



The Mission Trail

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

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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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. . . Greetings to all who are in tune with THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma, coming to you over XEG each Friday night at 11:00 C.S.T. This is your speaker Willie Murphey bringing to you another message of hope and cheer from the Word of God with the fervent desire to reach those whose hearts are hungry for peace, whether they live in this great country of America, behind prison bar in the areas which forbid the free exercise of religion, in the darkened jungles of heathenism, or in the most remote islands of the sea. God is no respecter of persons and loves each one in this whole wide world. This is one thing I like about the radio broadcast. It knows no boundaries, but will penetrate all these geographical and human barriers. Even so the Spirit of God can and does do the same thing.

Then may I say a hearty welcome to all of those who are listening to the broadcast, and a heartfelt "Thank you" to those who have helped to make it possible each week, both by radio and also by the printed page. I hope that each of you are well and happy in the service of the Master. We of The Mission Trail are keeping very busy this summer preparing the broadcasts and sending out the copies of them each week to those who request them. However, it is a pleasure and we are happy in doing this.

If you are not receiving this printed copy each week and would like to be added to this list, be sure to let us know. They are free with no obligation on your part. Quite a number have expressed an interest in the poetry which is included from time to time. Then, too, we also add a few late events on the back page which are not included in this message on the air. That mailing address is The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this song by Brother Sell, Brother & Sister Amos Porter, Vera Porter and Lana Lasiter.

The song.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We pray that you would carry the message today to those who are longing to know how to find peace. May we help share the responsibility of taking thy Word to them for we know it will comfort the hearts of those who are troubled. Remember with compassion those who are suffering under the afflictions and trials which are so prevalent in the world today, for we ask it in Jesus' name, and thine shall be the praise. Amen

For our lesson today I would like for you to consider the importance of

OBEDIENCE

For the scripture reading please look at the last part of a verse found in I Samuel 15:22. "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Since the beginning of creation when man was placed in the garden of Eden, one of the leading sins has been disobedience. The first man Adam was plagued with this trouble as you may readily see in Romans 5:19. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

From this point on the sin of disobedience was prevalent. It found its way into the lives of great and wonderful leaders such as Moses, Samson, David, and Saul. This also included the prophet Jonah. In the lesson for today King Saul had been given a task to destroy the Amalekites and their possessions, but he failed to carry out this commandment to the satisfaction of Samuel.

King Saul pretended to be saving the cattle to offer for a sacrifice unto the Lord. Then he further excused himself by blaming the people for having saved the sheep and oxen but Samuel was not blinded to Saul's disobedience and plainly told him: "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Even so today, I believe that one of the great secrets of a successful life is that of learning obedience. It is written of Christ himself that He learned obedience by the things which he suffered.

Now, certainly it is encouraging to see those who are willing to venture for the right and stand for the truth amidst the dangers on every hand. Listen to the poetry about Jonah who disobeyed God.

Now, Jonah one time by the Lord had been sent
To Nineveh, to have the people repent;
He jumped on a boat, to Joppa did sail,
And got into trouble, perhaps with a whale.

A tempest was raging while Jonah did sleep,
And he was cast overboard into the deep;
A fish passing by as the water he struck,
Decided to swallow old Jonah for luck.

And good luck to Jonah it proved to be--
He sailed for three days in the fish in the sea;
Now Jonah was tough, and he wouldn't digest,
And shortly the fish became greatly distressed.

And said to himself, "I believe it is true,
I've bitten off more than I ever can chew;
This pain in my stomach was never before;"
And he with an effort cast Jonah ashore,

And now then, I think, unless I'm deceived;
That Jonah as well as the fish was relieved;
For he from imprisonment now was released,
And the pain in the fish was greatly decreased.

Then here is a little more poetry concerning David and Goliath.

Now, David, a lad, was by chance passing near,
And saw that his people was trembling with fear;
So he spake unto Saul and told him right there,
That he had at one time killed a lion and bear,

That he would go out in battle array,
Like the lion and bear the Philistine would slay;
With five little stones that he's found in a brook,
A sling, and a staff, were the things that he took.

And thus he went out, the Philistine to slay--
Who almost disdained to be treated that way--
But David replies, "Unto you we'll not yield;
Your carcass I'll feed to the beasts of the field."

Goliath arose, unto David drew near
With shield, and with target, with helmet and spear,
And David ran forward with naught but his sling,
And a stone that he had intended to fling.

And which he did fling with such wonderful skill,
That he the great giant did instantly kill.
He stood on the giant and cut off his head,
And then the Philistines immediately fled.

Now a song by a group of the young people from Neosho, Missouri.

Song with comments.

This broadcast has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If we have been a blessing to you, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Until next Friday night at 11:00 this is your speaker Willie Murphey saying "God bless you richly and a pleasant goodnight."

AT PRESS TIME we understand:

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We were very pleased to have quite a number from Wichita, Kansas, in the services at our regular appointment in Anthony, Kansas, Sunday, July 4, and of course it was an inspiration to again see those who are faithful to attend the services there. Further fellowship was enjoyed by those who partook of the noon-day lunch which was served in the park. We are also glad to report that Charley Barber is showing great improvement since prayer was requested for him recently because of a injury which he received to his hip. He is back in Anthony for which we are grateful. Continue to pray for him.

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Word has been received that Bro. Noah White of Jefferson, Ore., is greatly in need of a healing touch to his body. Also, we would like to make a standing request for prayer in behalf of his wife, Helen. And speaking of the saints in Ore., we would like to include Sis. Ruby Hutchinson in this request for healing. My sister, Mrs. J. R. Kelly, of Shreveport, La., and her husband have not been well. Your prayers would be appreciated in their behalf.

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We are glad to report that the saints of Senath, Missouri, have recently purchased a church building which is well adapted for their particular needs in this area. It is located about five miles from Senath, according to the report which Bro. Louie Marler gave me.

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We further rejoice to know that the congregation of Kentwood, La., are preparing to erect a new chapel where their old one has been torn down. It is good to get these reports from those who are interested in the work of the Lord and are doing what they can to advance the cause of the gospel.

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We hope to soon have a report of the meeting which was scheduled to be held in El Alamo, B. C., Mexico, July 9, 10, 11.

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Patsy remained in Louisiana during the remainder of the Hammond campmeeting and has not yet returned home, so Kathleen's secretarial ability is proving very helpful for The Mission Trail.

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