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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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## The Wages of Sin Is Death

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. This is Willie Murphey coming your way once again as we do each week over this station. We appreciate hearing from those who listen to and enjoy the messages from week to week. For our new listeners may I take just a moment to remind you that we print these messages and mail them weekly, without cost or obligation to those who request them. We often include testimonies and other things of interest to the Lord's people. So if you are not already getting a weekly copy send us your name and address and let us add it to our mailing list. Stay tuned now for the next few moments and let us consider Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

First I want to speak about wages. According to Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary wage means: a payment usually of money for labor or services usually according to contract and on an hourly, daily, or piece-meal basis. In other words it means something for which you labor or work. Did it ever occur to you that those who are in sin are actually working for their reward? And what is their reward? Here it is in very plain language, "The wages of sin is death". You see, death passed upon all (Spiritual death, that is) the moment the first sin was committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. That means then that all those who have been born of the flesh since then are under the sentence of death because death passed upon all. Some folks work mighty hard for such a little pay. It seems to me that they should wake up to the fact that they have a hard taskmaster who is offering nothing but sin, sor-

row, remorse of heart, and of course the associated things that go along with it, and eventually eternal death at the end of a life spent in sin.

Now if you are working for a handsome reward and the wages are good time passes in a hurry. Now listen to these verses. Here is an account of someone who evidently loved their work, or at least they loved the reward that they were going to get for it. "And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I

