



"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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## Spiritual Blindness

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"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." II Cor. 4:1-7

In counting your blessings have you ever thought what it was worth to you to have the five senses of sight, hearing, tasting, smelling, and feeling? It is worth a lot, isn't it? But I am particularly thinking of the blessing of eyesight. With our eyes we see the things about us from day to day. We see how to dress and how to eat. Our eyes help us to stay on the sidewalk when we are walking down the street. It is by their use that we avoid accidents while driving on the highway. Of course sometimes folks aren't looking carefully enough and do get into trouble. Did you ever hear the expression, "Watch where you are going"? Well, now let me show you something. Eyesight is given to us for a purpose and it is a great blessing. Think how we would have to adjust ourselves to living if we were totally blind. Of course there are those who do it and I admire them for it. But I will say this, it

must no doubt be quite oppressing when one first learns that they are blind or that they are going to be blind.

But spiritual blindness is far worse than being blinded in a natural sense. There are a lot of folks blinded in a spiritual way. They don't see the working of God in their life. They are ignorant of what God can and does do for them. And sometimes folks are willingly ignorant of this. It is their own choice. One time Jesus said when speaking about the hypocrites of his day, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matt. 15:14. But before I get too far away from it, I want you to especially notice this 3rd verse. Yes, and the 4th one too, of the 4th chapter of II Cor.: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the

minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Now, let me tell you that Satan is an expert in blinding folks. Sometimes he even does it through a cloak of religion, under the pretense of righteousness. Let me illustrate it this way. On a recent news broadcast I heard of a fellow who went into a jewelry store. You know sometimes thieves make quite a pretense anyway. But of course I don't know really what sort of a scheme this fellow put up, but it seems that he got in his possession a bag of very valuable jewels. You see diamonds are quite valuable. Well, this fellow got hold of a whole bag of them and out the door he went. The jewelry man didn't want to see that fellow run off with those diamonds and not do something about it, so he did the natural thing which one would do--take out after the thief. So down the street they went. Others along the way, seeing the commotion and realizing that there was a man they needed to catch, joined in the chase. It so happened that the thief was dropping diamonds all along as he went. So the folks coming behind began gathering up those diamonds while others were in hot pursuit. Finally, it seemed that they were about to close in on him and catch him. So what did he do? He sprayed a certain chemical similiar to tear gas on those in pursuit. By this time or shortly thereafter a policeman had also joined in the chase so they finally did capture the man, take away from him the remaining diamonds, and of course he was put in jail. I am not very familiar with this form of tear gas "Mace" which I believe the fellow used, but in order to speak more intelligently about it, I did call a local police officer on the

phone. He explained that it would somewhat disable a person for a few moments and perhaps even create some temporary blindness. But look what this man was doing. He was actually a thief, but in order to get away with the diamonds he would even create at least temporary blindness, if possible. But did you know that Satan has blinded the minds and hearts of a lot of people today in order that he may capture their souls? And furthermore he is being very successful at it. I believe the blazing light of the gospel will uncover Satan and his schemes. It is the unregenerate, those who have an evil heart, and those who are wicked who are blinded by Satan's schemes.

Listen to these verses from Matt. 6: 22-23, "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Then here are some more verses in I John 1:6, 7, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Friends, there is just no way for you to have your spiritual eyesight clear and unobstructed only through the blood of Christ. It is then that you can say like the man who had been blind, "one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." John 9:25 And now this poem:

#### DELIVERANCE FROM BLINDNESS

Blind, totally blind!  
No more to view a loved one's face;  
No more behold a form of grace

Nor see the little children gay  
 In childish glee about their play;  
 No more the tuneful birds to see  
 As quick they flit from tree to tree;  
 No more observe the lovely flowers  
 Which come with spring and summer  
 showers;  
 And never the landscape fair to view,  
 Nor the lofty mount, nor seas so blue,  
 Nor towering trees with foliage fair,  
 Nor blowing orchard's fruitage rare.

Blind, spiritually blind!  
 And can not see the noble plan  
 Of God to save poor sinful man,  
 Nor see that proffered, out-  
 stretched hand  
 That's beckoning to a better land,  
 Nor even his lovely, smiling face,  
 While thee he freely offers grace;  
 Yea, blinded to that look of love  
 That's beaming on thee from above.  
 Nor seest thou the reeking cross;  
 Blind, blind to all but earthly dross,  
 Salvation's beauties--none to see,  
 They're only hidden mystery.

Balm, Gilead's balm!  
 The Lord that caused the scales to fall  
 From off the blinded eyes of Paul  
 Would cause thine own dim eyes to see  
 His precious promises to thee;  
 Thy deafened ears he'll cause to hear  
 That voice which speaks thy heart to  
 cheer.  
 Then, look to him, of sin repent;  
 For unto thee his Son was sent,  
 And on the cross his blood was spilt  
 To save thee from thy sin and guilt  
 Then open thine eyes, his mercy see;  
 Oh, hear! his promise is for thee!

Let us pray,

Our Heavenly Father,

We are so thankful that there is a  
 balm in Gilead which when applied to  
 the eyes of the blinded will open them

and cause them to behold wondrous  
 things out of thy law. Bless each lis-  
 tener of the broadcast in a special way  
 and to thee we will give the praise  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to  
 listen. I hope that your new year will  
 be filled with richest blessings from  
 the Lord. If we may be a help to you  
 be sure to let us know. You may write  
 us by addressing your letter to The  
 Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. May  
 your eyes be open to understand the  
 deep things of God.

Here is a song, "I'm Happy, Redeemed  
 and Free". The singers are Lynn Car-  
 ver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and  
 Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-  
 phey saying may God's richest bless-  
 ings be with you throughout the new  
 year and a very cheerful good-bye!

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## Testimonies

From Calif.: "I enjoy reading every  
 publication of the Mission Trail that I  
 have received. Thank you for keeping  
 me on your mailinglist. . . After I read  
 the Mission Trail I pass it on. . . Keep  
 up the good work."

--William H. Black

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From Okla.: "Please continue to send  
 us the Mission Trail paper. We enjoy  
 reading so much. We look forward to  
 getting it. We love to read the pre-  
 cious word of God, also the testimonies.  
 The children like to read the children's  
 page also. Thanks for sending it to  
 us in the past years. May the Lord  
 richly bless you all through this com-  
 ing year is our prayer."

--Woodrow Warren

From La. : "We are still enjoying listening to the Mission Trail on WFPR. It blesses our soul. Enclosed is a small offering to help keep it on the air. The blessings of the dear Lord have been many on us this year, especially when the dear Lord healed a little place on my lip a few months ago. We are still thanking and praising him for it. We intend by the help and grace of God to continue to live for Jesus the rest of our days. We trust and pray you have a good assembly meeting. Pray for us. --Elva and Neva Joiner

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From Tenn. : "Greetings in Jesus sweet name. Thanks for the Christmas card and the very nice and timely letter. Truly we all need to be busy for the Master each doing what we can, in our respective areas. We are encouraged to press on and be true to the Lord and hold up his word always. May the good Lord continue to bless and lead each of you in the work he has chosen for you. 'Be not weary in well doing for you shall reap if you faint not'. Wishing you all a cheerful and happy holiday season. Enclosing a small offering. "

--Charles B. Williams

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From Kansas: "We greet you in the name of our dear Lord and Savior. We are indeed joyful in our souls this day as we send greetings of Christian love. We just want you to know that our salvation gets sweeter and sweeter every day; the path grows brighter and brighter every day; and the load gets lighter and lighter--every day. The Lord has been faithful to our every need--both spiritual and temporal. We desire your prayers that we may ever live worthy of His blessings (if that be possible); and that the year of 1971 finds us doing more for our Lord than we were able to do in 1970. Christian love and sincerity, "

--Bro. and Sis. Harold Reed

From Okla. : "I enjoy the Mission Trail paper very much, also your radio broadcasts over KGGF. I have been going through so many trials the past years and I do so desire your prayers that I can do more for my Lord. He has been so good to me. May God richly bless you in your work. "

--Vesta Gray

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From Ky. : "Greetings in Jesus dear name--the name that should be most memorable to all, especially at this time that we are honoring His Birth! We are thankful to be saved and sanctified, and doing our best for the Lord . . . Yours for the Gospel, "

--Bro. Gordon Humphrey and family

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From Calif. : "We still are saved and very much encouraged to press on in his holy name, praise the Lord. We are living to live again with him in glory. We thank the dear Lord every day of our life for saving us one day when we were lost in sin and undone before him. How God gave his only son for us just makes my heart sad to say or do anything that would grieve the Holy Spirit . . . My greatest delight is to please him all the days of my life in everything I do for him. Our fall meeting has just closed which was a wonderful meeting. It was spiritual food from heaven. The Lord really fed our souls. "

--Sis. Esse Lee Gibson

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From S. C. : "I am on the main line for my dear Lord with no mind to turn back for the time is too short and the world is not worth turning back for. Plenty of friends get ready for Christmas, but thank God, I am getting ready for my new home that God said I could have if I lived for him. Thank God that there is a door open for us to go into our Father's presence. He never turns us from his door if we will live for Him. "

--Sis. Sallie Sweat

From Mo.: "We thank God so much for salvation and his love to us. Yes, we surely like the Mission Trail very much and would like so much to have it to continue. My Dad and I live here. He is 103. He can't do anything but he is well and seems to enjoy life real good. Please pray for us as we do for you."

--Mrs. Leota Nichols

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From Pa.: "I am so thankful to the Lord that he is using you to write Mission Trail. The testimonies of the saints, they encourage my heart to press on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus, to live humble and obey all the word of God, that I may be pleasing in his sight. I desire that you pray for me."

--Mary Johnson

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From La.: "We sure had a good assembly meeting. The spirit of unity prevailed throughout the meeting. We trust you will have a wonderful meeting next week, and that much and lasting good will be accomplished. I surely thank the Lord this beautiful morning for salvation and that real joy, peace, and contentment it brings to our souls. Truly my desire is to go all the way with Jesus. So glad I can trust him for all things, both soul and body."

--Audrey Baumgartner

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From Ill.: "I am thankful to God for his care over me through another year and to see another Christmas day. I want to live this day in honor and reverence to our Lord and Savior and when the day is over I want to be all the Lord would have me to be. If there is anything in my life that is not pleasing to God I pray that he will make it known unto me because I want to make heaven my home at any cost. Will close praying that God will bless you in your work for him. Remember us in prayer."

--Albert Green

From Miss.: "I'm well and happy in the Lord. I mean to be true at any cost. I'm thankful for his many blessings to me over all these years. I think of that scripture where it says, 'And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?' Oh! for a closer walk with God. There is way which seemeth right unto man but the end thereof are the ways of death. . . Pray for us as I do for you. Christian love,"

--Novella Pugh

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From Ore.: "Greetings to you in Jesus precious name. I love him and desire to always be found faithful. . . Have thought of you many, many times but it seems letter writing is so hard for me to get at. I do enjoy the Mission Trail so much, but when I can't help much financialy I am almost hesitant to ask you to send it another year. I didn't get to go to much of our assembly meeting but hope to get to hear the messages on tape this winter. . . My husband is home now and hasn't worked for almost two months. The logging industry always hits a slump in the winter months due to snow in the mountains. . . Remember us when you pray. Christian love,"

--Ruby Hutchinson

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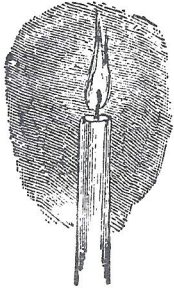
From Ind.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. We are thankful for his great love to us. I have been pretty sick since you were here but am a lot better now. I have a cancer and a enlarged heart. I went to medicine, but I stopped taking it. Threw it away. I sent for Bro. and Sis. Amos Davis. They came and prayed and anoint me with oil. I have been getting better ever since. We don't get to go to meeting. My wife doesn't drive on long trips any more. We enjoy get the Mission Trail and Faith and Victory paper."

--Bro. Rufus Morton

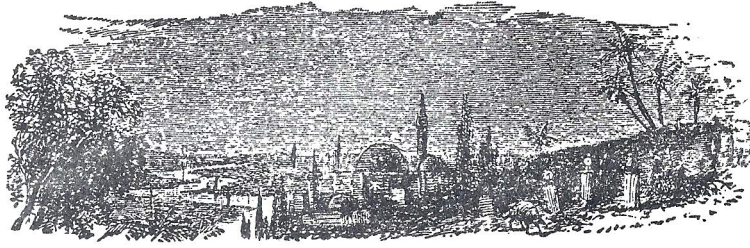
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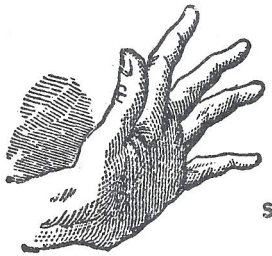
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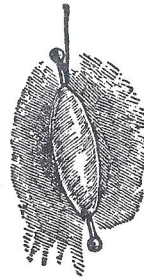
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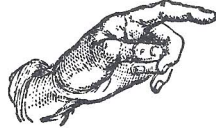
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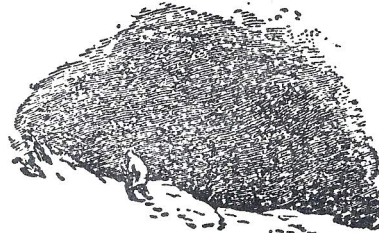
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# at press time

we understand:

From Miss.: "Enclosed is \$1 and the coupon to continue Mission Trail. As a new reader enjoy it very much. . . I also wish you and yours very merry Christmas and health, happiness the coming new year. The Lord has been very good to me, giving me strength and health to take care my husband. Will you pray for us, for this to continue. He's been sick 6 years. . ."

--Mrs. Kay Rowell

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From Mo.: "A long over due note, but so glad that even though we are so busy we neglect you by pen that we can remember you in prayer. Surely we do love the Lord and desire to see His work prosper. Am sure you all are very busy with the duties of the Mission Trail and the holidays and assembly meeting coming up. We are living in a rushed troubled time but am so glad of the gift that came into the world over 2,000 years ago and brought joy and peace and now in 1970 we can still enjoy that same joy and peace. I appreciate the holidays, somehow they just seem to usher in an untried new year. To me this is a real challenge for we all 'start even' so to speak with the new year and it is up to us if we finish it with victory or become defeated. We don't care for the thought of defeat because that is the devil's channel for victory and if we should become defeated the new year that we met with a challenge would then become a complete loss. Our desire is to live each moment as he would have us to. . . Pray for us."

--The Glen Inmans

"Greetings of love. By the grace of God we are still pressing on for the Lord. We trust the Lord is blessing you all there in a special way. We want to return our coupon. . ."

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

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We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Reinhart Wollert, Wiley, Colo. 81092. Their son and grandson were fatally injured in an auto accident recently.

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The Lord richly blessed and honored His Word in the Assembly meeting in Guthrie. Many good messages went forth from the pulpit and there was a real breaking through with quite a number at the altar seeking salvation. Several states were represented with the saints traveling considerable distance to be in the services. Among those coming from afar were Lawrence and Ruth Taylor from Calif., Ralph and Dorothy Wilkins from Mich., Sister Mattie Savage from Fla., a carload of young folks from Akron, Ohio and many others from other places.

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From Wisc.: "We send you greetings once again at the blessed season of the year in which our thoughts go back to the birth of Jesus our Saviour. How thankful we are for all the spiritual blessings he brought to us. We are all well here and happy in the Lord. . . do keep sending the Mission Trail. We need all the spiritual uplift we can get to take us thru in these wicked and evil days."--Bro. and Sis. Frank Dietrich



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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

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