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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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"Good Understanding Giveth Favour"

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"Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard." Prov. 13:15. Good morning, friends. It is a pleasure to be coming your way once again. Please notice the two parts of this scripture. First, "Good understanding giveth favour." Most of us like to receive favours. But are we willing to pay the price for the favours which come from the Lord? Some of us are continually asking for more truth and light; but have we learned yet, all there is to know about the things that seem plain to us? Have we made all the truth we know a part of our lives? I say God is under no obligation to reveal more truth to us if we are not walking in the present truth and light which we have.

There is the truth of purity; are we perfectly pure? Listen to this admonition from 2 Cor. 7:1. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." What do you think that means? I think it means just what it says. God wants His people to be clean in spirit, soul, and body. I don't see how a person whose mouth is filled with snuff, or one whose lips utter vile, vulgar speech, or one whose eyes are filled with lust, can be acceptable in the sight of God, without repentance and turning away from their evil.

How about the truth of honesty! Do you think honesty is a lost virtue these days? Well, it may be by many, but not by the true people of God! How, then can folks ask for more light when they are not really walking in all the truth they have?

Then, there are the graces spoken of in 1 Cor. the 13th chapter: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these

three; but the greatest of these is charity." Please notice it is good to have faith. In fact without it we cannot please God. So faith is a must to every believer. Also hope is that which is needed to carry us through the trying scenes and shadows of life. Without it life would be miserable. But don't overlook this last thing in that verse: Charity. I am speaking of divine love, or perfect love. Does it inspire, direct and transform your innermost thoughts?

The apostle John put it this way: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8. Some truth may be found in many places, but pure truth -- truth without any error -- the whole truth is found only in Christ and His word. If you start in error, it doesn't matter how far you go in it, it is error still. And it leads from bad to worse, and then to the worst. But if our lives are surrendered to God He will fill them with love and truth.

Considering these things then, I say "Good understanding giveth favour." With a proper and correct understanding you may expect to have the favor of God. His favor is worth more than all the things of this world. I would rather have the favor of God than to have all the praise of men in this life. Jesus said; "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward is great in heaven:" Luke 6:22-23

But let us hasten on to the other part of this text: "the way of transgressors is hard" Do you really believe that? I do. For six thousand years, all along the stream of time--from Adam's till our own day--Satan has been after men, binding them hand and foot. That's what he has been doing to some of you. He has been binding you hand and foot until you can't get away from him without divine help. He commences, to be sure, in a very little way. The bond is so small and delicate at first that you might blow it away with a breath. But by and by it becomes a little thread no bigger than a spider's web--you can hardly see it. "Oh," you say, "that is nothing; that can't have any hold on me." It grows a little stronger and becomes a thread. "I can break that at any time," you say, "I can snap that whenever I like." But it grows stronger and stronger, and then you find that you have been taken captive, like Samson, by Satan, and then he laughs at you.

It may be that Samson did glory in his power and strength. It might have afforded some glory in his strength when he arose from his visit to Delilah and broke the green withs, "as a thread of

tow is broken when it toucheth the fire." Then he went to meet his enemies. Another time it was new ropes with which Delilah bound him. But in Judges 16:12 we read: "he brake them from off his arms like a thread." He may have laughed or felt glory in his strength. Nevertheless, he was surely being led into a trap which meant his capture.

No doubt Samson felt the surge of power in his muscles when he arose, took the pin of the beam and walked right off with it. This evidently was a part of the wall or building.

But after this, his secret became known. His hair was cut, his strength diminished, the Lord departed from him. One writer put it this way. "The weakness of Samson's heart in the whole of this history, is yet more astonishing than the strength of his body." How true that is! Isn't it appalling and amazing that one so endued with power from God should be so weak as to be overcome in this seductive way? Yet, dear ones, this is the way the enemy works--through whatever channel he can to accomplish the overthrow and destruction of those who have a covenant with the Lord. No wonder Jesus told his disciples to watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation.

Do you remember the tragic ending of Samson? "But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house." Judges 16:21. I am sure this must have given him time to reflect upon his very foolish behavior.

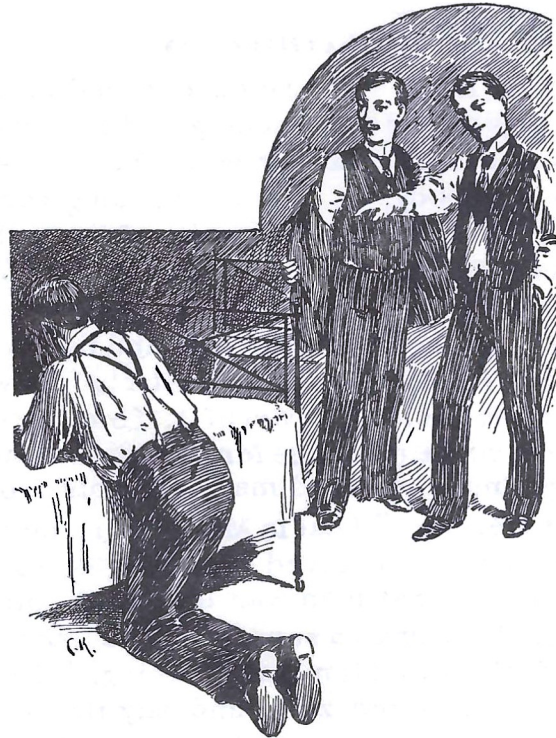
Young men and young women, there are plenty who will try to persuade you that it is a sign of weakness to be pure. There are evil men who will toss their

heads and take dramatic attitudes and boast of their own wicked lives, and ask the right-minded young man if he would not like to do the same. And then, if he looks displeased, they will call him "sissy" or "chicken", and ask him if he is still tied to his mother's apron strings. Unless you are prepared to stand that abuse, criticism and vulgar bluster--you may indeed be swept from your own experience and relationship with God to follow the ways of the transgressor, whose paths indeed are hard. Not only so, but it would be well for you to consider their end--when the final roll is called and each man stands before the judge of all the earth to give an account of their deeds in the body. May the dear Lord give you strength and courage to stand.

Let us pray,

Our father, bless the truth of thy word. Cause the seed of the gospel to fall upon good ground. Search out those hearts who are honest and willing to walk in the light. Especially we pray for the sick and suffering ones. Give them the faith to be restored to health again and thine shall be the praise through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Should there be some soul who is pressed down with the weight of their sins, let me invite you to come to the Lord who will abundantly pardon and blot out your sins. Some people want to know what they should bring when they come to Christ. They bring prayers, and tears, and promises, and faith. These are all well and good in their place, but when a man starts to come to Christ, there is one thing he should bring for sure--that is his sins. These are the things the Lord wants to take from you and give you happiness in their place. If we may be a help to you in finding the Lord, be sure to let us know. You may



A Hard Test.

get in touch with us by writing The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song: "Free Indeed" The singers are: Kenneth and Lois Abbott, John and Della Gutwein.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you and a very cheerful Goodbye!

Prayer Request

From Miss. : "I hope this will find all well and happy. My wife is still in the hospital. I don't know why she doesn't get well for I have prayed for her every day and night since she went there. I know God has answered prayers. I don't know of but very few days that he hasn't blessed so pray for her."

--O. R. Stewart

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"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."

--1 John 5:14

Testimonies

From La.: "We are encouraged in the things of God this evening and feel good in our soul, tho' we don't feel so well in our body. . . I am sending you a special request for prayer. I know the Lord can heal me if I can grasp hold by faith. . . We look forward each week to the Mission Trail and no matter how busy we are, we sit right down and read at least a part of it. Sometimes we save the message for a quieter time. I got much good and many thoughts from the message "What Is Man?" I remember how our beloved Bro. Barton used to tell us that man was less than nothing. He'd draw a zero on the blackboard and tell us that it meant "nothing." Then he'd erase the zero and say that was man--less than nothing. . . We're happy to have our son home from Germany now. He got a job here and it's what he has trained for so he is happy with it. The girls are back in school and enjoying it more than they had thought they would. . . We started going to the Monark Springs camp meeting 25 years ago this past July and in all those years, I'd only missed one year being there until this year. I wasn't able to go. I didn't get in any of the meetings this summer except part of 2 days at Hammond. . . My heart is much burdened for the work of the Lord and I'm thankful that I can carry the needs of the church, as I know of them, to the Lord in prayer and unite my prayers with the prayers of others. . . . If we'd all get under each burden as if it were our own, I believe we'd see things move a little faster and better. Pray for me that I'll do my little bit. I have several heavy burdens and some souls on my heart. God bless you dear ones and help you much as you endeavor to bless others. Much love,"

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

From Mexico: "I went to Jim Manuel's funeral service and came back. It was a sweet funeral and all were so happy that it could be happy and sweet because he found peace with the Lord before he went. I can testify that I saw a change in him from other times. Sis. Laverne was simply rejoicing of the change that had taken place in him. It has sure been hot these days. The last 4 days it has gotten up to 115 and a little over and I feel every degree of it. But feel so sorry for all the men working out in all that heat with no protection. And now the cotton picking has begun so there will be more folks out in the heat. I truly don't see how they do it but as some one told me the "need will make us do things we can't stand". So I surely don't want to complain of a little discomfort. I appreciate the Mission Trail so very much and others have written and told me that the Lord blesses them so much in reading it. Especially those who don't get to be in meeting much. We pray for you that each need will be met and that the Lord will bless you with much divine blessing that you can be a method that the Lord uses in bringing souls to Christ and encouraging others to stand firm and true. . . May God bless you all. Your Sister in Christ,"

--Edith Cole, Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231.

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From Mo.: "Trust all are well and enjoying the rich blessings of God. We sure enjoy the little Mission Trail paper. We look forward to its coming, praying God's richest blessings upon everyone who are giving out the Blessed Word of God to hungry souls everywhere. We are encouraged to press on to see the end of a Christian life. Remember us in prayer. Yours for the truth."

--Bro. Farmer & Sis. Ellen Wilson

From Calif: "I have just finished reading the Sept. 10th Mission Trail and enjoyed its contents--some real inspiring thoughts, some sad statements. I thank God today that I am as a ship sailing the broad seas of life--Jesus has been my pilot for over 60 years, and by faith I'm trusting Him to guide me safely into that "Eternal Port"--we call Heaven. I'm glad, as the poem says, "There's a Way." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and I have found Him to be all of that. Last Sat. (Sept. 11) we attended the precious funeral service of dear Brother J. W. (Jim) Manuel. Tho he had long rejected God's call to follow Him, he was one who loved God's people and dearly loved gospel songs. When visiting in the home he most always played some new gospel record he had just purchased. And we all rejoice in his salvation that God had blessed his soul with. So dear ones, let's continue to pray much for lost souls--for God is a great God of love and mercy and still performs His miraculous power of saving souls and healing sick and afflicted bodies. Praise His name. I need and will appreciate your prayers."

--Sister Vera Forbes
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From Mo.: "Greetings of love in the lovely name of Jesus. He is so good to us. Without Him I could do nothing. Without Him I'd surely fail. Without Him I would be drifting like a ship without a sail. I guess you will be surprised to hear about me as I used to be Sis. Winter in South Car. Now I am Sis. Boulden living in Mo. We have been married 1 month yesterday. We got married Aug. 18 at Bro. Allen's and are doing fine. Should have written you before now but have been busy. . . please pray much for us. We want to live for the Lord wherever we go."

--Sister Boulden

From Okla.: "Greetings to all in the name of our Saviour, worthy of all honor and praise. I want to tell you how the Lord protected me. I was digging with a short handle hoe to set some flowers out near a rock wall. I turned around, layed some stalks down I'd chopped off. As I was ready to turn back I seemed to hear a slight noise and stood very still and looked down. There was a big copper head snake crawling at my feet, crawled up on the rocks very near and lay there. I slowly eased back and got a big rock and dropped it on the snake, then killed it with my hoe, crying and thanking the Lord for protecting me. The snake could have struck me in the face, down chopping with such a short handle hoe. We had not seen a copper head for so long, I was careless and immediately the Lord said it is just that quick and easy for us to be careless in our spiritual life. This has made me to try and watch my way each day, that I draw closer to the Lord. . . we have had a much needed rain we are so thankful for. Today the sun has shined and we have enjoyed that very much. Golden rod is blooming and soon the forest trees will be lovely. Summer has passed very swiftly and the nights getting cool, makes us know fall is close. We have had fires in the wood stoves; that wood heat sure felt good. The little papers with the good testimonies richly bless our souls. May he bless each one for your labor of love. As ever,"

--Sister Doris Bowers
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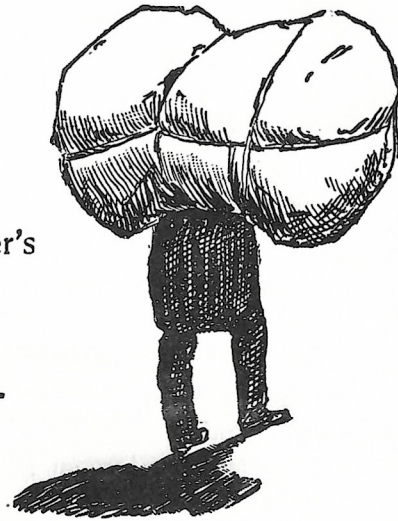
From Ind.: "Greetings of love to you all. This leaves me feeling pretty good and trust this will find you all the same. It is cool tonite. We had 2 big rains this week. . . God bless you all is my prayer."

--Sister Grace Koehler

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we understand:

"We are encouraged to press on and live for God and do what little we can for Him." --Bro. T. V. McMillian

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Bro. Kenneth Probst brought some soul-searching messages to the Guthrie congregation the week of Sept. 20.

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From Mo.: "To the Mission Trail Family, I enjoy reading the Trail and if we follow we will have a happy landing over there..."

--Sister Pearl Logan

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"I am very happy to be saved and living for Christ. It is a very wonderful feeling to have Christ alive in our lives. . . . Thank the Lord for his mercy toward us all for we surely need to watch and pray." --Carlos Arriaga

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From Ga.: "This is to tell you all that my sister passed on the 18th of this month. I am grateful to all of you who joined me in prayer to the Lord for the healing of my sister's body. . . ."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

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"The world is in a bad fix and is getting worse. We don't know the minute or hour he'll say time is out."

--Lizzie Jordan

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From Kansas: "We had a nice all-day service Sunday, thank the Lord; quite a few from out of town. Sis. Ruth preached in the afternoon. . . . Do pray that I will be every thing I should on the job and in the home."

--Sister Wildenna Huffman

From Okla.: "I called sister Whiteside so that I could get an up to date report on how she was getting along. She said her health had improved so very much. She can walk around and was feeling fine. She said she thanked the saints for their prayers and everything they had done for her as sending cards and so forth. . . . I have a poem I would like for you to print in the paper. . . ."

THROUGH SUNSHINE AND SHADOW
My strength was renewed like the eagle's

Though my eyes were dim,
I read in the deepening twilight,
This message received from Him:
In the furnace of sore affliction,
Behold I have chosen thee.
From thy heart all dross must vanish,
If my image I there would see.

Like a dream the past came before me,
I now remember my prayer,
I had prayed to be like Jesus,
His likeness I wanted to bear.
Ah, yes! If I would be like Him,
His suffering I too must share,
For only he that endureth,
A crown of glory shall wear.

So onward I'll go REJOICING!
I'll trust where I cannot trace,
His presence is ever with me,
Though clouds may hide His face;
Some day the veil will be lifted,
Some day faith will be sight,
By His grace in those pearly mansions,
I shall walk with Him in white.

--Sel. by Vera Mae Hawkins



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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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