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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 Goodness and Severity of God - - Part 2

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Good morning. It is a pleasure to be coming your way another time over the airwaves with a gospel message. I believe God wants his words to travel over mountains, hills, and plains; yes, and even across the oceans to the remote corners of the earth. It is the truth which we need and God has declared that his word is forever settled in heaven and that it will not return unto him void. It is a stable foundation for us to build our Christian experience upon. I want to bring you more on this text of Rom. 11:22, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." But before we go any further, listen to the words of this song.

Those who heard the broadcast last week may remember that I spoke about the goodness of God and, of course, his mercy. Now even though God is merciful to all there are some to whom he will especially show his mercy and favor. Let me show you who they are. Maybe you would want to be one of them. Here is this verse from Luke 1:50, "And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." So if you have a respect and a reverence for God, he especially takes delight in that. And here in Prov. 28:13 we find these words, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." If you want the Lord to have mercy on you, confess and uncover your sins before him. You see, Christ came into the world to save sinners. And he can only save them when they repent of their sins and forsake them. Many folks hold onto their transgressions and their sins to their own sorrow.

Listen to this verse from I Tim. 5:24, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." Now it is not a question whether or not you have ever committed sin because the scriptures tell us all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. But let me tell you another thing. God doesn't want you to stay in your sins. He wants to save you right out of them. And he will have mercy on you if you will confess and forsake them. Matt. 5:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

You see, most folks want the Lord to have mercy on them but sometimes they don't have much patience or mercy on their brothers. Jesus spoke about a certain king who would take account of his servants and there was one of them which owed him 10,000 talents. Well, the king was merciful to him and when this fellow pleaded for patience and mercy the king forgave him of the debt.

But that same man went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a; well, a very small sum, a 100 pence. He took him by the throat and even though the servant pleaded for mercy he would not have mercy upon him. But he had him cast into prison until he should pay the debt. Now what do you suppose the king thought of that? I am sure he thought it was a poor example of the mercy which he had shown to that servant so he even reversed his own decision and brought judgment on this hard hearted servant who would have no mercy on his fellow servant.

Listen to the words of the prophet Daniel when he stood before Nebuchadnezzar and warned him of the pending judgments of God against his kingdom and his throne and so forth. "Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility." I say, if we want God to have mercy upon us we better show some of it ourselves toward our fellow men. The Apostle Paul points out in the first chapter of I Tim. that even though he was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious, yet he obtained mercy because he did it ignorantly in unbelief. Now there might have been a difference had it not been the fact that he was doing it ignorantly. There are some folks who cannot justly plead ignorance as an excuse for their wicked actions. They do it openly, knowingly, and unashamed. Now don't look for too much mercy to be extended to these folks. Gal. 6 and 7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Now there was another example of mercy extended--the man who had the

2 sons and he came to one and asked him to go work in his vineyard and this son in no uncertain terms said, "I will not". But afterwards he repented and went. Then when the father came to the second son this fellow said, "I go" and went not. Now for which one of those sons did the father have the greatest respect? I would say it was for the one who had first refused to go but later repented and did his father's will. The second son couldn't say "I didn't know what you wanted me to do", because his father had come to him and personally requested his services.

Jesus had mercy for the thief on the cross even though the thief was justly condemned for his own sins. Christ forgave those sins. But what about the man who was hanging on the other side of the cross? Was he saved? I doubt it. He didn't come with the right attitude seeking forgiveness with a repenting heart.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

We acknowledge our need of thee. We need thy sustaining grace and mercy every day of our lives. Help us to reflect the image of God and save every honest heart. We especially ask for the blessings of God to be upon each listener of the broadcast and those who co-operate to make it possible. Cause thy word to fall into good and honest hearts and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, remember the text, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God." Much has been said about the goodness and mercy of God but let us not forget the severity of God. On the next broadcast I want to discuss this with you. Be sure to tune in again next

Sunday at this same time for another broadcast of The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. If you are not already on our mailing list send for the weekly printed copies of The Mission Trail. There is no cost or obligation on your part, other than what God may lay on your heart to do. We appreciate the prayers and the co-operation of those who help to keep the message going forth from week to week.

Here is our song, "The music of thy name". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Dear ones, we hope this short gospel message has been a blessing to you. And if so, you know I'd be glad to hear from you. Would you take the time to sit down and write to me? There may be some who've heard this message from week to week and from time to time and have never taken the opportunity and taken advantage of the privilege of writing. Would you do that? Let me tell you how to send it. Just send it to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Guthrie is spelled G-u-t-h-r-i-e Guthrie, Okla. Of course your speaker is Willie Murphey.

Now may the Lord keep watch between you and me while we are absent one from another. And until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Ariz.: "So thankful for the Mission Trail coming into my home each week. The messages are such a blessing to my soul. I thank the Lord for them. It is especially appreciated by us isolated ones." --Sis. Ferne Laub

From Ill.: "We continue to enjoy the paper and trust its messages will be a blessing to many this year. God said His word would accomplish His purpose whenever or where ever it was sent. We are very thankful for the many blessings that come our way and glad we know the source from which they come." --The Andrew Reinekings

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From Calif.: "Greetings to all the dear saints: Yet saved, sanctified, and happy in serving the Lord. Wish we could hear you on your broadcasting but since we can't, The Mission Trail is so close; seems like it's your voice we hear; can hardly wait for the next issue. Please pray for us that we'll be in meetings with you somewhere this year." --Bro. & Sis. L. S. Davis Sr.

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From La.: "I still enjoy the Sunday morning program. I like the way you have changed up the front end of it. . . We have had a lovely spring day today . . . We were out in the woods in the pines. The sun nice and warm. The air was still and as I sat on a mound waiting for the boys, the song How Great Thou Art! came to my mind. I like to sing that song out like that. It seems real fitting. Pray for us."

--Manuel E. Mitchell

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From Idaho: "Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour. He is wonderful to me. Trust this finds all well and enjoying salvation. I am not well but thankful I am up most of the time. Yes, I have lost weight--about 30 pounds. . . Can't find anyone to write for me and my hands shake so I can hardly write. Remember me in your prayers and that I be faithful to the Lord. My next birthday I will be 85. I enjoy the Mission Trail so much and pray the Lord to bless you. . ."

--Sis. Hattie Gibson

From Ark.: "This is such a lovely morning and the birds are singing like springtime. Makes me feel like I would like to work out in the yard all day but I have so much indoors to do that I may not get to do much outside. . . The girls and I are planning to go to Neosho to church tomorrow after services are over. Cathy (across the road) is going to stay all night with us and go too. She has never been up there. I do enjoy being in service with God's people. We had bad weather for our all-day meeting and not many were there, but Brother Austin McMillian and Sister Ida Belle came and we heard such a good message. Then Jimmy and Marilyn came in the afternoon. We still have night services Wed. and Sunday nights. . . I must close now. Please keep all our needs before the Lord. We hope you are all well. There has been so much flu here. Teachers and children have been absent. My student teacher was absent the last three days with it. We appreciate your letters and your work through the Mission Trail."

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

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From Arkansas: "Dear saints of God, Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Just want to write and say hello to all the saints everywhere, so glad I am one of them but it truly grieves my heart to think of all our many loved ones who are yet just going on in their sins. We had a good lesson last night on sin. May God help us to keep ourselves clean and pure like the scriptures say in Heb. 10:22. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. I have many requests for prayer. . . Pray for me that I will be faithful in all things that pleases God. . . May God bless the work there."

--Sis. Nellie West

From Mo.: "I enjoyed the program yesterday morning, Feb. 22. Enjoyed the singing. Sis. Ruth Murphey came for service, then she and I went to Neosho for afternoon service. She helps us out here whenever she can. We sure do appreciate her. . ."

--Sis. Lula Caughron

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From Pa.: "What a wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord! What a mighty God we serve! Oh! how I do praise Him this morning for all of His wonderful works to the children of men. He heal-eth all our diseases and filleth our souls with good things. Praise His Name! That Psalm is one of my favorites. It starts, "Bless the Lord my soul and forget not all his benefits". What a thrill to know the saints of God and we can call at any time for prayer when we need Him. I feel so sorry for those who don't know the peace that we know through faith in Him. Praise His Name! Mother revived after the prayers went up to God's throne for her and she is now eating again and is still weak, but God has really touched her for which we do praise Him. You should hear her give out God's word to all who come to visit her. She reached her 85th birthday last Sun. Feb. 22. People came and went all day and it ended with a call from three of her children from Florida. We are so glad and praise the Lord for it all. Cards came from all around and it gives her something to do looking at them and reading them. She hurt her left hand trying to catch herself from falling and when she was anointed and prayed for, now she can move her fingers. It was so swollen and painful, but God saw her faith and in answer to fervent prayer, now she can close her hand. I told her this morning, she would soon be back to crocheting. Praise His Name!"

--Eva Cox

From Ky. : "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, trusting this finds you all in perfect health and encouraged in the friend that sticketh closer than a brother. . . nothing is so rewarding as working for the Lord. My circulation is so bad. I woke up one morning so cold, I was almost stiff. Times I get up and walk fast through the house to get my heart working faster. They talk circulation pills to me but my answer is God is fully able to keep the circulation going until I finish the work he wants me to do. After that he will take me home. . . I enjoy the Mission Trail so much. Love and prayers, in the harvest field." --Sis. Alpha Baldrige

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My Resolves

One day as I was fast asleep
I had this stirring dream:
I was caught up to be with God,
With angels it did seem.

And while up there, I met God's saints
From many parts of earth,
Now some were great and famous men,
And some of humble birth.

I talked to one great saint of God,
The first one I had met.
He told me how he died for Christ,
His words I can't forget.

He lived, he said, in Bible days
And died at Nero's stake,
"It was a joy to give my all
And burn for Jesus sake."

"I was so glad to die for Christ,"
With humble words he said,
But as I listened to it all,
I bowed my guilty head.

Another man then gently spoke,
"Here is my story, friend,

'Twas cannibals that took my life,
Because I would not bend."

"I tried to tell those heathen souls
Of Christ who came to die.
They ate my flesh and drank my blood
But sent my soul on high."

Of course up here are millions more
With stories rare and true,
But friend, before I tell you more,
Let's hear your story too.

I have no story to relate,
I've known no sacrifice.
I am ashamed of how I've failed,
I've paid such little price.

I've never even given funds
To send the gospel out,
I've lived a life of luxury
And never done without.

Just then it seemed that Jesus said,
"Take up my cross today;
I'll give to you another chance
To work and give and pray".

My guilty heart began to burn,
My nervous body shake,
Then I awoke with tear-filled eyes
With new resolves to make.

I told the Lord from that day forth
My best, my all I'd give
To win the lost in every place,
For this alone I'd live.

I told the Lord that from then on
I would not waste a dime;
That I would give myself to prayer
And really use my time.

That I would seek with all my heart
That power from up above
To help me tell a heathen world
Of Jesus' grace and love.

--Sel.

