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"Remember now thy Creator . . ."

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"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Good morning, friends. I believe this verse is one which should be stressed often. There is something about the conduct and behavior of a young person, who is dedicated to the cause of God, which reaches and touches the lives of others. Indeed, it is refreshing. Last week I mentioned that I was going to have something special for you on this broadcast. I hope it will prove a blessing and an inspiration to every one who hears. But first let me give you the setting.

If on the evening of May 15th, at about 8 o'clock you had been passing through south Louisiana when you came to the town of Loranger (which is not far from Hammond or Independence) you might have had the privilege of attending the commencement exercises of the high school graduating class which was being held in the open football field. Here this class of 70 were listening to their valedictorian make his speech. Hundreds of friends and parents as well as school officials were present. This particular young man was Marvin Probst. Through the cooperation of his parents I have obtained a recording of this event as it was taken live right there in the open air. I am passing it

on to you. Remember Marvin is 18 years of age. I am sure it took some courage to speak as he did. But here are the words of Marvin Probst:

"We, the senior class of 1972, have come to the end of one of the most important and hopefully, one of the most successful years of our lives. Together, we have shared many experiences which will long remain in our memories. We give our sincere thanks and gratitude to those who have helped us through our school years. Tonight we stand at the verge of a great and challenging life. There is a great decision which faces each one of us and a great question. The great question is perhaps the greatest question which we shall ever be able to answer. That question tonight is--What course in life must we follow to assure ourselves of a true and happy successful life? A good answer is one given by a professor to a young college freshman, and I quote, 'Oh choose, young life, that course which you can be following a million years from now and be following it joyfully and in highest profit. 'Tis the set of the sail that sends the ship safe to harbor; 'tis the set of the soul that sends the youth triumphantly onward

and upward. It is direction that determines destiny.' Tonight that choice of direction is left to us. There is nothing so interesting nor so challenging as the call to live a great life. Ecclesiastes 12 and 1 says to: 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth'. God has a plan for youth--a truly great plan. He is primarily interested in us as individuals. He has a definite plan for each of us to accomplish great and noble things in our lives. A portion of Psalms 18 and 30 says: 'As for God, his way is perfect'. God has never made anything imperfect, cheap or uninteresting. He has given each of us the things necessary to become great in our lives, to have a great career--a career with a great ending. He offers to each of us a challenging proposition to enter into a full and rich profitable relationship with him. Through this intimate friendship will come our development, our empowering, our guidance, our success. We, and we alone can wreck God's plan for our lives. In Isaiah 55:8 and 9, says, 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.' God's plan has no breaks in it. In a crucial moment God has always had the man to fill the need of the hour.

Even now He is preparing leaders and heroes for the moment when He can fit them into their places in life so quickly and perfectly that the world will wonder and marvel at them, wondering where they came from and what mighty leader has prepared them for the positions.

When we have accepted our places in life according to God's plan, we will be contented, joyous, cheerful and energetic. The days will pass much too

quickly. The qualities which we possess will help us to put our best into our work. When we have fitted into God's plan our whole nature will be in agreement. We will not regret that we are a farmer or a blacksmith, or a shoemaker. Because whatever position in life, instead of being an artist we will be an artisan. We will not be apologizing for being what we are nor for not being something else. We will be fully satisfied in our niche in life. When we have found God's place for us in life, we will experience a broadening and a deepening in our lives as we progress in our career. Our work will not be drudgery, but each day will be an important and satisfying adventure. We will start to work with joy; we will leave our work with regret. In short, when we are properly fitted into God's plan in life, life will be a glory, not a grind.

All this brings us face to face with more questions--how shall we find God's place for us? How shall we know the right course to follow and where shall we look for directions? The answers are simple and sure--God has provided a perfect example for us to follow. Jesus, the Son of God was sent by His Father into the world to fulfill the greatest place the world has ever known. This place could be filled by none other than Jesus himself, and He did not fail. He perfectly fitted into God's plan to redeem a fallen world. The story of redemption we have heard time after time and yet the tragedy is--so few have accepted His plan. Jesus told us that without Him we could do nothing, and yet Paul, the apostle said that through Christ we could do all things. If we accept Jesus into our lives, His very personality will radiate out through us. His Spirit will lead us. Not only will His Spirit lead us, but we will also have the Holy Bible as a guide and a chart in life. In ad-

dition there have been many warriors and heroes which have been divinely inspired and have blazed a trail for us to follow in life. And most important, we have the avenue of prayer through which we have access to God day by day to ask for guidance. Only a Christ-centered life, a life fully committed to a pure and intimate relationship with God, can be counted as a truly successful life. With our ways forsaken and Christ as a guide, we shall be able to conquer whatever obstacles we may encounter in life. Outside of God's plan for our lives, there can be no fulfillment of a great life.

Let me conclude with the summary--whatever course in life, whatever plan God may have for us and whatever place He has for us in life--this is the only course which will assure us of true happiness and success, both in this world and in the world to come. Thank you."

Friends, I am glad it was possible for me to share this graduation speech of Marvin Probst with all of you. I am sure it is quite unique and different from the general run of that type of speeches in these days. May God bless all the young people and help them to be a light in this world.

Let us pray. Our father, bless the broadcast to the good of every listener. Encourage each young person to let their light shine and not be ashamed of thee. May these words reach some soul who is in need of a saviour and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanks to every listener for a few moments of your time. If you would like to write us, please do so. Address your letter to The Mission Trail,

Guthrie, Oklahoma. And now this song: "Watch and Pray" as sung by the Carvers. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Ore.: "Greetings to you in Jesus lovely name. So sorry I've been so slow in writing. Do trust you're all well. I've been having trouble with my back but am lots better for which I'm surely thankful. My husband has had several breakdowns with his equipment this spring and it has been hard on us financially after no work during the winter but we're hoping maybe things will be better. Have much to be thankful for regardless. God has been good to us and blessed us in so many ways. ... Our dear Sis. Locker is much improved and was able to be out to meeting so we're all rejoicing over that."

--Sis. Ruby Hutchinson

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From Pa.: "I enjoy the Mission Trail. I would have enjoyed being at the campmeeting again this year. May the Lord continue to bless your radio and Mission Trail ministry. I enjoy the letters from the saints from other states. I pray for each one as I'm sure you all do for me. In Jesus I am still Yours and His,"

--Sister Sara Aldinger

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From Wash.: "We are so thankful for salvation. How are you folks there? We hope all are well. We are quite well at this time. Sister Spaur spent 2 days here at my home last week. We surely love to have the saints drop in. We visited several people that were in nursing homes, hospital and homes. We are so glad you folks had such a good campmeeting this year. Am looking forward to the campmeeting at Jefferson, Ore. Christian love,"

--Sister D. T. Thomas

From Ark.: "Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances, I understand you have celebrated a wedding anniversary this week, although I think I am a few days late about the card. I wish you many more happy years together, and pray God's blessings on you both. It is a wonderful thing to share years together, and to be together in spiritual things is even more wonderful. We have a bright sunny morning with a nice cool breeze for which we are thankful... We went to Bible study last night. We studied the 6th chapter of II Corinthians. Lee Anne had chosen a chapter for us to study, (I Cor. 13) but she has chicken pox and couldn't be there so we chose something else and saved her chapter for a time when she can be there. Lee Anne is growing tall, and so are all our other young people. Time slips by... We have some martins in our new martin house, and some swallows in the barn, and a mockingbird has a nest somewhere around here. The mockingbird sings a serenade every morning, and some quail come up every day. Their "bob-white" sounds so cheerful. And I have been hearing a bluebird sing but don't know where its nest is. Also a Baltimore oriole has a nest. I think it is in the cedar row. I love the birds, and I like to read about them... We are still looking forward to our chapel. We made the deposit for a water meter for it if the water line goes through here, and it seems that it will. We are so anxious to get the building started, although we are truly thankful for the way the Lord has provided for our needs up until now. We are so thankful for the MacMillians and all others who have been so faithful to help us... Brother Vada has been so faithful to come. We were happy a few weeks ago to have Brother and Sister Sell with us... We want to be just what the Lord would have us to be... With love to all, "--Sis. Ethel Worrall

From Kansas: "Inasmuch as I have not written you for a long time I feel like I should write and tell you I am still saved and mean to go all the way with the Lord. This last year has been one of quite a few trials to me. I always wonder "now what will come next." But God is giving me victory along with the trials. God promises us a 100% reward if we leave all to follow him--100% reward with persecutions. I believe it was President Truman who said, "If you can't stand the heat you better get out of the kitchen." I have been praying for you and your Mission Trail program for a long time. I want you and all of God's people to pray for me, as I have an affliction on my body, which is chronic, for which I have been praying for a long time... I am well pleased with Jesus; His religion, and His true saints..." --Bro. Homer Fee

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From Miss.: "Hope all is well with you and the Lord's work there... So many things are happening, it makes us think that the coming of our Lord must be very near. We have had a real shock in our family. My youngest daughter's husband died of a heart attack 3 weeks ago, buried 3rd Sunday in May. He worked hard all day on Friday, ate a big supper, went to bed, and to sleep. At 11 he was awakened with pains in his chest. At midnight he was gone. No one there but the wife and 2 children age 11-14... she is still young, had only been married to him 3 years. She lost the father of her children 4 years ago, with cancer. She married within a year to have someone to help her raise the children. Now she is left alone again. Pray for them... mother and I are fine. She is walking some now. She will be 92, 1st day of Aug. The Lord has really blessed us, for which we are very thankful. Christian love," --Sis. Grace Gill

From Jamaica: "Dear Brother Murphey, Again it is our pleasure to send you and family greetings of Christian love. Thank God for making this possible through His Son who has begotten us through love and has given to all the members of His family of His love whereby they are able to love as He loves regardless of race or color. Of this love John has this to say "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God." (1 John 1:1). "We should love one another" v. 11. "We have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" v. 14. Not in words "but in deed and in truth" v. 18. We have received your letter acknowledging the amount we sent you for "The Mission Trail." We were truly blessed by it so we shared our blessing by reading it to the assembly which also enjoyed same. We are happy to know Sis. Frances has a mind to know our Island and pray that it shall be possible for her to do so. We (the church and us) shall be happy to see you both. Yes, brother Thomas is still coming to meetings. We had early morning prayer meetings from the 3rd to the 7th this month beginning at 5 a.m.--and he was present at nearly all of them. Then on the 9th there was a day of fellowship when brethren from two other assemblies met here. He was also present day and night. He says to tell you how much your visit to his home has encouraged him to continue going up and down the hill and to remain faithful to the Lord. Sister Smalling has not been keeping so well but thank God she is improving. Well, brother Murphey, what a joy it would be to me to have the privilege of visiting one of the camp meetings over there! My greatest joy is to be in the old time church of God meetings... We hope to hear from you again soon."

--Israel & Olga Smalling

From Arkansas: "Just a few lines this morning to say, "thanks" for keeping my paper coming. Sorry I've been so long about writing. Please continue to keep it coming. I enjoy it very much. It has proved a blessing to me. I still love the Lord, and intend by his help and grace to be faithful to him. 1971 was a year for sorrow and joy also for us. In May, we lost a precious little nephew, a little over 6 months old. He choked to death on a baby rattle. Then in Sept. we lost Grandma Jones. I'm sure you remember her. We have missed both of them very much, but we know they are better off, than we that are left here. We have hopes of seeing them again some day. In Oct. we had our first grand baby...He is very sweet, and we enjoy him very much. We thank God, that he seems to be normal in every way. God has been so good to us. We want to always love him...Love,"

--Sylvia Jones

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From Calif.: "Will write a few lines to say I am still saved and trusting in the good Lord for soul and body. He is so good to me..."

--Ada Leach

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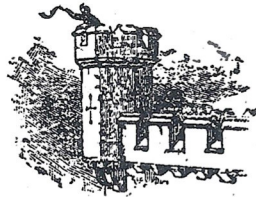
From Ga.: "...life here is short but it is so long in that long long eternity where there is no end. A wise person will strive to enter in at the strait gate and not be like the five foolish virgins. I am preparing my soul to be ready to go back with him when he comes for me. He didn't tell us to get ready when he comes. He is telling us in his holy word to be ready when the Lord comes for us. We won't have time for anything but to go--ready or not ready. I love this song, Nothing between my soul and the Savior so that his blessed face may be seen, nothing preventing the least of his favor, keep the way clear let nothing between. God bless everyone."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

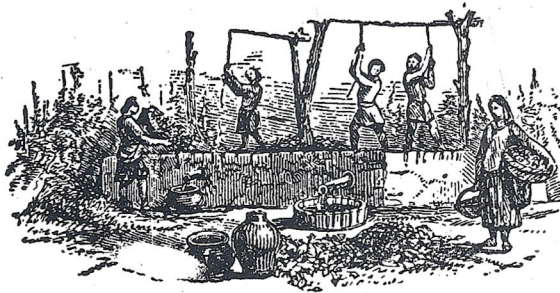
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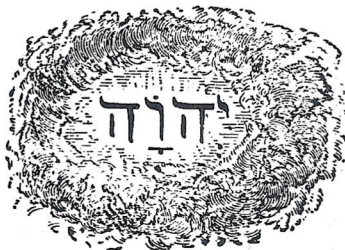
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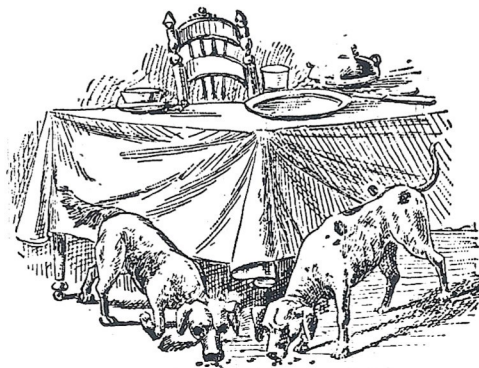
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we understand:

"If we would look around, our heart would sink within us as Peter when he started to walk on the water. But we must look up to the One who knows all about us and has promised so many precious promises. He said He would go with us all the way and not allow us to be tempted more than we could overcome." --Eva Cox

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General Southern campmeeting in Hammond, La. begins June 23 to July 2. The National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. is set for July 21 to 30.

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From Oregon: "We were so grateful to be at the Guthrie campmeeting. I really enjoyed the messages and the singing as well as seeing each one of the saints. I'm still feasting on it all. We arrived home safely, no trouble, which we thank the Lord for. We arrived home the third day we left Guthrie. My father had a lovely dinner and a lovely table setting for us. His first words when we drove up were, "welcome home."...All the saints are glad to see us back...In Christian love,"

--Steve and Margaret Cable

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From New Mex.: "May the Lord bless you for all the kindness you showed me when I was down there at the Guthrie meeting. May God bless you is my prayer. Got home all OK."

--E. B. Weir

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If you failed to receive Mission Trail for week of June 9 it is because we omitted one issue during campmeeting.

From Ohio: "We missed Guthrie camp meeting...we are so anxious to get the report about how the meeting was... Oh, we wanted to be there so bad. Each day I'd think as the services took up and let out. I guess I came very near being home sick. God has been so good to me, helping me to be so contented and happy...Please pray for us that we will be all God's word demands of us to be. We want to be true examples that others may safely follow. We have moved...The moving was a big task. Now that it's over I believe we are going to like our new home fine. So quiet and much cooler, only not nearly so handy, just about a block east off 75 hiway. We are encouraged in the Lord." --Bro. & Sis. Wm. A. McCoy, 5824 Wadsworth Road, Dayton, Ohio 45414

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From S. Car.: "...went to Holly Hill campmeeting; surely did enjoy the few services I was in. Saw some old acquaintances and met some new ones, how sweet is the fellowship of God's children. Was awfully tired from the bus trip. It took five hrs. each way."

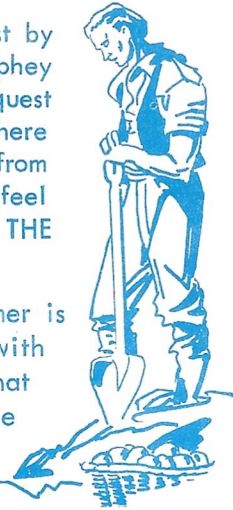
--Jessie Houck

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From Ga.: "Dear saints there, Holy greeting to you all in the name of the good master. Well, I am still holding on to God's unchanging hand. I love this way. I wouldn't want a better way. This is the real way. That is why I like it so well. I enjoy reading the paper every week so my eyes are doing pretty good. I am still having the faith..." --Bro. Friendly Green



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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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