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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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Does It Matter?

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. . . A very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of this radio station. We are happy to be coming your way once again with a gospel message from the Word of God just as we do each week on this station. We are interested in everyone having the opportunity to hear and believe the gospel, and our work is made possible by those who are willing to help share the cost of broadcast time and to help us pay the postage in mailing copies of the message each week. Those who desire to write us may address their letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

In Proverbs the 23rd chapter and the 23rd verse we find these words. "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." Now I wonder how many times you have heard the statement made by someone you know, "I don't have anything I wouldn't sell", or "I'd sell anything I have if I got my price for it." Sometimes people even include their wife and children or their husband and children, whichever might be the case. Perhaps they say it as a joke, while on the other hand, some people actually practice such a course in life even though they do not say it in so many words. But this verse says to "buy the truth and sell it not". Friends, there are some things too important to trade, to give away, or to sell. And I would say the most important thing of all is to know the truth, to seek it out, and to stay with it.

There are those who have made statements similar to this: "It doesn't matter what you believe just as long as you are sincere in it." Do you agree

with that statement? Do you accept that to be a good policy to follow in life? Do you believe anything you want to just as long as you are sincere in it?

Now let us analyze that for just a moment. Is this what you do when you get in the family automobile and load in the children and head for a distant city somewhere to visit some relatives? Do you say, "Oh, it doesn't matter which road we go, just as long as we believe we are right?" Why, of course, you do not do that. If you have done very much traveling, you know it matters a great deal which road you go. Especially is this true in the maze of complicated interstate expressways traversing our country and cities in these days. If you miss an exit, it may be many miles down the road somewhere before you are able to turn around and get straight again.

When one of the jet airliners leaves the Will Rogers Airport of Oklahoma City flying nonstop to Los Angeles, do you think that pilot in the cockpit who

is surrounded by many instruments and gauges to assist him in flying a direct course ever says to those about him, "It really doesn't matter which way we go just as long as we are in the air. We are bound to get there." Of course, he doesn't, friends. Those instruments and gauges are placed in that cabin to let that pilot know which way he is going, how high he is, and many other things necessary for him to travel his course safely to Los Angeles and to reach his destination without disaster.

Likewise, I am here to tell you that the reality and the truth of spiritual things remain the same whether one believes it or not. One may close his eyes, one may stop his ears, and he may go in an opposite direction from the way he should go to reach the portals of Heaven, but that does not change the truth at all. Whether we believe it or whether we do not believe it, there are certain things and certain laws which God has made, and they remain the same.

Some people make statements similar to this: "Oh, it doesn't matter to which church you go or what you believe. We are all striving for the same place anyway." Well, I couldn't altogether discredit the last part of that statement even though we are made to wonder. Perhaps they are striving for the same place, but God knows whether they are going to make heaven or not. However, I certainly do disagree with that first statement. It does matter what you believe and the kind of doctrine you allow others to teach you.

Here is what is happening to a lot of folks these days, and this includes many church members. Let me read this to you from the scriptures. In Jeremiah

2 and verse 13, it says, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Many people have accepted church joining in place of the new birth. They have accepted a form of religion instead of the reality of a personal acquaintance with God and the knowledge that they are being lead by the Holy Spirit.

Let us illustrate it this way. In 1849 when so many people crossed the mountains and the deserts seeking a route to the west coast in search of gold, many of them died of starvation. Others, no doubt, lost their way in a country which was so new that very few roads had even been planned. Still others were attacked by the Indians and perished before they ever reached California.

But imagine if you can what it would be like to cross the Mojave desert and run out of water. You might look up ahead of you and think surely you saw a lake of cool water, but as you traveled on and on, the water seemed to evade you and before long you would realize that you had only seen a mirage. You thought there was water, but it was not true. You might think it ever so strongly, but, my friends, if the lake is not there, there is absolutely no water.

Then how could one so lightly say, "It doesn't matter what you believe." Friends, that depends on what you are talking about. Some things I could agree with you that it really wouldn't matter at all what you believe about them. It doesn't matter whether you like the color of red or the color blue the best. It doesn't matter whether you buy a black automobile or a white

one. Some people like to live on a hilltop while other people prefer living in the valley. Some people like cold weather the best, and others say that they prefer the summer time. Now really some of these things do not matter at all. Perhaps that is why the Lord created the different colors. He made the mountains and the valleys too. Just take your choice. Live where it suits you best.

However, when it comes to such an important matter as the truth of God's Word, I say that it does matter what you do with it. It does matter how you live. It does matter if you are a saint or a sinner. The difference is the destination to which you are going. It may be heaven, or it may be hell which the Word of God so freely speaks about.

Listen to this reading from the 59th chapter of Isaiah, beginning with verse 14. "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." Friends, I hope that scripture does not describe your condition. Let us as the children of God "buy the truth and sell it not." Listen to this poem entitled:

It Matters Much

It matters little where I was born,
Or whether my parents were rich or poor,
Whether they shrank from the world's
cold scorn,
Or dwelt in the pride of wealth secure.
But whether I live an honest man,
And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,
I tell you, my brother, as plain as I can
It matters much, it matters much.

It matters little how long I stay,
In a world of care and pain and tears,
Whether in youth I am called away,
Or mine be ten and three score years.
But whether I do the best I can,
To lighten the load of adversity's touch,
On the faded cheek of my fellow man,
I tell you my brothers, it matters much.

It matters little where be my grave,
By mountain top, or by the sea,
'Neath stormy wave, by rolling stream
It matters little or naught to me.
But whether the angel of death comes
down,
To crown me by his loving touch,
As one who shall wear the victor's
crown
I tell you, my brother, it matters much.
--Noah Barker

And now let us pray.

Our Father,

Help us to realize that it does make a difference what we believe. It does make a difference what we do with our lives. We are glad to know that God is concerned and the angels are concerned that we make the right choice in life. Bless each one who hears the broadcast this day with a special blessing, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Now let me remind you once again that this message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. It is made possible through the interest, the prayers, and the co-operation of those who have a love for the truth. If you are not on our weekly mailing list, write us and let us add your name to those who receive these printed copies each week. There is no charge or obligation. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

Listen now to this song entitled, "Who at My Door Is Standing?". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Martens.

Friends, it has been a pleasure to bring you this message from the Word of God. Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL. Until then this is Willie Murphey wishing each of you the very richest blessings from the Lord and saying a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Oklahoma: ". . . The Lord does richly bless. I can never thank him enough for his great love and mercy. Yes, He is the same always and always with us to care. It is truly a rejoicing matter when we can call upon His--the Lord's people--for prayer. . . I surely appreciate and thank the saints for their prayers and concern. I had the privilege of being at Bro. Don and Sis. Lana Johnson's wedding and to partake of the rich food from the Lord's table. . . In Christian love," --Doris Bowers

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From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Murphey, We are very much encouraged in the Lord, and we are determined as ever before to stay on the winning side. I am writing for you to publish in the next issue of Mission Trail. We are very much burdened at this time in behalf of a friend. His family has left him, and he seems to be in a very nervous strain. He has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. We solicit all the saints' prayers in his behalf. We are keeping him encouraged about God's promises to his trusting children, but the devil seems to try and paint discouraging ideas to his mind, so we pray God to work at this to increase his faith in God. Your Bro. in Christ,"

--Bro. Theophilus Jones

From Missouri: ". . . I trust the Lord will bless and help you in all you do for his sake. The dear Lord has been good to help me keep pressing on for Him. I have some ailments. I desire prayer that the Lord will undertake for me. I am looking to Him only and depending on Him from day to day to help me live to please Him in all my ways. . . I love all the dear saints and appreciate all their prayers. . . Christian love," --Sister Lydia Hall

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in Christian love. I am so thankful for the Mission Trail. It is a blessing to my soul and all the good poems and testimonies. God is so good to us all. Praise his dear name. I don't know what I would do if I didn't know God. He has done so much for me. . . A Sis. in Christ," --Ida Ruckman

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From Arkansas: "Dear ones at the Mission Trail, Thank you for the little paper. I enjoy it very much. I have not been able to pick it up on my radio yet. I need your prayers. I want to live close to the Lord and do his will. . . . Your sister," --Daisy Tyree

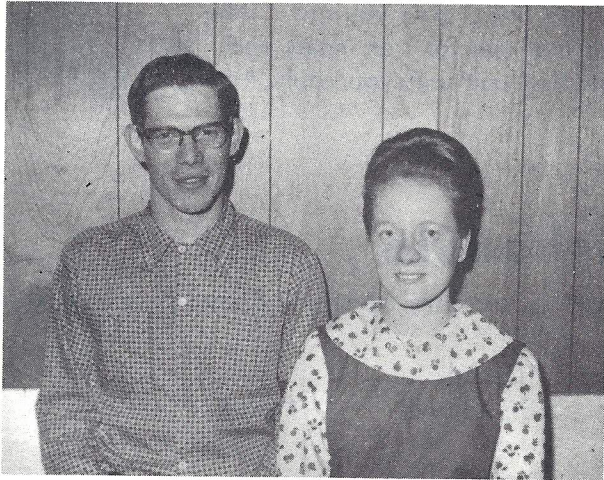
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From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings to you in love. I am still saved and living for the dear Lord. I am glad to know you are still encouraged to work for the Lord and to encourage others to work for God. I feel pretty good today in soul and body. The Lord has blessed me, but I still need your prayers that I get completely healed of all of my afflictions in soul and body. Send up some real earnest prayers and don't stop until you pray the prayer of faith for me. I am still enjoying the Mission Trail. . . From your sister with love,"

--Mary May

at press time

we understand:



This picture of DON and LANA JOHNSON was made when they stopped at our home for a short visit last week.

Orland, California: "Our meeting closed Tuesday night with an interesting Bible Study. Bro. Doolittle was blessed of God in bringing the word, and a car load of singers were up with us the last week-end from Bakersfield, California. The singing was an inspiration to all who heard it. Sunday morning the Lord blessed so much in the spiritual singing which resulted in four at altar for salvation and spiritual help. A young man 16 was saved; all this without the preacher taking the pulpit. . . Your Bro.,"

--H. P. Huskey

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From California: ". . . Please remember my eyes to the Lord. You may ask the saints also in your paper to pray for me."

--Monteen Graham

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Remember Sister Lizzie Eck of Fairview, Oklahoma who suffered a stroke last week. She loves the Lord.

From Those Who Listen:

One letter from Hot Springs, Ark. had this to say: ". . . We have been listening to you ever since you have been on KXOW radio and have enjoyed every one. May the Lord bless you and keep you on the air telling the story of Jesus and winning souls for him. . ."

Another listener from Jena, La. writes: ". . . I really enjoy hearing you and the songs you all sing. I love to listen to you. Your poems are very good. . . May God bless you and keep up your good work. . ."

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From Nebraska: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation unto all who will believe. How blessed a reality. I only wish I were where I could hear the blessed sermons declaring the truth of the gospel as it is in Jesus. I do pray this work will continue on and on and many and many blessings will be realized through your efforts. . ."

--Mittie M. Sultzbaugh

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Unless the Lord moves on the hearts of those who are interested in hearing the broadcast over the radio, it appears now that it may be necessary soon to discontinue some of the stations over which the broadcast is heard. If you enjoy listening to the singing and the message, write us and let us know to which station you listen. We would like to keep God's message on the air as He provides the means to do so.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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