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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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Pollution

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"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." II Peter 2:17-22

Friends, we are living in a time when the word "pollution" is a very common one. We hear and read of the pollutions that are in the air. The factories put out great volumes of smoke, the automobiles and the diesel engines in the trucks send out their deadly fumes to pollute the air. Then, the streams are polluted in various ways. Garbage is thrown into them making them unsafe for drinking water. Sometimes the fish cannot even live in certain streams because they have been polluted. Some folks have very little respect for the parks and the highways. You can see the beer cans and the pop bottles which litter the roads. Papers are thrown into the streets and the parks. And so often we hear the word pollution. It is indeed time that we became concerned about the pollution of God's great and wonderful creation, the world in which we live.

But wait a moment. I want to read you one of these verses again, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." I don't believe that this verse is speaking primarily about the pollution in the natural sense only. I believe we will have to go further than this to find the real source of trouble and I want to point out that cause to you. The pollution this verse refers to is the pollution that exists in the hearts and minds of the people that are alienated from God and there are plenty of folks like that in the world today. It is true that some of the first things I mentioned are a result of this basic trouble existing in the hearts of men and women. It is not the spending of large sums of money which is going to clean

up this pollution that I am speaking about. You cannot pass enough laws to correct the trouble. You cannot whitewash the outside and guarantee that the inward trouble will be gone. We must first get at the source of the real cause of this pollution. You see, this word pollution is not a new one. It has been existing a long time and God knows all about the pollution and what causes it and he knows the very source of pollution. I believe if the trouble is corrected at its very source many of our other problems will be easily corrected. Listen to the words of Jesus from Matt. 15 verses 18 and 19, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies".

What folks need today is a real awakening, a revival, and a turning away from their sins, coming to the Lord for cleansing, for salvation, that they may be made free from the pollution of their own hearts and thoughts.

Now the reason we know their hearts are polluted is because we see the evidence of it on the outside. Folks who indulge in strong drinks, gambling, dancing, pool-halls, beer parlors, and theaters become defiled and contaminated with the lusts, the revellings, and the abominable idolatries which the scriptures cry out against. The pollutions of the world are many and there is just one cure for these evils. The cursing and the filthy words will be stopped and their flow will cease to come out of the mouths of folks when the source has been corrected.

And another thing, 30 or 40 years ago so little was thought or known of the

dangers of powerful drugs which are so common in the world today. Oh, yes there was the drunkard on the street in skid row, but I want to tell you something. These drugs today are not confined to folks who live in the slums of our cities only. They reach into the homes of many classes, the poor and the rich alike. The use of drugs has become a plague to our nation and to many young people who are exposed to their character-ruining, mind-warping, lust-appealing sensual, fleshly desires which drown men in destruction and perdition. And the thing which is so tragic about it all is that boys and girls even in their youth indulge in these things with very little restraint often from their own parents at home. No wonder crime is so prevalent and another thing, the TV screen is filling many a young mind and immature person with trash which pollute their hearts. Parents, wake up, find out to your own sorrow what is taking place in our nation. Young people, save yourself from the deadly evils of these polluting things.

And now I want to especially thank Sis. Grace Jones of Klamath Falls, Ore. and Sis. Dinkins of Senath, Mo., both of whom sent me a copy of this poem, "Guided men". I have made some changes in the poem, but here it is:

Guided Men

Our Father up in heaven,
Hear this humble prayer.
May the people of all nations
Be united in their care.

For earth's peace and man's
salvation
Can come only by His grace
And not through bombs and missiles
And the quest for outer space.

For until all men recognize
That the "battle is the Lord's"
And peace on earth cannot be won,
With strategy and swords,

They will go on vainly fighting
As they have in ages past,
Finding only empty victories
And a peace that cannot last.

But they've grown so rich and mighty
And so arrogantly strong
They no longer ask in humbleness--
"God show us where we're wrong."

They have come to trust completely
In the power of man-made things
Unmindful of God's mighty power
And that He is "King of Kings".

Men have turned their eyes away from
Him

To go their own selfish ways
And money, power, and pleasures
Are the gods they serve today.

And the good green earth God gave us
To so peacefully enjoy,
Through greed and fear and hatred
They are seeking to destroy.

Oh, Father up in heaven,
Stir and wake the sleeping souls,
Renew our faith and lift us up
And give us higher goals,

And grant us heavenly guidance,
As war threatens us again,
For more than guided missiles,
All the world needs guided men.

Let us pray,

Our gracious heavenly Father,
We desire to be guided by thy spirit
and we want you to keep us free from
the pollution of the world. Live in our
hearts, as an example of what God's

grace and power can do. Bless each
listener of the broadcast today and
should there be those who find them-
selves far from thee because of the
pollutions of their own heart, bring
them to repentance and satisfy them
with thy salvation for we ask it in Jesus
name. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to
listen. We hope that you will listen
again next Sunday at this same time on
this same station for another broadcast
of The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla.
If you have a need for which you want
special prayer or if we may be of help
to you, be sure to let us know.

Here is a song, "In times like these".
The singers are Bob and Dorrall For-
bes, Melvin Doolittle, and Randal Flynn

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-
phey saying may God's richest bless-
ings be with each of you and a very
cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Pa.: "Hope this finds you all
well out there. I have some cold. Did
have a worse one about 3 weeks ago
but the Lord undertook for me. Praise
His Name. I was out to Akron, Ohio
all last week from Jan. 24th. Until
Feb. 1st to a meeting that Bro. Mart
Samons held there. The Lord surely
blessed, and souls saved. Earl went
the two Saturday nights and Sunday. It
was nice to be in services again. How
is the weather out there? We have had
a cold winter this time, and plenty of
snow. I am encouraged to press on
for the dear Lord as nothing else satis-
fies. . . I still am enjoying the Mission
Trail paper. I thank the Lord for those
who are standing for all of the Truth."

--Sis. Avis Tinsley and Earl

From La.: "Hope this finds you and family well. The good Lord has blessed me so much I fell unworthy of His many blessings He let's come my way. . . Pray for me as I do for you all. Christian love," --Sister Eunice Joiner

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If there is righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character
There will be love in the home.
If there is love in the home
There will be order in the nation,
If there is order in the nation
There will be peace in the world.

--Sel. by Mrs. J. Edw. Leach

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From Ohio: "Greetings in the Lord's dear name, the name above all names. He surely has been good to us. We do appreciate knowing Him and His people! After all to know Him is to know His people. We trust this finds you all well and prospering in soul and body. We enjoy the Mission paper. I'm sure others do as well. We trust the Lord to supply your needs to carry on the work. You probably reach many by paper that otherwise may not be. It means something not only to print the word but act it out in our lives also--not only to read but practice! I suppose when you are active in proclaiming the gospel through the channel which you do, you are probably viewed by the public closely. We desire the Lord to continue to bless with grace to perform the duties you're called to do. We believe you desire this. We appreciate your lives and labors for God. We are living in discouraging and fainting times, not much around us to lift up and help. We have each other in the Lord to be encouraged and blessed. May God help us to be to one another what we should be. . . God bless you all. Love,"

--Willard, Helen Underdown and girls

From Minn.: "Trust that all is well there. I am not so well myself. But with the dear Lord's help I can not complain. Praise His dear name. I have had a leading to send a small free offering to help in the Lord's work. I hope it is all right to send the money this way as I live quite a way from the postoffice. Pray for me that I will be true to the Lord till the end. Hope you will receive this letter. . . With love to all the dear saints everywhere."

--Mrs. Pearl Whitcomb

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From Ark.: "The Lord is truly good to us. I praise Him for even being mindful of me. There are so many favors each day He blesses me with. I read in Ezra where the Hand of the Lord is upon all them that seek Him for good. I truly seek Him for good. Every plan in which He cannot participate is obviously not His will for me. Every place where He cannot go is not for me to enter. I am asking Him to do so much for me. I have no desire to fail Him and I'm sure He'll strengthen me each day and give me understanding. . . We are having a lot of sickness (flu) in the school. . . It's so nice out today, sunny and warmer. We have forty absent in the high school. We may close a day or so. Some are here today that needs to be home, not me. I feel good in my soul. That makes me happy--that's such a happy feeling--to be a part of the bride of Christ. To be submissive is the only aim I have . . . Want to express my appreciation for your radio programs and the paper. I'm sure you are almost over loaded but your blessings are greater than the load. I'm sure that's your feeling. Thank you, each radio program when you pray for me. I appreciate it. You see you ask God to bless each listener and I feel included. . . Christian love,"

--Sis. Lou Bray

From Calif.: "Greetings of love in Jesus name. My heart is full of love this morning for the Lord. Both of us are so thankful to the Lord today for what he has done for our little boy. Our son had two front teeth filled on the nerve and they abscessed and his little face swelled up until it was hard to recognize him. We took him to the dentist and they x-rayed his teeth. Then we took him and had him anointed and prayed for. The Lord not only took all the poison and swelling away, but the nurse from the dentist's office called me yesterday and told me the x-ray showed nothing so they will not pull the teeth. . . We are so encouraged to press on for the Lord."

--Bro. and Sis. K. C. Rich

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From Okla.: "I have neglected to write about my new (my first) great grand baby. It is a little boy Lloyd Thomas King, Jr., arrived on January 6th. . . when she [my granddaughter] was checked here with the doctor he had forebodings for the baby's development. We at once went to God in earnest prayer. I also mentioned this fact in my Christmas card to Sis. Maudie Sharp and she wrote the most precious letter. The baby did arrive sooner than was tho't, but he was a perfect baby. The next day the little mother developed a jaundiced condition and was isolated to have tests for hepatitis. It showed a light infection but baby was free. On

Sunday night at service we gathered at the altar in special prayer and anointed a handkerchief. After service we took the handkerchief to her. I told her to place it where she hurt. She wept and said, 'I hurt everywhere'. She held it in her hand. I gave her Sis. Maudie's letter. She said, she read it that night when she couldn't sleep. On Monday (next day) she was having another test. On Tuesday, the day baby was one week old she called to say, 'I'm ready to come home.' The next evening she took the baby and was in prayer service. . . God is so good. I would not want to draw one breath without him"

--Mrs. Charles Kelse

IT'S APPOINTED ONCE TO DIE

Some folks never speak to Jesus,
They never call His precious name
How can they know our Jesus
For to know Him is to praise His
name.

They never labor in His vineyard
Never tell of His great love
Never help to spread His gospel
Are they preparing for a home
above?

We can not stay here always
For it's appointed once to die
If we die without Jesus,
Will He welcome us in the skies?

--Dolly Williams

Out of This Life!

Out of this life, I shall never take
Things of silver and gold that I make.
All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on earth must stay.

Though I call it mine, and boast its worth
I must give it up, when I quit the earth.
All that I gather and all that I keep
I must leave behind, when I fall asleep.

I wonder often, just what shall I own
In that other life when I pass alone;
What shall He find, and what shall He see,
In the soul that answers the call for me.

Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through
That my life has gathered some riches too?
Or shall at the last, it be mine to find
That all I had worked for, I had left behind!

