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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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“For Their Redeemer Is Mighty . . .”

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure to be coming your way again by means of radio! I realize we have a few more messages on the gospel alphabet, but at this particular season it seems appropriate to me to take time out for this message on our mighty redeemer! Listen as we begin with this scripture:

"For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee..." Prov. 23:11. It is wonderful to know our redeemer liveth, that he is mighty and he will plead our cause for us! Now that is what I call good news! With the coming of Thanksgiving right away and Christmas not far behind, let us consider some of the things which make our heritage possible.

Job was speaking of the wicked people and how they slipped around in the dark to do their evil deeds and he pointed out that, "They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn." Job 23:24. Then he went on to say, "And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?" Job 24:25.

My mind is musing on that statement, "And if it be not so now..." How many things we could apply that scripture to! And if it be not so now. From there let us go to Dan. 3:17-18:

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery

furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

So in essence these Hebrew boys were saying, Even though you put us in the fire to suffer because we refuse to bow to the golden image, our God is able to deliver us out of there. But if he doesn't deliver us, we still will not serve this image. Now that was their decision and they were willing to risk all on their God. They just let the "ifs" be as they may! God was greater than the "ifs".

Let us not forget that our redeemer is mighty and he is greater than the "what ifs"! The writer of Psalm 24 asked this question: "Who is this King of glory?" Then he answered in the same verse, which is verse 8: "The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." So dear ones, just remind yourself that God is greater than the "what ifs"!

In musing on some of the "what ifs" while preparing for this broadcast, my mind went back to Joseph and Mary be-

fore the birth of Jesus. What if Joseph had refused to have any more to do with Mary after he learned she was to have her first child? He knew it was not his. But God had made provision to see this did not happen and Joseph was to care for Mary and Jesus. So it was revealed to Joseph that the conception was of the Holy Ghost. Indeed it was a virgin birth.

Then in musing further I thought, what if Herod had really found Jesus, when the children two years old and under were slain? But no, again it was revealed to Joseph what to do--flee into Egypt! This he did with Mary and Jesus. And so their lives were preserved. God's decree had gone out and indeed, the mighty redeemer had come. Listen to this:

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted. For the Lord is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our King." Psalm 89:15-18.

But what if Joseph and Mary had lost Jesus, or he had been kidnapped when they went a day's journey from Jerusalem and could not find him among their kinsmen? Then what would have happened to this great plan of God? What if Jesus should have yielded to the temptations of Satan and threw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple, or fell down to worship Satan, the god of this world? What if he had not been raised from the dead after the cruel crucifixion?

The apostle Paul said: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead,

how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Cor. 15:12-17. What a dreadful thought! I am glad he didn't stop there, but went on to say: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." Paul didn't allow the "what ifs" to stand in the way!

Let us cease to look at the negative side and move on to the positive! "The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever." Psalm 93:4-5. Now "what ifs" were not taken into consideration here! All positive statements. And again to Jeremiah the word of the Lord came in chapter 33:2 & 3: "Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Again no "what ifs".

The steadfastness of the three Hebrew sons brought a positive reaction from the king Nebuchadnezzar. Listen: "I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and

his dominion is from generation to generation." Dan. 4:2-3. Amos in chapter 5, verse 24 puts it this way: "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." Powerful, isn't it?

Now, should there be an unbeliever listening to the broadcast today, as we know there are some who profess to believe there is no life beyond the grave, let me turn the question around and ask you, what if you are mistaken and there is certainly life beyond the tomb? What if there is a heaven for the righteous and a place of everlasting torment called hell where the wicked will be cast forever and ever? Then what will you do? Fearful thought, isn't it? Indeed it is, and it will be more fearful when that final judgment day comes.

As my final scripture for today, listen to these verses: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power:" 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

I love to think of heaven bright,
Of Father and of Son,
Of holy angels gathered round
In worship at the throne.

I love to think of the redeemed
On yonder shining shore,
Whose hearts unite in songs of praise
As one, forevermore.

I love to think of heaven's love
So full, so pure, so free;
That fount of love, so limitless,
That fills the Godhead, Three.

I see that stream of love divine
Poured forth from Calvary;
Its tender love enrapt my heart--
Oh, cleansing stream for me!

I love to think of that great day
When saints in him shall rise.
Made glorious then in bodies new,
To join him in the skies.

I love to think of endless years
Spent with my Lord above,
And also with the blood-washed throng,
The ransomed ones I love.

Go forth, O messenger of love,
To all the tribes of men,
And call all nations into One
From highway, hedge, and glen.

Let perfect oneness be our theme
(We stand upon the Word)--
One faith one mind, one doctrine true,
One body, and one Lord.

Our Father, as the holiday season approaches once again help us to count our blessings and be thankful. Indeed, we are thankful for all thy many blessings. And we ask the favor of God to be extended to all the listeners of the broadcast. May their homes be a place of tranquility and their hearts a temple in which thy Spirit may dwell continually. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

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

Creator Of The Universe



Testimonies

From Ala.: "I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I was glad to get to see you both, along with the other saints at Prattsville, Ark. I am still thanking God for the over-flow crowd that came, and the good singing service and the good Sunday morning service. I count it a privilege to serve God. I am so thankful to be in the family of God. I love my brothers and sisters in Christ more each time we meet. The dear Lord has been so good to me, answered prayer so many times. I can never praise him enough. Do pray for me that I will stay in the strait and narrow way, and be ready to meet my Saviour when he comes or calls. I love to receive The Mission Trail. Do continue to send it... Christian love,"

--Sis. Pearlene Whitson

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From Ill.: "We love the Lord and are trusting Him to lead us to opportunities to be of service. May He direct you always."

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From Ark.: "I will write you a few lines, didn't mean to be this long writing. It was so good to hear you both Sunday. I just sat down and listened to all the service. I sure did enjoy it all, ... I enjoy the Mission Trail, been reading it today ... every one here is doing very well except for some heavy burdens... I am enclosing a little birthday offering. You can use it wherever needed, and I always remember you all in my prayers, pray for me to be so humble and just what God wants me to be. I mean by the help of my dear Savior to make it in, and I do want to help others... pray for us all here and may God bless you both in every way, so I will say good night."

--Sis. Della Anschultz

From Mo.: "We all went to Senath for all-day meeting ... the meeting was precious. Bro. Donald Sharp was the only minister there. The Lord blessed him in giving out the word. Back to Myrtle for Sunday night. A good message for the Myrtle congregation. When Bro. Donald arrived home Sunday night a surprise, almost a new car, 1975 model, 29,000 miles on it. He was so surprised and thankful the Lord had supplied him in some way with a good car. He was badly in need of a good car. The old car was worn out and much expense. A phone call has just come. Sister Rumpfelt's husband had an heart attack, wanted Bro. Donald to take care of the funeral tomorrow (Nov. 9) at 2 o'clock at Jackson, Mo. (I think). They were going to visit Sister Rumpfelt while there. We enjoy the broadcast."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From Kansas: "Just a few lines to say I am very much encouraged and on the winning side. I sure thank the Lord that we don't have to retreat or know defeat because we have God on our side. The word tells us that all power in Heaven and earth is in God's hands so why should we fear or go down or under. May the Lord bless and help all saints to gird up their loins and fortify their members and be determined to take nothing short of victory because that is what is God's will concerning us. Well I get all carried away but my time is short so I had better go."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Ga.: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour who has made it possible for every soul to be saved and there is no excuse for our sins... He said all souls are mine. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance, thank the Lord."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

From Ind.: "...I can't stand the bright light on my eyes. I am so deaf can't hear only what is real close to me. Then I may not get it at times. Pray for me. Praise the Lord. Oh, glory to him. I am thankful for the Mission Trail. I pray the Lord to bless its words and supply the means to keep it on the air and bless the work of God, and I pray for all the saints everywhere. Pray for me. I am 92...be great to go home to God." --Sister Lettie West

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Okla.: "Greeting you all in much love. I thank the dear Lord for His mercy and love to me. I am still holding on, still trusting Him for soul and body. I am thankful for another birthday, Oct. the 28, '76--82 yrs. I believe my time is short, still weak in my knees. Pray for me. I am enclosing an offering to help you on the air. Keep the good work going. Yours in Christian love,"

--Bro. Luther Reed

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From Ark.: "By the goodness of our Lord I shall say I've come to the end of another perfect day. I merit nothing, but God loves me so I try, not to merit but to stay humble before Him so He can use me in a little way...Enjoyed the Mission Trail Sun. morning. There is something about it makes me feel God's work is so important."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Colo.: "This is another beautiful morning God gave us. He's been so good to us and I thank him for it."

--Sis. Mary Wollert

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From Mo.: "Just a line to let you know I have been real sick all week... I desire the prayers of those I love, all the saints to pray for me. I need help soul and body. I sure have had a battle but I hope to win by the help of the Lord."

--Sis. Minnie Boulden

From La.: "I am glad to report victory in my soul. The dear Lord has kept me by His mighty power down through the years; without Him I could do nothing. For it's in Him that we live and move and have our being...I am so thankful for the healing power of our dear Lord. I had a bad cold and sore throat but the dear Lord healed it in a few days and I feel fine now...When we are not healed as soon as we would like to be it's no sign we aren't trusting Him. Sometime we have to wait upon the Lord. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth them out of them all. That's the word of God and I believe it."

--Sis. Effie Miller

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From W. Va.: "We had a real good revival meeting here. The Lord surely blessed. We surely appreciate what the Lord has done for us. When you think of the congregation here, remember us in prayer. It seems the Lord is dealing with several folks in the community, and we surely want to let our lights shine."

--Sis. Karen Lambert

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From Okla.: "Trust you are both well and enjoying the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We serve a mighty God. He is all in all to me and I want to please Him in everything I do. Heaven is where we have started and we must not stop short of our goal. Whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight...He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of need."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Minn.: "I thank the Lord for saving my soul and it is my desire to be with him through a long eternity, and also to bring some with me in to the heavenly glory world."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

From Calif.: "I have intended long before now to write you and send a little offering and didn't get around to doing it, but any way you are in my prayers real often and I do enjoy the little paper. Well, I have had lots of heavy burdens and heartaches since I wrote you last, but so thankful to report victory in my soul this morning. I've been reading the little book "Availing Prayer," by Faye C. Martin, and it's wonderful the way the Lord has blessed and encouraged and lifted up my faith, for every need. Surely every child of God needs to be stirred to draw closer to him, to have more faith and a greater burden for lost souls..." --Sis. Hazel Savage

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From Mo.: "We are still pressing on for God. We love him today more than anything. We know he loves us. He gave his son a ransom for us. We can never begin to repay him. It can't be done. It has been a long time since we wrote you; would love to see you folks and all the saints. I have given some thought of coming down to Guthrie to the meeting this winter...hope you are well. I am well as usual, able to do lots of work for which I surely thank the Lord."

--Sis. Goldie Knapp

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From Kansas: "I appreciate your efforts for the Lord, always glad to get The Mission Trail. You see we old folks forget what we hear over the radio; but we can read and re-read the printed sermon...They tell me the most important thing about a sermon is the speaker. The 3 B's--Be sincere, be brief, be seated! Glad to report we are still in the battle--not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers--against the rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. If folks want adventure, and excitement--just serve God and His Son."

--Bro. Homer Fee

From S. Car.: "I love the Lord with all my soul, heart and mind. I trust the Lord will help in every way for you to keep the Mission Trail going out to every home...when it comes I sit right down and read it...sorry I took so long to write but please keep me on your prayer list,"

--Sis. Lurline Scott

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From La.: "Bless the Lord, the Bible is true and God is just the same as He ever was from the beginning and His dear promises true and steadfast... I pray for saints every where; foreign lands and near and far. God bless all, let us live this day like it was our last...put my name down again for 1977 if the world stands..."--Sis. Ruby Quave

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From Ga.: "This writing leaves me saved in the Lord Jesus with a well made-up mind to follow in his steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth...I am on the move. My eyes are still doing pretty well, giving God all the praise, glory and honor."

--Bro. Friendly Green

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From Ark.: "Greeting in Jesus name. We really enjoy your little paper. If possible when we get it, I don't lay it down until I have read the whole paper. It is food to my soul. Please keep sending it to us. We pray for you all daily, hope you pray for us as you know we are old people. My husband is 79. I am 75 so you see there is so little we can do..."--Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Warford

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From Miss.: "I would be so glad to see my Saviour coming. I am ready any time, and I don't believe it will be long. He said in his word, when ye see these things come to pass, know the time is near, even at your door, so with all the trouble I see all around, I can't help but think it is near."

--Sis. Grace Gill

at press time

we understand:

Oklahoma State Assembly meeting is scheduled to begin December 24, and continue through January 2 at the Church of God chapel, Sixth and Warner here in Guthrie. Food and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan as in former years. Come praying.

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A large number of their children and others attended the 50th wedding anniversary commemoration of Abe and Eva Penner, Nov. 14, making it a day to be long remembered.

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For the fall and winter months Neosho Mo. congregation has changed their time of evening service to 7 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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Congratulations to Sister Johnnie West and her husband on their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 7th. May the Lord enrich and lengthen their happy days.

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"It is good to hear your Mission Trail broadcast each Sunday morning. Surely we need a vision of the spiritual things of eternal value. It is a good life to obey the pure Bible doctrine because we love God."

--Bro. Leslie Adams

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Sunday morning, Nov. 14th, we were traveling through Arkansas and it was our happy privilege to stop over with the Pea Ridge saints and be in service. The weather was cold but the welcome was warm. After service and before leaving Rogers we shared of their hospitality in an early "Thanksgiving" dinner. May God richly bless them all.

"I am still saved and going all the way with Jesus. I can't stop short of heaven. The world is in a bad fix and getting worse all the time. It is time for us to be up stirring and be ready when Jesus comes. We don't have but a few more days to suffer here."

--Sister Lizzie Jordan

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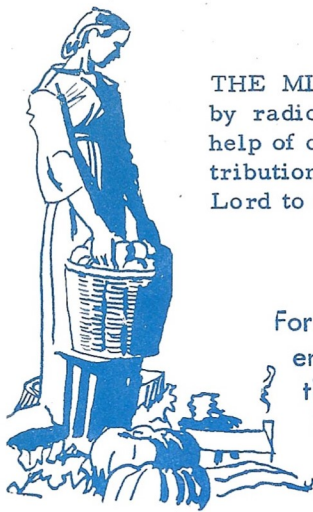
"I have been reading and meditating on Ezekiel chapters 8 and 9 about the greater abominations. Ninth chapter about the writer's "inkhorn" by his side. In 2 Tim 3:16, 17--All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I am thankful for the prayers of the saints, and I want to do my part too."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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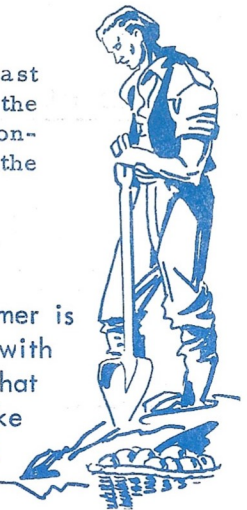
As this year draws to a close and we look back over the days that are gone, how glad we are that we can say another year has been spent in the work of the Lord. We are a little closer to our great and final home. Our hearts are full of gratitude to God and our readers and listeners for their love, prayers, and support making it possible for us to send forth the word by radio and the printed copies of The Mission Trail. As we enter our 13th year of gospel broadcasting pray that God may direct. For those who would like to continue on our mailing list be sure and let us know. We wish all a happy new year!

--Bro. Willie



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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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