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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 "All-Seeing" Eyes of God

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"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Mark 12:41-44.

Good morning, friends. I hope this short scripture reading will prove a blessing to you and I believe if we will give heed to it, it will. Very rarely do we think of Jesus as sitting there by the treasury where the folks came to cast in their offering. I suppose we prefer to think of Him as being elsewhere. We like to think of him as a babe at Bethlehem. How wonderful. The prophecies were fulfilled concerning his birth and there was born the Saviour as promised, whose name should be called Jesus. He was going to save his people from their sins. I believe he did that too! Let us remember Jesus is not a baby any more. Many things have happened since that unforgettable announcement by the angels to the shepherds on the hills of Judea, that a Saviour was born and they were told how to find him.

Then we like to think of the many miracles he did, in raising the dead, unstopping the deaf ears, healing the leprous men, opening the blinded eyes, turning the water into wine, casting out the devils into the swine where they ran

violently down the hill into the sea where they were drowned. We are overjoyed to know that he called the children to him, took them up in his arms and blessed them. It was then he said: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mk. 10:15-16

We often think of the supreme price of our salvation which Jesus paid for us-- the suffering and agony as he prayed in Gethsemane, the betrayal and forsaking by his own, his unfair trial before Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion and death as he hung on the cross. How can we ever forget those words: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46, or those of John 19:30--"It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." As we think of these dark hours in our Saviour's life, we draw strength from his suffering and victory even for our own hours of trial. We receive new courage to press on not looking at the temporal things which are

seen, but at those things which are not seen--the eternal. There on that "Hill far away stood the old rugged cross." It was there the price of our eternal redemption was paid. We are glad for that sacrifice without spot or blemish.

Think of the joy as we thrill to the passage in Luke 28--"And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

These are the things in the life of Jesus which move our hearts both to solemn reflection of the cost of our redemption, and also to the joy of being included in his great plan of salvation. That is wonderful!

But allow me to go back now to my first scripture: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." Can we be partakers of the heavenly and spiritual and our pocketbooks not be affected? I don't believe so. Let us remember Jesus is sitting over against the treasury today. He sees how we get our money and for what means we dispose of it! Our pocketbooks and checkbooks are under his inspection. I understand that thousands of tiny microbes sometimes attach themselves to money and there is danger of contacting diseases because of these germs, if paper bills are placed in the mouth.

But far more dangerous than diseases of the body are the diseases of the soul. And these spiritual diseases are brought on by the "love of money, which is the root of all evil"--1 Tim. 6:10. Many of those diseases are brought on because of this very thing. This eager ambition to get money by whatever means possible is a plague which has seized upon many souls. It drags them down to crimes which are even a shame to mention. It is a canker eating away at the heart of America. Those who are covetous are never satisfied. Do you know what the answer of the rich man would be to the question "How much is enough?" He would say, "Just a little more."

But let me assure you the all-searching eyes of God are running to and fro throughout the earth to find those whose hearts are perfect toward him. He desires to show himself strong in their behalf. God sees how much we lay by for ourselves and He knows how much we give willingly to the cause of Christ and for the salvation of souls.

God sees the thousands of dollars that go to the support of the tobacco industry, and he knows the disastrous effects of those who use it. Personally, I would not want to be responsible for either, those who sell it, or the ones who use tobacco. I wouldn't want to spend the Lord's money in that way. God also knows about the drug pushers and users and how much money is spent for these evils which plague our nation. To those who would legalize abortion and the indiscriminate use of drugs, let me leave with you this scripture: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. There comes a time in the life of individuals and nations, as to whether they are going to choose the ways of the Lord and do righteously, or the evil ways of

sin and reproach! Which will it be?

Then there are those who would say, "But just look at the revenue and the finances we would get from the legalizing of gambling and the use of drugs. Think of how much money we would drag in for the government." To this line of reasoning let me give you this scripture: "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Proverbs 16:8.

God is aware of the huge profits of the brewers and distillers of wine, beer, and whiskey and the lives which are suddenly taken daily by the accidents caused by drinking drivers. Remember Christ is sitting over against the treasury!

Jesus noticed that some of the rich gave large sums. Do you suppose it was to have the honor and praise of men that they gave? Would they have given if no one had... been there to see them give? It's possible, but on the other hand some may have been giving to have the praise and honor of men.

The Bible teaches gospel giving, and it is not limited to a percentage of what you have or earn. In reality, all that you own belongs to God. Are you willing for him to use it as he wills? God can take the "widow's mite" and do great things when it is given as unto the Lord. The noted song writer, Frances Havergal, put it this way:

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold,
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Let us pray. Our father, bless the message to the good of every listener. May we give our best to the cause of God and for the salvation of souls. Encourage everyone to be faithful as good stewards of the grace of God and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

To those who would like to write us here is the address: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song: "After All".

The singers are Lynn & Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Martens.

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

Testimonies

From Kansas: "Greetings in the love of our precious Redeemer. We are thankful for his love to us. The Lord has been precious in giving strength and help and encouraging our hearts to keep traveling on toward the goal that is awaiting the true and faithful. It means something to be true to God-given convictions in spite of opposition. We have had some encouraging experiences and feel the Lord is bringing us into a wealthy place. Hasn't he promised us that in his word? The congregation is sending you an offering for help on the broadcast. We enjoy listening to it and enjoy Bro. Harlan Sorrell's singing as well as the others. The good word of God is precious to our souls. There are many listening to the broadcast and tell us so. We want to have a part in supporting it. We pray the Lord to inspire the word of God as you give it out over the air waves... Sincerely in Christ,"--Bro. Ralph & Sis. Inez Beisly
in behalf of the rest

From Guthrie: "I'm thankful for the health and strength He gives me, also for the job he has given me to work among the aged. I need prayer that I will have wisdom to be in the right place at the right time and always say the right thing at the right time. We serve a mighty God." --Sis. Emma Dilley

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From La.: "Greetings to you in Jesus precious name! I want to thank you for sending me The Mission Trail. It is a real blessing to me. I enjoy your... messages, the poems, and the saints' testimonies. Thank the Lord for salvation in Him. He is a wonderful Saviour to me. I love Him more every day. By His help and grace I intend to make Heaven my eternal home. I desire your prayers for me, and salvation for my unsaved family. May the dear Lord bless you both in your service for Him. I have an only sister and a brother who need prayer. They are shut-ins most of the time ... Your friend in Jesus,"

--Sis. Ivey Brooks

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From La.: "We're so glad that we know him today, and are happy to be able to report victory in our soul. We are much encouraged in Him. God's promise to us is, 'Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.' Jer. 29:13. The whole heart must be yielded to God, or the change can never be wrought in us by which we are restored to His likeness. ... God desires to heal us, to set us free. But since this requires an entire transformation, a renewing of our whole nature, we must yield ourselves wholly to Him ... Your Patsy sent me one of the 'Sounds and Songs' of the Mo. camp-meeting, which is such a great blessing to us. We miss not getting to be in meeting much anymore, but oh, how we do thank God for the tape library!"

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

From Oregon: "I am happy to say I no longer am walking with a cane and the pain has gone out of my leg in past two months. I can walk with ease now... I think of Lawrence when I read these words in 'Traveling toward Sunrise':
From the dust of the weary highway,
From the smart of sorrow's rod
Into the royal presence

They are bidden as guests of God,
The veil from their eyes is taken,
Sweet mysteries they are shown
Their doubts and fears are over,
For they know as they are known.
For them there should be rejoicing
For them the festal array
As for the bride in her beauty,
Whom love hath taken away.
Sweet hours of peaceful waiting
Fill the path that we have trod,
Shall end at the Father's gateway
And we are the guests of God! --Sel."

--Sister Grace Jones

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From Okla.: "I'm still enjoying the Mission Trail, also get food for my soul listening to the broadcast... Remember Sis. Mattie Simpson in your prayers. She was in a car accident a week ago Monday. Six ribs were broken and some bruises on all limbs. There is a little scratch on her forehead where her head hit the windshield. She was greatly blessed. She's getting around through her own house doing little things herself... We visit her, carry her food while some of the saints spend part of the day with her each day."

--Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

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From N. Mex.: "Remember me in prayer. I have had dizzy spells and am not too strong. I have fallen at times though I had my 81st birthday the 16th, so you see I am up in years but praise God He is so good to me. I want to praise Him more and more."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

From Calif.: "It's a beautiful day today. The Lord gave us some much needed rain and then beautiful weather again. It's a beautiful fall. I love fall of the year with its leaves of such beautiful hue. I really enjoyed my trip to Oregon a few weeks ago. Those mountains were so beautiful. The color had begun to start in the leaves, and oh, I was so blessed to know that though I was alone, yet I wasn't alone for God was riding along with me ... We took Bro. Gene down to the Home for a little while and we went up to Oregon to visit our children and family and was in service with the saints on the Lord's day (Sun.)... We now have Bro. Gene home again and he is gaining some..."

--Sis. Loretta Harmon
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From Ark.: "My thoughts have been your way every day. I know things have not been easy, but we just slip our hand in our dear Lord's and take a firmer grip. These dear ones are so missed and adjusting isn't easy. May the dear Lord bless you in a special way. He does, I'm sure... The beginning of fall is making a wonderful approach. The artistic handiwork of our God is displaying landscapes more than our ability can take in. The breeze whistling in the tall trees along with the many choruses of the undefeated mocking birds and bluejays, all of this and more, much more surely tells me God loves even me. I pray, 'God, help me to let some of your glory shine out of my life, to remind some one of you.'..."

Our love, "
--Sis. Lou Bray
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From Okla.: "I want to let you know I get your Mission Trail. I sure enjoy reading it. I am getting up in age, can't write much. But I am sending you a little gift to help with my paper. I will keep praying for you all."

--Sis. Mamie McKay

From Mo.: "Greetings of love to you in the lovely name of Jesus. We trust the dear Lord is blessing you in every needed way and all the dear saints everywhere. We think of the dear ones who have afflictions in prayer often. I am thankful how the dear Lord has blessed and healed me many times. Now I am having high blood pressure. Do remember me in prayer ... We look forward and thankful for the Mission Trail paper each month. God bless you both in your labors in his work. With love and prayers, "

--Sis. Cassie Wilson
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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! He means more to me each day as I grow older. I am so glad I know Him and want to live for Him each day and be ready when He comes or calls for me..."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Ga.: "I'm still saved and encouraged to go on with the Lord to my final home. I'm still trusting in the Lord. Since I wrote you last my brother has had the third stroke. The Lord is good to us and he is doing fairly well. He is able to take care of himself. Continue to remember us in your prayers."

--Sis. Mary Johnson

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From Ga.: "I am praying every day and living for God. I am living alone and God has blessed me with a long life and I am thanking him every day... I hope some day to receive him on that bright celestial shore."

--Sister Claudia Robinson

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From Kansas: "We are thankful again for God's help in another battle with health. We appreciate your prayers, cards and letters ... Continue to remember us till we get Home. We know our Shepherd will take us safely through. Pray that we stay close to Him."

--Sis. Lavina Martens

In Memory

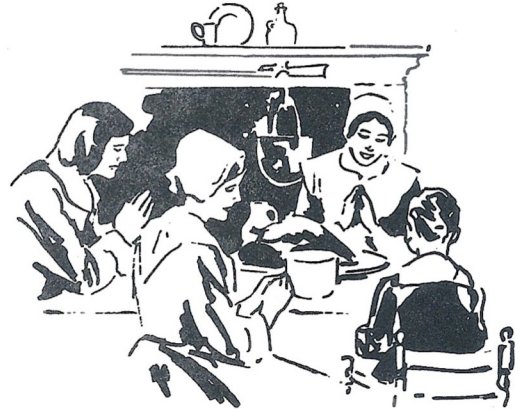
OF
BRO. LAWRENCE PRUITT



Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Maybelle Pruitt

Our hearts are saddened and we have suffered a great loss in the passing of our Brother Lawrence Pruitt. Not only is the loss personal, but the Church in general will miss the sound counsel from this staunch soldier of the cross both in a personal way and through his writings in the "Faith and Victory" of which he has been editor since the death of his father, Bro. Fred Pruitt in 1963. A little more than one year ago the death of Sister Marie was keenly felt. In the early morning hours after his passing on Oct. 4th in the presence of family members around his bedside Sis. Maybelle was heard to softly say something to this effect: "Well, honey, I have been true to you and kept my vow, and you have kept yours to me too." Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Pray for Sis. Maybelle and other workers as they continue to send forth the truth: Sis. Maybelle Pruitt, Box 518, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psa. 50:14-15.



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I am thankful for my health and for the strength to bear the burdens of the day; for all the friends who have made our little world brighter and better by their presence. I am thankful for the prosperity I have known and for the splendors I have seen; for the glad voices I have heard, and for all the happy yesterdays. I am thankful for life, with all that it means of service and sorrow; for the peaceful roof which shelters us, and for the love and laughter of our children. I am thankful for the blessings which have come to us and for the promise which the future holds. I am thankful for all that has made life so far a pleasant journey; for our book of happy memories, and for that faith which has sustained us in the shadows. Grant, O God, that by our lives our gratitude may be shown. May we continue to the end unembittered, remembering always that the greater our loss appears, the greater our joy has been. Grant us the wisdom to know the false from the true, that we may bear our burdens bravely. Teach us to find pleasure in service, hope in sorrow, and peace when the day is done.

at press time

we understand:

Another of God's singers has gone home. Who of us who knew her so well, can ever forget that smiling face and the lovely singing voice of Sister Mary Lounds? Although afflicted for many years her spirit was undaunted. She rose triumphantly over complaining and set forth an example of patience which stands as a tribute to her victory in Christ! God gave her the talent of singing and she delighted to use it to the glory of the Lord. Upon our last visit with her she seemed weak and tired, but still cheerful. She slipped quietly away to join the heavenly chorus on Oct. 8. Funeral was held in Oklahoma City.

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On the evening of October 15, Bro. Merrill Williamson, pastor of the Midway, La. Church of God became very sick. Calls were made for prayer to different ones, but suffering continued through the night with only brief periods of relief. What a shock it was when the realization became clear that it was the Lord's time for his home-going! He departed to be with the Lord Oct. 16th. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, Violet, her two children; his son Don and family.

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October 8th, marked the passing of another long-time saint, Sis. Elizabeth Glass who died in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She had resided in Neosho, Mo., for many years and had been a member of the Church of God congregation there before moving to The Golden Rule Home. Remains were taken back to Mo. for funeral and burial. Age--74 years.

Congratulations to George and Juanita Montgomery who have just passed their 25th wedding anniversary!

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Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and Sister Maude Hornbeck made a quick trip to Calif. to attend funeral of their oldest brother, Clarence Miles in October.

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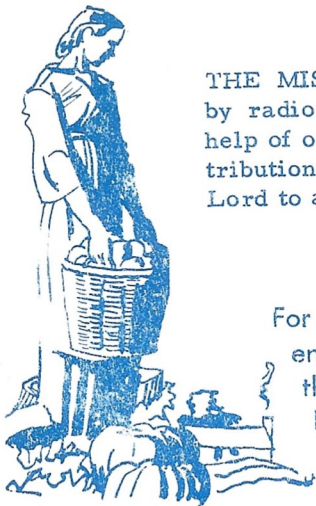
In the early morning hours of Oct. 30, while enroute home after a visit to see his mother who is not well, Bro. Jerry Cordeway's car was struck broadside by another auto at an intersection. His entire family was in the car, which included his wife, Marsha and their three children. Many broken bones were received and other injuries. They have all now been released from the hospital, thankful to the Lord to be alive. They are at home: 3401 Elizabeth Ave. Choctaw, Okla. 73020.

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Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Dolly Gideon and other relatives upon the death of her sister, Pearl Mundell. Funeral was in Anthony, Kansas Nov. 9.

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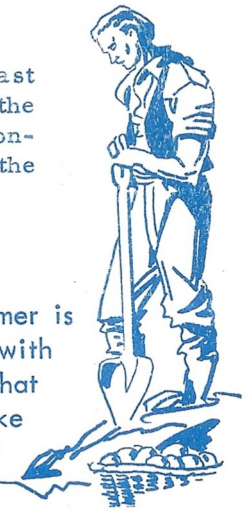
Oh, yes, the Willie Murphey's do have a telephone in Guthrie, Oklahoma! And oh, yes, it is listed with "information" regardless if they should tell you "no"! If you have problems in getting it make mention that Murphey is spelled with an "e" in it! But if you would like to save yourself all that trouble when you want to call us just make a note of this number: (405) 282-1101. Write it down! We are sorry to be a little late with November. December coming soon.



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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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