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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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Benefits Received From Afflictions

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. . . and a very cheerful greetings to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with a message from the Word of God. We hope you will stay tuned to this station now for the next few moments and I want to show you something from the scriptures.

My subject is a little unusual but I would like to point out to you some of the "benefits" received from afflictions. Did you know there were some benefits from afflictions? First let us look at the unsaved. If he never had any troubles or problems he might be inclined to think that he was certainly living righteously because things were going so well with him. Well, this is not the truth of the matter. Just because things go smoothly for a person is no sign that he is a righteous individual.

Listen to this scripture reading from Luke 15 and beginning with verse 11, "And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want." Now I am talking about how God deals with unrighteous people. You see, this

young man decided that he knew what he wanted to do in life and so figuratively speaking, he was going to "paddle his own canoe". Well, that is exactly what he did. But look at the precipice and the rapids over which he fell. Oh, yes, he had friends while his money lasted but after a while his money was gone and his friends were gone. Perhaps you know how he was sent into the fields to feed swine. This was certainly not a very high position for such an enterprising young man which he seemed to be. But you know I believe God sometimes lets people face the realities of life to cause them to see really how unable they are to navigate the stream of life without his divine assistance. So here is what happened to the young man. It caused him to repent. He saw his folly, so he went back and told his father about it. Now you talk about somebody being glad to get home, but this young man realized that even the servants back there in his father's house had more than what he did. Listen to this verse from Psa. 119:67, "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word." You see in this case his afflictions caused him to begin

keeping the words of God.

Here are some verses in Job 36:8-10, "And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction; Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity." Well, it is a good thing to return from iniquity. Sometimes you know people are reluctant to do that until something begins to cross their pathway which is contrary to their wishes. Listen to what the writer said in Psa. 32:4, 5, "For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah."

Here is another example of what happened to some folks when they spoke against God and against Moses. They were complaining about not having bread in the wilderness. Listen as I read from Num. 21:6, 7, "And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people." So let me remind you sinner friend, the way of the transgressor is hard. If you are in the furnace of affliction it might be well for you to stop and consider your ways. Turn to God before it is too late.

Now, of course, sinners are not the only ones that have afflictions and

trouble. You see, righteous people have afflictions, too. But it works for their good even though sometimes it may look otherwise. In James the 1st chapter and verses 2-4, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." So if you want to have patience, just remember that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Listen to the way Paul described his tribulations in Rom. 5:3, 4, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:" So really, afflictions do serve a number of good purposes--in humbling us, in testing our faith and obedience, in purifying us, in teaching us the will of God, and in making us more efficient in his service. Listen to this poem:

Is not the way to heavenly gain
Through earthly grief and loss?
Rest must be won by toil and pain,
The crown repays the cross.

In tears and trials thou must sow,
To reap in joy and love;
We can not find our home below,
And hope for one above.

So every Heaven-sent pang and throe,
That Christian firmness tries,
But nerves us for our work below,
And forms us for the skies.

One dear saint of God wrote us recently and this is the way the trials and victory which God gave was expressed: "The old devil this summer brought to my mind, what is the use of trying, just look at the professing

people but don't live it. But through that God showed me the true meaning of the tares of the field and the true Church of God and how important it was to live holy for him. He would have a true Church. It is just precious to me."

So you see, friends, our trials are designed to draw us close to our Father. They either make or break us. We grow stronger or become weak and give up.

Here is a prophecy from Zechariah 13th chapter and 9th verse which says, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

Then here is another that surely should bring comfort to those whose faith is steadfast in God. In Isa. 48 and verse 10 it says, "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."

But here is one thing that I do not want you to forget. Remember if you belong to God he is watching and concerned about every burden that comes your way. Listen to these verses which say:

Our Burden God's Gift

The burden is God's gift,
And it will make thee calm and
strong,
Yet, lest it press too heavily and
long,
He says, "Cast it on me,
And it shall easy be."

And those who heed this voice
And seek to give it back a trustful
prayer,
Have quiet hearts that never can
despair,
And hope lights up the way
Upon the darkest day.

Take thou thy burden thus
Into thy hands and lay it at His feet
And whether it be sorrow or defeat
Or pain or sin or care,
Leave it calmly there.

It is the lonely load
That crushes out the light of Heaven;
But borne with him, the soul,
forgiven
Sings out through all the days
Her joy and God's high praise.

Let us pray.

Our gracious heavenly Father,

We pray that you would help us to be willing to bear with patience and grace every trial which you allow to come our way. May we hear thy voice as the spirit whispers "my grace is sufficient for thee" as we commit our all into thy hands, for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen

Listen to this song, "Power in the Blood of Jesus". The singers are Marie Miles, May Bell Pruitt, Vernon Miles, Gene and Dora Lela Beisley.

Friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless you and a very pleasant good-bye!

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We owe, by nature and by birth,
A recompense to mother earth.
A note that's due just any day:
A debt that money cannot pay.
We are living in a house that must
Decay, and crumble down to dust;
We then must go to occupy
A home that money cannot buy.

—G. W. McMillan.

Testimonies

From Illinois: ". . . We continue to look forward to receiving the paper--like a letter from "our family"--May the Lord inspire and bless in every message that goes forth that it may accomplish His purpose. As ever,"

--Andrew Reinekings

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From Ohio: "Dear Murphey family, How time does fly! Here it is the last day of September. I think its about time to send you some money for "The Mission Trail". It is really past time, but since I haven't been working until now, I've been broke. It surely is nice to have a steady pay check coming in, now that I'm teaching. I like my job very much. It seems it was made just for me. I truly thank the Lord for it. I'm also thankful that I feel so much better in body. . . Please remember us all in your prayers. We think of you often. Love,"

--Nancy Sallee

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From Oklahoma: ". . . This leaves me yet saved and encouraged to go on all the way with the Lord. I thank him for health and strength, food and raiment. My husband, Bro. Crawley, is still weak in body but strong in mind. I know the Lord is all we need in this life. I thank the Lord for giving me strength to wait on my mother, my father, 3 sisters, 2 sons, and now I am waiting on my companion as long as the Lord gives me strength. We are glad to have our oldest daughter Callie back home to help wait on her parents. She gave up a good paying job to come home to help wait on her mother and father and now she is saved and sanctified and encouraged to live for the Lord. . . pray for me that I may be able to see and if not, I am willing to wait on the Lord."

--Sis. W. W. Crawley

From California: ". . . Greetings of much love to you. Been quite a while since I have written you. Think of you and pray for you. Appreciate the paper. Trust the Lord is continually enriching your lives of your labors for him. It's wonderful to be able to commit to the Lord and trust in him, in his wisdom and let him work things we can't even touch, because there are many things concerns us, connected with the things of the Lord--He is real and gracious to me. . . Love in the Lord,"

--LaVern Manuel

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From Ark.: "Dear Mission Trail family, May God richly bless you in your work in his kingdom. Truly the harvest is ripe and workers are few. I enjoy the Mission Trail so much. The sermon and testimonies are food for my soul. . . Please pray for my dear loved ones who are unsaved. . ."

--Belva L. Howard

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From North Carolina: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Willie Murphey, Greetings in the precious Lord. Just a few lines to let you know that we enjoy The Mission Trail very much. It surely has been a great encouragement to us in the past months. We surely did enjoy the series of messages on God does not afflict willingly. We would be glad if we could hear the messages on the radio but since we cannot hear them we appreciate the printed message. We do love and appreciate the dear saints so much. They have meant so much to us in the last year. My wife has been very sick for the past year and still is very weak. We surely do appreciate the many prayers that have been offered in her behalf. We still covet your prayers and thank you for your interest and for every kindness that has been offered. Yours in Christian love,"

--Stacy Biddix

From Kansas: ". . . We send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. We are thankful to report victory in our souls today. We have been wanting to let you know we are happy to tune in at 8 a. m. Sunday at KGGF and hear the broadcast, then likewise to get the printed copy with latest testimonies and news. We had a real enjoyable trip thru the northern States and into Canada, our souls were blest. We could hear the mighty 690 station clear as far north as York, Nebraska, and how far beyond that we don't know. . . Our hearts were made to realize more and more the need to keep the tent missionary work going. Surely we are living in the last call age. We remember reading in Luke 14:23, the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. The supper is ready. We must work while it is day. Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Kenneth Probst are both set to go and able ministers to expose sin, and preach good news to all, the cure through the blood of Jesus Christ. We are praying the Lord to give them many open doors in the South, where the weather is still warm enough for tent meetings. On our trip we were privileged to stop by for a short visit with Sis. McFarling near Wolsey, S. Da. It was a time of refreshing to be with her. We arrived in Winnipeg, Man. late Tuesday. Wed. we took in the beautiful English Gardens, such beauty only God can create. That evening Bro. Art Lange met us and after a lovely dinner with Bro. Harvey and Sis. Elnor Elke, we all attended prayer meeting with the congregation there. The rest of our time was in the home of Bro. & Sis. Lange and family. So gracious and enjoyable was the love and hospitality given us, that it will be long remembered. We pray the Lord

to bless them abundantly. . . At Harrison, Mich. we had the pleasure of being with Wilbert Koehn and family. We visited in the home of Bro. & Sis. Wilford Parsons near Freeland, was happy to hear the report that 6 were baptized the Sunday before. At Flint we visited with Bro. and Sis. Gary Mueller and Bro. & Sis. Henry Dornhofer, also went to visit Sis. Gardner a dear old saint 94 years of age in a nursing home there. Wednesday evening found us with the saints at Kalamazoo, Mich. It was a blessing to be with the few there. On our return home we dropped in at the home of Everett and Tris Glassinger near Shannon City, Iowa. It was a pleasure to be with them. The Lord was so gracious to us, giving us a good safe journey. We shall not cease to praise him. Christian love," --Ralph and Inez Beisley

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Trust all are well. Thankful for the many blessings the dear Lord bestows upon us. Thankful for the truth and what little understanding we have from his word. We seek to know more and grow closer to him. Time is fast moving along and we are getting closer to the end of the way. Surely we want to keep pressing upward each day. We look forward for the little Mission Trail paper each week. Enjoy it very much. God bless you in the good work he has called you to do in getting the gospel out to precious souls. We got your message yesterday morning at 8 from KGGF, first time. . . Our love and prayers,"

--Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Wilson

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"I believe we should be doing every thing we can to promote the truth of the gospel in these last days. If we have the desire to help, the father will provide the way." --Jim Broker

Home-Going Call Is Answered By Bro. Audney Davis

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Revelations 14:13

Let us, in life, in death,
Thy steadfast Truth declare,
And publish with our latest breath
Thy love and guardian care!

Brother Audney Davis who has taken a keen and active part in the work of the Lord for many years departed this life in the early morning hours of October 14, 1968. Camp meetings and assembly meetings at Guthrie will not be quite the same in the future as they have been in the past, for it was he and his wife Etta who had helped to carry the responsibility of these meetings. Brother Audney, who has not been well for some time, was in both the morning service and the night service of October 13. He took an active part in the Sunday school. The morning message, brought by Bro. Clifford Wilson, was of great interest to him as Bro. Clifford told of the sacrifice required under the old law. He dealt at some length on the love which those people must have had for their animals, but they had to give their best to the Lord as a sacrifice for their sins.



Audney and Etta Davis seem happy in this picture of February 11, 1968. Their 44th wedding Anniversary was February 10. Audney was 62 years old.

Brother Audney died suddenly with a heart attack in the yard near the home of his son Ernest. His funeral was set for 2 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Church of God chapel, 6th and W. Warner, Guthrie, with Bro. Ira D. Stover and Bro. O. C. Porter officiating. How fitting it is that his funeral should be held in the newly remodeled chapel for which he has been largely responsible. One thing which he had desired was to see the chapel enlarged. God permitted him to see this accomplished. Another request which he had was to see the unsaved loved ones of the saints brought into the fold. Let us hope and pray that God may yet grant this desire after his passing. I well remember some of the last words he spoke to me after I had touched him on the shoulder Sunday night and told him to be encouraged. He said, "I am not discouraged."

--Willie

at press time

we understand:

Keep Praying!

". . . What a mighty God we serve that knows our every need. Surely this life is a life of faith and not by sight. It means much to rest upon the promises of God. Ruth was taken out from under the oxygen tent Sunday. The doctor says she isn't improving any. They seem quite concerned about her condition. She seems to be going down hill again. May the Lord bless you. Keep praying for us. Love,"

--Eva Lou Gaines

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From Calif.: "Dear saints, Please pray for my eyes and also my body. I have very poor health. Your sister in the Lord,"

--Monteen Graham

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From Ore.: ". . . Greetings in Jesus name. I love the Lord and am thankful for what he has done for me. I was awful sick about two years ago and I called for prayer and the Lord heard and healed me. I was staying with my nephew at the time but the Lord healed me and I am staying by myself now, in Portland and come down on the bus to Jefferson for meetings. I will be 83 years old the 18 of this month if the Lord lets me live till then. I am trusting him for every thing and believe he will take care of me. A sister gave me one of the Mission Trail papers to read and I would like to get them each week if you will send them to me, I give them to others when I get thru with them. . . Please pray for me that I will keep faithful."

--Bro. Edward Olson

There will be all day services at the saints' chapel at Pine Place and Norfolk Sunday October 20, 1968, Lord willing. There will be dinner served at the chapel. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 p. m., (in Tulsa)

--Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor

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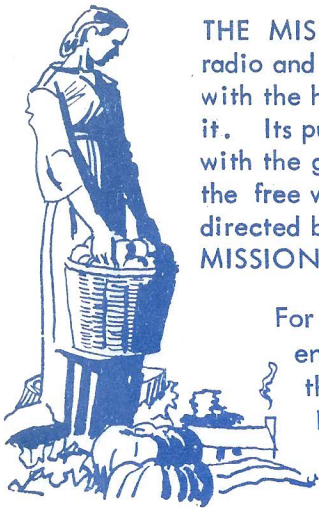
"We sure do thank all the dear saints for their prayers, cards, letters, and flowers and tokens of love."

--The Emma Busch family and Eraldyne Busch

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From Oregon: "I greet you in Jesus dear name. I can report victory in my soul. I was so sad that I missed getting to hear the messages you brought while in Jefferson, but as you know the hand of death struck our home, you know I told you that if I was sure Carl was ready I would be so glad. So that night as I read for worship I was reading St. John 4 and when I came to the 50 verse Jesus said unto him, Go thy way, thy son liveth. That just stood out to me and I said thank you, Lord, and began to sing 'Pilgrim of Jesus, what saddens thy brow, are not his promises true, how needless thy sorrow he's bidding thee now, ever keep heaven in view.' And there was such a calm comfort came to me and I still feel that calmness in my heart. It is so wonderful to have the Lord in times like these, he has that balm to heal our deep sorrow. Carl looked so peaceful and just like he was at rest when we saw him Sunday. . ."

--Sis. Emma Busch



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
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KXOW *	Hot Springs, Arkansas	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m. 7:45 *Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

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