



# 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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. . . Greetings to all of the saints and my friends of THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you, and I am indeed happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio station XEG.

We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We have so many things for which we are thankful. It is not necessary for a child of God to wait until Thanksgiving to offer thanks, but he should remember to do this each day.

For our scripture lesson today, let us consider Galatians 6:7. I quote: "Be not deceived God is not mocked: for

WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP."

Now first look at the natural plant-life and harvest.

From the work of seed-sowing and the growth of the plant from the seed, precious lessons may be taught in the family and the school. Let the children and young people learn to recognize in natural things the working of divine agencies, and they will be enabled to grasp by faith unseen benefits. As they come to understand the wonderful work of God in supplying the wants of His great family, and how we are to co-operate with Him, they will have more faith in God, and will realize more of His power in their own daily life.

God created the seed, as He created the earth, by His word. By His word He gave it power to grow and multiply. He said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so . . . And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:11, 12. It is that word which still causes the seed to grow. Every seed that sends up its green blade to the sun-

light declares the wonder-working power of that word uttered by Him who "spake, and it was;" who "commanded, and it stood fast." Psalms 33:9.

Christ taught His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." See Matthew 6:11. And pointing to the flowers He gave them the assurance, "If God so clothe the grass of the field, . . . shall He not much more clothe you?" Matthew 6:30. Christ is constantly working to answer this prayer, and to make good this assurance. There is an invisible power constantly at work as man's servant to feed and to clothe him. Many agencies our Lord employs to make the seed, apparently thrown away, a living plant. And He supplies in due proportion all that is required to perfect the harvest.

In the beautiful words of the psalmist in Psalms 65:10-13 we read: "Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the

pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."

Now the material world is under God's control. The laws of nature are obeyed by nature. Everything speaks and acts the will of the Creator. Cloud and sunshine, dew and rain, wind and storm, all are under the supervision of God, and yield implicit obedience to His command. It is in obedience to the law of God that the spire of grain bursts through the ground, "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:28. These the Lord develops in their proper season because they do not resist His will. And can it be that man, made in the image of God, endowed with reason and speech, shall alone be unappreciative of His gifts and disobedient to His will? Shall rational beings alone cause confusion in our world?

Now, having seen the natural laws and how the harvest is produced, look also at the spiritual side of things.

In the laws of God in nature, effect follows cause with unerring certainty. The reaping will testify as to what the sowing has been. The slothful worker is condemned by his work. The harvest bears witness against him. So in the spiritual things: the faithfulness of every worker is measured by the results of his work. The character of his work, whether diligent or slothful, is revealed by the harvest. It is thus that his destiny for eternity is decided.

Every seed sown produces a harvest of its kind. So it is in human life. We all need to sow the seeds of compassion, sympathy, and love; for we shall reap what we sow. Every characteristic of selfishness, self-love, self-esteem, every act of self-indulgence, will bring forth a like harvest. He who lives for self is sowing to the flesh, and of the flesh he shall reap corruption.

God destroys no man. Every one who is destroyed will have destroyed himself. Every

one who stifles the admonitions of conscience is sowing the seeds of unbelief, and these will produce a sure harvest. By rejecting the first warning from God, Pharaoh of old sowed the seeds of disobedience, and he reaped the results of his disobedience. God did not compel him to disbelieve. The seed of unbelief which he sowed, produced a harvest of its kind. Thus his resistance continued, until he looked upon his devastated land, upon the cold, dead form of his first-born, and the first-born of all in his house and of all the families in his kingdom, until the waters of the sea closed over his horses and his chariots and his men of war. His history is a fearful illustration of the truth of the words that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Let us not forget that text. Could men but realize this, they would be careful what seed they sow.

As the seed sown produces a harvest, and this in turn is sown, the harvest is multiplied. In our relation to others, this law holds true. Every act, every word, is a seed that will bear fruit. Every deed of thoughtful kindness, of obedience, or of self-denial, will reproduce itself in others, and through them in still others. So every act of envy, malice, or dissension, is a seed that will spring up in a "root of bitterness," whereby many shall be defiled. And how much larger number will the "many" poison. Thus the sowing of good and evil goes on for time and eternity.

Now let us go one step further and see how Christ brought to us this great plan of salvation and redemption. The price was not a small one.

By the casting of the grain into the soil, Christ represents the sacrifice of Himself for our redemption. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die," He says, "it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. So the death of Christ will result in fruit for the kingdom of God. In accordance with the law of the vegetable kingdom, life will be the result of His death.



And all who would bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ, must first fall into the ground and die. The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. Self-love, self-interest, must perish. But the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation. The seed buried in the ground produces fruit, and in turn this is planted. Thus the harvest is multiplied. The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. So in human life, to give is to live. The life that will be preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man. Those who for Christ's sake sacrifice their life in this world, will keep it unto life eternal.

Let us not forget the text. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Shall we spend a moment in prayer?

Our Father,

We pray that we may have both the wisdom and willingness to obey the laws of God. Help us to sow good seed that when the time of reaping comes, we may rejoice forever in thy favor for in the name of Christ our Saviour we ask it. Amen

Now listen to this song by Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver. --  
"There's Honey in the Rock"

This broadcast has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and this is your speaker Willie Murphey saying: May God's richest blessings be yours. Tune in and be with us again next Friday night at 11:00 and until then, may God bless each and everyone with His richest blessings; a very pleasant goodnight!

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In evil long I took delight,  
Unawed by shame or fear,  
Till a new object struck my sight,  
And stopped my wild career.

I saw one hanging on a tree,  
In agonies and blood,  
Who fixed his languid eyes on me,  
As near his cross I stood.

--John Newton

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

We are thinking of having a little section in The Mission Trail for the young people. We are sure that many of you have a testimony, and we would be glad to have you write it for us. As we have a little space from time to time we could print them. If some of the other saints have a word of encouragement for the young people, we would be glad to print it also. We are sure that many could receive a blessing from these testimonies.

I was saved when I was still in junior high school, and the Lord has helped me much since then. After I graduated from high school, the Lord permitted me to help in the Mexican work for a while. I really enjoy this work, and the Lord has sent many blessings there. I came back home this summer, and since then I have been helping with the work on THE MISSION TRAIL. I do enjoy working for the Lord. It is good to see how the Lord does bless all who work for Him.

Just this fall I received a letter from one of the saints which I would like to share with you:

"Dear Kathleen and all, A few words to let you know that I appreciate you very much. I enjoyed hearing you tell about your experiences in Mexico. I like to see people that want to work for the Lord." Dorothy Bridges

Then here is another:

"Dear ones at The Mission Trail, I am receiving The Mission Trail and do enjoy it as I don't always get to hear the broadcast but can read it every week.

May the Lord bless you in this great work. A sister in the Lord, Dolly Brown."

If any of you have a testimony or a word of encouragement, please send it to us.

--KEM

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."  
II Corinthians 5:20



## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

We have been very pleased to hear from a number this week who have been receiving the messages. Also we have heard from some new listeners of the broadcast on XEG. May we say a very hearty welcome. We hope you will continue to tune in the broadcast each Friday night.

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We believe God has a plan for every life and also a plan and a work for His church to do. This is to proclaim His Word. If we but can catch a vision of His power and majesty, this song written many years ago will have a special meaning to us:

## LOUDER, LOUDER

Onward moves the great eternal  
In the order of his plan;  
Louder, nearer rolls the thunder  
Of his awful word to man.

Since by sin the earth was blighted,  
God has whispered of his love,  
Dreams and visions by his prophets  
Breathed of mercy from above.

Yet the world is wrapped in slumber,  
Louder raise the trumpet's blast;  
Oh in mercy let it thunder,  
Ere the day of mercy's past.

--D. S. Warner

It is reported that Danny Doolittle, who was so near death's door in affliction this summer, continues to improve and is doing nicely. For this, we give God thanks.

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We enjoyed the services in the chapel at Anthony, Kansas, last Sunday. Some of the saints from Wichita were present. Charlie Barber continues to improve and is now at home again.

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Dale Baldrige of East Point, Kentucky, requests prayer for his mother, who suffers greatly in body. Continue to remember in prayer the standing request for Bro. Clark (Junior) Porter.

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Late word from Bro. and Sis. Carver, who are in Nigeria, indicate they are busy for the Lord there. The broadcast for Friday, October 22, will contain actual recordings of their voices as heard in some of these services. Be sure to hear this one.

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If you have a friend whom you think would like to receive copies of THE MISSION TRAIL send us their name and address. Please include zip code. These are mailed free as the Lord provides.

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Let us not wait until tomorrow to do that which God's spirit speaks for us to do TODAY!

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