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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 Promised Messiah -- Part 4

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A happy new year to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. May the God of all grace, comfort, and peace guide you with his unerring wisdom throughout each day of the new year. We are thankful to God for his blessings during the year 1969 and we sincerely hope that this year of 1970 may bring greater victories for the cause of God. As the powers of evil combine to crush and defeat may we as God's people catch the vision and the need to put our whole hearts and lives into his cause while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work.

For the last several weeks I have been dealing with the subject "The promised Messiah". I have discussed the manner of his coming and given the scriptures showing how the prophecies were fulfilled. On the previous broadcast we were considering the "object of his coming" and we have seen how that he did set up his kingdom in the world even though his kingdom is not of the world. It is a spiritual kingdom consisting of all the saved people. Let us look into this "object of his coming" a little further at this time. Listen to this prophecy in Isa. 35 and beginning with verse 4, "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Now that is a good prophecy and filled with many good things. But the question might arise in the minds of some folks, just when is that prophecy going to be fulfilled? Some are waiting for it to happen off out there in the future. They know not when nor how. But I say to you that the coming of the Messiah and the preaching of the gospel ushered in the kingdom of God which brought about the fulfillment of these prophecies. We are living in the gospel day right



now. We are enjoying the kingdom of God and we are walking in the highway of holiness where the unclean can never pass. The lions and the ravenous beasts represent those who are filled with wickedness and evil and they are excluded from this kingdom of peace and it is only for the ransomed of the Lord who come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy.

Would you like a scripture in the New Testament showing the fulfillment? Then listen to this from Titus 3 and beginning with verse 3, "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour". Friends, have you been saved from your sin? Has the death of Christ been in vain for you? I am happy to be enjoying the privileges of the gospel and the peace that comes through the promised Messiah.

Now there is more provisions than just this. Did you notice in that prophecy over in Isa. that it mentioned about the eyes of the blind being opened and the ears of the deaf being unstopped and the lame man leaping as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing? Do you not remember the miracles that Christ performed with the bringing of the gospel? Do you recall how the lame man was healed by the side of the pool and how about the fellow who was born blind and had never seen? After Christ healed him the Jews thrust him out and

didn't want to accept his explanation of his healing. So the coming of the gospel brought with it also healing for the afflicted.

Listen to this prophecy from Isa. 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." And here is the fulfillment in Matt. 8, verse 16 and 17, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." And then I like this scripture so well in Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Aren't you glad that Christ did establish his kingdom and that he is now reigning and will reign until all enemies will be put under him?

But along with these privileges come also obligations. It is our solemn duty and obligation to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. If we are faithful we shall be rewarded and if not, how shall we stand in that great day when we shall give an account of the deeds which are done in the body? What sort of persons should we then be in all holy conversation and godliness. Where is our zeal for God? Are we concerned about the perishing nations who have not yet come to the knowledge of the truth. Multitudes are yet in darkness, either because they have not heard or accepted the truth. Let us haste with the water of life to quench the thirsting of those who are perishing without God. How shall we appear in that great day when the conquests of the lion of the tribe of Judah



are ended; when the mediatorial kingdom is delivered up unto the Father, and the Judge of quick and dead sets on the great white throne and we hear him say to those on his left hand "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink"? I say, how shall we appear if we have made no exertions to tell the lost nations of the earth the necessity for preparing to meet their God and showing them the means of doing it by affording them the blessings of the gospel of the grace of God. Let us beware lest the stone that struck the great image and dashed it to pieces fall on us and grind us to powder. No doubt many Bibles and much literature is sent out into heathen countries but how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they understand the things which they read unless those who know the things of God teach them. Let us haste then and send missionaries and gospel workers with the Bibles that God may work mightily in the earth. Let us be workers together with him that we receive not the grace of God in vain. For "he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins". It is true that God does not call everyone of us to be a missionary. He does not call everyone to bid farewell to all family ties and go to the heathen with the glad tidings of great joy, but he does loudly call on his church and the subjects of his kingdom to assist in sending those who can and will say "Here am I, send me". Let us be faithful in the new year of 1970.

And now, let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad for the dawning of a new year. We are glad for the coming of the Messiah and the peace and the king-

dom which shall never pass away. May we be faithful servants of thine each and every remaining day of our lives and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanks, friends, for listening to this short gospel message brought to you by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We enter this new year with faith in God believing that he is going to help us send forth his word unto victory. May we hear from you? We appreciate your prayers and co-operation.

And now this song, "The perishing world". The singers are Manuel and Marie Mitchell and Frances Porter.

Friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you through out the new year and a very cheerful good-bye!

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### *Testimonies*

From Ore.: "I had a pleasant trip to Calif. and around to see all my children and families. My oldest boy had his leg broke while at work while I was there but was getting along nicely. Please pray that while he has to be still that he will think seriously of his need of giving his heart and life to the Lord. I also had the opportunity to go to meeting where Sis. Smith is pastor (where Bro. Doolittle has been helping start a building in Oakland) and heard Bro. Prince teach Bible class and also preach for 3 Sundays. Really enjoyed listening to him. He digs deep in the Scriptures and brings out the meaning clear and plain. Also saw several times when the Lord had his Hand over us protecting us from harm as we were traveling. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Hilda Nielsen



From Ohio: "Sure makes my heart feel so good to know how God's people stick together; so happy I am one of his children. I am not too well. My joints stay so sore, keeps me from walking very good. I keep praying and trusting God . . . I ask you all to pray for my condition and my unsaved children. I am not much to write like some. I enjoy reading the testimonies. . ."

--Sis. Carrie Westrope

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From Wisc.: "Hope you all had a nice Christmas and will have a real good new year. It's an dreary day here today but not too cold. We have been having a little snow fall most every day for 4 or 5 days. We've had a very pretty winter so far. . . May the Lord richly bless you folks in your labors for Him."--Mr. & Mrs. John LaVeau

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From La.: "We send greetings of love to you all and wish you a happy year in the service of the Lord for 1970. We enjoy the Mission Trail and also the broadcast on the radio on Sun. mornings. We are still deep in the furnace but realize all our help comes from above. Surely the Lord has blessed many times and came to our rescue when it looked as if death was facing us. But we do serve a mighty God, one who can do all things. Praise his holy name. . . We are both thankful for being saved that we can pray one for the other anytime nite or day and know he hears and answers. . . Bro. and Sis. Pinkerton, Bro. and Sis. Nichols, Bro. and Sis. Jackson, The Flynns I'm sure would like to be remembered also. It is a beautiful day the Lord has given us. Let us rejoice in it. This scripture has meant much to me that we do not waver. I have hid thy word in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119."

--Bro. and Sis. Wayne Miller

From Kansas: "I am saved and encouraged to follow the Lord. Listen to your program when ever I have a Sunday off. Pray for me that I will continue to grow in the Lord."

--Lillie Mae Adams

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From Ore.: "I greet you again in Jesus precious name. . . I wonder how many really celebrated His name for what He has done for everyone who would have Him in their heart. Santa Claus was talked about more than our dear Saviour. You would think it was his birthday. How sad. Well, I do appreciate what He has done for me and still doing. I had a wonderful day . . . Now, I am sending \$5 for the Lord's work. It will start the New Year off right. I hope the Lord will help me to keep sending something for the gospel work. God bless you."

--O. K. Myers

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From Pa.: "We do love the saints of God and want to be a part of helping to send forth the Word so that some may hear and read the Good News that Jesus died for them and will save all that come to Him in repentance for sin and call on Him to come into their hearts. We are in the grip of winter in a strong form. It started snowing before the winter date, then turned real cold and has stayed that way, snowing each day. I missed taking my husband to work on Friday after Christmas, but took him Mon. morning. Today the roads were glazed with frozen rain. Real treacherous driving. I haven't been out, but God has been good to watch over me each time I drive. I do praise Him for it and tell all who ask me about my driving after middle age. Mother is doing real well for her age. She is still crocheting her afghans. She reads God's word and is ever ready to give it out to all who come in."

--Eva Cox



From W. Va. : ". . . Spent Christmas week in Akron, Ohio, was a real blessing to visit with Sis. Clark and the saints there. . . Truly the Lord is so good to us." --Bro. James White

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From Mo. : "Just a few lines in Jesus dear name tonight. We are encouraged tonight to keep right on in the good old way of the truth of God. I surely don't see anything to go back into the world of sin for. It looks worse all this time to me. Why any one will turn back to serve the devil is more than I can understand. . . I am sorry I missed you while you was up at Mound City. I am down here in Kansas City again. I came the 9th of Dec. I had planned to baby sit until the first of March but I don't know. I am getting homesick and I may not be here that long. I hated to leave the few up home. Will close with Christian love," --Sis. Goldie Knapp

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From Fla. : "Please remember me when you pray. I reached my 80th milestone last July. I live alone, there are no saints close around. I hope you all have a blessed holiday and prosperous new year. . . I am so thankful I have Christ born in my heart. I mean by his grace to go all the way."

--Sis. Minnie M. Reichelderfer

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From La. : "I'm very happy in my soul because of the saving grace of Jesus. He made it possible that we could be saved from sin and have a beautiful home in heaven free from all trouble and suffering throughout all eternity instead of going to that lake of fire where there's no end to pain and misery; where there's no light, love, friends, or any thing good. So we have some thing to make us happy. . . Often we feel a swelling in our bosom of joy when in song or hearing a message or testimony of the blessing of others or just meditating

on the way of salvation, or whispers of the Holy Spirit. Oh, I wouldn't trade salvation for the wealth and pleasures of the world and yet if I'm not very watchful and prayerful to keep in touch with the Father, I can become a little neglectful and lose it and become as one of the foolish virgins. We must keep fervent in the spirit to be ready when Jesus comes. May the rich blessings of the Lord be on you and yours and the work in the new year."

--Mrs. A. E. Flynn

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From W. Va. : "I greet you all in Jesus dear name. I sure do enjoy the Mission Trail. I love the dear Lord and I just want to get closer to him each day I live down here. I want all the saints to be agreed with me, that I'll be sanctified and healed of affliction. . . that is almost more than I can bear at times. And I have my dear Mother taking care of her. But my faith and trust is still in God."

--Sis. Essie Carter

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From Mo. : "I've been thinking. . . of the exhortation that we should be followers of God as dear children. As we look back upon childhood and remember that we had a spirit of obedience toward our parents we also have the assurance that we were dear to our parents. I realized keenly that my parents were sacrificing for me and that put a stir in my heart to do my best toward them in performing duties with my hands that would help them, etc. I was also concerned about their will for me as a child, for they were the type that required obedience. They were reasonable and I had no fear of being in their presence when I did my part. A beautiful picture of our life before God in just what has been told us--to be followers of God as dear children."

--Rosella Scott

