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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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"And the rain descended, and the floods came . . ."

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Good morning to all. I would like to begin the broadcast with the words of Jesus: "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day Lord, Lord, have

we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matt. 7:21-27.

Now, consider this: The wind doesn't blow all the time; it doesn't rain all the time, and it doesn't flood all the time. However, there may be periods when this would seem to be true! But there are occasions when the winds do blow severely; there are times when it rains in abundance and the floods do come. Therefore, houses should be built to withstand the elements of destruction.

For years certain sections of the city of Guthrie do not flood, but this is no assurance that it will not flood. This was proven to be true in May, 1980! Those living in the lowlands went about their affairs as if it would never flood again! But the rains came and soon the sirens were warning those in the lowlands to flee! Get out to the higher grounds! And the flood did come! It wasn't really one of those bad ones, but just a reminder to those living in the valley, that it was not safe. One enterprising business man had just recently installed the nice washing machines in the laundry, which were taken out to avoid being ruined by the water. In less than 24 hours the water had gone down and they were to be put back in all over again! Camp meeting was dismissed in the chapel for a couple of services. Fortunately, the water did not get into the building, but it was a reminder that it was subject to flooding. We may not be able to tell when the storms will come next. Sometimes folks are not ready and have to be taken out in boats. Once I saw a rescue made with pulley and tackle. How embarrassing it must have been to ride the pulley up the rope and have their feet dragging in the water!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO STOP?

Where are you going to stop, brother?
And where will you register last,
When the brakes are down and the lights
are out

And life's last mile-stone is past?
Will your name be written in letters of
gold,

With those who in white robes stand?
Or, will it appear in the list of those
Who have built their house on the sand?

Where are you going to stop, brother?
And what is the goal you seek?

Do you find yourself nearer the pearly
gates

At the close of each day and week?
Are you traveling daily the King's high-
way?

Do you quench your thirst at the fount
Of the Savior's love that was opened
for all

Long ago on Calvary's mount?

Where are you going to stop, brother?

Are you certain your ticket is right?
Be sure it is marked to the city
of gold,

Where cometh no death nor no night.
Does each sun at its setting find you
farther along

In the straight and narrow way?
Are you nearer the holy city
each night

By the journey of one more day?

Where are you going to stop, brother?

'Tis a question of moment to all.

To what port are you steering and where
will you be

When the shades of life's evening fall?
Oh! where are you going to stop, my
brother?

Pause a moment before it's too late
And see if your passport will carry you
through

Where loved ones your coming await.

Now, let us go back and look again at the words of Jesus: "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house;" Matt. 7:25. I say in this spiritual battle one should prepare for the worst. You will indeed, be tested. Trials will come. There is no way we can escape them all. Sometimes folks are rescued in boats. Other times the houses float away down the river. I knew of one case where a man and his companion spent the night on the roof of their home with the chickens... Don't you know they were glad the foundation didn't give way and the house was not washed down the river? The next afternoon when the water allowed them to come down, they knew they had gone through the flood!

The security of a stable experience in the Lord rests in doing his will. The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land. Never stop digging until you have reached the solid rock. There is the safe place to build. I visited a home in the hilly section of Arkansas where the man had literally "dug in" on the side of the hill. Concrete with reinforcing steel was poured and then the entire house covered with dirt! The front was enclosed with glass and rock. The owner was not afraid of wind and carried no insurance; for neither was he afraid of fire! Concrete and steel do not burn very readily!

True wisdom consists in getting the building of our salvation completed; to this end we must build on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and make the building firm, by keeping close to the teachings of the Gospel, and having our lives conformed to its word and spirit. And when we lean on nothing but the grace of Christ, we then build upon a solid rock.

But notice, the rain descended, the

floods came and the winds blew. It is reported that in Judea, and in all countries in the neighborhood of the tropics, the rain sometimes falls in great torrents, producing rivers, which sweep away the soil from the rocky hills; and the houses, which are built of brick only dried in the sun, of which these are whole villages in the east, literally melt away before those rains, and the land-floods occasioned by them. We might liken these things to three general kinds of trials to which the saints are exposed: First, those of temporal afflictions, coming in the course of Divine Providence. These may be likened to the torrents of rain. Secondly, those which come from the evil passions of men, and may be likened to the swift currents and torrents of the rivers. Thirdly, there are those which come from Satan and his angels, and which, like tempestuous whirlwinds, threaten to carry everything before them. He alone, whose soul is built on the Rock of ages, stands all these shocks; and not only stands in, but profits by them.

On the other hand, there are those who build on the "sand". He who hears and knows God's will but does not obey it, neither looks to God to conform his soul and life to it, and notwithstanding is hoping to enter into the kingdom of heaven, is like the fool who built his house on the sand. When the rain, the rivers, and the winds come, this building must fall, and his soul be crushed in the regions of the lost. Talking about Christ, his righteousness, merits, and atonement, while the person is not conformed to his word and spirit, is no other than solemn self-deception. Let it be observed, that it is not the man who hears or believes these sayings of Christ, whose building shall stand, when the earth and its works are burned up; but the man who does them.

The Lord is so faithful to warn us of impending danger. I am reminded of the sign I saw in the windshield of the motor home: "Beware of dog"! To beware means to take heed and be careful! To the Israelites God gave this specific warning: "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him." Exodus 23:20-21. Along with the warning he also gives the promise: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Then when God was reminding his people of all the good things which He was going to give them He also offered this caution: "Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him..." These verses are found in the 6th chapter of Deut.

Then this solemn warning from Deut. chapter 8: "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee unto a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and are full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this

day;" So I would say the secret of being victorious is in doing the will of God.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Comfort those who are cast down. And heal the sick. And may we all obey 1 Chron. 22:16: "Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." In Jesus name.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we have been an inspiration to you we would be happy to hear from you. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Okla.: "I was 73 years old Jan. 2, 1980. The Lord is good to give me strength to walk and do all this. I remember there was a time I had to use the walker to get around. Then I used a cane for several months. Praise the Lord I can now walk... If I hadn't given my life to God and gotten saved I doubt very much that I would be living today."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From Calif.: "Although I've been in much sorrow this year because our daughter Rosa passed away after having been sick for long time and suffered much I realize many prayers went up for her healing here in USA and even in Nigeria. While we were there we put in request for prayer for her, but the Lord saw fit to take her and I realize He knows what is best. I think of that verse that says, 'all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.' Romans 8:28. So I must keep on fighting the good fight of faith hoping to meet her in heaven."

--Sis. Geneva Pierro

From Okla.: "It makes me feel so thankful to live to see another spring. Everything is so alive and green. God has been especially good to me. I desired to live to see the children get grown and I am blessed to see some of my grand children get grown. Most of all I am thankful to be saved and in times like these what would we do without a Savior? May God bless you both and bless the precious word as it goes out over the air... This truly is my desire to try to help others understand the value of being a child of God."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Calif.: "Time is going right on! I am still here by the good mercies of God. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done and is doing for me. Amen. He is keeping my weak and frail body free from pain. No man on earth could do it... Time once again for Mission Trail. I'll be looking for it."

--Sis. Armilda Abbott

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From La.: "Oh, how I thank God for life and for the blessed privilege of seeing and hearing--especially at this time of year when all of nature is so beautiful. And most of all, I thank Him that His Spirit abides in my heart, to make me aware of all His handiwork. I thank Him that He called after me in my childhood, and taught me the blessed truth when I was in ignorance and gross darkness. Praise His precious name. I have some of the Lord's money that He has impressed me to send to you. We do want the Mission Trail to keep on being printed and we know that with paper, postage and everything so high, that we all need to help as much as possible. We always look forward to receiving the Mission Trail with its inspiring messages of truth and the letters from the saints... In Christian love,"

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

From Okla.: "This leaves us pressing our way homeward--to that home Jesus has gone to prepare. If the unsaved could know the joy there is in living for the Lord and having him with us, where we can call upon him in any time of need, they would hurry and make ready before the bridegroom comes...As there are many times I can't go to services I would sure miss the broadcast if I couldn't get it on the radio. The Lord bless and encourage you both in your work for him." --Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Minn.: "This finds me looking to the Lord daily in thanksgiving for His wonderful love and keeping power. He also provides all my needs and health and strength for my old body. Time is swiftly passing away and soon He will come to take us to that everlasting Home. He does keep me in His care at all times. The love of the Lord is so wonderful. He keeps me in health and in the holy way each passing day."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Kansas: "I am going to write a little this morning. They had a bad storm up in Nebraska, killed a lot of people and I was just wondering how many were prepared to meet God. I hope some were ready. I just wonder why so many just don't care or just because they are ignorant to what the Bible teaches. Being ready is the most important thing they have to do in this life. It is a shame that most people just don't think of anything only a good worldly time. They don't realize that there is something better just ahead and soon. 'So all who make this world their god can here no longer stay, their fondest hopes will all have fled.' It is the day when the lost shall weep, but a day when the saints shall greet. What a wonderful thing just to think about, to them who are ready." --Bro. C. A. Stone

From Okla.: "I'm still saved and living for Jesus and don't mean to stop shorter than heaven. The world in sin is lost and people are getting worse and worse all the time...Give my love to all the saints and pray earnestly for me..."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From S. Car.: "I am almost 73, will be in Dec., if the Lord lets me stay here that long, but I want to live so when I leave here it will be well with my soul. That's what I want. So keep me on your prayer list."

--Sis. Minnie Boulden

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From Kansas: "We are thanking the Lord for his continued blessings to us and encouraged in every way to continue on faithful to win the crown."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Mo.: "We trust these few lines finds you both well in body and much encouraged in your souls, to follow on to please the Lord. The crown of life is awaiting the faithful, and that is what we are endeavoring to do, to gain eternal life. By the grace of God we can and will. We are not discouraged, but doing our best to live to please the Lord. And when we do, we know that His approval is upon us. So we can feel free to rely upon our dear Lord in all circumstances...I thank and praise Him for what he's been doing for me! He has blest my body and I've felt stronger than I have for a long time...We are still holding on in behalf of our dear companion's healing. We are looking to the Lord by faith and not by sight. We do so much appreciate all of your sincere prayers. Pray that our faith will not fail. We get your broadcast at Coffeyville; sometimes it's real clear. We enjoy it, and pray the Lord to bless your efforts for the Lord."

--Bro. Murphy and Sis. Natalie Allen

From Pa.: "Greetings in the most wonderful Name of all, Jesus our Lord and Savior. He has been so good to me in this time of stress. I would not want to live without Him. I can call on Him at any time and He is there. He never fails. I think of the song "Jesus never fails". We have had so much rain, the farmers can't get their crops in. The garden is just laying there all soggy. Then it turned so cold. We broke a record for this date last night, 43 degrees. Not good growing weather, but God knows and cares. There have been so many tornadoes near here. People had better wake up and take the warning that God is trying to give them and get ready to meet Him. I really have to hold onto God's great big hand on dark days, for the devil would work then, but I just rebuke him and he flees. Praise the Lord! God bless you in all you do for Him and may He give you souls for your hire and watch over you while you travel to and fro giving out the Word of Life..."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From La.: "It seems like it has been a while since we have written to you. We certainly would like to stay on the mailing list. We appreciate your labors for the Lord. We surely want to be led by the Lord's Word and Spirit and to make heaven our eternal home. We're thankful for the Lord's many blessings to us both spiritual and physical."

--Ferlin and Kathy Palmer

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From Calif.: "Greetings again in the name of Him who is "the tree of life" our all and in all. Our spiritual life comes from this tree; we must eat of the "tree of life" daily to live forever. I have battles to fight and victories to win to become more like Him. So, pray for me. Oh! I want to stand before Him blameless in that day."

--Bro. & Sis. H. P. Huskey

From Canada: "I am sorry for not having written sooner. Our mind is often preoccupied with many other things which cause us sometimes to neglect our more important obligations... May the Lord bless your efforts abundantly. I am still happy in Christ Jesus and continue to enjoy His presence. I had in mind to be at the Monark Springs Campmeeting; however, my vacation schedule does not permit it anymore, but I have planned to be attending the Prince George meetings. May the Lord give much strength and health to continue in the radio ministry... Your brother in Christ,"

--Reinhard Mueller.

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From Mo.: "God is the author and finisher of our faith, and all He says He will do... His promises are true. If we did not have those promises life would not be worth living. Yes, we have to live close to our Lord for Him to speak to us. If we serve our God He will help us in time of need, also speak to us. He is my healer, leader and my guide. Oh! how wicked this old world is. Seeing so much sin and destruction makes me draw nearer to my God where we can find a refuge of safety. There is so much vanity and style in this old world. It just makes God's children get more humble and watch as well as pray... when I am sick my good neighbors and friends are so good to come see me."

--Sis. Lillian Dinkens

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From Okla.: "I am so thankful to be saved and encouraged in the Lord. Jerry and I are really enjoying the blessings of the Lord here. It is good to be with the saints after being isolated for so long. Well, we were able to attend some of the Guthrie campmeeting. We both enjoyed it and felt fed in our souls... Please keep the Mission Trail paper coming our way, we really enjoy it."

--Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marsha Corteway

at press time

we understand:

National Campmeeting begins at Monark Springs, Mo., July 18th and continues through July 27th. Come all!

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From Jamaica: "I trust both are well and keeping fit in the Lord. In my last letter to you, I requested prayer for my illness of high blood pressure and a severe attack of diabetes. All glory and praise to the Mighty God, I am wonderfully healed of the diabetes. My urine was tested by a nurse and this showed very bad sugar in it. Before the test I had all the symptoms of that disease. I decided not to take any injections or pills, but to trust the Lord for healing. She gave me a diet sheet to follow. Keeping to the diet as much as I could and having a daily test of the urine shows sugar still until the 29th of January. There was a change, Praise God. ...I am thankful to all those who joined in prayer for my healing. I can truly say, 'He is just the same today.' With Christian love," --Sis. E. Ferguson

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Guthrie--"I thank God for the way He worked every thing out and we got moved and settled before Daddy left us. When he said we better move to Guthrie, I was thankful it was his decision for us to move, and he seemed to like it here, for which I was so thankful, but he left us sooner than we expected him to. The dear Lord has been so good and close to lead, guide and direct. He comforts, strengthens, protects and keeps us day by day. How I thank and praise Him for His care and every thing."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

It is with sorrow we announce the death of Bro. Harry White on May 31. His companion, Sis. Minnie preceded him in death Dec. 4, 1971.

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Following a rather lengthy illness Sis. Edith Whittenborn departed this life to be with the Lord. Funeral was set for Tuesday, June 24. Before her death she had been living at Senior Citizens Home, Pacoima, Calif. She was indeed a precious sister in the Lord.

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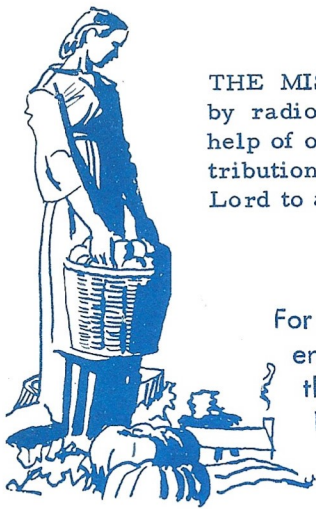
It was discovered Sunday, June 22 that Sis. Della Perry had slipped away to be with the Lord. At the time she was living at the Golden Rule Home.

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"The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually." Gen. 8:2-3. How thankful the saints were that God restrained the waters during the campmeeting... The cottonwood river came out of its banks and the street in front of the chapel was flooded, but no water reached the building. Two services were disrupted, but the next morning the water was back within the banks of the river. Services continued as usual.

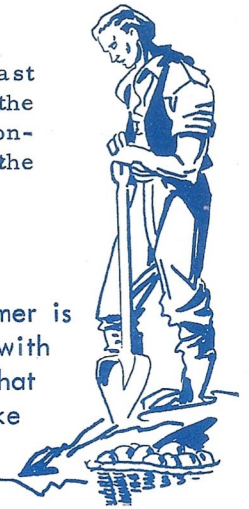
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As the summer of 1980 progresses we trust there may be a rich harvest of souls in the different campmeetings. Let us work while it is day. Ere long the summer will be o'er. And many thanks to those who are helping us with the broadcast and the printed copies.



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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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