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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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Good morning, friends, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to be coming your way again. We hope today finds you encouraged in the Lord. I have some of the word of the Lord to bring you and since the word of God is forever settled in heaven and it is the word which shall judge us in the last day, then I am concerned about what it has to say, aren't you? Everyone should be. It tells us from whence we came and also points to the destiny of both saints and sinners. It is of great encouragement to those who love God because they are his people and he is their god.

Then listen to the 9th and 10th verses of the second chapter of I Peter. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." Did you notice that it said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people"? Now God's people are something special. They are not just the ordinary run of folks in every day life but they have been called to walk a straight and narrow path and they are a chosen people of God. There is a verse in Eph. 1:4 which also brings this out. Listen, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love".

Sometimes there are salesmen who seek to induce others to buy their pro-

ducts and they'll approach the prospective customer with something free of charge or they might even say, "Congratulations, you have just won a pop uptoaster!" Or it might be something else of similiar value. So the customer thinking that this is going to be free and without cost becomes overjoyed and elated. But often by the time he pays the handling charge, the postage, and various other expenses attached to this "free" gift he finds that he pays for it rather dearly. So after all, it is the manufacturer or salesman who profits from such a transaction.

Now I am not here to tell you that living a godly, saintly, holy life is the easiest thing in the world. There are going to be some trials, some persecutions, and some opposition, and you may as well be prepared for it. To think otherwise would be out of line with the teachings of the scripture. Listen to these emphatic words of Jesus, "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or

father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29 30 But I am glad to tell you that I believe the reward of a godly life will be worth all that it ever costs us in this world. Listen to what the book of Eph. says about the people of God, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." That is found in Eph. 5:27. Do you think that is putting the standard too high?

In Titus the 2nd chapter and beginning with the 11th verse we find this: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Now another thing about the Lord's people, they are walking in the light. That means they are living according to the knowledge and understanding which God has given them. When a person understands more, he is responsible for more. The more one learns and knows about the things of the Lord, the more he is responsible for doing them. You see there are a lot of folks who know much more than what they are really doing. Then these folks are not walking in the light. They are walking

in darkness and will be held accountable for such light. But as the scripture says, "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day". So the more we seek to know and do God's will, the brighter the way becomes. I John 2 and beginning with verse 4 puts it this way, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." And then going on down to begin with verse 9 listen to this, "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Now I don't mean that everybody who pretends to serve the Lord is accepted of him. There are some folks who draw near to the Lord with their mouth, but their heart is a long way from him. Ezekiel brings this out in the 33rd chapter and verse 31, "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness."

Then again Isaiah strikes close to the way some folks live these days, when he said, "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed

their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men". Isa. 29:13 And Jesus summed it up when he was talking to the hypocrites of his day in this way, "He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:6, 7

So, friends, it is not in word only that we serve God. It must be by our life and our actions, our relationship at home, among our friends, and even toward our enemies. We must show love if we would be the children of God. Listen to this poem:

There's A Way

There's a way that no fowl knoweth
And no vulture's eye hath seen;
Over it no lion goeth,
Neither passeth ought unclean.

There's a way where weary mortals
Find release from sin and strife;
'Tis a way that's everlasting,
Blessed way and truth and life.

There's a way that's straight and
narrow,
Where we walk by simple faith,
Even through the midst of trouble
And the shadowy vale of death.

'Tis a way beside still waters,
Where are found the paths of peace,
Where we rest amid green pastures,
And our sighs and sorrows cease.

There's a way, and walk ye in it
Meekly, humbly with thy God;
They shall run and not be weary,
That are hid with Christ in God.

Let us pray,

Our father in heaven,

Bless the words of the message to the hearts of every listener. May it be an encouragement to the saved as they continue to walk in the light. Cause the Holy Spirit to bring deep conviction upon those who are separated from God because of their sins and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen. If we may be of help to you or if you feel that God would have you help us to continue spreading his word both over the air and through the mail, please let us hear from you. You may write your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

Here's a song, "Saviour, lead me". The singers are Lynn and Arnett Carver. The singing is quite unique since only the two singers sing all four parts in a double recording. I hope you like it.

Friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord richly bless each and every one and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Calif. : "Greetings to all of you in the Name of our loving Father. Trust all is well with you. I am not too well but hardly think it anything serious maybe mostly tired and some nerves. I am still trying to take care of three of my little grandchildren while my daughter works and it's quite an undertaking, so do remember me also that the Lord will work out some things for me."

--Edna Murry

From Calif. : "Just a line to say thank you for your prayers. I am better in body and happy in the Lord. We must always see to it that all is well between us and our heavenly Father. But some time things look dark around us but the Lord has promised not to let more come on us than we are able to bear. So I am standing on that promise."

--Sis. Alpha Daniels

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From Okla. : "Just a quick note to let you know how much I appreciate and enjoy the little paper. I also listen to the program on KGGF in Coffeyville . . . Hope all are still encouraged and pressing on for the Lord. If there ever was a time when we needed to be watching our lives it is now. Pray for me that I'll live closer to the Lord and be what He wants me to be. Will close this time."

--Daisy Harris

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From W. Va. : "Greetings in Jesus dear Name. I felt I should write and tell what the Lord is doing for me. I was so sick first of last week, till I couldn't hardly stand to be on my feet . . . I wrote to Sis. Spaur in Oregon ask her to pray and have all the saints there to pray. . . Then on Fri. I did a big washing and part of the ironing and took care of my mother which is a bed patient. I'm not completely healed yet, but I believe I'm going to be soon for I'm looking to the one, I know can heal for he has healed me before. So I would like for every saint that reads this to please pray for me that the Lord will completely heal me if it's his will and pray for my mother and my brother. I still desire some one to come and help me with my mother if any one feels led to, and we will pay whatever you think is right. We are home now. You can write me at 4894 Hillview Add. Huntington, W. Va. " 25702

--Sis. Essie Carter

From Okla. : "We send greetings in the name of Jesus our dear savior. I am enjoying the presence of the Lord and as we see so much sin and wickedness and so many going after the fads and fashions of world leadings souls astray--how glad I am for deliverance from the bondage of sin, freedom in Jesus. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at his word. Trust Him for soul, body, and to guide and keep us all the way. I would like special prayer for my body. The Lord is good to me and marvelously sustains me and helps me but after I was back from Calif. a while I began bleeding again in my chest (it seems to be) and the last three weeks I have bled little or much every day and my chest is quite raw and sore feeling. It also hinders my retaining food and of course is weakening. My trust is fully in the Lord and I am expecting victory over it."

--Nellie Poulos

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From La. : "Greetings from the sunny south! We are having pretty cool nights but lovely days. Strawberries are bearing now, if we can beat the crows to them, so that is an every day job. They are looking good. . . I have a picture of all the presidents but couldn't find the one you mentioned in the Mission Trail: V. P. Marshal. Maybe he didn't serve long, or something. . . No, I was just curious and wondered where he came in, as I had never heard of him. . . Pray for us."

--Sis. Ruby Williamson

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Editor's Note: My mistake. These quotes were selected for reprint and I took it for granted that V. P. Marshall was one of the presidents, but upon further research I too have failed to find his name listed as one of them. Now I wonder if some of our readers can tell us who he was!

From Okla.: "I want to tell how the Lord protected us from death in an automobile accident. In January I went to make some errands one night. I had gone and picked up my cousin, Oleta Wright, who was about 18 years old and had gotten my brother Raymond's baby girl (6 months old). On our way to another girl's house we came to an uncontrolled intersection and was hit by a car that was going at a tremendous speed. (I estimated about 90 or 100 but didn't know exactly) We were hit on the right front side of the car then somehow he hit us in 3 other places, along that side and in the front of the car also. Somehow the car ended up in the opposite direction from which it was going. . . I thought at first that the car was on fire because I saw something below me that looked like a little fire. When the car finally stopped my cousin began to call to me that she was caught and to get her loose. Well, at first I couldn't get myself together and couldn't figure out what was caught (whether it was her head or something else) finally she told me to get her hand out of the door. Then I reached over her and tried to open the door and (by the great mercy of God) it came open. This was the side of the car that was hit and the door must have bent inward and caught her hand. Then after I realized she was free and in fair condition I proceeded to see if the baby was still alive. She had been knocked face downward and her cover was over her but my cousin Oleta had held to her all the time (which was another miracle) and had slightly fallen on her. I moved my cousin off of her and picked her up and found that she was still alive and that she only had one speck of blood on her about the size of a pin scratch. . . (Thank the Lord!) Then someone came to the car and I handed them the baby and they layed her on the grass. I crawled over

my cousin and got out. We discovered that the noise we heard was that the car had been knocked upside down and landed on its top. The thing that looked like fire was the light in the top of the car. . . We were taken to the hospital. I was not hurt seriously. . . The baby and my cousin were examined. . . They checked her slightly and they x-rayed my cousin. We were all released. The car was a total loss because the frame of it had been ruined. . . Some marvelled that we came out alive. . . Well I will close for now but would like to say that the Lord impressed me to pray just before I left sister Burke's to go do the errands and while I was praying I thanked the Lord for how he had protected me over the dangerous streets. Then it seems He overshadowed me and made me realize while I was yet praying how He had really protected me over the streets. I don't know the depth of what the accident means but I do know that with my own eyes I have seen a miracle. . . I hope this may be a help to someone else. . . It certainly has been a real blessing to me. Pray for me."

--Doris Hardman

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From Okla.: "I'm as yet thanking and praising God for redeeming love. When I think of this great salvation and God's infinite love toward mankind, I feel so unworthy of his love. For it was God's grace, (his free and undeserved favor to, and love for mankind) that he gave his only begotten son that we might be redeemed from sin. Eph. 2:8, 9, -- for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast. . . May the God of mercies and the God of all comfort ever bless and keep you. Please remember me continually in your prayers. I have some unspoken requests also."

--Elnora Conley

