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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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OPEN EYES

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. . . Greetings, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice today. I am happy that I can come your way once again by means of radio with a message which I believe will be profitable, helpful, and encouraging to those who desire to find the beauties hidden in the spiritual things of God. We hope it will enrich your life and make you a better child of God. To our new listeners I would like to say that we print these messages and mail them each week free of charge to those who request them. If you have not already done so, please send us your name and address and let us add it to our mailing list. We trust God by faith to supply the means to keep His word going forth through the mail and on the air. If you desire to write us address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now listen to this verse in Psalms 119:18. "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Now it certainly must be a dreadful thing for a person to be born blind or perhaps this might even be worse for one who had his eyesight to lose it in an accident and be no longer able to see the beautiful things in this life. One might hear and speak and feel and even smell, but to lose one's eyesight is no doubt a great loss. Now we are speaking of natural eyesight.

There is an incident recorded in St. John, chapter 9, and beginning at verse 1, that tells of a man who was born blind. He had never been able to see in all his life, but one day the Master came along. This contact with the Saviour brought about a change in the blind man's life which gave him great joy, for Jesus anointed his eyes "And

said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam;. . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."

Now don't you think this was a gift even greater than any earthly treasure? No doubt, his joy was so great as he went down the road beholding the things of nature that he began to tell it wherever he went. It was as great as his fondest expectations to think that he was now able to see; and, of course, all this came about because his eyes had been opened.

Now, let us go one step further and compare this to the spiritual condition of those who are blinded. In II Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 14, we read, "But their minds were blinded:" This is speaking of those who lived under the law of Moses, but were unable to comprehend the spiritual things of God. They were blinded to the real truths of the Word. And, friends, you know

there are some people like that today.

Again we see in II Corinthians, chapter 4 and verses 3 and 4, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Can you think of some of the things which are blinding the eyes of people who live in the world today.

Even though there may be some who would not accept this fact, those who disbelieve the gospel and reject it, those who are unwilling to accept the light of its teachings, those who refuse to obey its commands are blinded and groping their way through life in darkness.

Look at this verse in I John, chapter 2 and verse 11, "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Wouldn't it be a beautiful thing for those who are blinded if they could see the spiritual things of God after their eyes have been opened? Listen now once again to this text which I read to you in the beginning. It says, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Now, friends, it really takes God to open our eyes. There is no other way to have our spiritual eyesight opened. Sometimes certain things are done to natural eyes to make them work more effectively. But there is just one remedy for spiritual blindness--that is the new birth and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now just as the man whose eyes were opened at the Pool of Siloam went his way rejoicing and beholding the beauties about him, even so those who are born into the family of God begin to see the beauties of his family and of his church. There are things which they may never have known before which they will then understand. They see people manifesting the grace of God in such a marvelous way which they never realized even existed in this world. All of this has been brought about because their eyes have been opened. It is a new world to them. Old things are passed away, and the old things which they once loved they now hate.

Now in comparing those who are able to see with those who are blind, listen to this scripture in Proverbs, chapter 4 and verses 18 and 19. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."

There are those in the world today who profess to know God, but they refuse to accept the teachings of his word. This same class of people should be compared with the Pharisees in the time of Christ. They taught the law and made a good outward show, but inwardly they were full of wickedness. Listen to the words of the Master from Matthew chapter 15 and verse 14, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Now sometimes children play games blindfolded. They endeavor to perform certain acts with their eyes closed, hoping to see how well they can do this. They provide a laughing stock to their playmates. For playing games, this

may be a great sport, but when we are dealing with the eternal truths of the Bible, let us remember that we are performing in this life and playing "for keeps". It is not something to provide a laughing stock to others, but we should be sincere and earnest in this business of serving God. And it is not time for us to play this game of life with our eyes closed, but we must have our eyes opened and be fully aware of the dangers which surround us on every hand. There we will find professors of religion who are only playing this game for financial gain or personal advantage or for the praise of men.

Friends, let us not live in this way before God but let us live as the true children of God with our eyes opened that we may be able to realize the value of the eternal things of life. Remember the text as I repeat it once again, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

And speaking of the path which shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, listen now to this poem:

The Pathway of the Just

by B. E. Warren

There are beams of brilliant sunlight along the
holy way,
Where the weary pilgrims travel in the dust;
They are happy as they're nearing that land
of blissful day,
They are walking in the pathway of the just.

They are walking in the footsteps of Jesus all
the time,
For the needed strength and grace in him they
trust;
They are on the way to glory where joys are
more sublime,

They are walking in the pathway of the just.

They are joyful in temptation because the
Lord is near,
Let offenses come, for Jesus said they must;
So with sword and shield they conquer with-
out a doubt or fear,
They are walking in the pathway of the just.

By the pastures ever green, by refreshing
waters free,
Christ will lead them if in him they fully trust;
To the Father he will say, "These are mine
thou gavest me,
I have kept them in the pathway of the just.

Thank you, Kathleen, and now let us
pause for a moment of prayer.

Our gracious heavenly Father,
We thank you today for the privilege
of having our spiritual eyes opened to
behold wondrous things from thy law.
We pray that you would bless all those
who hear the broadcast, and may thy
spirit accompany this message to pro-
vide deliverance and healing and lasting
joy to those who accept thy word, for
we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

I have one more scripture here which
I want to give you. Please notice this
about it: It is only one sentence. It
may sound like more than this but there
is no period from the time it starts
until the time I finish with it. You
may talk about a complete, complex
sentence and other forms of grammar,
but listen to this and I hope you will
grasp the fullness of its meaning.

"Wherefore I also, after I heard of
your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love
unto all the saints, Cease not to give
thanks for you, making mention of you
in my prayers; That the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give unto you the spirit of wisdom

and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Friends, I like that scripture, don't you?

Here now is our song, "You can't do wrong and get by." The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and yours truly, Willie Murphey.

Be with us next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL, Until then this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Arkansas: "Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances and family, This is a beautiful, cool morning" which the Lord hath made," and I am very thankful to Him for giving me health and strength to be up and going about my work this morning, as well as for many other things. . . That was a nice picture of Patsy and Clifford in The Mission Trail. She looked so sweet. They have our prayers and wishes that their

home will be blessed with happiness and that they will have a long and useful life together. I don't remember having met Clifford. . . We had all day services Sunday. Brother Austin McMillian and Sis. Ida Bell and Deborah came to help us. No one else came, except our usual congregation. This is a busy time for everyone. But we had a very nice day and were blessed by being there. God gave us such a nice cool breeze after the rain, so it was not uncomfortable in the building. . . I feel I cannot afford to stay away from our Bible studies, and anyway I (and all of us) enjoy them so much we don't like to miss. I am asking the Lord to do so much for me that it seems I owe Him a great deal more than the little things I do for Him. I do want to serve Him. . . Do remember our work here in your prayers, and do remember me. . ."

--Ethel Worrall

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From Pa.: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings to you in the name of our dear Savior and Lord. This finds us still pressing on to the goal, following Jesus each day and living to serve Him with all our soul, mind, and strength. My brother has improved some, but I feel God's mercy is being extended to give him a little more time to turn to Him in answer to the many earnest prayers offered for him. Oh! our God is so good, kind, and merciful. We do not deserve it, but He loved us before we loved Him. Praise His name forever! He gives us beautiful flowers, trees, birds, everything to enjoy, but yet people murmur and complain. The wickedness in our world today is staggering. How can we reach them? May this small offering help you to keep on with your work. God bless you each day in all you do for Him. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones. Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox

at press time

we understand:

From Calif.: "Dear Saints, Please remember our pastor's wife, Sister Velma Smith. She is so grieved since losing Brother Smith. Pray for all of us." --Sister Monteen Graham

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From Ohio: "Dear Mission Trail workers, Greetings of divine love in Jesus precious name. This leaves me encouraged to keep pressing on the upward way. I do love the Lord today with all my heart and soul. My greatest desire is to live a life pleasing to Him who died for me. I do thank the dear Lord for the time He came into my heart, saved and sanctified my soul. For the times He has healed my body; also for the way He helps me through the trials and tests of life each day. I surely would not want to live without Him. I have been enjoying The Mission Trail paper so very much. Enclosed is a little offering that I pray will help to keep the truth of God's Word going forth. I can't get any of your radio programs, but do enjoy the paper so much. I am isolated and don't get to be with the saints very often. They are the dearest people on earth to me. I get so hungry to go to church sometimes. . . I am so glad God's eyes are over the righteous and His ears are open to their cries. So sorry to hear of Bro. Gibson's death, but feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless and sustain the family is my prayer. Keep preaching the truth in its' fullness. Cry aloud and spare not. God bless each one of you. . ."

--Sister Stamm

The Hammond, La. campmeeting begins today, Friday, June 28.

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From Illinois: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Grace to you and peace from God the father and our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank you for your letter of April 20 which I have been so slow to answer. Thank you again for sending The Mission Trail papers to me. I enjoy them much and send them on to Linda. We like your messages, and the testimonies and pictures and news items. . . Sister McClain came to see me several weeks back. Bro. and Sis. Coffey came by a little while before that. I was glad to meet them all. At this present time we are thinking of moving to DuQuoin, Ill. If we do move, we'll send you our new address. Would certainly like to tune in on your radio broadcasts, but I'm just very glad to be able to get the messages in printed form. It is almost campmeeting time again. I do not know if we will be at Monark this year, but I would like to be able to attend several campmeetings if possible. . . I know that all who call themselves by His name are not his chosen ones, but rather those who obey and keep His word are indeed the children of God. This is a day of many deceptions. I do not feel we can afford to vary from the Word on any point, even though it might seem to be only a minor thing. For it is through little things the devil gets his hold and begins his deceptions. . . God is still keeping me and I am relying on Him. . ."

--Thelma Sprague



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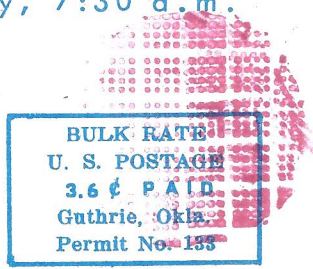
For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in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

Broadcast Schedule

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

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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.
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