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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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"...in spirit and in truth"

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Good morning, friends. I count it a privilege to be coming your way once again by means of radio, bringing you the unsearchable riches of Christ. Did you ever stop to think how valuable are the things which we don't even see with our natural eyes? One verse of scripture says, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4:18 So I hope that you will take a few moments' time to consider some of these things which are not seen. Of course they are eternal things and will never pass away.

I have been enjoying these nice days of sunshine which we have had. There is something about springtime which gives one a sense of the creation of God coming to life again. It is invigorating.

Now I would like to take your minds back to the days of Jesus when he went about doing good, healing those that were oppressed of the devil, and his disciples saw the wonderful miracles which he did. One day as he walked along in Samaria he came to a certain city called Sychar. Now this city was near the piece of ground that Jacob had given to Joseph and there was a well on it known as Jacob's well. It was about the noon hour and Jesus was weary so he just sat there on the well. I suspect that a good drink of cool water would have been refreshing to him too. In the meantime his disciples had gone into the city to get something to eat. Now while they were gone and Jesus was resting there at the well there came a Samaritan woman to draw water and from the conversation which followed Jesus spoke forth the truth there

that has been a blessing to the many generations which have followed. Among other things he told her this, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." You see, she wanted to know just what he did believe about worshipping God and how one should go about it and he just let her know that the ones who really pleased God were the ones that worshiped him in the right way which is in the spirit and in the truth. It doesn't make so much difference where you maybe, you may be in the country, you may be at home, on land, or on sea. It is not the geographical location which matters, but it is the manner in which you come: in the spirit and in the truth. Any other way that people endeavor to come to God is wrong and there is just one true way to worship him. It matters not how fine and elaborate the building may be, it matters not how eloquent the preacher is, it matters not the wealth that the people have. One might have all of these things and still not find favor with God.

Now take a look at the Pharisee who went up to the temple to pray. He was a good moral man. He had many good things about him. In fact, most of his habits were good ones. He gave tithes and he fasted twice in a week and he prayed, but God looked down at this man's spirit and he saw that he had an arrogant and a proud spirit. Listen to this verse, "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." Psa. 138:6 And again in James 4:6 we find these words, "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." So you see, folks, one must have the true spirit of God in order to please him. Genuine salvation does something for folks. It will bring down the high and the mighty and give them a humble spirit before God and it will take the people who are in the slums of sin and wickedness and it will lift them up out of these places. It will make clean folks out of filthy ones.

But don't forget the other part of this verse. You must seek the Lord not only with the right spirit but you must have the truth with it. There is such a thing as being deceived. Folks can believe a lie so long until they really think it is the truth. But it isn't. It doesn't matter how long you may believe it. If it isn't the truth it doesn't make it so. Some folks substitute doctrines and commandments of men for the true teaching of God but that doesn't make it so. They need to know the truth for it is the truth which makes men free. Listen to these immortal words of the saviour, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6 Friends, there are many false spirits which are gone out into the world today. There are many

deceivers who are leading thousands of souls away from the truth. Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and it is the scriptures which testify of the Lord who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are glad for the spirit of God and the truth of thy word. Help us to abide in the truth and worship thee in the spirit. We especially pray for each listener of the broadcast and ask that you may guide and bless them through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Testimonies

From Okla.: "We greet you in Okla. Cecil and I have moved to the Golden Rule Home. We have been here a week. We feel at home here, same as in Calif. at Sunset Guest Home. The saints are dear wherever they are. Please make change of address on Mission Trail paper. We heard the broadcast last Sun. morning." --Rada Watkins

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From Calif.: "Trusting this writing will find all well and encouraged to press on in this battle for the Lord. . . We attended the Easter meeting in Los Angeles this year. The Lord did bless in the preached word, songs, prayer, and etc. Many souls were blessed and helped. We don't know how many because we could not attend every service but we thank the Lord for everyone and the blessings to our own souls. Bro. Warren of Okla. was holding the meeting. We were very glad he could come and be with us. May the Lord bless him for his sacrifice also Sis. Katherine Williams. We are glad the Lord sent them both our way. . ."

--Bro. and Sis. Gene Harmon

From Okla. : "I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. I am going to take some to a Rest Home here in town. I have some friends there I am sure will enjoy them too." --Ida Ruckman

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From Ark. : "I read where the Lord told Simon that Satan desired to have him, but He had prayed that his faith fail not. I'm sure this is all of our case. The devil desires to have me and all he can get, but thank God, He desires to have us more and made a way for escape."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Ore. : "I am praising the Lord for salvation this a. m., the best thing ever offered to mankind. All paid for by Jesus shedding his precious blood on Calvary. I don't think we can ever praise Him enough for this precious gift. Then so many won't ask for it. I am made to think more and more how much it means. I am so glad when he called me. I accepted that call. I have been sorry for a lot of things in this life, but not for salvation. O! how I wish I could get precious souls to see what they are missing in this life. My heart just aches for these dear old people here in this Home. So near eternity and not ready I fear, so many of them. The most pitiful thing is some of them their minds in such a bad shape . . . I want to be an example of Jesus. I think of Paul. He said follow me as I follow Christ. People are reading our lives where they don't read the Bible. O! close we ought to live to the Bible. How I thank the Lord for the Bible. The Lord lets me have good eyes for my age. I get up of a morning early, wash and dress, comb my hair. Then I get my Bible and read it till time go to breakfast. How I do enjoy it, such food to my soul."

--Sis. O. K. Myers

From Mo. : "I send you greetings of love in all prevailing name of Jesus, the one who died on the cruel cross for us all. The Lord loves us all. I want to do all I can for the cause of the Lord. He has done so much for me. I enjoy the message every Sunday morning. May the good Lord bless you in the work there. Pray for me."

--Lily Mae Glass

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From Calif. : "I can't write just like I ought to. God knows my heart and soul and mind. I love him and serve him and the Lord bring all out later on for I have a burden for souls and pray for sick. God wonderfully healed me and He has taken me through this by your prayers and faithfulness. Thanks to you and all saints of God for all they have done for me. . . to write and help me. I can't express my appreciation."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Ohio: "Sure enjoy these issues of the Mission Trail. We received 3 at one time. The mail was slow because of the strike. The weather has been cold and long, but now it is spring again, and the air is fresh with the showers we are having. Soon it will be summer again and fix-up time for the home, car, and yard. . . Would like to catch the campmeeting there this year, as we don't know if we can make the Natl. meeting at Neosho--so just pray about these things and the Lord of the harvest will give an answer . . . Yes, it pays to serve the Son of God as we have had no illness at all here at our home, although in Feb. it went from 15° below to 50° above zero in one week. . . I just had an urge to scribble a few words so I wrote to all the saints all over the country that we knew of. Write soon and pray for the Williams family also."

--Bro. and Sis. Leroy Williams

From Wash.: "We greet you in the dear name of Jesus. We are thankful we serve a living God, one who can help us in time of need. We are thankful for salvation, so thankful the grave couldn't hold our saviour. He came forth triumphant over death, hell, and the grave and is alive forever more. Praise the Lord, and is at the right hand of God interceding for us. How wonderful. We sure do enjoy the Mission Trail papers. Keep it coming. Am sending \$5 to help in the work of getting the gospel out over the radio and the little paper. We hope you are all well." --Sister D. T. Thomas

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From Ga.: "Please remember us to the Lord in your prayers. I have an unspoken request. I have learned to give my problems over to the Lord and pray to him to solve them for me and he does. The Lord is my everything. I thank him for the many wonderful things he has done and is still doing for me. . . Jesus said I am the way and the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. John 14-6"

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

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From Mo.: "I thank the Lord for His love and mercy, for the strength he gives me in soul and body. Oh, how sad life would be without the Lord. He is so good to all people. No friend like him. The Lord heard and answered prayer for my dear Son. His side is not hurting now and he is eating good and don't hurt him. I need the prayers of all that the Lord heal some afflictions. Also keep praying for my husband. I want to work for the Lord and try to help souls. There is so many in sin and people are seeking for pleasure and something to satisfy, but it is only found by turning from sin and getting God's love in the heart. . ."

--Sis. Becky Barnes

From Mo.: "It's so beautiful today. (Sunday) There is a hush and stillness around as if everyone is taking a nap. The yards are full of God's glory and beauty, the trees and flowers are taking on new life, and is so peaceful. Of course our feathered friends are full of sweet melodies, one red robin just climbs to the highest tree top and says very plainly pretty, pretty. Week days things are pretty noisy. However my robin red breast never fails to drop by and sings his pretty song. Reminds me of my Christian friends, who are such a blessing to me with their prayers and love. . . Sis. Adams has not been well and Johnnie's young brother Charles is not well. My son is somewhat improved still very nervous is working. Still desire prayers I can only pray God save his soul at any cost." --Mrs. J. Edward Leach

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From Wisc.: "We had a good service Sun. with 24 out--12 of them were from the Daggett family. He was home and brought his mother from Chicago. We have had prayer meeting in their home the last two weeks. When he isn't home we pick up the children. She hopes to come with truck Sun. as he has the car this time so we will still pick up the children as there is 10 in all even when he is not home. They came with both car and truck last Sun. when his mother was here. We haven't had the bad weather so many of the states have been plagued with. It hasn't been warm but while others have had bad snow storms we have enjoyed lovely sunshine and the roads have been bare most all winter and yet a covering of snow on fields which is good." --Sis. Frank Dietrich

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 27:1

From Kansas: "I am happy to report that I am still saved, sanctified, satisfied and striving to win the Christian race so I can win my Crown. The world seems to be drunk and going in circles like a merry-go-round. The pleasures and evils seems to be carrying people faster and faster. It makes me feel thankful to not be caught up in this worldly whirlwind. I rejoice because I am in the ark of safety and feel so blessed. Salvation is real and I do find joy and pleasure in it and as one song says it gets sweeter all the time."

--Shirley Knight

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From La.: "Just a few lines to let you know that we are still encouraged to live for the Lord and do His will in every way. He is so good to us, and there is nothing to go back to in this world. I am having much trouble with my eyes now. I guess I caught a flash from a welder and my left eye has been hurting since Sat. nite. You all remember me in prayer . . . We enjoy your broadcast down here, look forward to it every Sunday. Pray for us as we pray for you. Your Bro. in the Lord."

--Doyle LaCroix.

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From La.: "Trust this finds you well and busy for the Lord. We know it takes much time to send the printed Mission Trail and keep it on the air. We enjoy it on WFPR each Sunday and we like the singing this past Sunday. . . We appreciate the many blessings the dear Lord gives us each day and our desire and determination is to be faithful to the Lord until He calls us home. We realize the Lord is so good to those that will trust Him. Was glad you and Kathleen came our way and trust the Lord will have you and your family to come again. Pray for us as we pray for the work there. Christian love" --Elva & Neva Joiner.

From Okla.: "I love the Lord with all my heart, more determined than ever to live for the Lord. I have been saved for over twenty four years, and the Lord has been my healer and keeper . . . In 1957 he completely healed me of the tumor . . . Then on Jan. 2, of this year during the time of ice and snow I slipped and fell on some cement steps and broke my limb just below my ankle, which was very painful until after prayer. The Lord took the severe pain away. The faithful saints here was by my side with their prayers and help. . . I didn't lose one night's sleep. I can say like the song, I feel like traveling on down the gospel road. Jesus walks beside me and carries my heaviest load. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, cards, love tokens and the good singing. The Tulsa saints came and sang. The Lord has healed me, only soreness in my limb." --Sis. Laura Warren

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From Ark.: "I trust this finds you encouraged to press on in the battle against sin. The Lord is truly good to each of us. It certainly isn't hard for us to see others who are less fortunate than we. We still enjoy the radio messages and the printed paper. May the Lord richly bless you and your effort for the salvation of souls. Enclosed is an offering to help in your effort for the salvation of souls. Please remember my family in prayer. Yours in the Lord's service,"

--Alvin McMurrin.

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From Ga.: "I am so thankful for all God's blessings to us. May we strive to please Him in everything we do. It is so wonderful to know God. We are never alone when we have Him reigning in our life. May we ever live close to Him and may God bless every effort and sacrifice." --Frances Godfrey.

