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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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Good morning, friends. A cheerful greeting to each and every listener of the broadcast. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity of bringing you once again the message from the Word of the Lord. If you remember last week I spoke on "the remnant". I used this particularly in reference to the people of God and even though they are scattered often times by the boundaries of land and sea, yet God's people are joined together with a unity which molds them into one.

Now this scripture which Isaiah, the gospel prophet, gave as he foresaw a vision of the people of God. In Isa. 62 and beginning with verse 10, listen, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." Notice from this scripture that it speaks about a highway. I believe this refers to the highway of holiness. It means that God's people are separate from the world and are not mixed up in evil things. In fact, the 12th verse brings this out when it says, "The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." This is the kind of a church which Christ set up and this is still the only kind which he acknowledges, a church which is clean even though the number may

be small. Yet it is quality which the Lord is looking for and not quantity.

Notice how closely this scripture in Isa. ties in with Zech. 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." This was a direct prophesy of Jesus.

Here then is its fulfillment in Matt. 21 beginning with verse 4, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way."

Dear ones, it was a wonderful thing

when Jesus brought salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. It was a glorious day when the Holy Ghost fell upon the disciples assembled on the day of Pentecost. It was marvelous how God added to the church about 3,000 souls after that unforgettable sermon which Peter preached. Then it says that the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. That was simply wonderful.

But, let us look again and see how the church of the morning time began to decline and fall away. Grievous wolves entered in not sparing the flock, even as the Apostle Paul warned. There was only a small remnant remaining as the truth of God's church was obscured by papal night. But then again according to prophesy God brought forth the truth in this evening time. Little by little did the reformers such as John Huss, Martin Luther, and the Wesleys begin to understand that justification came by faith, that sanctification was a second definite work of grace wrought in the hearts by the cleansing of inbred sin and the infilling of the Holy Ghost. But with the coming of more truth, Satan also appeared with his cunning craftiness. Men began to organize themselves into so called church groups which forbid the Holy Spirit to have right of way. Instead of Holy Ghost leadership manrule was put in its place.

But God was still working and under the preaching of such men as D. S. Warner, B. E. Warren, H. M. Riggle a few years before 1900, they declared (and of course some years after that) they declared how that God's church is a called out people, separate from sectarian groups. A verse of song describes so well what they stood for. It says:

"The Bible is our rule of faith,
And Christ alone is Lord,
All we are equal in his sight,
When we obey his word,
No earthly master do we know,
To manrule will not bow,
But to each other and to God
Eternal trueness vow."

Dear ones, here are the guidelines for God's true church, the holy remnant. They accept the Bible as the divine inspired Word of God. Their lives conform to its teaching. There is harmony and unity. In Isa. 32 and beginning with verse 37 we find, "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." Now, this brings us down to the present day. Let me say there are many who have fallen away from the true teachings of the Bible but I believe that God still has a church and a people who love him supremely.

Listen to these verses beginning with Isa. 35:8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men; though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord

shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Now I don't believe that's speaking about a highway such as our Interstate highway system. This is speaking about the plan of salvation, the way of holiness and righteousness and it refers to the remnant of God's people who are saved from worldly things and the things of sin and evil. It's speaking about God's people.

Listen to this poem:

Fair Zion

O beautiful Zion, fair bride of the
Lamb!
Thy marvelous light we behold,
Which shone on the nations enshrouded
by darkness,
And millions were brought to thy fold.

Eclipsed was thy luster by long papal
night,
And dimly the dark, cloudy day
Revealed thee to eyes that were
earnestly searching
For truth and the heavenly way.

Thy light as the morning breaks forth
in the earth:
Thy brightness all nations shall see:
The ransomed from Babel are eagerly
turning
With songs of rejoicing to thee.

Eternity's ages of bliss shall be
thine,
In regions unclouded above;
And there shalt thou dwell evermore
with thy Maker,
Delighting thyself in his love.

--C. W. Naylor

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message to the good of every listener. May they not return unto thee void but cause the truth to spread and break down every barrier in the hearts of those who would resist thee. Remember each listener. Bless them in the way which they need most and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

If you would like a copy of today's message in printed form be sure to let us know. There is no cost or obligation. Send us your name and address and let us add it to our weekly mailing list. If we may be a help to you, write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And now this song, "Church of God".

You like that description of God's church, the way it's organized, the way it's set up. . . The singers there are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle. Dear ones, 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!

Testimonies

From S. Ca.: 'Today finds me still fighting the battle on, hoping and praying to win that crown of life that God has laid up for everyone that will hold out to the end. Bro. Murphey, we sure do enjoy the little Mission paper. The testimonies do help us to stay encouraged in the Lord. We hope you can keep up the good work. Well all of the saints here seem to be pressing forward, so don't forget us in your prayers. . . May the Lord keep you. . .'

--Bro. and Sis. Crummie

From N. M. : 'Greetings in Jesus dear name. Trust all is well there in the print shop and may the Lord bless each one of you in every way. I am enjoying the little paper very much and thanks a lot, as I can't hear over the radio. It's too far I think. Well, I am sending something to help send out the message by radio and print and it is so rewarding, helps so many. Bless all.'

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Jamaica: "We have received your letter of the 6th inst. and are indeed happy to hear from you and especially to know that you have reached home safely. Many persons had been anxiously inquiring 'have you heard from Bro. Murphey?' I can assure you there is much divine affection in our hearts for you and for all who endeavor to contend for the faith delivered to our fathers. Surely if this is done in sincerity, it will not be long ere there will be a Divine unity of the church, and for this we are sincerely praying. Your visit to us has been a source of inspiration to us. You have left me (us, Sister Smalling and myself) with a desire to visit over there as you suggested so please help to pray the matter through. You will rejoice to know that the Sunday you spent here many persons attended the day and night services who had never visited our services before, also two persons who were members of this assembly and had left and wanted to return but did not until the Sunday you came here, have now asked to be refellowshipped, repented and asked the church's forgiveness and have been restored. We believe that if your visit to us was longer more work would have been done. We know if God wills you will come back to us again. Please always pray for us and the work here. . . . Yours in Christian love,"

--Israel and Olga Smalling

From La. : 'Dear Bro. Willie and family and saints at large, Just a few words of Christian love and to say I am OK, still on the way and mean to go all the way with my Lord and do what I can find to do. Thank you all for the good paper, M. T. May our Lord ever own and bless his work there. Think of me as I do you all. Much Christian love,'

--J. M. Mitchell

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From S. C. : "Writing to let you know that I still love the little Mission Trail paper. They bring a lot of encouragement to me each week. So may the dear Lord ever bless in that work till He returns back for his faithful few. I am sending you a little offering to help in that work that it will never stop. I am with you with my prayers. Your brother in the Lord,"

--Eddie Driggers

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From Ill. : "Grace, mercy and peace unto you through our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the fall weather. We've had quite a few dreary days of late, but today the sun is shining--and oh, some how everything seems better when the sun is shining, doesn't it? I'm often glad on gloomy days that I have Jesus shining in my heart. What awful gloom would be there if he weren't! How good it is to know and serve the Lord! Wonder how anyone can bear to be without Him for there must be so many dark days in every life. Who then can they lean upon for comfort and help? . . . I appreciate the Mission Trail so much. It is like a visit from you every week . . . May the Lord bless you all as you labor to send these papers out. I pray the radio messages will be a blessing to many. I'm enclosing an offering. Use it as you have need. Wish I had ten times as much to send! Love to you all,"

--Sis. Thelma Sprague

From Mo.: "O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord," Ps. 117. . . We just want to let each of you know that God is surely good to His trusting children. He hasn't failed us yet and we don't want to fail Him. Because we love Him and endeavor to please Him, we can see how he has protected us from many calamities, and no doubt from some which we are unaware. It makes us rejoice when we read the experiences of others, and to know that God is everywhere. Even in India, Africa and Mexico God is blessing and encouraging his people. We want these faithful ones to know that we are praying and expecting God to pour out his blessings upon them. We can't do much but pray and give our little bit, but will try and be faithful to do that. The summer camp meetings were such a blessing. It was so wonderful how God saved so many, may they keep saved till we meet again. What a blessing it is to have all three of our children saved. In family worship we can agree in prayer and pour out our heart's desires and burdens before the Lord. The children pray much for you missionaries and you over in India, Mexico, and Africa, (as well as every place where there is a need.) Thank you for coming to be with us in our all day services in September, we were glad for the good messages God sent. It was interesting and good to hear of your trip to the Island of Jamaica. God is surely blessing your efforts, we can see that. We love all the children of God, there is no one like them, they are our people, our family, our friends and we pray for each one of you. We stand in the need of your prayers,"

--Louie and Evodna Marler and family

From Kan.: "I greet you today in the precious name of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, who loved us enough to shed His blood on Calvary to save a wretch like me, and all others who are willing to confess and forsake their sins and follow the ways of righteousness and peace. I thank God for giving me beauty for ashes. Truly I had nothing to offer God, nothing good at all, just a desire to have the peace of God in my soul, a true repentance for the sins I had committed and a determination and consecration to live for him. I came to Him, sick in body, sick in soul, my nerves and mind a wreck from living in sin, no peace within, no joy, no contentment, too miserable to live and in no condition to die and God in His great love and mercy lifted me out of this horrible pit and gave me beauty for ashes, love instead of hatred, contentment and peace instead of frustration and discontent, hope instead of despair, faith instead of doubts and fears, tranquility and stability instead of turmoil and strife and best of all He forgave me of my sins and made a new creature of me and put a new song in my mouth, even praises unto our God. Thank God He delivered me from cigarettes, evil temper, worldly pride and even more recently He has given me victory over foolishness and instructed me to seek wisdom and knowledge and understanding as I would seek for hidden treasure. He has taught me to put away a froward mouth and perverse lips to put far from me. Praise God for his goodness and mercy and love to me. Surely we ought to praise God for his goodness to the children of men. I am convinced that goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever. Pray for me."

--Wildenna Huffman

