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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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Now that the Christmas season has come and gone and we are entering upon a new year I hope that we will not forget the lessons that we have learned throughout the year 1970. May the experiences of the past strengthen us for the days and months ahead. Now just as the angel announced the birth of our Lord when he said, "behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people", even so I am glad that I have the privilege of bringing to you some "good news". And that is what I want to talk about on this broadcast. You like to hear good news, don't you? But first this poem:

A NEW YEAR FOR GOD

New hopes are ours, another year
Has dawned upon our way,
The old year now has passed and gone;
We view a brighter day.

We give to God our thanks and praise,
And hearts of gratitude;
For He in mercy and in love,
Has blessed our lives with good.

We can not cease his praise to sing,
When we His love behold,
Which through the year that's passed
and gone,
Has been more pure than gold.

The new year now is ours to claim,
And in Jehovah's might,
For Him we'll gather in the grain,
While yet we have the light.

The night shall come when none can
work,
And then 'twill be too late,
To do the deed we should have done,
We have not time to wait.

This year is new, but soon oh soon,
It will have fled away,
As other years it will have joined
A past eternity.

So when this year shall cease to be,
May we our task have done,
That to God's army in this land
Some precious soul be won.
--Ulysses S. Phillips

Now, are you ready for the good news?
Then listen to this scripture, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country". Prov. 25: 25 Now, the good news is this: Even though at one time we were separated from God because of our sins, the Lord made a way whereby we could walk with him again. What is more beautiful than walking hand in hand with our Creator? But before we can enjoy to the fullest extent a good cold drink of water we must know what it is to be thirsty. In Matt. 5 and verse 6 we find these words, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." It

