be worthy of the sacred trust and confidence which you have placed in me. Also, the responsibility which God, Himself, has given me to declare His word.

I have some very special things for you at this time, so please stay tuned to this station. Both Frances and Patsy will be with us and each one has something special for you.

But, now, for the message. In II Corinthians, chapter 4 and verse 16 it says:

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

This text very clearly indicates that each of us not only possess a natural body, which is clearly evident, for it can be seen and felt, but also an inner soul or spirit. The scriptures teach us that this part of man is eternal.

There is certainly no controversy as to whether we dwell in a natural body or not, for on every hand we are confronted with pain, with sorrow, with the task of protectig our bodies from the cold weather, or from the heat. The body requires food when the hunger pains find their way home to our stomach, also, for water to quench our thirst on a hot and dry day.

Even now as you hear this broadcast, some of you driving along the highways in your automobiles may soon be face to face with the realities of suffering and death. Accidents happen so unexpectedly. One moment you may be perfectly well and happy; the next in deep anguish and pain.

You might say: "This will never happen to me. I have driven many thousands of miles without an accident or trouble." This may all be true, but one wrong turn or step can bring us face to face with the fact that the outward man is perishable. Even though you may avoid accidents, and I pray God that you may, time itself will take its toll and soon tell on your features and bodily activity. There are those today who were once strong and healthy, but now their bodies are bent beneath the weight of the years which have passed by.

But let us look again at the text: "but though our outward man perish; yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

