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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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SICKNESS . . . Its Cause and Cure

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. . . A cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. I am certainly happy to be coming your way once again with a message from the Word of God. Should there be some hearing this program for the first time let me say that we print these weekly messages and mail them free of charge to those who request them. You see, our work is a work of faith and we trust the Lord to supply the needs of the broadcast and printing. We do need the prayers and co-operation of those who love the Lord and desire to see His truth proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

One great desire which I have is to see the Lord manifest Himself more and more in these last days in delivering His people from the hand of sickness and affliction. Listen now to this text: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jer. 8:22 Here is something to think and pray about. Why are there so many afflicted and sick when we know that God does heal! Now let us see if we can determine the cause of sickness and disease. There are several reasons.

First, disease sometimes comes as the result of sin. I am sure that this can not be successfully contradicted. Listen to these verses: "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and

a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand." Acts 13:10, 11.

Friends, that is what happened to Elymas the sorcerer who withstood the gospel message which was brought by Paul and Barnabas. He was struck blind.

Once after Jesus had healed a man who had been afflicted for 38 years he found him again and said: "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, let a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14 Don't you see then that he could have been in a worse condition if he didn't avoid sin?

Secondly the reason for some afflictions is directly because of the imposition of Satan. Listen to the words of Jesus as he spoke in regard to one particular case, "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond"? Luke 13:16 Also we read from Acts 10:38, "How

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him".

But, of course, we must realize that God has more power than Satan and sometimes he even gives Satan permission to put one in a test or a trial through affliction. Listen as the scripture speaks of Job, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." Job 2:6, 7

Now the third reason would be because of afflictions sent as a direct judgment of God upon one. This, of course, would tie in very closely with the first reason which I gave that is the reason of one's own sin. But so often when one forsakes the Lord He sends his judgments upon them. Listen to this warning from Deut. 28:59-61 "Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Also every sickness, and every plague. . . will the Lord bring upon thee,"

At one time in the life of King David God was much displeased with him because of his sinful action. Listen to this judgment of God sent upon him which is mentioned in II Sam. 12:15. "And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick." End of quote. And of course the child did die, but David learned his lesson and he learned it well.

But let us go back in the years of his-

tory. This time to the life of Herod the Great. Do you remember the account of how he pretended that he wanted to worship Jesus. Do you recall how the babies of Bethlehem were slain because of his rage? And would you like to know of his sickness before he met his death. Then listen:

I am quoting just a little right here from Josephus, a noted historian, of that day. In speaking of Herod he wrote, "But now Herod's distemper greatly increased upon him after a severe manner, and this by God's judgment upon him for his sins; for a fire glowed in him slowly, which did not so much appear to the touch outwardly, as it augmented his pains inwardly; for it brought upon him a vehement appetite to eating, which he could not avoid to supply with one sort of food or other. His entrails were also exulcerated, and the chief violence of his pain lay on his colon; and aqueous and transparent liquor also had settled itself about his feet, and a like matter afflicted him at the bottom of his belly. . . . when he sat upright, he had a difficulty of breathing, which was very loathsome, on account of the stench of his breath, and the quickness of its returns; he had also convulsions in all parts of his body, which increased his strength to an insufferable degree. It was said by those who pretended to divine, and who were endued with wisdom to foretell such things, that God inflicted this punishment on the king on account of his great impiety;" End of quote.

Friends, think of it! I wonder if he didn't remember the deeds of his youth and his years which had passed and how he had afflicted the children of God. Sometimes the sin of one's youth will follow them all through life and even

unto the day of their death. Young man and young lady, let me warn you, take heed to your ways, and surely you will avoid much sickness and disease when you obey God's commandments. Listen to this verse from Job 20:11, "His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust."

Then, one might bring upon themselves a weakness or sickness merely because of a mental or physical strain through which they might be going. This should certainly not be overlooked. Daniel wrote of himself in this manner. "And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days;" Dan. 8:27 you see, he had been going through a great spiritual strain dealing with the prophecies and the judgments of God.

But I have some good news for you. Regardless of your sickness or affliction God is able to heal you of all afflictions. Listen to these verses from Psa. 103, verses 2, 3 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;" In speaking of Christ it is written that "And Jesus went about all Galilee, . . . healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:23 And that is not all. Here is the best part of it in Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Then if he is the same throughout all ages he certainly has the power and is willing and able to heal afflictions today, regardless of the greatness of the affliction and regardless of how long it may have lasted.

Friends, I hope that your faith will reach out to lay hold upon the promise of God and your healing whether it be for spirit, soul, or body.

Shall we pray,

Our Father,

We pray for all those who are afflicted in body or in soul. May the healing power and virtue of God reach those whose faith takes in their healing and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, may I remind you that this message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you desire further prayer for your healing or if you have a spiritual problem with which we may help you, be sure to let us know. If the Lord should direct you to help us to continue proclaiming the gospel over the air and send it through the mail we would be pleased to hear from you. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

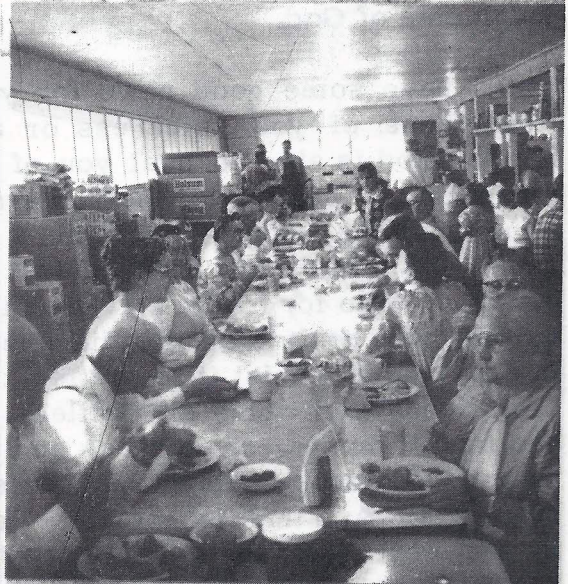
Here now is a song; "He's done so much for me." The singers are Bob and Dorral Forbes.

Friends, it has been a pleasure to be with you and bring you this short message from the Word of God. Be with us again next week at this time on this same station for another broadcast. Until then, this is Willie Murphey saying good-bye!



Dorral and Bob Forbes

Monark Camp Scenes-1968



Seek the Lord

By
Gladys Cashio

"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5, 6. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6, 7. Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:" Isa. 1:18, 19. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Psa. 34:18. "For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psa. 51:16, 17. "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

Yes, come dear sinner friend, come with all your heart if you will know the deep riches of full and free salvation. Come confessing and forsaking all and

surrendering all to God, let Him have His way in your heart and life. He will lead you into a path of perfect rest to your soul and give you joy the world can never give. His power can make you clean, His plan is perfect. His will is to save you. He stands with out stretched hands, waiting to receive you, His love never fails, if you are not convicted of your sins, it could be that you have justified yourself in them too long. If you have not been born again, you are still in your sins and Jesus says that if you "die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come." John 8:21

If you know you are not saved, this is enough to awaken you. God's spirit will not always strive with man. Do pray now for an awakening, beg God to send conviction on your soul. Jesus loves you and stands ready to forgive when you come to him with all your heart. It has been said, 'It doesn't take a seeking soul and a seeking saviour long to get together.'

To repent for your sins means to regret that you have sinned and to be sorry enough for all the wrong you have done that you are sick of it and won't ever do it again. You want salvation more than you want anything else in all this world. You are willing to go all the way with God at any cost. It cost me much, but I paid the price and have been enjoying greater riches ever since. The Lord doesn't require us to give up anything that is good for our soul. He can look ahead and He knows what it will take to get us to heaven. I pray often, "Lord, send the things my way that it will take to get me to heaven." Salvation is the sweetest thing this side of heaven and praise our God

it will take us to heaven. But we must give up all of self, and be filled with the fullness of Christ.

The way is plain. Christ is the door and he will always be your guide to lead you on. He in his love and wisdom will enrich you for heaven. Let him have his way in your heart. Please don't draw back no matter what he requires you to do--it is by going all the way that you are saved. Don't stop at anything short of a 'know-so' salvation.

"You can know this day that your sins are gone,

If you'll turn to Christ and forsake your wrong."

Give up all the things of the world, selfishness, habits, lust, foolishness, and everything as God reveals it to your heart.

Seek the Lord young in life to be your guide. Ask him to guide you in each choice in life, that you will not make a mistake in your decisions. He knows what lies ahead, follow him close. There is a precious, still, small voice that will speak to you saying, "this is the way, walk ye in it." If you will keep tender and follow softly, this voice will be ever present to guide you all the way. But if you fail to obey it a few times, soon you will not hear it any more. "Sweetly a voice is calling, open the door for me." Let him in, He comes to abide in your heart and to fill it with his undying love. Let it be you in whom all the fullness of God dwells. Don't stumble at other's mistakes, but go all the way with God and you set the example. This is an individual salvation. Let us set our face toward heaven and press our way on--ever keeping heaven in view.

"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him

with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it."
I Chron. 28:9, 10.

Testimonies

From California: ". . . Hope these few lines find you climbing higher in the Lord's work as time goes on. I am growing in the love for my Jesus and my fellowmen as the days go by. . . ."

--Bro. Reel

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From Okla.: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings of love in Christ Jesus. I truly enjoy The Mission Trail. Aunt Lizzie is up and around, but still needs prayer for more strength. . . God bless you in your labours of love for his kingdom. Pray for us, as I love to also remember you before our God."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From West Virginia: ". . . I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. I'm sorry that I haven't written sooner but I have been very busy these past few weeks. If the Lord wills, I plan to leave for Taiwan about the middle of August. The Lord has been so good to me and Charles. He has worked everything out so perfect. He is all mighty and wise and whenever he does something he does it in a wonderful way. Please pray for me as I undertake this long trip. Dear saints, my family and I are in much need of prayer. My Dad had a pretty bad car accident two weeks ago and my mother is not well in body. . . ."

--Nancy Wagoner

at press time

we understand:

Ruthie Gaines has been showing some signs of improvement recently by either crying or laughing at times. She will be 7 years old on Aug. 1. Those who desire to remember her with a card or gift may send it to her in care of Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines, Route 2 Box 51, Thayer, Missouri 65791.

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Bro. Mart Samons has informed me that he anticipates beginning a tent meeting in or near Cass, W. Va. on Saturday, August 3. They may be contacted at that time in care of James White, Box 133, Cass, W. Va. 24927.

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The Lord has been richly anointing in the services of the national campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. this week. Many are in attendance from a wide variety of states and some from as far away as Winnipeg, Canada. A number of snapshots of the grounds and people are shown in this issue. The meeting will close Sunday, July 28.

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From New Mexico: "Dear Murphey family, Hope and pray all is well with every one there and the dear Lord bless in all the work there. Enjoy The Mission Trail so much. . . Christian love,"

--Truman and Ruth Doolittle

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We would be glad to have those living within the listening area of KXOW, Hot Springs, Ark. to listen for the weekly message at the new time of 7:30 a. m. An additional broadcast is also had on that station consisting mostly of gospel singing at 3:30 p. m.

The Oklahoma state campmeeting at Guthrie begins Sunday, Aug. 2.

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Congratulations to Robert and Anna Chrisman of Enid, Okla. on the birth of their daughter, Lynette Yvonne, on July 15.

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From Ill.: "Dear Bro. Murphey, . . . we continue to enjoy the messages, testimonies, and news items."

--Andrew Reineking

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Congratulations to Edward Joe Cramer and his wife Estelene on the birth of their daughter, Dana Ruth. She was born Saturday, July 5.

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From Oklahoma: "I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would testify. I have been sorely afflicted of a certain ailment, but the Lord graciously touched my body, eased the pain and I am expecting complete healing. Last night one of my daughters was sick, but the Lord healed her immediately. I am so thankful for His loving kindness upon all people. . . I had a car wreck one and a half weeks ago, demolished my car, but by the mercy of God I didn't get a scratch. . . I am not a older person, and sometimes wondered why God allowed so many testings at so young an age, but am not wondering any longer, but just content to do what He wants me to. Pray for me that I will learn better the center of His will for me, for I truly want to please Him. Sincerely,"

--Jeanne Holder



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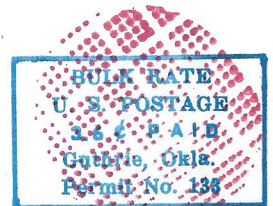
For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in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

Broadcast Schedule

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

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.

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