



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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. . . It is indeed a pleasure to be back with those who listen to radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL Broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and, of course, your speaker, Willie Murphey. We indeed count it a privilege to come to you each Friday night by means of radio. If you are listening for the first time, we welcome you to our audience of those who listen regularly, and we hope that each of you are well and happy in the Lord.

In recent weeks we have been discussing seven things which the Lord hates as found in Proverbs 6:16-19. We have considered the first two as mentioned here which are listed as "a proud look" and "a lying tongue". Now I would like to read this scripture again. I quote: "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, 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."

Today let us quickly notice a few of the highlights from this scripture, and I hope that we can complete it with this broadcast. We should remember that the taking of human life is a very serious offence in the sight of God. Much more is this true when it is "innocent blood".

Then the fourth thing mentioned here is "wicked imaginations". You may have heard the expression that "imagination is the greatest nation on earth". Well, to some extent this is true, for one of the things which create a real problem for every child of God is to bring his imaginations into subjection to the will of God.

And speaking of imaginations and warfare, look what the Apostle Paul said in II Corinthians, chapter 10 and verses 3 to 5. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that

exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

Here we see the constant warfare which a successful Christian must wage in order to be victorious in his experience with God.

Notice this part of verse five which says "bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". Remember now, God hates wicked imaginations. Let me assure you that if you can overcome and master your thoughts and bring them into obedience with the will of Christ, that good works will follow as day follows night.

The fifth thing which the Lord hates is "feet that be swift in running to mischief". I am sure that it would be a different world in which to live were this scripture taken at face value and obeyed. Not nearly so many police officers would be necessary to maintain order if each in sincerity of heart endeavored to avoid running to mischief.

The sixth thing concerns "a false witness that speaketh lies". This would surely take us back to the second item which was listed as a "lying tongue". No wonder so many times we hear of certain people brought before investigating committees, and they invoke the fifth amendment for their own protection. Were the truth known, no doubt, many of their lives would be honeycombed with wickedness and deceit, therefore, they are not in a condition to speak the truth.

There is not nearly so much danger of becoming entangled in the narration of certain events if the truth is strictly adhered to, but once a deviation from this is made, it is hard to predict what the outcome will be. I would like to very strongly urge our young people to give good heed to this admonition. Speak the truth even if it seems that you may suffer because of the truth.

The seventh thing which is the last mentioned here is not necessarily the one of least importance for it mentions "he that soweth discord among brethren". We should bear in mind that God hates this evil with all the others listed in this same scripture.

I believe we would do well to notice this scripture in Acts 20 and verses 28 through 30. I quote: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

"Also of your selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

Friends, God's word teaches unity. It is not his will or design that his body or the church be broken up into small groups and divided among themselves. Many times the reason for such division as this is because

there are those who seek to draw away disciples after themselves, not regarding the Lord's body.

Then those who stir up and make trouble should forsake their evil ways and endeavor to make peace between God and their brethren. I hope that these seven things which the Lord hates will linger in your hearts and cause you to live in such a way that you will have nothing to be ashamed of.

Now, let us briefly give you a little glimpse of Brother Carver's missionary journey to India which I am sure many of you have been following very closely. Listen to his voice now as he spoke to his new-found friend in Bombay, India.

Brother Carver: "Max was telling me his problems . . . He had nine children and was having a hard time, you know, and wanted me to pray. So I said shall we pray right now, and he said 'yes'. So we bowed our heads and prayed for the Lord to bless him and work out his problems.

Indian native: "Oh, yes, oh, yes, oh, yes."

Brother Carver: "And while we were praying, the door opened and the Hindu man came out.

Indian native: "Oh, they don't say anything."

Brother Carver: "Well, he did, when he saw us praying, he said, 'I have been back here praying for somebody to help me'."

Just think of it, friends, here God was using one to witness for Him in that far away city of Bombay as he met people of different walks of life. Imagine, if you can, the joy of witnessing for Christ to one who was a Hindu and had been praying for help! But this opportunity came only after Brother Carver was seen praying for another in a public souvenir shop!

At another place in India, he met a certain evangelist, Brother Daniels, and enjoyed fellowship with his family.

Would you like to hear what a song entitled, "Oh, My Soul, Let Me Exalt Thee, Let Me Exalt Thee for the Goodness That Thou Hast Done for Me", would sound like when sung by a twelve year old girl in the Indian language? Then listen to a little part of it.

The Indian song

Yes, there you have this gospel song by a little girl in this great land of India where there are millions without the knowledge of sins forgiven by the blood of Christ.

Think of the great need for young people to consider the fields ripe for the gospel.

Let us pause for a moment of prayer.

Our Father,

Bless everyone who is listening to this broadcast today, and may it serve the good and useful purpose of causing them to launch out into the work of God. Bless those who have waited so long for Thy word, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Here then is a song by Margaretta Kennedy and Dixie Hand, "I Don't Know About Tomorrow".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy of today's message, you may have one free of charge by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey speaking for THE MISSION TRAIL, and saying may God bless you richly and a very pleasant goodnight.

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

--John Bowring

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

As we read in the 21st chapter of John, we are made to think of what we can do for the Lord. The Lord has told us to go into his fields and work for him. In this chapter we see how Peter followed this command. Peter had already left all to follow Jesus, but when Jesus was crucified, Peter's world seemed to fall apart. This was the man whom he had believed had come into the world to save men from their sins, and Peter couldn't understand why he had died. Peter's spiritual eyes were yet closed, therefore, in verse 3, "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. "They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately;"

But when the Master arose, he remembered Peter. He loved Peter, knowing that Peter wanted to work for Him and His kingdom here, but that Peter had difficulty in doing so. Therefore, the Master went to where Peter and the other disciples were fishing and called unto them, "Come and dine." When He first spake unto them, they all knew that this was their Master.

In verse 15, "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs."

We know how the story goes. Jesus told Peter to "feed my sheep". And Peter, loving his Lord better than all these, was eager to go. Not only did he want to go himself, but in verse 21 Peter saw another of the disciples and said, "Lord, and what shall this man do?"

Jesus rebuked Peter for this. He said, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

God asks of us our service, to leave all the world behind. He wants us not to be concerned what someone else is going to do. His command to us is simply to "Follow me".-KM

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

"Our Help Cometh from the Lord"

Sometimes our troubles are so near
It's hard to see the road.
But if we'll ask, Our God will speak
And take from us the load.
"Give me your heavy load, my child
You've carried it so long,
While I've been waiting close at hand
To give to you a song.
I would not snatch it from you--
The choice must be your own
To let me be your friend and guide,
Or struggle on alone."

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On Monday night, Nov. 22, the saints at Guthrie heard first-hand from Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver as they told of many experiences which they recently had in Nigeria, while on their missionary trip abroad. Bro. Carver also told of his extended trip to India and of the great need there in that ripened field of the gospel. It is indeed encouraging to see the interest which is being awakened more and more in the Lord's people and a desire to help meet this great need for gospel workers abroad. In the next issue of THE MISSION TRAIL which will be Friday, Dec. 3, we plan to have a report by Sis. Carver on Nigeria and one by Bro. Carver on India. Be sure to look for this issue. It will be a little larger than usual, containing six pages.

The saints of Shreveport, La. wish to extend to all the Lord's people a hearty welcome to attend their special all-day service at the chapel located on Southern Avenue in Cedar Grove on Sunday, December 12, 1965. It is planned to have the regular morning service with preaching as usual followed the noon day meal which will be served to those in attendance. The afternoon service will be used for gospel singing. This will be both by the congregation and also a number of quartets. So if you would really like to know what Southern hospitality is like, decide right now to attend and enjoy this day with the saints in Shreveport. For further information, contact Bro. C. C. Carver, 6125 Willard Ave.

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Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and his wife, Sis. Maybelle left Tues. Nov. 23 for South Louisiana where they plan to visit their son, Byron, and his wife, Clarice, at Loranger, La. And also to attend the Hammond assembly meeting now in progress.

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Our crosses are hewn from different trees,
But we all must climb our Calvaries.
We may ascend the heights from different sides,
But we each go up to be crucified.

--Sis. A. F. Baldrige

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