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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 Last Invitation

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A cheerful good morning to every listener of the broadcast. It is such a pleasure and privilege to be coming your way again by means of radio. Surely we should take advantage of the opportunities which the Lord sends our way. Who of us can tell how long we may be permitted to enjoy these golden opportunities of preaching the truth over the air and sending through the mails the message of salvation? Listen to this poem:

A PRESENT HELP

There is never a day so dreary
But God can make it bright;
And unto the soul that trusts him
He giveth songs in the night.
There is never a path so hidden
But God will show the way
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance
And patiently watch and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy
But the loving hands are there,
Outstretched in tender compassion,
The burden to help us bear.
There is never a heart that is broken
But the loving Christ can heal;
For the heart that was pierced on Calv'ry
Doth still for his people feel.

There is never a life so burdened,
So hopeless and unblest,
But may be filled with the light of God,
And enter his promised rest.
There is never a sin or a sorrow,
There is never a care or a loss,
But we may carry to Jesus
And leave at the foot of the cross.

Now, for the next few moments I want

to speak about the "last invitation." First, let me give it to you directly from the scriptures:

"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they

may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:7-17.

Friends, throughout the Bible there is a record that God has been seeking for man. Right away after Adam sinned, he hid from the presence of the Lord. "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" I'll tell you where he was. He was trying to hide from the presence of the Lord because he knew he had sinned.

From first to last the Bible reveals a seeking God, one whose ceaseless endeavor it is to turn men to himself. This is the inner meaning of the Scriptures. He went on to find Adam. He pronounced a curse upon him and also upon the earth. Then, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." Gen. 3:21. God is still seeking to clothe men with the righteousness from heaven.

Notice again this invitation, which we may call the "last invitation" to all mankind: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." His seeking purpose is set forth here under the figure of water freely offered to any who will drink. It is the "final invitation" of the

Bible. It is a glorious picture. To any and all who have actually and acutely suffered from thirst or who have tarried long in desert places, water is the liquid smile and good will of the Almighty. It is reported that John used the figure of water twenty-four times in the gospel of John, three times in his letters, and eighteen times in the Revelations. He surely valued water highly. And if natural and literal water is so absolutely necessary, how much more is this eternal water which Jesus spoke of.

Listen: "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14.

God's fountains are free, their waters plentiful. If we refuse to drink we have only ourselves to blame. This Samaritan woman was welcome to drink. She was also invited to go and call her husband who would have been welcome to drink. Yonder in the park there is a drinking basin. The water bubbles up constantly. No need to touch a device of any kind to bring it up.

But you do have to stoop. You must bow your head to drink. Even so, God's well is an artesian well. It flows freely for all kindreds, tongues and people. There is no restrictions. But one thing is required to obtain this water of life. We must bow the entire personality, confidently, and obediently to him. Are you athirst? Do you realize that God has a deeper work of grace to be wrought in your heart which shall calm your unrest as it puts you into harmony with the eternal purpose and gives you an outlook with the right perspec-

tive to the things which really matter most? Then don't let your pride hold you back. Take Christ's gift to you on his terms. Then the world may yield or deny you her waters; but there shall be within you a living fountain springing up into everlasting life.

It is time that we, like Elijah of old, had an interview with God. Listen:

ELIJAH'S INTERVIEW

On Horeb's rock the prophet stood;
The Lord before him passed;
A hurricane in angry mood
Swept by him strong and fast;
The forests fell before its force;
The rocks were shivered in its course.
God was not in the blast;
'Twas but the whirlwind of his breath,
Announcing danger, wreck, and death.

It ceased; the air grew mute; a cloud
Came muffling up the sun;
When through the mountain deep and loud
An earthquake thundered on;
The affrighted eagle sprang in air;
The wolf ran howling from his lair.
God was not in the storm;
'Twas but the rolling of his car,
The trampling of his steeds from far.

'Twas twilight still, and nature stood
And calmed her ruffled frame;
Then swift from heaven a fiery flood
To earth devouring came;
Down to the depths the ocean fled;
The sickening sun looked wan and dead;
Yet God filled not the flame;
'Twas but the terror of his eye
That lightened through the troubled sky.

At last a voice all still and small
Rose sweetly on his ear,
Yet rose so shrill and clear that all
In heaven and earth might hear;
It spoke of peace; it spoke of love;

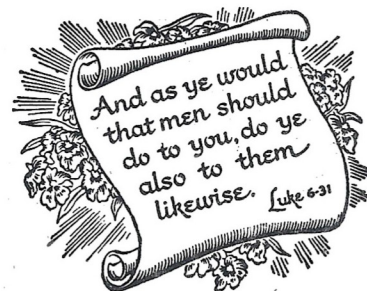
It spoke as angels speak above;
And God himself was there;
'For oh! it was a Father's voice,
That made the trembling heart rejoice.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we are deeply grateful that there is a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And we are glad for the invitation given here in this last book of the Bible, that we who are athirst may come and partake thereof freely. Bless all the listeners of the broadcast. Some are carrying heavy loads. Others perhaps have an unrest in their hearts which only God can fill. Grant that need through our Lord and Saviour and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Thank, you friends, for a few moments of your time. And thank you too, for all those who have written telling us that you are praying for us. We appreciate those who have sent offerings to keep the message going forth. May God richly bless you each one. 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, Oklahoma.

And now this song "He Is So Precious To Me". Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless you and a very cheerful goodbye!



Testimonies

From Wisconsin: "I am truly grateful for what the Lord has done for me. I still have some stiffness but no pain. So many around here live on aspirin & pain pills and yet suffer--some have plastic hips, others plastic knees where their bones have deteriorated. Since Sunday I have been able to kneel in prayer. I missed that during my long illness. It does take some effort to get up again. We have been able to visit some of the isolated for the past month. I tire easily but by lying down on the back seat when tired I get along real well. Our first trip was to see my brother who walks with a walker. He had hoped to spend some time with us when I was able to have him but by that time was unable to make the trip here. Then we visited the Daggett's at Lady-smith, Sr. Baerenwald at Marshfield, Sr. Knoll at Wisconsin Rapids. There we found Sr. Butterfield had passed away. She was once one of our Sunday School teachers. Last week we went by the Daggetts for short visit, then on to Birchwood to Coolidges where we also got to see Nancy Shrock and finally to John LaVeau's...I have been able to minister in the pulpit again a few Sundays. The first Sunday I gave the message I also had 12 for dinner and got along real well. Leslie and family were here that Sunday. We have some burdens on our hearts we should like to have remembered. Surely appreciated the prayers and cards and letters I received during my long illness. In Christian love," --Sister Dietrich

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From Ga.: "Well, I am still holding on. My eyes are doing very good. Thank the Good Master for that. I thank all the saints for prayer that was sent up for me." --Bro. Friendly Green

From Mo.: "God is not limited. People seem to limit God to the United States, but God is everywhere and for everyone. Mother told me about the people from Jamaica and how sweet they were and how she enjoyed hearing them speak. If only we could reach more people."

--Vicki Taylor

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From Texas: "I know you folks have been real busy this summer and I missed getting the Mission Trail for several weeks. How I did miss it...How happy I was this morning to get one in the mail, could hardly wait to read it. We are happy we could meet the Smallings and to hear they reached home safely. Thankful they feel such sweet fellowship among the saints over here...no matter what country we meet, it is the sweet spirit of Christ that is the same any where we go. We had to shed a few tears when we read about you being at Myrtle in the meeting. You see I haven't missed many years being there in the past twenty or more. Your mention of the Loftis' family brought another shower of tears. You see they are precious to us too, as 15 years or more ago I was visiting in one of the hospitals here giving out tracts when I met Bro. Loftis' sister-in-law. She said she believed she had some relatives who believed like I did. I inquired who and where they were located. As Prattsville was on my way to Senath I told her I would stop by on my next trip, which I did, to find some precious people... we had a precious visit talking about the many wonderful things the Lord had done for us down through the years... they have been a blessing in many meetings since our first visit. We always felt such a warm welcome each time we stopped by their place...I've heard some reports of the Myrtle meeting that were so encouraging...Christian love," --Sis. Edith Wall

From Okla.: "I want to thank the Lord for salvation and a love for his truth. In this day and age when deception is so rampant, it means so much to know the truth for Jesus said that the truth would make us free. I pray God to ever lead me by his spirit and keep me in the center of his will. The Lord healed me of an ear infection and also worked out a problem involving one of my university classes. Truly He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." I need your continued prayers...Yours in Him," --Gary Eck

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From Tenn.: "Love and greetings to each of you. Have missed seeing many of you dear ones for the past couple years. However, we hear from and occasionally see some of the saints who are nearer, like Ky. and N. Car. We certainly want to live right and stand for the Bible. It's a straight way, but a good and rewarding way. Remember us in your prayers and may God's Spirit, wisdom and power sustain and direct you continually in his way...Christian love," --Bro. Chas. B. Williams

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From La.: "I am glad to send in a testimony for my blessed saviour today. First of all I want to thank him for a Jesus Christ that died on the cross for our sins that we could be saved and live free from sin in this world. I thank him for saving my soul, planting my feet on a solid rock, so I could stand against the storms of this life...Our little granddaughter that had open heart surgery is doing fine...The little girl that was in the room with her told her she might die and not live. She said well, I have been walking around on two feet and if God lets me live I still will, but if God don't want me to live I will be in heaven... Thank God he heard and answered prayer... We sure give him all the praise." --Beulah Johnson

TO YOUNG AND OLD MINISTERS--
Make this your prayer as Solomon did. Of the three wishes the one he chose was--God give me wisdom to deal with this thy people who are so great. Be filled with compassion, love, pity, not quick to judge. Be firm but never harsh. Always be able to back your judgment with the word of God, not your opinion or the opinions of a body of men. Let it always be the Word. It will stand. We are human and might make a mistake in our opinions, but God's word will always stand. I personally want to say, Thank God for the mountains. I enjoyed them, but I thank Him most of all for the valleys, as there I learned the closeness of His presence. Your deepest trial may not only be for your good but when God's answer comes someone else may be looking on and lifted up and strengthened.

--Sister Ersa Carrick

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From Ariz.: "I surely am thankful for the saints and I need the prayers of the saints... My determination is to keep true to God, the one that has done so much for all. Praise His dear name. I do get lonely to be with the saints in an anointed service. I was in services in April in Springfield and your daughter and family were there, also. Sure enjoyed that." --Sis. Ferne Laub

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From Ill.: "Well, you all be agreed with me. I'm running a temperature and my head is giving me trouble. Also I have some unspoken requests..."

--Nina Champion

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From Miss.: "I am striving to live, that one day (it can't be long) to the last great gathering of all His big family. What a great day that will be, and a sad heart breaking day, to hear Him say "Depart from me. I never knew you,..." --Cressie Hudson

From Illinois: "Oh, but many are the "precious memories," stored within my heart! How I have enjoyed this summer, being in Mexico and hopping from one camp meeting to the next! I'm certainly glad the Lord allowed it to all work out. I feel it has been profitable in many ways. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of next summer! Oh, the thought! Out of school, with life just beginning to unfold before me! How I want the Lord's Spirit to guide me, and direct my footsteps! How wonderful to know there's a friend able to "keep me from falling!" I, and all of the other young people need many prayers for sustaining grace through this last year of school, and life up ahead. I desire to have a tender heart and follow the Lord's leadings."

--Mary Sprague

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved and living for the Lord. I mean to go all the way with the Lord. The world is in a bad fix. Gets worse all the time. This truth needs to be spread all over the world... Please pray for me that the Lord will help me. I mean to help myself and help spread this across the world and sea... your sister in Christ."

--Lizzie Jordan

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From Miss.: "The Mission Trail means lots to me. Please keep sending it. I am not well in body, and desire your prayers, that I might be able to help those who need the Lord to see their need of a merciful God who is able to supply their every need. I want my life to be an inspiration to those I come in contact, for a desire to live for the Lord."

--Mrs. Olen Williamson

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From Calif.: "I am thankful to be saved this morning and encouraged to go all the way trusting the Lord. I am not well, very poorly in my body, but happy in my soul."

--Sis. Melissa Greer

From Ark.: "Oh, what a great and powerful God we serve. He is so high and holy, far above all we can think, and yet he is mindful of each of us. Oh, how humbly and trusting with hearts full of love we should be always to God for his great goodness every hour... We have a minister at Grubbs now, Bro. Cramer and family. We are thankful for their help. I don't get to be in meeting sometimes, but I can always pray for them, and for all others. ...I trust you and all yours are well and encouraged in the Lord. The crown is at the end of the way, for all the tried and tested,"

--Sis. N. E. Adams

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From Okla.: "I have been wanting to write you but by the time I did the pressing things I had to do my strength is gone. But I think of you and your work and miss the Mission Trail when I fail to get it. It helps me keep in touch with others especially since I can't get out. I enjoyed yours and Bro. and Sis. Smalling's visit with me so much. I am rejoicing in the saving and keeping power of our Lord and Savior. My life's voyage will soon be over but we have no fear since Jesus is our pilot--to keep all committed to His will and understand it is my greatest desire."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

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From Okla.: "The Lord has been very dear and precious to our souls of late. The Lord delivered me of an very large kidney stone some time ago with which I suffered greatly... God is so good to all of us... Please pray for me. I try to do a little here in home to help out, but could do more if my back was all right. I love the Lord and love to trust him for both soul and body... I am so glad we have a God who knows and cares ... who loved us enough to send his only precious son to purge us all from sin and shame."

--Sis. Berniece Rumfelt

at press time

we understand:

Remember in earnest prayer Bro. Audie Sorrell, Thayer, Mo. who was critically injured when a tire and rim with which he was working exploded. He was struck in the face and head.

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Brother and Sister Wm. McCoy plan, Lord willing, to start a meeting here in Springfield, Mo., Sept. 23 to continue as long as the Lord wills, but all week any way. Then we plan to have all day service on Sunday, Sept. 30. We, of course, would be glad to have the saints come in from other places. Chapel address is 718 N. Kansas.

--Bro. Murphy Allen, pastor

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Congratulations on their golden wedding anniversary to Gladys and Ed Eubanks, 410 E. 9th St., Pomona, Calif. 91766. On Sept. 11th they had been married for fifty years.

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All-day services are announced for Dayton, Ohio each second Sunday of the month beginning in October. Come and enjoy the hospitality and fellowship of the saints as well as to hear the preaching of the Word. Chapel is located on 622 Tyron. --Bro. Wm. A. McCoy, pastor, 5252 Wadsworth Rd, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

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Oklahoma--"The Sapulpa road congregation plan to start a revival Lord willing on the 23rd of Sept. Bro. Curtis Williams is to be the evangelist. Also a meeting will start at the Zion Hill Church of God, Louin, Mississippi on the 16th of Sept."--Bro. Richard Madden

Welcome to Sis. Vera Forbes who comes from Calif. to live in Guthrie and be in the congregation here. Bro. Leslie Busbee and Sis. Sylvia helped her move.

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Sister Ethel Christman, 83, of Enid, Okla., slipped away to be with the Lord Aug. 27. She accepted the Lord and was saved as a young lady before marriage. Eleven of her 15 children are living.

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From Miss.: "I appreciate the nice card and everything. People have been so thoughtful and sweet to me since my dear mother was put away about a week ago. Please let them know... that I do not feel like writing them."

--Sister Dorothy Bridges, Route 4, Carthage, Mississippi 39051

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Another devoted saint has gone on to be with the Lord. Bro. Guy Littrell was born June 29, 1880 and was called to rest July 25, 1973. Burial was in Berkeley, Calif. Also Sis. Bertha Gill of Bement, Ill. departed to be with the Lord during the month of July.

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Grandmother Nichols is still not doing well... It's hard for her to swallow. Continue to pray for her. --Genece

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As the school season begins once again the youth of our land will be exposed to many temptations. They need that "tender loving care" that they may be able to resist the evil and choose the good. Thanks to all the listeners and readers who make the message possible.



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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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