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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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. . . It is a real pleasure to be back again with our friends who listen to XEG each Friday night at 11:00, and may I add that it brings real joy to our hearts to hear from those who receive the message. Now here is one thing that we do which may be a little different from those who make just regular broadcasts, but each week this message is printed and mailed free of charge to those who request it, so if you are hearing the broadcast for the first time, perhaps you would like to receive the printed copies with the additional weekly news which is not heard over the air.

Now last week we began with the subject which was far too big for us to handle in one broadcast. This text is found in Proverbs, chapter 6, verses 16 through 19. I shall quote this for you again and we would like to use the second thing mentioned for our text. "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination to him: A proud look,

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and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Now we discussed at some length this first thing mentioned which God hates--"a proud look". Today I would like for us to realize more fully that God hates "a lying tongue". Now first of all, let me explain that the tongue is not wholly responsible for the words which it utters. Many people would like to excuse themselves on the basis that the members of their bodies commit the sin and they are unable to control these members. This is a very poor excuse indeed. Look at these verses in Mark, chapter 7, verses 20 through 23. I quote: "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thought, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things

come from within, and defile the man."

So we see then that the evil things which come forth from a man's life spring up from the heart. This is the center of his affections. It is very necessary that one should have his heart cleansed by the blood of Christ, for in the natural state it is an unsafe guide to follow.

Now look at this verse in Jeremiah 17:9. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" So if you find yourself in bondage to sinful habits and especially "a lying tongue", you should realize that this is one thing that God hates.

I think of a little piece of poetry which I learned many years ago. It says: "O what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." Now this is one of Shakespeare's quotations, and we would do well by taking it to heart. When one begins his voyage in the direction of deceit, only God can tell

what the ultimate end will be. One falsehood seems to make it necessary to indulge in another to cover up the facts of the first. Is it any wonder then that God said he hates "a lying tongue"?

Consider this verse in Jeremiah 17:10: "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

Now if you think this is a little strong, consider these verses in Revelation 22:14, 15. Again I quote: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Now we notice here that in the catalogue of sins enumerated, which exclude one from a spiritual life in this world and will eternally forbid him to enter into the joys prepared for those who love God, the sin of lying was classed in the same category as murderers and all other evil workers and forms of wickedness.

You may have heard the expression some time or other in life about certain types of falsehoods being called "little white lies". I would like to be quick to point out that there is no such thing in God's classification of falsehoods. The definition for a lie is: a falsehood uttered or acted for the purpose of deceiving." I would also like to point out that all of us are subject to making mistakes. This is because we are human and limited in our knowledge. Therefore, being imperfect in knowledge, we may unknowingly fail to understand the full truth about some things, but this would not be imputed unto us for sin. However, when the knowledge of the truth comes to light and then we willingly and knowingly deviate from this truth, this is one of the things which God hates.

Now another thing let me point out--one of the greatest things in life is for a person to

be honest with themselves. If one is dishonest with himself, his own heart will condemn him. This he is well aware of. Again I shall quote from Shakespere for he wrote this following good advice:

"This above all: to thy ownself be true  
And it must follow, as night the day  
Thou canst be false to no man."

So, friends, if we would be honest with God, then let us first be honest with ourselves. When we are honest with ourselves, then to our neighbors we are bound to be true. Remember, God hates "a lying tongue".

Again I can clearly see that in this subject for today is wrapped up many sermons, but I hope that we have uncovered enough of it to cause each one to give diligent heed to the words which they speak each day. We have in our possession a strong and deadly weapon when we are dealing with words. They hold within their power death-dealing blows to crush and kill. They are even as deadly as weapons of modern warfare. On the other hand, they also hold within their power the ability to sooth the broken heart, to heal the wounded soul, and to bring life to those who are dying.

Listen to this verse from Proverbs 25:11. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Oh, my friends, may the Lord help you and me to be careful with our words, to measure them, to weigh them, and that He will help us to speak words which will profit those who hear.

Here now is Patsy with a thought for you to remember.

This poem is entitled "Put a Brake on your Tongue".

If all that we say in a single day,  
With never a word left out,  
Were printed each night, in clear black and  
white,  
'Twould prove queer reading, no doubt.

And then just suppose, e'er our eyes we  
 should close,  
 We must read the whole record through;  
 Then wouldn't we sigh, and wouldn't we try  
 A great less talking to do.

And I more than half think, that many a kink  
 Would be smoother in Life's tangled thread,  
 If half that we say in a single day  
 Were left forever unsaid.

Thank you, Patsy. Let us spend a moment  
 in prayer.

Our gracious heavenly Father,  
 We pray that the blessings of your spirit  
 may accompany the words of the message  
 today. Carry them into every home and into  
 every automobile whose radio is tuned to  
 XEG at this very moment. And then may we  
 be made to realize more surely than ever be-  
 fore that God hates a "lying tongue". Qual-  
 ify us to be honest with ourselves and with  
 God for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

Listen now to this poem entitled "Putting  
 God First" by Russell H. Douglas. Brother  
 Douglas composed this poem as he has many  
 others. I hope it will be an inspiration to  
 you as he brings it to you.

If God gives you a song, sing it.  
 If He gives you a gift, bring it.  
 If He gives you a prayer, wing it.  
 If He gives you a step, spring it.

If He gives you a talent, use it.  
 Use it for him, don't abuse it.  
 If He gives you a choice, choose it.  
 Keep your faith in Him, don't lose it.

God is no respecter of persons 'tis true,  
 Respect for God must come from you.  
 Your faith in Him without a doubt  
 Will bring you victory and make you shout.

Just keep your faith and trust in Him  
 Though at times the way grows dim.  
 When Satan's darts at you are hurled,  
 Your faith in God overcomes the world.

Thank you, Brother Douglas, for the poem  
 "Putting God First". Here now is a song en-  
 titled "When I Looked Up and He Looked  
 Down" by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Man-  
 uel Mitchell, and Troy Gentry.

This message 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 Willie Murphey  
 saying: May God's richest blessings be yours  
 and a very pleasant goodnight!

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

As I was meditating and praying for something  
 that would be of interest to all the young  
 people and would be uplifting to the king-  
 dom of God, I thought of this verse in II Peter  
 1:3 which says: "According as his divine power  
 hath given unto us all things that pertain unto  
 life and godliness, through the knowledge of  
 him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

In the world today so many people are seeking  
 after something in life that is interesting,  
 exciting, and will give life a real meaning.  
 They live to be old men and women and are  
 still unable in the world to find what their  
 very inmost soul is yearning after. But this  
 scripture says that through the knowledge of  
 Christ, He will give unto us all things that  
 pertain unto life. I believe, that if everyone  
 would give God a fair chance in their lives  
 to satisfy and fill this longing for joy and con-  
 tentment, He would so flood them with ALL  
 things that pertain unto life and godliness that  
 they would no longer have a desire for any of  
 the fleeting pleasures of this life.

Young people, isn't it wonderful to have a  
 friend on whom you can cast all of the cares  
 and problems that you meet with in school and  
 in your everyday life, and, in return, He will  
 give you all things that pertain unto life?  
 Salvation is something that far surpasses the  
 very finest this world has to offer. Do all of  
 you know Christ as a personal saviour?--PM

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

During recent weeks in Oklahoma the weather and sunshine have all combined together to make some of the most beautiful days which we have ever seen. The leaves have been turning yellow, brown, and red on the trees. Now they are falling to the ground in large numbers, which reminds us once again that the summer is ended and that we should be preparing for those cold winter days ahead. As we turn our eyes to the scriptures we see recorded in Psalms 19:1-3 that:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

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Bro. Herbert Probst was recently in meeting in Hamilton, Arkansas, and last week he was with the saints in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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After services with the saints in Enid, Bro. Curtis Williams has moved on to Webb City, Missouri, for meeting there this week.

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Urgent prayer is requested for Della Perry. The saints are much interested in her welfare and are looking to God for her healing.

From Louisiana a sister writes: "We are surely enjoying The Mission Trail broadcast on Friday night; also the printed programs we receive each week. We also pray much that God will make it possible for you to keep the broadcast on the air. I am sending my two daughters' names in for The Mission Trail program. Enclosed you will find little offering, and I say again, God bless your labors . . . With love and prayers,"

--Lillie Miller

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From Missouri: "We are having the most beautiful autumn weather--had early spring rains, then a dry season, then early fall rains --now the most wonderful weather for fall harvest--oh, God is so good and yet so few concerned about His good Word and yielding to Him, seemingly caring nothing about the great sacrifice that was made for them--having no burden that the cause of Christ prosper in the earth--well thank God for the few who have the urge to work on and toil on."

--Sis. Rosella Scott

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Be sure to hear Bro. Carver's report next Friday night, also his conversation with a new-found native friend in India on the broadcast Friday, November 26.

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