



# 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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## "So Great Salvation"

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"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;" Hebrews 2:1-3.

Good morning, friends. I want to speak to you about a matter of vital importance to your health and happiness in this life as well as to the future abode of your soul in long eternity! Listen, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Now that's a question which has no answer. The fact is, we shall not escape if we fail to obtain, or neglect to follow this plan of great salvation.

Let me explain, notice first the greatness of God and the things which He does. God is Eternal. In Him are eternal values and apart from Him there are no such values. All that man produces is temporal. The works of man last a few years, yes, some even for centuries, but they are not eternal. They crumble and fade with the passing of the years. Man can only come into possession of eternal things as he comes into proper relationship with God. There is but one way for man to come to know God and that is through Christ who came down from heaven and into this world as the Saviour of men.

Moral reform, social uplift and eco-

nomie problems have often taken the place of the preaching of this great salvation that God offers freely to a sin-cursed world that is traveling at a terrific speed toward an everlasting separation from Him who is the giver of eternal life. Even where the need for salvation is seen and presented, all too often the temporal values in the form of better moral lives and patched-up marriages are the most loudly praised, while the spiritual and eternal values that come to the individual are in many, yes, very many instances seldom mentioned and much less given their primary importance.

So many times the emphasis these days is upon the lifting of the human race out of its low estate of temporal affairs. God's emphasis, on the other hand, as found in the Bible, is to deal with the problem of human sin and all its consequences on the basis of eternal values. This is through this great salvation. Social welfare work and all moral reform, however good for the present, do not help men and women beyond the grave, and the grave is not the end of



man. He has an undying soul that goes on and on and on in eternity. The salvation that God, and He alone has accomplished through Jesus Christ, provides for that undying soul of man and brings it into this wonderful inheritance of so great salvation.

Notwithstanding the agnostics and unbelievers who so loudly proclaim that they do not believe in a life hereafter, I doubt if there are very many men or women alive today who do not deep down in their heart, at some time or other, consider a future existence. There is also the thought that the future eternal state is determined for each individual while in this present life. And that is all the more reason why one should not neglect so great a salvation. God offers free and without charge this great salvation for the acceptance thereof, regardless of what one's past life may have been. He who repents and accepts this great salvation is assured of eternal joy in an everlasting covenant with God.

To substitute temporal values for the eternal values of God's salvation is to miss the greatest thing that has ever been offered to man. Yet because many of the so called professors and church members today are placing the emphasis on the temporal values, many inside and outside of the sectarian churches never really grasp the value of these eternal things of God. And yet, because of the problems in the social and economic world, many realize the instability of temporal and material values and long for something with stability in which to trust. The real answer to this longing is found in absolute spiritual values; in the eternal values of God.

Now, what are some of the things which make this salvation so great? First of all, it delivers those who partake of it,

from the reign of Satan and the powers of sin. There is redemption from the curse or penalty of God's holy law. All trespasses are forgiven. That one who is saved is reconciled to God and brought into a state of peace with Him. He is born again of God with an eternal life. He is made a part of a new creation in Christ Jesus. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

Another reason salvation is so great, is because it is for all people regardless of race or standing. Listen to this verse: "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The taking away of this "sin of the world" is for all people. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Oh, there are so many scriptures showing this great salvation is for all men. 1 Tim. 2:4--"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Another reason salvation is so great was the price it cost. None other than the Son of God was worthy to give his life for our salvation. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Listen to the words of those who have been redeemed: "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:9-10.

Consider for a moment the greatness

of the creation of God in forming the world and the stars and all the elements of the universe. There is the sun to give light by day and the moon to rule the night. Man has understood and fathomed many mysteries of the universe. Radio is still a marvel to me. Think of talking into a microphone connected to a transmitter operated by electrical power and forming radio waves which are transmitted through the air at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. To the person tuning the receiver it seems as if another at a distant station is in the room with him! And why can man do all this? Because God gave him intelligence and because of the fixed laws of the universe which gives us to know there is a God of intelligence and understanding. He created the heaven and the earth and fixed the laws of His creation as well as gave man understanding to comprehend them.

Man has learned so many of the secrets of the universe. He has been able to compress oxygen and hydrogen into liquid forms, blast off rockets and travel through space until at last he comes to the moon where he safely lands, walks about and then blasts himself back into orbit and returns through the space to earth again. There he safely lands and tells the wonders of his adventures. He tells what it is like to look back from the space journey and see the earth as a small terrestrial ball spinning in its orbit around the sun. How frail and helpless it seems. Really, it is sustained by the word of God.

I am reminded of the scripture which speaks of man ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. So in the natural he learns, but why cannot he understand the spiritual things of God? Because they are spiritually discerned and not learned through

natural understanding. Man cannot by his own intelligence fathom the mysteries of salvation. They must be revealed to man by the Spirit of God. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor. 2:9-10.

Let us pray. Our Father, we thank thee for this great salvation, which saves, keeps and satisfies the soul of man. May the preaching of the word be the means of helping others to better understand the plan God has for their lives. Now bless each listener through thy word and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Thanks to each of you who have taken the time to listen. If we may be of some spiritual help to you be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Our heart-felt thanks to all who help us keep the message on the air from week to week.

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

## Testimonies

From Okla.: "I enjoy the Mission Trail ... I remember where I was, and what I was doing when the Titanic went down. That was a great tragedy. But since then there has been so many. Still people don't turn to God. There is no peace in the world, but we can have the peace of God in our hearts... remember me in your prayers, especially my eyes." --Sis. Minnie A. Adcock



From Calif.: "This finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied in Jesus. I want no other way than the way that was established by Jesus. Sure, there are trials and tests and sufferings all along the way. But, we have so much more that all those things aren't to be considered sufficient to make us give up this wonderful way. It makes all the world has to offer empty and vain. I'd rather follow the path that Jesus trod than to fail to follow and miss heaven. Then just think of all the blessings we have while here. We have the gift of salvation, and the peace which passeth all understanding. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit which is a comforter to us, a guide to us to lead us and guide us into all truth and righteousness. And he is a preserver to us so that we might not ever be lost or stray away from God unless we get careless, slack and unconcerned. Or just deliberately determine not to be obedient. Then we have all the fruits of the spirit in our lives. Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. There is a scripture that says the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Rom. 5:1-5. If the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts what about all the other fruits of the Spirit... I'm thankful for everything God has provided for us that we may be able to be found in him without our own righteousness but, with his and without spot and blameless... I thought it was about time I wrote a letter to let you know I'm enjoying the blessings of salvation and am glad to keep getting the Mission Trail. I desire your prayers. I'm very needy when it comes to help from the Lord... He has proved himself to my satisfaction that he will never leave me nor forsake me as long as I will stay with him."

--Sis. Thomasene R. Taylor

From Kansas: "We're thankful we can report victory in our souls. In family worship this morning we read there how Peter asked our Lord "what shall this man do?" speaking of John. The Lord gave him a very wise answer, "What is that to thee, follow thou me." This passage of scripture is a command for each of us. No matter what we may see around us happening, some forsaking truth, perils among brethren, compromise spirits and the such like, still our command is to "follow Christ." Truly this is my determination and desire... Christian love, "

--Randal, DeLoris Bradley and family

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From Ohio: "...this note is only to tell you how we appreciate "The Mission Trail" paper, not only the inspiring messages. We can, by keeping in contact, help bear the burdens of others, that you publish in the little paper. The testimonies are encouraging... so keep it coming... The Lord has blessed us here, yet, so much more land to possess, such a wicked age, deceptive, faithless, although the most religious age ever, so we do not have time to idle. Pray much for the work here, including us, the congregation."

--Sister Hazel Clark

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to the glory of God. O for the loving kindness of our God through Jesus, we give thanksgiving. He hath given us the desires of our hearts. I called to the Western State Hospital, had to wait for some time. Finally Ernest had to call me back as they could not find him. He soon called. O how happy to hear that he called his wife Donna, to get him home today. O I am rejoicing and have clapped my hands in honor to the Father of mercies and God of all comfort in hearing and answering the prayers of the saints of God." --Sis. Eva Penner



From Okla.: "Hope all of you are well and doing fine. You remember the day we were there to help serve for the Assembly meeting. You remember I asked for prayer because I had a hurting in my chest and I also asked another minister to pray. Well, before long we left for home and while we were on our way the pain began to get worse and worse. I was asking the Lord to help me and if I remember correctly the pain left or pretty well, and all at once it jumped to the other side. It then went back and forth for several times. I was still asking the Lord to help me and to take it away and I told Him I would write a letter. It didn't leave me completely until we got home and I think we had prayer a couple of times. I do thank the dear Lord how He does hear and answer our prayers... I need your prayers. I appreciate all the prayers from each one in the past..."

--Sister Florence Sisk

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From La.: "Cheerful Christian greetings in Jesus precious name. I want to let you know I certainly do enjoy the messages on the broadcast and also the Mission Trail. I pray our Lord's richest blessings on all of you who labour so faithfully. Keep praying for me and loved ones."

--Sis. John O. Robertson

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From Kansas: "I am still saved and love the Lord more each day. Thankful for His loving care and concern over me. It has been some time since I have written you but I still remember you in prayer. I haven't been so well for a year but still thankful it's as well as it is. With all the violence, chaos and ungodliness in the world it's good to be anchored on the Rock. Thank you for the Mission Trail. I hope you both are well. In Christian love,"

--Sis. Amy Hunter

From Okla.: "This cloudy cold winter day finds us with sunshine in our soul, praises and thanksgiving out of our heart for the rich blessings Jesus gave us while on our bed of affliction... While I was very sick the Lord sent 2 angels. One brushed my face with the tip of its wing. I opened my eyes and they 2 stood at my right in space. Jesus spoke softly, "I send these to comfort thee." I awoke and they were gone, but never in this world to be forgotten. This has been an encouragement to walk on softly (so we can listen to and for our instructions from the Lord). Let us not sup longer on milk, but arise, take meat and work, fasting and praying for the night soon cometh when we cannot work. The days of our lives are passing so swiftly. We do thank the Lord for his dear children that can still go to the throne of grace and get an answer to prayer. The dear ones from Neosho and Garfield have been so faithful to pray, to come and phone and cards and encouragement all the way. May the Lord richly bless each one and you dear ones in your work there for the Lord... It seems each radio message is better, but not so, just that every word of God is dear to our hearts. His word lifts our minds up to him from off this world of sin and woe making us to know how very small and unworthy we are... He says he will not put on us more than we can bear and time and time again these last 6 weeks I have found all his good promises true... So very soon we know the Lord will be calling us... I do not think tongue can tell the glory of that moment and the trials of this life will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way. Jesus is my headlight and my way is bright... twilight is settling all over the world. Soon cometh the hush of night and that great trumpet sound of that great day -- judgment... Love to all,"

--Sis. Doris Bowers



From Arkansas: "...will write you a few lines which I have been planning to do for some time. Sorry I have been this long. Hope you all are well. We are not too well. Husband has such bad headaches since he had the school bus accident in August. Don't know if you heard or not, but there was an electric high line which had sagged across the highway which he didn't see and he drove under it and it caught on the top of the bus. He tried to drive out from it. It caught behind the mirror on the bus and it made connections. The motor of the bus quit and it set the bus on fire. He told the children not to panic and get out the back door which they all did. Some said he had over 30 children on, but one little boy I suppose tried to get out the front door and got burned badly. They had to take one of his legs off... pray for us all that none will grow discouraged. We will be so thankful when we can get back in our little chapel and pray and study God's word together... I love the dear Lord and all his saints. I am not discouraged. I mean by God's help to live for him. Your sister in Christ,"

--Della Anschutz

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From La.: "Thank the Lord for that wonderful Sacrifice He gave to the world that all mankind can be saved. None has to be lost. But oh, so sad to think of the millions that will be lost because they aren't willing to pay the price in order to receive "The Pearl of Great Price." I was just reading in Ezra, the humble prayer he prayed in the 9th chapter. In the 13th verse he said "seeing that our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserve." Then I thought of what David said "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Surely, as he said in another place "Only for the mercies of the Lord, we would be consumed." I realize more

and more the Lord is looking for an humble heart and that is the only kind He will abide in. Surely, we have no goodness of our own to plead. The Lord has been so merciful and good to me. Pray that I will walk humbly and carefully before Him daily. We still enjoy the Mission Trail Broadcast and want to help a little on the expense."

--Sister Alta Flynn

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From Mich.: "We're so thankful for the privilege to attend the Assembly meeting. And we're still rejoicing in the messages that we got taped while there. It's so good to visit with the saints from other places... We want to let you know we appreciate the Mission Trail and so thankful to you folks for making it possible. God bless you and encourage you in your efforts for Him. Truly only what is done for Christ will last and it is a blessing to be in His service. It's better to be doing what little we can for others, as it brings a blessing of God on our soul. We're still pressing on this upward way. Truly it is a pressing way. But thank the Lord, God is always with us to give grace and encouragement each step of the way. Praise God! This morning I was reading 'Springs in the Valley' for this day. It was telling of tunnels in our lives. It said, among other good things, "The tunnel is never on a siding--it is planned to lead somewhere!" Thank the Lord. The dark tunnels in our lives are stepping stones to glory. Being in the dark tunnel experience is no time to give up and turn back. But get closer to Jesus, He is the Light of the world."

--Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins

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Congratulations Sis. Opal Williams and Charles on 50th wedding anniversary. She wrote: "Thank you for all prayers for us..." --Sis. Opal Williams, 2130 W. Hatch Rd., Modesto, Calif. 95351.



# at press time

we understand:

GOSPEL SINGING has been announced for Saturday evening, March 29th in Church of God chapel, Prattsville, Ark. Come and enjoy the singing and stay over for the all-day meeting Sunday. --Bro. & Sis. E. A. Loftis, Route 1, Box 156, Prattsville, Arkansas 72129.

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A nine days revival meeting, beginning with a Singsperation starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, March 8th and ending March 16th will be held at The Church of God, 2902 Franklin Ave., San Diego, Calif. Bro. Woodroe Warren of Okmulgee, Okla. will be with us, as well as ministers from other states. These ministers will preach the full gospel under the anointing of the Holy Spirit with power and judgment, so that souls may be enlightened, instructed and edified. Come and be with us, all who can. For further information call the pastor, Bro. Alvin Lucas at 213-759-3962. In San Diego, call Bro. J. V. Randall, 264-5838 or Sister Tora M. Jensen, 233-3659.

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From La.: "How happy and thankful I am for the Lord's blessings to me. After 9 or 10 months of being in bed, it's wonderful to be up from 30 minutes to an hour at the time. Once in a while it's over an hour. I have pain almost constantly in hip, back or leg, but I am so much better. The congregation has really stood by me in their prayers, visits and calls, besides others who've prayed earnestly for me, which we appreciate so much."

--Sister Myrtle Savoie

## A WORD OF THANKS

The family of J. P. Wall of Dallas, Tex., wishes to thank all who helped make the lovely dinner at Gene and Dorothy Porters possible, for all the comforting words and cards and the beautiful orchid spray. Your thoughtfulness helped make the day so much easier and will not be forgotten. Bro. Porter and Bro. Carver spoke such comforting words, increasing our hope because of the great love and mercy of God. We too can exclaim "Great is thy faithfulness". God is doing all he can to get every one to make Heaven. Because of these happenings we can see it even more plainly. The day before our loved one passed it seems our minds were directed to thoughts and prayers for him. Much weeping and praying was done that very day in his behalf. We know prayer changes things and feel certain the Holy Spirit dealt accordingly. Although our loved one will be greatly missed we know God was good to grant him many blessings during his lifetime and took him so easily while he was sleeping. Let us do what we can today for souls, tomorrow may be too late. --Edith Wall, Evelyn Gunnels, Jim Wall, Evodna Marler.

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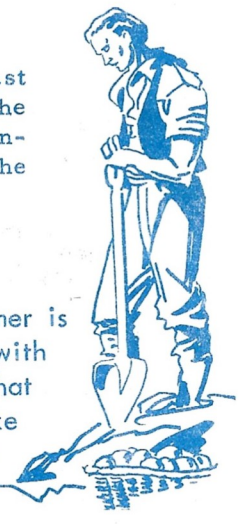
Our sympathy to Edith Robinson, R. 1, Wappapello, Mo. 63966. Her mother to whom she had given the best of care for about 22 years was buried Feb. 11.

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From La.: "My brother passed away. His funeral was in Houston, Texas... He left a good testimony. He said he was prepared to go." --Beulah Johnson



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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

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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