



# The Mission Trail

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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 Old and New

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Good morning, friends. It is a real pleasure to be bringing you a short gospel message one more time as we do each week over this station. Many thanks to all who make it possible by their prayers and interest. Some have written us many times, sent offerings and told us that they enjoy it. For this we are deeply grateful. God bless you every one.

Listen: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them. Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." Matt. 13:44-52.

Now I would say, that is an interesting reading from the word of God. Let us take the last verse and look at it for a few moments. Jesus speaks of this scribe, Or minister who is properly instructed in the kingdom of God. A true preacher of the gospel, should be able to bring out of his treasury, or granary or store-house, things both old and new. This expression "Things both old and new", I understand to be a Jewish phrase for great Plenty. But a small degree of knowledge is not sufficient for the needs of a true preacher of God. The sacred writings of the Holy Bible is his

treasure, and he should properly understand them. His knowledge does not consist in being furnished with a great variety of human learning, though this may help. But his knowledge consists in being well instructed in the things concerning the truth of the gospel and the wisdom in knowing how to point others to it.

But even more than this, it is not enough for a man to have these advantages in his possession: he must bring them forth, and distribute them abroad. A good preacher should not be like a mis-

er, keep these things to himself to please his fancy; neither should he be like a merchant who trades his goodly treasures to enrich himself, but he should be like a father or householder, who distributes them with a liberal hand, for the comfort and support of the whole family of God.

You see, a true preacher should be able to take the many truths of the gospel, and apply them to the present needs and circumstances of the people.

Some have thought that "old and new things" which apply to the past and also to the present, may also refer to the old and new covenants, so a proper knowledge of the old Testament scriptures and also the new Testament is necessary.

No one can properly understand the Old Testament but through the New, nor can the New be so successfully applied and understood except through the medium of the old. The law is still a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. By it is the knowledge of sin and without it, there can be no conviction. Where it ends, the gospel begins, as by the gospel alone is salvation from sin.

Now, let us look at this scripture once again. First, let me take the natural and then the spiritual. We are talking about things old and new. You may have heard about the people who were interested in learning about new things only. Well, that may be all right in its place, but if we were familiar with the old we could better understand the new.

Let me explain more fully. I walked into the dining room and asked Frances: "What is the oldest thing you have around here such as dishes etc.?" She walked right over to the china closet

where she keeps her most valuable dishes and brought out a little glass dish about six inches wide and about nine and one-half inches long, shaped like a fish. It was what you might really call a "pickle dish". So she proceeded to tell me this dish belonged to her great grandmother. She said it had a date or some numbers on the bottom of it.

I turned it over and began a very careful examination to discover what this date was. Holding it just so the light would strike it in the proper way we were able to make out these letters and numbers: I quote, "Patd June 4th 1872". That means someone patented that little design of the pickle dish more than 100 years ago. You pick it up by the tail and pass it around the table. Rather clever to say the least. But it serves its purpose when used. However, be reminded, Frances doesn't use this dish, only on special occasions.

Another example. Antiques are valuable these days and we don't have very many of them. But on the shelf along the basement wall sets an old clock which belonged to my grandfather. I have seen my father wind it many times. It has two dials, or faces. One of them is for the purpose of telling time and the other indicates the days of the month, the days of the week and the month of the year. It is in operating condition and many times I have heard that old clock strike the hours of the day or night. Inside the lid are these words: I quote again. "This Clock and Calendar is now set at one o'clock in the morning of December 1st, 1877". End of quote. The word December is written in with ink. The other is printed. But this old clock serves a useful purpose of telling time and striking out the hours of the day or night and has done so for years. No doubt in the earlier days,



the family arose in the morning, ate their meals and went to bed by this clock.

Another thought, I asked Frances what might be the newest things around. She thought of her washing machine. Indeed, that is a handy thing. It is so much nicer to throw the clothes in there, add the detergent and let the machine pour in the hot water and then the cold at just the right temperature. How simple. Then when the machine is through the dirty water is flushed down the drain and the clothes are spun around until they are nice and clean. That is so much different than the way we used to do it--put the clothes in the old black wash pot, build a fire and add P&G soap, stir them until they had boiled a while and then take them out and rub them on a scrub board. In this case the new is so much better, but how could we appreciate it properly unless we had known the older way first?

And so it is in presenting the truth. There are many lessons to be learned. Just as in school we first learn the basics of arithmetic, spelling and reading. After that, we face many problems where we use more complicated words and figures, but if we rightly understand the use of them all, the answer comes easy.

Now for the basics in the spiritual. The law was a school master to bring us to Christ. Such commandments as, "Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." These things are still as true and valid as they were when they were written. The thing about it is, the Jews found themselves bound by their sins and unable to break away from the stony heart of flesh.

But deliverance is found in Christ. Listen "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after flesh, but after the Spirit."

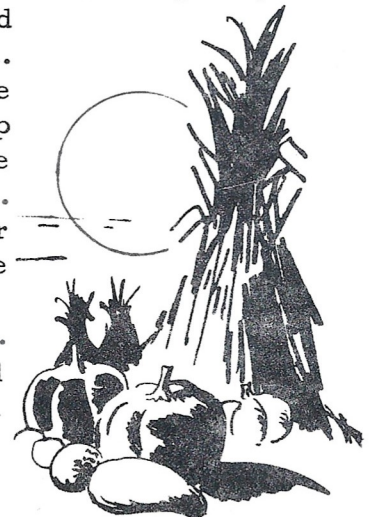
So indeed, the law did fulfill its purpose in bringing us to Christ. It taught us what sin is and then brought us to Christ who gave us power to overcome it. Friends, if you are trying to live under the law, you are in bondage. It served its purpose well, but now we have more light through Christ.

If you are trying to justify yourself by walking in the light which your parents had, remember, God is holding you responsible for the light you have! He wants you to be free!

Let us pray,

Our Father, bless the word to the good of every listener. Help us to bring out of thy storehouse things both old and new which will enlighten the lives of all the listeners. And bless each one in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through Christ, Amen.

If we have been a blessing to you we would be so glad to hear from you. And if we may be a spiritual help in some way be sure to write us. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla... God bless you and a very cheerful goodbye!



## Testimonies

From Okla.: "It is past time for us to show the Lord (we care) about helping send his word out to lost souls. This wonderful salvation is a satisfying way, giving deep settled peace to our soul. We were with the saints at Neosho last Sunday for service and enjoyed it--First time I've been able to go since camp-meeting. We look forward to each broadcast and Mission Trail. We love the Lord and want to keep measuring up to His word and pressing on toward our heavenly home. At the longest can only be a short time. If young ones in the Lord would stop and pray when they have a decision to make, and think what would Jesus do, there wouldn't be many wrong decisions. This has helped me. We are enjoying this lovely fall weather"

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Jamaica: "Holy greetings to you and all the saints. I trust you are all keeping well in soul and body. We first have to express our gratefulness to you all to have made it possible for Bro. & Sis. Smalling to have been with you through the camp meetings. It was a real blessing. They told us how much they enjoyed being with the saints, and the hospitality was real grand. We all can join in saying, 'How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'. This really proves the love of God from the heart... We are still pressing on, encouraged each day to continue to the end. The dear Lord is so good to us. I (Sis. Ferguson) have been ill many times but the Lord has healed me. Praise His name. I truly enjoy reading the Mission Trail. I get a lot of spiritual help from the messages and testimonies... May the Lord help you to keep up the good work to the end. Greet the saints for us."

--Bro. and Sis. Ferguson

From Jamaica: "We trust that you and family are all well. Thank God we are fairly well... Again we thank you for the song books. We are using them in our meetings. The songs are real blessings to us. I have given some to members of other assemblies. Well, we enjoyed every moment of our stay with you... Fond memory of the time we spent together still linger in our hearts, and will always do so. We are trying to impart to others some of the blessings we received over there. It is our sincere prayer that the truth of the Evening Light Reformation will again flare up in our island. Join in praying for this. ... For the past two days we have been getting much rain throughout the island as a result of a storm somewhere off the coast of Cuba. This has caused over two million dollars damage. In Kingston about 700 persons have been evacuated from their homes, rendered homeless, and have to be given shelter in other places, and also food and clothing. Thank God, we here have not suffered any damage. Kindly convey our greetings to the church at Enid. Yours in Christ."

--Bro. Israel and Sis. Olga Smalling

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am not so well in body but it is well with my soul in the Lord, yet saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord. I still love the little paper and get much out of reading it... Pray for me soul and body."

--Sis. Annie Bowen

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From Oregon: "I trust the Lord for all my needs and he never fails me. Some times I have to wait on the Lord but the Psalmist said, 27:14 to "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." So I am waiting on him."

--Sis. Emma Busch



From Miss.: "Dear precious friends in Christ--May His blessings abound to "supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We deeply appreciate your paper, your prayers and every word of encouragement. I was never more encouraged to go all the way with Him as I grow older and nearer to the end of the way."

--Cressie Hudson

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From Ark.: "Greetings of love to all the saints everywhere. I want to send in my little testimony of how I still love my saviour. He has done so much for us. It's been a long time since I have written, been so busy. I was looking through the book of Mission Trails, year of '69 and reading some of the testimonies and it stirred me to send in a letter and a little offering to help out in the good work of God..."

--Sis. Nellie West

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From Calif.: "Sorry I haven't written for so long. I have been thinking of you and praying for you. The Mission Trail is a blessing to me. The latest one I read is The Lord Looketh on the Heart and how true that is. God knows to what purpose we do things. The Lord has been good to us. We are pretty well and hope you are. I am glad the Smallings got to come to America and to the Monark camp meeting. The testimonies in the Mission Trail are an enjoyment to me. I look forward to getting them. Put me on your mailing list for next year. It truly is a pleasure to me to put out the papers and tracts in the tract box I have at the United Air Lines terminal here and also a large dept. store in Modesto... My sister from Nash, Okla. was here the first part of Aug. I haven't heard from them since the Enid flood but I am quite sure they are O. K. ... We need your prayers very much."

--Sis. Edith Reavis

From Mo.: "I am encouraged very much to go all the way with my Saviour; trust you are all well and encouraged tonight. I need your prayers. May God bless all of you as you labor for Him to win souls."

--Sis. Goldie Knapp

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From Okla.: "...people had better wake up. Jesus is coming soon. People are so far from God. They are running to and fro seeking pleasure and finding ease. There is no ease to their problems. The only way they can find an answer is to come to God and get saved. God is so good to our United States. He has given people plenty of time to get saved and ready when he comes..."

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Okla.: "Thankful to report a deep desire to draw closer to God and be more than an ordinary Christian, but to be diligent about our Master's work and do credit to the Highway of Holiness. We just closed a meeting Sunday with Bro. Clifford Wilson being used to stir our souls to greater things in God. It was a precious time in the Lord together. Surely God did anoint the Word evening after evening. Then on Sunday we had an all day meeting with a large attendance and again a precious outpouring of the Spirit of God in our midst. The three Loftis girls and their families all came to spend the week end. We certainly did enjoy them. I am writing to send in our address. We have not moved but have just removed our Vinita mail box so we need to change everything to R#1, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333. We do appreciate receiving the Mission Trail and hope this gets to you in time to spare you any expense. Also we wanted to send in Mother and Daddy's new address which will also be Albert Eck, R#1, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333... Love and prayers,"

--Sis. LaVerna Probst

From New Mex.: "Thanks to everyone of dear saints who remembered to pray for my dear companion. He is improving each day but isn't home yet. Trust before long every thing works out well and we can. I am sending an offering to be used where best needed and God bless each one. Thank and praise the good Lord for every thing. He is a present help in time of need."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Okla.: "Greeting in love. I am feeling very well at present, still living for the dear Lord. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail...I have been to Calif. on a visit with my son's daughter. I enjoyed my visit. I am back home now. I got in some of the campmeeting and enjoyed it. I am praying that the Lord will bless his Word where ever it's preached. Pray for me."

--Sis. Mary May

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From S. Car.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Today finds me much encouraged in the Lord, praise his holy name. Bro., we sure do enjoy...little paper very much so here is an offering that the saints here took up for you. It isn't much but just to let you know we really appreciate your work you are doing for the Lord. May God continue to bless you in it. Use this in whatever you see best. Your sisters and brothers in Christ,"--The Church of God at Holly Hill, S. Carolina

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From Ga.: "I am trusting in the Lord and thanking Him for these days that He spares me in my old age. I mean to go on until the crown is won."

--Claudia Robinson

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From Miss.: "This morning I found Nov. 14, 1969 Mission Trail. It was as good as new. "Life's Fleeting Day" is very true... A friend,"--Rosa Watson

From Kansas: "It won't be long until Christmas if God permits time to con- that long. Several people have told me they listen to the Mission Trail broadcast and like it. We had a good all day service Sunday, almost a full house. We are thinking about alternating all day services with Nowata and Miles."

--Wildenna Huffman

## Have You Taken It To Jesus?

Have you taken it to Jesus,

Just the thing that's pressing now?

Are you trusting Him completely

With the when, and where and how?

Oh, the joy of full surrender

Of our life, our plans, our all;

Proving, far above our asking

That God answers when we call.

Have you taken it to Jesus?

'Tis the only place to go

If you want the burden lifted

And a solace for your woe.

Oh, the blessedness to nestle

Like a child upon His breast;

Finding ever, as He promised

Perfect comfort, peace and rest.

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From W. Va.: "The Lord has been blessing back here at Green Bank. Bro. and Sis. Roy Harmon are here visiting. We sure do enjoy having the saints from different places. I have a very special request I want the saints back there to remember in prayer... The Lord has answered several prayers lately. This is a real encouragement."

--Karen Lambert

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From Texas: "Truly we are so glad for Jesus! He keeps us encouraged mid the many trials and tests of life. It's just around the corner until Christmas again. Oh, will He be found this day by the few who seek his face, believing in the atoning work of his shed blood for our sins." --Verlene Williams



# at press time

we understand:

From Ohio: "We recently came home from S. C. It was so good to see all the folks again. Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Bobby Forbes were at Holly Hill, having meeting. The Lord blest in each service and some were saved, some reclaimed and I think 8 or 9 were baptized. Praise the Lord! We are praying each one will continue in the good things of God..."--Sis. Armilda Abbott

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I cannot begin to express what your kindness and thoughtfulness has meant to me during my deep sorrow. You did so many things. The dinner was served so beautifully to family and friends the day of the service. My heart is filled with deepest gratitude. May God bless each and every one." --Fern Ransom

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Welcome to All day fourth Sunday services at Neosho, Mo., which are omitted during camp meetings and in December.

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Since I heard from you last I lost my husband. He past yesterday at 4:00 o'clock in the rest home...I thought I would write and let you know..."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan, Box 362, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447

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"Carrie's mother passed away the 10th of Sept. She was only down about one week before she passed. We felt like the Lord helped in her sickness in her passing and in the funeral service. Bro. Austin preached her funeral. She felt she was ready to go."

--Bro. T. V. McMillian, R. 5, Box 29, Neosho, Mo. 64850

Thank God for you, good friend of mine,  
Seldom is friendship such as thine;  
How very much I wish to be  
As helpful as you've been to me--  
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Of many prayer guests, one thou art  
On whom I ask God to impart  
Rich blessings from His storehouse rare,  
And grant to you His gracious care--  
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

When I recall, from time to time,  
How you inspired this heart of mine;  
I find myself inclined to pray,  
God bless my friend this very day--  
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

So often, at the throne of Grace,  
There comes a picture of your face;  
And then, instinctively, I pray  
That God may guide you all the way--  
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

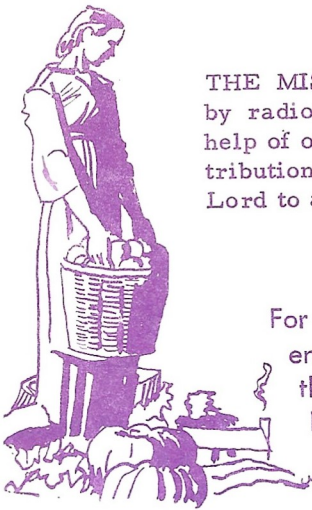
Some day, I hope with you to stand  
Before the throne, at God's right hand,  
And say to you--at journey's end,  
Praise God, you've been to me a friend  
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

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Welcome to Sis. Thelma Sprague and Mary who have moved from Illinois to live in Guthrie.

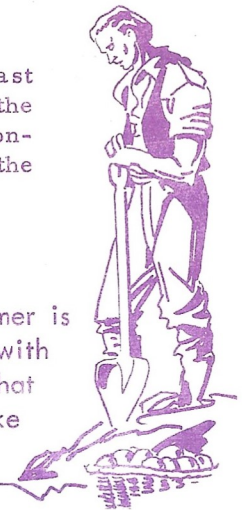
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At this Thanksgiving season we wish for our readers and listeners health, happiness and contentment in the Lord. And thanks to you for helping our lives to have more meaning by sending out the gospel by radio and printed page.



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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."

## Broadcast Schedule

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