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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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"Not Forsaken"

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"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he could not be found. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Psalms. 37:25-37.

Good morning, friends. I am impressed with this scripture. Especially do I like that verse which says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his begging bread."

So many people these days are interested in having security, but this is what I call real security. This is better than any earthly investment you could have. What an assurance to know the Lord God of all the earth is not going to forsake us.

It is true, friends may forsake and forget about you, but not this friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He has promised to be our guide even unto death. Then, listen to this verse: "When my father and my mother forsake

me, then the Lord will take me up." Now, it isn't very often that a father or mother will forsake a child. However, in some rare cases, this does happen, which is tragic for a parent, who has been responsible for bringing a child into this world, to turn their back on them and forsake them. It's tragic for the child too! But, if this should happen then the Lord has promised to not forsake us.

However, if we forsake the Lord, then that is a different thing. Listen to this warning: "If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good." Joshua 24:20. I am sure that must be a lonely feeling--to know the Lord hath forsaken you. Where could you go for help or

comfort? Really, there is no place to go to be completely satisfied outside of Christ. Many are trying it--but it doesn't work. It is like eating the husks which the swine did feed on. How hard it is to be satisfied with husks when we know there are better things in our father's house.

One dear brother who is gone now, used to say, "You serve God, he serve you. You slack up, he slack up." I had such an encouraging letter, a part of which I would like to share with you. It shows that God is still on the throne and is working in behalf of his children. This comes from Mary Sprague in Illinois. Mary is a junior in high school. I quote:

"Dear Brother and Sister Murphey; Greetings in Jesus name from whom all blessings flow!--and help! Just this past week the Lord has proven that he will listen to our every cry and help us out of every difficulty. My English teacher issued a book some several days ago, for our classes to read, that was both evil and immoral. After reading and finding out what type of book it was, I went to ask him after school if there was an alternative to read another book--besides the unfit one he had selected. He said "no." I told him that I was not used to filling my mind with such "junk" and that I did not plan to start now. He signified that I would be lowering my own grade by not reading the book so I left with the willingness not to read the book even at the cost of a failing grade. I then went home and prayed that the Lord would talk to his heart. Later that afternoon Linda and Delmer arrived. Soon the phone rang, and who do you suppose it was? My English teacher!--Calling from a town some 20 miles away to let me know that on the way home he had got to thinking and decided that he would allow me to

read another book! He also stated that he admired my sensitivity! Now, how about that! Standing for the right paid, did it not?--as it always does!" End of quote. Yes, Mary, standing for the right does pay! There is one scripture which says: "...neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." That is what I call a full time job--keeping thyself pure. Sister Winn used to say: "It takes me six months to take care of my business and six months to let the other fellow's business alone!" So that kept her busy all the year long!

But bear in mind--this "not forsaken" doesn't mean you will not have problems and trials. There will be many of them beginning from the moment you decide to fully give yourself to the Lord and his cause. Listen to what came to Paul, the apostle: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." 1 Cor. 4:8-11

And now this poem:

HOLINESS

There is a faith unmixed with doubt,
A love all free from fear,
A walk with Jesus where is felt
His presence always near.
Here is a rest that God bestows,
Transcending pardon's peace;
A lowly, sweet simplicity,
Where inward conflicts cease.
There is a service God-inspired,
A zeal that tireless grows,
Where self is crucified with Christ,
And joy unceasing flows.
There is a being "right with God,"

A yielding to his commands
 Unswerving true fidelity;
 A loyalty that stands.
 There is a meekness free from pride,
 That feels no anger rise
 At slights or hate or ridicule,
 But crosses count a prize.
 There is a patience that endures
 Without a fret or care,
 And joyful sings, "his will be done,"
 My Lord's sweet grace I share."
 There is a purity of heart,
 A cleanness of desire,
 Wrought by the Holy Comforter
 With sanctifying fire.
 There is a glory that awaits
 Each blood-washed soul on high,
 When Christ returns to take his bride
 With him beyond the sky.
 Let us pray. Our Father, bless thy
 word to the good of every listener. Some
 are already in the furnace and face
 severe trials, but we know your grace
 is sufficient. May they find it so. For-
 sake not those who have their trust in
 thee and thine shall be the praise in Je-
 sus name. Amen.

We are glad for each listener. We hope
 you will be blessed and encouraged to
 press on for God. He will not forsake
 those who put their trust in Him. And
 if you have enjoyed the message we
 would be so glad to hear from you. You
 may write us by addressing your letter
 to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.
 We appreciate so much those who have
 stood by us in the past years to help us
 keep the message on the air and going
 forth from time to time. May God bless
 every one of you. If we may be of some
 help to you be sure to let us know. A-
 gain that address is The Mission Trail,
 Guthrie, Okla.

And now this song: "Heavenly Love"
 The singers are Kenneth and Lois Abbott
 Kenneth Jr. and DaRhonda Abbott.

Testimonies

From La.: "Greetings to you on this
 Thanksgiving nite. As you know our
 Assembly meeting in Hammond is in
 progress this week. Quite a number
 of ministers and saints from other
 states are here and we are having a
 good meeting tho' not much altar work
 has been done. Seems it is so very hard
 these days to get people who have a
 need in their souls to humble them-
 selves at an altar of prayer. Just
 seems that they don't recognize a need.
 We had such nice weather all fall and
 naturally we wished it to continue on
 thru the meeting, but a change came a
 few days before the meeting started.
 It has been cloudy most all the time, --
 very little sun shine, and I don't think
 the temperature has reached 50 de-
 grees many hours. But thankful it has-
 n't rained so far. Sister Snow Ochsner's
 brother, Abb White, ... will be buried
 Saturday in our cemetery by the chapel.
 This will be 3 burials in that little
 cemetery within 4 weeks. Sister Bush's
 son was first, and then 2 weeks less 1
 day Bro. Steve Henry. Now again, 2
 weeks less 1 day this man will be buried.
 Enclosed is an offering to help keep the
 messages coming by air and by paper."

--Sis. A. W. Flynn

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to let
 you hear from me. How are you and
 family? Well I hope. I am saved,
 much encouraged to go the Bible way.
 Don't mean to stop shorter than Heaven.
 I am still getting along in my body from
 the sickness I had. The Lord is going
 to soon be here to take us out of the
 troublesome world. Let us all be on
 our face to Jesus when He comes...
 Give my love to all the saints. You all
 pray that I will get to the Christmas
 meeting if the Lord will."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Wisconsin: "Again I send you warm Christian greetings in the precious name of Jesus! Day after day here we are having dark, rainy, cool weather but we can be thankful and rejoice in all the blessings our heavenly Father sends our way. I know He watches over me because He woke me up at 4:00 a.m. and I smelled smoke so I jumped up and looked through the house. I opened the attic door and sniffed but it wasn't there so then I looked in the garage and there was smoke but no fire so I tho't it had to be in the basement. I ran down the steps, opened the door and there I saw the flames shooting up burning the floor above. I prayed and asked God to save me and my home and help me. I grabbed something and dashed water on the flames and kept on and soon the fire was out. How kind of the Lord to awaken me at just that precise time! Then last week I slipped and fell down the full length of the cement cellar steps. I found myself at the bottom wedged in between the bottom step and the door and I had quite a time getting out and I was only bruised and shocked. I didn't even break my glasses... God surely took care of me and I do praise Him for it!" --Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Pa.: "Greeting you in the name of Jesus. Hope this finds all well out your way. The Lord is truly blessing me in soul and body. Thank the Lord. Please continue to send me the Mission Trail for the year 1973... Do pray for me."

--Sis. Mary Johnson

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From New Mex.: "Greetings to every one in Jesus precious name. Trust all are well and very happy. We do thank God for all his goodness, mercy, tender love and care, for all the many blessings he bestows on us each day."

--Sister Ruth Doolittle

From Mich.: "Dear Bro. & Sister Murphey, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Wife is lots better than she was some time ago. I am about as usual. We trust that all is well there. It looks like winter has set in here. In the last 3 or 4 days we have had 3 or 4 inches of snow. The ground is covered with snow and ice. It was 22 degrees above zero at 2 A.M. this morning. The roads have been icy. They are better now. We have 6 great grand children to your 3 grandchildren so you see we are getting old. We thought you might want turkey for Thanksgiving so we are sending you a check. So use it as you see best. We are supposed to have turkey as our daughter said she would bring turkey... We certainly do appreciate the Mission Trail... Thank God For the real truth, glad we found the real Church of God... Well, if you ever get near here again do stop by if you can. We certainly do love to have the real saints come and see us. It is getting mail time and I want to get it out to the mail box so will close for this time... Yours in the one body,"

--Floyd and Ether Hines

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From Mo.: "Dear Bro. Willie and family. Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I do hope and trust the dear Lord is blessing there in every need. This finds us encouraged and desiring to follow on in the good fight of faith. (or follow on softly) as we heard this morning. I did enjoy the message so much this morning. Truly it shined in my path to give me direction. Also, I had been desiring to write to you ever since you were here that night for meeting... I have made many mistakes and blunders in the past but I am made to see that pressing forward is the way to reach the final goal. We desire your prayers always. Yours for the one faith."

--Bro. Austin McMillian

at press time

we understand:

Bro. Leslie Busbee recently assumed the duties as the pastor of the Guthrie Church of God congregation. At present, he, his wife Sis. Sylvia and their four children are living in Guthrie and they hope to move their furniture from Kansas before long. He is finding plenty to do in the work of the Lord at this place. Pray the Lord to help them adapt to the new conditions and continue to make them a blessing. Two of their children are already in Guthrie schools. However, Guthrie is not new to Bro. Leslie as he formerly lived in Guthrie and attended the local schools.

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Congratulations to Bob and Irma Gayle Sallee, who were married Saturday Nov. 25 in the Zamurry community center near Hammond, La. Irma Gayle is the daughter of Dale and Dora Doolittle. Bro. Curtis Williams performed the ceremony and there was a large attendance. They plan to live near Jena, La.

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From Okla.: "We are still saved and encouraged to fight on in this great battle for God. We do thank the Lord for His manifold blessings to us. We trust you and family are all well at this time. Enclosed is a small offering. We do plan to do more by the help of the Lord as I feel your work is all of our responsibility. May God bless you is our prayer." --Sis. Frances Chandler

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Congratulations to Leslie and Mauntel Jones, 973 Wooster Ave., Apt. 4, Akron, Ohio 44307, on the birth of their daughter, November 4.

From Okla.: "The Lord is good to us. We have no complaints altho we have several burdens... The Lord willing we will be going to Calif. in about a week. It looks like the Lord is working it out for us to have a driver to help drive... We need your prayers when ever you think of us. We need much wisdom. We surely want to do God's will in every detail of our life. I sure don't want to be a stumbling block. The Lord tells us to cry aloud and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

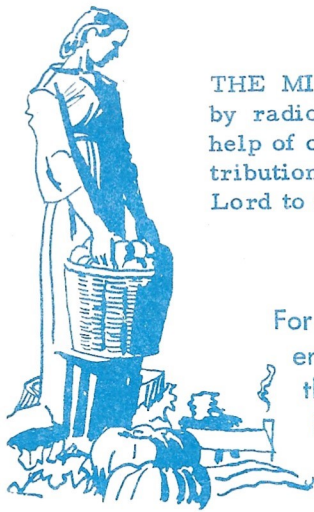
--Sis. Emma Dilley,
c/o Jim Martin, 16571 Simonne Lane,
Huntington Beach, California 92646.

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From Illinois: "Another month is gone and I am sorry I haven't written but I still love the Lord more and more every day. Hope this finds you all well. As for me I am feeling lots better and have been visiting my son and family in Yuma, Arizona for 5 weeks but it is good to be home where I can sing, read and pray when I want to... Pray for me as I pray for you." --Sis. Mildred Snell

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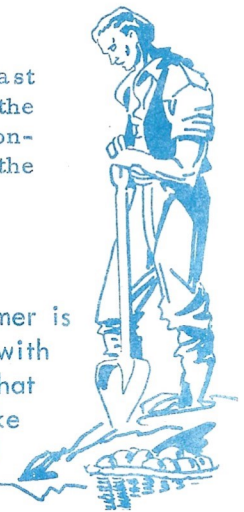
Frances and I were glad for the opportunity to attend services Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Sapulpa congregation in the morning and at evening with the saints in Tulsa. We enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Ted and Sis. Alta Bock and their family where we ate dinner. In the afternoon we visited Roy and Dorothy Meek. She recently had a stroke and was improving, but still needs prayer.



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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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