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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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If a Man Die, Shall he Live Again?

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Good morning, friends. We are thankful for the opportunity of bringing you another short message from the Word of God. I sincerely hope that I will be able to bring you something that will not only prove interesting but will be beneficial and profitable to every listener of The Mission Trail broadcast. May I add that your letters of encouragement mean so much to us and I hope that I may in some small measure be a blessing to you. It has been said that "Time and tide wait for no man" so if we are going to avail ourselves of the opportunity to witness for Christ we must be up and about our father's business.

Have you ever had questions to which you didn't know the answer? Are there things in life which perplex you? Well, don't be disturbed about it. Look to the Lord for guidance and leadership. Now listen to this question which has been an age old one, for it was asked by Job of long ago. Here it is, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14 No doubt many folks have tried to answer this question, some one way and some another. Some folks would like to believe that there is no life after this one, while others are thoroughly convinced that there is life beyond the grave. Don't you know that the wicked and evil person would be glad if there was no hereafter? Why? Because he does not want to face that day of reckoning. There is a song which we sing sometimes, "You can't do wrong and get by." I am convinced there is no such thing as a "perfect crime". In Gal. 6:7 we find these words, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." But one might say, "Oh, well, I know that, but we reap for our

evil deeds right here in this life."

Dear ones, that may be true to a certain extent. Sometimes folks do reap right here in this present life the reward of their own wrong doing. But who said that was all they reaped? How do you know this is the end of their reaping? Might there not be another day coming?

Now, what I have started out to do is to show you by the scriptures that there is going to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust. But before I get too far away from my thought of this reaping let me agree with some who advocate that we often reap right here in this life that which we have sown. Nevertheless let us not conclude this is all of the reaping.

On the 16th of Sept. this year 1970 I was in the city of Kingston, Jamaica. Now, not far from Kingston on a little peninsula of land protruding out into the Caribbean Sea we visited the city known as Port Royal. There is a lot of his-

tory connected with Port Royal. It is reported that back in the 1600's pirates lived in this area. They raided ships and robbed them of the silver and gold. They committed atrocities of killing the seaman and having them "walk the plank" into the sea. Port Royal was known as one of the richest cities as well as one of the most wicked cities in that part of the country. It must have become similiar to Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness.

Now, friends, God has a way of bringing judgment upon people when they depart from him. There is a scripture which says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34 Sure enough God did not forget Port Royal, Jamaica. In the year 1692 there came a tremendous earthquake. The ground cracked open and the craters swallowed up the city and people. Not only that but much of that city sank beneath the surface of the salty waters of the Caribbean. Think of the gold and the silver which went down in that year of 1692 because of that earthquake. For those who may be interested in sea diving, let me tell you there is still plenty of riches in the Caribbean where Port Royal sank beneath the waves.

There was one very outstanding example how God delivered the righteous in the time of trouble. This Frenchman named Lewis Galdyes had come to Jamaica for religious freedom. Although he was in the city of Port Royal at the time of the earthquake, God delivered him and this is the way it was done. It is reported that the earth cracked open and Galdyes fell down into the crater. The sea closed in over him. But then what happened? Along came another shock wave and the earth belched up Galdyes the

Frenchman. He began swimming on top of the water. He was later picked up by a ship at sea and lived and preached to the people remaining in that area for some 40 years. Be assured dear ones, God knows how to deliver the righteous from the destruction which he sends upon the wicked.

But let us once again turn to this question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" For an answer we will begin right here in Job 19:26. "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:" And again in Daniel 12:2 this verse, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." So it seems that people of all ages have had a hope that there would be a resurrection of the dead. We understand that the American Indians who knew very little about God would bury with their dead loved ones such things as bows and arrows or perhaps a bag of corn for these departed ones to use in the "happy hunting ground". Oh, if folks could only be enlightened to know the true teaching of the things which are coming to pass in regard to the dead, how much more carefully they would spend their lives. There were some folks in the days of Jesus such as the Sadducees, for instance, who taught that there is no resurrection. Well, one day they came to Jesus and they presented a real problem to him. In their minds it was a real problem at least. They told him how there were 7 brothers. The first one of them married a wife. He didn't leave any children when he died, but his wife was free to marry again and according to the teaching of Moses it was his brother's obligation to accept this woman as his wife. So the Sadduces told Jesus how that each

of these 7 brothers died and left this woman with no children at all. Then they wanted to know whose wife was she going to be in the resurrection. I suppose they tried to make it appear to him it would be unreasonable to even have a resurrection. But right at this point let me give you the words of Jesus himself. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine." Matt. 22:29-33

Friends, I want to bring you more on this teaching of the resurrection. Perhaps we can point out even what kind of a body we will have in the resurrection. But let us save this for another time. We hope you will tune in again next week on this same station.

Shall we pray,

Our Father which art in heaven,

We are glad that thou art not the god of the dead, but of the living. We are glad that the day is coming in which the departed souls of those who have gone on shall be reunited with their earthly bodies even though they have long since decayed and returned to the dust. Help us to ever live for this wonderful day of the resurrection. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear ones, if you would like to have a copy of this broadcast in printed form or if we may be a help to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Instead of a song this week I want you to hear these words which were spoken by Bro. Smalling and others in the little chapel in Frankfield, or that is near Frankfield, Jamaica not long ago during the trip which we made to that place. We will not endeavor to put them in print at this time but we want the listeners of the broadcast to hear them. Will you remember these dear ones in Jamaica in prayer that God may bless and direct them in all the paths of truth and righteousness?

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphy saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Mo.: "Greetings to you in the dear name of Jesus! Aren't we thankful for his love and concern for us. How he knows about our cares and hears us when we pray and takes away sorrow and adds joy. Praise the Lord! Only He can do in our hearts what has been done. . . Well, I made it home around 10:20 p. m. that night after visiting you. I missed the bus at Tulsa by about 15 minutes. So had a 2 hour lay-over. I went out to Sis. Barton's, as I called Sis. Frances and she came after me. Sis. Barton was better. Was good to be with them again too. . . Well, my daddy is very low today. We sometimes wonder if the end isn't very near. . . He doesn't talk about his soul. Keep praying for him. He seldom talks, unless talked to."

--Mildred McIntoch

From La.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. Trust all is well. We are doing very well, able to be working every day and still encouraged in the Lord to live for him. We surely don't want to go a day without him. May God ever bless you all is our prayer."

--N. P. Futch

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From Okla.: "I still want you all to pray for me and all of my family that they may all be saved before all this destruction comes upon the earth. It seems to be just ahead of us. Only thing I know is to be ready to go when Jesus comes. God tells us he will not put more on us than we could bear. These trying and evil days are bad. . . By God's help we all can stand the test."

--Sis. Ben Harrison

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From Pa.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. Was so glad to hear of your trip to Jamaica. It sounded so interesting and most of all you could preach Christ to them. That makes the trip rewarding. . . Please pray for me that I may stand true in the midst of fire like the 3 Hebrew children. . . God bless you in all you do for Him. Mother is getting more feeble, but still crocheting and trying to walk where she needs to go. Knees very painful."

--Eva Cox

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From Ark.: "I am thankful for all the many blessings we have from day to day and for a greater desire than ever before to make heaven my home. We went to Grubbs yesterday to all day service. I had a real bad head ache by the time we got there, so I didn't get to hear all the message but after services I asked to be prayed for and the dear Lord just healed me right there. It was so wonderful. How I do thank him. . . Remember us when you pray."

--Lenora Bennings

From Ore.: "I greet you all in Jesus dear name. Can report victory in my soul. The Lord is so good to me and mine. The Lord blessing me and I do thank and praise his dear name. Less than a month till our assembly meeting. We are hoping and praying the Lord to give us a good meeting and save souls and help the saints that need help. Of course, we all need encouragement but some need to be stirred up as some are very neglectful of being at services all the time. It isn't a burden to me to go to the house of the Lord. It is a joy to me. . . May the Lord lead, guide and direct you. Christian love,"

--Sis. Emma Busch

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From Ark.: "Greetings again to you in the dear name of Jesus, 'the one who loves us with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee'. I feel like He has drawn me out of a life of sin and confusion. I am so happy I listened--then obeyed His sweet voice. Oh! what if I hadn't of listened and obeyed? . . . We always look forward to the third Sunday and our all day meeting. If you hear of anyone wanting a place to go the 3rd Sun. do tell them they are welcome. We'd be so glad to have them."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Calif.: "I enjoy the little Mission Trail. Hope all is well and the folks got back from their trip and I am sure there was a lot of good done. I still have trouble with nerves and eyes and ears. The old devil sure tries to keep us from having faith, but we know God does just what he says. So hold me up in prayer, have more faith. I love the dear Lord with all my heart and want to die out to old self. That is what we must do--not my own self but with God's help. . . I have request."

--Sis. Ada Leach

From Mo.: "Hope this finds you still rejoicing in the Saviour's love. We find the Lord a very present help in every time of need. Bro. Willie, here is a little article I read, may I quote? Some years ago, at a social function, one of England's leading actors was asked to recite for the pleasure of his fellow guests. He consented and asked if there was anything special that his audience would like to hear. After a moment's pause an aged minister arose and said, 'Could you, sir, recite the twenty third Psalm?' A strange look passed over the great actor's face. He paused for a moment, and then said, 'I can, and I will upon one condition--after I have recited it, you my friend, will do the same.' Impressively the great actor began the Psalm. His voice and his intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and as he finished a great burst of applause broke from the guests. Then as it died away, the aged minister arose and began to recite. His voice was not remarkable; his intonation was not faultless. When he finished, no sound of applause broke the silence, but there was not a dry eye in the room, and many heads and hearts were bowed in reverential awe! The great actor rose to his feet. His voice shook with uncontrollable emotion as he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the aged minister and said to the audience, 'I have reached your eyes and ears, my friends. This man has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the twenty third Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd.' May the Lord ever bless you in the good work you are doing for him."

--F. E. Wilson

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"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind:"

I Chron. 28:9

GOD'S UNIVERSAL LOVE

I love to think of heaven's love,
So full, so pure, so free;
That fount of love, so limitless,
That fills the Godhead, Three.

I love to think of that great day
When saints in him shall rise,
Made glorious then in bodies new,
To join him in the skies.

I hear the words of God's dear Son:
"Go into all the world
And tell of Heaven's redeeming love,
With banners wide unfurled.

"Go, tell the gospel theme of love
To every creature, pray;
Till all may know of that blest fount
That washes sins away."

For God all kindreds, nations, tribes,
Would gather into one,
Both high and low, and far and near--
All things in Christ the Son.

The Jew shall come and e'en the Greek;
The rich as well as poor;
The black, the brown, and yellow, too;
The Esquimaux, the Moor.

The red man from the Indian tribes,
The man that's white of face,
Those who've been free, as well as
slaves,
Will there proclaim his grace.

Go forth, O messenger of love,
To all the tribes of men,
And call all nations into One
From highway, hedge, and glen.

O brother and O sister dear,
Of whatever race thou art,
If we are joined in love on earth,
In heaven we'll never part.

--Sel.

