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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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"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Tim. 4:1-8

Good morning, friends. It is surely a pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I hope you will stay tuned to this station for the next few minutes as we discuss some of the things which I believe are of vital importance to you. I believe the Apostle Paul knew through divine inspiration what he was talking about concerning the things that were coming to pass in these last days. Do you notice that he mentioned the time was going to come when folks would not endure sound doctrine? So many are not interested in the Bible truths, but they prefer to have someone speak to them in a smooth way. I suppose that it eases their conscience more, but this within itself is some of the indications of the signs of our time. Surely these things are being fulfilled before our very eyes. He said these folks would be "having itching ears". Now that doesn't mean that a bug has bitten them on the ear and they

have to scratch it, but that simply means they are anxious to hear these smooth things which don't disturb them. But let us hasten on.

Remember now that Paul was writing these things in the shadow of the "guillotine" so to speak. In other words it was just before he came to the close of his ministry. And he seemed to know that he was near the end, for he said "the time of my departure is at hand". But that isn't all he said. He wrote "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". I dare say that most of us have never come quite this close to having our lives taken from us by the guillotine. What would you write or think or do if you knew that you were only--oh, say, one week from the end of your life? Would you begin making restitutions? Would you seek out your enemies to ask forgiveness for the way you have treated

