



The Mission Trail

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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 truth shall make you free"

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"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:31-36.

Good morning, friends. It is a joy to be bringing you some of the scriptures today. Aren't you glad there is a way to be made free through the truth? I am. I like the scripture: "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." There is a longing in men's hearts to be free. They like to be free to make their own choices in life. The amount of knowledge which has been accumulated in the past decades has been marvelous. Yet this worldly knowledge fails to satisfy. Men and women are just as unhappy as ever. In fact, it seems to me they are just a little more unhappy than our forefathers were who lived in a little sod hut and staked out a pioneer's claim on a quarter section of land, where they labored so hard from break of day until the set of sun.

But today, altogether too many are seeking primarily for material things, instead of the truth. Money, no doubt, is a power; but a power of well defined and narrow limits. It will purchase plenty, but not peace; it will furnish

your table with luxuries, but not you with an appetite to enjoy them. It will surround your sick bed with physicians, but not restore health to a sickly frame; it will encompass you with flatterers, but seldom with true friends. It will bribe for you into silence the tongues of accusing men, but not an accusing conscience; it will pay some debt, but not the largest one of all, your debt to the law of God; it will relieve many fears, but not those of guilt--the terrors that crown the brows of death. He stands as grim and terrible by the dying bed of wealth as by the pallet of the poorest beggar whom pitiless riches has thrust from her door.

Perhaps we need to understand better--just what is this truth which Jesus knew and taught which will make men free? Simply this, that God is the supreme ruler of the universe and the creator of the world and all things therein. That Jesus is the divine son of God who came into the world in the image of God, living the life as an example for others to follow.

It is Jesus who brings God within our reach. He spans the gap between sinful man and the father. As men trust in Jesus for salvation and become a companion to him, they become more and more like the father. It was Jesus who died and rose victoriously over the grave that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

It is reported that in the building of Boulder Dam eighty-nine men lost their lives and on their monument is inscribed: "These died that the desert might bloom." Now if we were to change just one word in this inscription, think what a wonderful motto we would have for life in the desert areas of a world parched and sterile and cruel for want of truth and sympathy and love! So, let us make the motto to read this way -- "These lived that the desert might bloom."

Friends, there is a way you can know the truth and be made free. Listen to these words of that great song: "Louder, Louder".

Since by sin this earth was blighted,
God has whispered of his love,
Dreams and visions by his prophets
Breathed of mercy from above.

Yet the world is wrapped in slumber,
Louder raise the trumpet's blast;
Oh in mercy let it thunder,
Ere the day of mercy's past

In the cages of deception
Souls are pining to be free;
Quickly sound the proclamation
Of the glorious jubilee.

Speaking of unhappiness and restlessness in the world today, did you ever consider the scripture in Isaiah 57:20-21? Listen: "But the wicked are like

the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Perhaps you have been down to the ocean. I have a number of times. Did you ever watch the sea as the waves fought for their freedom so to speak? One wave comes in and strikes the rock as if to break it in pieces. But what happens? Instead of the rock being broken, it is the wave itself which breaks and falls back into the bosom of mother ocean. This has been going on century after century and the ocean is unable to break out from its bars and roll across the land to meet the sister sea on the other side of the continent. Oh, I know during the storms it seems the ocean cannot be contained within its bounds, but after the storm subsides, back the waters roll into the sea in a sullen retreat. Their damage has been done and yet they have not linked themselves with the waters of the other seas which surround the continents of the world. And so it must be until the end of time because God has so decreed. Here is a scripture which tells us so: "He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end." Job 26:10.

But someone might ask: "Is there no way the waters of the ocean can escape from their prison walls of the shoreline?" Yes, there is one way. It is not by way of shore but by way of the clouds. These waves can lose their identity and be picked up by the sun's rays, form into clouds, and be dropped on the continents and the seas of the world. So the escape is not landward but heavenward. Thus it is in a spiritual sense. It is then a soul can break loose from the shackles of this old world and bask in the freedom of heaven.

Last winter during one of those snow-

storms which occasionally come to this part of the country, several of us braved the weather and went to the chapel for prayer meeting. The service was good and the presence of the Lord was felt. One bright spot in the meeting was this poem which a brother gave. Listen:

AT PRAYER MEETING

There were only two or three of us
Who came to the place of prayer--
Came in the teeth of a driving storm;
But for that we did not care.
Since after our hymns of praise had
risen,
And our earnest prayers were said,
The Master himself was present there
And gave us the living bread.

We knew his look in our leader's face
So rapt and glad and free:
We felt his touch when our heads were
bowed,
We heard his "Come to me."
Nobody saw him lift the latch,
And none unbarred the door;
But "peace" was his token to every
heart,
And how could we ask for more?

Each of us felt the load of sin
From the weary shoulders fall:
Each of us dropped the load of care,
And the grief that's like a pall;
And o'er our spirits a blessed calm
Swept in from the jasper sea,
And strength was ours for toil and strife
In the days that were thence to be.

It was only a handful gathered in
To the little place of prayer;
Outside were struggle and pain and sin,
But the Lord himself was there;
He came to redeem the pledge he gave--
Wherever his loved ones be
To stand himself in the midst of them
Though they count but two or three.

And forth we fared in the bitter rain
And our hearts had grown so warm,
It seemed like the pelting of summer
flowers
And not the crash of storm;
"Twas a time of the dearest privilege
Of the Lord's right hand," we said,
As we thought how Jesus himself had
come
To feed us with living bread.

Let us pray.

Our father, bless the word to the good
of every listener. We cannot tell or
even know how many may tune in this
broadcast, but you are acquainted with
each and every one of them. Supply
their need, both in a temporal and a
spiritual way and thine shall be the
praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks, friends, for a few moments of
your time. We hope the word has been
a blessing. If so, we would be glad to
hear from you. You may write us by
addressing your letter to The Mission
Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now this song: "He Is Walking By
My Side." By the Carver Quartette.

Until we meet again this is Willie
Murphey, saying May God bless you
richly and a very cheerful goodbye!



DEATH OF SAPHIRA.

Correspondence

From Ind.: "Greetings of love to you all. This leaves me still saved and living for the Lord and I thank the good Lord for the love of God in my heart. He is so good to me. I am so thankful he keeps me going all the time. I sure miss my dear companion. Every time I look down in that garden I think how hard he worked in it... Love to you all."

--Sister Grace Koehler

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From Mich.: "Greetings in his precious name. We hope and pray that all is well with you dear ones. Wife is not too well. She gets tired without working very much. She cannot ride very far without getting tired. Her back hurts her a lot. I am fair. Oh, I have some afflictions... Our cold weather is certainly staying... They were fishing a week ago today through the ice on Devil's lake. I don't know how much since then for I haven't heard. It is around 10 miles from here to the south end of Devil's lake... So you see we have winter weather here. We did not have any large snows here this winter so far. I don't believe we had over 2 or 3 inches snow on the ground at any time... 50 to 100 miles west they get much more snow than we do. Monday, March the 13 we had a sleet storm. It broke some limbs out of our trees. 50 and more miles north of us the sleet was bad for people were out of electricity for 4 days to a week. They had no heat, water or lights in some of the homes all that time. Trees and power lines were down. We had electricity all the time... Some time in the latter part of April or the first of May Brother and Sister McCoy may get up here to see us. Bro. and Sis. Clarence Brant and Bro. and Sis. Ralph Wilkins wants to come in the near future. We enjoy having the saints visit us."

--Floyd and Ether Hines

From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I am well as usual in body and keeping well fed spiritually. I memorized the 27th Psalm last mo. I read much better than I write. However, I am grateful for all of God's love and mercy to me and mine. At almost 91 years I can take care of myself and do quite a little work---have time to read pray for God's people and work. I am very forgetful, but seldom forget prayer time. I had a nice letter, not long ago from Bro. Alvah Lawson. It was his wonderful grandmother who convinced me people could live a sinless life. She lived in our home over nine years. My family loved her like I did. Bye now. God bless you dear ones in your work. Faithfully your sister in Christ,"

--Mary A. Halfhill

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From So. Car.: "I am still pressing on to make heaven. This leaves me and wife well at the present time and I hope it will find you both well at this time so may God bless you and your work there."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

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From Miss.: "...mother has been in the hospital with a broken hip. She fell the 18th of Feb. and we stayed in the hospital 35 days. I didn't leave her day or night all this time... the Lord has been so good to us. I could never have made it without him. We brought her home last week, and she is still on a hospital bed, in traction. I still have a load to carry, but I know God is going to give me strength to carry on. At times the road looks dark ahead, but I know at the end of the road, there is a brighter day. Thank the good Lord for the comfort we get from the many promises in his precious word... Please pray for me and my mother, that she won't have to suffer on and on. She is so much better but still suffers a lot."

--Grace Gill and mother

From Wisconsin: "Greetings once again in the name of our wonderful Lord! How is everything going in Guthrie these spring days? March came in like a lamb for several days and then suddenly reverted back to old winter again but it can't stay so cold much longer. The way things are going in the world and in our nation is so very frightening that if we didn't have Jesus our high priest to go to we would be most miserable. I just wonder who will be our next president. It is good to know God is still on the throne and that He is still running the universe. I appreciate your agreeing with me in prayer for God to solve an important problem for me. It is partially solved so please keep on praying. My prayers are with you in all of your efforts for Him. I pray for God to keep you all in health and strength to carry on and that He continues to supply your every need. Yours for souls." --Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Okla.: "Greetings. This song is sweet to me. To God be the glory for all he hath done; For life and salvation, The gift of his son. Chorus: To God be the glory, rejoice in his name; To God be the glory, Forever proclaim. Thankful for the Mission Trail. The blessings of God rest upon it here and there. The Lord willing we love to have rain, but do not want to murmur or complain, for God is our Father." --Sister Eva Penner

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From Colo.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. How are you folk getting along? I am doing real well with the help of the Lord. I am glad I am serving the Lord. What a wonderful God we serve. I love to get the Mission Trail, love to read the message and the letters from all of God's children, don't know many of them but they are encouraging."

--Sis. R. A. Tomblison

From Ill.: "Greetings and love in Jesus' name! May God's grace, mercy and peace be with you all today. How thankful I am for God's blessings and benefits today, and for the privilege of being a child of God. Oh, wonder of wonders that Jesus loved even me... We didn't get to go to the all day meeting as we'd hoped. With Mary and Chris (Linda and Delmar's little boy) both being sick we had to stay at home... We've had cold weather--down below freezing several nights, but today is beautiful and supposed to get up in the 70's."

--Sister Thelma Sprague

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From Okla.: "...we have some here that need to be taught things about what God's word says. They are in darkness. They don't read their Bibles like they should. They don't live a Christian life. They sure do need to wake up and find out where they are going. St. Luke, 13th chapter, 3 verse: 'I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.' Psalm 14th chapter: 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.'... Pray for me. I need your prayers." --Sis. Della Harrison

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From Miss.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Hope you are getting along fine. I feel some better tonight for which I praise God. Mama has taken some cold. Warner and I are growing more forgetful and still have ailments so continue to pray for us. Above all that we will always know just what to do to get to heaven..." --Dorothy Bridges

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From Calif.: "I am glad our Lord came down and died on the cross for a lost world. I thank God for what he has done for me, most of all for saving my soul. I am still looking up and I know God is looking down on my eyes and body... Bye bye, your sister in the Lord,"

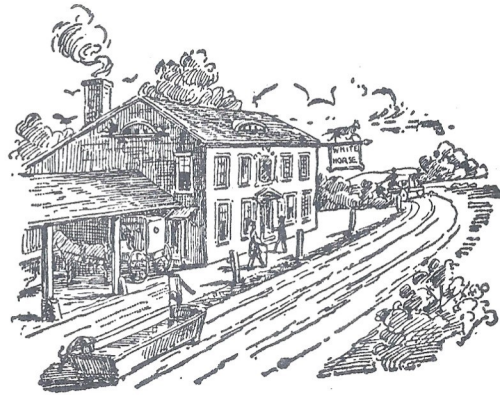
--Ada Leach

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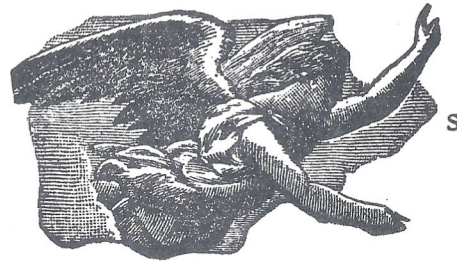
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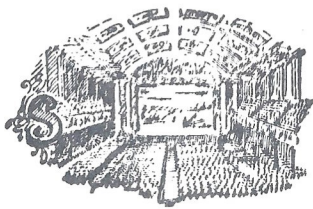
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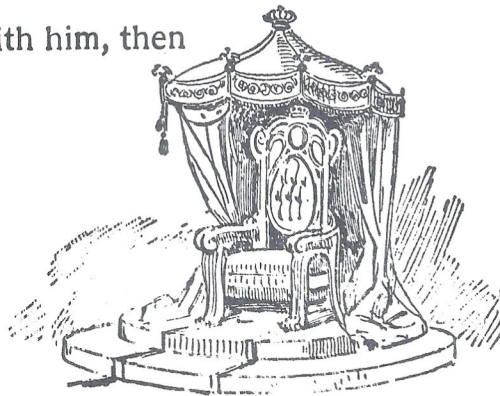
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we understand:

A special study of Revelation has been announced to begin Sunday, April 16 at Nowata, Okla. Bro. O. C. Porter will be showing his charts and drawings and explaining Bible prophecies. Services each evening as the Lord leads. The chapel is located on the corner of Fairview and Cedar streets. All are invited. Bro. Clifford Wilson, pastor.

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From New Mexico: "I am very happy to tell you all down there that I am getting over the flu and I would like to thank all of the saints down there that prayed for me and may God bless you all is my prayer."

--E. B. Weir

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With our boys out of school on a short Easter vacation we had the opportunity to drive down to Harrison and visit our daughter, Kathleen and her husband Alvin. As an added blessing of our Arkansas trip we also stopped and visited the saints at Garfield. But the time was so short. We went Monday and returned Tuesday.

--Willie and Frances

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From New Mexico: "Thank you for your prayers in behalf of little Cheryl. She has had a real sick time of it, but thank and praise God for hearing prayer. She is so much better, still one tube in one lung. It was a terrible thing. The staff in the lobar pneumonia can't explain very well. Just wanted to let you know she is improving. Now 6 weeks she has been sick...again I thank every one and the good Lord. Still remember her and God bless you each one is my prayer."

--Ruth Doolittle

Those who are within range of radio station KBTN, Neosho, Mo., are invited to tune their radio dial to 1420 each Sunday morning at 8:15 and hear the gospel broadcast which the Lord has so marvelously made possible for Bro. Vada McMillian to have on that station.

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Sister Annie Bell Allen is making plans for the summer vacation Bible school for the children. She has been doing a very important work in teaching them the truths of the Bible with illustrated material. If other congregations would like her to furnish lessons for their Bible school this summer and you have not done so, you should contact her at once.--Annie Bell Allen, 1002 E. McLagon, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447.

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Bro. Tom Melot and Bro. James Huskey both testified in prayer meeting how the Lord worked in a marvelous way to supply them with Bibles for distribution in Mexico by a total stranger to them when they were stopped in a Texas town before crossing the border on a trip which took them deep into the interior of Mexico. Bro. James had his wife and family with him. They had a wonderful missionary trip.

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"I'm still saved this evening and living for the Lord." --Sister Lizzie Jordan

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An Easter Greeting: "May all your prayers be answered, And now...and always, too...May God above express His love in happiness for you. With love to all." --Sister Melissa Greer



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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

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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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