



# 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 once again to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are indeed happy to be bringing you another gospel message. We have no discipline to offer except the Word of God and no rule of conduct except the contents of its teachings and the leadings of God's spirit. We believe that all who are led by the spirit of God, having been born again through His word, are in the one body in Christ. Therefore, we are striving to teach the Word in all of its purity which will convert the unbeliever and unify those who have been born of God's spirit.

Your correspondence and questions are invited. You may address them to us in this manner: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a copy of today's message in print, be sure to request it when you write. There is no charge or obligation.

Listen now to the reading of the word from Hebrews 10:22. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an

## EVIL CONSCIENCE,

and our bodies washed with pure water." Our subject for today is dealing with "conscience". First, we would like to notice the teaching of the Bible in regard to an evil conscience.

Listen now to what Webster has to say in defining conscience. I quote: "Sense or consciousness of right and wrong; sensitiveness to the rightness or wrongness of one's own acts or motives; as, her conscience told her she had done wrong."

Here is a further definition of the term conscience from Cruden's concordance. "Conscience--That faculty within us which decides as to the moral quality of our thoughts, words, and

acts. It gives consciousness of the good of one's conduct or motives, or causes feelings of remorse at evil-doing. A conscience can be educated, or trained to recognize good and evil, but its action is involuntary. A good conscience is one which has no feeling of reproach against oneself, does not accuse oneself of wilful wrong." End of quote.

Some people have the mistaken idea that their conscience is a safe rule to follow and, therefore, they seem to think that if their conscience does not trouble them, everything is all right, and they are bound to be on the right road. This is not necessarily so. It would depend upon a number of factors.



In the first place, the conscience of a child is very tender. Sometimes the smallest wrong-doings will bring a feeling of guilt which is hard to overcome. God has designed it this way, and the conscience is a wonderful gift from God if properly trained and instructed in the ways of God.

But, today we are speaking primarily of people who have an evil conscience. If the Lord is willing, on our next broadcast we hope to deal with a good conscience.

To those who might think their conscience is always a safe guide to follow, let me ask you this question. "Would you say it was right or wrong for a mother to offer her child to the crocodiles as a sacrifice?" Of course, we certainly know that this would not be the will of God. Yet there are those who live in idolatry and worship heathen gods who feel a great sense of condemnation if they do not offer their children to the crocodiles. Therefore, we must realize that our conscience must be properly instructed and educated by the Word of God, and we must be led by his spirit. All other feelings or inclinations which one may have are wrong if they do not conform to this standard.

Listen now to this scripture reading from I Timothy, chapter 4 and verses 1 and 2. It says: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

Here we see the scriptures speak of a class of people who have their conscience seared with a hot iron. By this we understand that certain people continue to do wrong, regardless of

their conscience in their inmost beings which continually tells them that they are doing wrong.

However, if people stubbornly pursue a course of wrong-doing, it is possible for them to reach a place where their conscience is no longer troubled. They can then brazenly commit almost any crime with no feeling of guilt. In other words, their conscience has been seared, and it is absolutely not a safe guide for them to follow. It is an "evil conscience" and one which God condemns.

Listen now to this scripture from Titus, chapter 1 and verses 15 and 16. It says: "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

Now it is bad enough for one to be overcome by evil doing while their conscience is continually pricking them and warning them that they are doing wrong. But think of the depth of depravity which one is in who continually does wrong and yet has no remorse of conscience. I would say that if one's conscience has been so grossly misused it is certainly not a safe guide to follow. Let us illustrate it this way:

A certain man was telling me once that one day when he was flying his private plane he was getting ready to make a landing. He observed the wind indicator at the airport and proceeded to bring his plane in according to what he thought was the proper course. But just before touching down upon the ground, he took another look at the wind indicator. Then he realized that he was coming in for a landing with the



wind. In other words, he was headed in exactly the wrong direction. Fortunately, he was able to safely land the plane even though he was going the wrong direction and the landing was somewhat rough.

Here then is the lesson from the illustration. Because one's conscience does not trouble him, it is not a sure thing that he is on the right course. He may be absolutely wrong and yet have no feeling of guilt, but he may possess a feeling of security.

Therefore, I say that each of us should return to the word of God and re-align our conscience and thinking with its teachings and precepts. An evil conscience is certainly a poor thing as a safe guide through this world in which we live. On our next broadcast we hope to tell you of the importance of a good conscience. Listen now to the poem:

#### THE SPIRIT'S CALL

Sinners, the voice of God regard;  
'Tis mercy speaks today;  
He calls you by his sacred word  
From sin's destructive way.

Like the rough sea that cannot rest,  
You live devoid of peace;  
A thousand stings within your breast  
Deprive your souls of ease.

Your way is dark, and leads to hell:  
Why will you persevere?  
Can you in endless torments dwell,  
Shut up in black despair?

Why will you in the crooked ways  
Of sin and folly go?  
In pain you travel all your days,  
To reap eternal woe.

But he that turns to God shall live  
Through his abounding grace:

His mercy will the guilt forgive  
Of those that seek his face.

Bow to the scepter of his word,  
Renouncing every sin;  
Submit to him, your sovereign Lord,  
And learn his will divine.

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Hear this final warning from Psalms 9:17. It says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." This would include all people who have trampled over the pleadings of their conscience and disregarded the commandment of God.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We have endeavored to point out a certain class of people who have an evil conscience as defined by thy word. For them we pray. We ask that their hearts may be softened once again to hear the voice of God pleading with them. As they hear the still small voice may they be constrained to give heed and thus have their conscience purified through faith in thee and to thee we'll give the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

Listen now to the song "Come Travel With Me" as sung by Bro. and Sister Amos Porter and their daughters, Janice and Cathryn.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy free of charge, you may have one by simply sending us your request. And now until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Pro. 4:26



## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey: Greetings of Christian love in Jesus' dear name. I'm thankful for His great love to us and for salvation. Praise the Lord! We surely appreciated having you in the Boley mtg. . . The messages the Lord gave have been a very pleasant memory. . . I'm very thankful for The Mission Trail and the fresh news it brings each week. To me it seems to bring the saints closer to each other (Speaking of miles that separate us). 'It's just like getting a letter from home.' Praise the Lord! I have been having quite a battle with my nerves and other afflictions. . . I need your prayers. Request the saints to pray for me. My trust is fully in the dear Lord. I love Him with all my heart. Love and best wishes to your family. God's richest blessings be upon each of you continually. 'I'm praying for you.' Christian love,"

--Sis. Katherine Williams

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From India: ". . . Now-a-days I am very very happy to read The Mission Trail because it contents a lot of important things to know. I really appreciate your great service to Him. Undoubtedly He will bless you and your family members. . . " V. V. Samy

Johnny Ray continues to slowly improve as the cuts, bruises, and broken bones heal following his recent accident. He eagerly looks forward to the postman and enjoys the cards and letters which so many have written. His birthday is tomorrow, October 29. Any others who would like to write to him may address their letter to his home, 1223 West Cleveland, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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The Lord has been richly blessing in the revival meeting in Wichita, Kansas. A number of ministers are present, and the Lord is sending forth his word under the anointing of his spirit, and the cause of Christ has been advanced.

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Oklahoma has been enjoying some lovely autumn weather with cool nights and sunshine during the days. One does not have to wait until Thanksgiving to be grateful. But on the other hand, as we realize the winter season is fast approaching, we are again reminded of the scripture which says: "The summer is ended, the harvest is past, and we are not saved." Just as many people will not be prepared for the winter season, even so, there are many who are not spiritually fortified to face the problems of life which lie ahead.

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