



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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. . . And a very hearty welcome to all who are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are indeed glad to be back with you on XEG. We are also grateful that more and more people have expressed how they receive a blessing from The Mission Trail. It gives us renewed courage as we prepare the messages for each Friday night. Then too, I want to say "thank you" in behalf of all of us, to those who are helping to keep the broadcast on the air. May God's richest blessing continue to rest upon each of you tonight wherever you may be.

Now, for our thought at this time I am thinking of another warning given by the lips of the Master, shortly following what is commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. If you remember last week I spoke about the admonition which He gave when he said "Beware of covetousness." Now here is another "beware" found in Matt. 7:15. I quote

"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS"

which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

First, we should think of the importance of a soul. When Christ made the evaluation of that eternal part of man He asked the question: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26 Now the implied answer to this vital question, of course, is that it would profit a man nothing to gain the whole world and then lose his soul.

But if it is so important for one to care for his soul, should he not "beware" or give heed to see that he is properly instructed in the Word of God?

Jesus again spoke of a certain class of people. He said: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." See Matt. 15: 14

Now, I would like to ask this question: If one was blind, do you think he would want another in the same condition to be his guide? Well I am sure that any reasonable answer to this question would be: "Why certainly not. I would rather have someone lead me who had good vision!"

And rightly so. I think it would be much safer, too!

Now, in case you may be wondering just why these leaders were called blind, take a look at the 8th and 9th verses of Matt. 15. I quote: "This people draweth

nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Now let me tell you right here and now that there are many religious leaders in the worldly-minded, pleasure-seeking, modernistic, so-called churches of today that are teaching the commandments and doctrines of men instead of the Word of God.

These teachers are doing this at the risk of their own soul and also the souls of multitudes of those who listen to them.

I am reminded of a scripture which says: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharises hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Matt. 23:13

Now, let me offer this little bit of personal advice to you. If you should find yourself "unequally yoked together with unbelievers," (see II Cor. 6:14) or affiliated with those who disregard the teachings of The Word, and you find that they are seeking to replace God's own Word and Spirit with the rules and regulations of human organizations. And you further find that not only the members but also the leaders are guilty of openly violating the laws of virtue and godliness and yet teach others that it is impossible to live free from sin in this life then I suggest to you that you do exactly what this scripture in II Cor. 6:17 & 18 says I quote: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty"

But please do not misunderstand me. There may be good and sincere people who are endeavoring to do God's will, but they find that their teachers are more of a hindrance than a help. The modernistic trend is ever more and more toward human leadership and organization rather than the freedom of God's Spirit and Word.

I would like to sing you a verse of song here which I learned many years ago.

Oh, how well I remember
 In those old-fashioned days,
 When some old-fashioned people
 Had some old-fashioned ways
 As an old-fashioned sinner
 I comenced to pray,
 And God heard me and saved me,
 In the old-fashioned way.

Now, I just don't believe that God changes every time the fashions of this world change. It is true that many modern changes which take place are for the better, but there are certain fundamental laws of God which do not change. They remain ever the same!

But, do remember the text: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Let us pause for a moment of prayer:

Our Father,

Thou doest understand the desire of everyone whose heart is longing to do the right. Bless them and guide them into all the light of thy Word for Christ's sake. Amen

Here now is Frances, who has an interesting letter to share with you:

I am glad to be here with you on the broadcast. I want to say something about our Mission Trail messages that we send out every week to those who ask for them. We have our own printing equipment and we do the printing ourselves. On one page we add a little press time news which is not on the broadcast. We believe this will be of interest to many of you. In fact I have a letter here which tells how these dear ones are enjoying the printed copies. Perhaps you would like to hear this letter from Missouri.

Dear Ones,

Greetings of Christian love. Trust this note finds all well and encouraged in the Lord. We are so thankful for the Lord and his dealings with us. Even today He has touched our baby's eye that was injured. We really appreciate it.

Have meant to write for some time and tell you how we appreciate THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. Then Vonda and Tommy let us read some of the Mission Trail leaflets and we really enjoyed them too. Makes us regret that we even missed an issue but guess we didn't realize what we were missing so please put our name on the mailing list.

Remember us in prayer.

In Christian love,

Thank you for this encouraging letter. If there are others hearing the broadcast who would like to have these printed messages mailed to you each week, please send us your address. There is no charge or if you have a friend whom you would like to receive a copy please let us know.

I would like to add my testimony. I am thankful to be saved and living for the Lord. I count this a privilege. The Lord blesses us with many good things.

Thank you Frances. I would like to explain that some may not realize we are printing these messages each week for mailing. But we are and it is not much trouble to add another name. So let us hear from you. Also, if you have a poem which might be of interest, send it along.

Then here is a final song by Bob Forbes, Dorrall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle. "Maybe it's you, maybe it's me.

You are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Okla. If you have enjoyed this message, we would be glad to hear from you. That address again is THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Be with us again next Friday night at 11:00 o'clock over XEG. Until then this is Willie Murphey and Frances saying: "May God's richest blessings be yours and a pleasant goodnight."

AT PRESS TIME we understand:

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"But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."
I Samuel 16:7

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The national campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri, is now over and is a matter of history for this year, but the effects of the preaching of the Word, the fellowship of God's people, the singing in the Spirit, and the marvelous power of God manifest in healing will long be remembered by those in attendance. Many states were represented. Be sure to hear The Mission Trail broadcast August 20 for a condensed report of this meeting. The actual voices of many of those who spoke will be featured at that time.

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In one of the services for the young people there were approximately 15 states represented.

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At the close of the evening services there were sometimes more than 20 who came and bowed for prayer at the altar.

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Brother and Sister C. C. Carver have been making last-minute preparations for that missionary flight to Nigeria in early August.

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The annual state meeting begins today right here in Guthrie. It is anticipated that these services will be well attended. Those interested and desiring further information may contact Bro. M. A. Davis, Route 4, Guthrie, phone BU2-3442 or the pastor, Bro. Ira D. Stover, Guthrie, phone BU2-3244.

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BULLETIN--Brother and Sister Carver's trip to Nigeria has been temporarily postponed.

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