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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 Fool Hath Said . . ."

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"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord. There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous. Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad." Psalms 14

Good morning, friends. How are you today? Still living by faith, I trust, and I also hope that God is proving himself real to you and that he is working out his will in your life. This is indeed the way to be happy. This Psalm surely describes the condition of the hearts of folks who do not go God's way.

In writing of this first verse "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God" the commentator Adam Clarke put it this way: "nabal, which we render fool, signifies an empty fellow, a contemptible person, a villain. One who has a muddy head and an unclean heart; and, in his darkness and folly, says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" End of quote. Now, there are some folks who deny the existence of God and might be termed in the strictest sense an atheist, for they even deny the being of a god. Then, perhaps, there are people who don't absolutely deny the

existence, but they do not acknowledge a divine God as having anything to do in governing the world, or the lives of the people therein. There would be another class of people who profess to acknowledge God but really they deny him a place in their heart and live as if they were persuaded there was no God either to punish or reward. Isn't that a sad state of affairs? Listen to these verses from Titus, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:15, 16

Then notice on down in this 14th Psalm we find these words, "there is none that doeth good, no, not one." There may be people who would lead you to believe that this is speaking in general

of mankind every where, that there is no one who does good. To this charge let me reply that man in his natural state is depraved and alienated from God. How true this is, but don't forget that when God comes in he moves out that rubbish of hatred, malice, envy and strife and the very nature of his child is transformed from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear son. I believe that there are saints of God in the world today whose hearts are pure through the blood of Christ. They have been transplanted and are no longer in the kingdom of Satan and working his will by committing many different forms of sin and evil.

Now, I don't like for one person to call another "a fool". Really, it is not our place to charge another with the accusation that they are a fool. But let me tell you, if God calls a person a fool, then he is indeed acting very foolishly.

Do you remember what Jesus said about the wealthy man who had no place to bestow his fruits and goods? He decided that he would tear down his old barns and build bigger ones. Then he would store up his grain with the thought that he had plenty on hand to live many years in ease. He was going to take his ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But do you know what God said to that man? "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Don't you see that our lives are in God's hand? You may be ever so healthy, apparently, but did you know that God can call you into eternity within a moment's notice? If you are not ready to meet him, then what are you going to do? I say we should act wisely and put God's will first in our lives.

Did you ever hear this poem:

THE FOOL'S PRAYER

The royal feast was done, the king
Sought some new sport to banish
care.

And to his jester cried, "Sir Fool,
Kneel down, and make for us a
prayer!"

The jester doffed his cap and bells,
And stood the mocking court before;
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head, and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool;
His pleading voice arose: "O God,
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"No pity, Lord, could change the heart
From red with wrong to white as wool;
The rod must heal the sin; but, Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the
mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we
thrust
Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have
kept--
Who knows how sharp it pierced and
stung!
The word we had not sense to say--
Who knows how grandly it had rung!

"Our faults no tenderness should ask,
The chastening stripes must cleanse
them all;
But for our blunders--oh! in shame
Before the eyes of Heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;
Men crown the knave and scourge the
tool
That did his will; but thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The king, and sought his gardens cool,
And walked apart, and murmured low,
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

Dear ones, this jester may have been acting as a fool to furnish sport for the king, but it seems to me that he understood the deeper things of God. So really when he was through with his prayer it was the king himself who said, "Be merciful to me, a fool."

Bro. Jim Broker recently passed along this piece entitled, "The Bible". It isn't new and you may have heard it before, but I believe it will be worth your while. Listen:

"The Bible"

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to sustain you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart; and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of

glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgement, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its contents. Repent toward God and heed the warnings of his Holy Word."

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

Bless the message as it goes out over the air. May it find a lodging in the heart of those who seek for and love the truth. Bless each listener in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If you've received a blessing we would be so happy to hear from you. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "Drifting". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

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!

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Testimonies

From Mo.: "This finds me still determined to see the end of a Christian race. I am not well in body. Can't get out much. Can't walk for have such swelling in feet and legs. Bro. Marler visited us a week ago last Sunday, brought his tape recorder, played some beautiful songs for us. How we enjoyed those songs. Pray for us."

--Sis. Mary Adams

From a Michigan prison: 'So nice to hear from you again so soon. I hope that you are well in body and soul. I am just fine myself and putting God first in all things. Bro. Murphey, I know what the outside world has to offer me. But I know what God has given me and that can never be taken from me. All that I ask from you and the other saints is to show me love and understanding as I will give to you. I don't need any help in getting out, or to find a job or money. This I can and will do for myself. My only desires on earth is to do what is pleasing to God. My troubles in the past have always been taking, but never giving. Today I want with all of my heart to give my experience to others and to point out the many ways that Satan is at work. Bro. Murphey, we have over 7 hundred ordained ministers in this prison alone and they are ordained by the Universal Life Church, so now we have the old devil ordaining his angels like the murders, the rapist, the white and black Panthers, the hippies, and I could just go on and on, and I know what this means to other religions. I am not a highly educated man but when God wants a man to minister then He will do the ordaining. Bro. Murphey, you must bring this out to God's children. I tell these men about this. . . and most of the time the answer from them is, "It's a good way to make money without violating the law." So you must understand, Bro. Murphey, that I am putting God first and I am only a tool to be used by Him. I am very pleased in knowing that you are concerned in my welfare. Never before in my life has anyone been concerned about me and with all of my heart I do appreciate your concern. . . Let's pray that some one will get the message from God thru my experience.'

--Frank J. Jones

From W. Va.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. Keep the good work going. Sorry I cannot help more at this time but will later, the Lord wills. I need prayer. I hurt my side trying to start my lawn mower June 8th and it is quite painful yet. . . I read your message with interest each week. Keep the good work up. Probably some day you can visit the West Virginia Hills. I had 6 visit me yesterday from up in the mountains. I had never seen them before. They love the Publishing House books. We had a precious time together. Pray for us. Yours in Christian love,"

--Flora Hinzman

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From Kansas: "Please remember a burden I have for my sister. She has had trouble with her nerves for 15 yrs. or more. Has been in and out of hospitals. She is in Halstead Hospital now. She also fell and broke her leg before she went. . . Remember me also. I have felt real burdened and unable to sleep and rest well. God has done so much for me. He and I only know just what he has delivered me from. I owe him my life. Others tell me I have no idea just what goes on around town. I guess it is terrible. So much free love and dope. I don't want to see it or know very much about it. I thank God I can abide under the shadow of the Almighty and I'm sheltered by his love and mercy. Thank God for this hiding place for truly this world is not my home. It is so steeped in sin and surely people will suffer anything rather than live for God. What a pity, when they could be so happy and contented. I know God is dealing with hearts and people are just spurning Him, but I feel a need to pray for God to deal more with hearts and the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin. Nothing you can say will accomplish anything without these."

--Wildenna Huffman

From Calif. : 'Greeting in love of Jesus. I arrived at Modesto June 14th. My feet were swollen so and hurt me I stopped at my sister Mary's house and rested up. I certainly enjoyed the meeting and I should have written before now. I was so tired I just rested . . . Thanks for all kindness. I appreciate all you did and what I heard at campmeeting--real feast to my soul --good spiritual singing and being back in Okla. ' --Sis. Opal Williams

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From Mo. : 'Greeting of Christian love in the name of Jesus. I hope and trust that all is going well with you and yours. I can truly say that the Lord is good to me giving me the desires of my heart. The scripture says delight thyself in the Lord and he will give thee the desires of thine heart. Ps. 37:4 The other morning as I woke up the Lord brought a song to my mind that proved a real blessing to me. The song is no. 47 in our "Evening Light" song book. The first verse is the one that meant the most to me. Alone with Jesus 'tis so sweet, To worship at his lovely feet, To raise our hearts in grateful praise, For all his wondrous works and ways. I especially enjoyed the thought of raising our hearts in grateful praise for all his wondrous works and ways. The things that Christ has wrought for us is worthy of our praise. When David killed the giant he wrought a great salvation in Israel. But when Jesus conquered the Devil, death, hell, and the grave and set down on the right hand of God he wrought a much greater salvation than David. Just as they sang and praised God for the victory that David wrought even so we can rejoice and praise God for the victory that Jesus gives us in our souls over sin. "O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand and his holy

arm, hath gotten him the victory." Ps. 98:1 Trust you had a good ending of the campmeeting there. I enjoyed what I was privileged to attend. . . Well, I must close for this time. It won't be long till campmeeting. Hope to see you there if not before. With Christian love, ' --T. V. McMillian

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From Ark. : "Just a note to say thank you for your prayer in my need for myself and daughter. Our God knows and understands our every need, tho we are so easily misunderstood by others. I am thankful for all the Lord does for me. . . Hope all is well there. And am thankful for the Mission Trail."

--Mrs. J. C. Morris

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From Kansas: "I listened to your sermon this morning on Station KGGF, and since you invited comment I thought I might express my thoughts to you. My wife and I thought your story about walking to town and back was very amusing, and also a good illustration of the fact that ideas are not any good if not put into practice. Of course this is good religion as well as for daily living."

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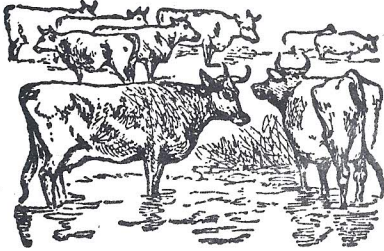
From Kansas: "Well harvest of grain is in full swing up here but the harvest for lost souls continues to be with us. Seems like people don't stop to realize that the soul they possess is the most important thing we have for Jesus says that with our patience we possess our souls. . . the Lord has been good to the people in giving them such nice weather to harvest their wheat and barley. I sometimes wonder how many take time to thank the Lord for all of these things. Yours with love to all," --C. A. Stone

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"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23

Children's Page

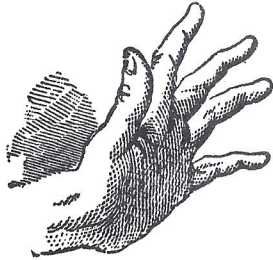
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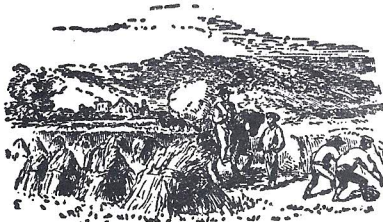
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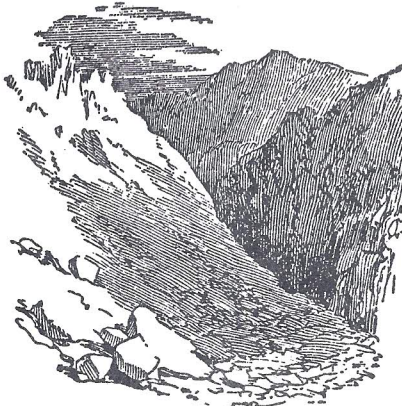
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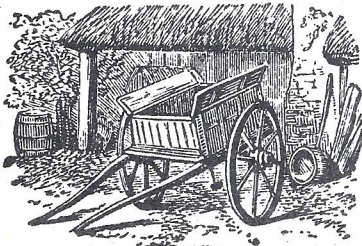
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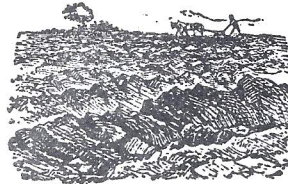
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we understand:

"God is so good to me. I want to tell everybody about his love for all the world. The radio message this morning was very dear to the heart, of all believers. We must go and take the Word of God, and the truth to all nations. God bless you all, Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,"

--Mildred Spurlock

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From Ark.: "Greeting, this lovely evening in the dear name of Jesus. How could we go on without his guiding hand and his arm of protection? Such love cannot be fathomed. Every day I feel more unworthy of his many favors to me. . . I certainly did enjoy myself over there, only it was too short a stay. Ronald and Janice went to Webb City Sunday and were privileged to hear Sis. Ersa preach. It did them good. We do need some few nights service. I long for us all to deepen in the Lord . . . Love and best wishes,"

--Sis. Lou Bray

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Early Thursday morning June 24 Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Pruitt, Sis. Marie Miles and Sis. Frances Murphey left Guthrie on their way to Oregon where they hope to attend some of the camp meeting at Jefferson. Frances especially had fond anticipation of seeing her brand new grandson, Rodney Lee, as she spends some time with Clifford and Patsy Smith and the granddaughter Julie in Salem. Pray the Lord to give them a safe trip in their travels and to make the meeting a good one where many will receive lasting benefit.

Sis. Minnie White and Sis. Lillian Meek are depending greatly upon the prayers of the saints and the power of God to be manifested as they continue to suffer much in the valley of affliction. Continue to remember Jim and Esther Hightower as they look to the Lord in behalf of their infant son who has suffered so much.

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Sis. Minnie's daughters have been faithful to visit and spend time with her. Sis. Helen Lambright is filling a very needy place in helping care for Sis. Meek in co-operation with the other saints of Guthrie.

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The Hammond camp meeting began Friday June 25th. Many of the saints in that area plan to attend services there. This meeting has been held regularly for many years and often saints and ministers come from afar to be there in the services. It continues through July 4.

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The national camp meeting in Monark Springs, Mo. is not too far away from the starting date of July 23. Much work has been done there and more needs to be done to accommodate the folks who will be coming.

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"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?"

Matthew 24:44, 45



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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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