



# 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

