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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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We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord today. It is a real privilege to be coming your way once again by means of radio. We like to hear from those who enjoy the broadcast. If we may be of any help to you, don't fail to let us know. You may write to us by addressing your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Let us turn now to the book of all books and read a few choice scriptures to help us through the day. I believe it is a good thing for us to be familiar with the Bible and read it often. Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in II Timothy, the 3rd chapter and beginning with verse 15. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Now if we desire to have wisdom and understanding we should seek it from the source of all wisdom, the Word of God which reveals the plan of God in the scriptures.

But here is what I really want to talk about for a few moments. In John chapter 17 and verse 16 we read the words of our Lord when he was praying just before his crucifixion. He said this: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." He was referring to his disciples who had followed him until this time. Some of them had forsaken their fishing nets, others had left their occupation, and they had listened to the teachings of our Lord. These teachings had left an impression upon them, and they were made to know that there was a differ-

ence between one who followed God and one who lived after his own selfish pleasures and, of course, to seek the pleasures of the world.

You see, the world is made up of two classes of people. There are those who are of the world. They speak concerning the things of the world. They seek the pleasures of the world, and they live for what they can gain in this world. Then there are the righteous people whom God has saved from the world. They are not of the world either in spirit, manner of life, or disposition

of heart. Their affections are upon things which are above. Their purpose is to serve and please God.

To further show that these two classes of people exist, listen to this 14th verse from the 6th chapter of II Corinthians. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" I believe that verse within itself would prove that both righteous and unrighteous people exist all around us. It is our purpose and duty to set the example that others may see that the richer, fuller life abounds in those who are serving the Lord.

To further bring out this contrast, listen to the first two verses of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Now this mentions the spirit of the world which works in the children of disobedience. In other words, those who are unsaved and who love not the Lord are of the world. They have the spirit of the world which causes them to think and act in a worldly manner.

In contrast to this, listen to the testimony of the Apostle Paul in I Cor. 2nd chapter and 2nd verse. "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." This is the spirit of a child of God. His affections have been elevated to a supreme love for the Saviour which motivates his thoughts and actions. Naturally these are contrary to the desires of the flesh and of the world.

Once again let us turn to the scriptures which will even further define the point of separation from the world in the lives of those who seek to please God. This time I am reading from I Peter, the 4th chapter and beginning with verse 2. "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."

Then as we sum up a few of these things, we see a line which is clearly drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. Their affections, desires, interests, and purposes are different. The purpose of the world is to please and serve self. The purpose of a Christian is to please and serve God. The world values temporal possessions and pleasures. The Christian values eternal things.

Listen to this 18th verse of the 4th chapter of II Corinthians. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

To the world success means temporal gain, honor, and preferment. To the Christian success means living a holy life and doing good.

I heard a certain individual tell that when his class was ready to graduate from the junior high school, an educat-

ed man was the speaker for the occasion. He began to enumerate the things of a scholastic nature which the student would have to know in order to be a "success" in life. Then a young lady spoke up and asked a question which seemed to be quite puzzling and perplexing for him to answer. She asked, "What is success?" In other words, she wanted to know what do you call success, what are you seeking to attain? The speaker thought for a little bit, but he never seemed to come forth with a satisfactory answer to that question. He went on to say you are going to need these scholastic achievements to be successful in life.

Indeed that would be a stunning question to ask. "What do you call success?" We might ask ourselves this question. How do we know when we have been successful? Is it when we have attained a certain amount of possessions in this life? Is it success when one has found pleasure in worldly amusements? Friends, let us be honest with ourselves. The answer to these questions is "no". Success is not measured in temporal gains or the honor of the world. Success means finding the place which God has for you in life and faithfully performing your duty. Those who are not of the world do not act, talk, nor dress like the world. Nor do they seek to find pleasure in worldly things apart from God.

Now, lest any should get the impression that this seems a dull and monotonous life, let me assure you, that is not true. It is the happiest life which you could attain in this world--the satisfaction of knowing that you are in the center of the will of God.

A young man once said to me, "Willie, if going to heaven means that you are

going to float around up there and sing and play on a golden harp, I don't want to go there." I guess he liked a little more action than he thought that would be. After thinking for a moment here is the answer which I gave him, "If that is the way you feel about it, you may be sure you will not have to go there." You see, one would be out of place in heaven if they do not first learn to love God and enjoy his service right here in this world. Remember the text. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Let us pray.

Our Father,
Bless the words of the message to each one tuned to this radio station, and may they learn to know the fullness of joy and satisfaction which comes from a life separated from the world and wholly yielded to thee, and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen now to this poem entitled:

THROUGH PEACE TO LIGHT

I do not ask, O Lord, that life should
always be a pleasant road:
I do not ask that Thou shouldst take
from me aught of its load.
I do not ask that flowers should always
spring beneath my feet--
Too well I know the poison and the sting
of things too sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I
plead, Lead me aright.

Here now is a song, "More About Jesus". It is sung by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

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

Testimonies

From Wisconsin: "Once again we greet you in the lovely name of our dear Saviour and for all the blessings we have thru him. We are having the most beautiful weather in our locality that you could order. The temperature is moderate, the days are so nice and sunny and have had few stormy days. The ground is still covered with snow, about 6 inches... Well Elsie has made some improvement. Has less pain and looks better. We are looking for complete deliverance from this terrible affliction. We have appreciated the good letters and cards from all the dear saints of God. I don't think all the letters and cards have been answered but I am sure those who have rec'd no answer will understand. From not being able to write at all to where she is writing 3 or more letters a week is most encouraging. We have kept the meetings going all this time. We meet at the church Sunday mornings, but in the evening we meet at our house so Elsie can have the benefit of the service. We wish we could reach more people. We meet at our house Wednesday evening also for prayer meeting... Give our greetings of love to all the dear saints there... The young people have many temptations that did not exist in our day. We are living in day of many inventions. We can use them wisely or they can be our downfall if we do not."

--Bro. Frank Dietrich

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From Okla.: "May God continue to bless you in your labors for him and his. Wish I could be in service more often, but am very thankful I can be as often as I am. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways. I do thank and praise him for his blessing. If feel so undeserving of his goodness to me."

--Sis. Pansy Stephens

Greetings from Missouri: "Want to let you know that we appreciate and enjoy the Mission Trail very much. We pray the Lord will bless you in your efforts for Him. Enclosed is an offering to help in any way needed. We are thankful we still have that desire in our hearts to live for the Lord. There is nothing in this world to turn to. I see a greater need than ever before to get our hearts established in the truth. We need to live close to God, for these are perilous times. I want to tell how the Lord helped us several months ago. Our son, Dennis, age 14 got his finger crushed real bad. He was working with the farm machinery and a heavy iron object fell on his finger. He came in the house and his finger was just laying open. My sister, Janice was here, and she rushed to tell Bro. & Sis. Eck. They came soon and prayed. The Lord heard our prayers and gave him instant relief. I feel like it was a miracle. It didn't hurt him much, as bad as it was crushed. It healed up real soon. "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." I desire the prayers of the saints that I will have wisdom to instruct my family in the right way. It is a great responsibility and all the young parents need our prayers."

--Carol Sorrell

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From Ore.: "Dear brother in the name of our Lord and Saviour and the dear ones there, I am so sorry I waited so long, but I haven't been well. My arm and shoulder is sore and painful, but is a lot better for which I am so thankful. I am sending a small amount to help in whatever way you need most. I would like very much to still get the Mission Trail as I can't get it on radio and do enjoy it so much. Pray for me as sometimes I wonder how long the Lord will permit me to stay here, but I do know he knows best."

--Mary Stice

From Minn.: "This finds me well in soul and body, am putting my trust in the Lord who has been so good to me, supplies my needs from day to day and keeps me in the Holy way, for which I thank Him daily for His wonderful love and keeping power. Time is swiftly passing away, but His wonderful love never passes away. He is all and all to me. Glad to receive the Mission Trail as it helps me and others to walk in the narrow way straight to that Heavenly home..." --Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in Jesus dear name. May He ever guide and continue His blessings upon you and your labours of love for His sake is my prayer. We are still pressing Heavenward with a deep desire to see that place He has gone to prepare for those who will love and serve Him in the beauty of Holiness. I want to say we appreciate the little Mission Trail paper very much, the messages of truth it brings. I am so glad it is going into so many homes of the elderly saints who can not get out to the meetings any more. It is proving a real blessing coming into the home... I like to read their testimonies. Some say I set right down and read it through. Well, I do too, some of the time. I like to see who is going to testify next and how many of them I know personally. It is like hearing from home. Please find a little offering enclosed. Peter said the Elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. Feed the flock of God which is among you; so I trust God will bless you with messages of hope and inspiration for the readers as you send it out." --William and Evelyn McCoy, 5252 Wadsworth Road, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

From La.: "I do thank the Lord for the gift of His dear son to this world to make a way for our salvation. What awful plight we would be in if there was no way we could have hope beyond this life. We have been blessed with 4 days of beautiful weather. Today has been a real spring day. But it being this early in the year, we will probably have some more real cold weather before spring is really here. I can hardly realize that Randall, June and family are there to remain a part of your congregation. This is the first we have ever lived more than a few miles apart. Naturally, it was hard for me to see them leave. But I am so thankful they belong to the Lord and if He had a work there for Randall to do, that is where I want him to be. The far more important thing for any of us in this life is to be in the will of the Lord. That is what's going to count when we are called from this life. Nothing else will matter then. We enjoy the truth the Mission Trail brings over the air and by the printed page. I pray that many will hear and be blessed thereby. Use the offering in the expense involved in your work. \$8.00 of this is from Mama. Oh, yes, she is to be 84 years tomorrow. We (her children) and her four sisters are to be together for dinner at Katherine's, the Lord willing. Dallas feels that he will be able to go also. We are glad Sun Della Perry can be here with us at this time." --Sis. Alta Flynn

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From Calif.: "Trust these few lines will find all doing well. I haven't felt so well the last couple of days but I am better today for which I do thank the dear Lord for as he has been so good to me through my life... Still remember me in prayer that I will be what the Lord would have me be, as I want to make Heaven. Much love to you and all the saints." --Sister Edith Wittenborn

From La.: "We're so thankful today for all the Lord's blessings and dealings with us. Surely he is bringing us out into a wealthy place. Juanita is still doing well considering the place from whence she has come. At one point, she was unable to walk, turn herself on the bed or eat very much, due to much swelling in her left leg and various parts of her body. During this period Bro. & Sis. Stover and Bro. & Sis. Probst came and from the day that they left much of the swelling went away and Juanita was able to eat more and rest better. Thank the Lord! She has continued to gain strength and be up and about some and has a ravenous appetite. She still has some swelling and lumps on various parts of her body, but we believe God is going to give complete victory and we are trusting and waiting on him. He has taught us many precious lessons and drawn us closer to him through this trial of affliction. We would like to thank each of the saints for their interest and concern and for the many cards and flowers which were sent. Many called on the telephone to enquire and to encourage us. We surely feel humble before the Lord to see how the saints have helped us carry this burden. Continue to remember us..."
Don & Juanita Williamson, Star Route,
Box 49-A, Olla, Louisiana 71465

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From Illinois: "You can't make the messages too strong when they are Bible. I am 85 years old and live alone, get very lonely at times. I want my last days to count for Jesus. I want to cultivate more and more faith and be a help to Jesus. Would appreciate your prayers. These are days when the Church of God should advance and bring the truth before the world. Great cathedrals are built nowadays without one particle of spirituality."

--Sis. Ethel Redmon

From Mo.: "I am so thankful to be a part of the family of God, and for the word of God to guide us from day to day, the many promises of which he has given us to assure our hearts of this blessed hope which we have in the Lord Jesus Christ by the new birth."

--Mrs. Emma Jordan

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From Pa.: "Thank God for the sunshine of His love in my heart. The first of the year I rededicated myself to the Lord. Not resolutions, I don't believe in them, but really laying myself on the altar to live for Him and witness for Him. He only has our mouth, feet, voice, and hands to use for Him, so we must do it now before night comes when no man can work."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Miss.: "I love the Lord. The reason I know I love the Lord, I want to keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. Things that are doubtful and questionable I want to give God the advantage and refuse to entertain or partake of them. Will all you dear ones join and agree in fervent prayer that my faith become stronger and more active. (My health condition--my head roars and throbs all the time.) For years, years and years I have been depressed with what they call chronic nerve exhaustion. I can't find myself with the Lord as I used to before all this."

--Ethel Lowery

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From W. Va.: "I am glad I can report victory in my soul over all the works Satan. I am a little late in writing. My age has slowed me down somewhat, but thanking the Lord for what he has done for me. I trust you are well and enjoying the good things God has given us. I know you are busy for the Lord, sending out the gospel messages to many hungry souls."

--Sis. Olive Keene

at press time

we understand:

Obituaries

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of Bro. E. B. Pinkerton, 102 White Street, Hammond, La. 70401. It was in the evening of February 10 that this warrior for the truth went quietly from his home to be with the Lord. Bro. Pinkerton had been a preacher of the gospel for many years and the Lord has especially used him in working with prisoners. He will be greatly missed. Funeral was in Hammond and the body taken back to Mo. for burial. Remember his companion and loved ones in this time of sorrow.

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Another home has been touched with sorrow. Sister Dovie Abbott passed from this world to be with the Lord on Monday night, February 12. For many years she and her husband Bro. William Abbott were members of the Dayton, Ohio congregation. She will be greatly missed. Sis. Armilda Abbott was her sister. Remember in prayer all her loved ones, and especially her husband, Bro. William Abbott. His home address 741 Gondert Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45403.

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Earl Sorrell, for it was in the early morning hours of Feb. 15 that the Lord called for him. He had been sick only a few weeks. Bro. Earl was well known in the area of Myrtle, Mo. for he had lived there for many years. Remember his wife, children and other dear ones in this great loss and sorrow. Sister Leta Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778

Word has been received of the rather unexpected death of Bro. Lloyd Whipple in his home, Oregon, Missouri, on the morning of February 15. This was the father of Sis. Lois Sharp. Her mother Sister Lula Whipple, died November 17, 1972.

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From Arkansas, Friday 16th--"Louise called last night about eleven-thirty and Sister Cook (Lena) passed away about five-thirty. The funeral will be tomorrow at Bismarck at 3 o'clock. That is where Brother Cook is buried. Sister Cook was a precious saint always calm and understanding. I'm sure she has been lonely for her people (the saints) since she has been at Louise's. We think of them so often and thank God for sending them here with the truth. Bro. Cook would be happy to know a seed sprouted and sent forth sprouts and then into bearing some fruit. God's plan for our lives is great. I remember when brother Cook was sick, sister Cook sang about all time, "God's Way Is Best." The lessons we got from them will always be cherished as "valuable". Louise and husband need our prayers."

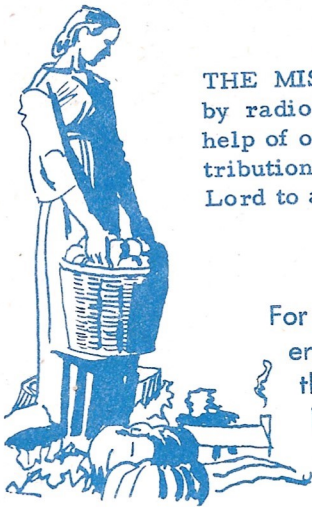
--Sister Lou Bray

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SPRING MEETING

Revival meeting has been scheduled to begin at the Church of God, 3rd and Phillips Streets, Oklahoma City April 13 and continuing nightly through April 22. All are welcome. Come and hear the truth preached in its purity.

--Bro. Herman Kelley, pastor
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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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