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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 Oil Crisis"

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a privilege to be coming your way by means of radio. I hope I can bring the truth of the gospel in such a way that it will conform to the scriptures and will also be spoken with--

SIMPLICITY

Some people are drawn
To men who expound
The scriptures with great volubility;
They seem to esteem,
Respect and revere
A powerful persuasive personality.

But I am reminded
Of Herod so proud,
So arrogant, pompous and haughty;
For the story just turn
To Acts chapter twelve,
Twenty one thru verse three and twenty.

Bombastic phrases
Are as sounding brass,
When the speaker is void of charity.
Paul said I made known
With plainness of speech
The gospel in beautiful simplicity.

Not with enticing words
Of the wisdom of men,
Or great swelling words of vanity,
The word is so plain
Even fools understand
When spoken without superfluity.

--Linda Craddock

I want to get right at the point of the

subject and talk about "The Oil Crisis". Now, wait just a minute. Before someone says, "The big oil companies and the political maneuvers of the Arabs have invaded the gospel broadcast," let me point out I am talking primarily about a different kind of oil and different kind of crisis, but one which is equal to and far beyond in importance to the little discomfort which may be experienced by this shortage of natural resources.

Listen to this scripture: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that

sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:1-13

Now, let me use the natural to bring the spiritual into focus. First, who of us is not acquainted with the great necessity in having gas to burn in the automobiles? Why, I have even heard that sometimes there are quarrels and fights at the gas pumps to obtain this precious liquid. Without it the cars are stranded and stopped. The automobile may be ever so wonderful and expensive, but if there is no gas to put in the tank it is a dead piece of machinery!

And so it is with the flesh and blood of our bodies. One may be ever so educated and learned, trained in all the wisdom of the world, but if he is void of the grace of God he is dead in his sins. In this parable the bridegroom is generally understood to mean Jesus Christ, and it speaks of the day of his coming. The wise virgins represent those who truly enjoy and have the grace of God in their hearts. The foolish are those people who only profess to know Him, but in works they deny Him the right to control their lives. They may have at one time been children of God, but they have allowed the cares of life and the deceitfulness of sin to hinder them.

This oil is the grace and salvation of God, and that faith which works by love. The vessel is the heart in which the oil is contained. The lamp is the profession of enjoying the burning and shining

light of the gospel of Christ. It is one thing to profess to love God, yet quite another to really enjoy His service and delight to do His will.

Now, let us look at this word "crisis". Do you know what a crisis is? Well, for one thing it is the turning point for better or for worse in an acute disease or fever. Take for instance, pneumonia. This is a dreaded disease and sometimes it is fatal, especially for the aged. One who has pneumonia is likely to have difficulty in breathing, congestion of the lungs and pain in the chest. The trouble may last for 7 or 10 to 12 days. It is usually accompanied by high fever. Sometimes at the end of this disease, there occurs a what is known to be a "crisis". This is the turning point for better or for worse. Often the fever drops quite suddenly. If this crisis is successfully passed the patient often improves quite rapidly, but if not it may mean their death as they reach this crisis.

Now for the "oil crisis". We are presently in a crisis. For natural oil--yes, and indeed there is quite a hardship upon some. But more than this, we are also in a spiritual crisis. Moral decay has set in. Corruption is throughout the land. America and the whole world is sick. Standards have been lowered. Promiscuity is the order of the day. I say, we are in a crisis right now.

Friends, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. What an awful thing to be summoned to appear before the Judge of the quick and dead!

It is written of a certain Rabbi ben Zachai that when he was sick his disciples came unto him. When he saw them he began to weep. They say to him, Rabbi!

the light of Israel, the right hand pillar, the strong hammer, wherefore dost thou weep? He answered them, If they were carrying me before a king of flesh and blood, who is here today, and to-morrow in the grave; who, if he were angry with me, his anger would not last forever; if he put me in prison, his prison would not be everlasting; if he condemned me to death, that death would not be eternal; whom I could soothe with words or bribe with riches; yet even in these circumstances I should weep. But now I am going before the King of kings, the holy and the blessed God, who liveth and endureth for ever and for ever; who, if he be angry with me, his anger will last for ever; if he put me in prison, his bondage will be everlasting; if he condemn me to death, that death will be eternal; whom I cannot soothe with words nor bribe with riches:--when, farther, there are before me two ways, the one to hell and the other to paradise, and I know not in which they are carrying me, shall I not weep!

Let us pray. Our Father, the creator and judge of all the earth. As we approach this crisis throughout all the world, we seek thy favor and grace. Have mercy upon the untold millions of earth who are yet groping in darkness. Many in this day have a profession of religion but in reality, have no heart felt and personal experience with the Lord. For them we pray also. Grant that the oil of thy grace may be supplied, and that souls may be prepared to safely pass the crisis of death and to stand before thee at thy coming and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And now, this brief moment to tell you this message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Thanks to those who have prayed

and given of their free-will offerings to make it possible for us to continue sending forth the truth. This crisis is not a make-believe one, but it is genuine and one which is facing the world today. If we may be of some help to you in a spiritual way be sure to let us know.

Here is a song by "The Evening Lighters". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From La.: "I'm happy in the Lord; contented with all his dealings, for I know he will do all things well, trying to get every one to Heaven. I have been reading just this evening some of the life of Billy Bray (1794-1868). Though he did not have the light that Bro. Warner and many others did on this "Evening Reformation," he had a wonderful experience with the Lord and was really on fire for the Lord--real encouraging to read. We have also found The Mission Trail dated Oct. 22, '71 with the tract "Others May--You Cannot" and with "Victory" on it also. It is a real challenge to my soul... May the Lord bless you richly this new year in your service for Him."

--Bro. Angus and Sis. Myrtis Flynn
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From Wash.: "Thanks so much for the Mission Trail. I enjoy them so much. Please oh please pray for me. My nerves are terrible. Also pray I can feel the joy of the Lord like I once did. I will never give up serving the Lord. Have been too long in the way."

--Sis. Pearl Branham

From La.: "Yes, I am still here, after a long time, of pain caused from angina; also arthritis. The good news is God has helped me so much, with the touch of his power, I haven't suffered for about 2 weeks, from the awful pain of angina, my heart hurt so bad, and I had such head ache; some times I would think this is my call to come home to be with the Lord. Praise the Lord...he healed me, and I am so thankful for prayers answered. I have had such sweet visits from Sister Carrie Sheppard, Velma Mancel, and Brother and Sister C. C. Carver...Please pray for me. I want to know more about this one true Church and the power of prayer for us now. I can't thank God enough for easing the pain in my body. I listen to you every Sunday morning...Sincerely,"

--Mildred Spurlock

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From Calif.: "I greet you in name of our Savior. Thanks for letter and for your prayers...I tried to do what I could in witnessing for my Savior while in hospital. I guess you have received word that I'm at home and was released with a walker to walk all I could. I'm doing some of my work not much. Pray that I be healed."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Ark.: "Just a few lines to say I still love the Lord and am holding on to his unchanging hand, thanking Him for His blessings he sees fit to bestow upon me from time to time, although our hearts are heavy from the deep sorrow we had to face in losing our... son. He died almost suddenly with what I suppose was a massive heart attack... He was almost 44 years... He left a wife and 4 children, all girls... remember us all in prayer. My husband is not well and I have this place on my forehead. I would like to be healed."

--Sister Johnnie West

From Okla.: "Another year has come and gone. Thank the Lord for keeping us saved and bringing us into a new year with victory in our souls and pressing on for God. We are realizing more and more our dependency on God. May the Lord continue to bless you all in sending out the gospel through the paper. We wouldn't want to be without it. It's encouraging to read and to hear from the saints... So pray for us as we pray for you. Yours in the service of the Lord."

--Bro. & Sis. Woodrow Warren

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From Mo.: "I do want to thank and praise the Lord for all his children. I do love everybody especially God's people. I'd like for everyone to know that the Lord has answered prayer and taken a bad growth off my body since Christmas... I just can't thank and praise the Lord enough for so many things he has done for me. I do thank him for saving my soul over 53 years ago and then sanctified my nature... I'll soon be 80 and I mean by God's grace to make heaven at any cost."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From Texas: "Praise God for victory in my soul. Several years ago the Lord was talking to me about being a missionary. As far back as when Bro. David Madden went overseas I consecrated to go and I got some plastic glasses and pitcher so they wouldn't break. I didn't use them for some time, and I read family newspaper, and the Lord impressed me to write and send tracts to those that seemed sincere. I was a missionary for a long time before I realized I was, and was going overseas too, and to people in several different states. The Lord has almost healed my rheumatism... thanks to everyone who remembers me in your prayers."

--Sister Nellie Lovell

From Ark.: "I'd like the little paper this year. I enjoy it all. We don't hear you on the radio and we are isolated from the saints. Please remember us in prayer."--Mrs. W. E. Bryan

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From Okla.: "I do hope and pray all is well. I am so thankful the dear Lord has been so good to me. I'm still at home taking care of myself helping others what I can... Pray for me, 92 past."

--Grandma Mattheson

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From Miss.: "Kate is 86. I am 84. The Master is so good to us, given us many years--can't be many more. I hope to be found faithful, ready to meet him, be it a few days or a few years. They are passing so fast and so many souls in darkness and sin. It will take the sound of the trumpet to awaken the sleeping drifting world. May the Holy spirit carry your message to many dear souls to soften their hearts and bring them home to our precious Jesus."

--Sis. Cressie Hudson

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From Ohio: "We send greetings of love in the precious name of Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood... Well, by His love and tender mercies he's brought us thru the old year and now we are well into the new one. The Lord only knows what's in store for us now?... we don't know what the future holds for us poor folks, but we do know who holds the future... May God help us each one to press on and be faithful to the end... We were so sorry couldn't come to the Guthrie meeting. The day we talked of starting--like tomorrow morning--that evening radio said St. Louis was paralyzed under 12" snow and traffic backed up east of city 40 or 45 miles, which was our route, so we submitted it to Him who knoweth best."

--Bro. Sam and Sis. Armilda Abbott

From La.: "I am sure you have received many blessings, as we all have, in the year of 1973 from our blessed Lord. And I pray there will be many in store for you in this year we have just entered into. I pray that the Lord will bless and anoint you for the message He would have you to broadcast each Sunday. That it will come with such anointing of the Holy Spirit, the words will be weighty, sinking deep into the heart of each hearer, both saved and unsaved. Surely it is by His word we stand or fall. By His word we stand justified or condemned. So I am praying for and desiring a better understanding of His word, also His will concerning me. For it is surely His will that I want to do. The Lord has been so good to me, I don't want to fail Him."

--Sis. Alta Flynn

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From La.: "We trust the Lord will bless you dear ones and keep you in his tender love and care... Tonight finds me still saved and happy in the Lord, still determined to press on and fight the good fight of faith. We are encouraged to go all the way... We still enjoy the Mission Trail and the good testimonies mean so much to me... We enjoy the broadcast so much too, over WFPR. We are still praying for you and the word as it goes forth over the air, that it will prove a real blessing to the saints and the Lord will cause precious souls to see the one true way. We trust the saints there are all well... Sis. Dora Doolittle is still having quite a battle with the arthritis in her body. She is in wheel chair now... She can't use walker on account of her hands, they are so sore. Do pray for her. We want to pray her out of the wheel chair. Sis. Short said she was in wheel chair and walker for 6 months but the Lord brought her out... Christian love, "

--Sis. Audrey Baumgartner

From La.: "Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Master. The one who is so good to us. We do love Him and mean by His help and grace to live for Him and make heaven our home at any cost. This is another new year and we don't know what it holds for us. But we are thankful to know the One that holds this year in the palm of His big hand. We feel safe and secure trusting His grace and wisdom. We hope this finds you dear ones well and enjoying the blessings of the dear Lord. We do appreciate your labors of love in His service, enjoy the Mission Trail and trust it continues to come to us this year as it has in the past. We surely are living in perilous times and need to live close to the Lord as we are expecting Him to come soon for His spotless Bride. I do pray the Lord will help us to be among the few that will be watching and waiting for Him with a pure heart. . . We listen to the messages over the radio most every Sunday morning, but last Sunday I missed the message as I didn't wake up until 8 o'clock. Since we had to run the clock up an hour it seemed like I had slept an hour late. Maybe I'll soon get adjusted to this time change. Do pray for me and my loved ones and all the saints' children who need to be saved. So many are traveling the downward road, it surely grieves our heart."

--Sis. Effie Miller

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From Okla.: "Greeting in much love. Thank the dear Lord for present victory. I hope you are all well. I haven't been going very much. The sisters have been poorly so I feel lonesome without them, so please pray much for them that the dear Lord put them going again. Love to the family and a happy and prosperous year to you all. By the help of the good Lord I will help to keep the good work going. Bye, bye,"

--Bro. M. L. Reed

From Mo.: "Sis. Fannie... sure needs your prayers and prayers of all the dear children of God... the little paper is a great blessing... Pray for us. I need God's help to be able to help others. We had snow and ice but as the good old song says, In winter, in summer, in sunshine and rain His love and affection is always the same."

--Sis. Becky Barnes and Sis. Fannie

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From Texas: "Thank you for your prayers in time past, continue to call my name in prayer when I come before you. Christian love and prayers for your work and you both. A sister in the faith of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

--Gladys Morgan

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From Minn.: "Greetings of love in the name of God's only begotten son, who came ruined sinners to save, of which I was one. This finds me well, for which I thank the Lord for His saving power and His healing power. I am in good health but not getting any younger. It won't be too long that the heavens will open and the Lord will say come up higher. That will be glory for me. I still get the Mission Trail and read it through and it helps me to keep in the straight and narrow way that leads to that glorious home everlasting in the heavens."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Pa.: "It has been some time since I wrote... but I get so many letters to answer until it is impossible to write to all especially at the Christmas season... I do hope and pray you and your family are well and still giving out the message. I met a brother and sister Beisley from Coffeyville, Kansas at the Green Bank camp meeting... Also a brother and sister Forbes and family from La. I love to meet the saints. . . . Please do pray for us."

--Sis. Flora Hinzman

at press time

we understand:

From the Whitleys in Texas: "Mother asked that I prepare this to send you. She still needs prayer--seems to have had a set back. God is gracious and does come to the rescue. Remember us all in your prayers."--Twyla Gayle

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Okla.: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey:-- Greetings as we start the New Year. I am posting you under separate cover, an offering in honor of your 9 years of "Mission Trail" service. At first when the tho't to send you the 5 "Kennedy" half dollars, I had in mind your five grand children, --well, time passed and they weren't gone; then I read of your 9 years, & more half dollars, had come to me, so now I have fixed them up (10 of them). They come to you with God's blessings that they may help spread the gospel. I enjoy the little "Mission Trail" so much. It seems as if the letters & testimonies are to me & gives me courage & strength to go on."

--Sis. Chas. Kelse

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From Fla.: "...how happy I am to be yet among the living and feel well and stronger than I have felt in more than five years. The blessed Jesus who keeps us loves us and lives within us. He, oh, He has done great things for me...I am now what may be called a ripe old age, 90, and I can read large as well as small print, my Bible. I do all my writing yet...love to all...stay with the Lord. Let Him rule in you and He will make you what you ought to be...In the one body,"

--Sister E. B. McNair

"I sure wouldn't want to give my Lord up. Where would we go? How awful and still so many are doing that--the one that did so much for them. I am glad Jesus loved me and made a way for me to go to Heaven."--Sis. Ada Leach

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"I desire the prayers of the saints to pray for us. My husband Abe Penner got hurt at the Fairview Sale Barn as he worked there. He is layed up with a broken hip...A cow ran into him as I understand it." --Sis. Eva Penner

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From S. Car.: "Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus our Lord. We are so thankful to God for all the blessings He shows us by day and night. I want to press on to show my dear Savior that I do love Him and want to do all I know for the dear Lord. I am asking all the saints to remember me in their prayers for I am going home some day to get my pay."

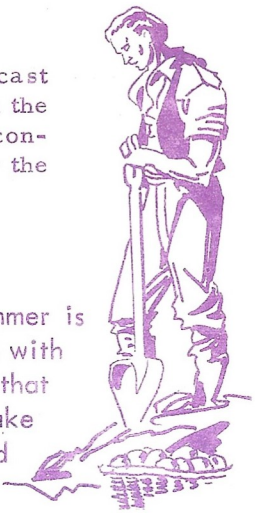
--Sister Sallie Sweat

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Space does not permit to print all the encouraging letters and testimonies we have received over the past weeks and months. A few of them have been selected to go in this issue. Thanks to each who has taken time and interest in sending their testimony. We sincerely trust they may all be a blessing to the readers. Of late I have thought of this scripture: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Num. 6: 24-26. God bless each reader.--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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