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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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"Does It Really Matter?"

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"Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way once again. I am deeply indebted to God and to many of you who help to make this work of faith possible. May your reward be great in heaven and may you find many blessings right here in this life for all the sacrifice you have put forth. Did you ever hear the expression: "Oh, it doesn't really matter"? Well, I want to talk about some things that do matter. Too many times things which are of great importance are passed over with a shrug, so to speak, and the statement, "Oh, it doesn't really matter!" Listen to this scripture and then decide if things really matter with the Lord:

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient: Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. 1:28-32. Out of that list of evil things, friends, which one of them would you say doesn't really matter in the sight of God?

Now, here is what I want to do. I would like to go back to some of John Bunyan's writings and quote from, "Life and Death of Mr. Badman" Listen, I quote:

". . . The question is not what men do believe concerning their sin, but what God's word says to it. If God's word says that swearing and cursing are sins, though men should count them for virtues, their reward will be a reward for sin--to wit, the damnation of the soul.

To curse another and to swear vainly and falsely are sins against the light of nature. 1. To curse is so, because whoso curseth another knows that at the same time he would not be so served himself. 2. To swear also is a sin against the same law, for nature will tell me that I should not lie, and therefore much less swear to confirm it. Yea, the heathens have looked upon swearing to be a solemn ordinance of God, and therefore not to be lightly or vainly used by men, though to confirm a matter of truth.

. . . But I wonder, since cursing and swearing are such evils in the eyes of God, that he doth not make some ex-

amples to others for their committing such wickedness.

. . . Alas! so he has a thousand times twice told, as may be easily gathered by any observing people in every age and country. I could present you with several myself, but waiving the abundance that might be mentioned, I will here present you with two: One was dreadful judgment of God upon one N. P. at Wimbledon, in Surrey, who, after a horrible fit of swearing at and cursing of some person that did not please him, suddenly fell sick and in a little time died, raving, cursing, and swearing.

But, above all, take that dreadful story of Dorothy Mately, an inhabitant of Ashover in the county of Derby.

This Dorothy Mately, said the relater, was noted by the people of the town to be a great swearer, and curser, and liar, and thief, (just like Mr. Badman;) and the labour that she usually did follow was to wash the rubbish that come forth of the lead mines, and there get sparks of lead ore; and her usual way of asserting of things was with these kind of imprecations: I would I might sink into the earth if it be not so, or I would God would make the earth open and swallow me up. Now upon the 23d of March, 1660, this Dorothy was washing of ore upon the top of a steep hill, about a quarter of a mile from Ashover, and was there taxed by a lad for taking of two single pence out of his pocket. . . but she violently denied it, wishing that the ground might swallow her up if she had them. She also used the same wicked words on several other occasions that day.

Now, one George Hodgkinson of Ashover, a man of good report there, came accidentally by where this Dorothy was, and

stood still a while to talk with her as she was washing her ore; there stood also a little child by her tubside, and another a distance from her, calling aloud to her to come away; wherefore the George took the girl by the hand to lead her away to her that called her; but behold, they had not gone above ten yards from Dorothy but they heard her crying out for help; so, looking back, he saw the woman and her tub and sieve twirling round and sinking into the ground. Then said the man, Pray to God to pardon thy sins, for thou art never like to be seen alive any longer. So she and her tub twirled round and round, till they sunk about three yards into the earth, and then for awhile stayed. Then she called for help again, thinking, as she said, that she should stay there. Now the man, though greatly amazed, did begin to think which way to help her; but immediately a great stone, which appeared in the earth, fell upon her head and broke her skull and then the earth fell in upon her and covered her. She was afterwards digged up, and found about four yards within ground, with the boy's two single pence in her pocket, but her tub and sieve could not be found." End of quote. Now, friends, whether these illustrations were true or only allegories, which John Bunyan has used in His "Life and Death of Mr. Badman" are not the important parts of the story. But the thought is this: Things which are evil do matter in the sight of God. The scriptures themselves tell different occasions when God sent his judgment upon the people. Jesus spoke about folks--eighteen people I believe it was, upon which a tower fell and he brought out the thought that these people were not necessarily the most wicked people just because they suffered these things. So let us remember, dear ones, that God is concerned about how we live and especially is this true of folks who are

so wicked and so evil. They say things, they do things, they think things which are not right and pleasing in the sight of God. I want to tell you that God is concerned about these things. They are wrong. If people sow to the flesh they are going to reap corruption. Friends, let us have a continual prayer in our heart, that we may be delivered from temptation and from evil through prayer and supplication before the Lord.

EXHORTATION TO PRAYER

What various hindrances we meet
When coming to a mercy-seat!
Yet who that knows the worth of
prayer
But wishes to be often there?

Prayer makes the darkened cloud
withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

Restraining prayer, we cease to fight
Prayer makes the Christian's armor
bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

While Moses stood with arms spread
wide,
Success was found on Israel's side;
But when through weariness they
failed,
That moment Amalek prevailed,

Have you no words? Ah, think again!
Words flow apace when you complain,
And fill your fellow creature's ear
With the sad tale of all your care.

Were half the breath thus vainly spent
To heaven in supplication sent,
Your cheerful song would oftener be,
"Hear what the Lord hath done for me."

And friends, do you know of anything more fitting for us to do just now than to pray?

Our father, bless this broadcast to the good of every listener. And as they lift their petitions to thee in earnest prayer, hear them from heaven. Send deliverance, give victory. Those who may be downcast or stricken with trouble and problems, we pray that you would bless them today. Comfort their hearts. May they find the peace that comes only through committing their all to thee and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord, Amen.

If we may be a help to you be sure to let us know. We appreciate those who have so faithfully stood by to help support this work of faith. If you'd like to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma, USA. Guthrie is spelled G-u-t-h-r-i-e. Now that address again, is The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We hope to hear from you. Take a little time there and write us and let us know that you are hearing the broadcast. We hope that you will be a regular listener from week to week over this same station at this same frequency.

Now here is a song: "How Sweet is my Rest" It is sung by the Carver quartette.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful Goodbye!

Testimonies

From Mo.: "Enclosed is the slip requesting the mailing of the Mission Trail to me for another year. It has become "as an old friend" to me; and I look forward to receiving and reading each issue." --Oleene F. Grimes

From Mo.: "Greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name! He is our all. We love Him, because He first loved us. He has done so much for us. We can never praise Him enough for all He has done. He blest us with a safe trip home. We thank Him for His watchful hand over us all. We have some colds. I was real sick yesterday and last night with the flu. But the dear Lord touched and I feel much better today, thanks be to Him. We enjoyed the meeting so very much at Guthrie this year. . . I trust the Lord will help us to contain all the good truths we heard there and profit by them too."

--Bro. & Sis. Murphy Allen

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From Mo.: "A new year is beginning and I'm sure many resolutions have been made as usually are for the better. Now I hope and pray '73 will find a few have kept them and I know the one and only way to fulfill the desire to be better and live it is by the grace of God for there is no other way. I certainly enjoyed the two issues of your travel. "History" has always been of interest to me. I know it was my best subject in school when I was a child and the interest has continued through the years. I enjoy it more when it includes the travel in foreign lands in interest of God's work. Our dear Lord has been very considerate of you Bro. Murphey to protect you through all your missionary travels and bring you home safely. Praise His name. May '72 be one of the best in bringing the message of God's holy word to our nation and that each individual messenger will not falter in his work. . . I've had the flu and was very sick when Bro. and Sister Allen got home. I had called their son Terry and left a request for prayer and went to bed, slept all night and got up Monday morning, no flu. Praise the Lord."

--Sister Lillian Dinkens

From Ark.: "We are sure having some wonderful weather here at this time. We are thankful to the Lord for it. We are enclosing two dollars to help you send the Mission Trail to us for another year. We enjoy receiving it and keeping up with news of the Saints as well as your message, and the testimonies. I am sure you reach people with the broadcast that would be impossible to reach any other way. Wishing you and yours a happy and profitable new year in the Lord's work there. Pray for us all that we may ever live in the center of God's will. --Bro. Irvin McMurrin

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From Ohio: "Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed Lord. Sorry I did not get this off a little sooner for we will be glad to have the Mission Trail coming as we are looking earnestly to the dear Lord to heal my wife of the affliction of her eyes so she will be able to read it along with the word of God and any thing else she will need and to drive the car which she has not been able to do for some time and we want all the saints to help us with their faith and prayers. May God bless all is our prayer."

--Ray and Nellie Key

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From Okla.: "So glad that the good Lord spared us to see another new year and we surely thank the Lord how he blesses us from time to time. What a mighty God we serve."

--Sister Fannie Taylor

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From Ill.: "Enclosed is our coupon for another year of keeping in touch with our brothers and sisters in Christ, altho most of them we do not know personally. We were glad for your safe return and the interesting bits you shared with us. We miss getting the Trail and waited eagerly for its coming again. . . May the Lord bless each of you. . ."

--The Andrew Reineking

From Fla.: "The year of 1971 was a rather sad time for our family. But I am so thankful for all of God's many blessings. He has given me the strength to bear my heart aches and to keep trusting in his wonderful love and care. I just couldn't make it with out God's help. Yes, I would like very much to receive the "Mission Trail". It brings a lot of comfort to my husband and me. He can't see to read it but we enjoy it together. . . I am enclosing a small offering that may help send the word to others. Sometimes a word at the right time may cause some lost soul to stop and think where they will spend eternity. God's blessing be with you and yours."

--Cora Ray

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From Kansas: "Greetings in another year in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am happy to say that I am still saved and much encouraged to press on. Wisdom shows me that the saints have found the way and it would be vain and foolish to get off of this Highway of Holiness. As the disciples said, "Lord where would we go?" I am still enjoying my salvation and I find that it does get sweeter all the time. The darkness of wickedness seems to get worse all the time but the light of God seems to shine brighter. I am satisfied with being a child of the King and I am determined to keep running in this all important, eternal Christian race. . . I do pray for you and the work and may God continue to bless in every needed way."

--Shirley Knight

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From Calif.: "Greetings to all of you and to all of God's saints. We are yet saved, sanctified and satisfied to go all the way with Jesus and ready to do whatever he wants us to do in his vineyard, so please pray for us for both soul and body needs. Yours in Jesus' love."

--Bro. & Sis. L. S. Davis Sr.

From N. Car.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. So good to hear from you again. Your letter was encouraging and uplifting to me. It is so good to hear from the saints. And of course I want you to keep sending the Mission Trail. I could hardly do with out it. We hear from so many of the dear saints through it. It is like getting a letter from each one of them. Well, we have entered into a new year and none of us knows what it holds for us, but I want to be my very best for my dear Savior in this year of 1972. No doubt it holds many heart aches and sorrows. But I trust it will have many joys and blessings for us all. . . We covet your prayers and especially for our unsaved children. We are planning on building a little chapel here this summer by the help of the Lord. Pray also for the success of this also."

--Stacy Biddix

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From Illinois: "Oh, the gospel must go to the whole world. I pray the Lord burdens every saint with a heavy burden to get the gospel to all the world. The command of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I pray, "Lord, show me what I should do." . . Pray for my husband who is 93 years old, not well and unsaved. He has been real sick this last month, is some better now."

--Sister Lettie West

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From Mo.: ". . . the Lord has blessed and been such a comfort to me. I just can't explain how much He has helped me since my companion passed away and the dear ones all have helped. I want to thank all the dear ones for helping to pay the funeral expenses. I sure appreciated what they did and prayed for God to bless each one. I wrote to all I could but some did not have addresses on letters. . . Pray for me."

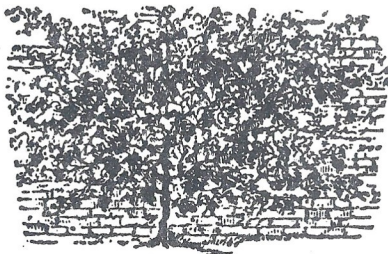
--Sister Becky Barnes

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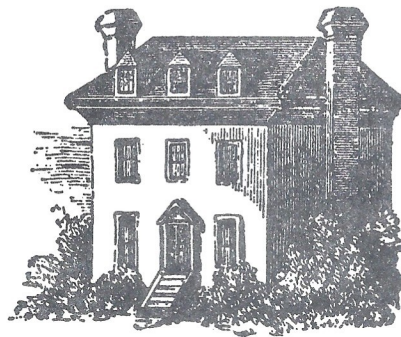
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at press time

we understand:

"We just finished a wonderful meeting here in Pacoima. Many young saints sought and found a closer walk with God, taking up the slack in the meeting due to a greater absence of the older ones."

--Adriel J. Bowman

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Congratulations to Bro. & Sis. Willie McMakin on their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends are invited to open house Sunday Jan 23, 2 til 5 p.m., 612 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Okla. They request no gifts please.

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The saints of Spruce Pine, N. Car. plan to build a new chapel next summer. See testimony of Bro. Stacy Biddix, page 5.

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"Greetings from California--and thank you for the pleasure of having had Mission Trail in our home during 1971. We will be looking forward to receiving it during 1972. Takes us back many years in thoughts to the little church on South McKinley Street in Shawnee, Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson Sr. and many dear ones. God bless you all."

--Floyd and Grace Click

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Dec. 19 was a day of gladness for the Anthony, Kansas congregation. Sis. Dortha Sturns presented the note showing the indebtedness on the new chapel had been paid in full. Although the number in the congregation is small, and many obstacles have been encountered in the last two or three years, they now enjoy a nice and comfortable chapel on the corner of Garfield and Penn Sts. in which to worship the Lord.

From Mo.: "Sorry we have been so late getting our coupon in. We would like to continue getting the little paper. We enjoy it so very much. Since we don't get to go to services the testimonies and messages are so good."

--Wilson and Ada Plaster

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"I surely appreciate the saints prayers for us here in Fla. . . We appreciated having Sis. Katherine Williams with us a few days in meeting here and at Goulds. . . . glad to say a few souls sought the Lord at Goulds and was saved on Sun. while Sister Katherine and I were at Goulds. . . We need the faithful prayers of the true saints."

--Sis. Mattie B. Savage

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From Ohio: "I'm sending this air mail to let you and the saints know that Sis. Dovie Abbott still needs prayer. She is sorely afflicted with a painful condition in her hip and left limb. When prayer is offered for her after a time she gets some relief, but it's short lived and soon returns so pray for her . . . Thanks for the Mission Trail and may the dear Lord bless and prosper you all is our prayer."

--Sister Armilda Abbott.

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From Mo.: "The diary notes are so interesting, also the letters from the saints. I am so thankful for such a wonderful savior, a present help in time of need. Pray for me, that I may continue to live for Christ through this dark world. May God bless you all."

--Sis. Blanche Noland



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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."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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