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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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"Thirty Pieces of Silver"

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He Maketh No Mistake

God's way may seem so long and slow,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break;
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
and leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

Good morning to one and all. I am so happy to be coming your way once again. I like the thought expressed in that poem that God is leading all the way. It will surely pay us to be led by the hand of the Lord. He makes no mistakes. Then how carefully we should follow in His steps, for we do not want to make mistakes either!

Just preceding that glorious morning of the resurrection of Jesus, there were some sad mistakes committed by those in that day. Let me give you this account of one of them:

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me; and I will deliver him unto you? And they convenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him." Matt. 26:14-16.

I don't suppose that Judas knew too much about this scripture here in Zechariah 11:12-13. "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord." Little did Judas realize that he was fulfilling the prophecies of the Lord. At least, I don't believe that he did at that time. But God foresaw the wickedness of his heart. Just for thirty pieces of silver he betrayed Jesus to the wicked professors of religion.

But here is a little more of the dark story of Judas: "And while they yet

spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him." Matt. 26:47-50.

I wonder how Judas felt. Do you suppose he already had the thirty pieces of silver in his pocket? A little later this money greatly troubled him and he threw it down at the feet of those from whom he had received it. But remember, how accurately God had foretold these events. Here are the words given in the scriptures of Judas' last day on earth?

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." Matt. 27:3-5.

There were a lot of other things taking place about this time which have left their permanent mark in the history of the crucifixion. For one thing, this scripture: "They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast

lots." Matt. 27:34-35.

This was the fulfillment of the scripture found in Psalms 22:18--"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

I believe that Pilate somehow had a great respect for Jesus, even though he did deliver him to be crucified. Pilate really wanted to be free from his blood. This was indicated by the washing of his hands before the people. But anyway, listen to this: "And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written." John 19:19-22.

I am glad Pilate didn't change that writing. I don't think it was a mistake in putting it there. God had a hand in it.

Another thing which was more than just mere chance was the fulfillment of the scripture found here in John 19:32-37. "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of Him shall not be broken. And again another scripture

saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced."

Dear ones, these things were all necessary that the plan of our salvation might be complete and full. I am glad Christ was willing to go through with it all.

May we pause for a moment of prayer just now; Our Father, we are so glad that our redemption is complete through the plan of salvation which included the suffering and shame there on the old rugged cross. Bless each listener of the broadcast today in the way which they need most. Renew us to fight the good fight of faith until the end and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Thanks so much for a few moments of your time. May God bless each one who is helping to make this broadcast possible from week to week. If we may be of some help to you in a spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Before I go let me leave with you this food for thought--

A THOUGHT FOR EVERY DAY

Is anybody happier because you passed this way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today? This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through. Is there anyone to utter a kindly word of you? Did you give a friendly greeting to the friend who came along, or a churlish sort of "howdy" and then vanish in the throng? Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way, or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today? Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast, that you helped a single

brother of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does a man whose hopes are fading now with courage look ahead? Did you waste the day or lose it, was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say, you have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

Now this song, "Camping In Caanan", By the Carver Quartette. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Mo.: "Dear Ones of the Mission Trail: We send greetings of love, and ask God to bless you abundantly in sending the word over the air and through the printed "Mission Trail." We enjoy both very much. Sometimes we don't get to attend meeting as we would wish to do. So the radio broadcast is very precious, as well as the paper. They are very encouraging to us. The Lord has been very good to us in the year just past, and we thank Him for it all. We desire to sit at His feet and learn every precious lesson he has for us. We know He has the grace and strength to help us meet every trial and test, and to do His will. Our prayer is that we ever be found seeking our place and filling it acceptably. The Lord has worked out some problems in answer to prayer, and we are holding some more before Him. We do thank and praise Him for every good and perfect gift. For we know it all comes from Him... May the Lord bless each one. With Christian love," --Sis. Pat Cole

From N. Car.: "Just a few lines to let you know I am still enjoying the Mission Trail. It has been and still is a great blessing and an encouragement to me. It is so good to hear from so many of the dear saints. It is like getting a letter from each one of them. Surely it is a time when we need much encouragement and when the truth needs to be proclaimed..." --Stacy Biddix

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From Miss.: "To the glory of God I want to tell about some of the healings he has done for me since I got saved in 1915...I was in bed almost five months, nose bleeding, was almost blind. Two doctors say I have bad scars where God healed me of a disease...I would use a magnifying glass to read about three verses in the Bible. I had pneumonia twice, bad broken bones, lung trouble, bad looking place on my face said to be cancer in 1950. I think it was a black widow spider that bit me. The place grew to about the size of a quarter and was eating deep, looked purple. My body turned red most all over. Two ministers prayed for me. The red soon left my body. The place was healed in about a month...and so many other wonderful healings for which I praise God very much. He still helps me." --Dorothy Bridges

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From Ga.: "Holy greetings in the lovely name of Jesus our Savior who came into this world to save mankind from sin. Bro. Murphey, I have Bro. and Sister Chrisman before the Lord. Please tell me how are they getting along. I have such deep sympathy for them...I trust you all are getting along very good. I am not too well in my body, but I am encouraged to take it as it comes. I am just in the hand of a good loving Lord. What so ever he does is good and right. He never does anything wrong, praise His name." --Sis. P. R. Bowers

From Calif.: "...just want to let you know how God has healed me. I had an affliction for several years and suffered greatly at times. A few weeks back I was having a real trial suffering so wrote my sister and she requested prayer for me and they felt the prayer that went up for me really reached the throne, and I haven't had any real pain since. In fact, only had a little pain one time, so I give God all the praise. Please pray that I will live better daily."

--Sister Edna Murry

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. It has been some time since I last wrote. I am still saved and encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I am not so well in my body, very poorly at times but I am glad that I have a heart to trust the Lord...He is all and all to me."

--Sister Melissa Greer

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From Calif.: "Sorry I haven't written sooner, but I want you to know we do so enjoy the Mission Trail. I love to read it as soon as it comes. I have a very special request I would like the saints to pray about. K. C.'s uncle is very sick and in the hospital...He is only in his 40's and has 4 children...please ask everyone to pray earnestly for this family. He has suffered so much and wonders why God permits it. Oh, how I love the Lord and want this family to know what salvation can do for them."

--Bro. K. C. and Sis. Candice Rich

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in name of Jesus. Here is hoping all in your family is well. I've had cold and cough but better at present. My daughter fell on ice first of Jan. 5th and broke her hip...She is doing real well...I enjoy the Mission Trail paper so much. Please remember us in prayer. Christain love," --Sis. Tennie Dotson

From Kansas: "This... finds me happy in the Lord for His great love unto me and for a decision to follow on to see what the end will be. I truly enjoy the little paper and never lay it down when it arrives until I have read every word of it and continue to do the same until the next issue arrives and am always ready for the broadcast each Sunday morning, as I and the dear Lord are here all alone. I do love the children of my heavenly Father and as I grow older I miss not being able to be with them as I did in years past but I know God's grace will bring me through, by living according to His word and in obedience to His Holy will and doing what I can that those whom I contact may see the Savior in all I do or say. May the dear Lord bless you in your effort to send the word to a world lost in sin and fast near the judgment call. You shall have my prayers and keep me ever before the blessed Savior as I mean heaven whatever it takes."

--Sis. Mae Belle Jennings

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From W. Va.: "I've been wanting to write you for a while now, and it seems the time goes by so fast, my job, and my home and family keep me so busy, but thank the Lord all these things don't keep me from the time I can spend for the Lord. I want to thank you for the Mission Trail. It keeps me much encouraged. I thank the Lord for the mercy he showed upon me once again. Things are so much clearer now. I'm striving and eager to learn more in the ways of living for the Lord. The little congregation from Green Bank met here at my house Tuesday a week ago. They came 30 miles to be here. The service we had surely blessed me. Meeting with these people of God makes me so much stronger in defeating the temptations of the devil. Lots of Christian love,"

--Sis. Elaine Landis

From La.: "Greetings of much love to you this beautiful day that the Lord has given us to rejoice in! I have been wanting to write to you for some time. ...I am so glad that you all are praying for God to work in having the Smallings here for camp meeting. I am also praying for this! I am sending some for their expenses to come here...it is from our heavenly Father--thank Him! ...I enjoy the Mission Trail so much! ...I am still caring for my sister Amy. She is very weak and thin and eats so little. I read the Bible to her and she seems to listen...I know that God wants me here. I want to be found doing His will! I feel as I will go back to Mexico when God wills."--Sis. Carrie Sheppard

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From Miss.: "...Hope you all are well. I'm enclosing an offering. I enjoy the Mission Trail, want you to keep it coming. I appreciate your work for the Lord and pray that he will bless you in every needed way. I love the Lord and want to live in a way he will be satisfied with me. I play the song sometimes over and over on the record player... "Is He Satisfied With Me" Is he satisfied with me, have I done my best. Have I stood the test, Is he satisfied with me. Do you ever search your heart as you watch the day depart. Is there something way down deep you try to hide. If this day would be the end and eternity begin would the Lord be satisfied?"

--Sis. Novella Pugh

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From Okla.: "In Jesus name we send greetings. Trust that this finds you encouraged in the Lord and blessed in body also. May God truly bless your efforts and labors of love to the salvation of souls and encouragement of God's children. Truly the time is short. May he truly direct your efforts into the most useful channels of labor... Pray for us."

--Bro. Alton & Sis. Fern Stubblefield

A Reminder - - Water!

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood ... Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house unto the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation... the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights... And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark..." --Genesis

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From Ill.: "It is another dreary day here--raining, and I'm sure you hear about the flooding along the Mississippi river. I am thankful we don't live where the floodwaters rise. It must be awful for those who have to leave their homes because of high water." Thelma Sprague

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From La.: "...my children planted two rows of irish potatoes, one of mus-tard. Their garden is in a very low place. All water off this hill runs through it and it rains most all the time. It has rained most all day today and people on the river are having to move out. Two men drowned and their horses are up here at Clarence--a sad picture. It doesn't go more than two days at a time without rain. It is said it would be another 1927 flood. I was in that one with three little children, spent a miserable time." --Lillie Evans

From Kans.: "How is the weather in Oklahoma? We are still having rainy weather. They said we had 7 days in March without rain. The last time I went to Coffeyville, I called the high-way patrol to find out if the roads were clear all the way. God sends the rain on the just and the unjust, we must not murmur or complain."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Pa.: "Today is dreary and rainy. I has rained for almost 18 hours. I feel sorry for those who are homeless in this flood in their state. God knows and cares. The people in Noah's day didn't like the flood either, but God showed them that He meant business."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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Another Reminder - - Fire!

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be ..." --2 Peter 3.

at press time

we understand:

From Ala.: "I am gaining my strength back, after the death of my husband. Sometimes I miss him so much, but I know he is resting with God. I am praising the dear Lord for giving me the assurance of his saving his soul, before going out into eternity. I am leaning on the Lord for strength. I want to thank the ones that have come in our hour of grief. Pray that we will lean fully on him, and that our lives may be a witness for him, as long as we live in this life."

--Sis. Pearlene Whitson, 235 S. Park Rd, Birmingham, Ala. 35211

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Springfield, Mo.: "We are so thankful to have Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen here now. They have gotten settled in their new home...We plan to have a gospel singing Saturday night April 28 and want to give everyone a special invitation to come. And come prepared to take part with their special songs. We also plan all day meeting on Sunday April 29..." Pauline Lowe. Chapel: 718 N. Kansas Clocks set one hour ahead April 29th.

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From Miss.: "I have been so busy with my mother for the past month, until I've hardly had time to do anything else. She had a partial stroke 4 weeks ago, and has been in bed ever since. All her left side, arm, shoulder and left leg was just limp. She couldn't move or do anything with her left side, but she is much improved now, can sit up in bed, and feed herself. I'm so very thankful to still have her with me..."

--Sis. Grace Gill

From Texas: "Please remember Teresa in your prayers. She was attacked by a dog here at home and is in the hospital. He attacked her face and head."

--Carolyn Stevens

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From La.: "We're looking forward to Bro. & Sis. Stover coming Easter and holding a few nights meeting."

--Manuel and Marie Mitchell

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From Georgia: "...I mean to be true. Pray for me. I am still holding on to the blood stained banner of the Lord..."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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Congratulations to Gary and Judy Morgan on birth of their daughter April 6; also to Don and Carolyn McIntosh on the birth of their son April 7.

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Word came that Sister Iva Boling suffered a stroke. Pray for her.

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Due to the death of her husband our sympathy and prayers go out for Sister Lettie West, Lovington, Illinois 61937.

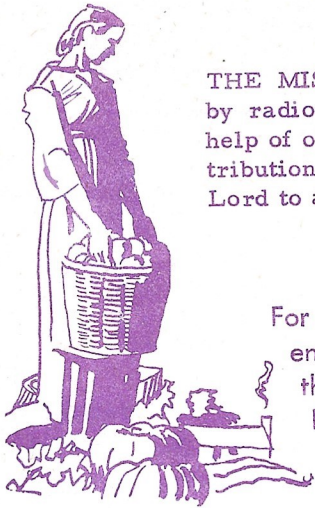
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From Calif.: "Our dear Sister Atha passed Thursday 25 minutes to 12. Our loss is heaven's gain. Having funeral Tuesday. Bro. Ostis Wilson has charge of funeral."

--Sis. Dessie LeMelle

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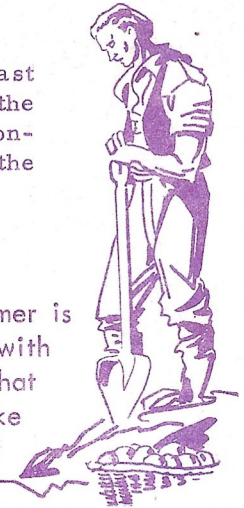
Congratulations to Clifford and Patsy Smith on birth of son April 12. Frances is spending few days with them in Oregon to help care for family while "Michael Warren" is brand new.



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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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