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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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. . . A very pleasant greeting to all who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma, coming to you over XEG from Monterrey, Mexico. It again gives me great joy to be back with you for another short visit concerning the most important things of life, that is your spiritual welfare.

For our subject from the scriptures at this time I think it would be well for us to consider the following four words:

"LEST ANY MAN FAIL"

Now let me read this verse to you in its fullness found in Hebrews 12:15. "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Certainly a danger exists of one failing in many ways. If this were impossible, it would never have been necessary for this scripture to have been placed in the pages of the Holy Bible. If there was an absolute security given to every believer, then it would become unnecessary for one to watch his every action and guard against even his thoughts lest they should lead him astray from the straight and narrow path.

But the very fact that we "have this treasure in earthen vessels" (See II Corinthians 4:7) is an evident fact that we must guard it diligently "lest any man fail".

Now there are many ways of failing God. One may fail because he commits an act which is sinful, and yet another may fail because he is unwilling to be obedient to the calling of God.

Now consider Judas, one of the twelve apostles who went to the chief priests and asked: "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenated with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him." Matthew 26:15 and 16.

Surely Judas had the same advantages as the other disciples in that he had been with Jesus and witnessed many of the miracles and wonderful manifestations of the great power of God, but somewhere he failed to guard against the powerful forces of the adversary which were working in his life, and his character soon became like a honeycomb filled with covetousness and greed.

Now listen to the words of this poem which describes Judas so well.

Some place amongst the crowd, or throng,
Judas, who realized his wrong,

Stood crouching, trembling neath the gloom
Cast o'er him by our Saviour's doom,

