



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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God's Provision For Holiness!

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Good morning and greetings of love to all the listeners of the broadcast. I am so happy to be coming your way again. For this special occasion I have chosen for my opening scripture Zachariah 14:20-21. Listen: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts!" We want to look into some of the depths of these verses right after this poem:

HOLINESS

There is a faith unmixed with doubt,
A love all free from fear,
A walk with Jesus where is felt.
His presence always near.
There is a rest that God bestows,
Transcending pardon's peace;
A lowly, sweet simplicity,
Where inward conflicts cease.

There is a service God-inspired,
A zeal that tireless grows,
Where self is crucified with Christ
And joy unceasing flows.
There is a being "right with God,"
A yielding to his commands
Unswerving true fidelity;
A loyalty that stands.

There is a meekness free from pride,
That feels no anger rise
At slights or hate or ridicule,
But crosses count a prize.
There is a patience that endures
Without a fret or care,
And joyful sings, "His will be done,
My Lord's sweet grace I share."

There is a purity of heart,
A cleanness of desire,
Wrought by the Holy Comforter
With sanctifying fire.
There is a glory that awaits
Each blood-washed soul on high,
When Christ returns to take his bride
With him beyond the sky.

Now, back to this prophecy of Zachariah that in that day, (the gospel day), there would be bells on the horses with Holiness Unto the Lord! What does a horse represent? I would say it could be symbolic of "a worker" to till the soil, or else a means of victory in battle! These things are only shadows of the real which was to come in the gospel day ushered in with the advent of the great redemption plan in Christ Jesus! As we have pointed out in previous broadcasts atonement was made for sin and redemption. God expects and requires each worker to be free from contamination within and without. Let us look again at the original text and notice that the "pots" were going to be like the "bowls" before the altar! Per-

haps intriguing, but what's the difference? Simply this: the "bowls" were made of pure gold, but the pots were of brass. This would make them of less value....

A few scriptures to bring out the point: "And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and the spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them." Ex. 25:29. This was the Lord's instructions to Moses. So the bowls were of gold. "And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold." Ex. 37:16. So they were solid and pure without and within.

But now look at the "pots". These did not rate quite so high: "And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass." Ex. 38:3. The brass served well the needs around the altar of burnt offering. These vessels, pots, shovels, basins, fleshhooks and firepans were not used in "the most holy place" but around the brazen altar. Solomon carried out this same plan for the temple.

"And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the Lord, were of bright brass." 1 Kings 7:45. I would say they looked good and served in their place very well, but they were not of "pure gold" such as is described in verse 50:

"And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for

the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple." Please remember the text: "and the pots in the Lord's house shall belike the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts".

So I say that every pot and vessel in the Lord's house must be holy. There is no place for contamination and sin. There are no middle grounds. Listen:

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:19-21.

Here's another prophecy. This one is from Isaiah:

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35: 8-10. I say we are not waiting for the fulfillment of this in some far-away millennium age, but this way of holiness is open here and now for all to come in.

"DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH"

As black as carbon of the night
Caught in the bowels of earth
The Lord looked down upon us
Somehow He saw our use and worth.

Dig this one from the miry clay
Let the fire burn away the dross
Let the adamant stone cut away the filth
For this one shall not be lost!

The Master took us up from thence
With tender love, proceeded to cut away
The carnal flesh and traditions of men
Where we were bound, in mortal clay!

Each facet He cut and shaped
Until a stone appeared and then
A stone of Grace, soon took shape
A living stone, but just for Him!

Mounted in His blessed frame work
A precious stone fitly placed...
Making up His special jewels
And they become, His stones of Grace!

He searched out the stones of darkness
Stones of sapphires in their place...
He shaped them into His perfection...
And they become, His stones of Grace!

He will lay thy stones with fair colors
Each facet, captures the rainbow hue...
Each way it turns, will be a blessing
To all that serve, our Saviour true!

--Sel. by Sis. Lou Bray

The New Testament standard for God's people is one of sinlessness. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not", 1 John 5:18.

The reason Christ came to this world was to save His people from their sins. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is

no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him", 1 John 3:5, 6. This is the standard Jesus taught. He said: "Verily, verily I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." But he promised and brought freedom from bondage. In the fifth chapter of John we read of a certain impotent man lying at the pool of Bethesda, whose infirmity was of thirty-eight years' duration. Jesus came along and healed him. "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come unto thee". Now, I don't believe that it was unjust or unreasonable for Jesus to give such a commandment, or that it was one which he could not obey--a commandment whose violation would bring upon the poor man a sorer punishment than he had endured those thirty-eight years. It could be obeyed and I am of the opinion that the Lord gave him power to go and live without sin.

Our Father, we are thankful for Jesus Christ who came into the world to save his people from their sins and build a church in which every member shall be a vessel proclaiming holiness unto the Lord. Bless each listener of the broadcast, and give comfort and healing where needed. And Father, we thank thee for those who have stood by us in the days and years that are gone, making it possible for us to broadcast and print the good news of salvation. Our eyes are upon Thee to move upon the hearts of those who have a love for the truth and will help to send it forth in Jesus name.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless you through the holidays and a happy new year to one and all. Closing song by the Carvers.

Testimonies

From Calif.: "I am yet saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body. He has been especially near and good to me this year. I enjoy the Mission Trail, look forward to it coming and usually read it through before putting it down. I often call your names in prayer that the Lord will continue to supply your every need." --Sis. Willa Mae Oglesby

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From Ark.: "For so long we've been aiming to write you and from day to day we put off writing but we think of you often and thank the Lord for people like you that are keeping up the good fight. We still enjoy the Mission Trail and always glad to get it; wish we could hear the message on the radio. We still have very good health and so many other things that we are very thankful for, only wish we could have a church close enough to attend regularly. We go to Grubbs about once a month. Bro. Kenny Farris is preaching for us... We are always in need of your prayers."

--Alvis and Bertha Dickey and family

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From Oregon: "We had a good assembly meeting in spite of some handicaps. I am encouraged and pressing on to the realms of glory trying to serve Him the best I can and help others who are less fortunate than I."

--Sis. Grace Jones

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From Oregon: "We are glad to report we are saved and with a desire to press on in the heavenly way and to be able to hear our Lord and Savior say well done. We request the prayers of the saints everywhere to keep us before the Lord. Neither is very well in body, but we are trusting the good Lord for strength to our bodies and He always is ready to help, thanks to God for His love." --Bro. & Sis. W. J. Benson

From La.: "We greet you in the name of our Saviour who has done so much for us. We appreciate you and all that are laboring in the Lord's work. Thank you for sending us the Mission Trail. Please continue to keep us on the mailing list. May the Lord bless and give you souls for hire this coming year."

--Bro. Salvatore and Sis. Wanita DiDio

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From Okla.: "I have been in the furnace of affliction for several days. As I told my neighbor I don't rightly know what it is, but the Lord knows and takes care of it... He tells us he will not put on us more than we can bear and time and again I've found this true, so many precious promises he has given us and all are true. Phil. 4:19 --"God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Oh, I'm glad today my Savior gives victory from death to life. So soon now we will be in another year and our heavenly Father cares for us, that he does not let us see ahead. He gives sufficient grace for all we must face... We earnestly pray many souls will turn to the Lord before this year ends and find the peace that cannot be found in this world."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Oregon: "...Sis. Wilson and I have both been nursing a lame foot or ankle or leg. We both need prayer although I think we are both some better and not hurting as much as we did... I surely am thankful for the help the saints have given me as I live alone and couldn't do for myself, also thankful for the prayers that have gone up continually for me. I still need prayer."

--Sis. Hilda Nielsen

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From Okla.: "I am feeling much better in my body in every way. I thank the Lord for my healing and all the saints for their prayers." --Sis. Mentie Nurse

From Ark.: "Trust this finds you feeling good in body and much encouraged in soul. My desire is to please God, like David, 'Create (make, produce) in me a clean heart', and 'Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.' (Psa. 19:14.) Just to know He cares gives strength for the day...I am so glad as we think of the manger and Christ child--He made His way into my heart. He helps bear every burden."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Calif.: "Prayer should be one of the first things we do in the morning. We get our 'marching orders' for the day. We constantly need new orders and instructions from our King of kings. What better place to go than to the One who has planned the day and provided for its needs! Begin the day with God, Kneel down to Him in prayer, lift up your heart to His abode, and get your orders there."

--Sis. Lucille Allen

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From Idaho: "We send greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. He has been so good to us and supplied all our needs and given us health to do those things He has given us to do at this time. The service of the Lord is a pleasure that gives such joy to do it...Yours for lost souls,"

--Sis. Ruby Marken

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From Ga.: "The little paper means so much to me as I am nearly 85 years old and never go anywhere. My only brother seems to like the paper too. I have been sick with some kind of flu. I am thankful to the Lord that I am able to be up nearly every day, and can take care of myself...I hope to get the papers as long as I live. I am so thankful for my Bible. My eyes are failing. I need all your prayers."

--Sis. Ray Sloan

From Kans.: "This year has surely flown by and so many people don't seem to care for their souls, because the world is getting more wicked...I heard on the radio this morning about an Indian Chief that had gotten saved and he talked a lot about God. Someone asked him, why do you talk so much about God? He gathered some sticks, made a circle and filled it with leaves and put a caterpillar on the inside, then set the leaves on fire. He stuck his hand down and the caterpillar crawled up his hand. He then said, That is why I talk about God. He reached down and saved me. I thought it was good."

--Mamie Norcutt

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From Texas: "I got to hear part of the broadcast this morning, just thought about it late, but got the rest of it plain and was I glad. I am going to try to be on time next time...May the good Lord bless and keep you in the center of his will, bless the Word as it goes forth."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved and living for Jesus, to be ready when he comes... I have a heavy burden on my heart I want the Lord to work out in my behalf. He knows all about it. Please pray that I not be a bit discouraged. The devil is straight out after the saints trying to overthrow us, but by the grace of God I mean to go right on. I mean to stay on the victory side."

--Lizzie Jordan

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From Pa.: "Oh, when I see the wickedness here, it makes my heart ache for them. If I could only give them salvation as I would a piece of bread, but their idea of life is to have a good time, eat, drink and be merry. I don't know what would awaken them. They respect me for the way I live and I pray that I may be able to help them some way to find God."

--Sis. Eva Cox

From La.: "We look back over the past year. Much has happened. We have had heartaches, sadness and along with that happiness and pleasures. We have no complaints. How we love our Savior. We do miss David so much, especially this time of the year. We wouldn't want him back in his condition, but our hearts do ache at times. The Lord blessed us with a most enjoyable trip to Europe. We did enjoy our stay at Bob and Geraldine's and they went all out to show us about. I think we were in 7 countries. We have many pleasant memories and now it all seems like a dream. We are thankful that the Lord was with us all the way. Surely He was as near us over there as He is here ... May the coming year be filled with His goodness and love and may you and those you love prosper much in the things of God."

--Bro. Max and Sis. Lula Williamson

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From Okla.: "Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. We are so "Thankful" today to still be saved by the grace of God. It's only a miracle with all the evil around, but we find His "Wondrous Grace" does abound in our souls as we continually look to Him each day. We value His "Great Gift" above all gifts. It means our salvation now and heaven at the end of a victorious life."

--Delbert and Malinda Flynn

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From Ark.: "Just a note to say, yes, we surely do want to continue receiving The Mission Trail. We would certainly miss it if we didn't get it any longer... the weather is really nice for this time of year and we do appreciate it."

--Janice and Ronald Bray

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From Calif.: "This past summer has really flown by. In fact this past year has gone so fast. May God help us to stay on the firing line for Jesus."

--Sis. Letha Reece

From Mo.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. How glad I am for His presence with me today and every day and for the love and protection and mercy He daily gives me. As we think on this season that is kept in remembrance of His birth, our hearts do rejoice in praise and thanksgiving to Him for the great love He had for us and how that love is shed abroad in the hearts of true worshippers and we keep it all year and year after year and day after day, not just for this season. I truly thank Him for all blessings He gives me, which are many."

--Sis. Zella Dollins

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From Ala.: "Well, the holiday season is upon us. I truly hope everyone will stop and think of the real meaning of Christmas. I thank the Lord for salvation and what it means to me. I mean to go right on until the crown is won."

--Sis. Irene Richardson

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From Okla.: "Trusting this finds each of you well, and encouraged. We can hardly realize that a whole year has passed into eternity since last December, when we were experiencing the loss of our dear brother-in-law and our precious companion. The Lord has been so faithful to comfort and sustain at all times. Sometimes we are overwhelmed in our thoughts when we consider just how the reality of those who were daily walking by our side, and then at the time when the blessed Master called for them to cross over to the other side--for us to visualize that happy moment, to see Jesus! and to join in the praises and glories of heaven; no wonder we sing and ask, 'What will it be to be there?' I do desire to be faithful and ready when that call comes. We surely have appreciated the love and prayers of the dear saints of God, and we love each one."

--Sis. Eva Probst

at press time

we understand:

NINETEEN EIGHTY-ONE

Has the year brought sadness?
 Joy is yet in store.
 Has it given gladness?
 Next year giveth more.
 Let your Father measure all your pain
 and care,
 Let him weigh the burdens your heart
 must bear.
 Sending light or shadow as He deemeth
 best,
 For His sure wisdom you can safely rest,
 Peace for all the morrows,
 Strength for all the days,
 These shall be your portion,
 Through the new year's ways.

--Sel. by Sis. Lou Bray

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Congratulations to Julie Montgomery
 and Ricky Newberry who plan to be
 married the first day of January in
 Guthrie. We pray the Lord to give them
 a long, happy and useful life together.

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Sis. Dorothy Bridges is afflicted and
 has the care of her brother and sister
 in her home. She loves to hear from
 the saints, but finds it difficult to write
 everyone. Sister Dorothy Bridges, 400
 N. St. Matt., Carthage, Miss. 39051.

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From Calif.: "The new year will soon
 make its appearance, and the old year,
 is disappearing with time, carrying
 within its wake, the work of every man,
 woman, boy or girl, whether it be good,
 or whether it be evil. The coming of
 our Lord Jesus Christ is at hand.
 Then all our works will be revealed."

--Sis. Hazel Clark

A MINUTE

I have only just a minute,
 Sixty seconds in it,
 Forced upon me, can't refuse it;
 Didn't seek it, didn't choose it;
 I must suffer if I lose it,
 Give account if I abuse it,
 Just a tiny little minute,
 But eternity is in it.

--Sel. by Grace Jones

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From Mo.: "My heart is overflowing
 with Thanksgiving and Praise to God
 for all His goodness to His children.
 'Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth
 us with benefits, even the God of our sal-
 vation.' Psa. 68:19. He has been so
 merciful to me. My heart's desire is
 to keep faithful. Seems so little I can
 do, when he has done so much for me,
 but I can pray!" --Sis. Ferne Laub

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Bro. Keith and Sis. Candice Rich re-
 quest prayer that God may be glorified
 in the case of their son, Daniel, whom
 the doctor through the court's authority
 has scheduled for surgery Dec. 23, con-
 trary to their wishes or permission.

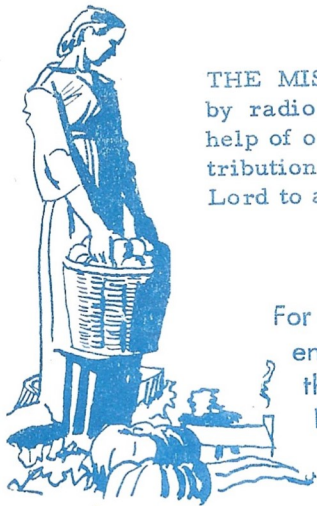
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"Most of the world has forgotten what
 it is for--this holiday."

--Pansy Roethler

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Space does not permit the printing of
 all the good testimonies received by
 presstime. As we begin our 18th year
 of broadcasting the truth we are much
 encouraged. May God reward each one
 who has helped to make it so. We wish
 for all A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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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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