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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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“A Double Minded Man Is Unstable in All His Ways”

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way by means of radio. But I have so much to say and such a short time to say it, that I want to get right into these thoughts which I have on my heart, trusting they will prove a blessing to all. I have chosen for a text the word UNSTABLE. So far as I am able to determine the word unstable is given only four times in the Bible. I am going to give you all four of these scriptures.

FIRST: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:5-8. This is a good promise, but there is also a word of caution to the man who is unstable.

According to Webster the definition for unstable means: "not stable: not firm or fixed: not constant: as fluctuating, irregular, fickle, unsteady, readily decomposing or changing otherwise in chemical composition or biological activity, characterized by inability to control the emotions."

Many of you will remember, perhaps, the great damage that resulted from the atomic bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan in 1945. It will soon be thirty years ago. Now I do not profess to be a scientific expert, but from

the encyclopedia I find that the atomic bomb is possible because the very heart or nucleus of a certain element is highly unstable. In other words, a chain reaction takes place causing a tremendous explosion even to the splitting of the atoms.

I am sure that the technology is much advanced from that early stage, but there is something here regarding instability which I want you to notice. I quote: "The explosive mechanism of the bombs was reputed to consist of mechanical means whereby either pieces of plutonium (an artificially created element), or pieces of U-235 (an isotope of uranium) are brought together, so that the disrupted neutrons of one atom bombard the other in a chain reaction. Plutonium (element 94) is derived from uranium by an intermediate step which creates neptunium (element No. 93). Both of these new elements were named after planets. While various atoms have been split in the laboratory by the use of the cyclotron or the Van de Graaff generator, the nucleus of U-235 (and other radio active elements)

can be disrupted by radium emanations or even by each other. The nucleus of plutonium is also highly unstable. This instability would make these the logical elements for an atomic bomb, either alone or in combination. For reasons of security, the actual composition of the atomic bomb is being kept secret." End of quote.

Now, that report has to do with the results of a certain element, plutonium, the very nucleus of which is unstable. It is very dangerous element. The radiation from it is deadly and the possibility of an explosion is very great. It can be made to just "fly to pieces", if we may use such an expression.

And then let us look at the spiritual disaster brought about by one being unstable and unpredictable when it comes to being settled in the things of God. This is true to a large extent even in material things. When Jacob was giving his last instructions and predictions concerning his children just before his death here is what he said to Reuben. And this brings me to the next scripture:

SECOND--"Reuben, thou art my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel ... " Gen. 49:3-4. Notice how Jacob likened Reuben--"unstable as water". The margin says: "Or bubbling over." So he would not excel or have the preeminence because he was so very unstable. He was unpredictable. One couldn't depend on him.

The writer of Proverbs has this to say concerning a person like this. "My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given

to change." Prov. 24:21.

Even though Reuben was the oldest son, Jacob didn't speak of him very highly because of his instability. Oh, how we need to be settled and grounded in the truth and not moved about by every wind of doctrine. This is what the scriptures say. Listen: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" Eph. 4:14. If, in the past, you have been unsettled and tossed to and fro with the doctrines of men, it is time for you to get a firm hold on the truth and get settled on the rock.

THIRD -- This next scripture is given from 2 Peter. Here the apostle warns of a certain class of people who are very morally degraded, wicked at heart, have a love of money, are as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed. Well, these same people who are going to perish in their own corruption are attempting to drag others down with them and they often do so, if these unsuspecting souls are unstable. Listen: "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls; an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:" 2 Peter 2:14.

I quote again. FOURTH--"And account that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Pet. 3:15-16.

Notice, these people who were dragged down had two counts against them. They were both unlearned and unstable. It is bad to be ignorant of the truth. Yet many folks learned in other phases of life are almost totally ignorant of the ways of salvation. They are as another scripture puts it: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7.

Then to be unstable along with this ignorance really makes them likely suspects for the false doctrines which are sweeping the nations. Oh, for a faith that will stabilize our lives and cause us to settle down, and not be moved away from the hope of our calling.

Some of you may have read the account of the young pilot who was flying the plane from Chicago to Houston. Before he reached Shreveport where he had hoped to land for the night it got dark and his gas was running low. He attempted a landing at Texarkana, but just before he reached there his plane sputtered and quit. He knew he was over a country of timber with pine trees below. But as his plane glided to earth he committed himself into the hands of God. Marvelously he landed on the highway and rolled into a parking lot near a cafe!

That night when he was safely in the motel he picked up the Bible and read, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion." Psalms 71:1.

What a miraculous thing that he had landed on U. S. highway 71 and then he was reading from Psalm 71!

He looked out the window. It was dark and the mist was still falling, but he knew better than ever before that God was up there beyond the clouds.....

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

One night airborne in misty skies
 A youthful pilot flew;
 In vain he sought his eager eyes
 To pierce the darkness through.
 T'ward yonder welcome landing field
 He steered his gallant plane
 With all the knowledge he could wield
 Its haven bright to gain.
 Then suddenly the engine's roar
 No longer could he hear;
 It coughed and fired then turned no more,
 His heart was filled with fear.
 Down soared his craft in dread alarm
 T'ward earth's dark hidden crest;
 "Lord Jesus, to Thy loving arm
 I come," he prayed his best.
 Then to his troubled heart so real
 There came a peace sublime.
 Within his being did he feel
 The voice of Heaven's chime:
 "Fear not! look to the left and see!"
 He looked, and lo! a light--
 He swung his plane instinctively,
 The voice then said, "Look right!"
 There to his wond'ring eyes appeared
 Lights on a road below,
 And down t'ward their glow he steered
 To what he did not know.
 But turning on his lights he saw
 The place where he could land;
 He settled down and sat in awe
 At God's almighty Hand.
 From out the wayside house a voice:
 "From whence and how ye be?"
 His answer made his heart rejoice,
 "God's miracle, you see!"
 The misty skies revealed no light,
 The darkness filled the air,
 But still he knew beyond the night
 The God of Heaven was there.
 Oh, cannot I in life's dark sky
 Of human toil and tear
 Be guided as I onward fly
 Without a doubt or fear?
 Shall not the light in darkness shine
 And light the way for me?
 Oh, yes! His promise true, divine:
 "Behold, I am with thee!"--L. Busbee

Our Father, we thank thee for the way thou hast shown thy power to those who are strong in faith. Bless the message to the good of every listener. Where there may be instability, let the faith of God come into the hearts of those who are longing to be settled in the truth. Drive back the power of darkness through the glorious light of the gospel and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Testimonies

From Kansas: "This note leaves me still rejoicing in salvation. The Lord has been very patient with me and I really appreciate it. He is teaching me how very different his ways are from ours. He is also helping me to see that we have to humble our hearts and surrender our will to him then he can teach us his ways. I find that if we knew only half as much as we think we know we would be much more spiritual. The Lord has been trying to teach me what perfect divine love is and I am really trying to learn it. I find that it goes way beyond our human, natural love. If we let God fill us with his divine love we can love the unlovely, ungodly and even our bitter enemies. I mean really love them where we can cry and pray because they are unsaved and we don't want to see them go to hell. The Lord gave me a beautiful meditation about a year ago and showed me how deep and beautiful his love is. I only hope to get the full supply God wants me to have and then be able to show it in my daily living so others can understand how it works and see God in my life. Well I could go on and on... Christian love,"

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From Calif.: "Trust these few lines will find all in best of health and the Lord blessing you. The Lord has been blessing me as I have been having some testing times. From Nov. 17 when my twin sister lay at the point of death I had one sister that was taken to intensive care and my oldest brother was in the hospital with a heart attack. I had lost a niece about a year and I just found it out about that time when the others were so sick and then I took a slight stroke and felt very bad, but thank the Lord He has been with me and I have been feeling pretty well again. I don't know what I would do without the Lord. ... pray for us here..."

--Sis. Edith Wittenborn

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From Calif.: "I want to tell you I still enjoy reading the Mission Trails whenever I get them. I am yet pressing on in the straight and narrow way. Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14. I want my crown and I surely don't intend to miss my home in heaven which my Saviour has gone to prepare. I thank the Lord for his goodness and mercy and loving kindness to us in these evil days... Please remember us in your prayers." --Sis. Geneva Pierro

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From La.: "Greetings to you and yours in Jesus dear name. So thankful that God blessed you and Sis. Frances in your trip to Jamaica. We have certainly appreciated the blessings of the Lord to us and the love of the saints here at Oak Grove for the past nine years. They have been so precious and it is with much reluctance that we leave here as I believe they would have continued to take good care of us in our remaining years. We covet your prayers." --Bro. & Sis. Herbert Probst, new address--P.O. Box 1224, Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066.

From Okla.: "I was 85 years old second of March. I don't know how much longer God keep me here. Both of you be careful when you go over to foreign fields. There is so much sin abroad and lots of it here in our United States. Look at all our schools. So much sin it almost makes us ashamed to send our little girls to these schools. So many little babies being destroyed to cover up their sins. If all these mothers would see after their children like Bible tells us to we would have better world to live in. There is so much crime--it's on account of how their mothers and their fathers have raised them..."

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Ohio: "Greetings in the name of our wonderful, most precious Savior. Oh what an enjoyment and a blessing we receive from the Mission Trail... I was very pleased and delighted to hear about the trip to Jamaica. I'm sure that our dear brothers and sisters there were much encouraged and abundantly blessed by your visit with them. It's wonderful how the Lord puts a concern in our hearts for others. He makes it so that we can weep with them and also rejoice with them. Of course while we are doing this we are also praying for and helping them in any way that we can. . . . Continue to pray for us here in Akron and may the Lord continue to bless you all abundantly. With much love and many prayers,"

--Sis. Janice Shaw

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From Ill.: "Just got the Mission Trail paper this evening. It is ten till nine o'clock and I just finished reading it. We sure enjoy reading it. We are not too well so please pray for us that God will heal us...we have been boating out to work but able to drive in now. Bye for now...Your Bro. & Sis. in Christ,"

--Jim and Louise Matlock

From Okla.: "We are thankful today for salvation and all the blessings of the Lord unto us. We are so glad he had mercy upon us and helped us to see our great need of turning to him. He has never disappointed us but always been a present help in time of trouble. We want to be faithful and try to serve and love him better. I thought of that verse of song this morning, "I ought to love my Savior, He bore my sin and shame; From glory to the manger, on wings of love he came. He trod this earth in sorrow, endured the pains of hell, that I should not be banished but in his glory dwell." Then surely we ought to love him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind...Trust this finds all well..." --Sis. Lillian Eck

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am still saved and trusting in the Lord. Pressing to the high calling which is in Christ Jesus, which I know the prize is at the end. . . . Christian love,"

--Sis. Mary Johnson

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From Wisc.: "Trust all are well physically and spiritually. The Lord has started to make a way here for us to start a work. The neighbor that gave us the building to use, has been coming for a long time. He has 3 children and the entire family comes. Then Wednesday nights the Lane's come. We are thankful for each one. We hope to be in the church building this coming Sunday. There's still lots of work to do but the Lord willing the men will be able to get the painting done this week...We need your prayers. Too, Duane feels the Lord's possibly leading for him to be the pastor here. If so, we need so much wisdom and understanding with scripture and in dealing with people, that only the Lord can show us how and what to do and say...In christian love,"

--Duane and Sue LaVeau

From Kansas: "This eve finds us encouraged in the Lord and stronger in body, which we are so grateful for. We feel like God has honored His children's prayers in our behalf and we feel the blessings of added strength. We want to use this means of thanking God for it. Also the saints of Anthony want to join me in thanking you and Sis. Frances together with the different ministers of 4 different states represented, plus the number of saints that came to help make our revival meeting a success. It felt so good to be remembered . . . May God richly bless every one. We want all to feel a warm welcome to come and be with us again. Our love," --Sis. Lavina Martens
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From Miss.: "Dear Bro. Murphey, In answer to your inquiry, as to the relation to Bro. Max Williamson, I feel pretty sure he is a distant relative of my late husband. The late Frank Williamson was my husband's great uncle, as I best remember. Uncle Frank was a minister of the gospel and ardent admirer of the true Church of God. He was a native born Mississippian, but went to Louisiana many years ago. After he left the state we lost connection, although part of the family met for a family re-union in our little town of Union about seven years ago. Circumstances prevented us getting in close communication with them at that time, but I feel they are descendants of the late Frank Williamson. We are sincere Church of God of D. S. Warner Reformation, and it is my greatest desire in life to be of benefit in helping spread the gospel to the lost of this world. I'm an aged widow, almost 79 years old and realize time is running out for me here in this world. Pray for me that I be as clay in the Potter's hands, for the balance of my days here for the Lord. --Sis. Olen Williamson

From Ga.: "I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and the devil who has so much sway over the people in the world today. This is a corrupt world we are living in now. Seems instead of things getting better they are getting worse...we are so happy in the Lord. We have good news for you all. My little grandson whom I have asked you all to pray along with us for? The Lord has healed him of that rupture. We are giving the Lord all the praise. ...We had different ones to tell us to take him to the doctor. Let them operate on him. We had faith in God believing the good Lord would heal him in his own time. He suffered with that rupture since he was very young. He is eight years old now...We are thanking all of you who agreed in prayer to the Lord with us for the healing..."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers
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From Okla.: "Greetings in the love of God. Was happy to get the Mission Trail. May the Lord bless the broadcast of his word to his glory. For Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." St. John 12:32. Yes, Jesus was lifted up when he was crucified for me and all the world beside. He was lifted up when he arose from the dead, he was lifted up when he ascended to heaven. He the living Christ is reigning in the redeemed, whose names are written in the Book of life. Jesus is all and all to me. I love him. Thanksgiving unto God for his beloved son Jesus. Pray for us." --Sis. Eva Penner

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From Calif.: "I am thankful for salvation and the rich and manifold blessings which God doth daily bestow on me, my family, and all mankind. We appreciate receiving the Mission Trail and enjoy reading it and we do receive spiritual benefits therefrom..." --Rosa Watson

at press time

we understand:

ALL-DAY MEETING IS SCHEDULED
Cordial invitation is extended for all the saints to attend the all-day meeting in Church of God chapel, Grubbs, Ark. on Sunday, June 1st.

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National Campmeeting begins at Monark July 18th and continues through 27th.

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Hammond, La. campmeeting is set for June 27th to July 6th.

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April 25--"We are here at Holly Hill ...have been here since April 4; had meeting one week here, then April 23 started meeting at Ridgeville. It is so good to meet with the dear ones in South Carolina. God is blessing us and them. ...we hope to go home to Ohio, that is, within a few days, Lord willing."

--Sis. S. E. Abbott

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IF GOD FORGOT

If God forgot the world,
Forgot for just one day--
Forgot to send the sunshine,
And change the night to day;
Forgot to make the flowers grow,
Forgot the birds and bees,
Forgot to send the sweetness
Of the South wind in the trees;
Forgot to give us friendship,
Forgot to send the rain,
Forgot to give the children play,
Forgot to soften pain;
What would happen to this world and us?
Would you still be gay?
If God should forget--
Forgot for just one day?

Bro. L. D. Christman, his wife Lois Ann and son, Curtis Lee as well as Bro. Curtis Williams miraculously escaped injury when the car in which they were traveling skidded on the rain soaked road and went into the ditch on May 2nd. They were on the way to Prattsville, Ark. for meeting and the mishap occurred on I-40 before they reached Ft. Smith. The car did not overturn. After emergency repairs they were able to return to Enid.

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Oklahoma State campmeeting in Guthrie Friday, May 23rd till June 1st.

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"The Lord is so good to hear and answer prayer. I just don't see how anyone can go on and on, and never talk to our dearest friend."
--Grace Gill

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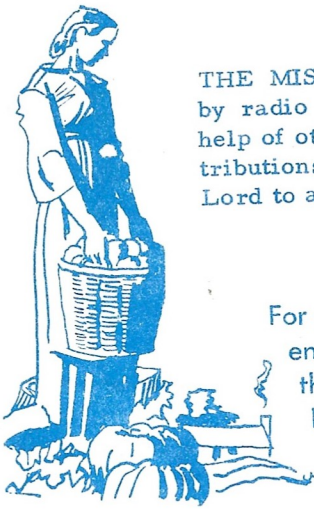
"I can say with David I once was young. Now I am old; I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."
--Beatrice Spaur

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Minn.: "We are still holding meetings in my apartment. Sis. Beatrice Kronebusch is coming to meetings with Bro. and Sis. Don Orttell. Sister Beatrice has been having trouble with her ear and it caused her to be dizzy and could not leave her home for fear of falling but she is some better now. We are taking this to the Lord and already she feels better."
--Bro. Andrew Senti

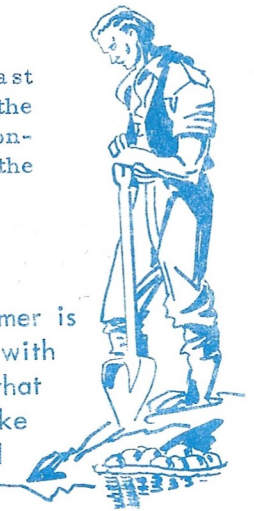
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"I have been under affliction, but I know God does heal all who trust in Him. What a mighty God we serve." Eva Cox



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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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