



The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey • Kathleen E. Murphey • Patsy M. Murphey

“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

VOL. 4, NO. 19

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

MAY 31, 1968

“Thou Art Weighed in the Balances”

Radio Broadcast for week of May 26, 1968 (See back page for list of stations)

. . . A very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are glad that the Lord has made it possible for us to be with you again by means of radio. These messages are broadcast and also printed in the hope that they may be an inspiration and encouragement to those who are serving the Lord and also a means of causing those who are unsaved to give their hearts and lives to the One who died for all of us. We do this by faith in God, trusting Him to supply the means for us to keep His Word going forth on the air and through the mail each week. If you would like to write us, you may do so by addressing THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to this text from the book of Daniel. I quote: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Daniel 5:27. Much has been said about Belshazzar, the king of Babylon. It is no secret that he was a wicked ruler. He profaned the holy vessels from the temple of the Lord by drinking wine from them during the night when he had the big celebration. I can imagine what a gala affair that was before the Lord restrained him. You see, they were having a grand time at the feast which Belshazzar made for a thousand of his lords. I don't know whether they had any music or not, but there was plenty of activity going on.

But right while all of that carnival atmosphere prevailed, the hand of God began to write on the wall--a writing which they were unable to read or interpret. The magicians and the astrologers could not understand it, but Daniel the man of God read the writing and gave the interpretation to the king.

Read the entire story for yourself. It's found in the 5th chapter of Daniel.

But for this time I am especially interested in the one verse which says, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." I am convinced that many people of today who profess faith in Christ would be "found wanting" if they were weighed in the balance of God's Word.

But let me make the application a little more realistic. One might ask, "In what way could one be found wanting?" Well, there are many ways in which people fail to measure to the standard of God's word. In the first place there are some people today who profess to know Christ who have never been born again. They have never experienced a change of heart or the new birth which Christ spoke of to Nicodemus in the 3rd chapter of John. In the 5th verse, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he

cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Now just as a child enters into a world completely new to him, even so an individual which has experienced a transformation of heart and life is transplanted into the kingdom of God where they are no longer controlled by the influences of the world. They are motivated and led by the spirit of God.

Here are a couple of verses which bring out this truth very plainly. In Romans 8:13-14 it says, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Now if the righteous are led by the spirit of God, then those who are led by the elements of the world and the lust of the flesh are led by another spirit which is not of God. In this way they are found wanting. And unless a new birth takes place they will ultimately be lost and separated from God. These people have only a form of godliness which will not save them.

II Timothy 3:5 speaks about some "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof". He tells us that from these we should turn away. Those who have never experienced the new birth have never been saved from their sins. When Jesus was speaking to a class of people like this one time he said, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. John 8:21 To be saved means that you have been saved from something, and that something is a multitude of sins of an unregenerated heart.

I would also like to point out that

when one is converted their sins are forgiven, and they are no longer living therein. The prophecy which spoke of the coming of Jesus said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

Now that verse does not mean that you will be saved while you continue in your sins, but it means that you will be delivered from your sins. You will be bound no longer by them.

I wonder how many people are found wanting when it comes to a holy life. After Jesus had healed a lame man, he found him again one day in the temple and here is what he told him. "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." Does that sound like he intended for the man to go right on in his sins? Well, it doesn't to me. It sounds to me like if he did go on in his sins, he was likely to encounter a worse misfortune than what he had known before.

Again at a time when Jesus had put the Pharisees to shame and had also forgiven the woman which was taken in adultery, here is what he told her, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." Do you think he intended for her to go on living the same life she had been living? Not according to that statement, he didn't. He meant for her to be changed and her habits to be corrected and that she should be conformed to the will of God. Otherwise she will surely be found wanting when she stands before God in that final day. Now listen to this emphatic statement, the 34th verse of the 15th chapter of I Corinthians, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

There are many other ways in which people are found wanting. Some are found wanting in gospel unity. They are filled with contention and hatred for one another, carnality is manifested in their lives. Paul had trouble with people who were not perfectly joined together in unity which the bonds of love will bring about. They were found with divisions and strife and envy. Some said, "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." Now Paul was not crucified for those people, and they could not be saved through Apollos or Cephas. Salvation comes for them and for us through Christ, and Christ is not divided. I believe that many are found wanting in this category.

Yet today there are those who separate themselves from the true body of Christ--the Church of God. There are others, no doubt, who are found wanting in humility and in hospitality. Who of us can tell how many people are found wanting before God, and in how many ways they are found wanting, but the scriptures are a mirror to reflect the image of those who are diligent to search its contents.

You see, there are two different occasions upon which one may be found wanting. Some are found wanting right here in this life when the Word of God reveals their sins to them. Their conscience reproves them and they see their need. It is good that they do see their need for then they can do something about it. They can have the need supplied by the manifold grace of God.

But we read of another day which is coming in which many will be found wanting. They will be found wanting in that great and final judgment day of God, but it will be too late for them to

do anything about their needs. The day of mercy will be forever past. They will be as the foolish virgins which went to buy oil for their lamps. They returned to the wedding, but the door was closed. Friends, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God and have the door of mercy forever closed. There will be no hope for those on the outside. Listen to this poem.

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE

Weighed in the balance of justice true,
Sinful the path thou hast trod;
Weighed and found wanting--will it be
you?

Weighed by the word of God.

There it will hurt like a wounding dart,
When this dread answer shall fall;
Weighed and found wanting 'twill pierce
thy heart
At the last judgment call.

Weighed by the word which is given now,
Search it and know thou art pure;
Unto its mandates in meekness bow
Then thou shalt be secure.

At the tribunal where Christ is judge,
Where every deed is made known,
Weighed and found wanting, each guilty
soul
Stands there before his throne.

--B. E. Warren

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are glad that we are living in the day of grace. We are happy that there is yet opportunity for those who "are found wanting" to have their needs supplied by the grace of Christ. Bless each one today who hears the broadcast and may their lives be filled with the

word and spirit of God so that in that great and final judgment day they will not be found wanting, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, we hope you have enjoyed the message. If you have, we would be happy to hear from you. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to the song, "By the Grace of God". The singers are Bob Forbes, Dorral Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

Until next Sunday at this same time on this same station this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

* * * * *

Testimonies

From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and all, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I still love the Lord and love to be faithful to Him. I was with Aunt Lizzie last Sunday. We enjoyed to worship our God together. She stays mostly at her house. I read in the word of God, 'Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.' Phil. 1:27. Pray for us. Your sister in Jesus,"

--Eva Penner

--o--

From Texarkana: "Just a note. I'm still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Just read The Mission Trail. I just get started good and it ends. . ."

--Odessa Cryer

From West Virginia: ". . . My main reason for writing this letter is to tell you how the Lord has taken over and answered our prayers. I received a letter from my husband which said that I could come over seas with him! Isn't God wonderful? Praise His sweet name! If the Lord wills, I'd like to leave about the middle of July. When one's life looks dark, the Lord surely can make it brighter! I want to thank the dear people of the Lord who have remembered my request for prayer and for their love and concern. May God bless each and every one of you. God is so good to those who love Him! . . . Christian love,"

--o--

From Oklahoma: ". . . I want to become one of your readers. I am a Christian and sixteen years old. My name is,"

--Sharon Wallace

--o--

From Missouri: "Dear Patsy. . . I want to also tell how God so wonderfully healed Angela when she was so sick last Sat. night. . . I didn't know what was wrong, but she cried so hard and for several hours. Normally she is a real good baby and rarely cries. When she slept all night, then awakened at 6 a. m. with her usual smile, my heart was made glad and I praised God. . . May God bless you, too, Patsy for all the work you have done to aid your two fathers. . ." --Sis. Sylvia Busbee

--o--

From Oklahoma: "I am writing in regard to your Bible message magazine The Mission Trail, as I am a frequent reader of the Lord's words. I also conduct my life as a Christian. I would appreciate any prayers. . . I would also appreciate your paper as often as possible. Any consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much."

--Ervin D. Barnett

at press time

we understand:

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings of love. It seems like the battle is hot, but by His grace and help we mean to press on. Ruth became much worse after she was moved to West Plains. The last week or so she has been much better. She has kept her food down most of the time. I believe she is still better than she was the first week after she was moved but the last day or two she has vomited a lot. . . She has had a lot of mucus the last day or two and has had to be suctioned often. The hospital is short of help at night. Ruth needs someone to be with her almost all the time. Clayton and I are coming at night and sitting up with her. Keep praying for us. Christian love,"

--Clayton and Eva Gaines, Route 2, Box 51, Thayer, Missouri 65791

--o--

Bro. and Sister Frank Deitrich of Stanley, Wisconsin have a very earnest prayer request which they would appreciate the saints remembering.

--o--

A number of invitations have been mailed to some inviting them to attend the wedding of our daughter Patsy who plans to be married to Clifford Smith, Saturday evening, June 8, in the chapel here in Guthrie. Even though you may not have received one of these invitations, you are invited to attend. The reception will be in the dining hall following the ceremony. Remember them in your prayers that God may bless their lives together. They plan to make their home in California.

National Missionary Report

"Dear Ones, We hope you are enjoying God's many blessings, with good health. Will you please let it be known that due to sickness in the family, Bro. Samons will be unable to go as planned with the tent. They need our prayers, especially his father. Anyone desiring to take the tent out, please contact us or Bro. Samons. The equipment is at his home in Danville, Kentucky 40422, Route 2, Box 156.

"If anyone wishes to contribute to this cause or if you feel it would be profitable to have a tent meeting in your community, please let us hear from you as soon as possible. The tent will be used in West Virginia in August, Lord willing. We are thankful for God's goodness to us and all the saints. We have some unspoken requests we desire you to remember."

--Louie and Evodna Marler, Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Missouri 63876.

--o--

We desire the prayers of the saints that God may make the broadcast a blessing throughout the summer and that the means will be provided to make it possible for us to continue mailing the printed copies each week. Even though there are many activities during the summer season, our cost of operation continues to remain quite high. We're trusting God to move on the hearts of those to whom he speaks regarding this need. Our heart-felt thanks are extended to those who have been faithful in remembering this part of God's work.



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.



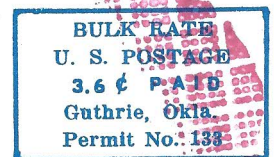
For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in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

The Mission Trail
 Box 99
 Guthrie, Okla. 73044



Address Correction Requested