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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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He Doth not Afflict Willingly -- Part III

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. . . and greetings friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. We are glad to be coming your way again by means of radio with another gospel message from THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. For the last two weeks we've been covering a series of thoughts under the heading of the scripture which says, "The Lord doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." This, of course, is taken from Lam. 3:33. We have covered 7 thoughts or points using the word "don't". These are things which we should remember when in times of sorrow or trials. Today we are looking on the constructive side of sorrow and I have a number of things which I believe will be profitable for you to remember when you face the realities of life and the suffering and disappointment comes your way.

1. If suffering has come to you, see whether or not you yourself are the cause of it. Friends, I fully believe that much of the trouble and problems which we encounter in life are those which we bring upon ourselves by our own actions. Now this is not always true, but it is often true. It is a sure thing that if you have been living a sinful life you can expect to reap a harvest from the deeds you have done. Gal. 6:7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Some people would like to live however they please, in sin and disregard the laws of God, and then be free from the retribution which is bound to come from a life so lived. But let me assure you this can not be done. If you live in sin you are going to have to face the rewards of a sinful life. Listen to this scripture from Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of

God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Did you notice that this scripture mentions the wages of sin being death? What kind of death is that talking about? Well, in the first place the wages of sin bring a spiritual death. This is the death which Adam and Eve suffered by breaking the commandments of God when they partook of the tree of good and evil. They died a spiritual death right then. But friends, that is not all. If one continues in a separated state from God there is no alternative. Their ultimate end will be eternal separation from God in the great judgment day when Jesus will say, "Depart from me all ye that work iniquity for I never knew you."

Listen to this song: "You can't do wrong and get by". And how true this is, friends!

Here is another thing to consider. Sometimes one has sorrow and

problems simply because their attitude of life is wrong. They feel that every one is against them and they have soured on life. Consequently they reap the returns of their own wrong attitudes.

2. Your difficulties may not come from your own sins and wrong reactions-- they may come entirely unmerited.

Your problems and sorrows may come entirely from another source over which you have no control at all. This is highly possible. You may be involved in an automobile accident or a plane crash, or sickness may strike your home and take a loved one. This may be entirely separate from your own will and choice. And it may come through no fault of your own, but it brings sorrow just the same. Here is the question then: Is this sorrow going to break you, or is it going to help you face the realities of life with a firm decision to cast all your care upon Him realizing that he careth for you?

I recently talked to a young couple, a man and his wife, who had lost their son in Vietnam. Do you think this brought sorrow to their hearts? What would you think if your son of 20 years of age was suddenly taken from you through some tragedy? The mother told me how it affected her. At first all she wanted to do was to stay home and cry. I can well understand this. I can see that life would not have the meaning that it did before. But this mother came to the realization that she must face the realities of life. There was more to do than merely stay home and weep. So she picked up the broken ends of life and went about her duties as before. What I am saying to you, friends, is this: Don't let your sorrow be the end of your useful life. Through Christ you can turn that sorrow into experience which will work for you a

great reward. Let us remember the words which were written which expressed it this way:

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

In this way suffering need not merely be borne, it can be used--used for your profit as well as the benefit of others to the glory of God.

One might say that Daniel had a right to retreat and discontinue his praying when the king signed a decree that no one should ask any petition of another except the king. One might feel that he would be justified in saying, "the law forbids me to pray." But did he stop praying? No, God made a way for his deliverance even in the face of the den of lions to which he was thrown. Perhaps we would have never known nor heard the details of this experience had Daniel refused to pray and had he given up. Society often demands conformity. You may fall beneath its standards and be criticized and punished severely, but if you rise above its standards in holy living and godliness you are once again looked upon as a nonconformist. This some times bring persecution. But dear saint of God, just remember that we are not of the world, and God expects a high standard from us.

Now, listen to this poem:

The Life That Counts

The life that counts must toil and
fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the
right;

But stand for truth, by day, by night--
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee--
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise--
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slaves of sin to free--
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with
God;
And turns not from the cross--
the rod;
But walks with joy where Jesus trod--
This is the life that counts.

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3. Remember God loves you even in the midst of your sorrows. God is concerned about you. We may be ever so small and insignificant but we are not beneath the notice of our heavenly father. Our sorrows touch his loving heart. Here is a verse which should be an encouragement to you. In I Peter 3:12 we find these words, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Friends, our time is running short for today, but by all means I hope you will hear the broadcast next week when we point out some more constructive, useful things concerning sorrow. I want to give you the actual testimony of what one is doing for God who has reached the ripe age of 87 years. She

tells how she is still being useful for God and she maintains a bright outlook on life. Next week also we greet the new listeners of another radio station-- KGGF of Coffeyville, Kansas. Tell your friends in that area to listen at 8 o'clock next Sunday morning with their dial set at 690 for the message on KGGF. And of course you be sure to listen over this station to which you are listening now, too.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are thankful to be engaged in the work of the Lord by faith in the son of God. Bless each one who hears the message and may they find the comfort and strength even in their sorrows to be faithful unto thee for we ask it in the name of Christ our saviour. Amen

This message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Okla. If you would like a printed copy free of charge or if we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful goodbye!

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THE BIBLE CONTAINS

The mind of God, the state of man, the way of life, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers.

Read it to be wise.

Believe it to be safe.

Practice it to be holy.

It gives light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map.

The soldier's sword.

The Christian chart.

--Selected.

Praise From Mexico

". . .and the power of the Lord was present to heal them." --Luke 5:17.

From Mexico: "We are also thankful for the victory after our battle of afflictions. . . The Lord did in 5 days what the doctor was expecting to do in 5 weeks. We are all well now. We do thank all of you that prayed and that sent us help while we were in this trial. The children got well very quickly and of the many that we exposed this contagious disease to, we have heard of no one contracting it. We are busy again in the work. I have been holding services at Rosarito every Sun. AM and at two places in La Mision Sun. afternoon. Have been having dental clinic on Mondays, with good opportunities to speak for my Lord. I have made two trips to Mexicali lately. (about 160 miles) We went last time after much prayer because we desired to take some food stuffs to the people there who have been having a very hard time, no work in the town and 120 degree temperature. We didn't have the means to buy the beans or gas, but the Lord provided by the time I wanted to go, with beans, 120 lbs., much potatoes, bread and fruit. Had services with about 75 present. They were very hungry for the gospel also. Six of the men from Patzcuaro are here in La Mision and are working and hearing about salvation. I am challenged by the fact that these young men and many others need to learn trades that they may provide for their families and be a testimony for our Lord. Could you help us pray for a Bible Trade School, here soon. Yours in His service," --James Huskey and family, P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

Testimonies

From Senior Citizens Home, Calif.: ". . . We had the Huskeys for prayer meeting last night and also had some Mexican people with them. They sang a song in Spanish which we enjoyed very much. . . Christian love,"

--Murtice Hurst

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From Wash.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I am so glad the dear Lord saved my soul and sanctified my nature. What a wonderful privilege we have to serve the Lord. He has done so much for me, healed my body many times. He is with me all the time. I love him, and want to please him. . . Christian love,"

--Sis. D. T. Thomas

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From West Virginia: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, I just wanted to say I enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It has been a great encouragement to me as I am isolated, or live quite a distance from any of the saints. The Lord has been with me and I am trusting he will help me to endure faithfully to the end. Please pray for me as I am not very well in body. . ." --Olive Keene

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From Calif.: "Dear saints, Greetings in the name of the dear Lord. I thank the Lord for being saved and trusting in Him for body and soul. I am an asthmatic and heart dependent of this state. The Lord has touched my body many times and raised me up. . . Please pray for me that I ever obey God's precious will." --Seretha Atkinson

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From Calif.: "Just a line to say I have received 2 papers and I do really enjoy having it come my way regular. I can say I feel real good. To God be all the praise. . ." --Guy Littrell

From La.: "Greetings in the name of our dear saviour. Thankful for salvation, which means more than all the world. If only all could see that eternal things are far more important than earthly things. Col. 3:2 "Set your affections on things above not on things on the earth." My heart's desire is to always seek first the kingdom of God, then all these (temporal) other things will be added. (Matt. 6:33) We always enjoy hearing the broadcast each Sun. morning over station WFPR in Hammond, also receiving the Mission Trail thru the mail each week. Its a real encouragement to us. We pray the Lord to continue to bless in your labors for the Lord. Christian love,"

--Kenneth, Virgia and Kevin Flynn

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From Calif.: "I wish to say thanks for The Mission Trail. It is real encouragement to me. I can say I have victory in my soul. . .I have some unspoken requests I wish you would remember."

--Alpha Daniels

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From Wisconsin: "We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. We did enjoy the campmeeting and meeting with the saints of God. We had a good trip all the way but glad to get home to fill our place here in God's vineyard. We stayed over Monday to help with the work--we helped Sis. McMillian and McIntosh with the laundry. It is a pleasure to work with the Lord's people and get better acquainted. From there we went to Hornersville to visit Leslie and Eula and spent the night with them and the next day went on to Grubbs, Ark. to visit the Ecks and were with them in their prayer meeting. We rejoiced to see the good solid work they have built up for the Lord in that place. . . In Christian love,"

--Sis. Dietrich

From Calif." "Greetings to you and all co-workers in the precious name of Jesus; yet saved, sanctified, satisfied and healed. Have wanted to send our testimony for some time, but kept putting it off. We read the Mission Trail as soon as we get it and wish for more of it. If only we could hear your messages on the radio, would enjoy it more I am sure. So please pray that it will be possible soon. God bless all of us is our prayer. Yours in Christ,"

--Bro. & Sis. L. S. Davis Sr.

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From Mich.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. We hope and pray that you folks are in excellent health. Wife and I are in fair health for our age. . . We certainly thank the dear Lord for the truth and for the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. We are isolated, the closest congregation that we know of is 100 mile or more from us. We do not know if there is any real saints near us. . . We certainly appreciate what the dear Lord does for us. It certainly pays to trust the good Lord. . . Yours in Him,"

--Floyd and Esther Hines

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SANCTIFICATION

Sweeter than the flowers of springtime
Sweeter than the songs of birds
Sweeter far than earthly pleasures--
Is the joy beyond all words.

Precious, gracious, Holy Spirit
Blessed Jesus, Savior King
Holy, Righteous, Heavenly Father
That to us salvation brings.

Praise, oh praise our blest Redeemer
For this priceless gift so sweet
For this great salvation given
We receive at His dear feet.

--Dolly Williams

"The Just Shall Live by Faith"

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." --Romans 1:17



Brother Ernest and Sister Eva Mitchell



There is a Guide that never falters,
And when He leads I cannot stray,
For step by step, He goes before me,
And marks my path. He knows the way.
He knows the way that leads to glory;
Thy ev'ry fear He will allay,
And bring thee safe at last to heaven,
Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.
Oft times the path grows dim and dreary,
The darkness hides the cheering ray,
Still I will trust tho' worn and weary,
My Saviour leads, He knows the way.

Another soldier of the cross has fought the good fight of faith and finished his course. Brother Ernest Mitchell of Jena, Louisiana departed this life in the early morning hours of August 21 at The Golden Rule Home where he had been since April 6th of this year. His wife, Sister Eva had faithfully stood by him during the months and weeks as he patiently endured his affliction while the saints often joined them in prayer for his recovery. But God in his wisdom saw best to call him from this life of suffering. His body was flown back to Louisiana and on Aug. 23 his funeral was held in the saints chapel at Midway where he had so often attended. Three ministers took part in the service -- Brother Merrill Williamson, Brother C. C. Carver and Brother Charles Smith. Although Brother Ernest Mitchell was a rather quite type of a person his life which he lived stands as a testimony to the people of the town of Jena as well as others who had learned to know and love him. His body was laid to rest in the Belah cemetery with others who await the glorious resurrection. --Willie.



Cecil and May Carver, Eva and Ernest Mitchell as seen some years ago. Sis. Carver died Aug. 6, 1967



A more recent picture of Brother Ernest and Sister Eva Mitchell,

at press time

we understand:

From Ohio: "Dear loved ones, We send greetings across the miles in the lovely name of Jesus. This leaves us encouraged in the Lord 'tho the outlook doesn't look so bright sometimes, the up-look is just as bright as ever. I was very thankful to get to attend some of the Monark meeting this year, and am thankful for what the Lord is doing for my body, since I was anointed and prayed for there. I know He is a healer in Israel, and I'm looking to Him to take me through. . . and am so thankful for such a dear Friend and Saviour, who does so tenderly watch over and care for me. We were glad to meet you dear ones once more. . . Bro Willie would you please announce that our all day meetings will start again in Sept. on Sunday, Sept. 8th, and on the second Sunday of each month until further notice. All are welcome that can come. Please pray for us that we will do what we can in being a blessing to souls along life's way. I have some urgent requests for prayer. May the God of all peace comfort your hearts and direct you in His service, and in the printing of The Mission Trail." --Verga McCoy

NOTE: The Dayton chapel is located at 622 Tyron.

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Not until each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.

Congratulations to Dale and Dora Doolittle of Hammond, La. upon the birth of their daughter, Sandra Danene, on August 14.

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Sister Abbott reports that the Myrtle, Missouri meeting was well attended with a large number of ministers present.

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Sister Vivian McClain and her husband Arthur were riding in a car with their son Carl and daughter-in-law when it was struck by a train recently in Illinois. The rear of the car was badly damaged and Sister Vivian received some internal injuries but she is grateful for the protection of the Lord who spared them in an accident which could have been much worse.

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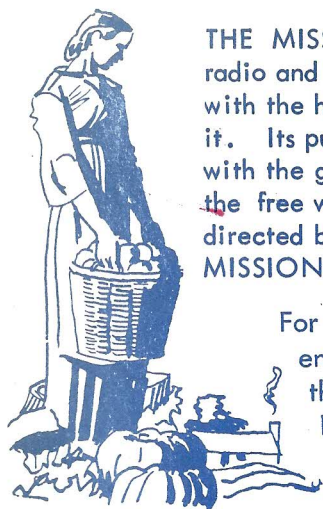
Prayer is requested for Sister Prudy of Webb City, Mo. who inhaled gas of some kind while working on her job. Her breathing is affected.

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Brother H. P. Huskey gives a report of the Fresno, Calif. meeting: "We are in a real good meeting here--souls getting saved in most of the meetings, especially at evening. Last night there were 15 or 16 at altar."

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Sharon Wilson desires to thank the saints for their prayers in her behalf. God has answered prayer and she has been able to retain custody of her children in a recent court order, for which she is grateful.



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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."

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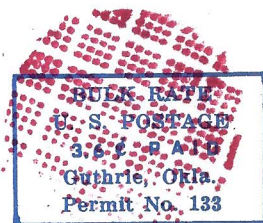
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| KCLO | Leavenworth, Kans. | 1410 kc. | Sunday, 3:00 p.m. |
| WFPR | Hammond, La. | 1400 kc. | Sunday, 7:45 a.m. |
| KCKW | Jena, La. | 1480 kc. | Sunday, 7:30 a.m. |
| KCIJ | Shreveport, La. | 980 kc. | Sunday, 7:30 a.m. |

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