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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 Comforter"

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Good morning, friends. I am glad for another opportunity to come your way again by means of radio. I hope that the cold ice and snow of another winter has gone. It is springtime again. It is time for the flowers to be blooming and the birds to sing as the creation of God comes to life once more. This is indeed a beautiful world which God has made for us to enjoy. And that is not all which he has put here for our enjoyment. He has given us victory through Christ and we are enjoying that too.

Listen to these words from the 16th chapter of John and beginning with verse 7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

We understand that the "Comforter" which Jesus spoke of here is the Holy Spirit which he sent to the world on the day of Pentecost. It is the 3rd person of the Godhead and the witness which he gives to the believers who go on unto perfection. It is the Holy Spirit which reproves the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. It is that spirit of truth which Jesus said "will guide you into all truth". But I want you to listen to this 20th verse, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall

rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." You see following the praying and anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, the taking of Jesus away into Pilate's judgment hall, the trial, scourging, and crucifying of their Lord and Saviour, the disciples were filled with sorrow. Jesus was taken away from them. And even as they did weep and lament, no doubt some of those people in that day felt that they had gained a great victory. This Jesus of Nazareth to whom so many people had been attracted was finally put to death and they thought out of the way.

But notice the fulfillment of the last part of this verse, "but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." At least that was the promise of the fulfillment. Wasn't it a day of victory on that resurrection morning? Indeed it was. It was like the springtime which follows the cold wintry blasts.

I believe that the people of God have joy in serving him which the world knows so little about. It is like Jesus

