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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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J stands for JUSTICE and K is for KNOWLEDGE

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Good morning to every listener of the broadcast. How happy I am to be coming your way again through the medium of radio. This is a great privilege and opportunity. Many thanks to all who are making it possible by your encouraging letters and offerings. I realize my inability without the divine assistance of the Lord, so I am asking Him to make me a blessing to all the listeners. The response from our new station KBOA, Kennett, Mo. has really been heart-warming. We appreciate the long-standing friends of the other stations also.

Now, to our scripture for today: "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:6-8.

We are back to our subject of the gospel alphabet and today we are considering the letters J and K. J stands for justice. Didn't you notice Micah's reference to justice? Listen: "what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" The first of the three requirements Micah gave was to do justly, then love mercy and finally to walk humbly with thy God. Some folks say they want to serve the Lord,

but do they really want to be just and fair in all their dealings?

The story is told that a certain baker suspected that he was being sold bricks of butter that did not weigh a full pound. So for several days he weighed the butter and sure enough they were not full pounds. He had the farmer arrested. At the trial the judge asked the farmer about the weight of the butter. The farmer replied that he had no scales. "Then how do you manage to weigh the butter?" asked the judge. "Well, he said, "that is easily explained. I have balances and for a weight I use a one-pound loaf of bread I buy from the baker."

So evidently, there must have been a shortage, with the baker and the bread, rather than the farmer being responsible for it. Yet, notice how the baker wanted the full weight when he was purchasing his butter. Don't you know some folks have two standards? One is for buying and the other for selling! How unfair.

Jesus said: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38. So justice, mercy, humility and goodness go together. But listen to this verse. Did you know this was in the Bible? -- "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." Prov. 21:3. So it isn't all in words that one can serve the Lord. It takes some action and some justice. In Phil. 4:8 we are exhorted to think on certain things, among which is mentioned, "whatsoever things are just". And that doesn't mean scheming how to take unfair advantage of another person either. A godly person has no right to steal from the rich or the poor. They are to treat all with justice.

In this bicentennial year much is being said of our country. And even the very foundations were laid with the intention that all should have justice. But how far is justice from many in the world today. Do you remember -- "with liberty and justice for all"?

Another thing -- man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart. Things are not always what they seem outwardly. Jesus said: "Judge



not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." John 7:24.

A gift so often blinds the judge. Listen to the instruction given by Moses: "And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous." Exodus 23:8. Do you see how important justice is? It is reported that the ancient Egyptians had a figure which symbolized justice and it had neither hands with which to receive gifts nor eyes by which they could be influenced by the sight of a person.

But justice is brave. It takes courage to stand up in the face of the mob and to declare your convictions. While Jesus was mocked and scourged they all forsook him. The tide of opinion was strong against him. The soldiers mocked and spit upon him. "Crucify him," was the cry. And the crowd cried out: "give us Barrabas." But there was one man after the crucifixion that stood strong and true. That was Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just" Luke 23:50. He asked for the body of Jesus and buried it in his own tomb.

K stands for KNOWLEDGE. "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. It is high time that folks learned what the truth is. Paul told the men of Athens: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent". No longer is one justified with the old excuse that "what you don't know won't hurt you". What you don't know will hurt you. You need to know the truth. The truth will make you free. The apostle declared: "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Acts 17:23.

What a poor excuse it is to say, "I don't know the truth!" when the fact is, you could know it if you wanted to. But the apostle spoke of some who were "willingly ignorant". 2 Pet. 3:5. Now that is sad, to be ignorant willingly and just don't want to learn the truth. And again, there is another sad situation. People can be ever so smart and learn ever so many things but never learn the things which they really need to know. In other words they are "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7.

Now a few of Solomon's proverbs. He was considered the wisest of all men because of that wisdom given by the Lord. So true wisdom and knowledge come from the Lord. I quote:

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels" Prov. 1:5. "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?" That's verse 22 of the same first chapter of Proverbs, "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge." Proverbs 18:15. "There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel." Prov. 20:15. "A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength." Prov. 24:5. Then Solomon speaks as to his son. Listen: "My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honey comb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off." Proverbs 24:13-14.

Friends, life is too short for you to go through it ignorant of the knowledge of God. He has given us many sources of knowledge. There is the book of reason: "Come now, and let us reason together." Isa. 1:18. And the book of nature: "The heavens declare the glory of God" Psalms 19:1. And how about the book of experience? "Days should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom" Job 32:7. And that isn't always true, because some never seem to learn the things they should from their own experiences or those experiences of others. But the Lord intended we should.

Then we have the example of Christ and the written Word of God, the Bible. And so friends, in the words of that old song "Come and be saved" I entreat thee: "Heaven wills to thee a crown, hell is moved to cast thee down, and this moment may decide thy endless state; Father, Son, and Spirit call, reason, conscience, thunder all, sinner, wake and turn to God before too late."

Let us pray: Our Father, as the message goes out over the air waves, we ask that the Holy Spirit of God may go with it bringing strong conviction to the hearts of the unsaved. May they awaken before it is too late to be saved. Bless each listener today in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO WITHOUT HIM?

What will you do without Him,

When the great white throne is set,
And the Judge who never can mistake,
And never can forget, --

The Judge whom you have never here
As Friend and Saviour sought,
Shall summon you to give account
Of deed and word and thought?"

--Frances Ridley Havergal

Testimonies

From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. I just had to write to let you know how K.C. and I are praising the Lord. K.C.'s brother, Bryan got saved a few weeks ago and we are still praising God. Bryan's wife has been saved about 3 or 4 years before Bryan and she is just so happy... First thing he did was get rid of the T.V. Also he had some liquor up in the cupboard and so he took it out and got rid of it. He had his hair long and God showed him to cut it and to clean himself up to be an example for God. He has been making wrongs right. Oh God is so great. I was thinking you go along year after year and no one gets saved and you begin to wonder. Then God saves one you've all been praying for. It just makes it all worth while. You realize that this is what it's all about, living for God so that others will come to know him and what his power will do for your life. Oh how it encourages you to just keep pressing on. Also I wanted to tell you about my brother-in-law Jim Reynolds. The other day he was up in the mountains cutting wood with his new chain saw. He was cutting a branch over his head and something happened with the saw and it came down and cut the whole side of his face from the top all the way to his chin. They rushed him to the hospital and he was in surgery for 3 hours while the doctor stitched it up. It didn't cut many nerves and I said well thank the Lord to him. He told me that he thought of that when it happened. ... So may we keep encouraged saints. God is working even though we go year after year. People are looking for something that will work forever. I guess you can tell we are much encouraged, but please pray for us that we will be faithful to the end."

--Bro. K.C. and Sis. Candice Rich

From Calif.: "Greetings this new year. We are grateful to the Lord for his mercy shown to us. In one of the messages during our assembly meeting, we were exhorted to give thanks. Seemingly we have been thinking of that, just giving thanks and praise. The song says "To God be the Glory." We don't know the trials and victories we are going to encounter this year but we can truly ask the Lord to be with us all the way... Pray for all the saints, especially the young ones."

--Bro. and Sis. E. V. Davenport

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From Ark.: "I felt impressed to write you all. I have just been reading the Mission Trail and do enjoy it very much. ... so thankful to hear of your being on a station where we could hear you. We got KBOA, Kennett, Mo. Sun. morning. It was plain... sure did enjoy it. The thought came, maybe we could get to hear one message a week now... I do thank the Lord my chest is a lot better. I promised the Lord if he would heal me of another affliction I would write a testimony. Some thought it to be shingles. We were having several burdens and I was real nervous. One night I had pain below my right shoulder so bad it hurt clear through. I slept very little that night. The next morning I was broke out in little red bumps... it itched so bad I could hardly stand it... One morning it was much worse ... and spreading. I was praying. I told the Lord he could stop it and not let it break out any more. The Lord increased my faith and thank the Lord he stopped the itching and spreading and pain too... I was so thankful. It looked red a long time but without pain. Now it is disappearing gradually ... Pray for me that it won't come back. Of course I would think of serious afflictions but the Lord helped my fears too."

--Sis. Opal Bradley

From Ohio: "We thought we would write a few lines to let you know how much we appreciate receiving the Mission Trail. How encouraging it was to return home from the assembly meeting, there at Guthrie, and find our first edition in our mailbox. We enjoyed the series of meetings we attended while being in Guthrie. It is so encouraging to be around the saints of God. Kenny and I truly appreciate how the Lord has blessed us since we have been married and we thank him for it daily. Pray for us as we desire to make heaven our home." --Kenny and Mary Abbott

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From Okla.: "I was 94 last August, live alone and do best I can. I have lived in same house for 57 years and most of time alone, but dear Lord is with me always."

--"Grandma Matthesen"

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From La.: "I am sorry to be late to tell you I want you to keep sending me the Mission Trail paper. I look forward to get it each month, enjoy it so much. I sure hope you both are well. I haven't been well since Christmas, but for the last few days I have felt better, for which I thank the dear Lord."

--Sis. Eunice Joiner

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From Calif.: "I pray for you in service of God. I sure enjoyed last Mission Trail and got lots of good from the sermon of letters H and I and good testimonies. All were so precious. I'm tried but I'm saved and sanctified and the Lord heals my body...I have enemy to fight and attack me, but I resist the devil and he flees."--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Kansas: "We enjoy your broadcast every Sunday morning. We hope 1976 will be a good year for you...May God bless all of you in your service to him." --Gladys Piper

HONEY BEES

Be patient when every thing goes wrong;
And Satan tries to steal your song:
Let the peace of God keep mind and heart
And every needful grace impart.

Be Patient.

Be kind when folks don't understand
And friends misjudge on every hand;
"Let your yieldedness be known."
Remembering that you're not your own.

Be Kind.

Be ready always to extend
A helping hand to foe or friend.
Jesus prayed for those whose hate
Caused Him to die without the gate.

Be Ready.

Be Faithful, plow and sow the seed
By steady plod and loving deed:
Though others may not know the cost.
God knows your labor, 'tis not lost.

Be Faithful.

Be joyful in the Lord, don't frown
Though all the world seems upside down.
Neither circumstance nor place
Makes any changes in His grace.

Be Joyful.

Be circumspect in all your walk
And chaste in all your thought and talk;
You live not for yourself alone,
But witness for the Lord your own.

Be Circumspect.

Be watching, unceasing watch and pray;
Be on your guard each passing day.
He's coming, coming very soon,
It may be midnight, morn or noon.

Be Watching. --Sel. by Emma Dilley

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From Okla.: "We have so much to be thankful for. The Lord is so good to us. I have no complaints. He is our Saviour, our Sanctifier, our Healer and keeper." --Sis. Emma Dilley

From Ala.: "Yes, we have moved to Jasper, Ala. We live on a farm... Yes, we do want to continue to get the Mission Trail as I enjoy it so much. Do remember us in prayer."

--Sis. Pearlene Whitson

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From Calif.: "A new year has started. We don't know what it will bring. We know our God knows and holds it all in his will. So we just need to trust him and he will take us through whatever he lets come. But I am so glad my trust is in him... I thank the Lord my eyes are a lot better, but still pray they will be completely healed... Bro. Huskey preached yesterday and Bro. Gene last night. They are both not well and Sis. Huskey needs prayer too."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Okla.: "I'm blessed today to be in the kingdom of the Lord and enjoying salvation. Out on this sea of life I want to ever keep heaven in view and keep Jesus as my pilot. If I trust and obey and keep the faith I'm sure I can do this. ... I enjoy reading the Mission Trail and will like for it to keep coming. I heard your broadcast Sunday for the first time since a long time. I was happy to get it. My husband and I listened to it. I'm glad you have other stations to tell the gospel news over. I pray that many will get good to their souls. Here is a little offering to help keep it going. Remember us in your prayers."

--Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

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From La.: "Thank God, I am alive and doing alright; oh, yes, I do hurt; here and there in my body. But oh! my spirit is living far above the aches and pains here. Each day I thank the Lord, because I can still say his name... I want to help more this year 1976--to get the true word to more lost people than ever before."

--Sis. Mildred Spurlock

From Miss.: "Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who went to the cross and died for all who will accept Him, what a lovely name. Hope you and yours are well and happy serving our Lord. I know you miss Wayne, since he is your last child to get married. Hope he has a happy married life, with a Christian home... Pray for me that my faith will grow stronger."

--Sis. Grace Gill

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From La.: "I am glad I can truly say I am happy in Jesus this morning... We had a good prayer meeting at my house last night. I live alone and have a large house... God saved me from my sins and not in them. I know the devil is after all of God's children, and if we are not on the solid rock we can't stand. ... I love every one and want to see them make it to heaven. Pray for me."

--Sis. Beulah Johnson

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From Okla.: "I'm so glad for all the many blessings the dear Lord bestows upon me each day. He is my healer, my protector. He is my all in all and this morning I love him. I'm encouraged to press the battle on. There is joy in serving the Lord. We will never find a friend like Jesus."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From Minn.: "I am still happy in the Lord and hope to be till the Lord calls me home. I have good health and strength and He supplies my needs for which I am thankful for His goodness to me and all his loving saints. Keep the Mission Trail coming. I love to read it. It helps to keep me on the straight and narrow way."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Ga.: "I am much grateful to the God of heaven for bringing me through 1975 and blest me to enter into 1976. I am giving to him all the praise, glory and honor."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

at press time

we understand:

Dear Readers: Our first Mission Trail broadcast over KBOA station in Kennett, Mo., came over the air loud and clear. Tears of joy came, then also tears because of the years we lost hearing a good gospel sermon each Sunday. We were just living beneath our privileges -- when only we had to "tap our resources"! There are plenty of programs to hear, yes, but not many which just brings forth truth only. A certain denomination has grown tremendously the past few years because of the commission each new convert feels to convert others. Why should we who enjoy all the Word conceal such a good thing--when it is just what people need. Endeavor has been made through local papers to notify all in the listening area of the program. The ones in Myrtle, Greenville and Arkansas, are as enthusiastic about this prospect as we here in Senath. Pray for results. Thanks to those who make the Mission Trail possible and may the good Lord bless you. Gratefully yours,"

--Bro. Louie and Sis. Evodna Marler

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From Ore.: "We traveled 8,568 miles in our camper and my niece in Florida and her husband must have taken us another 800 miles or so in their car. We do thank the Lord we got to take this vacation and visit our loved ones and friends along the way. The saints were all so precious and kind to us and we were treated like royalty in all their homes. I just hope some day I can have some of you folks visit us in our home."

--Ruby and Ken Hutchinson

CONGRATULATIONS to Sis. Eva Cox and her husband Clifford on their 50th wedding anniversary, She writes: "Now they are planning on a dinner for us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We were married on Jan. 27, 1926 in Grafton, W. Va. I do love our Lord and want to do more for Him this year. Seems I can't get out to do what I want to, but if He says "Stay" then I will stay and not murmur. The song says "Brighten the corner where you are" so will try to do that." --Sis. Eva Cox, 5945 Poketa Road, Verona, Pa. 15147

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"Keep the good work moving on until the call comes to go to a higher place. We enjoy the Mission Trail, keep it coming. Pray for wife especially and me. We both need His healing touch."

--Bro. and Sis. Huskey

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Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Bro. Robert Longley in this time of sorrow because of the death of his dear companion Lois Longley.

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After moving they have a new address: Bro. William and Sis. Evelyn McCoy, 1205 W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla. 73044 Phone (405) 282-5415

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WELCOME to others who have moved to Guthrie: Delmar and Brenda Wilkins and their daughter; Doris Sorrell and son, Terry; also Eldonna Rhoads.

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We thank the Lord Sis. Lillian Eck is recovering nicely from the shoulder injury sustained in December.



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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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