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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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. . . Indeed it is a real pleasure to be back with those who listen to THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you, and we are glad to come to you each Friday night at 11:00 over radio station XEG.

Now our hearts have been made happy because of the interest shown in this work of faith which we are endeavoring to do for God and His people, and, of course, for those also who are not acquainted with Him or those who serve Him not. We hope that we may be a voice which will reach even unto those who sit in the shadow of death, laden heavy with the weight of their sins.

Now for our principal thought at this time, I would like for you to consider:

"DOUBTING THOMAS"

But, first look at this text in Mark 9:23. "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Here we see a father with a great love for his son. Now the thing which makes this incident so touching is the fact that this son was possessed with a dumb spirit and was unable to talk. The father had brought the child to the disciples, but they had been unable to exercise the necessary faith for his deliverance. Here is the all-powerful statement which Jesus then made: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Faith is the exact opposite of doubt. When faith comes in, doubt has to leave. Faith is the one thing which will supply all of our needs, but it must be free from doubt.

I like the way the father of this child replied to the challenge which Christ gave him. Listen then at verse 24. "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

It is my opinion that when he made this emphatic confession of faith, that all doubts fled from him, and instead, his bosom was filled with assurance that he was about to receive that for which he had longed to see for many years, the perfect and complete deliverance of his child.

Thus the answer was not long in coming for. Jesus spoke the word and the work was done. But on the other hand, I would like for you to consider the failures and frustrations which accompany one who has for his companion this great hinderance to all spiritual progress, the giant of doubt.

Now I am of the opinion that the disciple Thomas was a good man. I believe he lived a holy and just life, but he was certainly hindered in grasping the power of the resurrection of Christ, for he said when told of the great joy others had at seeing Jesus: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not

