



# The Mission Trail

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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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. . . And welcome to all who are in tune with THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is your speaker Willie Murphey and we are indeed happy to be back with you again at this time with another message from the Holy Word.

But, first let me say, I hope you have been enjoying the services at the National Campmeeting this past week or if you have not, why not get ready to come on down for tomorrow, July 31, and enjoy this last weekend in the heavenly atmosphere of God's people. Hear the singing and preaching from the word as it was taught and believed many years ago. The big pavillion is located about five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, in the community known as Monark Springs.

Now, for our principal thought at this time, please allow me to introduce it to you by using an illustration from natural life. A good many years ago I was traveling to the west coast with a number of friends, including my father-in-law, Bro. Fred Pruitt. He had an experience which I am sure he never forgot as long as he lived. It also made a lasting impression in my memory.

It happened this way. At a certain house in New Mexico, he desired to make inquiry concerning some of the old settlers who had lived in this community many years ago. Upon reaching the door to knock, no one appeared, but suddenly a large and vicious looking dog came upon the scene and acted as if he owned the place and all strangers were intruders who deserved to be punished.

My father-in-law's return route to the car seemed to be blocked, as this dog began to bark viciously and to go in circles around him.

Fortunately for him he was not attacked but it required his utmost vigilance and caution to keep his eyes upon that dog and carefully return to the car safely.

No doubt, the least negligence on his part would have resulted in his being bitten by this unfriendly dog.

So, now, for my text from the scriptures look at this part of verse 15 found in Luke, chapter 12:

"TAKE HEED AND BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS."

Here is one evil which is like a leach. It will fasten itself to men of all nations, regardless of race, color or religion. It finds its way into the homes of rich and poor alike. It does so with such smoothness and cleverness, that many



## Luke 12

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

times it is as a serpent which has wound its large and deadly coils around its victim, and its fangs are clearly in sight before one is aware of its danger.

Christ here spoke these words as a warning not only to this man in the scripture who wanted his brother to divide his father's inheritance with him, but he spoke them for our admonition and warning to be on the look-out for covetousness, that we may detect it while it is yet on its way to devour our souls, and "Beware of it."

To beware means to take heed or give concern. Many times the sign upon the gatepost will read: "Beware--bad dog!"

One of the things which makes covetousness so deadly is the fact that it is not always easily detected, because so much of it lies beneath the surface and is not easily seen.

I understand that the great and mighty ship which was known as the "unsinkable Titanic" disregarded the warnings of icebergs and continued its course while the passengers were engaged in dancing and revelry. However, the unseen part of the iceberg beneath the surface of the ocean cannot be lightly regarded. For the mighty Titanic was ripped open and sank with only a few saved from the watery grave. This catastrophe might have been averted had good heed been given to the dangers which existed at that time.

And let me remind you again that there is no respecter of persons, for they may be either rich or poor, but if this greed of covetousness finds its way into their lives it will surely cause them to sink.

We so often class idolatry as belonging to the heathen, who worship images, but we are living in a world today filled with those whose hearts are ever seeking for more and more the wealth of this life. In Col. 3 & 5 we have a number of evils listed but the verse ends with this statement: "And covetousness, which is idolatry."

So, let me warn all once again: "Take heed and beware of covetousness."

Let us pause for a moment of prayer:

Our Father,

Who knowest the secrets of all hearts, we pray that we may ever and always so submit ourselves to your will that we may be free from all the evils which daily surround us including covetousness. Bless all those out in radio-land who seek to do thy will for Christ's sake. Amen

Here now is Frances with the letter exchange: but, let me explain that the first one she will read is from a prisoner who was under the sentence of death for almost 2 years in death row. We rejoice that even before this sentence was passed he found Christ. We withhold his name and state for reasons which we hope you will understand. But here are his own words:

## LETTER EXCHANGE

One thing I want to say right now is that The Mission Trail sure has been a blessing to my heart . . . You may not know it but this program was my service while on the row . . . The Mission Trail thrilled me, and to hear the Word, the singing, and your voices again just can't be measured at all . . .

From Oklahoma,

Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings to you and yours in love of the Most High. I just turned off the radio after listening to The Mission Trail and enjoyed the broadcast very much. Enclosed is offering to help keep you on the air. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your work.

From Oklahoma,

Dear Bro. Willie, How are you this morning? We got the broadcast last night. It came in very clear for the most part---"Lest any man fail." . . . Remember me when you pray. Keep the good work going on.

From Arkansas,

An hearty greetings in the precious name of Jesus . . . The printed message surely added courage to me. The last sentence or statement in the "Press time."

From Oklahoma,

Just keep sending The Mission Trail. Thank you.

From California,

Dear Saints at The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. I received The Mission Trail broadcast sermon in print today. I have also received several others from time to time. I enjoy them very much. I am where I can't attend services very much. May the Lord bless these broadcast sermons to all as well as myself.

This is all for today.

Thank you Frances. Now, please listen to the words of this poem:

Now Jesus soon went to the Passover feast---  
A custom which then did prevail in the east,  
And there in the temple, no doubt, could behold,  
How goats, sheep, and oxen, were bartered and sold.

Our Saviour, no doubt, was displeased at such things,  
And plaited a whip with some very small strings;  
The sheep and the oxen were turned out at large,  
As well as the people who had them in charge.

And those who sold doves were commanded to go,  
And pack up their cages--resembling a show--  
And as they marched out, the display that they made  
Was equal, no doubt, to a showman's parade.

Now those who changed money, he handled quite rough,  
No doubt he had seen of their dealings enough  
To know, that the Devil himself was cashier---  
Hence they were expelled without mercy or fear.

And they were removed with such wonderful care---  
The tables were left with their legs in the air---  
He cleared out the place where this traffic had been  
A harbor for Satan, the serpent, and sin.

If one has a heart that is burdened with sin,  
The first thing that's done when the Saviour comes in,  
Is, drive out the oxen, turn over the chairs,  
And make things feel greatly in need of repairs.

And when it's repaired by that power up above,  
The heart is so full of his mercy and love,  
That even the serpent is greatly dismayed---  
He knows that the mortgage and debt have been paid.

The temple was cleansed and the Devil had fled,  
And God now was reigning supreme in his stead;  
But God will not stay where the Devil does dwell---  
And hence there's no God in the regions of hell.

Here now is a song by Manuel & Marie Mitchell, Sherlene Mitchell and Cynthia La Croix. "Do You Ever Think To Pray"

The song.

You are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have received encouragement, we would like to hear from you. Also, if you would like to have a copy of today's message in print, you may have one free of charge by addressing The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Be with us again next Friday night at 11:00 o'clock over this same station. Until then this is Willie Murphey and Frances saying: May God bless you richly and a very pleasant goodnight.

AT PRESS TIME we understand:

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"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Psalms 53:1

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Diving and finding no pearls in the sea, blame not the ocean, the fault is in thee. The Word of God is full of precious jewels of eternal worth but we must search for them to find the riches of lasting value. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39

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Brother Charles Smith in charge of the Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, Oklahoma has been in the furnace of affliction and is looking to God for a healing touch to his body. Remember him in prayer.

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The best things are the nearest; breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

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All hindrances are tests. They try the genuineness of our purposes. A black sky on a Sunday morning test the strength of a Christian.

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I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true.  
I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.  
I must stand with anybody that stands right;  
Stand with him while he is right,  
And part with him when he goes wrong.

---Abraham Lincoln

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Nothing can we hide from his all seeing eye,  
Whether on the land, or on the sea or sky;  
Darkness cannot hide us from his blessed face,  
For his holy presence dwells in ev'ry place.

---Ulysses Phillips

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Would you like for THE MISSION TRAIL to bring a little sunshine into your home each week? Then send us your address, there is no charge or obligation on your part.

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