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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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Building Up

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Good morning, friends. How good it is to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I am happy today for salvation, aren't you? I am glad I am saved from the evils of the world. But I realize this is because God loved me and provided a way for not only my redemption, but for all those who will come to him in a right way. I have been looking to the Lord for the right message to bring you at this time. He has given me one found here in the book of Jude. Jude isn't a very big book, but it surely contains some things worth knowing. There is only one chapter in the book of Jude. Let me share some of it with you.

After warning the church of those who would rise up and depart from the truth, Jude had this to say: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 20-25. Now, I would like you to pay particular attention to this part: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God".

This text tells us to keep ourselves in the love of God. This is a practical goal for every one of us. As we do this,

we hold a secret mountain fortress so to speak, where the noise of the war on the plains cannot penetrate. For this a man may well give all that he hath.

Here are two steps for us in this text. "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith" is the first. Building means planning. The trouble with so many, they leave the building of the house of life to chance. It is a hit or miss proposition. Who ever heard of a house being built in that way? What would such a house look like? Oh, you might build one room today and another a year from now, then finally decide to build a third room, but when you are through, if you had it all to do over again, I wonder if you would not have received more value from all your labor and expense if the entire house had been built with a plan in mind as one complete unit. No worthy house can possibly be built without planning. The steel, lumber, lead, glass, and copper of a house is not thrown into it, hit or miss. It must be placed there, according to a plan.

In the house of life there must be faith, hope, love, and patience. Faith is the door opening to reveal Christ and God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Paul speaks about some having made shipwreck of faith. It is certain disaster for a soul without faith. So you see, all these other graces would be built upon that faith--faith in God, faith in His Word, faith in Christ and the Holy Ghost, and faith to believe God is going to guide us aright.

So Christ is the cornerstone of the church and Faith is the door by which we enter into relationship with Him. Some people who build houses sure do make their front door look attractive. How about your front door of faith. Is it attractive for others to enter?

Then we might say hope is the radiant window through which we look out on things believed. Just think what a house would be like without windows! So it is in the spiritual life, without hope we would be of all men most miserable. Here is the scripture, listen: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 Cor. 15:19. Here is another one: "For we are saved by hope: But hope that is seen is no hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:24-25. Those verses should give you some light through the window of hope. Here is another good one: "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.: 1 Thess. 5:8.

In our spiritual house we should also have some patience. Patience is the pillars to bear the weight of the whole through the years. Listen to this scrip-

ture: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Heb. 10:35-36. So if you don't have patience you will grow weary and there is danger of giving up the race for that eternal crown.

I like these scriptures on patience: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Heb. 12:1. Don't you see it takes patience to run this race? Be sure and put good pillars under your house. Don't settle for 2x4s when you should be using 2x12s. In fact, maybe you should use concrete instead of wood anyway. Concrete is more enduring.

Listen to what the apostle had to say about this building: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." 1 Cor. 3:11-13.

Love or charity would be that which binds all together. 1 Cor. 13:13 says it this way: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." So without the love of God in our hearts we will surely miss the reward.

And now this second part of our "building up" ourselves in the most holy faith. That is: "Praying in the Holy Ghost".

This is another way by which we are kept in the love of God. Prayer lifts us up over the chaos, wrecks and disasters of this life. It brings order out of confusion, light and beauty out of darkness and strengthens us to fight the good fight of faith. If we are "kept in the love of God" how can Satan turn us away? God's love is a hiding place in the time of storm.

Oh, for that constraining love spoken of in 2 Cor. 5:14-15: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

Here's a poem:

FAITH AND REASON

Two travelers started on a tour,
With trust and knowledge laden;
One was a man with mighty brain,
And one a gentle maiden.
They joined their hands and vowed to be
Companions for a season.
The gentle maiden's name was Faith,
The mighty man's was Reason.

He sought all knowledge from the world
And every world anear it;
All matter and all mind were his,
But hers was only spirit.
If any stars were missed from heaven,
His telescope could find them;
But while he only found the stars,
She found the God behind them.

He sought for truth above, below,
All hidden things revealing;
She only sought it woman-like,
And found it in her feeling.
He said: "This earth's a rolling ball,
So doth science prove it;"
He but discovered that it moves;
She found the springs that move it.

He reads with geologic eye
The record of the ages;
Unfolding strata, he translates
Earth's wonder-written pages.
He digs around a mountain base,
And measures it with plummet;
She leaps it with a single bound,
And stands upon the summit.

He tries, from earth, to force a key
To ope the gate of heaven;
That key is in the maiden's heart,
And back its bolts are driven.
They part. Without her all is dark,
His knowledge vain and hollow;
For Faith has entered in with God,
Where Reason may not follow.

Let us pray. Our Father, help us to build up ourselves in the love of God. We are grateful for the privilege of being on this broadcast to proclaim thy word. May it be an encouragement to all who hear. Help us to turn from vain reasoning and by faith accept all the wonderful things you would teach us through faith and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, dear ones, for a few moments of your time. And many thanks to every one who is helping to make these broadcasts possible through your free-will offerings. If we may be of some help to you be sure to let us know.

You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now this song: "Heavenly Love."

The singers are Kenneth and Lois Abbott
Kenneth Jr. and DaRhonda.

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

Testimonies

From S. Car.: "This writing finds me still pressing on and desire more of God's love in my heart. Brother Willie, I find in the Mission Trail paper your broadcast on June the 25th, it sure did bring good thoughts to my mind. I see there in James 2:5, here is what James has to say about this subject: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"

...So this finds me poor in this world, but rich in faith. Thank God for His good promises He made unto His children."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

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From Miss.: "We always get a blessing from your letters, and from reading the Mission Trail paper. I never stop when it comes till I have read it through, always read it aloud for mama to hear. We are doing just fine. Mother has had another birthday since I last wrote you. She can walk again with her walker, for which we are very thankful. The Lord has been so good to us...I too wish I could have been at the Monark Spring meeting, hope you had a good one. I hope to some day be in one of your meetings, glad some of my relatives can go. Maybe some day I can be with them."

--Sister Grace Gill

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From Okla.: "Thanksgiving unto our God, for the word of God and the Holy Spirit. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:12. It was so good to be in the Monark Springs campmeeting. The Lord God provided it all. Truly, enjoy the broadcast last Sunday of the Mission Trail. Pray for us. The Lord knoweth all things."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From La.: "The Lord blessed me with the privilege of attending all but 2 days of the Hammond Campmeeting and I've never enjoyed a meeting more. I feel that I got much strength and help to my soul, for most of the preaching was to the saints...There was sweet fellowship and love throughout the meeting. We had 3 carloads of folks from Holly Hill, S. C. It is really precious how Bro. Steve Henry holds such firm faith for his healing...let us hold him up with our prayers that he'll be able to hold out faithful...We enjoyed the Mission Trail that came yesterday. The scripture you used in Romans 8:5-14 is one of my favorite scriptures...For several weeks I've thought about what it means to mortify the deeds of the body--about 2 months ago, or perhaps longer, I read the scripture in Col. 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth," and I began to meditate on what it meant to "mortify" our members--one definition of "mortify" says to crucify the members, or bring under control the physical desires by self denial--that takes in much more than many of us would imagine. I think on it often and know I haven't nearly gotten to the depths of it yet."

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From Mo.: "We are encouraged to live for God and do what little we can for his cause. We were at prayer meeting tonight and the thought was mentioned about us standing by the cross. I surely want to stand by the cross and lift up Jesus by a holy life for which Jesus died for. We are still having our little broadcast each Sunday morning. Every once in a while we hear of some one listening to it that we hadn't thought about. So that is encouraging...We desire your prayers that we would have the wisdom to say what would be profitable for souls."

--T. V. McMillian

From Mo.: "Glad that I can still say I'm encouraged in the Lord and mean by his help and grace to serve him, and do my best I know to do. It is a sweet life to live for the Lord, no matter how the devil may work. The Lord has plenty of grace and courage for us to press on for Him. I sure did enjoy the sermons at campmeeting. I only got to go 5 or 6 times... remember us in prayer as we do you all, bye bye for this time."

--Myrtle Glass

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From La.: "We are thankful for the blessings of the Lord each day, for caring for us and supplying our needs. We have some prayer requests. We pray for you and yours and the work there."

--Sis. Veva Myers

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From Pa.: "Praise the Lord, my heart with his love is beaming that He died for me and drew me to Him and is helping me to live for Him. So glad He loved me before I loved Him. Praise His name! The devil is trying to get me down, but I will stand true to the One who bought my salvation on Calvary. Am in the valley of affliction now. Please pray that God will heal... Today is dark and dreary. We had a big thunderstorm this morning and now it is quite cool, after a warm day yesterday. God knows our needs and He will do abundantly more than we can ask or think. As David says "They called on the Lord and He delivered them out of their distresses" Oh! if people would only trust in the Lord."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Mo.: "Well here I come again, been so I couldn't write. I fell and put myself out, had a bump on my head half the size of my fist and blue spots under my eyes... let us keep looking up for time is getting short."

--W. D. Harmon

From Kansas: "I'm anxious to get to go to church at Coffeyville. It seems as if it has been a long time since I was there. God has been so good to us. It's so precious to my soul to know we have a God of all power looking down upon us..."

--Mamie Norcutt

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From Illinois: "Surely I realize again this morning--how good and gracious the Lord is to us. How thankful I am that he spared my life while I was in sin (bore long with me!), and in His goodness led me to repentance. I am so thankful for salvation! There are no words to express our love to God, for His mercy to us. I have to use the same words, over and over many times, but still I believe God is pleased, because He sees the gratitude in my heart..."

One thing I have to give much thanks for, (besides my salvation), is the calmness I have in my heart. I am not disturbed, but the peace of God is flowing like a river there. My life is in God's hands. I want His will done--what ever it is. As John Greenleaf Whittier expressed it: God knows all:

I only know that He is good,
And that whatever may befall,
Or here, or there, must be
The best that could.

For He is merciful as just;
And so, by faith correcting sight,
I bow before His will, and trust
Howe'er they seem, He doeth all things
right.

--Sister Thelma Sprague

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From Mo.: "Oh it's wonderful to be a part of the family of God. When I meditate along these thoughts I can't help but wonder, why can't the people know and understand God's creation was once perfect until sin entered in, still He is merciful. God is standing ready to redeem at the asking... we must remember the newly converts, as they are babes in Christ..."

--Lillian Dinkens

Children's Page

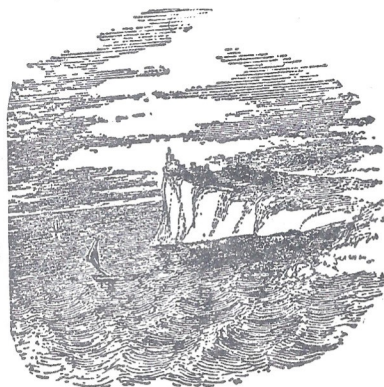
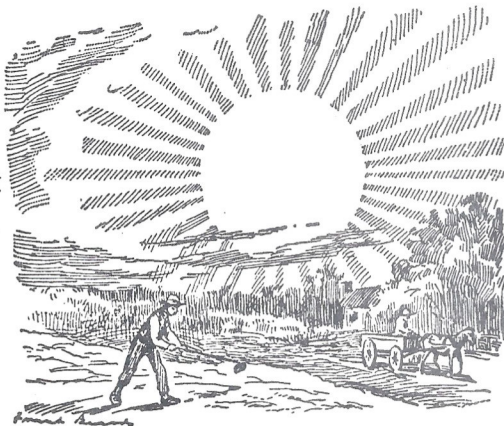


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Ex. xx, 12.

at press time

we understand:

Throughout the nation school children are returning to the classrooms. Many problems await them, some pertaining to books and some dealing with the greater issues of life--the moral and spiritual battles which will be raging against them to capture their souls and minds. Remember them in prayer.

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From Okla.: "We are thankful for the Lord's many blessings to us. Lately, he has been especially good to us and we surely want to thank him. Both children are enrolled in school now. They seem to enjoy it, as of now! As seems to be the story, we are sending you our new address. We all are enjoying country living and pray that the Lord will let us stay. It is so quiet and peaceable out here. So different from what we have been used to."

--The Tom McMillians

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From Mo.: "We are all as usual and still trusting in the Lord. He is all and all to me. The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid. Psa. 27:1. The Lord loves us all. I'm praying for you all."

--Lily Mae Glass

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From La.: "This leaves me still keeping my mind on things above looking to Jesus my haven of rest. All is well. I love the Lord and the saints. The Lord is still blessing me with plenty and my soul is prospering in him who loves us. Keep the good news coming our way."

--Bro. J. M. Mitchell

The Lord richly blessed in the tent meeting held in Crescent, Okla. Attendance was real good and many of the saints from surrounding areas came to be in the services as well as some of the local people around Crescent. Being in the city park as it was made it very convenient and pleasant. A number were at the altar for help. Bro. & Sis. Samons plan to move the tent to Enid and be in revival there beginning Sept. 8. Services nightly.

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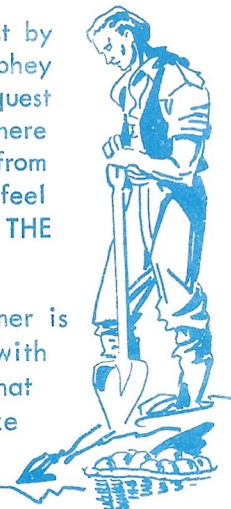
From Illinois: "I am on the winning side with Jesus, and happy in the dear Saviour's love if I am old and feeble. Do trust all are happy there in God's great love for mankind, when we pause for a moment and think of God's love that is so great that man's tongue can never tell. I am old and feeble and need your prayers, so don't forget me when you pray. I live all alone, just me and the Saviour. I know I am a born again Christian...I sure do enjoy the Mission Trail. Keep sending it to me until I leave this world...keep up the good work, dear ones, and I know God will never leave or forsake you. Your needs will be supplied." --Sister Bertha Gill

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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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