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The Benefits of the Lord

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Good morning, friends. What a wonderful privilege is mine to be coming your way once again with the message from the Word of the Lord. I am glad that our saviour is not dead but he ever lives, sitting at the right hand of the throne of God to make intercession for us. I hope today finds each of you well and enjoying his untold blessings. And speaking of his blessings, listen to these verses, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." Psa. 116:12-14 Now, more on these verses in just a moment after this song.

It is so common for folks, especially about this season of the year, to think of that scripture which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. . ." Yes, God did give his son that we might live and he also gives us many other blessings, but did you notice the question that was asked in this 12th verse, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" In other words, what are you giving of your time, life, and means that God may be glorified in your life? Is all of your giving directed only to relatives and friends who may in turn repay you? Or do you also seek to give in such a way that God may be glorified by the gift? The Psalmist speaks here in the 13th verse: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." I am quite sure that if you accept the cup of salvation you will be calling upon the name of the Lord. But this writer went a step further and said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."

Do you know how persistent your creditors are to collect that which they consider you rightfully owe them? Some times this may amount to only a few dollars, or even cents. But they want the record straight. What if the Lord dealt with you like your creditors do? Well, I am glad that he doesn't but he wants us to give of ourselves because this is our choice.

Were you ever in need of God's special help and did you ever promise him that if he would see you through your problems and trials you would not forget him? This verse says, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord". Do you have some obligations yet unpaid to the Lord? Perhaps the greatest of these would be the giving of yourself to him. Listen to this poem:

I LOVE THE CHRIST

I love the Christ, the Son of God,
Who died that I might live;
I would my gratitude express
A gift unto Him give.

I fail to find a sacrifice,
Or fitting gift to bring,
Earth's treasures have too little worth
To offer to my King.

No gift however grand or great,
Could pay the debt I owe:
I bring myself, my life, my all
A living gift bestow.

My members all I gladly yield
For service Lord to Thee;
To bear the blessed gospel light
That others Christ may see.

My gift is small, it is my all;
Accept it, Lord, I pray:
Let self be slain, let Jesus reign
Within my heart always.

--Sel. by Fred Allen

Friends, do you realize that all you have and possess is not really yours, that it is just a loan from your heavenly father, and you are the steward to do with it as you see best? Yes, I'll go another step further, even your own life is just a loan from God. If you really belong to God you are not your own. Ye "are bought with a price". Listen to this scripture: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:19, 20

Did you ever hear folks lament the fact they were not rich and how much more they would give if they were? They say, "Oh, if I just had a thousand dollars to give!" But if you don't have a thousand dollars, the Lord certainly doesn't expect you to give it. Do you remember that it was the widow woman who gave two mites? Here it tells about it in

Mark 12 and beginning with verse 42, "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." So it was not the abundance from which she gave, but even out of her poverty she gave all the living she had. What more could God expect? What more could one do than to give their all? So you really don't have to be rich in order to have something to give. Just give of what the Lord prospers you with. Now let me be quick to say that I am not telling you where to give, other than only as the Lord may direct you to give. This is a decision for you and the Lord to make. If the Lord loves a cheerful giver, are you going to settle for less than that by giving grudgingly? Really it isn't always money that counts. Did you know that a lot of people are hungry for sympathy and understanding and encouragement? So give of what you have. This might be love, understanding, finances, or whatever. Surely you could pray. You can pray for the many who are in need. I am sure that there is someone who needs what you have to offer for Christ.

Now to show you what God can do with what you have to give, listen to this scripture, "And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and

two fishes; except we should go and buy for all this people. For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets." Luke 9:12-17 Now don't forget this: the important thing of all your giving is to first give of yourself. Make yourself a part of your gift for Christ.

Some folks will be making resolutions for the new year of 1971. What are your plans if God should permit you to live in 1971? Dear ones, what could be more honourable and noble than for each of us to more fully give of ourselves that God's word may be spread throughout the world?

Let us pray,

Our heavenly father,

We are thankful for the privilege of bringing to thee in prayer not only our own needs and problems, but the burdens of others. This we do asking that you would give of your blessings to each one as the need may be. In return for these blessings may we give of ourselves to serve you faithfully so long as you spare us and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen and a special thanks to each one of you who have helped us maintain this radio broadcast throughout the year of 1970. May God's richest blessings be near each of you and reward you in a

way far greater than you ever expected. To those who would like to write us may I say you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "I'll be a friend to Jesus". The singers are Arnett Carver, Lynn Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

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

"I can imagine the picture of the world with the wreath around it is your greeting to us around the entire world. I can also imagine it means God's love for mankind throughout the whole world. I'm reminded of the song, 'He's Got the World in His Hand'."

--Vera Mae Hawkins

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From Okla. : ". . . I thank the dear Lord that I feel rich in my soul. I am much encouraged to live on for the dear Lord. He has been so good to me. I can't thank Him enough for all He has done for me. One day Jesus came into my life, freed me from all of my many sins. He set me free from all of my wrongdoing. He made me whole in the blood of the Lamb. He took out that old stony heart and made me one of His little ones, praise His holy name. And that wasn't all Jesus did for me. Jesus healed me soul and body, praise His holy name, and I have been trying to tell it every since I found Jesus. He is a friend at all times. . . if it wasn't for the Lord I don't know what I would do. . . if we should not meet here on earth again, will you all please meet me over in the glory land?"

--Sis. Sarah F. Brown

From Miss. : 'My sister's and her husband's home burned up the 30th of Oct. Not a thing was saved only what they had on their backs. We had gone to town and we did not know about it till we got home and it was just about burned up. My sister sure does need prayer. . . People sure have been good to them. My home is right beside theirs and the only thing which kept it from burning up was the Lord. The fire truck got here in time to save it. It liked to got one side of my home. . . Remember me and my sister when you all pray. . .'

--Flora Ruth Pugh

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From Mo. : "I can praise the dear Lord tonight for all his many blessings—the greatest blessing when he lifted the great burden of sin from our heart and set us free from the bondage of sin when the old devil had us bound. We could see no way out until we found Jesus and he lifted our burden and set us free, set our feet on the solid rock Jesus almost 50 years ago. We are not tired of trusting the dear Lord. We want to get closer to the Lord and do what little we can for him the short time we have to remain in this world."

--Sis. Fannie Williams

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From La. : "Today finds me pressing on the road to Heaven. I surely enjoy God's rich blessings. He is so good to me. I have a son-in-law who will undergo surgery, an artery to be removed and replaced with a plastic tube. They surely need prayer. They need the Lord. One of my grandsons needs help in his body and soul. Pray the Lord to give me strength, wisdom and courage as I care for 4 boys while the Father undergoes surgery. I want to be able to get spiritual help to these boys. . . I can see things are fast closing in. I surely want to be faithful to the end."

--Mary Bush

From Calif. : "The Church of God folks are all pretty well here in San Diego. I am not so well myself, but am able to take care of the house work, shop etc. so I am very thankful. God has been so good to me, blessed in so many ways. I still miss my precious mother but she was saved and I will meet her in heaven. Praise God. I am sorry I can't send more money but finances are so limited. But later on I will send more. Christian Love,

Lillian Williamson

P. S. Sis. Georgia Zinn is very low."

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From Okla. : "The Lord has been good to us for this another year; and we mean to keep trusting Him in all things; and live closer and more sincere in these last days. There are much people all about us who need spiritual help. Many seem to feel the nearing of time. Pray that we may comfort even in our small way. We thank the Lord of feeling better now, still desire prayer for some weak problems. Trusting you all keep well this winter and can keep on serving the Lord in winning souls. Yours in Christ,"

--Alferd and Martha Classen

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From Calif. : "Greetings this beautiful day the Lord has given us. We had a good rain 2 1/2 inches that left everything fresh and clean. We enjoy the little Mission Trail and pass it on to a neighbor. I'm happy to report victory in my soul and saved, sanctified, living to all the light on God's word. How precious to trust in Jesus and take Him at His word. Mother (Annie McKinney) was down for a week's visit with us. Oh! how good to be with Mama. We had a glorious time praising the Lord, praying and singing hymns. She was feeling good and lots of fun to be with. Thankful the Lord is blessing her at 92."

--Lucille S. Allen

From Okla.: "I received the greeting and book mark and most of all your kind letter with the good message of our Lord's. I enjoy reading it so much as I never get to go to the Lord's house of worship. I have been sick for most a year. I can't hear but very little by watching people talk and reading their lips. So many people don't like you to eye them. I want to thank the Lord for my eye sight. . . Pray for me and my husband."

--Edna M. Capps

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From La.: "Oh! give praises to God saints and thank Him. He has done great things for us whereof we are glad! Bless His name! Sinners, wake up, it's later than you think. Come to God. He loves you, saints love you and want to help! When trumpet blows and time is no more, it will be too late. We are thankful for souls that were saved during summer months! God bless each one of you dear saints. We shall soon meet never to part again!"

--Sis. Ruby Quave

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From S. Da.: "Loving greetings to you all at this blessed season as we are reminded of the birth of our precious Saviour, and the glad angelic tidings of the peace and joy of this wonderful salvation. 'And she shall bring forth a Son and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins'. Matt. 1:21 Heaven's most priceless treasure. God's most precious gift to mankind from His great heart of love. We, who have received the gift into our hearts know the everlasting joy, and truly rejoice evermore. The Mission Trail continues the great blessing and heavenly manna to my soul in your fearless defense of gospel truth. May the Lord bless you with all of the joys of the season. Lovingly and prayerfully,"

--Sis. McFarling

From Ga.: "I will let you know that I appreciate the paper so very much. It is so good to know the truth of the Bible is still being taught in such a plain way we can all understand. . . Please remember us in your prayers."

--Mrs. Ray Sloan

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From Calif.: "I'm still striving to serve the Lord and am encouraged. I trust the Lord is blessing you each one and you're still 'on the upward way.' May the Lord richly bless you in the holiday season, and in each new day. And in the forth coming meeting in Guthrie. With love and prayers,"

--Anneta Luehring

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From Ohio: "We are thankful we got to go to be in the Hammond meeting, enjoyed the meeting and seeing the different saints. We, the Dayton congregation, just closed a week and one night meeting, last night (Sun.). . . Do hope you all have a nice Christmas and a good assembly meeting."

--Sis. Nellie and Bro. Key

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From S. Ca.: "I am working for my Lord and Savior. He means so much to me. He is all I have to go to when trouble comes before me. Praise the Lord. Oh, I love my Lord. Some day I will look upon His loving face."

--Sis. Lurline Scott

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From Kansas: "I got my radio fixed so I can hear on Sunday morning over KGGF. I've been attending services at Neosho, Mo. and some at Coffeyville, Ks. and have been hearing some very good sermons at both places. Thank God for salvation, and all the blessings He bestows on us, so graciously! He has answered our prayers recently, taking the load, and working things out in an unusual manner."

--Homer W. Fee

Children's Page

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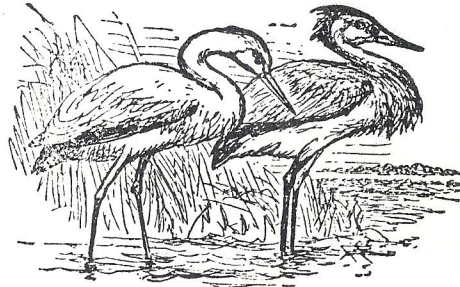
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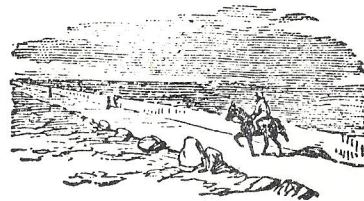
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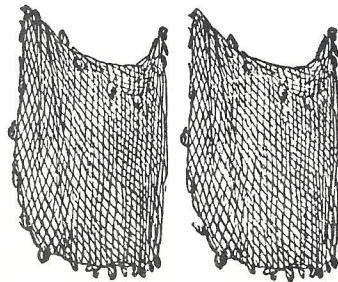
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at press time

we understand:

From Ohio: "Greetings of love in Jesus name. Mother would like to let the saints know about her illness through the Mission Trail. She was very sick when they arrived home from Hammond December first, and has been bedfast ever since. She is very weak and helpless--even after these three weeks--and her eyes give her much trouble, being sore and inflamed, and won't focus together. We surely do thank God for sparing her life and giving us a witness that He is going to raise her up. The Lord God has wonderfully opened up her nose so that she can breathe normally again! (This sinus condition has had her nose stopped up for more than 20 years.) He has also manifested Himself to us by touching Mother during the 'long night watches', easing her breathing, etc. Daddy suffered 'whiplash' injury in their accident, but the Lord is helping him wonderfully. Sister Dora Doolittle has come to help out and intercede for Mother. We appreciate her so much. The saints here and elsewhere have been faithful to pray, call, and help out every way. May God bless every one. I count it a blessing to be here, to help out, and plan to fly home Christmas Eve, Lord willing. With much Christian love,
Alberta Cook
for Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott

P. S. Mother earnestly requests everyone to keep praying for her. She can't even stand, or walk, and can't even feed herself at the present time. "

The Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting was off to a good start in Guthrie Fri. Dec. 25. A number from outside the state was present for the services on the first day.

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"This will be our 19th time I believe to start for Guthrie at Christmas time. I don't think we've ever missed unless it was when Sis. Key was ill. That was the only time we were home Christmas holidays. We also will be celebrating our 19th wedding anniversary the 23rd of Dec. Time flies so quickly. "

--Louie and Evodna Marler

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From La.: "We are so thankful for the great gift of God's dear Son who came in the flesh and dwelt among us so he'd understand man's problems, temptations and trials and could better know how to help. It grieves our heart to see so many precious souls, yes, even the multitude of earth going on so heedless and unconcerned, trampling the mercies of God underfoot... Neither husband nor I are at all well in our bodies and need your prayers. He fell from a roof a few wks. ago and fractured his right arm and shoulder and has arthritis in the bone and doesn't rest but very little at night. "

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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Many thanks to those who have responded to our request to send in the coupon for our 1971 mailing list. But some have not yet done so. If you want the Mission Trail to continue coming your way in the new year, please let us know.



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
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WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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