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## "The Lord Looketh on the Heart"

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Good morning, friends. How wonderful it is for all of us to meet here once again on the air waves to see what the Lord has for us from His Word. I hope that we can be like Cornelius of old. He had been praying to the Lord and it was revealed to him that he should send for one Simon Peter whom the Lord had chosen to speak to those in the house of Cornelius. So here is what Cornelius said to Peter: "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Acts 10:33. I believe that was a good attitude.

If we could only look at things as the Lord sees them, we would have a different set of values than those of the world who mind earthly things. There is more in life than material possessions. Money answers a good purpose and there are times when it seems it is indispensable, but if we seek first things first, I believe all these other things which we really need will be added. We have found it so.

Listen: "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Sam. 16:7.

This was the instruction from the Lord to Samuel when he went down to the house of Jesse to anoint a King. The first impression Samuel had was to anoint Eliab. He must have been a good looking and a handsome son. I just imagine his countenance was fair, and he was tall and strong. To put it frankly I believe he was really good looking. I suppose that can be said of some men, although this is not by any means the case in every circumstance. Some men

are strong but not very good looking.

But even though he was good looking this did not mean he was the chosen of the Lord. This is the weakness of humanity. They look too often on the outward appearance.

Did you ever hear of men finding their companions through a computer? They take much of the information concerning these men and women, their lives and their likes, their dislikes, and their characteristics and social standing, which is fed into the computer. Then this computer matches them according to what is understood from this given information. But I will tell you one thing. I wouldn't want to trust my happiness to a computer! Would you? Don't

you know there are many things which the computer doesn't understand? How can it know the secrets of those things which are hidden in the hearts of men and women? Well, the Lord does.

The son whom Samuel finally anointed to be king, was the little shepherd boy who had been out there in the fields taking care of the sheep. In fact, they had to send for him to come in when all the others had been refused. There came David in from the fields. I doubt if he was dressed as he might have been, had he known this was all going to take place at his father's house. His clothes may have been a little tattered and torn, but the Lord was looking farther than the outside. He was looking at a man after his own heart. Of course, we shouldn't get the impression that David was not good looking for he was that too! Verse 12 says: "Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance," but remember the important and most essential thing about David was the inward beauty.

Listen to the words of Jeremiah the prophet from chapter 17 and verses 9 through 11: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 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. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

Those verses ring with authority from the mouth of God. He it is that looketh at the hearts of all. There is no fooling him. He is not deceived. Many things are covered in the lives of prominent folks, but they are fully known to God. In due time they are brought

out. What humiliation and embarrassment follows! Yes, and more than this, there is the judgment which shall make known the hearts of all men. Ecclesiastes sums it up this way, chapter 12, verses 13 and 14:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Here is a little poem that fits in real well at this point:

#### THE WORLDLING AND THE SAINT

##### The Worldling

A lady fair swept through the lane  
With stately step, air of disdain,  
With rustling silken garments clad,  
Light at heart--and yet not glad  
She saw not hunger, want, nor stress  
Of those who at her feet did press;  
And though so richly clad and fair,  
Before her Lord her soul was bare,  
For his eye sees the hidden parts  
And rightly reads our human hearts.

##### THE SAINT

Another followed through the press,  
So humbly clad in simple dress,  
Yet round her smile a radiance clung  
And in her heart a vesper sung.  
She stretched a helping hand to all  
And heard the farthest, faintest call,  
Forgetting self in her great love  
For Him who watched her from above,  
And lo, arrayed in linen bright,  
She stood in priestly robes of white,  
Well pleasing to the One above,  
Who dwelt there in that heart of love.

Friends, it is my purpose and desire to present the truth in such a way that others may be constrained to seek and know it better. God forbid that I should

have an arrogant way in presenting it, but that it may be done with love and understanding. It is possible for one to be right in doctrine and yet be void of the Spirit of the Lord. Jesus taught the Samaritan woman at the well that the Father was seeking those who would worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

One may be right--absolutely right, about the things he teaches, but if he is not careful as to how the truths are taught he would be more disliked and the word would be less received than if he were wrong. It is like this little poem:

Here lies the body of William Jay,  
Who died maintaining his right of way--  
He was right, dead right as he sped  
along,  
But he is just as dead as if he were  
wrong.

Remember, God is looking at our hearts. What will he find as he looks into yours? Love, joy, peace and all the fruits of the Spirit? Or would he find jealousy, envy, malice and hatred? Let us pray.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Cause the words of truth to sink into the hearts of all. Search our hearts and lead us in the way everlasting. Oh, Father, bless the sick and suffering that may be in need today. Help them to catch a glimpse of Jesus dying there on the cross for their salvation and healing and thine shall be the praise through Christ, Amen.

Thanks friends, for making it possible for me to have this little visit with you over the air. We appreciate so much those who write and help support this work of faith. If we may be a help to you in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may get in touch with us

by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

And now this song, "We Shall Run And Not Be Weary". The singers are The Carver Quartett. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful good-bye!

## *Testimonies*

From Oregon: "I greet you all in Jesus dear name this beautiful day the Lord has given us. I am so thankful for salvation and all he does for me other ways. I am sure so thankful how he spared my grandson Michael from death or a bad injury and his friend with him as they came home from work just after midnight Sept. 14. He went around a curve, hit loose gravel and jerked the car the other way and struck gravel on the other side and jerked it back and rolled it and totaled it. Neither of them was hurt, thank the dear Lord. Not more than 20 minutes before the accident happened I prayed the Lord to shield them and protect them."

--Sister Emma Busch  
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From Calif.: "It is that time to write to let you know I am still saved and trusting my dear Lord. I am doing good, have done a lot of canning which I thank the good Lord for. He is so good to all of us. I hope all is well at the Mission Trail. I enjoy it so much, love to hear about my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I am glad for the good report of the meetings this summer, so many getting saved... We had a good prayer meeting last night. Brother Huskey is wanting some one to come and hold us a few nights meeting. May God bless all of you and keep the good news going. It is time people are waking up."  
--Sis. Ada Leach

From Kansas: "The Lord has been very very good to me, as I'm sure He has been to each of us who know Him and the power of His resurrection... If we just wait upon Him and trust Him to direct our paths, there will be no mistake, no regrets and everything will turn out for good and God's glory. I don't know if you have heard about God giving me a job here at home. I asked Him for one close to home and I'm working about 6 or 7 blocks away, about half the distance to the water and light office where I used to work. I work at Medicalodges, Inc. as key punch operator and accounting. I really like key punching and enjoy making accounts balance. I'm also learning to operate the computer which I enjoy and it will be profitable... I feel like God had His way and gave me the job I now have and I feel like I'm in the will of the Lord... It is good to commit things to God, trust also in Him, wait upon Him and let Him direct our paths. When we do that everything will be right and good. Jesus said, "If they take your coat, give them your cloke also." That is much better than striving and contending for our (so called) rights. God giveth and God taketh away--and He doeth this for our good. I still remember the scripture God gave me right after I lost my job... Ecclesiastes 7:14 "In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him." Also another scripture I have often thought of through the years, "give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." If we didn't suffer adversity we wouldn't know the power of God to hold us up..."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

From La.: "I was reading Bro. Warner's consecration or covenant he wrote in his journal. I thought if everyone would make a covenant with God like that to-day and really keep it, what a working force God would have to carry on his work. There would be a much brighter light in the world than we have. I fear too much light is hid under the stuff of materialism and satisfying self. I read a little saying in a paper some time back, and it was something like this: "The trouble with people to day is their necessities are luxuries, and luxuries are necessities,"--need all the money they can get to buy things for self... May the Lord bless you richly for your labors in the work you are doing."

--Sis. A. E. Flynn

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From Okla.: "It is good to hear your broadcast about the word of God. We are living in an awful time on account of so many people have drifted so far from God. They have hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks so God's word tells us. I read in daily paper where there were 10,000 people killed overseas in earthquake. It is appointed unto man once to die, after this the judgment. Oh, how people should wake up and heed God's word and be saved. There is an awful thing coming upon our United States sooner or later and Jesus is coming soon..."

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Ala.: "I am praising God today for his dear church, where there is love, joy, peace, and righteousness. I thank God for the dear Bible, the true Word of God, where the Word is forever settled, is never changeable, but the same yesterday, today and forever... Hope this finds you all well in body and soul. I am not too well in body, do remember me when you pray. In Christian love,"

--Sis. Pearlene Whitson

From Mo.: "Please remember John Whipple in special prayer, as he needs help so very much with this terrible nervous illness he has. We look to the Lord each day for help and he does help and comfort our hearts. I know he is near us at all times and I'm not sure what we would do without his help. So just keep praying with us."

--Sis. Emma Whipple

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S. Car.: "Today finds me very much encouraged in the Lord with my whole heart, mind and affections set on things above and not on this earth... There are but a few saints here, but... we do sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord together... we are looking for Bro. Samons to come here on the 30th of September to hold a weeks revival... also announce that we are building a new kitchen and everyone that will and is lead by God we will appreciate their help..."

--Sis. Edna Crummie

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From Fla.: "I am here in Fla. It is very warm. I think of you dear saints often. I am on victory's side, determined by the grace of God in the face of enemies and foes to be true to God. I am going through a test with my nerves and arm, appreciate if you dear saints would remember me in prayer. My trust is fully in God. Would love to see all of you, miss being in the services."

--Wm. J. Preston

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From La.: "The Lord has surely been good to us... Donna was anointed and prayed for on fast day at Guthrie camp meeting and hasn't had a pain in her back since. That is nothing short of a miracle, because just before that her dad and I had to rub and massage her back quite a lot so she could go to sleep... it's so wonderful for the pain to be gone... Pray for us. We surely want to please the Lord." --Myrtle Savoie

From Oregon: "I am leaving for W. Va. tomorrow morning... My sister has cancer and desires me to come. I will be flying from Portland and have one change at Chicago... Please remember my dear sister in prayer. We know if it's God's will he can heal her. She is God's child. Pray I may be some comfort to her. I expect to be gone at least a month, will also visit other isolated saints and do what I can to encourage them... Christian love to all,"

--Sister Beatrice Spaur

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From Mich.: "We hope and pray that all things are well there. I am in fair health. Wife is slowly gaining her health back. She took the flu on Feb. 19 and was several weeks gaining her strength back some. Then she could not eat very much. She had no appetite and nothing tasted good so she just forced down what little she did eat. Then the middle of June she had a light stroke and her knees would not hold her up. She fell in the bathroom and could not get up so when I came back into the house I got her up and put her in her wheel chair then for she could not walk then or now... she does some of the cooking and house work. The last few days she has been eating quite good so she should start to gain weight and strength. She weighs only 95 pounds now."

--Bro. Floyd Hines

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From Wash.: "Greetings of Christian love in the dear Lord's name. How are you folks this fall? We hope all are well. We are well and my family at this time. We love the Lord and are saved and living to all I know and understand. He is a very present help in time of need. Praise his Holy name. We surely thank him for his goodness to us... We do pray the Lord to bless and provide all your needs. Christian love," --Sis. Violet Thomas

From Illinois: "Greetings and love, in Jesus name. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you all! I do thank God for His great salvation, and all it means to be a real child of God! And for all the family of God, and our fellowship, one with another. Truly, there is so much to thank and praise God for! I trust this finds you both well, and encouraged much, in the Lord... We went to the all-day meeting at Grubbs, Sunday... Bro. and Sis. Eck had planned to leave after the morning service, if the "U-haul" truck they'd hoped to get, had been available. Since it wasn't, their plans were changed and they stayed for the p.m. service, Sister Eck giving us a good encouraging exhortation and then there were good testimonies--so we felt well paid for our long trip... It was good to see the dear saints at Grubbs and those from Myrtle and Senath again. ...I know the devil is busy everywhere, trying the saints of God much, and taxing their endurance much in these very last days... However, we know God's grace is sufficient, and we've been in this battle long enough to know some of his wiles, and we thank God for victory over the devil and all hisimps. Our only desire is to be a blessing to those we come in contact with... God bless and keep you! With much love,"

--Sister Thelma Sprague

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From Colo.: "This is a lovely fall day. ...I've been quite busy getting a little done before the snow begins to fly. We got our trees sprayed this week... It would be wonderful to have a place to go to services and meet with the saints. The last 2 Sunday nights the children haven't come for children's meeting. I do hope they won't quit coming. I ask an interest in your prayers for the parents. They all seem so unconcerned... Oh, I want to live so they will have confidence in my life." --Addie McEndree

From Ill.: "I am so glad God loved me so much that he sent his son to save me from my sins and I love him with my whole heart, soul, and mind and I want to live for him until he calls me home."

--Sis. Mildred Snell

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From Texas: "I was reading the Mission Trail and it just came to me I wasn't even sending enough to pay for the Mission Trail for myself. I started to send an offering a while back, had the envelope out here, and somehow in writing someone else I misplaced it, and I looked and looked and couldn't find it. I said I don't know whether I'm supposed to not send it. Or was the devil hindering. But I've found it again. Maybe it won't get away this time. I'll send a little help. I sure am thankful to the good Lord for making a way for me to go to Neosho, also Boley meeting. My soul was filled to running over with the glory of God. Such wonderful meetings. And I'm so much better in my body. Everytime I feel a symptom of that rheumatism I just say thank the Lord for divine healing for my body. I am so thankful to everyone for their prayers and to the good Lord for hearing and answering prayer. No one knows how much misery I was in last year at Neosho and how so much better I was this year. I'm sure thankful I found the saints of God and prayed through so I could trust him for soul and body."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Texas: "This leaves me still saved and trusting in my dear Lord for soul and body. He is my all in all. I love the Lord so much. I want to tell the world how he came and died for our sins... Well, Willie, I got married again. My wife's name is Martha. She is from Alabama... I enjoy the Mission Trail. May God bless you and Sister Frances."

--Harvey Johnson

# at press time

we understand:

Sister Alpha Baldrige who lived in Kentucky finished her earthly race and departed to be with the Lord on Sept. 17. In a letter this summer she wrote: "I send greetings of much love in Jesus dear name. I have not been able to read or write much on account of my eyes. Trust this finds each of you in good health...I am still here, suffer a lot. The dear Lord is so good to me I can never praise Him enough..."

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When my life is past,  
How glad I shall be,  
That the lamp of my life  
Has been shining for Thee.  
I shall then not regret what I gave,  
Of labor, or money for sinners to save.  
I shall not mind  
That the way has been rough,  
That My Saviour led me--  
That will be enough.  
When I am dying  
How glad I shall be,  
That the lamp of my life  
Has been shining for Thee.

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It is with sorrow we announce the death of Glen Ransom on October 12. Do remember his companion with your prayers and cards of encouragement: Mrs. Glen E. Ransom, 424 N. Springfield, Anthony, Kansas 67003.

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We are glad to report the saints of Enid Oklahoma survived the recent flood without loss of life when that city received some 15 inches of rain. Flood waters did cover the floor of the new chapel to a depth of 7 or 8 inches.

From Ark.: "The Lord has been good to us in providing for us. We are certainly grateful for the way He takes care of us. We had a lesson from the Scriptures on "obedience" this morning. It happened that no minister could come to be with us today but we did our best anyway, and after all, that is what He requires of us--our best. We appreciated having Brother Vada MacMillian with us last Sunday, and not long ago we had Brother Austin and Sister Ida Belle. So the Lord takes care of our needs, and we are thankful."

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

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Congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Louis Williams and Sis. Cornelia Ragsdale who were married in Wichita Friday, Sept. 21.

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From Okla.: "I had a heart attack Sept. 11th again and was not able to do for myself and did not recover as usual... so I am here with Bro. Alton and Sis. Fern. I came here Sat. 22. I feel quite weak and shaky but am gaining."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

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On the weekend of Sept. 23 Frances and I had the privilege to be with the dear ones in Illinois again. Services were had Saturday night and Sunday morning in the chapel of Gale, Ill. where Bro. Pinkerton preached the truth many years ago. We enjoyed being there.

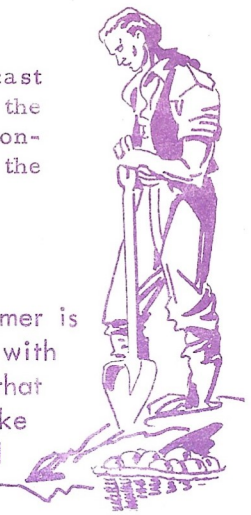
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Our prayers are that God may bless each listener of the broadcast and every reader of The Mission Trail. --WCM



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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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