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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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From Rags to Riches --Part Three

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. . .and greetings, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. We are grateful for another opportunity to bring you a message from the word of God. We hope that all of you will stay tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

For the third time now we are bringing you this scripture from II Cor. 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." We have been pointing out to you how Jesus came to the world that we through his poverty might be made rich. But speaking of the riches of Christ listen to this 33rd verse of the 11th chapter of Romans, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Some people consider riches to be that which is laid up in a bank somewhere. They consider riches to be something which you can count in dollars and cents, and of course that is true in a material way. But let me assure you that there are some things worth more than money and I have found those riches in Christ. Now you may ask, "Well, if you can not spend them, what are they good for?" In the first place, friends, the riches of Christ will provide you with satisfaction of heart, mind, and soul. This is certainly something that money can't buy. Where

could you go and lay your money on the counter and buy happiness? At what bargain store can you purchase peace? If the clerk was honest with you, I am sure he would be bound to say, "Friends, we do not have anything like that for sale. We cannot take your money and in return give you happiness."

But let me again point out to you the price that Christ paid for us to enjoy these riches. This poem says:

Our Debt to God

Jesus bought us--what a price!
He gave His life a sacrifice;
He died to save us from all sin,
Do we not then belong to Him?

He died, He arose, He lives again;
He reigns o'er the earth, all things
therein.

Into His hands God gave His all
How great Thou art, and we how
small!

--Dolly Williams

Secondly then we have the promise that God is our helper and will see us through life to the very end. Listen

to the 5th and 6th verses of the 13th chapter of Hebrews. "Let your conversation be without covetousness: and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Now you talk about insurance but that promise is better than any insurance I know of. You may have the best of life insurance but is it really a guarantee that you will not die. No, it certainly isn't. Because whether you are rich or poor, whether you have life insurance for \$50,000 or none at all, you are going to go out to meet your maker one of these times. Listen to these words beginning in the 17th verse of the 6th chapter of I Timothy, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." Now that is what I call true riches.

The third thing we find in the riches of Christ then is this: The hope of eternal life through Christ our Lord. Do you remember when Christ told of the poor man Lazarus and the rich man? Do you remember how Lazarus was forsaken, full of sores, and begged for the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table? Now in the meantime I don't know what all the rich man was doing, but I would say that he had plenty to eat because it says he fared sumptuously every day and I would also say

that he had plenty to wear because he was clothed in purple and fine linen. But one day Lazarus died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man died and was buried and it says that in hell he lift up his eyes being in torment. Now, friends, if you want to, you can listen to those people who preach to you that there is no hereafter. But I say you had better give heed to your ways and lay up your riches in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Now we realize that Job was a rich man. He had lots of possessions and livestock which God allowed to be taken from him and he became a poor man yet his trust was firmly fixed in God. I say that the spiritual lessons which Job learned was worth more than all the riches he could possibly ever accumulate. It should be remembered that the book of Job was written many hundreds of years before Christ. He did not have all the promises that we have in God's word. Perhaps he was not familiar with Isa. 41:10 which says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Then think of other promises such as "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Think what a blessing it would have been to Job if he could have known that. And then this one I am sure he never heard of which says, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

When Job was sitting by the hearth and scraping himself with a potsherd and this after his wife had suggested that he

curse God and die, think what this old familiar hymn would have meant to him if he could have heard someone sing it:

Jesus, Lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly;
While the nearer waters roll:
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior hide,
Till the storm of life is past,
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last.

Furthermore I doubt if Job was acquainted with very many praying people who were remembering him to God in their prayer meetings. In fact the friends who did visit him seem to find fault and criticize. Then how much more should we in this enlightened age where the Bible is to be had from coast to coast and friends and loved ones are often nearby in time of trouble, hold fast to the true riches of God's word.

Here is another advantage of the riches of Christ. It is found in the power of prayer which unlocks heaven's door and here is where we appreciate the children of God who join with us in praying for the needs of others. Even shut'ins can take part in these riches. Listen to this poem:

Secret Service

If the shut'ins all united
In one voice of common prayer
What a ceaseless shower of blessing
Would be falling everywhere.
Though so weak and oft times
helpless,
They can wield a mighty power,
Lifting up their soul's petition
To the Saviour hour by hour.
They can importune the Father
From the "Secret place" and then
In the quiet and the stillness

They can hear him speak to them.
Never soldier in fierce conflict
Could a higher honor bring
Than the shut in 'who's performing
Secret service' for the King.
--Selected by Grace Jones

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are made to marvel at the unsearchable riches of Christ and yet we are glad that thou art ever mindful of your trusting children. We pray that you will bless each one who hears the broadcast and if they have not yet done so may they learn to draw on thy eternal riches and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

We want to take just a few moments now to remind you that The Mission Trail broadcast is heard over this station each week. We do desire your prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to send out God's word over the air and through the mail. If you'd like a printed copy of today's message free of charge without cost or obligation to you, be sure to let us know. Address your request to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have a need or prayer request that you would like for us to remember with you in prayer be sure to let us know that too when you write.

Now listen to this song: "Take the name of Jesus with you." The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

From Louisiana: "Dear ones of the Mission Trail, We send you warm greetings in the precious love of Jesus. We are much encouraged in the Lord and are endeavoring to hold up the standard. The Lord has blessed us abundantly lately by sending several of the saints by to be with us. Bro. and Sis. Stover came by recently and spent the night and were with us in meeting on Sun. morn. It was such a great blessing to us to be with them. Our new chapel is almost completed and we are using it. How we do thank God for it. We are sending a small offering to be used in the Lord's work. We want a part in the work you are doing for souls. You dear ones are on our hearts and we are holding you up in prayer always. We'd like so much to help more with the financial burden, we know it is heavy but the Lord knows. We are happy to report that the baby who was so ill with convulsions in July is just doing fine. He is crawling and pulling up and standing alone. How we do thank God for it. Pray for us. We are working with a Mexican family. The mother does not speak English and is so hungry to be in services. I'm looking to the Lord to help us communicate with each other more without an interpreter. I gave her some tracts which she enjoyed reading. She smiled and said "good, good". We want so much to have the family come to our services and the children could translate for their mother but she is so very shy and self conscious because of her inability to speak or understand much English. We look forward to each issue of the Mission Trail and wish so much that our Mexican friend could read them or we read them to her. We know it would be food for her soul. . "

--Sybil Goldsberry

From North Carolina: ". . . a few lines to let you know we are encouraged in the Lord today. A word about Sis. Ruth She is a little better than she has been for the past few days. We want each one to remember her in prayer. We want to thank you both for the nice visit. We enjoyed it very much also the good service. . . Please remember each of our request. With Christian love, "

--E. J. and Violet Biddix and family

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From Arkansas: ". . . The Lord has been very mindful to us since the summer is over. Our all day meeting in Sept. Bro. Leslie Busbee came. This encouraged us so much. How we did thank God. Then in Oct. Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Probst were here. Both messages were very good and how thankful we were. Next Sun. the 17th, is our all day meeting again. We don't know if the Lord will send any one or not, but we know God will be with us. Bro. and Sis. Loftis, Lenora and 2 children were here yesterday for meeting and visited in the afternoon. We were so thankful to have them. We thank God for a few here and there that can be salt in the earth. We do trust you and Kathleen had a safe and prosperous trip. The saints here at Grubbs are desiring a meeting either before or right after the Hammond, La. meeting. We thought some minister going to or coming from Hammond may feel led to stop by and hold us a week's meeting. Or just any minister of the truth that feels led to come we shall be happy and thankful to the Lord. We were happy to meet Bro. and Sis. Abbott at Myrtle on the 1st Sun. They are truly God's servants and we love them and regret to see them failing in health. We love all of God's children, so thankful to be saved. . . "

--Bro. and Sis. Albert Eck

at press time

we understand:

"I want to thank all of you who prayed for my niece in Oregon who had cancer of the lymph glands. She passed away Nov. 3 after much suffering. We know God is merciful and just, not willing that any perish. He is a faithful God, and I love Him. Pray for me."

--Ruth Murphey

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From Oregon: ". . . I am at Jefferson. The meeting is to start tonight. Several have come in today: Bro. Samons just came a little bit ago, Bro. Huskey, Sis. Miles and son and Sis. Reece, Bro. Doolittle and Bro. Kliever all came in today." --Sis. Emma Busch

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From Neosho, Missouri: "Bro. Leslie Busbee has been holding meeting here since Wed. night--will miss tonight and then continue Sun. night and as long as the Lord leads. The messages each night have been good and timely." --T. V. McMillian

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The Hammond, La. assembly meeting begins Sunday, Nov. 24. This would be a good way to spend Thanksgiving week and enjoy the rich spiritual blessings which are expected from Father's table.

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From California: ". . . I'm so thankful that the Lord has been blessing and encouraging me, and I surely desire to draw closer to him each day and take all my worries and cares to him. . . Do pray for me to keep the victory. . . With Christian love,"

--Hazel Savage

From Oklahoma: ". . . I'm sure encouraged by the help and grace of God to press on and live for Him all the rest of my days here on this earth and make heaven my home. Praise the Lord. Your brother in Christ,"

--Jim Ingerly

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From Minnesota: ". . . I receive the Mission Trail regularly and thank you for it. It helps me to keep encouraged in the Lord's work. Great are His tender mercies. This finds me encouraged to go on till the Lord calls me home. I am well in soul and body . . . Guide me O Lord that I may be with you through a long eternity."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Texas: ". . . It was good to hear your voice this morning over KGGF at 8 a. m. I didn't get to hear it all, just a few words at a time. . . I enjoy those Mission Trail papers. Always glad to read the sermon and testimonies and see and hear from the sick ones and the ones who have gone to their rewards. My heart goes out in sympathy and prayers for those who are left here for a few more trials and tests. I'm thanking the good Lord for his love and mercy to me. I had the stomach trouble and temperature with it . . . But the good Lord settled my stomach . . . I'd like to put in a request for my friend, Mrs. Cheshier, that the Lord will heal her back and nerves and the breaking out and bring her closer to him . . ."

--Sister Nellie Lovell



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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."

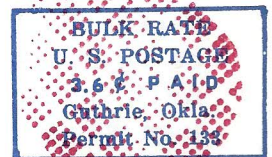
Broadcast Schedule

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

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
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, 7:45 a. m.

*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

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