



The Mission Trail

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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 Willing and Obedient”

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Good morning to all the listeners of the broadcast. It is a wonderful privilege to bring this short gospel message in this new year of 1981. Already it is moving swiftly along. Soon it will be a matter of history. We are counting greatly on the good promises of the Lord, such as this one. Listen: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: "Isaiah 1:19. But more on this right after this poem:

THY WILL

God cannot buy with gold untouched
By heat of furnace flame;
For on each coin must be impressed
His image and His name.
Nor can He feed the crowd with bread
That is not broken small
And handed out to those who wait,
Who beckon and who call;
Nor can He give to them to drink
Of grapes just off the vine,
They must be plucked, crushed, pressed
And changed to sparkling wine.

Here, Lord am I to do Thy will;
Oh, help me not repine
When burning fires consume the dross
And all the gold refine;
Oh, break my life and hand it out;
And help me not to shrink
When Thou would'st crush and pour me
out to give the people drink.
Teach me dear Lord to love thee more,
Forgetting faults to see;
And when I'm broken, crushed and lone,
Oh, may the world see thee.

Now back to our scripture about eating the good of the land. But look at the

requirement--the "willing and obedient" shall eat the good of the land. Willing for what? Willing for God to have his way in our lives. Think of those down through the ages of time who have surrendered to God's will and how he has used them. One does not have to be rich for God to work. God used a worm to destroy Jonah's place of comfort. He made the world from nothing and hung it upon space. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence." 1 Cor. 1:27-29. So you see, God is not limited to riches, nor the wisdom of man to do His work. But He is seeking those who are "willing and obedient."

Consider the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. He was born in Kentucky in a log cabin. His mother died when he was seven years of age.

He learned life's lessons the hard way, splitting rails, studying by the flicker of the open fireplace. After he was president and the problems of the nation weighed heavily upon him, the story is told of that which happened during the early hours of the battle of Gettysburg. In the White House, Abraham Lincoln was pacing up and down, lonely and troubled, as the battle reports poured in and the fate of the United States hung in the balance. At that time, when everybody seemed panic-stricken, Lincoln went to his room and locked the door. One can picture him there, down on his knees, his great head in his hands, praying like a child. Later, Lincoln described that moment to a friend in this fashion:

"I told God that I had done all I could and that now the result was in His hands; that if this country was to be saved, it was because He so willed it! The burden rolled off my shoulders. My intense anxiety was relieved and in its place came a great trustfulness!" It isn't necessary to say very much in comment on this story. It stands as a reminder that now, as in all times of crisis, there is an enduring source of strength and consolation--if only we have the will and the wisdom to turn toward God. But let me repeat, that the "willing and the obedient" shall eat the good of the land. The scriptures teach us to fear God and keep his commandments. We are not to be afraid of man.

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

'Twas just a lump of potter's clay:
That lay upon the floor;
Worthless! cried an ugly voice,
But uttered nothing more.

I first agreed the verdict just:
And gave it thought no more;
'Till presently the potter stepped,
In through an open door.

He placed the lump upon a wheel;
And shaped it by his skill;
The clay was passive in his hands,
Submissive to his will.

E'er long that shapeless lump of clay,
He plied into a vase;
'A vessel unto honor" soon,
To fill a sacred place.

The furnace heat was next applied,
'Mid flames it was aglow;
With dross consumed, the potter's face,
Upon the vase did show.

He then removed it from the kiln,
Examined it with care;
And found the vase without a flaw;
In answer to his prayer.

Ah! Beautiful! A work of art!
The potter had produced,
A vessel "purged" and "sanctified";
"Meet for the Master's use".

Now before God's children crossed into the caanan land he gave them some definite instructions. I begin here in Deut. 8:6--"Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into 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 art 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 keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I

command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;" But friends, think what the end will be for those who are unwilling and are not obedient. Listen:

FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE!

Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face
Dear ones will clasp me in sad embrace,
Shadows and darkness will fill the place
Five minutes after I die.

Faces that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach me,
But where oh where will my soul be
Five minutes after I die?

Quickly the years of my life have flown,
Gathering treasures I thought my own;
There I must reap the seeds I have sown
Five minutes after I die.

Naught to repair the good I lack,
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,
No room to repent, no turning back
Five minutes after I die.

Now I can stifle convictions stirred,
Now I can silence the voice oft heard;
Then the fulfillment of God's sure Word
Five minutes after I die.

Mated forever with my chosen throng,
Long is eternity, oh so long!
Then woe is me if my soul be wrong
Five minutes after I die!

Oh, what a fool--hard the word but true,
Passing the Saviour with death in view,
Doing a deed I can never undo
Five minutes after I die.

Thanks to the Lord Jesus for pardon free
He paid my debt on Calvary's tree;
Heaven's gates will enfold even me
Five minutes after I die.

O marvelous grace that has rescued me,
O joyous moment when the Lord Jesus
I see,
O happy day when with Him I'll be
Five minutes after I die.

God help you to choose. Your eternal
state depends on your choice;
You dare not wait. You must choose
NOW. It will be TOO LATE
Five minutes AFTER YOU DIE!

Of all those people that Moses led out
of Egypt by the directions of the Lord,
we are told that only two of those who
were twenty years of age or older en-
tered the promised land. The others
did not because of unbelief. And still
today the world is filled with unbelievers.
They are unwilling and disobedient.
Many do not believe in the atonement
which Christ made for our sins. Listen:

GOD'S VERITIES

Some tell me that I can not know
My sins have been forgiven,
That Jesus' blood has cleansed my soul
And made me fit for heaven;
But I've been reading in God's Word,
I found it there today,
The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son
Takes all my sin away.--1 John 1:7.

Some tell me that I do not know
 My name is written there,
 That I may only hope 'tis found
 In God's Book of Life so fair;
 But I've been searching in His Word,
 I found it there today,
 That if I overcome the world
 He'll not take my name away--Rev. 3:5.

Some tell me that I may not know
 There is life beyond the grave,
 That no one has come back to tell,
 Only He who came to save;
 But I've been looking in God's Word
 And I know it cannot lie,
 He that liveth and believeth in Him,
 That one shall never die.--John 11:26.

So now with joy and gladness
 I'm walking by His side,
 And know my Saviour's keeping power
 While I in Him abide;
 And since I still must tarry here,
 My song shall ever be
 Of Jesus Christ, my Lord and King,
 Who died for even me.

Friends, there is one thing certain:
 "...it is appointed unto men once to
 die, but after this the judgment:" Heb.
 9:27. Let me ask you this solemn ques-
 tion: Are you saved and are you ready
 for that time?

Our Father, bless the message to the
 good of every listener in the way which
 they need most and for that which is
 accomplished we will give thee the
 praise through Christ, Amen.

Our heart-felt thanks to all who have
 helped us maintain the broadcast on the
 air for sixteen years. May the Lord
 richly reward every one. If we may be
 of some spiritual help to you be sure
 to let us know. Until we meet again
 this is Willie Murphey saying God bless
 and keep you always.....

Testimonies

From Okla.: "On this last day of the
 old year we have many things to thank
 God for. First of all, for salvation and
 grace to serve him throughout the year.
 There is no other joy and happiness so
 complete as knowing your sins are under
 the Blood and we can go free. Surely
 we praise the dear Lord. We trust the
 Lord to bless you while preaching the
 Word over the air and may the Lord
 touch precious hearts and help those
 that are saved to live closer and those
 that are far from his fold to hear his
 voice and come to the fold and be
 at rest. Only the Lord knows what the
 new year holds but as we take a look
 back over the past year we can say 'Twas
 grace that brought us safe this far and
 grace will take us home. We want to
 do all we can for lost souls."

--Bro. Albert and Sis. Margaret Eck

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From Ark.: "I hope you all are well
 and enjoying the blessing of the Lord.
 I do enjoy the little paper I get. I love
 to read it...I am not well. I would like
 for all God's people to pray for me that
 God will heal my body. I would like
 for all the saints to pray for Sis. Della
 Anschutz's children to get saved. She
 called them round her bed and told them
 she wanted them to get saved and meet
 her in heaven...I don't believe it will
 be long till the Lord will come. I love
 the Lord and all his people...I want to
 live close to the Lord."

--Sis. Stella Ivie

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From N. Mex.: "I trust this year is a
 good year for us all to be closer to the
 dear Lord. So many feel the Lord's
 coming is soon. I believe so also and
 this world is in a turmoil, so all will
 need Jesus more than ever. He is so
 good."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

From Guthrie--"Greetings to all. I am so glad to be spared to see the new year. The year of 1980 was a testing year for me, but thank the Lord he brought me through, and I can still say I am the Lord's and he is mine. I don't know what this year holds for us, but by the Grace of God I mean to be true. I want my life to read like the Bible. This is a wonderful life when we have given up all for Jesus. Pray for me."

--Sister Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy

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From La.: "Keep sending the Mission Trail. We enjoy reading it. I'm not well. I have high blood pressure and other things wrong with me. I would appreciate your prayer that the Lord heal me."

--Sis. J. H. Brown

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From Pa.: "Greetings in this New Year in the Name of the One who knows all about us and has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Praise His Name! He has been so good to me in the past year. Even thru sorrow, He was always there. In affliction, all I had to do was call on Him, and He answered. I do love Him and am glad He is mine and I am His. I wouldn't want to live without Him...God bless you and yours as you work for Him and give you souls..." --Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "How glad we are we are still on times side of eternity. As we look back and see how many of our loved ones had to leave us, some for a better world and others we have doubts about. We know our God judgeth rightly. It is not for us to judge. Then too, we feel sad when we look around us and see so little heed taken as to the need of preparing for the end. They go on so heedless, not knowing the day or hour our Lord will come or call, yet thank God those of us who know the truth are striving to be ready." --Sis. Edith Cramer

From Texas: "I have had this envelope for years having moved here from Shreveport almost fifteen years ago. I don't even know your name, or what business you are in for the Lord. But I would like to know. I was a member of the Church of God congregation for many years and still believe it is the way of truth. I don't see any of the saints very often and miss association with them. Brother Cecil Carver (he is 78 years old today), and Sister Eva stop by here on their way to or from Oklahoma and visit with me occasionally...Please pray for me...I was 80 years old on the 13th of this month and am not very well."

--Sis. Jewell McCaskill

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From Kansas: "I remember one time my heart was heavy with trials. I needed to talk to God, but I decided I wouldn't mention it as I prayed. The devil would just interrupt and make it harder on me. But as I knelt to pray, the Lord said, "Tell me my child, tell me." I can't put it in words how good that made me feel, took all the heaviness from my heart that very moment."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Colo.: "Jesus has been so good to me. I want to serve him better in 1981 and be ready at all times to meet him where there will be no more heart ache or trouble. Oh how God loved us all to give his son to make it possible for us all to have a home where there won't be any more sadness, sin or troubles, but it is left up to us. We must choose the one we want to serve."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Kansas: "We are still well and praise God for His lovingkindness keeping us healthy all of these years. We enjoy the broadcasts and the Mission Trail."

--H. E. and Etta Martin



BRO. HERBERT & SIS. EVA PROBST

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Bro. Herbert Probst Dec. 21, 1980. Bro. and Sis. Probst have labored with the saints for souls for many years. Pray for her and the family in this time of great sorrow.

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From Okla.: "Recently you have been in our thoughts so decided to take this time to write a few words of appreciation. We always look forward to receiving the Mission Trail and appreciate the efforts put forth to spread the Gospel and to encourage the Saints. Soon it will be a year since Mother's departure from this earth. We have missed her so but know she is in a better place than this. Now, there is an empty place in Dale's family too. Dad too will be greatly missed. Both our parents left us a rich inheritance that we shall always cherish. Remember us in your prayers and may God continue to bless you and Sister Frances in the work there."

--Linda and Dale Probst

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From Okla.: "I am happy that I could be in the assembly meeting. The Lord is my helper. I love to meditate on the word of God, as I have heard it preached. Yes, I want the truth of God be written in my heart by the Spirit of God."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From Oregon: "I was so shocked and saddened by Bro. Herbert Probst's death. He was here and preached to us a few months ago...I hope I can do more for the Lord this year. I am in the last year of my 60's this year, so I've almost lived the time...allotted to man --though many do live longer. I always enjoy the Mission Trail and always look forward to it each time. I have put many pictures in my scrap book. The little items you put in about some of the saints are much appreciated... I am sending a little extra offering in memory of my dear old sainted mother."

--Sister Grace Jones

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name! That name that is above every name... The wise man said, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth unto it, and is safe." No other name can we use for shelter and feel secure. Truly my desire is to do all in his great name. We are truly thankful that God has blessed us to launch out on the threshold of another new year and in his name we can conquer the foe that is raging...in these last and evil days."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Guthrie--"Greetings of love to you both this evening in the precious name of Jesus, who said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." I truly thank Him for that wonderful peace He gives us day by day."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Minn.: "The Lord Jesus is my Savior and Best Friend. He keeps me in the Holy Way. Without Him I would not know what to do. He provides all my needs and I am happy in the Lord."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

at press time
we understand:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Those within listening range of Vinita, Okla., are invited to tune in KVIN, 1470 on the dial each Sunday morning at 9:15 and hear the young people of the Church of God from "Four Corners" sing the gospel of the "Evening Light" songs. You are also invited to attend services at the chapel 11 miles north of Vinita.

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Another faithful saint, Sis. Ada Leach, Orland, Calif. has been called home. She was very lonely since the death of her husband, and is now at rest. Bro. Ostis Wilson spoke at her service.

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"Our dear sister Leach is in Paradise with our Lord and she is very happy as she has wanted to go home since she lost her husband. It will be wonderful when we can all go home."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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We regret the death of Sis. Janet Patrick on January 15. Before her death, her grandmother, Sis. Erma Clevenger wrote: "Janet, our granddaughter is with us now. She is doing real good, isn't having so many seizures now. She is holding fast to the Lord. Please keep praying....."

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Terry and Nancy Allen on the birth of a son, January 19.

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Also to Don and Anneta Williamson on the birth of their son, Todd Ernest born January 19.



SIS. EVA & BRO. C. C. CARVER

In the early morning hours of Jan. 21 Sis. Eva Carver slipped away to be with the Lord. She was very conscientious in serving the Lord and will be missed by her friends, family and the Church. Her companion: Bro. C. C. Carver, R. 1, Box 218, Trout, La. 71371.

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Our deep sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sis. Max Williamson upon the death of their son, David January 19. Their address: 11525 St. Paul Ave., Baton Rouge, La. 70811.



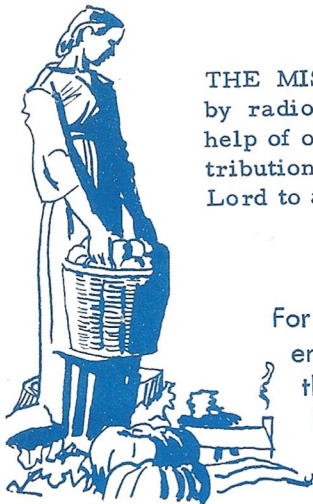
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CONGRATULATIONS! to Sis. Lessie Davenport on her birthday February 28th, making her 93 years of age and she is still active in the services of the Lord. With great respect she is often referred to as

"Mother" Davenport, 1671 Union St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92411.

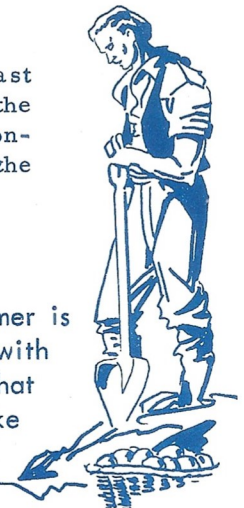
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How true the scripture: "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle". Job 7:6. One month of the new year is almost gone. Our time for God is short.



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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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