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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 Eighteen

Z stands for ZEAL

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"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter." 2 Cor. 7:10-11.

Good morning, friends. Good morning to each listener. For months and months we have been working with our gospel alphabet and we have finally come to the end of the alphabet--the letter Z. From the foregoing scripture the evidence seems quite strong that Z surely must stand for ZEAL! It has been said in the business world that there is no substitute for brains, and I guess that is right, but if there could be, it would be zeal. And how true this is in spiritual matters. Where there is no zeal the flame dieth out. Solomon said: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10. So, if we ever succeed for God and His everlasting kingdom we must show some zeal and enthusiasm for our work. Zeal will put our words into action. Listen: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily good, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" James 2:15-16. When one's faith is coupled with zeal and action, he climbs

mountainous barriers and forges ahead of the laggards.

It doesn't matter how many other good qualities you may have, if you are lacking in zeal, you will find yourself on the losing side of the spiritual battle.

It is amazing what zeal will do. Now, I know that wealth and influence open certain doors into social circles, but we are not talking about social circles altogether. We are talking about the obstacles which stand in the way of a child of God. It spurns inaction, tramples prejudice and storms indifference. It is possible for a lone man of God or a woman with a consuming zeal to succeed and dominate where a multitude of dry professors can scarcely raise an eyebrow of interest.

It was zeal that led to the success in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day. Listen: "So built we the wall; and the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah

4:6. It was also zeal and obedience that caused the walls of Jericho to fall: "So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city." Joshua 6:20. Can't you just see the zeal which was manifested there that day? It brought results.

It takes knowledge and wisdom as well as zeal to be successful for God. One without the other is insufficient! One may be ever so smart and have lots of knowledge, but if he has no zeal for the truth, it is like the fruit which dried on the tree before it came to maturity. There is more hope of an over-zealous Christian than there is for one who is stale and stagnant. The Lord can tame the zeal and bring it in line with his will, but what can he do for the soul who has dried up?

Listen to the lamenting of the prophet Isaiah: "From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously." Isa. 24:16. Let me tell you what has happened! They have been robbed of their zeal. Therefore there is leanness.

Now, don't misunderstand me. Zeal is not the only answer! Zeal will not get you through if it is not coupled with knowledge. Paul in writing to the Romans said: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Romans 10:1-3. But on the other hand let me show you what a dry profession is like: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:15-16. I guess they thought they were doing all right, but their zeal had cooled to the point to where they were neither cold nor hot. Lukewarm--how sickening in the sight of God.

And now a few scriptures which might stir our zeal to action: "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off" Psa. 139:2. God knows when you are discouraged and he can give hope in the face of discouragement.

"Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" Psa. 139:7. God is watching all the time.

Then verse 12: "Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee"

And by all means let us include this 14th verse: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." To think on these things give us hope. And as hope grows our zeal increases.

It was zeal that caused Columbus to continue sailing the trackless Atlantic amidst the threats of his men. Listen to the poem:

COLUMBUS

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
 Behind the Gates of Hercules;
 Before him not the ghost of shores,
 Before him only shoreless seas.
 The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
 For lo! the very stars are gone--
 Brave Admiral speak, what shall I say?"
 "Why, say, 'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

"My men grow mutinous day by day;
 My men grow ghastly wan and weak."
 The stout mate thought of home; a spray
 Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.
 "What shall I say, brave Admiral, say,
 If we see naught but seas at dawn?"
 "Why you shall say at break of day,
 'Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!'"

They sailed and sailed as wind might blow
 Until at last the blanched mate said:
 "Why now, not even God would know
 Should I and all my men fall dead.
 These very winds forget their way,
 For God from these dread seas is gone.
 Now speak, brave Admiral, speak
 and say";
 He said, "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

They sailed. They sailed. Then spake
 the mate:
 "This mad sea shows his teeth tonight,
 He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
 With lifted teeth as if to bite!
 Brave Admiral, say but one good word:
 What shall we do when hope is gone?"
 The words leapt like a leaping sword:
 "Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

Then pale and worn he kept his deck,
 And peered through darkness. Ah, that
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 Of all dark nights! And then a speck--
 A light! a light! a light! a light!
 It grew, a starlight flag unfurled!
 It grew to be Time's burst of dawn.
 He gained a world; he gave that world
 Its grandest lesson--"On! sail on!"

Testimonies

From Mo.: "Greetings of Christian love in the name of Jesus, the glorious daystar from on high who has arisen in our hearts, shedding the warm heavenly rays of righteousness, love and peace upon the garden of our souls. May He help us to ever be watchful to keep His beautiful garden tilled and weeded. In Proverbs 6:10-11 we find this scripture "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man." A solemn warning, is it not? A little letting down our guard, just a little bending toward the world, just a little looking away from the will of God for a moment, a tiny bit of compromise and suddenly we are awakened to the fact that this thing was a diversion of the enemy and we have been robbed while looking away. How many former saints could we name who have been undone by this tactic? I believe the number is great, and how much sadness and travail it has caused. Once they knew God and His garden was growing in heavenly splendor in their life, and the rays from the "sun of righteousness" was blessing their soul with "joy unspeakable". But now the weeds and briars have begun to grow, the joy is gone or greatly lessened, the distance between their soul and God has increased and they wonder why. O that He would grant us the vision and ability to see and point out these things in the right way before the garden is completely overgrown and the enemy comes in as an armed man to take over. Let us unite our prayers that the Lord would help the whole church to remain wide awake and working until He comes to take us home. Please keep the Mission Trail coming."

--Bro. Jim Broker

From Okla.: "I thank you for continuing sending me the "Mission Trail". I enjoy it very much. Also enjoy and get much food for my soul listening to the Sunday morning broadcast. This is another day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it... Do remember all of us in prayer that the unsaved will be saved before too late."

--Sis. Vera M. Hawkins

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From Kansas: "I am so glad to be acquainted with my Saviour and I do love him today with all my heart. I appreciate his everlasting love and limitless power and great mercy... How wonderful it is to have such a refuge and be able to rejoice in the God of our salvation. I want to be able to magnify the Lord to the world. I want to sink deep enough into God that my life will show his wonderful love and glory and power and goodness to others. I really appreciate my salvation and I am truly enjoying it and have no desire to live any other way except for the Lord."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Texas: "Hope these few lines find you all enjoying the good things of God. I am doing a lot better, thanks to the good Lord and his faithful children who prayed for me. It looks like spring is here. This is such a beautiful day, sun is shining so pretty, wind not blowing near as much as it was yesterday. Thanks to the good Lord for letting me get the Mission Trail on radio. I have gotten it 3 times now lately. Your voice goes away. I wonder if you turn your head from the microphone. I can put my hand on radio and it helps it to sound louder where I can hear it better, sure enjoy it. I got to go to Shawnee to the meeting while Bro. Ostis was there. Bro. Carver came by here, Sis. Eva. We sure had a good meeting. I enjoyed it so much."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

From Pa.: "Greetings in that Name that calms our fears and dries our tears, Jesus, wonderful Lord! He has given us so many promises to help us thru this perplexing life. When I read His Word, it makes my heart rejoice that I know Him, whom to know is life eternal. Praise His Name! Spring is showing signs of coming to life after our rough winter. The green things are showing in the yard. The trees are starting to bud. The birds are getting ready to make their nests, just as God planned it. Oh, if we were as willing to be led by him as all of His other creation."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "I enjoyed your gospel alphabet about work... The main concern of each individual should be to make sure we are doing God's will concerning us. Then work diligently at what our hands find to do. All saved people can't preach, teach, lead the singing or go to the mission field. Some are called to helps. Some might be called to rear children around a family altar and bring them up in the truth of God's word. Some might be called to support those who are called to the mission field. So there is much to do. We surely want to do what we can to further the cause of Christ and witness for Him in this day to souls in darkness."

--Lloyd and Mary Dunavan

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From Kansas: "We are happy the Lord made a way for us to be washed in his precious blood from all sin, thankful there is a fountain open. There is deliverance from the bondage of Satan for everyone who want to be made free... We are still in the heated furnace but Lord is standing beside us so we are encouraged. We know that his promises are true. He promised never to leave us alone."

--Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly

From Calif.: "I am yet pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God. I yet enjoy reading the Mission Trails when I get them. The last one I got was of alphabet (W) the word work. That made me think of that part of the verse that says work out your own salvation with fear and trembling Phil. 2:12b. I realize it means much to fear God and have the carefulness enough to want and strive to do the job of working out our salvation in the right way, to the best of our understanding, so I want to keep pressing on with the work on my salvation till life shall end. I like to read the good poems and testimonies etc. in the Mission Trail and other places too."

--Sis. Geneva Pierro

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From Calif.: "May the Lord bless you in your work for him. I love my Saviour this morning with all my heart and I want to please him in all things concerning me. Our Lord knows what is best for each of his children. He only brings into our lives what he sees we need to be ready to meet him in peace. We must have everything on the altar consecrated to him. Otherwise he cannot get us ready for heaven. It is my hearts desire to leave everything with the Lord so he can work through the remainder of my life to glorify his precious name. He blesses my soul richly from day to day. May God awaken souls to their need of Jesus before it is too late to pray is our prayer from day to day. Time is swiftly passing. Soon it will be too late to pray. May the Lord help all of his children to keep on fire for him."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Okla.: "Sorry I have waited so long to say please keep my Mission Trail coming. I enjoy it very much."

--Sis. Maude Girdner

From Mo.: "In studying concerning our Sunday School I noticed Josh. 2:11b, "For the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath." Now with our new president how our people need to have a fear of God. This is our only safety. Maybe, Mr. Carter will seek God in all the problems facing him. We pray God protect him and we can have freedom and sobriety yet in our nation."

--Bro. Leslie Adams

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From La.: "Hope you are well and happy. I keep listening. May God bless and keep you in his blessed name to keep the good work going. Keep praying for me as I will you. Love in the blessed name of Jesus our Lord,"

--Lillie Evans

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From Mo.: "We enjoy the little paper and the messages every Sunday so keep it up. We often think of you all and pray for you. We are all well as usual and encouraged in the Lord."

--Sis. Myrtle Glass

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From Okla.: "So nice of you to send me the little paper. I enjoy reading it. I had intended to send you an offering for some time. The Bible says it's more blessed to give than to receive. I always like to help in the Lord's work even if it's only a small amount. Do remember us in your prayers. My husband is almost blind. Do remember his eyes in your prayers also my unsaved family."

--Sis. Sally Williams

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From Okla.: "I love to meditate on Mal. 4:2--"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." This is truly a blessedness from God."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From Jamaica: "My dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Holy greetings of love in our Saviour's dear name. Well here I am trying to write you these few lines. Thanks so much for the card and your letter of comfort. They mean so much to me. Yes Bro. Israel is gone on to his eternal rest and I'm left here battling on against the dark and crafty foe. For some time he had been going down then on the 3rd of Dec. he took to bed and suffered so much and was longing so much to go home he did not want to stay here any more. It was wonderful how the Lord strengthened and helped me to take care of him until he passed on the morning of Dec. 27. The Lord has provided my niece and her husband, Sister Bertha and other kind friends to help me through our illness and take care of the funeral. Then even before the funeral I got real sick. It seemed I would pass on too, but I was able to attend the funeral. On the 7th of Jan. I almost died. I had to send for my niece in Kingston so she and husband came and took me to their home on the 9th and is taking care of me so I am improving nicely. They are very kind to me... The little note Bro. Smalling wrote to you was his last letter he wrote on earth. Thanks for publishing it and the pictures... Yours in the Master's service,"

--Sis. Olga Smalling

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"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. Sel. by Nola Wells

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From Miss.: "Hope all are feeling fine and that you are having pretty weather. We have storms and tornado warning. So far they have just missed us. There was some damage west of us and east of us... He blesses us in many ways for which I praise Him. Continue to pray for us. My sister Lillian is in the hospital..."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

From N. Car.: "Greetings to you and sister in the name of our great Healer. How can I ever repay Him for His mercy and goodness? I am up and around and doing lots of things for myself which I couldn't do last time I wrote you. I do not stay up all day. I am in and out of bed all through the day. Continue to pray for me."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

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From Ohio: "...this morning finds me well in body, victory in my soul, striving to put forth every effort for the furtherance of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and above all to live above reproach and blameless, by obeying each command he has given to his ministering servants, that we may be rewarded when this life is over, with the precious words "Well done." Pray much for us here as these are perilous times... we must watch and pray... Today is first time we have seen the ground without snow covered for two months or more. The snow isn't all gone yet, but it is melting. It has warmed up enough for a drizzling rain... we enjoy the "Mission Trail." Keep sending it."

--Sis. Hazel Clark

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From Colo.: Feb. was a busy month, 2 weddings and 2 funerals. Two of my son in laws lost their fathers, so much sorrow and trouble every where. My daughter in law's father's funeral was yesterday... Do remember us all in prayer. There is so much sickness."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Okla.: "The sun is shining bright outside this morning and the Son is shining bright in my soul. Praise His dear name... Time is getting shorter with each passing day. It seems eternity is looming in sight. We surely want to be ready when our name is called. I want to be prayed up and payed up and ready to go up."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

at press time

we understand:

THE FATHER'S HAND

While through this changing world below
I would not choose my path to go;
'Tis Father's hand that leadeth me,
Then O how safe His child must be.

Sometimes we walk in sunshine bright,
Sometimes in darkness of the night;
Sometimes the way I cannot see
But Father's hand still leadeth me.

Sometimes there seems no way to take,
But Father's hand a way doth make.
Sometimes I hear Him gently say,
"Come follow Me, this is the way".

Why should I mind the way I go?
His way is best for me, I know.
He is my strength, my truth, my way,
He is my comfort, rod, and stay.

So on we travel hand in hand,
Bound for the heavenly promised land
Always through all Eternity,
I'll praise His name for leading me.

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Springtime is here and with the warmer
weather thoughts will be more of travel-
ing and meetings this summer. May
the Lord work through his people, being
a light to shine in the midst of a crooked
and perverse generation.

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From Mo.: "I haven't been too well,
really need prayer. God knows all
about my condition more than I know
myself; hope you all are well in Guthrie.
...request prayer for me."

--Sis. Berniece Rumpf

LAST CALL for special singing at Enid
evening of March 26. All-day services
to be held Sunday, March 27. Chapel
is located on corner of Independence
and Hemlock.

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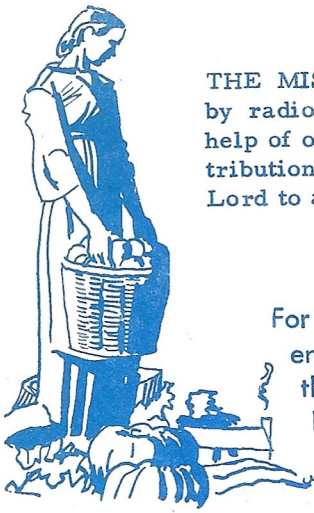
Beginning Wednesday night, March 9th
and continuing through Sunday, March
13th, saints of Guthrie were instructed,
encouraged and edified by the preaching
of Bro. Ostis B. Wilson from Oregon.
He and his companion were out this way
in meetings at different places and the
Lord sent them here for a few nights.
We say, "Come again!"

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After some recurrence of abdominal
pains and fever which lasted for some
weeks, once again the Lord gave me a
special touch of healing. So whatever
may have been the problem the Lord has
taken care of it. To Him we give humble
thanks and also the saints who were so
faithful to pray, to call and to visit.
Please accept our thanks. --Bro. Willie

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The day of miracles is not over and past
as some suppose. God is continually
moving and working with those who have
faith in Him. It is a marvel to us how
the needs of the broadcast, the expense
of printing and mailing the Mission
Trail are met month by month, as well
as our own living expenses while we send
out freely that which we have to offer
for the salvation of souls. Jesus said
freely ye have received, freely give and
that we endeavor to do, making the gos-
pel without charge. Thanks to all who
help make it possible! --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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