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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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Deceitfulness

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I am going to speak briefly about deceit or deceive. That is spelled d-e-c-e-i-t. It is used a lot by a lot of folks in different ways. But first here is the definition for the word deceive. "To cause to believe an untruth, or to practice deceit." Here are a few synonyms for it, mislead, delude, beguile. Other words in describing it more fully, implies the imposing of a false belief that causes bewilderment or helplessness or furthers the agent's purpose. Then mislead stresses a leading astray from the truth usually by deliberately deceiving. Delude and beguile stress the action of the one deceived. Delude implies an inability to distinguish between the true and the false; beguile, a readiness to be charmed or persuaded by the deceiver.

And now the text from Jer. 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Then let us go on and hear verse 10, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

Deceit is a dangerous thing and yet as I said it is used by many folks in many different ways. Let us look at it now from a scriptural standpoint. In Mark 7:21-23 we find where deceit comes from: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within and defile the man." So we find here that deceit comes from a evil heart. Then it is usually manifested by the tongue. Did you ever notice that? Rom. 3:13 brings this out. "Their throat is an open sep-

ulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:" That sounds bad enough doesn't it? But notice the next five points backed up by the scriptures regarding deceit:

1. The wicked are full of deceit. "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers," Rom. 1:29
2. The wicked devise it. "The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit." Prov. 12:5, The same thought is brought out in Psa. 35:20, "For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land".
3. And then the wicked utter deceit. Listen to this: "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before their

eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil." Psa. 36:1-4

4. Not only do the wicked devise and utter deceit but they work deceit. Prov. 11:18 says, "The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." Furthermore then listen to this next characteristic.

5. The wicked delight in deceit. In Pro. 20:17 we find these words, "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." Now did you ever have your mouth filled with gravel, grit, and sand? It is pretty rough chewing, isn't it? Well, this is the way it is for those folks who try to practice deceit, take delight in it and think they get away with it. After all is said and done their life is pretty well filled with grit and gravel.

Now, how about an example? Going over to the 27th chapter of Gen. we find the report of two boys. They were twins and yet Esau was older than his brother Jacob and was lawfully entitled to the blessing from his father Isaac. So one day when Isaac was an old man, his eyes were rather dim, and he didn't know just how much longer he was going to live, he decided he had better be setting things in order by blessing his oldest son, Esau. Now you may remember that Esau had in a moment of weakness one day bargained to exchange his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage. He must have been pretty hungry! Well, anyway Isaac was still going

to bless him. So he told him to go out with his bow and quiver and take some venison. You see it is nothing new to hunt for deer with bows and arrows. Now while Esau was gone Jacob's mother Rebekah seemed to be determined that Jacob was going to get this blessing and not Esau. So here is what she and Jacob did.

I quote, "And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob." You see, one of the reasons they could do this was because Esau was a real hairy man so when Isaac felt of Jacob or that is he felt of that hairy skin which he had on him then he thought it was Esau. But wait a minute, let me give you this story first hand. Do you think these words were a little deceitful that Jacob said? Here they are beginning with Gen. 27:19, "And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou bidest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he

said, I am."

Now would you say this is a good example of deceit? I would say yes. For he deceived him first by his words. He said, "I am thy firstborn Esau". Secondly he deceived his dear old father who was blind, by his actions. He gave him kid's flesh for venison and said he had executed his order and got it by hunting. And number 3 he deceived his father by his clothing. He put on Esau's garments and the kidskins upon his hands and the smooth of his neck. In short he made use of 3 different species of deception for that particular occasion to accomplish his ends. To attempt to excuse his conduct only disserves the cause of religion and truth. Men have laboured not only to excuse this conduct of Rebekah and Jacob but even to show that it was consistent and that the whole was according to the mind and will of God. God and truth is under no obligation to such defenders. Their hands are more unshallowed than those of Uzzah. And however the bearers may stumble the ark of God requires not their support. I grant you that the design of God in this particular case was that the elder should serve the younger. But who are we to say that God could not bring this about in his own will and way other than by this deceitful means used by Jacob and Rebekah? And is it not true that Jacob's life was filled with some bitter, bitter experiences because of this deceit? At one point in the following years he wrestled with the angel of God in the early morning hours before the breaking of day in order to receive a blessing from God to prepare him to meet his brother Esau once again.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Help us to be open with our hearts and lives, honest before God and before men, and never be guilty of using deceit to accomplish some purpose of our own contrary to the will of God and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

From Oregon: "Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. It is such a beautiful day here in Oregon! We thank Him for the sunshine and all other blessings of life. As I read the Mission Trail I thought it was about time for me to let you know that I appreciate it. I don't want to be a silent reader. I am sure you spend many hours getting the little paper out to the people... As I was reading in 1 Tim. 3:15 where Paul told Timothy that he was writing unto him in verse 14 hoping to come shortly, but if he tarried that he might know how to behave himself in the house of God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. As I read these words they seemed to bring new life to me. Oh, to always know how to behave my self in this precious church of God, and as I read the word and follow the instructions I'll always live to please Him... Yes, the desire of my heart is to be more like Christ... Oh, to always let Him hold our hands and as we draw close to Him, then we know more and more how to behave ourselves, do all things to edify... to this date all are well here and the dear Lord is blessing His dear ones. Your sister in the truth, "

--Bea Spaur

From Okla.: "Many thanks for the Mission Trail. I enjoy reading all of it. And thank you for your prayers. I never will forget your dear daughter. I am living with my son, and my youngest daughter lives near. I lost my two oldest daughters eleven months apart, Delores 47, Eunice 53... May God bless you all." --Mrs. Thatcher

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From Mo.: "Trust all are well and encouraged to fight this good fight of faith. We are in a great warfare. Much grace from God is needed and wisdom and knowledge, but the Lord has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Isn't that a wonderful promise? We can depend on God... God bless each one of you as you labor for him. Remember us in prayers. Yours for the truth." --F. E. and Ellen Wilson

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From Okla.: "We have so much to be thankful for. I first of all thank God for salvation, the most precious life on earth that blessed hope after this life is over. I am so sorely afflicted in my body. I covet your prayers. I do enjoy the little Mission Trail paper, always looking forward to its arrival. I love the testimonies and answers to prayer. It is a busy time here at home, much to be done..."

--Sis. Berniece Rumfelt

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From La.: "It has been quite some time since I wrote or sent an offering to you. I do enjoy the program on the air. We hear it nearly every Sunday morning, also glad to receive the printed form as well. We do thank God for so many blessings. More than we can count. So happy to be able to call on Him each day or night in thanks or whatever and to know He cares and answers. Please remember us in prayer. I have some unspoken requests... Sincerely,"

--Pearl W. Bailey

From Mo.: "Trust this finds you all well and encouraged to follow on in this good way of the Lord. The Lord is so good to his trusting children. He will never leave us or forsake us. I'm glad I ever found him precious to my soul and have a desire to serve him. I have been living for the Lord quite a long time and I'm not tired of it. It only grows sweeter to me... I only wish I could tell how good it is to live for and trust but words can't express it... Yours for Him," --Sis. Myrtle Glass

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From Kansas: "It is wonderful, no matter what our afflictions are we can take them to God and get the help we need. How precious it is to trust in God. I've had God answer my prayer, but not as I had expected. He reminded me that is an answer to your prayer..."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Ark.: "I am not well, in a wheel chair so please pray for me. I will be 81 years old on May 25th. I live with my son. He is real good to me. My neighbors are good to me and they read the paper to me... God bless you as you labor for Him and meet your needs."

--Sister Ruth Scalf

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From Oregon: "I am so sweetly saved and sanctified and learning more how to walk in the narrow way every day. God is surely blessing me richly day by day. I love my Lord and God. He is my all in all." --Sis. Allis King

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From Okla.: "This is a beautiful morning. The yard looks like a green carpet--Easter lillies and Crocus in bloom. We pray this finds all well. That the Lord will bless you all abundantly to carry on his work. The dear Lord has brought us through a severe trial this winter. We appreciate the prayers of the saints." --C. C. and Doris Bowers

From Mo.: "We are much encouraged in the Lord. He has been blessing our soul so much...His eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers...so glad we can trust Him."
--Elizabeth Glass

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From Wisc.: "I went to Chippewa Falls today as my 18-day probation was up and I put the sack full of tranquilizers on the social worker's desk and he said, "You didn't take your medicine, tell me about it!" Well, one night Mom and I were listening to the radio and when it was over she turned to me and asked me what it was about as she is so deaf. Well, I couldn't answer her because I was in such a tranquilized stupor. I decided then and there that I mustn't take any more tranquilizers as I couldn't keep up with things. The social worker was very pleased and said I looked so much more "animated." He... showed me to the ... counsellor. She was very pleased also and said my transactional analysis counsellor who had to go back to school was so happy to hear from her lips that I had gone home... Will be looking forward to getting the "Mission Trail" at my new address."

--Esther Adams

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From N. Mexico: "...hope you are all well, and have God's blessings in all his service. I know there is so much to do. I am very thankful for your prayers for my dear husband. He is so much improved, isn't home yet. Continue to remember him in your prayers. He has a lot of afflictions...God bless every one."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Mo.: "I'm still encouraged in the Lord. He is all and all to me. I couldn't do without his help. He gives us all good things to enjoy. He loves us all."
--Lily Glass

The price of sin had tossed me about
On seas of deep despair,
The tides and waves o'erwhelmed my soul
And no rest awaited there.
Then as a chip worthless I floated
On down the restless stream,
Only there to discover disappointment
And a lonely broken dream.
Twas there my Saviour found me
And lead me to his side
He said, "my child too long indeed
My help you have denied.
Your precious soul belongs to me
But you have taken possession
And all these years I have let you go
To prove your wrong direction.
Until now you see you have lost your way
And nearing an empty doom,
But if you are ready to take my advice
I am here to lead you home."
Awakened and amazed I looked around
As far as I could see
But saw no one and heard no more
The voice that spoke to me
O what is this I humbly prayed,
O Lord up there in heaven
Can it be you are speaking to me
And my sins can be forgiven?
On bending knees I bowed my head
As Jesus taught me to pray,
And it was there I sold the last pence worth
And heard my Saviour say
You are forgiven my little child
Come now and walk with me
Along the path of priceless things
I have a place for thee.
Twas then my Jesus bought this heart of mine
And sealed it with His own blood
Then set a seal upon my soul and tagged it
REDEEMED UNTO GOD!
Now other forms would buy me back
Cleaned up and polished again to shine
They say, "You would be of great value to us,
These rare jewels we seldom find."
No, no, sad world, be on your way,
You have no more charm for me.
I will wear this golden tag with joy,
Through all eternity. --Gladys Cashio

From Miss.: "I want to thank you for your faithfulness in sending "The Mission Trail. "...so often I ask the Lord to "bless you by Christ Jesus". He is still every thing to me. By His help and grace I want to trust him, and go with him, all the way. I find that His promises are the same today. Thank you for your prayers...Yours in the faith and His love," --Cressie Hudson

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From Md.: "Just a few lines today to let you know I am still thankful to be getting the Mission Trail paper and enjoy reading all of them. I am real sorry I have not written to you sooner. I hope you both will forgive me. I have been ill a great lot for several months, better in some ways, praise the Lord... Please pray that the Lord will heal my body completely. I would love to be able to do my house work again. My husband does my wash. That helps me out a lot. I am not so young any more, just 68, but I would like to be able to do more work and also have the strength to go out among my neighbors and take the truth to them...I understand that Bro. Samons is coming to Arbovale, W. Va...in June, if it is the Lord's will. Please pray for me that I will be able to go down to that meeting and pray that souls will be saved down around there...They have a big building for people to stay in there in Green Bank, W. Va...I have a great desire to meet you dear saints some day. Pray that I will become more spiritual from day to day and do God's precious will...Christian love to all."--Sis. Myrtle Warner

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From Mo.: "Hope all are well in Jesus dear name. I have not been well for a long time, so much rain and damp weather. We had 2 days and nights of rain last week...I guess the Lord is trying to wash this old sick, ...wicked sinful world." --W. D. Harmon

From Wisc.: "Dear Murpheys, Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus! It is pouring rain as I sit here writing and it is supposed to continue all day night and part of tomorrow. I can see the grass is getting really green; also there were two robins in a tree in my yard this morning. You probably have more robins there. Usually I have only one all summer but now I have two. Birds are scarce here... Truly, we are serving a mighty God! May He richly bless you all as you labor for souls!"

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Fla.: "Hope every one there is well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Hope to see you at some camp meeting this summer. Pray that we will be able to go to at least part. May God bless in your efforts for Him and come see us when you can. Love and prayer," --Clifford and Marie Lindner

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From La.: "Greetings in Jesus name. We think of you often and hear the broadcast when we are here which is most of the time. We were gone to Calif. in late Feb. to visit our son Donald and family. The Lord gave us a good trip and very nice weather while there. Sis. Edith Cole went with us and directed us in Mexico--a nice trip for wife and me. And the mountains were so pretty with flowers and green grass. Surely the Lord is so good to all peoples--especially that we can be saved from sin and tell others the wonderful story of salvation. We are doing well in soul and body and encouraged to press on for Jesus, and trust you and your family are being blessed of the Lord... Kenneth and his family were here to visit us and we had a weeks services--April 15-22nd. We had a good meeting, although it was a busy week, the funeral of Sis. Juanita Williamson being here..." --Bro. H. V. Probst

at press time

we understand:



RECEIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Take 2 heaping cups of patience
 1 cup full of obedience,
 1 heart full of love
 Just a drop of the Savior's blood
 --applied to the heart,
 2 hands full of generosity
 Dash of laughter
 1 head full of understanding
 Sprinkle freely with kindness
 Add plenty of faith and mix well
 Spread over a period of a lifetime
 And serve everybody you meet.

Don, Juanita and Keith Williamson
 Easter, 1972

Juanita's death April 18 this year has brought great sadness to this family.

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"Brother Willie, ...I am sending this poem she carried in her purse, and she not only carried the poem around with her, but practiced it in daily life. Surely her passing is a great loss to us, but heaven's gain...Don was in his house yesterday and I went over. He was cleaning the floor and said, "Oh, I have an ache." I asked if it was heartache and he said, "yes"...Juanita was such a model wife...Pray for us. Love,"

--Sis. Ruby Williamson

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Pray for Bro. J. M. Mitchell, 1019 Tioga Rd., Pineville, La. 71360. His nerves and eyes are bad. He is also sad over the passing of his son, Mayo.

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The All Day Youth Service in Oklahoma City has been postponed from May 13 to June 24.

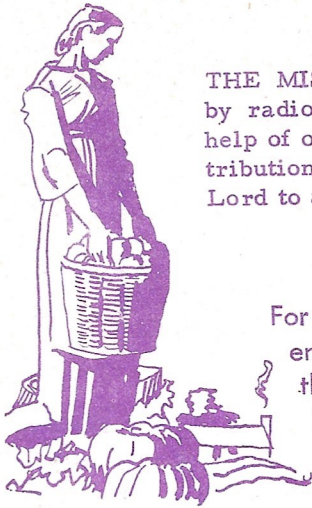
--Charles Chandler

From Jamaica: "Again it is our pleasure to send you greetings of Christian love in the name Jesus--Him who gave freely His life-blood to reconcile us to Him in one family--His church; and praise Him, having accepted the conditions for this reconciliation we have the assurance that we have been reconciled to Him and to one another, and thus we enjoy the love and fellowship of this great and wonderful family which includes mankind from every tribe and nation. Is not this wonderful! Yes, salvation through Christ is wonderful. We know we have it but cannot fully explain it. It is real. The effects are seen. Truly "when the roll is called up yonder, and we see the blood-washed number, we'll be filled with joy and wonder. Some from every tribe and nation will be there. "...Thanks for your letter giving us more information relative to our coming over there...We are doing what we can. We have got our pass ports and as soon as we get the letters from you, as stated in previous correspondence, we will apply for our visas. Do you think it will be necessary for us to contact the Air Service for reservations before the date on which we are going to travel? Of course that is after we have received the air tickets from you. Please send same by registered mail...Continue to pray for us and we are doing same for you."

--Israel and Olga Smalling

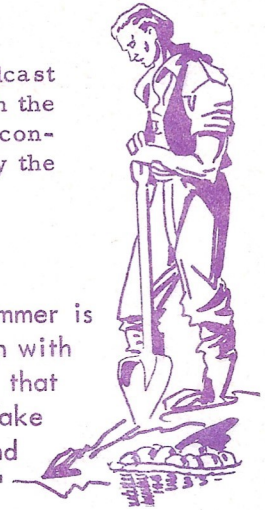
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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke 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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