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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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The Foundation of God

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Good morning, friends. It is a real pleasure to be coming your way by means of radio. We are glad for the opportunity of presenting to you a short message from the Word of God. If there was ever a time when we needed the truth it is in these last days. We are living in a time when some folks would like to do away with the Bible. They would like to do away with public prayer and if possible they would like to remove the name of God from the lips of our children, and the old people as well. In short they would like to do away with God. But let me remind you of this verse in Psa. 53:1. It says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

Now, there are several points in the following scripture which I want you to consider: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." II Tim. 2:19

First of all, notice that the foundation of God standeth sure. Foundation is a symbol of a building. To say the least God is a master builder. A good builder is one who is well acquainted with the techniques and methods of construction.

He understands the stress and strain which is going to be placed upon his work. And you may be sure that God fully understands the attacks which are made upon his work. There have been atheists, hypocrites, and various numbers of so called wise and learned men who have tried to bring to nought the work of God. But don't forget the first part of this verse says, "the foundation of God standeth sure".

Actually when Peter and the other apostles were declaring the gospel of Christ, healing the sick folks, and various other miracles were being performed, it made the high priest and the Sadducees very angry. So they put them in prison but the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and they continued to preach the gospel. Those skeptics didn't quite know what to make of it when someone told them, "Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people." So they asked the apostles, "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:28, 29

Friends, don't be afraid to stand on the truth of God's word. It is a sure foundation. It is an anchor to the soul. It will give you comfort and strength in

this life and the promise of life everlasting when your work on earth is done. I say that after the infidels, the atheists, skeptics, and all those who would do away with the word of God are gone, the foundation of God will still be standing sure. And speaking about the sureness of God's foundation, listen to this poem:

THERE ALWAYS WILL BE GOD

They cannot shell His temple,
Nor dynamite His throne;
They cannot bomb His city,
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender,
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off His supplies;
They cannot take His kingdom,
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,
His truth remains the same,
His righteous laws still potent,
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion
There always will be God.

Alright, number two: Notice these words, "having this seal". What seal? Well, we might describe it this way. The believer in Christ has the stamp or seal of God's approval upon his life. He becomes a part of the family of God and as such God stamps his seal of approval upon him. It is like the stamp of the Dept. of Agriculture upon beef products when they label a special cut, "USDA Prime" or perhaps "Choice".

This means that it has been inspected and passed and is guaranteed by that department to be in first class condition. Well, don't you know it means a lot more to have God's approval upon your life than it does to have the approval of organizations or the men of this earth? Listen, did you know this scripture was in the Bible? I quote, "For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth." II Cor. 10:18 Dear ones, I would rather have God's approval upon my life than any organization upon earth, for "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31

And now, thirdly: "The Lord knoweth them that are his." Let me assure you that God has a way of knowing the secret of every heart and he knows those who belong to him. We don't fool God any of the time. Jacob deceived Isaac and made him think it was Esau who was talking to him, because dear old Isaac was blind. But not so with our heavenly father. God is not blind. And furthermore, he knows those who are not his. Listen to this verse, "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." Psa. 138:6 This phrase that he "knoweth them that are his" indicates to me that he is mindful of his own. He watches over them. There is another verse which says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13 Do you like that verse? I do. It is a good one.

But be sure you don't forget this fourth thing, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

If you say you love God, then act like it. If you believe that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, then prove it by departing from all iniquity. There is another verse which says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27 Dear ones, you see this transforming grace of God makes a new creature of those who accept it. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:5-8

Let us pray,

Our Father,

We ask that you would cause the words of the message to find lodging in good and honest hearts. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most. Give us the courage and the assurance continually to know that the foundation of God standeth sure. We are glad that we belong to thee and we desire that you may use us to your glory and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And now let me leave this thought with you:

THERE IS A GOD

There is a God, O faithless man. He made thee as thou art;

He formed thee in thy shapeliness and fashioned every part:

He made the blood course through thy veins and gave thy breath to thee; He made each tendon, socket, joint, work in its symmetry.

There is a God! Within thy heart he seeks a royal throne; He longs to fill it with his love, though now 'tis hard as stone; Though lost and far from God and hope in saddest exile driven, His power can cleanse thy deepest stains and fit thy soul for heaven.

There is a God! And he whose tongue would dare blaspheme his power, Casts off his hope and blindly meets the coming judgment-hour; The stars that shine above his head reproach his darkened brain; The wind bewails his helplessness and echoes his disdain.

Here is a song, "Deeper, Deeper." The singers are Francine Fuller, Mauntel Simpson, Lesley Jones, Charles Chandler, Keith Fuller, Patricia Posey and Catherine Posey.

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 a Michigan prison: "I certainly do enjoy reading the Mission Trail and of the testimonies of the saints in Christ. I pray for you and your family each day, and in your radio ministry too. Thank you for sending me the Mission Trail this past year, I hope I may continue receiving it for 1971. As you know I am in prison. . ."

--Audley Lee Williams

From La.: "This morning finds me happy in this good old way that leads Home in the end. Surely it is the old cross road, the way called 'strait', but, as the song says, it leads right up to the Pearly Gates. Those gates that will open and usher us into the Glory World when this short journey down here is over. There to be with our Saviour and all the redeemed through all eternity. Wonderful thought. I don't want to miss that and don't intend to, by the help of our dear Lord. But I know it will take daily watching and praying as He told us to--Fighting, striving, pressing, enduring, etc. as the Word instructs us. I'm so thankful we know the Captain that leads the way never lost a battle. The thing for us to do is just stay in the way and follow Him." --Sis. Alta Flynn

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From Calif.: "I thank the Lord this morning for the beautiful sunshine, as we have had such cold weather and so much snow this winter. I'm so glad I had the Lord to go to in all kinds of trouble. The devil is sure working hard against God's children as well as keeping all he can in sin. I want to thank the Lord for coming to my rescue two weeks before Christmas. On Saturday morning I got dizzy and fell in the living room, hitting the back of my head on the wooden arm of a chair. I was passed out when my husband got to me and as he was helping me up I passed out again. When I came to I was suffering awful bad and knew I had really hurt myself. . . I called my sister, Lavern Manuel, for prayer and the Lord sure touched me a few hours later. . . The back of my head is still sore and hurts to lay on it, but I am looking to the Lord to completely heal it and thank and praise him so much for what he has done for me."

--Hazel Savage

From S. C.: 'Writing to let you hear from me once again, entering this new year finding me still pressing on to make heaven. . . It is so good to have Jesus in our hearts each day that we live.'

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

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From Miss.: "If ever there was a need to pray and work I think it is now, so much trouble, and sorrow, sin and suffering all about us. We need to pray without ceasing. Mother and I live alone. She will soon be 91 and I will soon be 70 and we enjoy so much the little Mission Trail paper. Mother can't see to read, but I always read it all to her before I stop. She enjoys it so much. She can't go to church, but she surely loves to hear the Bible and good Christian literature read."

--Mrs. Grace Gill

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From Ark.: "I want to let you know I have really enjoyed the Mission Trail this past year and I do thank God we do have someone to send the printed page out to lost and hungry souls. It is so good to feed upon the word. . . one time we lived in the hills where the springs went dry and we had to wander over the hills and dig here and there to find water, but I am so glad I found the living stream that never runs dry. It may run low but if we dig a little deeper we'll find it if we pay the price and we won't have to wander here and there. Jesus is the living stream. I love to serve him. I can say I have not written in a long time but I still love the truth above everything although it grieves our heart to see our loved ones so deep in sin. . . I am so burdened for David. He and his wife Sue are not living together. . . he's so restless and unsettled. I do want the saints everywhere to remember him in prayer that he will give his heart to God."

--Mrs. John West

From Iowa: "I enjoy the little paper and read it all each time. It is easy to read and helps to comfort me. I am alone since my husband passed on in November 1969. I am thankful to our heavenly father for answering prayers and giving me strength to go on. I am thankful to be able to read the Bible, though my sight is very poor. . . I am not able to hear your message on the radio here in Iowa. Enclosed is a small offering to use as needed in the work."

--Mrs. Everett Glassinger

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From Ore.: "My greatest desire is to do the Lord's will and we know that is possible if we walk close to him. Thanking you for all your time and efforts to make this paper possible."

--Sis. Bernardine Thompson

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From Texas: "Thankful to the good Lord for the good meeting he gave. Sure glad for each healing and each one saved. . . It is so wonderful to be consecrated in the true path of God, to feel deep within your soul you're in the path Jesus trod. I missed the meeting with the flu I had. . . I thank each one that prayed for me."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Ill.: "I am happy and contented in my lot. I love the dear saviour with all my heart and he loves me I know, for the Bible tells me so. Praise his dear name above every name. I love the dear laborers of the Lord and all the dear saints. Be sure and remember me in prayer. I live alone and crippled, but he is so good to me. . . He tells us in his word to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest. I often wonder how many do it. And he also tells us to come before his presence with thanksgiving. Oh. . . let us live close to God every minute of our life." --Sis. Bertha Gill

From Calif.: "With this offering we would also like to say 'Thank you' for Mission Trails during 1970, and we are looking forward to 1971. We have enjoyed it so much, and reading news of old friends we attended church and young peoples meeting with over thirty years ago--Pleasant memories. God bless you all."

--Floyd and Grace Click

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From Ark.: "I thought I would write you and let you know I am still saved and ready to go when the Lord calls me. I hope you have prayer for me as I am not well and my husband is down in bed ever since last May with a stroke and heart attack. But he can talk and sing praises to the Lord and I am so thankful for that."

--Mamie Baughman

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the Lord. We are both saved and encouraged to press forward for a good spiritual year. The Lord did bless us this past year with his love and mercy. We don't want to fail him. Pray for us."

--Bro. and Sis. E. V. Davenport

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From Ark.: "We were thankful to be able to attend the first week-end of the Guthrie meeting. Meeting the saints was rich to my soul. . . If ever we need to ask for the old paths and walk therein, it is today. Randel and I were talking on the way home that of the worldly crowd we may not have many friends, but how no matter what, we want to stay with the truth. Then we sung the song 'I can't help what others do--I'm on my way'. . . Praise the Lord. I want to continue to draw closer to the Lord. . . Well it's bed time. My girls are asleep. We're so thankful for the two little jewels God has placed within our care. Oh for wisdom to raise them for the Lord in this wicked world."

--DeLoris and Randel Bradley

Children's Page

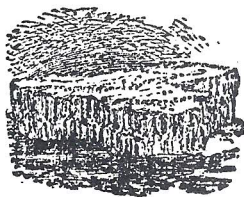
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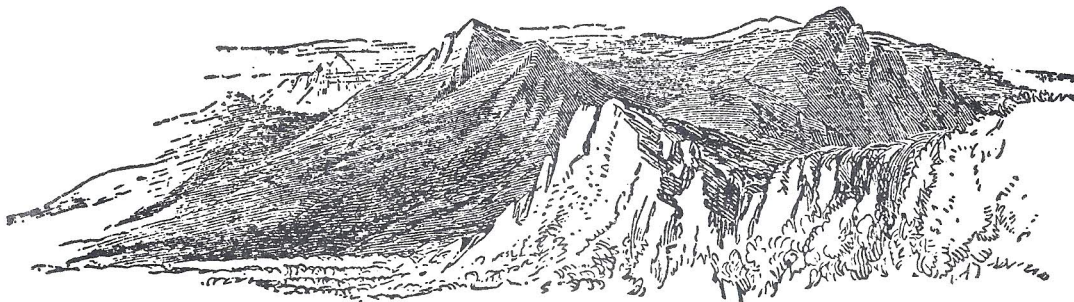
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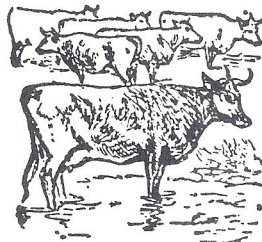
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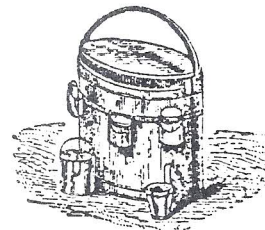
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we understand:

It seems that quite a number of sicknesses are prevailing during these winter months, extending even into the public school systems. Quite a number of school children have been having measles and mumps. Remember in prayer the saints and their children who may be thus affected. We are indeed thankful for the great physician.

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From Ohio: "So glad to be numbered with the righteous and to have sweet fellowship with the Father and the Son. Am a little late sending the coupon in as we have sickness here in the congregation and we truly thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. . . I appreciate the little Mission Trail very much, the clear message it carries and the good testimonies, also the news the little 'at press time sheet' brings us. We are still having meetings in Columbus, Ohio once a month at 3466 Rodell Road. The next meeting is Jan. 23rd at 2:30 in the afternoon. If you should have a line of space for it put it in. Some of the saints might be able to come. We appreciated the nice card and poem. We trust the Lord will cause the little paper to locate a number of honest souls this year as we are in the gleaning time and it is so hard to get souls to yield. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached unto all nations: and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14 God is going to see to it that it is preached. Then folks will be without excuse in the day of judgement. In much Christian love," --Bro. William McCoy

"One brother said a long time ago--the biggest room there is, is the room for improvement. I surely have lots of room for that--so I would appreciate all your prayers, always."--A Reader

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From S. C.: 'A very cheerful greeting in the name of our dear saviour--just a few lines to let you know that I am still on the firing line and by the grace of God and the saints' prayers am able to fire and let the world know that I have been with Jesus and he with me. I seize this opportunity to thank you much for the encouragement I get from the little paper and the testimonies. I look to see it each week. But I regret so much the delay to write you as I should to send my coupon, but I am doing it now. . . I am getting old now. I am past my 81st birthday now. The Lord sure blesses me and I live for him in return for mercy and love he sends my way. . . When I found the Lord and he saved from a life of sin and adopted me into his family I have found him to be my comfort, hope, and joy.'

--Bro. Archie Sweat

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We want to thank each of our readers who chose to remain on our mailing list by returning their coupon for 1971. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God and those who have made it possible for us to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ over the radio waves and to mail the printed copies each week. Pray the Lord to give us divine wisdom to know his leadings and make us a blessing in the days ahead.



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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."

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