



"Arise Therefore, and Be Doing"

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Good morning, friends. My text for today is the words of King David to his son Solomon. After he charged Solomon to build the house of the Lord he said this to him: "Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." I Chron. 22:16 It is important to make plans but it is in the "doing" which proves our sincerity and devotion of our belief in God. On this broadcast I want to tell you more of the recent trip which I made to the island of Jamaica and what we found there. But first this poem:

WHAT SHALL WE WISH?

We wish for the lands and the gold of earth;
We wish for an honored name,
For the things that we count of greatest worth,
That lead to the heights of fame.
Thus we waste our lives, and we toil in vain;
For our riches will soon decay,
And we shall stand with the judgment train.
Oh! what shall we wish that day?

Shall we think of our little earthly hoard
And wish we had gathered more?
And sigh that the barns where it was stored
Were so small they were running o'er?
Ah! with sickening glance at the earth we trod,
We shall turn from its scenes away,
To face the great judgment-bar of God.
Oh! what shall we wish that day?

We shall view all the millions by our

side
Who never the gospel heard;
We shall think how little we cared,
nor tried
To send them a single word;
We shall hear a voice like the rolling seas--
While a thorn-pierced form we shall see--
"Inasmuch as ye've done it unto these,
Ye have done it unto me."

We shall think of the good we might have done
Had we loved our Savior more;
Of the glittering crown we might have won
Had we shared the thorns he wore.
Oh! our selfishness and idle ease--
How in that day we shall see!
"Inasmuch as ye've done it unto these,
Ye have done it unto me."

Those words will pierce to the very soul
And burn like a fiery brand.
"O God! has our service been so small?"
We shall cry as there we stand.

In woe we shall think of the years then
 past,
 Those years we spent in vain;
 And the opportunities slighted, lost,
 We shall wish were ours again.

We shall wish we had labored night
 and day
 In fervent prayers and tears
 That a harvest sown in faithful way,
 Might be reaped in endless years;
 That the hoarded store we treasured
 long,
 Had been scattered far and wide;
 Then we should not see this wailing
 throng
 Lost, lost in the surging tide.

God help us, then, our treasure to lay
 In life at Jesus' feet,
 That when we face the judgment-day,
 Not frowns but smiles we shall meet;
 No wail nor sigh o'er treasured hoard,
 Nor wishes then in vain:
 Our lives all given to our Lord
 Are what we shall wish they'd been.

And now this account of our findings in Jamaica. It was on the morning of Sept. 10 after much preparation and driving of some 1500 or 1600 miles in our 62 model Oldsmobile that Kathleen and I boarded the Pan American jet airliner flight 437 in Miami, Florida bound for the little island of Jamaica just south of Cuba. A brief stop was made at Montego Bay, Jamaica. Then after some 20 minutes of additional flying we landed near Kingston, a city of some 700,000 population. This island of the Caribbean is rich in history. We understand that Columbus first went there in 1494 shortly after coming to America in 1492. It was his second trip to the Western world.

Brother and Sister Israel Smalling and others were there to welcome us at the

airport. Then we began the journey by car of approximately 60 miles to Frankfield, which is situated in the hills of Jamaica. The island itself is approximately 150 miles long and from 30 to 50 miles wide. It is thickly populated and for the most part we found the people very friendly and the native tongue is English. The fruits of this tropical island are many. We ate some fruits of which we had never heard before. The national dish is ackee, a fruit grown on trees which is considered poison until it is ripe, but when ripened and cooked with codfish it is quite tasty. Oranges, coconuts, and bananas grow well in Jamaica and we had plenty of them to eat. Bro. and Sis. Smalling were kind to us and were very careful to look out for our welfare. They live near the little chapel where he pastors a small congregation. We were thankful also for the hospitality of the Fergusons in whose home we stayed for several nights.

Quite a number of preachers and workers met together on Sunday and the opportunity was given to us to speak in the Sunday morning service. Other preachers also spoke. Then in the afternoon we had a special meeting of the preachers and workers to discuss the doctrines of the Bible and our interpretation of them. We found that we were in harmony on many doctrinal points of the scriptures such as justification, sanctification, the ordinances of baptism, feet washing and the Lord's supper, also the return of the Lord with no time or space for a 1000 years millennium reign. But going into the deeper teachings of the scriptures we did find some points of difference in our understanding of their meaning. In our visit with Bro. Smalling he brought out the thought that "Truth is complete, but the revelation of it is

gradual." Let us pray that God may bless these dear ones in Jamaica and that all of us may be willing to walk in the truth which has already been revealed to his church. It is only as we walk in the light that we may continue to have fellowship one with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Church of God doctrine and teaching was planted in Jamaica many years ago and although large crowds are not going the way of the cross, because they are unwilling to pay the price, it is hoped that God's true church may continue to be gleaned from every country and island of the sea made up of those people who have a love for the truth. We are glad that God directed us to these dear people in the hills of Jamaica. Even though our stay was short we believe the time was well spent.

But now through the recording of a part of the service on that Sunday morning of Sept. 13 I want you to go with me, in your thoughts at least, as we sat in that little chapel in the hills of Jamaica. This "Opening Song" one with which many of you are familiar, was sung. But preceding the song Bro. Israel Smalling had this to say, "To thy house, O Lord, with rejoicing we come, for we know that we are thine, we will worship thee in the Bible way, as the evening light doeth shine." Then this song,

Friends, I want you to remember the text, "Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee". I believe it is time for every true child of God to arise and be doing. Let us not sleep as do others but let us watch and be sober. Let us be an example not only in word but in deed and in truth.

If we may be a help to you be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. May I add that we deeply appreciate those who help us to maintain this weekly schedule over the air. 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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CONSIDER

Is anybody happier
Because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember
That you spake to him today?

This day is almost over,
And its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now,
A friendly word for you?

Can you say tonight in passing,
With the day that slipped so fast,
That you helped a single person,
Of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing
Over what you did or said?
Does one whose hopes were fading
Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?

--Selected by Grace Jones

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Testimonies

From Mo. : 'I'll write you in all prevailing name of Jesus. How are you all by now? Fine, I hope. We are all very well. Our faith and confidence is in the Lord. He will never forsake us as long as our trust is in him. May the Lord bless you in the work there.'

--Lily Mae Glass

From N. C. : "Greeting in Jesus name. Trust this finds you all well. We want to say we enjoy the paper very much. Here is a little offering. Use it as you wish. Remember us each one in prayer especially our children and the little work here. Christian love,"

--E. J. and Violet Biddix and family

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From Calif. : "May heaven's richest blessings be upon you to bless you in body, soul, mind, and spirit is our sincerest prayer. Amen, All are looking to Jesus to keep you both well and strong to go into the nearby needy fields. All are well as usual and are endeavoring to obey thus saith thy Word."

--Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Phillips

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From Pa. : "Praise be to our God for His wonderful gift to us, Jesus, who came to save us from our sins. Oh! how I do love Him today. It seems when things go wrong, there underneath are the everlasting arms of our wonderful Lord. He has given us so many promises and all we have to do is put our trust in Him. Thanks so much for the good messages in the Mission Trail. They just hit home and it makes us want to get a little closer to God. . . Your sister in His service,"

--Eva Cox

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Meeting Report

"Just a short note this morning to let you know we haven't forgotten you, and let you know we do enjoy the Mission Trail broadcast and paper very much. It is something we look forward to each week. I thought it would be good to give a short report of the Tent meeting at the West Cabin School grounds N. W. of Vinita, Okla. The meeting was well attended, with several nights over 100 in attendance. The word of God went forth clear and straight and the Lord sent in several to help with the sing-

ing. Most of those who attended have indicated they enjoyed the meeting and received much good from it. Bro. Curtis Williams was with us throughout the meeting to bring the word, along with Bro. Ira Stover, Sis. Anna Marie Miles, Bro. Tommy McMillian, Bro. Clarence Fry, and Sis. Katherine Williams who helped in preaching or exhorting from the Word of God. The Word of God was well received and we pray it will continue to bring forth fruit in the hearts of each hearer. Everyone appreciated the singers who came to help. Bro. Dale Doolittle and daughter Erma Gayle, Bro. Bobby Forbes and family, saints from Tulsa, and Bro. Waldo Eck were among the many who helped in this capacity. Our hearts were blest and inspired by their labors. We certainly appreciated everyone who came and feel it was a real blessing to the community to get acquainted with more of the children of God. Certainly a great responsibility rest upon each of us as a member of the great family of God to so live that we might guard and maintain the confidence of our fellowman that we may be a spiritual help and encouragement one to another. To God be the Glory for all he has done! And may the Lord reward each one who had a part whether it was by their presence, financial support, or in carrying a burden through fasting and prayer. The local congregation is much encouraged, and has requested mid-week Bible study to help them understand the Word of God more clearly. Last night was the first such Bible study, and it proved profitable to all. We want to extend a special invitation to any of God's ministers who are passing this way to stop and be with us in our regular services."

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More on Jamaica

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:18-20

Here is a solemn charge which Jesus gave to his disciples shortly before he ascended to his father where he sits on the right hand of the throne of his majesty. It is an obligation for the church to carry the truth into every nation and island of the sea. It would indeed be difficult to find very many English speaking countries where the gospel has not been taken many years before now. This is indeed the case with the beautiful island of Jamaica. This island of approximately 148 miles long by 52 miles wide is thickly populated. Although the ancestors of these English speaking people were largely of the Negro race, other nationalities have been blended into the present population. The national motto which is printed on their currency is "Out of many, one people". Jamaica was formerly a colony of England but in recent years they have gained their freedom and are now an independent republic of their own, although yet a member of the British Commonwealth, just as Canada. The accomplishments and progress of Jamaica are many. Through the courtesy of Mr. Ashley Hammil, superintendent of the water works of the city of Kingston, we were able to get a first hand view of much of that city as he took us on a tour in his own private automobile. There were many lovely homes in the hills

overlooking the city of Kingston below and the Caribbean Sea. How we shall remember some of the new experiences for us as we visited this tropical island for about one week. We drank fresh coconut water directly from the green coconut. Through the hospitality of Bro. and Sis. Israel Smalling we ate of the national dish of Jamaica--ackee with codfish as well as rice and peas and roasted breadfruit. We also ate yams, sweet potatoes, and cho-chos. Thanks to the Fergusons in whose home we slept at night safely protected from the mosquitoes by an overhanging net. For a morning snack we enjoyed fresh oranges while sitting on the front porch where the tropical climate was quite pleasant especially in the early morning. We did not do so well in learning to eat Continental Style without our fork in our left hand while holding the knife with the right. But anyway the folks didn't seem to mind if we Americans were not familiar with this custom of theirs and it did seem strange to us for the cars to drive on the left hand side of the road. But more than all of these things we were concerned primarily in having a mutual understanding of the teaching and the doctrines of the true church of God with these precious people of Jamaica. Truly God's church is composed of the people of many races nationalities, and languages. But they are, as the slogan of Jamaica, "Out of many, one people". We met together with a number of ministers the Sunday afternoon we were there and many questions were asked covering points of doctrine of the Church of God. We endeavored to be ambassadors of good will, setting forth an example not only in word but in actions too. Pray that God may continue to glean out every truly born again child of God that his church may be complete of every "nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

