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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 Gospel Alphabet, Chapter Ten

Q is for QUEST

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed wonderful to be back on the air with another broadcast. We trust today finds each of you well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord this summer. How time does fly! Campmeeting season is with us and perhaps many are making plans to attend some of them. We are trusting this may be a time of great ingathering of souls.

It could be that some of you have wondered just what are we going to do with the gospel alphabet when we come to the letter Q. Well, we are going to have to do something quite quickly because that is where we are right now! Down to the letter Q!. I find a number of words to which this could apply. In fact, I have just used two of them quite and quickly. There could be others such as quake, quarrel or queen. But I have chosen to vary a little from this line of thought and apply this letter Q to the word QUEST! This means to seek or hunt for something.

As a starting point, listen to these two verses for a text: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matt. 7:7-8. From this it seems logical to me that if these things are given to those who seek, search and knock, then those who do not seek, search or knock are left without them. Effort must be put forth to obtain them.

Why should one expect the good things of life to come to them while they sit idly by and wait? It is good to be on the right track! That is wonderful but it is not enough. One must be moving along that track. Onward and upward is the watchword of the saints. A passive life is compared to a piece of driftwood floating without a purpose down the stream of life, carried whithersoever the current happens to go. Such a life and purpose accomplishes little if anything worthwhile. In fact, the driftwood is cumbersome to the current on which it rides. Yes, timber may sometimes become driftwood, but a human soul is not meant to be a drifting soul. Man is given a mind to think and search that he may go in quest of the best and obtain it, always climbing upward in this spiritual life. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." Gen. 3:19. Sweat. That means work for your bread. Sweat is caused by activity.

God has not altered that law, so far as I know. 2 Thess. 3:10 puts it this way: "if any would not work, neither should

he eat." So one must go in quest of food, both naturally and spiritually. Listen again: "Go to the ant, thou slug-gard; consider her ways, and be wise." Prov. 6:6. "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." Prov. 19:15. So Q sure enough does stand for "quest", doesn't it? We are to go in search of the blessings and favor of the Lord.

The highway of holiness is similar to a natural highway. It is a good road to travel, but a poor place for sleeping. Some go to sleep at the wheel and destroy themselves. One scripture says: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14.

The one-talent man, the two-talent man, and the five-talent man were all controlled by their desire and determination to be useful and profitable to the master. The quest of the one-talent man failed, so he did nothing, except bury his talent. People who are afraid to climb can never rise very high. It might be that we really wouldn't call them immoral, but nevertheless, slothfulness can be sinful. Didn't Jesus call the one-talent man "wicked and slothful servant"? So let's be up and doing. There are several kinds of people. Some wish for, and long for and sigh, but don't have the courage to get up and try to accomplish God's will. Others make a joke of life and when opportunity knocks they sneer and say, "why should I stir myself?" Still others do lots of talking and very little acting. But I am glad there are a few, who are seeking and ever striving to fulfill the purpose of God's will in their lives.

Abraham wanted peace instead of strife, so he put forth an honest effort to find it rather than wait for peace to find him.

He gave Lot the choice of all the land before him. Gen. 13:8-9. In the time of famine Jacob sent forth his sons to a foreign land in search of food rather than let them sit idly while they all starved. Gen. 42:1. When Jesus needed transportation he sent forth his disciples in quest of the donkey rather than wait for the donkey to wander there. Matt. 21:1-3. Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed the sycamore tree where nothing would obstruct his view. Because of this Jesus went home with him and salvation came to his house. Friends, don't allow others to stand between you and God. Rise above all the opposing elements and the Lord will be found of you. Be as the man seeking goodly pearls. When he had found one of great price, he went and sold all he had to purchase it. He was willing to pay the price. But in all your striving and searching let me caution, do it honestly and honorably!

Here is the admonition of Paul to those seeking spiritual gifts: "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." 1 Cor. 14:12. Do you have a desire for a spiritual gift? You should. Then seek for it, that you may edify the church. And in doing that you will be blessed also.

Did you know there are thousands of folks living in a natural body, but in reality they are dead in their sins? Spiritually, that is! Listen to Rev. 3:1 "And unto the angel of the church of Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars. I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." It is not in words only, but in actions that we glorify God. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Prov. 29:18.

So let me sum up these thoughts in this way: Go in quest of God's will for your life. When you have determined that and found it, then set a goal for yourself and seek God daily for grace to attain that achievement. Then at the end you can be like Paul who said: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Summer time is the time of harvest. Already this summer I have seen the combines in the field gathering in the golden grain. Then they pour it into trucks to be hauled away for storage where it can be shipped around the world and made into flour to be used for bread to feed the hungry. This brings me to the scripture which is the very heart of The Mission Trail broadcast: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Listen:

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From Oregon: "It is my sad duty to inform you that Nina B. Vandehey has passed to her last reward. She was glad to get your church paper. As her housekeeper and companion I knew Nina as a warm and generous person and assure you she appreciated this paper as she did all things concerning the church. Nina suffered a serious stroke on April 10, 1976--her 84th birthday. . . . Nina was always a strong woman and appeared to be recovering when the Lord took her on May 15, 1976, six weeks

LIFE'S FLEETING DAY

All of our years, with care they are numbered,
Mark but a speck on the great sea of time;
Spent like the telling of some ancient story,
They vanish away as the sound of its rhyme.

Yes, they are gone--those moments--forever;
Numbered are they with the deeds of the past:
We can but hope to be true in the future,
Some of the time to redeem at the last.

Soon will life's harvest forever be ended:
Soon shall the blossoms of summer decay;
Soon shall their sweet odors have perished,
Borne by the cool winds of autumn away.

Would you bring joy to the cheerless and sad?
Would you be strength to the faint 'ere too late?
Would you give bread to the hungry and dying?
Now is the time, precious soul: do not wait.

Trusting in God, let us rush to the rescue;
Forward with might in the name of Our King!
Satan shall flee at the tramp of our foot-steps,
And the glad song of the victors we'll sing.

Onward the current of time still is rolling;
Tirelessly, noiselessly, surely it flows;
Swifter than eagles can fly through the ether,
Man to his home in eternity goes.

Soon shall the flow of its tide cease forever,
Fall soon the sound of its knell on our ears;
Soon shall the gleam of life's radiant morning
Burst on our sight for eternity's years.

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after she had fallen ill. It was 8 years and one day from the day her husband Joe Vandehey had passed on. We all know that Nina was ready to meet the Lord and must rejoice that she is now with him. Nina suffered much in this world and looked forward to joining the Lord. We must be glad that she is finally at peace. Her prayers were always for others. . . . thank the Lord for having known such a wonderful Christian woman as Nina Vandehey. "

--Barbara E. Baird

Testimonies

From Kansas: "...I happened to notice a plant here on a table called a prayer plant. You have probably seen one. The leaves are green and at times there is a tiny, white bloom on the plant. At night the leaves fold themselves together as though in prayer. I was just thinking how all creation praises and worships God. There is a plant called a Resurrection Plant and various others that are made to depict some part of God's Word. The whole cycle of earth and life itself, both natural and spiritual is in harmony and patterned after the plan of salvation. I used to wish I could live in the country so I could watch the birds and animals, but now God has been good to give them to me here. I was privileged last spring to watch a pair of red birds build and raise 2 young ones and move them from our front yard clear around to a mulberry tree in the back yard ... Sis. Mamie told me when I called her that you had been by to see her. I know she appreciated it. Did you hear about Bro. & Sis. Orie Young having a wreck? It totaled their car. I called them last night and they are alright. There were only 3 of us at meeting last night (beside the children), Luther and Geneva Bradley and myself. We had a real good meeting. ... none of us could carry a tune or lead a song and none of us are leaders in prayer and we had no preacher, so we had to depend wholly and completely upon the Holy Spirit and He surely was with us. I think we all got a real blessing. We just sang and prayed and read and talked to the glory of God. The more we have to depend upon God the richer the blessings and better the meeting. I am not endowed with natural talent, so all I can do is use what I've got in my hand."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

From W. Va.: "Please continue sending me The Mission Trail. I enjoy it very much. A friend had it sent to me a few years ago. Now since postage is so high and I enjoy the message in the paper I have enclosed a check to help carry on the work for the Lord. I've served the Lord since a young child. My husband is also a Christian. So please keep the paper coming. A sister in Christ."

--Mrs. Blenda McElwain

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From Okla.: "I want to testify that others may know what the good Lord has done for me lately. He has been so good to me and merciful through all my years even when I was in sin and has healed me many times even when I was at death's door more than once. I think it was around October because that's when Dad took his bed in affliction, that I started having chest pains and weakness. I was working hard at the job I had, but quit that job after a few months of suffering as I got worse. I was trying to work and help with Dad and it was just too much. I was anointed and prayed for at church and claimed my healing in February, I think. I would feel better for a week or so then bad again for awhile. But I kept praying and holding on. Then all at once one day about a month ago I felt like myself again, and strong in my body and could do the things that I had to quit doing when I was sick. I still feel good and I give God all the praise and believe He's done the work. I'm working at an easier job now and doing fine. I'm happy in the Lord and surely wouldn't want to be without the Lord for one minute. He's precious to me. I want to live for him here and live with Him through all eternity. I have burdens that get pretty heavy sometime, but the Lord said to "cast all our care on him for he careth for us" and that means everything to me."

--Charlotte Dilliner

From Mo.: "We are able to get your program from Kennett real well on our radio. I enjoy the messages as well as the songs at the end of the program. I trust God will make this effort a blessing to many souls and lead honest ones out of darkness. I am sending an offering to help you in this work."

--Harlan Sorrell

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From Ga.: "Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus who so humbly suffered for the whole world. I am grateful to our heavenly Father for the heavenly gift he gave to the whole world to save us from our sins. Now we have no excuse for our sins. John 15:22. I am happy indeed to be able to report victory over sin and the devil who has much influence and control in the world today. The devil knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev. 12:12. So he is working fast in this short time to gain as many souls as he can before the end of time comes and he is certainly deceiving the people... Pray much for me and the work here..."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

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Bahrain Island: "I am from India, came to Bahrain to work as Office Assistant with a firm. I am here since about nine months and my family (my wife and five children) are in India... I shall always be praying for your service in spreading the gospel and I wish that your endeavor in this respect be fruitful, in bringing forth the Glory of God and salvation to many people."

--Edgar R. B.

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From Okla.: "This few lines finds me saved and trusting the Lord every day. We have so much to be thankful for. Seems like some mornings I can hardly go, but I look to Jesus, pray and put my trust in him because his word is truth."

--Sis. Nola Wells

From Okla.: "I love to read Psalms 144:14-15, That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord. O, how happy and thankful for the great blessings of our God through Jesus Christ. The Lord bless the broadcast to his glory..."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Mo.: "Greetings! We are again thankful for God's many blessings to us. Today is a beautiful day and we have all enjoyed it, so far. We are all fine, trust the same with you. We enjoy the broadcast each Sunday morning. It's like a visit from you, trust the Lord bless it to the good of every heart... We are thankful for each one of the ministers that will go forth and preach the truth... We hope to take in some of the Monark meeting Lord willing."

Bro. Leslie, Sis. Eula Adams and boys

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From Okla.: "Dear Bro. and sister and all in the Lord, Today is another day toward my goal. I'm counting days when I shall see my Saviour's face in peace. All the preaching I hear is the broadcast from Coffeyville. I have been made so glad for the preaching has been longer of late. Seems I covet every minute for the Gospel. I pray God lead and keep the real message of truth going. We have such a short time to send out the Gospel. Time is shapening up to the end. So many will be shut out of heaven, because of their own ways of living. Surely God doesn't expect some to live a closer life, and let others live a careless life. God doesn't work that way. Watch we don't deceive ourselves. May God lead and direct your lives and keep us going straight for sooner than we think, our life will be spent, and how much time we have lost in doing God's service." --Sis. Hettie Barton

From Mo.: "We say today we are feasting on the blessings of our Lord, day after day. We enjoy the broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning... May the Lord bless you dear ones is our prayer in your work he has called you to do. Pray for us. We seem to be doing very well, able to work in the garden, mow the yard. The Lord is giving us plenty of rain right now."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From Oregon: "Enclosed is a small offering for the Mission Trail which I enjoy very much. The campmeeting is going on now and some real good sermons have been preached. There are several ministers and their families here and the attendance has been good. Bro. Johnny Thompson is real sick... He needs our prayers. Much of the time it has been rather cold here... May God bless the work there."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Mo.: "We love Jesus because He first loved us enough to pay our debt on Calvary's tree and when we are trying to live for Him, we feel indebted to each other and want to help in any way that will relieve the pain and suffering of mankind as our dear Lord went about doing good. Oh! how I miss writing to my dear friend and sister in Christ, since she has been called to her eternal home in glory and I hope and pray to meet her some sweet day, Sis. N. E. Adams. She was an inspiration in the faith of the Church of God. She was loved by all who knew her and if any of her children read this, I want you to know "she seemed faultless" to me. I would have sent... a Sympathy card if I had known your address... We hear Bro. Willie Murphey's message on KBOA from Kennett and enjoy the soul nourishing messages at 8:30 A.M. each Sunday."

--Sis. Lillian Dinkens

From Kans.: "If people could only picture how awful it will be to die without God and go to hell surely they would change their ungodly ways. I enjoyed your message yesterday morning and also the paper this week. Just pray the good Lord to bless both of you as you labor for him... Surely hope I can see you at Monark..."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Calif.: "This leaves us about the same as the past few weeks, still looking forward to the Lord to bring us out on complete healing. He is getting us ready for the glory world, praise His name!... I am kept very, very busy as wife can't wait on herself."

--Bro. and Sis. H. P. Huskey

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From Ark.: "Will write you to let you know that I still enjoy your broadcast and also the Mission Trail. It is so good to hear you on Sunday morning... We thank the Lord this morning for a much needed rain which fell last night. The dear Lord is so good to all, but so many fail to even thank him. Our all-day service was good but we didn't have a minister. The dear saints from Senath, Prattsville and Mo. came and it was so good to see them coming in. I surely love God's people. The dear ones from Cord, Ark. came too... I do miss dear sister Adams. She was so much encouragement to us."

--Sis. Della Anschultz

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From Okla.: "Greeting you all in love. I have been sick but the Lord has healed me of flu. I am feeling pretty good. I was at Guthrie meeting one day. I enjoyed myself... I am still enjoying Mission Trail. I hope you all are enjoying the best of health and the blessing of the dear Lord. I am praying for you all. Pray for me soul and body."

--Sis. Mary May

at press time

we understand:

MONARK CAMPGROUND WORK DAYS
Those who are able and willing to work on Monark camp grounds are invited to do so July 3 & 5. Also on Saturday, 10th and the 17th. There is much to be done before the National campmeeting begins July 23. Funds are low and those wishing to contribute may send directly to Bro. Dale Doolittle, R. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850 or Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97 West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

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It is with sorrow we announce the death of Bro. John Watson. Remember his dear companion, Sis. Rosa Watson, R. 3, Box 212, Foxworth, Miss. 39483.

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From Oregon: "We attended Bro. Royal Taylor's funeral Thursday. Sis. Margaret Olson took Sis. King, Sis. Helen White and me. He was a dear brother and will be missed, but we know our loss is heaven's gain..."

--Sis. Beatrice Spaur

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We have learned that Jerial Doolittle died June 12th. He was 42 years of age. His parents, Truman and Ruth Doolittle, Texico, N. Mex. 88135.

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Sister Velda Ellis, 1125 Ripley, Pampa, Texas, 79065, is passing through a time of re-adjustment and great sorrow. It was on June 8th her husband, Ernest died. They have 11 children and all of them were present for the funeral. The youngest son, David lives at home with his mother. Sis. Velda carries a burden for her loved ones. Pray for them.

At the Oklahoma campmeeting Bro. Titus Enu, native minister, directly from Nigeria, told how God had very miraculously delivered him from a firing squad even after he was standing with his back to them and they were preparing to fire. "Their hearts failed them," and they could not fire. So he used them for his body guard to conduct him safely home. He plans to be at Monark meeting.

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Ten acres of land is being purchased just south of Guthrie upon which to build chapel, campgrounds and perhaps other facilities as the Lord may lead. Instead of being in a flood area, this location is on the hilltop.

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National campmeeting at Monark, east of Neosho, Mo. starts July 23 and continues through August 1.

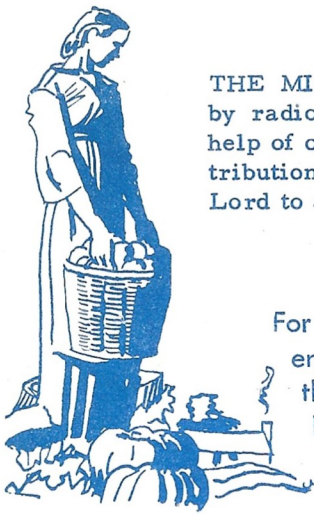
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From La.: "We enjoy the Mission Trail broadcast at 7:30 Sunday mornings on KCKW... Our hearts are still intent to serve the Lord, and by His grace we are doing our best."

--Don, Anneta and Keith Williamson

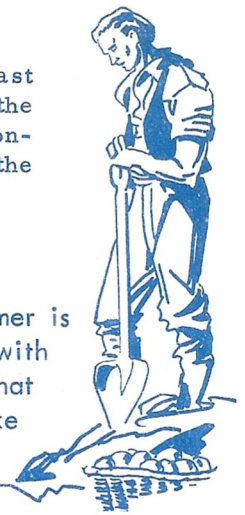
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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke 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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WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
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