



# The Mission Trail

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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 Love of Many Shall Wax Cold"

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 Good morning, friends. I am glad to be coming your way once again by means of radio with a short gospel message. For your consideration I have chosen this 12th verse of the (14th) chapter of Matthew. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Here Jesus had just spoken about some of the things preceding the destruction of Jerusalem. He spoke about false prophets and how they would deceive many. Adam Clarke in writing of this verse "the love of many shall wax cold" had this to say, "By reason of these trials and persecutions from without, and those apostasies and false prophets from within, the love of many to Christ and his doctrine, and to one another, shall grow cold. Some openly deserting the faith. . . others corrupting it. . . and others growing indifferent about it. . . Even at this early period there seems to have been a very considerable defection in several Christian Churches". End of quote

Now if there was a falling away even then because iniquity abounded what do you think of the conditions existing in the world today? Have the temptations lessened? Is there a decrease in iniquity? Or could you still say that sin is abounding? Remember these people lost their love for the truth and for one another. Then in connection with that thought listen to this scripture from I Tim. 6 and beginning with verse 6, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with

many sorrows." Let me refer you once again to Adam Clarke. He writes, "It is in consequence of the temptation of the devil that they have determined to be rich; this temptation once received, others quickly succeed: and when they have swallowed down the temptation to the thing, then they drink in a thousand temptations to the means; and all these lead them. . . into an unforeseen and concealed trap." End of quote. Then, in commenting on "many foolish and hurtful lusts," Adam Clarke goes on to say, "The whole conduct of such a person is a tissue of folly; scraping, gathering, and heaping up riches, and scarcely affording to take the necessaries of life out of them for himself. These lusts or desires are not only foolish, but they are hurtful; the mind is debased and narrowed by them; benevolent and generous feelings become extinct; charity perishes; and selfishness, the last and lowest



principle in mental degradation, absorbs the soul; for these foolish and hurtful lusts drown men in destruction and perdition--the soul is destroyed by them here, and brought through them into a state of perdition hereafter. The apostle considers these persons like mariners in a storm; by the concurrence of winds, waves, and tide, they are violently driven among the rock, the vessel is dashed to pieces, and in a moment they are all engulfed in the great deep! Such is the lot and unavoidable catastrophe of them that will be rich, even though they should strive to accomplish their desires by means the most rigidly honest." End of quote

Dear ones, the message which I am trying to get across to you is this. If your love grows cold for God it is quite likely that you will have a love for the things of the world. I want you to listen to this warning given in I John 2 and beginning with verse 15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Isn't that plain? Don't you see what it means to be a real child of God?

Think of the pleasure and amusement centers in the cities of today. Many parents who choose a large city as a home for their children thinking to give them greater advantages meet with disappointments and too late repent of their terrible mistake. The cities of today are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. The youth are swept away by the popular current. Those who

learn to love amusement for its own sake open the door to a flood of temptations. They give themselves up to social gaiety and thoughtless mirth. They are led on from one form of dissipation to another until they lose both the desire and the capacity for a life of usefulness to the Lord. Their religious teachings are often cast aside and their spiritual life is darkened. Too often in time of danger they fall under temptation and are led away from God. The end of their pleasure loving life is ruined for this world and for the world to come. Cares, riches, pleasure, are all used by Satan in playing the game of life for the human soul.

Too often those who possess worldly treasure forget that it is God who gives them power to get wealth. Do you remember what King Nebuchadnezzar said when he walked in the palace of the great kingdom of Babylon? I quote from Dan. 4:30, "The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" Don't you know he thought how great a king he was and how great was his kingdom? He became lifted up with pride. But the scriptures go on to tell us that even "While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." King Nebuchadnezzar was driven from his throne and he ate grass like an oxen.



His body was wet with the dew of heaven until his hairs were grown like eagle's feathers and his nails like birds' claws. But I will tell you one thing it did for him. He realized that God Almighty ruled on his throne. Well, later after God had taught him these lessons he was given his kingdom back again. Listen to this poem:

### WHAT I WOULD ASK FOR THEE

If the treasures of the ocean were laid  
at my feet,  
And its depths were all robbed of its  
coral and pearl,  
And the diamonds were brought from  
the mountain's retreat,  
And with them were placed all the  
wealth of the world--  
Not silver, nor gold, nor the spoils of  
the sea,  
Nor the garlands of fame that the  
world can bestow,  
But a purified heart that from sin is  
made free,  
I would ask for thee, friend, on thy  
journey below.

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

Give us the spirit of understanding to realize the difference between the riches of this world and the riches of godliness and contentment which can come from thee only. Bless each listener of the broadcast and encourage their hearts to seek the way of truth and walk in it and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen to The Mission Trail broadcast. We sincerely hope that your life has been made better and richer and fuller because of God's presence. If we may be of further help to you be sure to

let us know. Just address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And remember that godliness with contentment is worth more than all the things of the world put together.

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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### *Testimonies*

From Calif.: "Trust this finds all well and encouraged in this battle for the Lord. It's been a while since we have written but we have been busy here and there. . . We have attended several camp meetings. They have all been good, not as much salvation work as we would like to see and burdened to see, but surely glad for everyone that yields themselves to God. No doubt there are those who have withstood the wooing of the Holy Spirit but we pray God to still have mercy on them. We had some moving out of some of our young people in some of these meetings and we appreciate them. We can give a good report for all 3 meetings out this way. We do plan Lord willing to attend a few days anyway of the Fresno meeting, looking forward to it. I know you have been busy in the gospel work out your way. . . We didn't get back that way this year tho we would love to have. . . It saddens our hearts and puts a burden on us when we see people stand back while plea after plea goes forth to get them to yield to God. It makes us to see how hearts are growing harder and less fear of God on their hearts. We know we are coming to the close of time, but we are thankful that yet a few hearts can be touched. May God help his children to reach everyone we can before the end comes."

--Bro. and Sis. A. E. Harmon



From Okla. : "Greeting of love in our precious Saviour's name. The one and only name under heaven to be glorified our saviour, healer, and giver of peace and joy. We enjoyed the good message over the radio from Coffeyville this morning. It was the message we needed to stir ourself, not to be careless, to be watchful of ourselves, that we might be doing more for the Lord that our lives be more pleasing to him. Husband's uncle has had a brain spasm and we are caring for him. He will be 98 yrs. in Dec. He says he is ready to go and wants the Lord to take him. The sun is shining. This is a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Since the rains things have grown so fast. My roses are in bloom again. We had a blue plum tree loaded with bloom. Also saw a peach bloom this morning, and an apple tree with blooms. . . Grace and peace be with you all."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From S. C. : "I am still pressing on to make heaven though we have many hard things to go up against in those last days. The devil is trying to discourage every saint if he can. But I am sure if we stand true to His word and be faithful He will make a way for us, praise His dear name. Brother and Sister Abbott came down and spent most 2 weeks with us and preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The saints sure did get help from his preaching. So we are by the help of the Lord looking to see them back again. . . Bro. Willie, I notice in the little Mission Trail paper August 28 where you brought a message on pray without ceasing. I could not tell you how much I enjoyed that message. . . I sure do enjoy all of the testimonies from the saints of God. . . Pray much for me."

--Eddie Driggers

From Va. : "I am rejoicing in the Lord. Still feasting on the truth I heard at the camp. God touched my body--feel the best I have in twenty years. Happy that God has delivered me out of the marriage mix up I was in and the compromise of the Anderson movement. I love the saints and the truth they preach. . . Pray for me."

--William J. Preston

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From Ore. : "Monday a. m. at my son Bill's at Medford I turned my right knee and I have hardly been able to get around till today but the Lord touched it in the night last night and I do thank him. . . Oh, I wish you was close so you could share our garden with us. Herman brought in a head of cabbage that weighed 14 lbs. We have corn and lots of beans, cucumbers and tomatoes and other stuff and lots of pretty flowers. The Lord blessed us with a cool summer although it has been very dry, but we pump water from the river to water our garden, orchard, and lawn for which we are thankful. The river goes through our place. Enclose a little offering to help get the Mission Trail out. I sure enjoy it."

--Sis. Emma Busch

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From Mo. : "Greetings in the Lord this morning. Hope this finds you all well and encouraged to press on for the Lord. We often think of you all and are praying for the Lord to ever bless you and keep you. . . We are encouraged mean to keep true to the end of way by the Lord's help and grace. We sure do enjoy the little paper and the message each Sunday. I always look forward to hear it. Glad I got to go to meeting this summer. I surely did get much encouraging out of the message and songs. Glad the Lord has some saints. We have a request. . ."

--Myrtle Glass



From Miss.: 'Greetings in His great name. . . My wife fell and broke her hip. As good old Bro. Brown used to say, 'Well, the devil is after me.' So I humbly ask you all to pray for her that she will have complete healing. Thank you for your kindness. I love the Lord with my whole heart and my wife next, so goodbye and God bless you all.'

--O. R. Stewart

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From La.: "We thank the Lord tonight for his love and mercies shown to us, for the strength and courage we receive by obeying His word and walking in the light of His truth. We love the truth as it was taught to us back when we were first saved. It separated us then from the world and its ways and by God's help and grace I intend to continue on in the old path. Some of the more modern preachers may call it just tradition but Paul says in II Thes. 3:15, 'Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught' and we are thankful for the word. Wife's speech and understanding is slowly improving for which we are very thankful, other wise little change can be seen. We yet need the prayers of the saints. We mean to be true and trust Him what ever He may lead us thru. I have a tape recording of Bro. Warren's message at Monark and I find it real encouraging to me while we are in this trial of affliction. . . Your bro. in the one body,"

--G. A. Nichols

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From La.: "I got a good thought out of this scripture this morn. (Exod. 34:2) 'Come up in the morning--and present thyself unto me in the top of the mount.' One writer said 'Successful is the day whose first victory was won in prayer!' and surely we find that blessed is the day whose morning is sanctified. We are eager to hear of your trip to Jamaica, Bro. Willie and

Kathleen. We are enclosing a love offering to help in your missionary efforts. . . Here is a good thought 'Every tomorrow has two handles. You can take hold of tomorrow by the handle of anxiety or you can take hold of it with the handle of faith.' . . . This poem was sent to me by a little 10 yr. old girl who knows my love for poetry. I enjoyed it so much that I wished to share it with you.

### MAKE ME LOVELY TOO

God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
 Make me lovely too;  
 With thy Spirit recreate me,  
 Make my heart anew.  
 Like thy springs and running waters  
 Make me crystal pure;  
 Like thy rocks and towering grandeur  
 Make me strong and sure.  
 Like thy dancing waves in sunlight,  
 Make me glad and free;  
 Like the straightness of the pine trees  
 Let me upright be.  
 Like the arching of the heavens  
 Lift my thoughts above;  
 Turn my dreams to noble actions--  
 Ministries of love.  
 God, who touchest earth with beauty,  
 Make me lovely too:  
 Keep me ever, by thy Spirit,  
 Pure and strong and true."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I enjoy the Mission Trail. It has so much soul food for such a small paper. I am sending a small offering to use in the work. I am glad the message goes over the radio, perhaps there are many who listen that never go to meeting. May God bless the work and may there be souls saved, I would like to hear more on God's standard of dress."

--Sis. J. P. Noland

