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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 Right Time and Place

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Good morning, friends. I hope all of you are in your places and ready for whatever the Lord has for you today. It means much to be in the right place at the right time. But I believe if we, as the children of the Lord, are led by His spirit we will be exactly in the order and will which He has for us. Here, let me show you how Queen Esther was brought to the throne for the purpose of delivering the people of the Lord who were being oppressed.

"Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him." Esther 4:13-17.

Now, that is quite a record, isn't it? Let me fill in some of the details for you. Mordecai and Esther were evidently cousins. They were Jews. When Queen Vashti was put away from her husband Ahasuerus, king of the Medes and the Persians, Esther was selected as queen. So far so good. But the catch to it all is this. They had one enemy, Haman, who sought to destroy the Jews, because of his envy and jealousy of Mordecai. Haman had obtained permission of the king for their destruction and the day had been set.

I am particularly concerned about this instruction Mordecai gave Esther. He

sent her word to go in and talk to the king about this trouble which was in the making, but she said, "I haven't been called to come to the king for these thirty days." You see, the rule was, if any person should go in to the king without being sent for, they were to be put to death unless the King should hold out his golden sceptre. Mordecai didn't excuse Esther on these grounds. He just let her know she was in for trouble too, if she didn't try to avoid this disaster to the Jews.

Moreover, Mordecai went on to say, if she didn't help, deliverance would arise from another source but she and her

father's house were going to be destroyed. He had the confidence that deliverance would come by some means, and he thought that if she did not use the influence which her providential station had given her, she would be held responsible.

Listen again to these words: "And who knoweth whether thou art come" This is as if to say, "Is it likely that Divine providence would have so distinguished thee and raised thee from a state of obscurity, merely for thy own sake? Must it not have been on some public account? Did not he see what was coming? and has he not put thee in the place where thou mayest counteract one of the most ruinous purposes ever formed?" Is there a human being who has not some particular station by an especial providence, at some particular time, in which he can be of some essential service to his neighbour, in averting evil or procuring good, if he be but faithful to the grace and opportunity afforded by this station? Who dares give a negative to these questions? We lose much, both in reference to ourselves and others, by not taking advantage of our providential situation and circumstances.

In Eccl. 3:1 we find these words: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" and again in Proverbs 3:27--"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." So here Esther was about to let slip from her the opportunity to do something for which God had no doubt raised her up to this position of honor.

The noted writer Shakespeare wrote something like this: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in

shallows, and in miseries. On such a full sea we are now afloat and we must take the current as it serves or lose our ventures."

It is wonderful how the Lord will use one man or one woman to turn the tide of evil when the forces of wickedness are abounding. Even though you be all alone God is there to give victory. "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

And again, do you remember this scripture: "This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man." Eccl. 9:13-15.

Dear ones, don't you be troubled about it, even though you may be poor in this world's goods. And if you should be forgotten by men, be assured God remembers. He remembers if you stood in the place you were designed to fill. He has a purpose and a plan for every life. And, of course, He remembers if you don't fulfill your obligation too! Think not that you can shirk your duty and be innocent before God. But instead, let us all make the decision as Esther, "...and so will I go in". If God be for us who can be against us?

Let us pray, Our Father, we thank thee for the opportunity of standing in the place which you have designed for every one of us. Give us grace and courage to be a good witness for thee in these evil days. Bless each listener of the

broadcast and renew their strength because of thy presence and thine shall be the praise and glory through Christ, Amen.

Thanks so much for a few moments of your time. I truly hope your life will be enriched by the Word of the Lord. Be with us again next week at this same time. If we may be of further assistance in some spiritual battle be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

We appreciate the interest and cooperation of those who help us keep this broadcast on the air from week to week. May I remind you also that God has provided the means for Bro. and Sis. Smalling from Jamaica to be with us this summer. We are looking forward to their coming in July. They are scheduled to land in Miami, Florida on July 11th. Pray that their visit with the saints may be a blessing both to them and to us.

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I saw God wash the world last night
 With His sweet showers on high,
 And then, when morning came, I saw
 Him hang it out to dry.
 He washed each tiny blade of grass
 And every trembling tree;
 He flung His showers against the hill,
 And swept the billowing sea,
 The white rose is a cleaner white,
 The red rose is more red,
 Since God washed every fragrant face
 And put them all to bed.
 There's not a bird, there's not a bee
 That wings along the way
 But is a cleaner bird and bee
 Than it was yesterday.
 I saw God wash the world last night.
 Ah, would He had washed me
 As clean of all my dust and dirt
 As that old white birch tree.

--Sel. by Ethel Worrall

Pray don't find fault with the man who
 falls or stumbles along the road,
 Unless you have worn the shoes he
 Wears, or stumbled beneath his load.
 There may be tacks in his shoes that
 hurt, though hidden away from view,
 Or the burden he bears placed on your
 back might cause you to stumble too.
 Don't sneer at the man who is down to-
 day, unless you have felt the blow
 That caused his fall, or felt the shame
 That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows
 That were his, if dealt to you,
 In the self-same way, at the self-same
 time might cause you to stagger too.

--Sel. by Sybil Goldsberry

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One day John Wesley was walking with
 a friend whose problems seemed un-
 bearable. He discussed them with
 Wesley and then commented: "I can't
 understand it all. If God is love, why
 have these things come upon me? I
 can't see thru it all." They were walk-
 ing in the country, and Wesley noticed
 a cow looking over a wall. He pointed
 to the animal and said, "Why does a
 cow look over a wall?" "Because she
 cannot see thru it!" replied the irri-
 tated friend. "Precisely," responded
 Wesley, "and if you cannot see thru
 your troubles, try overlooking them."

--Selected by Berniece Miles

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A marriage should not be entered into
 lightly. Some people get married with
 the thought in mind that if it doesn't
 work out they can always get a divorce.
 Instead, one should enter into mar-
 riage with a positive attitude to make it
 succeed. If people would select their
 marriage partners most carefully in-
 stead of rushing into things there would
 be fewer divorces. When a couple gets
 married they promise before God to
 live together till death parts them. To
 break this promise is a great sin.

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "I guess you know we're having a tent meeting soon (June 8)... This is a short letter, but I had to write and let you know how the Lord protected us last Tuesday. My sister-in-law (who was driving), her baby, my daughter (Melinda) and myself were in a car wreck. Another car hit us. We rolled over the hill on the top and came back up on the wheels. The baby got one little scratch. Melinda got two small cuts. The driver had to have some stitches in her back and hand, and myself, I came out with a couple skinned places and a few small scratches. I never even got sore to amount to anything. It is really something how the Lord saw to it that we didn't take our other children... There were a lot of other things that could have happened that didn't. When you come out of a wreck like this and not even a bump on the head, you know the Lord was watching over you. How wonderful he is to us. It really encourages my soul to think of the things he did... Remember us in your prayers." --Karen Lambert

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From Mo.: "I felt led of the Lord to write a letter to you. I was just reading in Isaiah 40:26, 28 and some thoughts came to my mind. When we lift up our eyes to heaven and see the things he has created and how much better it will be when we get to heaven than here on earth, it just thrills my heart to think about it... Physical man must have rest at night, but God in heaven never has to rest at night. He's always there when we need him. He never takes a vacation. I just thank and praise the wonderful name of the Lord... I enjoyed the message on deceitfulness. How true that is today."

--Sis. Mary McPherson

From Okla.: "I hope everyone there is well and I know are enjoying the good meeting. I am doing very well but my head is giving me quite a bit of trouble. Please request prayer for me and also Sister Boling." --Berniece Rumfelt

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From W. Va.: "I am late in writing as I haven't been very well, but am feeling better. The Lord has strengthened me. My trust is in Him, and I know He doeth all things well..."

--Sis. Olive Keene

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From Okla.: "I am so thankful the dear Lord is so good to me, that I can still take care of myself. I am so glad to get the paper. I read every word. I am so glad for testimonies. Don't forget to pray for me. I love the saints. No matter what happens it will be for the best."

--Grandma Matthesen

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From Ohio: "These few lines leaves me encouraged in the dear Lord and pressing toward the prize that is waiting for all that endure unto the end. I am not too well in body... (my son is writing this for me) but I do thank the dear Lord for complete victory in my soul. He has done great things for his people and is ever good to them who do not call upon his name. I am so glad that I ever learned to put my full trust in him. As it reads in Psalms, "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings." Psalms 9:9-11... although I am not able to write, I would love to hear from the dear saints. I appreciate all the cards and letters and the prayers in the past."

--Sis. Maudie Sharp, 2142 Needmore Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45414.

From Ohio: "We can truly say, Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." We have intended writing you long before now. Seemingly time passes much faster than ever. So, we know we are living in the last days of time. So our time is not our own. We want to use it all to the glory of our Lord, consequently we are trying to still give full time in the services of our Lord, also preparing for our camp meeting in July. There is not much time to spare... Pray for us." --Sis. Hazel Clark

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From Wisconsin: "I'm being deeply tested now and have been for quite a long time, but I'm looking to God. "O our God...we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." 2 Chron. 20:12."

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Kansas: "I do thank God He has brought me to the place that I can take things with more grace. I used to have a habit of worrying till it almost destroyed my faith, but God has blessed me and given more grace and delivered me from that spirit of worry. Thank God, no matter how the devil tempts us or tries to accuse us or persecute us, all we have to do is call upon the Spirit of the Lord to lift up a standard against the devil and through the shed blood of Jesus and the Word of God to resist him."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

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From Okla.: "I am still able to go and trust the good Lord for his love and salvation. It keeps us from going after this old world and fashions and fads... Well, God is so good to people. We don't have much more time here. People should prepare to go. Jesus is coming soon for all of His saints..."

--Sis. Della Harrison

From Okla.: "I am trusting in our God for his great and many blessings to all. In St. John 1:29, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." v. 36, "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!" I love Jesus. He is doing so much for me. My heart is broken because of the love of God to all. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Calif.: "Dear brother Willie and family, it is time to tell you how much I enjoy the Mission Trail. I read it and love to hear about my brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our God does so much for us. I am glad I am saved and trusting in the dear Lord. He can work out every problem if we will let him...I believe our God's word when he says: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." Isn't that a wonderful promise? I want to be everything he wants me to be and where I am weak, make me strong. I am glad he knows our hearts and he loved us so much to die on that cruel cross for me and all people."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Miss.: "I am 14 years of age. I have been reading Mission Trail for quite some time. I never subscribed to it, but I read them when a very old lady received them, but now she has passed away and they have stopped coming. I am not able to send a donation at the present time but I would like to receive copies of The Mission Trail."

--Lisa Woullard

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From Calif.: "This is a beautiful day to rejoice and be glad in. We have had so much fog and clouds...Praise God He is so good to me."--Dessie LeMelle

From Kansas: "I am still encouraged and pressing on the upward way. The times are troublesome and days evil but grace is still free and plentiful if we only ask for it. I am sending \$10 to help with the fare to get Bro. & Sis. Smalling to the states this summer. I believe this will be a real profitable trip for them and may the Lord bless in every phase of it...I hope to attend several meetings this year if the Lord wills...Well, may the Lord keep us all encouraged..." --Shirley Knight

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From Ky.: "We send greetings of love to you over the miles. I am glad to report victory in my soul, trusting this finds you all in good health. My eyes give trouble, at times I can read but just a few lines. It seemed this morning as if the birds were singing in praise of this day. As soon as it was light a single bird called loudly. Soon he was joined by a host of them singing and chirping for about 30 minutes...We have a lot of lovely flowers here back of the house and a little closed in park... Pray for me here in this ungodly place. I am holding to the tree of life, trusting him for grace to take me through."

--Sister Alpha Baldrige

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From Calif.: "I do love my Savior and Lord and Master more and more even the troubles will come to all of us and some often but we are going to be true to our Father above and love the people of God and agree with them for all our needs."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From S. Car.: "This finds me still pressing on to make heaven. I still enjoy reading the little Mission Trail paper. It makes me to know that you are trying to win souls, so that is what every saint of God must be doing. The harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few." --Bro. Eddie Driggers

From Colo.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. I am so thankful I have one that I can take my heart aches to and he knows just how to undertake for me...Oh, it would be good to be close where I could go to service each Sunday at least, but the Lord does help me and I'm determined to hold out to the end. Jesus will help me. I don't want to miss heaven when through here. So do pray for my unsaved children and don't forget to include me. I want to live so my children can have confidence in me..."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Mo.: "Trust all are well and encouraged to fight this good fight of faith. Truly we are in a great warfare against the powers of the wicked. It is a daily fight. But Jesus has promised sufficient grace for every need. We are encouraged to be faithful until the last battle is fought and won. We do not know what the cost will be, but all will be well if we trust in God...Yours for the truth," --Bro. & Sis. F. E. Wilson

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From Ga.: "Dear saints, I hope all is well and enjoying the best of health, trusting in the Lord pressing on. I mean to live for Him and die for Him. I have my prayer service every day at noon. Pray for me..."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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From Miss.: "I, as many others, receive and enjoy your stirring messages sent out in the Mission Trail. I pray God will give you strength and means to carry on, that the message of the Gospel, through your...efforts, may reach the unreached and bring many precious souls to a knowledge of one who gave His life for the salvation of eternity bound humanity. May the Lord richly bless and reward you with a bountiful harvest of the lost and dying is my prayer." --Mrs. Olen Williamson

at press time

we understand:

From Texas: "The Lord was so good to us, letting us be in another good meeting. How we did enjoy it...we can see why God desired companionship and created man to worship him and serve him. Mrs. Cook surely did enjoy the meeting. We have been neighbors for over 30 years...We have had many trials and burdens recently, but the Lord is bringing us through them all. We so much desired to help on the plane fare for the Smallings. Many things prevented. Enclosed \$5.00 perhaps can help you bring them from Fla. We are praying the Lord will permit us to go to Monark so we can meet them, also the Bro. from India...The Mission Trail is such a blessing to us, as I told Willie Eugene, the poem "My Talent" fit me so well. I can only appreciate and truly I do, everything the Lord and the saints do for us. May the Lord give a rich harvest of souls in all the meetings this summer. The way world conditions are, we may not have the privilege of meeting together another year."

--Sis. Edith Wall

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Congratulations to Nancy Wilkins and Terry Allen whose wedding date was set for June 16th in the Church of God chapel, Senath, Mo. We wish them much happiness. Nancy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Wilkins and Terry the son of Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen.

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Congratulations to Don and Lana Johnson, R. 4, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, on the birth of their daughter June 7th.

It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of Sis. Florence Parham of Enid, Okla. She has not been well for some time. The Lord saw best to call for her June 11. Her passing is a great loss, especially to her son, Bro. John Sisk, 1605 S. Adams, Enid 73701. Ask God to bless in this sorrow.

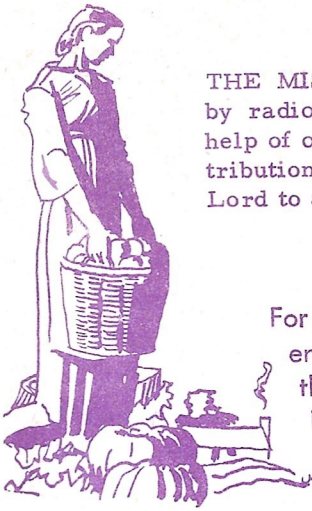
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From Calif.: "I am still saved and feel so happy about it as I believe it is the only way. Also I know it would have made my mother Sr. Lena M. O'Malley and grandmother Schutz so happy to know I am carrying on for them. My dear brother Charles Lee O'Malley of Oregon wrote me that he has given his soul to God and that he has had a wonderful experience with the Lord..."

--Sis. Lillian Williamson

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It was with grateful hearts that Frances and I reached our 31st wedding anniversary June 6, 1973. Since that date in June, 1942 when we were united in "one" God has freely showered his blessings along with the times of sorrow as well, and our lives have been much enriched. The call to the ministry came early in life before marriage and one to stand by my side in times of stress and strain has proven a blessing indeed. Now for more than eight years the door to broadcast the gospel by means of radio has been opened to us. Many thanks to those who have made it possible by their prayers and offerings. Pray for us that we may be faithful in all that God calls us to do and that we may finish our ministry with joy.



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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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