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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 KINGDOM OF GOD

I would speak of the things of the
kingdom of peace,
Of the priceless rich treasures that
never shall cease;
I would tell of the glory and
majesty fair
Of Christ in His glory that none
can compare.

The favor that triumphs o'er darkness
and sin,
His kingdom the lost and downtrodden
to win:
The power He wields in His sweet
risen life,
The victory giving o'er evil and strife.

Lift up, O ye gates! Strong and
mighty is He
In battle to conquer the dark enemy,
Vile hosts He has scattered, dark foes
are subdued,
Man's fallen nature to love is renewed.

Cast out is the prince of this dark
evil world,
His banner of justice and love is
unfurled,
He conquers the heart by His love
so divine,
And makes me rejoice that His fullness
is mine!

How wonderful, true, is His counsel

and law,
His statutes and word without failure
or flaw,
Engraved on the heart, and impressed
on the mind, --
Set free is the man who His graces
can find.

--Leslie Busbee

Good morning, friends. It is certainly
a pleasure to be coming your way once
again. Here is a scripture of which I
would like to speak briefly:

"And there was also a strife among them,
which of them should be accounted the
greatest. And he said unto them, The
kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship
over them; and they that exercise au-
thority upon them are called benefact-
ors. But ye shall not be so: but he that
is greatest among you, let him be as
the younger; and he that is chief, as he
that doth serve. For whether is great-
er, he that sitteth at meat, or he that
serveth? but I am among you as he that
serveth. Ye are they which have con-
tinued with me in my temptations. And
I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my
Father hath appointed unto me; That ye
may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the
twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:24-
30.

From the tone of these verses, the dis-

ciples must have had something important to discuss. Do you know what it was? They were concerned as to who of them was going to be the greatest in the kingdom of God! So they understood there was going to be a kingdom set up and they planned to be a part of it. So far so good. There may have been things they did not understand as to when and where this kingdom would be established, but more on this later.

Here is the prophecy concerning the coming of the kingdom: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Dan. 2:44

Notice especially the part: "And in the days of these kings" What kings? Well, it was in the days of the kings which ruled over the universal kingdoms--the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian and the Roman. These are the kingdoms Daniel speaks of in this 2nd chapter of Daniel. Read about them and see. They are described perfectly. We understand this head of gold symbolized this mighty Babylonian empire under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. During the reign of Nebuchadnezzar it was the golden kingdom of a golden age. Babylon its metropolis, was situated in the garden of the east. It was laid out in a perfect square sixty miles in circumference. It was surrounded by a wall 350 feet high, and 87 feet thick. The world was prostrate at her feet. She was "The glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency." Do you remember that the armies of the Medes and Persians dethroned and killed Belshazzar right after that feast where he had taken the vessels of the

Lord and used them for his strong drink?

One historian writing of this Persian Empire states: "Cyrus greatly extended his holdings; on his death the Persian Empire reached from northern India to the Mediterranean and from the Indian Ocean to Caucasia. His son, Cambyses, conquered Egypt (525 B.C.), and the Greek islands off the coast of Asia Minor and Cyprus also became a part of Greater Persia. To Darius (521-485 B.C.) fell the task of consolidating these gains and securing the borders of the empire." End of quote.

The next universal kingdom was that of Greece. "Greece attained its height of prosperity and military power during the Macedonian supremacy, particularly under Alexander the Great, son of Macedon, who reigned 336-23 B.C. This great leader defeated Darius, overthrew the Persian empire, annexed large parts of Asia and Africa, and founded Alexandria, among other cities."

Then the fourth and last Empire of universal scope was that of the Romans. "All of Greece became a Roman province after the capture of Corinth in 146 B.C. Under Roman rule a period of peace and prosperity prevailed." Now Rome was partly strong and partly divided. There was the iron and the clay in the vision of Daniel. This... (or that is the vision that he interpreted). This mighty empire lasted from about 31 B.C. until 476 A.D. It was during this time Christ was born.

Now let me describe to you some of the conditions existing among the Romans after Christ which led to their fall and destruction as an empire:

"The Roman Empire began to decline

at the turn of the 2nd century A.D. The decline of Rome was due to a number of causes, some of which were factionalism, invasions by the Goths and Persians, and the trend toward autocracy in government as well as profligacy and extravagant living. During the 1st century A.D. Christianity spread over the Western Empire and became a potent force in replacing the Roman gods." End of quote. Now, that is from the encyclopedia. Do you notice how true to the prophecy of Daniel that is?

Let me call special attention to this word "profligacy" and the statement of "extravagant living". Webster defines "profligate" as "completely given up to dissipation and licentiousness" and "wildly extravagant. Could that be a warning to the people of our own nation in this day?

But let me quickly bring to focus the meaning of all this entire discourse. God did set up his kingdom on the day of Pentecost when it came with power upon those waiting for it. It is a spiritual kingdom and was established "in the days of these kings". It is not of the world, although it is now in the world. It is made of subjects who are ready and willing to carry out the commandments of the king of kings and Lord of Lords. He is the head of his church, and the government is not left to men. He is reigning in the hearts and lives of those who love him and from his throne in the heavens. "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Dan. 7:18

And now, may I ask you, Are you in this everlasting kingdom? If not you should be.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we are glad for the great and victorious kingdom which belong to the saints of the most High. Bless every listener of the message today and may they possess the kingdom through faith and by pressing their way into it while there is time and opportunity and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for a few moments of your time. If we may be of some spiritual help to you be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Be with us again next week, same time, and same station. Here is a song, "The Redemption Story". Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Ohio: "We greet you in the name of Him who invites us--casting all your care upon Him for he careth for you. Thank the Lord for such a wonderful privilege. In times like these we wonder how folks get along without the Lord and the saints? Thank you for the lovely card and comforting words and most of all for your prayers. Trust this finds all well at your house. I reckon we are getting along well as can be expected, trying to adjust ourselves to realize she's gone...But O it isn't easy. We had so much in common...She and Bro. Bill were to see me 3 days before she went to sleep in Jesus. I was not able to go to her house, but did go Wednesday eve to funeral home and to her funeral service. Bro. Stover brought a real good message and O so many people there and flowers and flowers. But from the sweet saintly life she lived before us we do not worry or wonder which way she went."--Armilda Abbott

From La.: "I am so glad that we are serving a God of mercy but there are conditions that we have to meet to receive that mercy. In Rom 2:6-11 we read how each of us are going to be judged according to the deeds that we do. "To those who, by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality" they will receive eternal life. This is a full time job--minutely, hourly and daily. It means much to continually, with patience, seek and do all things with only one thought in mind; that is to bring glory and honor to our Lord and to live so we can put on immortality. I pray often, that in the stress and strain of everyday life, that we not forget that God wants every act of our life to bring glory to His name and I know that He will bless our efforts when we endeavor to live this way. This letter is long overdue. I have thought for several days to get it written but have been hindered in one way and another--but while we've failed to write, we haven't failed to remember you dear ones before the throne of grace and trust that all is well with you and yours. We look forward to the Mission Trail, and so enjoyed the one we received yesterday. As I read the message "Two Works of Grace," I thought how clear and plain you brought it out, Bro. Willie, and how easy it is to understand. Then I thought back to the time when I was seeking sanctification and it was quite some time before I fully understood what it meant. I received a letter from my cousin, Sis. Shoot and she asked "Are you saved and sanctified, or just saved?" I'd never heard of sanctification before and didn't know if I was sanctified or not, so I began to search the scriptures and pray. We did not know the Church of God at that time...it was some time after we became acquainted with the truth before

I could grasp enough light to obtain the experience. I well remember how I used to strive to keep myself. I hadn't learned just to commit the keeping to the Lord. I always look forward to the letters and "news" of the saints. I have been blessed this evening. I was going through a drawer searching for something and I ran across some old copies of the "Mission Trail,"...I read the copy printed in May 1965, where Bro. Ostis talked of the trip to Nigeria. It was so precious to me, seemed I got more good from it than I had when it was first printed...God be with you and continue to bless in your work for Him."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Okla.: "...just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am not feeling so well today but my trust is in the dear Lord. I can feel this misery all in my body and I desire your earnest prayers that the Lord may heal me."

--Sis. Annie Bowen

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From Mo.: "We have been moving into Neosho. We sold our school house home, and bought an old house in Neosho and did a lot of fixing up on it. We are not far from the chapel now and we are so thankful. I have been so sick this winter, had the old flu, then walking pneumonia, and when we sold out I didn't know how I could ever get my packing done and get set all up again, but it is just wonderful how the dear Lord has blessed and given me strength to get all unpacked and all settled again. It has been so wonderful I just can't thank the dear Lord enough for all he has done for me. I was so weak I could walk across the house and be so weak I would have to sit down. We were praying and the saints here were praying for me and the Lord surely did answer prayer."

--Bro. and Sis. Ralph Sell

From Ore.: "Sorry I've not written before this year. Seems like I've been occupied with more things here but also on the prayer line more this last year than before in my life. I told my husband maybe that is why God lets us wake at night so we can spend more time in prayer. Then I cannot be disturbed by the telephone or people talking. I find that God is the one that giveth rest. How could people turn to dope? We see young people especially given to the habit. How our hearts break for them... God has accomplished things in my life that no one could possibly undertake. I know you folks have seen miracles come to pass and we know God is not dead. Use this offering where it is most needed. It would be wonderful to see the folks in foreign lands and share their works for our great God... Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Yours in His love,"

--Doris and Bill Busch

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From Ark.: "Oh how good the Lord is, even in the time of burdens, we can praise and thank the Lord in the spirit of love and confidence for the help we need. Please do remember my daughter who lives in Md. She is sick and needs help in soul and body... the first Sunday which is the first day of April, is our all day meeting at Grubbs. Every body is invited... we will be so happy and thankful for all... Spring time is here with its rains, and the blessings of flowers, birds and all, and as God is faithful let us be faithful in serving him, and in praying for each other."

--Sister N. E. Adams

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From Arkansas: "We are so thankful to be getting the Mission Trail. It really feeds our soul as we are an old couple that don't get out to church too often... Please pray for us. As ever,"

--Just Bro. and Sis. Warford

From La.: "We do want to take time this morning to let you know how much we still enjoy the Mission Trail program on WFPR and paper, also. We pray the Lord will bless all of your efforts for Him. We do thank Him for His love and mercy to us. We appreciate the Lord's healing power in our family. Our girls have been sick this week but are much better, thank the Lord. The Lord wonderfully touched our baby girl when she was only 6 wks. old. She had such a bad cough and cold, she almost choked, but just at the very instant of need, the Lord heard our cries and helped her. We also thank Him for healing her hand she burned quite badly the first part of the winter on a heater. We do love the Lord and desire to live to please Him."

--Bro. Doyle and Sis. Cynthia LaCroix

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From Ill.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear and precious name. When I meditate on what he suffered and went through for us, I don't see how he did it, but because of God's great love for the sheep of his pasture and the people of his hand... pray for me. I need prayer. He is gracious and tender and merciful to me, no one close to me that can or will do anything for me but God, and he is a friend that sticks closer than a brother, and has never failed me one time. Sure wish I lived closer to the saints or some of them would come oftener to see me. I surely do enjoy the Mission Trail... Christian love,"

--Sister Bertha Gill

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From Minn.: "Greetings in Godly love and in Jesus Holy name. This finds me well and going on till the Lord calls me home. I am enclosing \$20 for the saints who will come from Jamaica to be in meetings here in the United States and God bless them and give them a good trip and we ask God to keep His hand of love over them..."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

From W. Va.: "Greetings to you in Jesus precious name. Hope this finds all well...Now spiritually I'd say I'm not too well in feelings. I've got to learn not to go by feelings. The devil can really put my stomach in a knot some times. I worry over things, and then find out that I had better let the Lord work out. I desire your prayers that I'll be stronger in this battle to live for the Lord. It seems the devil really shows you things after you're saved that you never noticed before. But you know he never shows me my eternal future, like God does. The devil tries to confuse me in lots of ways, but thank the Lord he straightens them out... I thank the Lord for Barbara tonight. Oh, what an encouragement she has been to me. She's come a long way in the past year in living for the Lord."

--Elaine Landis

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From Minn.: "We enjoy the Mission Trail paper and I am sending a gift to be used wherever you need it in the work of the Lord. We had quite a different winter here, with lots of rain and fog. Elmer is just getting over the flu for which we are thankful to the Lord. We hear from Bro. Senti in Minneapolis once in a while. I suppose you heard that Bro. Ernest Kirchner passed away last year. He was in a nursing home."

--Elmer Olson and family

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From Ariz.: "Do enjoy the Mission Trail so much. Surely thank God for His workers and all God's people. How great and good the Lord is to us! Last month I hurt my back at work and was in such pain. I called my daughter Elaine and asked for prayer. Many told me they had suffered such back injury and it would be 2 weeks or more before I would be normal. But thanks to our great God in 3 days I was back to normal."

--Sis. Ferne Laub

EASTER MEETING

"We wish to announce our All Day Services here at Jena, La. Easter Sunday, April 22nd which will be the beginning of a Revival held by Bro. Stover, as long as the Lord leads. We are looking forward to this meeting and are trusting to receive much good to our souls and would be so happy to see some soul saved. We will welcome all the Saints to come be with us, and those of you who can't come, please pray for us. Continue to remember our daughter-in-law, Juanita Williamson, in prayer. She keeps good courage but still needs much help in her body. We are thankful for everything the Lord does for her. I am thankful, also, how the Lord has helped me and given me back my strength after having several attacks with my heart. He has been so good to all of us. We thank the Lord for Bob Sallee (Juanita's brother) and his wife (Erma Gayle Doolittle Sallee) who moved here after their marriage. They have been an inspiration to us in the Congregation and Erma has been so faithful to come every day to help in the care of Juanita. I know the Lord will reward her labor of love. All the Saints have been good and thoughtful in sending cards, flowers, letters and sending up many prayers since the sickness here. May God bless each one."

--Bro. & Sis. Merrill Williamson

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From Mo.: "Bro. Willie, I wonder if it will be all right to take this means to thank all the saints that helped in time of Roberta's death, the ones that brought food, the dear minister and his wife, the singers and pall bearers and all that helped in any way to give Roberta a nice funeral which we so much desired. Then we desire to thank the Neosho saints for getting together and making us a tape of singing for our tape recorder."

--Asa and Katie Gibson

at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lillian Eck, R. 1, Box 71, Goltry, Okla. 73739. March 28th was their 25th wedding anniversary. Open house with gospel singing--evening of April 6th.

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It was a blessing to have Bro. Wm. Preston from Virginia in Guthrie for several weeks. He was so helpful in working on the church grounds. He had his trailer and really lived with his work. However, he felt it best to return to Virginia. Perhaps if the Lord is willing he can return again.

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God's blessings and guidance were recognized in our recent trip to Illinois on the weekend of March 25. We were glad for the privilege to have two services in Gale, Illinois with the dear ones in that place. Some of them have been to the Myrtle camp meeting. We hope more can come next summer. It was also good to be with the Myrtle saints on Sunday night. The Lord's blessings were as plentiful as the rain which fell.

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From Ill.: "We were wondering if you had to drive all the way in rain and if you all run into water on the highway. But one thing sure, the Lord will take care of you. We just can't tell you in words how much we enjoyed having you to preach to us and the fellowship we had together. Hope you had a nice visit with your daughter, then made it home OK...pray for us for we need prayer for our body and we will remember you in prayer too."

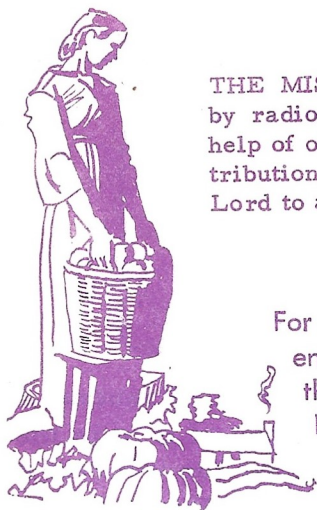
--Bro. John and Sister Matlock

"Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances & Saints abroad, Greetings of love in the Lord to all. Thankful for the wonderful family of God. Thanks to the ones who have written good encouraging letters. Your prayers have meant so much to me at this time of sorrow. Am still receiving letters from different ones would so much like to write each one for your love in writing me. You will never know how much it's all meant to me. The dear Lord has helped me so much and caused things to work out even more than I was expecting. I am back home now after being gone four weeks in Mo. with my mother and Viola and family. Thankful to have Viola, William and David here with me, seems I need them and they need me. We want to do all we can to live to please our Dear Lord who has done so much for us. Do keep us on your prayer list. The devil tries hard to destroy what God has already done. I do want to draw nigh to God that He will draw nigh to me. Time is so short and we are just passing this way one time so let us hold fast to His good promises. So thankful for the little Mission Trail paper and message on radio each Sunday. May the Dear Lord bless all I pray."

--Sis. Cassie Wilson

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Our limited space in this edition does not allow room for all the encouraging testimonies and letters we have received. We are happy to report the "Smalling Fund" is growing. We are looking forward to their coming this summer. Thank you each one.



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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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