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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 Day of Miracles Is not Past

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure and privilege it is to be coming your way once again with a message which I hope will prove a blessing and an inspiration to you. I want to speak of miracles. Some folks claim the day of miracles is past, but I have not found anywhere in the scriptures that this is true. I will tell you one reason why I believe God doesn't do more miracles than he does. That is because of the unbelief existing in the hearts of folks who ought to have more faith. Listen to the scriptures:

"And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogues, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. 13:53-58

Let us look at this unbelief for a moment. Did you know that unbelief will cause a person to depart from God? Listen: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Heb. 3:12. Well, there is one thing for which I am glad. God is still

faithful to his own and is working regardless of all the unbelief in the world today. Think of this scripture a moment:

"For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." Rom. 3:3-4.

Then these verses in Romans 11:32-33, "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Now this brings me to the incident I want to report to you concerning Bro. Thomas in Jamaica. When we were there he told me first-hand how he fell from the tree into this field of yams. This alone doesn't sound too bad, but

when we know that yams are similar to sweet potatoes, but instead of allowing the vines to grow along the ground, stakes are put up for them to climb. These stakes in Jamaica are made of bamboo poles and you may imagine what a dry, sharp bamboo pole would do to someone falling on top of it. But the miracle of it all is Bro. Thomas didn't fall onto the pole. God saw to it that he missed the bamboos. But let me switch to the cassette recorder and give it to you in his own words. First this introduction which I made while standing on the hillside in Jamaica. I wish the quality of this cassette was better, but perhaps you can get some of it. Listen:

This is March 21, 1975 and Brother Thomas' son in law, his last name is Henry; I call him Henry, but Henry has been very nice to help me and he and I have climbed the hill--way, way up the hill. It must be two miles or maybe more. And we are up here to Bro. and Sis. Thomas' house. Now, Bro. Thomas is the one that fell out of a tree some time ago. And we're standing out here now on the side of the--well, I guess he would call it a hill. To me, it is pretty much of a mountain. And we are looking down below and we can see the valley far below us there. He's got some yams growing down there and some bamboo sticks he's been working with. And last night Bro. Thomas was at church. Bro. Thomas, we want you to tell your experience and what the Lord did for you in this experience that you had.

"I am so very glad to have Bro. Murphey up the hills with me and to show him the place where I fell from the tree. And to tell him how God worked a miraculous work by saving my life on that day in 1973. It is the mercy of God, just a miracle of God's work on me why my life has been spared to meet Bro.

Murphey once more again in which I am very thankful. I remember the day when I fell from the tree. The first word that I could utter when coming back to consciousness -- I said, Tell the world that I said the days of miracles of God is not over. It's just a miracle of God's work by sparing my life... My testimony to those who come around is to seek God as their personal Saviour and if I do not return to see them any more, we will meet over on the other side. I'm very glad that God has spared my life and I can give my testimony that God is real... God has never failed."

Well, I know when I was here before you and I were walking down the hill toward the little Church of God chapel where Bro. and Sis. Smalling live there, and we were talking of the goodness of the Lord to the people along the way and Bro. Thomas... well, he might not exactly call it preaching, but he's preached up and down that hill to people who live along the way there. And they know him and they know of his life. I am reminded of one of the... I believe it was Caleb, if I remember correctly in the Bible where he said, Give me this mountain. He wanted the mountain top for his possession. Well, that's the way Bro. Thomas has been. He's wanted this mountain top. He's got a few acres up here and I was asking him about how he worked it, and he doesn't have any machinery, not one piece of motorized machinery I don't suppose. Anyway, he does it with a fork and with a spade and with a machete? What do you call this--a machete? Yes, a machete and he works this intensively by hand, keeps the weeds cut out and all... and isn't that the way it is with an experience that we have with the Lord. If we're going to have a good clean experience, we're going to have to work at it.

It's beautiful to see...well, right now we're standing here where we can see an orange tree growing there with yellow oranges on it -- looks beautiful. There's coconut trees...Henry and I were talking as we were coming up here. We even sang some, about like reaching the land of Caanan you know and going up the last hill? Henry, I am making a recording here. Come up a little closer by here where you can talk a little bit too. We have been talking to Bro. Thomas, and he told us about his experience you know and how the Lord preserved his life...do you remember when this happened?

"O yes, I remember in 1973--yes, I was in Kingston working and I got news over there...I give the Lord thanks because really, when I know what he passed through there and the dear Lord preserved his life I have to give God thanks because it is only a miracle!"

...now Bro. Thomas, we were talking about the goodness of the Lord and how a person can be happy and really not have a lot of the things that the people in America think they need to have, conveniences. Now, you have raised how many children? "Fourteen." Fourteen. How many are at home now? "Five." Five are at home. "Others go and come"...How many rooms in your house?...two bedrooms or? "Five." Five rooms? "Five bedrooms"...A person can be happy when they've got the love of God in their hearts. "O yes." That's the main thing.

Friends, I have been sharing with you some of the recording which I made in Jamaica. We hope that it may be an inspiration and a blessing to you to do more for God and to remember these dear ones there as they struggle to advance the cause of the Lord. Let us

spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father, we thank you today for your blessings. We thank you for thy church which is one throughout all the world. We're glad to be a member of thy family. We ask you to bless each member today in the way which they need most. Remember those who are sick and in trouble. Encourage and heal and bless. Remember those who are struggling to hold up the way of righteousness there in Jamaica. Help and bless them Lord, and we'll surely give thee the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Now, if you would, and I hope that you would like to hear...let me share with you a song there as they sang it in the little chapel. Listen:

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

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "In Jesus name we send greetings from W. Va., so thankful for the goodness of our Lord unto us this morning. Truly we here at Greenbank have been wonderfully blessed in the Lord these last few weeks. The Lord has come to our aid many times lately among fiery trials. But we thank our Lord that through these we were given some wonderful lessons in the school of learning, and feel now we are in much better condition to press our way forward in the name of Jesus."

--Bro. James White

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From Ind.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. He is so good to us. We thank him for his many blessings. I am not very well, so remember us in prayer. I don't go very much any more, am not going to any meetings, can't make the long trips."--Bro. & Sis. Rufus Morton

From Mo.: "The Lord is really blessing us day by day. By his grace we are keeping saved and living a holy life. In the first part of this year of 1975 we have had some very serious afflictions of the body. The Lord was so good to show mercy unto us, healed us and put us on our feet again. All praise and glory be to our God. We want to thank all the saints for their earnest prayers for us while we were in this battle of affliction... We appreciate the Mission Trail paper so much... May the Lord richly bless you all there in all your labors is our prayer. Pray for us."

--Bro. & Sis. Alsia Sorrell
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From Ga.: "I wonderfully appreciate what the Lord our Saviour has done for us. I am so sorry to see how the wicked part of the world is grieving God's holy Spirit. Eph. 4:30. Bro. Murphey, I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and the devil who are having much influence in the world today among the people... I guess you all have made your journey in the Lord there and back home safely. I received your letter on the same day that you said you were to start out on your journey... I went right to sending prayers up to the Lord for you and I kept you before the Lord. I trust you all had an enjoyable time in the Lord."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers
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From Ohio: "We are still encouraged to live for the Lord, and are in a battle now. Kenneth was scheduled off work this past week, and we say it was good because he has really suffered with his back... He didn't rest too well last night. Can't stay in one position too long. Do remember him in your prayers there. ... Campmeeting time will soon be here again. We surely desire to go where the Lord leads... Christian love and prayers."

--Kenneth, Lois Abbott and family

From Calif.: "I wanted to write and give God glory and all the praise for something he has done for me. For some time now I had been having trouble physically in just not feeling well and in my stomach. I know a lot of my problems came from years back when I took all those pills. I began to look to the Lord about it. I had gone on a diet once to lose weight and felt so good eating that way. There were no sweets or bread, just meat, fresh fruits and lots of vegetables and when I ate just like it said I felt great, no stomach problems or anything. I felt the Lord was pleased in this but the problem was when I fasted and prayed and saw the Lord would have me to follow this the rest of my life, that's where I had trouble to die out to myself as far as not eating sweets the rest of my life. It was that I would eat the sweets instead of taking time to fix something good. I did like sweets and bread and yet I would feel so sick and sluggish and my stomach hurt. I couldn't do my work or take care of the children like I should. So I fasted and prayed until God gave me the victory over myself. How I thank him for it. I feel so much better and I have energy to do my work and care for my family the way I should and I know that is God's will. One of the scriptures the Lord gave...: "It is not a vain thing for you because it is your life and through this ye shall prolong your days in the land." Also the Lord gave me: "I will restore unto you the years that the locust have eaten." And surely the years that I took all those pills the locust had eaten of my young life... not everyone's body was in the shape that mine is... God has made a way for me. I thank and praise him with all my heart. I have different kinds of fresh fruit and maybe a little popcorn for a treat, so in giving up I have gained so much more."

--Sis. Candice Rich

From Okla.: "...still saved and enjoying the blessings of the dear Lord. Truly he is good to his children. I was sick last month of Feb. but the Lord wonderfully blessed me and I mean to go all the way with the Lord... What a mighty God we serve. I still enjoy the Mission Trail ... I surely thank the saints for their prayers in my behalf."

--Sister Fannie Taylor

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From Ind.: "Hope you folks are well in body and soul. As for us we are pretty well... I am sending you a small offering to use where you need it to get this blessed truth to lost souls. I hope to see you at some of the camp meetings. Pray for us as we do for you."

--Bro. Nathan Mobley

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From Mo.: "...received the Mission Trail paper this morning and have finished reading it through, enjoyed all of it, the good message, the poetry and the testimonials and in them we see we all have many health problems with others and thro these we take new courage and find God is still on his throne and ready to answer prayers... I am glad to know you like to receive letters too, for I seem to be always writing letters and sending get well and greeting cards, also I too, love poetry and have some very good ones some my friends send to me and I want to send one of my favorite ones; was glad to know your trip to Jamaica was an enjoyable and successful one..."

If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character,
If there is beauty in the character
There will be love in the home;
If there is love in the home
There will be order in the nation,
If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.

--Mrs. J. Edw. Leach

From W. Va.: "I trust you are well, and had a very enjoyable and prosperous trip down south. I am sure many were helped, and rejoiced to hear the gospel preached. I love to hear the truth, but it isn't very often I get to meeting. I read the word of God, pray, and sing, sometimes my cup runneth over. I am thankful for the strength the Lord has given me. Like Paul, "I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Christian love and prayer,

--Sis. Olive Keene

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From Calif.: "I am glad to hear your trip to Jamaica was successful. The Lord has been good to us and I am still determined to make heaven my home. The truth grows more precious to me every day. I enjoy the messages and testimonies..." --Sis. Edith Reavis

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From Wisc.: "Suppose you have heard of all the snow and wind we have been having here. But we're glad and thankful we haven't had the worst of it. About 100 miles north of us they have had it much worse. The electricity was off and were snow bound, the big plows couldn't keep up with what was still coming... We haven't been able to do much on our church building as there is a lot of painting to do and has been too cold most of the time. But hope we can get at it pretty soon. We did get some cleaning done. Don't know just how long it will take to get things fixed so we can have services in it, but hope to have it done before the men have to go in the fields. In the meantime we are having services at Duane and Sue's and some of the neighbors do come for which we are very thankful. Pray we will be able to lead them to the Lord. ...we do need your prayers that we will not do any thing that will hinder the gospel up here." --John and Bertha La Veau

From W. Va.: "This finds us very much encouraged and pressing on. We see by the date on the last letter we received, that it has been a long time since we have written you folks. With the help of the Lord we will do better with our letter writing... The Lord has been so good to us. When we think of all he does for us and the little we do for Him, we seem quite unworthy. I desire to be pleasing in His sight at all times, and I desire your prayers. Everyone here seems to be doing fine. As you probably know, our tent meeting is to start June 20th." -- Sis. Karen Lambert

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From S. Car.: "Today finds me in the center of God's will to all of my understanding, praise God. I am doing very well in body too. Hope this letter finds you two the same. Up to this day since God saved my soul He has brought me through many a test and I am still trusting him to take me through the rest of them... the few saints here seem to be much encouraged. We have one more that God sent in the vineyard. I believe he is really saved. His name is Perry Russell of Orangeburg, S.C... I have some unspoken requests, Please pray with me that God will show himself strong in these matters. Your sister in Christ," -- Sis. Edna Crummie

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. He is so wonderful to us and all that will put their trust in him. Sorry we haven't written before now, but so busy trying to get a little work done and my companion has, I guess, arthritis in his left knee, would love for you to pray for him. I help him as much as I can, but that isn't much. My health isn't so good either, but I do thank the Lord for answering prayer. I love the Lord and I want to do all He would have me do... pray much for us..."

--Bro. & Sis. Howard Boulden

From Jamaica: "It is with grateful hearts to God and all the saints who made it possible for brother Willie Murphey to again visit us in Jamaica; that we write this brief account. On this occasion he was accompanied by his wife Sister Frances. On the 19th of March a company of friends and a number of saints chartered a mini bus and journeyed to the airport. On hearing that the 1:30 p.m. flight was cancelled we decided and waited for the 4:30 p.m. Then at the arrival of the plane, the company divided and with eager eyes and anxious hearts some remained looking out from the waving gallery while others gazed through the windows of the custom office when suddenly two hands were seen waving. Brother and Sister Murphey had seen us and waved. Our anxiety was released. Message was sent to those up the waving gallery. They hastened down and what a meeting and a greeting there was! After this we started our journey along the plains and up the hills until we reached Frankfield safely... 23rd at the 11 a.m. service the message was delivered by brother Murphey. At the close many sick were anointed and prayed for. At about 5:30 p.m. this same day a street (open air) meeting was kept. After this we returned to the chapel for the night's service. Some who visited us then had never done so before. On the 24th we went to an assembly a few miles from here. This was largely attended. On the 25th there was a farewell service. Tears could hardly be restrained as we sang repeatedly "When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again." Their coming to us is highly appreciated and has been a blessing. We pray that the seeds sown have fallen on good soil. Please pray for us and for God's work here in Jamaica."

--Bro. Israel and Sis. Olga Smalling

at press time

we understand:

The Lord richly blessed in the meeting in Anthony, Kansas from April 20 to the 27th. Some of the ministers attending included Bro. and Sis. Stover, Sis. Ruth Murphey, Bro. Murphy Allen. Also there was Bro. and Sis. Louis Williams and many of the Wichita saints. Bro. Leslie Busbee and Sis. Marie Miles and others from Guthrie attended some. Also Bro. Curtis Williams from Ky. The Word was preached and God honored it with his presence and Spirit. Bro. Floyd Kennedy and Sis. Margaretta camped on the grounds in their trailer.

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From Colo.: "The dear Lord has again touched my body and I thank him for hearing and answering prayer and thank all the saints for praying for me. What a wonderful God we serve, and the way gets brighter all the time as I get older. Oh I just want to do more for Him, and live close to Him... enjoy the Mission Trail."

--Sis. R. A. Tombleson

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From Okla.: "I love God's people and know despite all this sin and wickedness He has a church triumphant that hell cannot destroy. I am so happy when the little paper comes. It seems like letter from my sisters and brothers in Christ,"

--Mrs. Chas. Kelse

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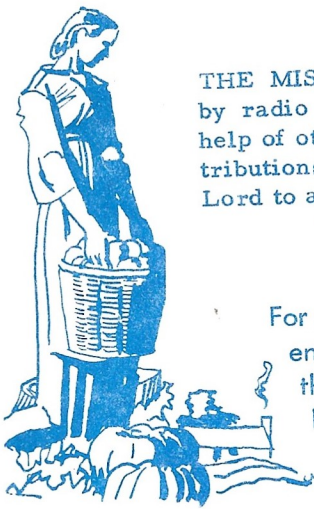
From Penna.: "Writing to thank all the saints for the prayers on my behalf during my recent serious heart condition. I sure appreciate all of your prayers. God sure heard and answered prayer... continue to pray for us."

--Charles Houck Jr.

In the early morning hours of April 11 Sis. Lou Bray was awakened and barely escaped from her house which burst into flames. In the following letter she tells how good the Lord was to her that she should be spared. Extensive damage was done to her little brick home which was almost new. Remember her in your prayers in this time of great loss. Sis. Lou Bray, RFD 1, Garfield, Arkansas 72732.

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From Ark.: "My little house all inside is ruined. The real pretties are black and broken... the sound sleep was broken. I sniffled at smoke, saw fire and ran to Rhenda's--by the time Norman got over the floor in front of my bedroom was blazing. They told me in 5 minutes, maybe 3, I couldn't have come out the door. I'm afraid then I'd have suffocated. Now wasn't God good? He knew I wasn't to go now... my earthly house gone, but fire will never reach my spiritual house, maybe add to it. The Lord has given me a song. I've so much to thank Him for, a bedroom at Rhenda's. Today 3 carpenters are tearing the inside out ready to rebuild all the inside. The roof and outside is O.K. I went to church a week ago--a borrowed coat, purse and Bible. Things are working out and I'm making out O.K. Everything was smoked and water soaked but such good help. Oh, how I love Jesus. The insurance company totaled out the contents, complete loss; of course we've saved a lot. My keepsakes etc. went but we don't need earthly treasures." --Sis. Lou Bray



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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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