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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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God's Rebuke!

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. . . Good morning to all the listeners of this radio station. We are happy to be coming your way with another short gospel message. We hope that each one is well and happy in the service of the Lord today. You are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. It is a pleasure to hear from those who get a benefit from the scriptures, and if we may be of help to you, be sure to let us know.

We endeavor to make the gospel free without cost to those whose hearts are hungry for the truth, but we need the help of those who love the truth. If the Lord should speak to your heart to help in spreading forth the gospel, we would be happy to hear from you. And, of course, be sure and pray for us also. Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Today I am going to speak of something which is somewhat unpopular. Yet it is scriptural, and I consider it very vital to the growth of everyone who would fully develop into a man or woman of God. II Timothy, chapter 4, verses 3 and 4 read this way, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Especially am I concerned with the prophesy given by the Apostle Paul when he said, "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." I believe he knew what he was talking about. We believe he was divinely inspired by the spirit of God and that he foresaw in the future that men and women would depart from the truth and seek out teachers, preachers, theologians, Sunday school teachers, orators and those whose hearts depart from the truth, and yet they would speak beautiful sounding words to tickle the ears of the people.

Friends, let me tell you something. What we need is not people who tickle our ears when we depart from the truth. God needs prophets who will point out the sins of the people to them.

Let me show you how God used a prophet to speak to David when David had committed an abomination in the sight of God. He had given away to the lust of his eyes and was guilty of the sin of adultery by taking Uriah's wife while Uriah was out on the battle field. But let me assure you this sin did not go by unnoticed in the sight of God.

Furthermore he had caused Uriah to be put in a dangerous place in the battle where his life was taken. Then he took Uriah's wife to be his own. There is a sentence in II Samuel the 11th chapter and verse 27 which stands out above the others. Listen as I read it. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

Have you ever taken time to ask yourself the question, "Is this thing which I am doing displeasing the Lord?" You see, many people are seeking their own pleasure more than the will of God. Here again is more of the prophesy which the Apostle Paul spoke of which should come in the last days. He said, "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." II Timothy 3:1-4. Isn't that a catalog of sins? Yet we are seeing it fulfilled before our very eyes in these last days.

Friends, there are certain things which displease God regardless of who does them. If they are wrong for one, then they are wrong for others. Now as I said, David's sin did not go by unnoticed, but all the while God had a true prophet to whom he could entrust his word. Nathan did not spare to tell David the truth.

You may read in the 12th chapter of II Samuel how Nathan gave the parable of the rich man who had flocks and herds of his own, but when a traveler came to his home, he sent to the poor man's possessions and fetched from

him his one ewe lamb which he had nourished as one of his children. This he prepared for the feast for the traveler.

Well, of course, when David heard this, he became greatly disturbed. In fact, he immediately passed judgment upon such a man as this, for he said, "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." You see, these were David's own words now. Yes, he was ready to take vengeance immediately. He thought that was a terrible thing for one to do, and I agree with him. It was. But remember God had not forgotten the thing which David had done, and it had displeased the Lord.

Can you picture Nathan that day standing before David the king in all of his glory? Was he seeking smooth words to tickle the ears of King David? I doubt it. He was, no doubt, thinking of the charge which God had given him to speak the truth and point out the sins of the king the same as he would point out the sins of the peasant in the field.

Therefore, he made this most powerful statement while, no doubt, looking David straight in the face. I wonder if he pointed his finger at him when he said, "Thou art the man". He went on to tell David how God had blessed him by delivering both Judah and Israel into his dominion. He gave him the goods of all those lands. Then Nathan said, "Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight?"

You see, with God there is no respect or of persons. He does not condone in one what he condemns in another.

He does not sanction in an individual or a nation that which he condemns in his word. If a certain thing displeased God in David's day, the same thing today still displeases him. The time element does not change the characteristics or righteousness of God. This is also true when sin is found in an individual or a nation.

First as individuals God hath called upon all to repent of their wickedness. Friends, do you know what our country needs more than anything else? Uncle Sam needs a genuine repentance of heart. Uncle Sam needs to be found at prayer meeting on his knees seeking the face of God. For, no doubt, God is saying to America today, "Thou art the man". And, yet there are those who seek out prophets and preachers to tickle their ears.

Now just suppose that there had been no prophets of God in the days of David. Suppose Nathan had feared to tell the king of his sin. Then what? A sad condition would it have been indeed. Therefore, let us as the people of God not seek to tickle the ears of the people and to please them, but let us speak the truth, live the truth and abide in it forever lest God say to us, "Thou art the man".

Friends, let me ask you what is your purpose in life? Is it to please yourself? Is it to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of life for only a moment of time? Is it to hide your sins beneath a cloak of religion? Is it to profess to serve God in words and yet in works deny Him? God forbid! Let us have one purpose above all others in life--that is to do the will of God. Really that is success in life. And that alone is the essence of a successful life.

I used to know a little piece of poetry

that I learned in school. It went something like this:

Pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed.
Or like the snow falls in the river,
A moment white, then melts forever.
Or like the Borealis race that flit,
Ere you can point its place.
Or like the rainbow's lovely form
Vanishing amid the storm.

Let us pray.

Our Father,
We pray that you would give each one of us the courage to do your will regardless of the cost. Bless those who hear the broadcast today. Be a comfort to those who are in sorrow. Provide healing for those who are bound by the shackles of sin, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen to this song now, "The Way-worn Traveler" as sung by the Carver quartet. My father used to sing this old song. Sometimes I would join with him.

Until next Sunday at this same time, same station, this is Willie Murphey saying a pleasant good-bye!

Testimonies

From La.: "I'm enclosing five dollars to help out, for the message and singing is a great inspiration to me. I wished every man, woman and child would listen, take heed. It would be a much better place to live here. Pray for me... I think I know you. I knew your mother and father well. We used to visit each other. I can't spread the gospel but I can help you and you can put it in action. May God bless you and yours."

--Mrs. Lillie Evans

From Ohio: "Saints here and there-- Greetings in Jesus name. Thankful for victory in our souls and are determined to press on, do what little we can for His cause and be faithful till he calls us home. We attended the S. C. camp meeting. God gave added strength and I was able to fill my place in the kitchen. So thankful for that privilege. Home a few days then attended the La. camp meeting at Hammond. Home again and went to Monark, then to Myrtle Mo. camp meetings. While at Myrtle Bro. Abbott suffered a serious and painful heart attack. God undertook and when he felt like driving we came home... The following few weeks he suffered three other such attacks. He was anointed and prayer for Sept. 17, God answered prayer. He has encountered no more. We attended the first Sunday all-day meeting at Grubbs, Ark. Oct. 1 and spent 3 days in Guthrie, Okla. before coming home. A few days later returned to S. C. and enjoyed a precious week's meeting at Holly Hill, the Ridgeville congregation participating. God's service is precious. We find no place to retire. He has granted us traveling mercies on dangerous highways. To God be the glory. To Him it is due. We are not afraid to trust Him. Brethren, pray for us."

--Sis. Armilda and Bro. Sam Abbott

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From Calif.: "Yes, we are dependent on one another and people of God and saints and the fellowship of people of God. What would it be if we didn't receive words from people of God? It would be a hard life and we would be tried and no one to give encouragement. We could stand and be true to God regardless of the trials and troubles, but as you say God planned it that way... He works to help us. God speaks through the precious people of God. They are so dear to me."

--Opal Williams

From Kansas: "Well, here it is almost to the close of another year of life's time. Surely it's a weaver's shuttle, weaving a pattern day by day, year after year. What kind of pattern will our lives be at the end of life's way? Will it be a pattern of good deeds, small kindnesses, triumphs, victories or failures, despair and unconcern? Surely each one, whether it be lived for Christ or not will have threads of trials, heartaches, burdens and sorrows. Only with Christ to help, and the Holy Spirit to comfort, strengthen and sustain can we face life day by day with calm assurance, quietness and peace in our souls. At the beginning of the year, I had no idea life would hold for me the circumstances I find myself in now. There was a time in life I couldn't have borne these things with the grace I have been able to now. But, by God's love, patience, compassion and mercy He has led me along the way, and He sure didn't have any thing good to start out with. In fact, I was a hopeless, helpless case until Christ took possession of my life and straightened it out, set my feet upon the solid Rock, established my goings and put a new song in my mouth."

--Sister Wildenna Huffman

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From Va.: "I haven't written you for a while, I don't get to be with the saints in worship, so want to send a short testimony. I am all alone. My son is in the air force. Saints, please pray for him. I love the Mission Trail. It is food to my soul. I am still on the victory side with God, much encouraged to live for him. I want to keep humble and be led by his spirit. The church has been opposed and persecuted. Many and bitter have been her battles. But most glorious have been her victories. She stands the most brilliant example of endurance the world has ever known."

--Bro. Wm. J. Preston

From Illinois: "Greeting in the name of the Lord. Just a few lines this morning to let you know I enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper. And we sure did enjoy the camp meeting and meeting all the dear saints there and love every minute we were there. We got to go back the next week end too...we sure did have a good time in the Lord... Pray for my foot for I have something wrong with it and I have a lot of arthritis too, but I work every day and the Lord helps me through the day. We both need prayer... We are sending an offering to help out on the Mission Trail for we love to see God's word go out to help others. We are so glad we are one of his children..." --John and Louise Matlock

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From Okla.: "I am yet saved and living for the dear Lord. I love the little paper, the Mission Trail. I love to read it. I get much good and much help to my soul in reading it. I don't want it to stop going over the air that others may get help to their souls. My three front fingers on my right hand is numb and I can't write good. I want you to pray for me that the Lord will heal my hands, please." --Annie Bowen

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From La.: "Greetings again in the most wonderful name of Jesus! Enjoy the Sunday morning service over the radio so much! Oh! how we trust hearts will be touched with the gospel and God will give you souls for hire! We do appreciate all your efforts you put forth for Lord, His church and His cause here on earth. 'Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth' Luke 15:10. This is precious! One is worth a lot to our Savior! If we all tried to get that one saved, it would please our Savior very much! God would help us and He would hear their cry and our prayer for them!" --Sis. Ruby Quave

From Kansas: "I'm glad to get the Mission Trail. Sometimes it seems as if it is for me, even to the testimonies. The one on the "Greatness of God" was a blessing to me as I was having a battle with the devil. It was an encouragement to my soul. I heard a man say there were three things God never did. He never hurried, He never worried, and He never doubted the outcome. I've been guilty trying to push God a little to get him to hurry, but I've learned not to. He'll answer us at the right time. That learning to wait upon God is a great lesson to learn... This morning I was thinking about the trials of life, afflictions, and such like, If God didn't permit them to come to us I'm afraid I'd not take or spend as much time in prayer as I do. I thank God for them. I'm sure they are stepping stones to heaven if we will only let them be so,"

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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"Please tell the dear saints through the paper to not expect a Christmas card from me for do not see much chance."

--Dorothy Bridges

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From Okla.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Enjoyed the Mission Trail. Happy to hear the broadcasts too. May God ever keep you all in his loving care. Was with Aunt Lizzie Eck to study the Bible Lessons in Sunday school. Truly good. Thanksgiving unto our Father in Heaven for his loving-kindness. The Lord is our helper. Jesus says, Have faith in God. More of his fullness let me learn. Our God knows. Love the prayers of the saints."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Okla.: "Thank God, this finds me still on victory side. I mean to go until my crown is won. I desire your prayers... Yours in the one body,"

--Sis. Hattie Hines

From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious Name of our Wonderful Lord! Today is bright and sunny, but cold. Down to 30 this morning. Our God is so wonderful and mighty and greatly to be praised. Oh! that men would praise Him for His wonderful works to the children of men. Most want to complain if things don't go their way, but He sees and knows our every need and satisfies every longing. . . . God bless you and keep you in your work for Him, for the fields are white and what you can do now will be for eternity and I pray good health and His protection on you while you are working and doing His will. . . . Your sister in His service," --Eva Cox

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From S. Car.: "Greetings of love to you and all of the saints at that place. Writing to let you hear from me again. This finds me still encouraged to go all the way that I will win the crown that Jesus went to prepare for us. I thank Him so much for what He is doing for me. I thank Him for healing my body of a lot of different things. . . . Brother and Sis. Abbott were with us a few weeks ago and sure did preach some good things to us out of the word of God. . . . Pray much for me. I will be praying for you." --Eddie Driggers

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From Okla.: "Trust you are all well. I can't complain. Oh, I have some aches and pains sometimes but the dear Lord is still answering prayer, praise his dear name. He is so good to all who will trust him. It sure did rain hard here last week and my house is old like me. The bath room started leaking. I moved some of the things out and some I could not. I just went to praying asking God to stop the rain or the leak and praise his dear name he sure did. It still rained hard, but it never leaked another drop. What a mighty God we serve." --Ida Ruckman

From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Romans 11:33. Still kept by His Holy Spirit waiting and watching. By His grace I will be faithful. About all I can do now is to pray for those who are able to work. I have a dear friend in Tucson who is very ill and desire you should remember her in your prayers. Her name is Ruby Thomas. I knew Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson. I loved to hear Sr. Mattie preach. I knew all her family fifty or sixty years ago. They all came to our Carthage Campmeeting. We left Mo. in 1913--a long time ago. . . . I have forgotten many old time ministers. My memory is bad on names. I am 91 yrs & 3 mos. now. Our God has been very merciful to me and mine, I do not get out much any more. I am so deaf. I prefer being alone. I get lots of mail from old and new friends and some I can encourage to be faithful, as we are living in perilous days and need to be watchful. I wonder what another year will bring. God bless you dear ones in your work and remember me." --Mary A. Halfhill

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From Ga.: "I tell you it's praying time now. I've never seen nor heard of so much wickedness. The Bible is truly fulfilling. I've never seen men growing long hair before; mothers, daughters and grandmothers dressing so immoral. The devil has taken the shame from them." --Sis. P. R. Bowers

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From Mo.: "I hope you all are well and happy in the Lord. I do not want to miss even one of your little papers. The letters are encouraging to my heart. I cannot get your messages over the air. I can read them in the little paper, then I can give them to others to read. I thank the dear Lord for all his many blessings to me. He is a present help in every time of need. Remember me in prayer," --Sis. Fannie Williams

at press time

we understand:

MEETING NOTICE

"Now we've been praying about the meeting here and for the benefit of those who desire to come from the west coast and some other places the meeting has been changed from Nov. 20th to convene Dec. 10th, Lord willing. We need your help in every way the Lord leads you to help us. We surely need your prayers that the Lord send spirit filled ministers and workers of his own choosing and that his anointing be upon the meeting that lost souls will be saved, believers sanctified and the church edified...feel free to come if any of you have a leading or desire. All are welcome."

--Sis. Mattie B. Savage,
212 F West Dixie Ct., Ft. Lauderdale,
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For further information, Bro. H. Hargrave,
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Florida 33170. Phone 305 247-4102.

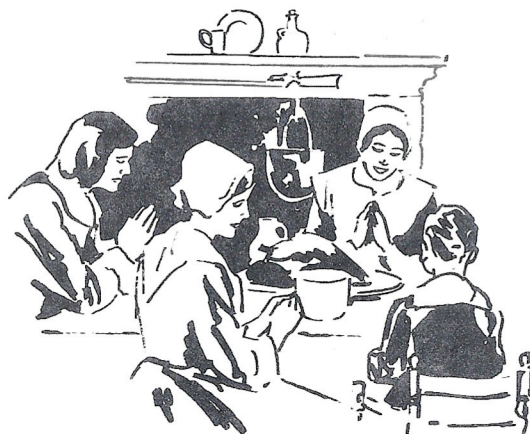
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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our dear brother in the Lord, Stephen E. Henry, Route 2, Box 375, Baton Rouge, La. 70815. He died Nov. 10. Remember his dear companion, Sis. Audrey, who has stood by him so faithfully during his long months of suffering. Their faith has been steadfast in the Lord.

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"Jena, La.--Dear Brother Murphey, we listen to your broadcast on Sunday mornings and have for some time. We enjoy them very much. We remember you from a long time. Best wishes and may God bless all of you. Sincerely,"

--"Shep" Poland



Don't wait for a special day of Thanksgiving to be thankful. Read the scriptures and be thankful: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death." Psa. 68:19-20

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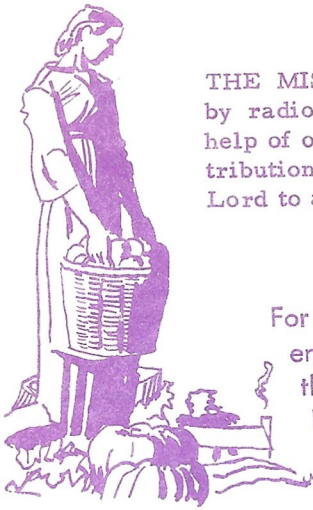
The Assembly meeting begins at Hammond, La. Nov. 17th and continues until Nov. 26. Pray the Lord to bless in this effort for souls.

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A reader writes: "I need your special earnest prayers for a very important spiritual need. Thank you."

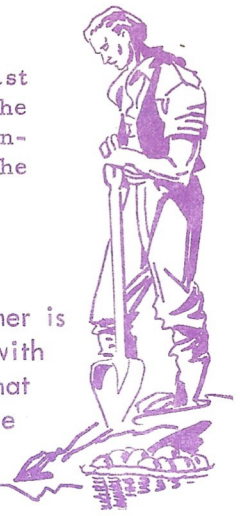
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Congratulations to Ed and Janice Johnston, who were married Nov. 4. Janice is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen. The ceremony was held on the grounds near the Church of God chapel, Myrtle, Mo. The outside arrangement in the open air was quite unique. Many were present. We wish them much happiness.



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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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