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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 Strait Gate

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I am here to bring you the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I want to make it clear so there will be no mistake as to what God means by the scriptures. Listen to these words from Luke 13:24, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." These are the words of our Lord and are important for 2 reasons. First, because he spoke them; secondly, because they deal with the subject matter of eternal life, which is important to all of us. They were given in response to this question by the disciples, "Lord, are there few that be saved?"

These words of our Lord brought the answer which was an affirmative one. The gate is strait and many will seek to enter in and shall not be able and therefore only a few people will be saved. There was some good instruction here too. Jesus said, "Strive to enter in". Now what do you suppose the disciples had in mind when they said, "Are there few that be saved?" What were they thinking a person could be saved from? Let me sum it up this way. If you would enjoy the bliss of eternal happiness with Christ and all the redeemed you must be saved from sin, from hell, from the wrath of God, and from eternal damnation. All of this is included in the word "saved". Our sins were committed right here in this world and it is also in this life that we are to be saved from our sins. If you are really hungry and thirsty for God and seek for Him in the right way I believe he will be found of you. Jesus said seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Did you notice that little word gate, g-a-t-e? A gate serves two purposes. It is to open and shut, and so consequently to let in or keep out and do both of these at the proper season. And so you find of this "gate of heaven". When the 5 wise virgins came the gate was open but afterwards came the other virgins and the door was shut. So then the entrance into heaven is called a gate to show there is a time when there may be entrance and there will come a time when there shall be none. And indeed this is the truth conveyed in this scripture, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

When I visited the city of Quito, the capital of Ecuador in South America, I was especially impressed by the tall fences built around the homes and yards there. Do you know why they were there? To serve two purposes: both to keep out the intruders and often,



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"Here also he stood a good while before he would adventure to knock."

perhaps, to keep within and protect those on the inside. In other words, the owner may have some valuable possessions inside that fence. He doesn't want everybody climbing over it and coming through the gate. Consequently, he keeps the gate locked. In fact, it was amazing for me to see on top of some of the high walls many many pieces of broken glass imbedded in the cement. The Apostle Peter wrote of "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you". I would say, if it was reserved, it would be protected from those to whom it did not belong.

Do you remember that song which says, "Heaven is a holy place, filled with glory and with grace, sin can never enter there. It will stop you at the

door, bar you out forever more. Sin can never enter there." Let me give you just a little more detail. I would say there are two gates which God maintains. One is the gate into his church or kingdom. You pass through this when you become a child of God and are saved from sin right here in this world. You are in the kingdom or church of God right here in this life. Then of course, there will be that entrance into heaven itself when Jesus proclaims at the great judgment, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". I want to be among that number, don't you? But, dear ones, in order for us to gain the entrance into that place of eternal abode we must enter in at the strait gate.

John Bunyan in his work entitled, "The strait gate" wrote about some professors of religion and he had this to say, "he is for God and for Baal too; he can be anything for any company; he can throw stones with both hands; his religion alters as fast as his company; he is a frog of Egypt, and can live in the water and out of the water; he can live in religious company and again as well out. Nothing that is disorderly comes amiss to him; he will hold with the hare and run with the hound; he carries fire in one hand and water in the other; he is a very anything but what he should be; this is also one of the many that 'will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.'"

Friends, now let me ask you this question. If the word of God is forever settled in heaven, if God never changes, if he is not affected by shellings, bombings, and riots, if the word has declared that we shall give an account in the judgment of every idle word that we shall say, if every transgression and

disobedience shall receive a just recompense of reward, then please tell me how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? Remember this, eternity is long, death is sure, and the judgment is before you. It is time for people to wake up. Do you know what is going to become of the drunkards and the swearing, cursing and stealing sinners as well as the sex perverts, the covetous and worldly minded people and all liars? They are going to have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. Search the scriptures, dear ones, and see if this is not the report that is given therein as to what is going to become of the ungodly. The scriptures declare that "Upon the wicked shall the Lord rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest; this shall be the portion of their cup." Dear ones, may God help you to escape the pollution that is in the world and I am not speaking of the pollution in a natural sense. It is the moral and spiritual corruption from which you should flee. Listen to this poem:

THE COURSE OF THE WORLD

Carelessly drifting, the world rushes
on;
For pleasure and folly in madness
they run,
Allured by the glitter, the pride, and
the show;
So careless and thoughtless, still
onward they go;
Unheeding the voice of the watchman
on high:
"Oh, turn ye! oh, turn ye! for why
will ye die?"

Carelessly drifting away from their
God,
Away from his people, away from his
Word;

Bewitched and enchanted with sin's
siren song,
They plunge in the whirlpool of folly
and wrong;
Forgetting the holy, the pure, and
the true;
Still onward the follies of sin they
pursue.

Carelessly drifting, the wise and the
great,
The rich and the poor, alike go to
their fate;
For gold and for silver, for honor and
fame,
So blind and deluded their glory's
their shame;
Forsaking true wisdom and knowledge
for dross,
They seek for mere bubbles--how
great is their loss!

Carelessly drifting from Jesus and
right,
Still farther and farther in sin's
blackest night;
The prayers and the tears of loved
ones they crush
Like filth in the streets as onward
they rush;
Hardening their heart as an adamant
stone,
Rejecting the blood for their sins to
atone.

Shall we pray,

O Lord,
As time moves us swiftly and surely
towards eternity we pray that the gos-
pel message may awaken those who yet
sleep the slumber of death in the
clutches of sin. Stir their hearts to
seek thee and to enter into the strait
gate before it is too late. Bless each
listener of the broadcast, this day in
the way which they need most and to
thee we will give the praise through

Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, if we may be of further help to you be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Here's a song, "Holy of Holies". It is a double recording of only two singers, Lynn and Arnett Carver, singing the four parts. Listen at the message.

Thank you, dear ones, for taking the time to listen today. Do be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Correspondence

From Ohio: "Yes, we are home again at the end of 13 days and 2,076 miles--no trouble at all! Praise God for his hand of protection toward us. . . God sure blessed us. We arrived home today about 2 p. m. Dayton time. From the chapel in Anthony 916 miles--not as far as we expected. How we do appreciate every prayer offered for us and all other tokens of love shown. Thanks for everything. Love to all,"

--Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott

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From Ohio: "Sunday and cool. We had plenty rain. Everything is so pretty and green. Everything is coming alive after a bad winter. God is love and shows His love and kindness and to think how little some folks appreciate it. . . The trouble going on in the world today--it seems to me time is running out. I feel sorry for their souls. Pray for me. I hope to stand whatever comes. I really enjoy the Mission Trail. I read and reread it. . ."

--Sis. Carrie Westrope

From Wis.: "I praise God for saving me, healing me, and keeping me in the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven! I delight to do his will and try to be of use to God by letter evangelism and sending tracts to as many as I can. I trust all is well with all of you. . ."

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Mo.: "We send greetings in Jesus Precious Name. We are thankful for His great love and care for us. It was through God's mercy to us that our companion's life was spared, when he was in the car accident four weeks ago. He received severe cuts on his head and face. There were abrasions and bruises over his body. His arm and shoulder kept hurting him. In one of the last x-rays they found some of the vertebra were out of place in his neck and one was broken. They advised an operation, but our trust is in God. So they said they would put him in traction, and when he was up to wear a neck collar. After a time they let us bring him home and have him in traction here. They said for him to do this for four more weeks. The Lord has answered prayer and taken away the pain. We are looking to him for his complete healing. The saints have sent many get well cards and wishes. Several have come to see him and we do so appreciate it all. Most of all we are grateful for the prayers and encouragement. Our hearts have been touched with the concern and love all have shown. Also for the help they have been to us. We say 'Thank you' from the depths of our heart, and may God richly bless each one is our prayer. We were so glad that Edith, Alice, Ken and Ruth could come home. It meant so much to all of us. We trust the Lord will bless you each one and the good work you are doing. With Christian love,"

--Eunice Cole

From Mich. : "Greetings in the name of Jesus our wonderful Lord and Saviour. I just received the April 24th issue of The Mission Trail and after reading 'Train up a child' a most inspiring message, I was compelled to write and thank you. . . It is a blessing to receive this paper. . . and living testimonies from God's people. There are many subjects in the scriptures that are important, many subjects that people need to hear, but what subject could be more important than the love of God in Christ Jesus. There is a great deal of speculations today on unfilled details of Bible prophecy. But one thing is absolutely sure, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. (John 3:16) God's love was revealed in giving himself. The love of Christ is also the love of God. For Christ said, love one another. (I John 4:7) God's love is like a magnet, it draws people to him. You can not force a person to be converted, and it is doubtful whether anyone is ever scared into true conversion either. We are won to Christ, and drawn by his love. Everyone needs to hear more about Jesus and his heart of love. But Jesus went further, He died for his enemies. While we were yet sinners Christ died for you, and for me? (Romans 5:7-10) He so loved beyond our human comprehension that he willingly suffered and died for lonely, ungrateful, unappreciative men and women. There on the cross he died for us, there he loved us, and washed us from sin, and in his own blood. If you are unsaved I am talking to you, and it is important. Do you know that God speaks to the bad as well as to the good? I am bringing God's message to you, and those whom are lost and without God. By listening and in responding you will be happier. God will not force you, or drive you either. He will draw you

closer with his hands of love. Christ's love for the lost sinner is something many cannot understand, nor fully explain. By the grace of God we may know it by experience. When we begin to see the love for the lost that Christ has, and as believers we shall love him as never before. For love begets love, and when we love him we shall obey his words as we know them. We shall live by that faith, that worketh by love. . . It is by love and obedience that we can be happy in Christ. Then you must look deeply into your heart and see if your love for God is not growing cold. We may do many things for our loved ones that are hard to do. Why do we perform unpleasant things for them? Because we love them. When we love Christ, our lives are changed from self loving to Christ loving. When we love him, we shall love to be like him. All unbelievers will see a difference in us, and they will know that something has happened to us. If some changes are needed in your life, with God's help make it. If you are now living in sin, be done with it. Put it away with the grace of God. Do not be discouraged for Christ still loves you. It is sometimes in our deepest troubles that we are nearest to Christ. The Love of God is ours. It is the hard times in our lives that our love is tested. It is when those forsake us, that we know who really loves us. We should never be discouraged or unfaithful to God, for nothing can separate us from the love of God and his beloved son Christ Jesus, our Lord and saviour, not even death itself. May God bless you and your family, Bro. Murphey. . . . My personal thanks for your kindness in seeing that I receive the Mission Trail, although I am in prison. I witness for Jesus each day and rejoice when another lost soul finds Christ."

--Audley Lee Williams 115308

