



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.

