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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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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with a message from the word of God. Let us pick up where we left off on the last broadcast dealing with deceit. But first this text again from Jer. 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" This of course would be referring to the heart of man in a natural or depraved condition. You know, folks need their hearts to be cleansed by the blood of Christ. Otherwise they are in a bad condition.

Now, Satan uses this method of deceit and works through almost any one he can to further his cause. Sometimes of course, he works through criminals, bank robbers, and gamblers and then on the other hand he works through some folks which are considered a little higher class than this, even infiltrating into the ranks of preachers who are supposed to speak the word of God and truth and righteousness. Would you like to have some scripture for that? Then listen to these verses beginning in II Cor. 11:13, But "such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Here is what I invite you to do. Don't take what I say just because I tell you a certain thing is true. But take the Bible, search out the scriptures and

see for yourself if you are being told the truth. If the preachers' instructions, that doesn't matter who the preacher is, will not measure up to the word of God then that preacher's advice isn't worth accepting. Then sometimes it is the people themselves who want the preachers to preach to them smooth things. Did you ever know this to happen? Listen to this verse from Isa. 30:10, "Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits". Now some preachers will do that, especially when they know that is what the people want them to do. If it works to their advantage to cover up the truth then they will use deceit to do it. But one who has a real love for God and for the welfare of your souls will be constrained to speak the truth and not use deceit in doing so. And after all wouldn't you rather someone would be honest with you? Let me give you Paul's testimony here from II Cor. 4th chapter and beginning with verse 2, "But have renounced the hidden things

