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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 Greatness of God

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Good morning, friends. It is with joy we once again come your way by means of radio. I hope today finds you rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord. Here is a scripture with which I have been impressed since childhood. In fact, one of my school teachers would read this chapter to the class. This I have never forgotten. Isn't it a blessing to have scriptures read to children as they grow up? I am in favor of it--how about you? Don't you think we would have less problems with our society if they were more versed in the Bible? I do! But here--this scripture. It is the nineteenth Psalm:

"The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover

by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

If you want to talk about a masterpiece of writing, this is it! This Psalm is beautiful and full of instruction. There are two parts in it. The first part is doctrinal; the second deals with a penitent soul. The first teaches us to know God by natural reason, from the book of creation; but because this way is insufficient to save a soul, therefore in the second part we have a better way prescribed, which is the book of the Scriptures. This is described from verses 7 through 11.

But please notice: "The heavens declare

the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." By the glory of God we are to understand his goodness, wisdom, power and His other attributes. To further prove this we have the constant declaration of His works, the heavens, whose magnitude, beauty, order, variety, perpetual motion, light, influence, etc. declare that there is an omnipotent, wise, good, and gracious God, who is their Creator. How can anyone see the beauty and glory of the heavens, their perfect operation, and not be impressed with the wisdom of God?

Day and night continue to follow one another in the order of his plan. The heavens are diligent preachers; for they preach all day and all night, without intermission. They seem to never grow tired or weary. In the morning the sun comes up just as fresh as it was the day before and when it retires at the close of the day, there are the stars and the moon to take over with their chores. Isn't that wonderful. And sometimes the clouds in performing their duties to bring refreshing showers, hide the face of the sun, moon and stars, but be assured the sun is still shining as the song says, "just behind the cloud".

I have been thinking of that word "declare". That is a positive word. To declare something means to so state in no uncertain terms. It is beyond question according to the author. So it is with the heavens. They simply and positively declare the existence and power of God. Now, these preachers of truth are "learned" preachers for they preach to the whole world. "Their sound is gone through all the earth". You see, the folks in every country understand the language of the heavens. They speak in unmistakable terms. This fourth verse goes on to say: "In them hath he

set a tabernacle for the sun". The sun seems to outshine the rest. It is a thing of splendor, light, and beauty. He riseth as gloriously as a bridegroom coming from under his canopy. Even though we estimate the sun to be about 93,000,000 miles away from earth the light reaches here in just a little over eight minutes. Of course this distance from the sun varies somewhat during the year because the orbit of the earth is not exactly circular. It is estimated the sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles which is 109 times greater than that of the earth and has a mass 332,000 times as great as the earth.

One encyclopedia says: "All life on the earth would disappear without the sun's light and heat; not all forms of energy on earth combined would furnish even a small fraction of the energy received from the sun." So this strange and miraculous heat and light from the sun, from which nothing is hidden, seems to benefit everything.

But as the declaration, even from the most glorious of creatures, is not sufficient to make men wise and happy, God has been pleased to declare himself by his written word, which is here called "the law". This "law of the Lord" is all-sufficient, and perfect. It converts the soul and gives wisdom to the simple. I like the way the writer expressed it when he said: "the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." He also said: "The statutes of the Lord are right". I believe that God's way is right regardless of what man may think about it. If God's way is observed it works on the heart. They "rejoice the heart and quiet that troubled conscience. Another verse says: "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God." These pure commandments of the Lord are opposed to all bad opin-

ions and evil practices.

Have you ever noticed the millions of tiny particles of dust floating in the air exposed to the sunlight after a room has been swept? This indicates the pollution which is present. Are you aware that it is the sun which reveals it?

So it is with the law of God. It reveals the darkness and ignorance, the doubts and fears, carnal security, false worship, etc. and gives us to see our own deformities which the blood of Christ is able to purge away. "The fear of the Lord is clean." Other religions are polluted with human inventions, strange ceremonies, uncommanded sacrifices, false gods, etc., but not so with this pure and undefiled religion. And, of course, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever". It is an endless law and an everlasting gospel.

The writer realized that the law of the Lord was greater than gold, lots of it, and was sweeter than honey in the honey comb. To keep them would bring a reward. But this last consideration sent the author to the throne of grace and mercy. What! a reward, a great reward! and only to those who keep the law of God! Do you suppose his conscience told him that the reward was not for him? Especially when he thought of his public sins, secret faults and errors? But he had at hand three means of help. 1. Confession of sin. 2. Petition for grace. And 3. Faith in the Divine mercy, through the great redeemer. No doubt he knew he was an offender, but he knew not how greatly he had offended. He saw that he was guilty and asked pardon. He felt that he was impure and asked cleansing. Listen again at his words: "Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults."

Let us pray.

Our father in heaven, even as the heavens declare the glory of the Lord, help us in turn to acknowledge that glory and power and receive from you the thing we need to be continually preserved by thy grace from the pollution of the world. We realize that the pollution of the soul is much worse than the pollution of this life. Keep us ever and always in thy presence and thine shall the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If you have received a blessing we would be so glad to hear from you. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song "Praise Jehovah". It is sung by the Carver Quartett. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

Thanks for all the encouraging letters.

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From Kansas: " 'I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.' Ps. 27: 13. We do appreciate the goodness of God in all our daily lives. We had our church services the 3rd Sunday of Sept. at the Benton community bldg. near Mound City, Mo. We rejoiced to have Bro. Curtis Williams and some of the saints from Kansas City with us for the morning service. The Lord anointed richly for the message that left some under conviction... We pray much for the Lord's work that it will prosper. We covet your prayers, that we will stand approved before God and hear those blessed words 'well done'. Yours in the service of God, "

-- Bro. Donald and Sis. Lois Sharp

From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Willie, Just a line or two to let you hear from us. We are still looking to the Lord and praising him for his wonderful goodness to us in these last days. We are striving to be more like him as the days go by. We are aware of the fact that we can do nothing of ourselves, but by the help and grace of God, and by submitting ourselves unto him we know he will see us through and we thank him for the manifestation of his concern for us as the days go by. We know that he is no respecter of persons, but if any man will do his will he shall receive a reward old or young. We do not hear a word you say over the air waves, but we do enjoy reading the Mission Trail. Just keep on preaching and singing."

--Ulysses and Ella Phillips

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From Okla.: "Though we fail more and more in body, we are growing in our soul and striving to so yield our self unto Him so that he can find the pleasure He desires from our life. We have been much blessed by Him in our labour in the morning and evening worship hour in the Home...Sr. Poulus gave us good help on the antitypes, the different woods and trees used. I always wondered what a pomegranite was and why it had such a notable place in the building of the temple and likewise on the curtains and priests' robes. One of the girls bought a large beautiful pomegranite from the city and it was cut and passed so all could see the way God made it and how it is a type of the church fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint suppleth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, making increase of the body unto the edifying of its self in love. Eph. 4:16. What a compact piece of work the pomegranite is, so interesting!"

--Sis. Ada Scanlan

From W. Va.: "I haven't written to you for a long time. So thought I'd take time to write a few lines. We are getting along fine and very much encouraged. Our congregation went to Akron this past week-end. The meeting and the saints were very precious. The Lord has been answering prayer wonderfully...Pray for us."

--Karen Lambert

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From Wash.: "We hope all are well and happy in the Lord. We are well and trusting the Lord for both soul and body. We are thankful for the blessings he bestows upon us. We have had a lovely summer but the last few days are cooler and a little rain. God is so good to us and we surely do appreciate it. Pray for us that we be faithful. We remember you in prayer." --Sister Thomas

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From Kansas: "Dear Saints, Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus who loved us enough to redeem us from a lost state of sin and sorrow, the One who crowneth our lives with all good things...I can't comprehend like I would like to the great love of God for me and all mankind when He died on Calvary. I'm asking Him to help me understand more fully what it meant to have the nails driven through his hands. And His great love for mankind when He didn't say a word till the end and He said 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' I ask myself tonight can I have that kind of love? I know I need it and I must seek for it. The Lord has truly been good to us since we wrote to you last as He has all the days of our lives. We are blessed to have Sis. Jordan with us till after Sunday. It has been a real blessing and encouragement to have her here with us. I have a lot of confidence in here life and prayers...Christian love,"

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

From Calif.: "I hope this finds you well and happy...I have not been very well. I have a bad condition in my colon which is quite painful at times. Would you please remember me in prayer. I still love the word of God and hope to make heaven my home. The dear Lord blesses me,"--Sis. Lillian Williamson

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From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus precious dear name, who suffered for us and went to the cross and died for me as well as the world. I have been having a time, as the enemy comes against me with such force, and tries to get me down. Sometimes he comes at me and tries to make me feel I don't have anything so you see what I am going through. But by the Lord's help I mean to go through to the end. I have most of my life had a time of the enemy trying to come at me with feelings. When I'm in the valley then he sure is after me. I desire to just live by faith and have that simple child like faith...do pray with me that I will get victory over all feelings...I have so much to be thankful to the Lord's mercy as I have had several hard falls this year but no bones broken thank the dear Lord for his goodness to me. Pray for my unsaved loved ones. If I live till Nov. I will be 81 years and I have over 50 grand and great grand children. The Lord blesses me."

--Sis. Edith Wittenborn

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From Calif.: "Greeting in His dear name, too shaky to write much. Well as usual for my 91 yrs...I have outlived my generation and would be so happy if I could go home, such a little I can do any more except prayer, for those who are unsaved and all alone like myself. When you fail to get my small offering you will know I am gone or too ill to send any mail out...I want to always be ready for His coming and by his grace I will be." --Sis. Mary A. Halfhill

From La.: "I really enjoy serving the Lord and mean to put him first in my life the rest of my life. He has done so much for us so many times. I thank God first of all for a God that sent his son to die for our sins that we might be saved. We need your prayers very much. We are not well in body. My husband had a light stroke in the spring. He is better, but is losing his hearing and having lots of pain. He is not bed fast. I have something wrong with my stomach that is causing lots of pain. I don't know just what it is, but God does. He can heal anything and I believe he will. Please ask each one to pray for us...Yours in Christ Jesus,"

--Beulah Johnson

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From Okla.: "I am thanking and praising him this morning for all He means to me. I have had some affliction on my body a couple weeks ago. I am thanking the dear Lord for healing me...We trust you dear ones have been keeping well and victory in your souls over all the powers of darkness, sin and evil of this world. We are so thankful for the grace and power He gives us to rise above every thing that is displeasing to the Lord. We thank the Lord for the nice weather we are having...keep encouraged and your eyes on Jesus. He will see you through each week with the broadcast and paper. It reaches souls where you can't go."

--Sis. Della Perry

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From S. Car.: "This finds me still enjoying a Christian life...we are all workers together in the gospel. It means so much to be born into this one family of God. That we can put our whole trust in God for both soul and body...pray much for me because the devil is sure loose now trying to discourage every saint that he can get to come his way."--Bro. Eddie Driggers

at press time

we understand:

REVIVAL MEETING

Brother Woodrow Warren, pastor of the Church of God, 1002 E. McLagan, Okmulgee, Okla. has announced revival meeting to begin there October 16 and continuing through the 22nd. Service each evening. Come and pray the Lord to bless in these services by saving, sanctifying and healing.

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There will be a gospel singing at 718 N. Kansas Ave. Springfield, Mo. Saturday October 28 at 7:30. Also all day service on Sunday October 29, Sunday School at 9:30. We extend an invitation to all to come and take part. Remember we go on Standard time Sunday October 29.

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From La.: "Hope you all are well and encouraged in the Lord. There are so many things around us that could discourage us if we didn't have a hold on God. The devil is working in these last days. We must continue on for God and right. Surely I want a crown of life. I fully intend to make heaven."

--Sis. Cassie Price

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"Bro. Thomas McMillian has an appointment on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Jane Ann-Rest home in Grove, Okla., 2:30 afternoon. The rest home is the old hospital building. If any one feels led to come and be with us in these meetings we believe the Lord would bless. Time goes so swiftly. May the Lord help us to do what we can for him. That makes our happiness in this life."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

Many ministers were represented at ministers meeting held in Guthrie for three days beginning Oct. 2. It was on a national level and problems confronting the church throughout the nation were carefully considered. Opportunity was given for open and frank discussion and decisions were made which should be of great assistance to the ministers in holding up a Bible standard for the Church of God throughout the world. Scriptures were searched with prayer.

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From Calif.: "Another month has gone by and it is time to write and let you know I am still on the dear Lord's side and still pressing on. It sure is a pressing time for all of God's children. The devil is after us all as we know we are nearing the end. I sure do want to live to please him, for to lose one's soul would be an awful thing. This way is narrow and straight but I like it that way. We have our sorrow, but God helps...keep me on your prayer list. If there ever was a time we need to hold each other up in prayer it is now."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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"We are glad to say, we are still in the fight. It gets pretty hot some times, not a dull moment as far as trials are concerned."

--Homer Fee

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From Calif. "...much holy love to all saints. I read the Mission Trail and enjoy reading the testimonies and poems. Please remember me in your prayer to the dear Lord. Your saved sister,"

--Lucinda Chiles



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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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