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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 Shall Supply All Your Need..."

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Good morning friends. Listen to this good promise. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. This is what I call a real promise! We are living in a time when our needs are so many. We need food which is high in cost. We need clothing which isn't cheap any more and we need a place of shelter from the elements of the weather. None of these things are cheap, but that doesn't matter at all with God. There is no limitation with God. If we need them God is able to give them to us, even if it takes a miracle.

Now consider the promise, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus". I like that. My father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of the world in his hand. But this need for food, shelter and clothing only takes care of the outward man. We have far greater needs than this. We need redemption for the soul, grace for our spirits and comfort and joy all along this pilgrim pathway from earth to glory. We need peace and thank God we have found it in Christ. Our righteousness is in him.

Listen again, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:20-21. That, dear ones, is the eternal word of God. I am staking my happiness in this world and the hope of the world to come on that promise, as well as the many others in the Word.

But let us look at a few more of these good things. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in

sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass." Isa. 32:17-20.

So this matter of serving the Lord is not a state of confusion, but of peace and quietness with a firm assurance. Don't you see how you can rest in these promises? They are firm. The water we have to drink and the air to breathe comes down from above from the Father of lights who created and loves us all.

Listen to this prophecy which was fulfilled in Christ: "Behold, the Lord God

will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity." Isa. 40:10-17.

Then this gospel prophet Isaiah goes on to point out the difference between the true God and idolatrous worship. Listen: "To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot: he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers;

that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble."

Dear ones, if you are looking for something eternal, you need God, the Creator of the earth and the inhabitants thereof. He wants to be your friend and Savior through His son, Jesus Christ.

Consider these miracles: 1. God closed the mouths of the lions when Daniel was cast before them. Because of this Daniel felt no harm or hurt.

2. He controlled the fire for the Hebrew children when they were cast into the furnace because they chose to serve the true God only, and not bow down before the golden image of man.

3. The water was pushed back in heaps for God's children to cross on dry land.

4. He caused the wind to obey him, and there was a great calm instead of the storm which raged so violently on the sea.

5. He fed the multitudes with the loaves and fishes and they were filled and food was left over to be gathered up that none should be wasted.

6. He made water to run out of a rock. Then God's children drank and were satisfied.

7. He kept the meal and oil from wasting. Therefore, the widow, her son

and the prophet lived for many days while the land was suffering from a great drouth.

8. He raised Lazarus from the tomb after he had been dead for four days.

9. Also Jesus the son of God was raised from the dead and he gives deliverance from sin to all mankind who will believe. Finally, I would like you to hear this declaration and bold assertion from the scriptures: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25.

Let us pray. Our Father, we do come unto thee just now. We come with our burdens and needs. No doubt there are those who listen to this broadcast who have great burdens on their hearts because of their sins which weigh them down. We ask for them deliverance and victory. Remove guilt and in its place give peace and pardon for we ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.

Thanks, friends, for a few moments of your time. We hope you will listen again next week at the same time. In the meantime if we may be of some spiritual help to you be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now this poem:

RELIGION IN ACTION

I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me
than merely tell the eay;
The eye's a better pupil, and more
willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing, but
example's always clear.

The best of all the Preachers are
the men who live their creeds,
For to see the GOOD in action
is what everybody needs;
I, too, can do it if you let me
see it done,
I can see your hands in action,
but your tongue too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver may be very
wise and true,
But I'd rather see my lessons by
observing what you DO;
I may not understand the good
advice you sometimes give,
But there's no misunderstanding
the religion that you LIVE.

Now this song by the Loftis sisters,
Nellie Henderson, Lenora Bennings,
and Barbara Walters.

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

'They watched him'

*"They watched him there"
And yet they saw Him not;
Their eyes were blind;
They saw no beauty in this Man.
They watched Him die—
The lowly Nazarene—
But did not know
His death was part of heaven's plan.*

*"They watched him there,"
Indifferent to His need;
They did not care
That pain was mirrored in His face.
They watched Him die
But did not seem to know—
Nor did they care—
That Christ was dying in their place.*

"And sitting down
they watched him
there."--Matt. 28:36

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER!

"Be sure your sins will find you out!"
 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:" and "The way of the transgressor is hard." Sin twists your steering gear; bends your axle shaft; punctures your tires; puts out your lights; batters up your fenders; breaks your windshield and ruins your brakes. Sin puts you physically, mentally, morally and spiritually out of business. How far down life's highway will a person get with a bent axle shaft, twisted steering gear, flat tires, etc.? When the moral and spiritual values of life are kept in proper perspective by the Word of God one is better equipped to meet the rough road which lies ahead.

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OUR NEED OF SYMPATHY

Human sympathy is so very precious, but there are points in our spiritual conflict in which we cannot expect to receive it. To each person there are passages in life too narrow for walking two abreast. At certain times we must stand alone. As our constitutions differ, so our trials, which are suited to our constitutions, must differ also. Do not be ashamed, dear ones, if you meet with temptations which appear to you to be quite different. Others have thought the same of their trials. You may imagine that no one suffers as you do, whereas no temptation hath overtaken you but such as is common to man, and God will with the temptation make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it. Yet for the time being you may have to enter into fellowship with your Lord when He trod the wine-press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. Is not this for your good? Is not this the way to strength? What kind of faith is that which is dependent upon the friendship of man? What sort of steadfastness is that which cannot stand alone?

Testimonies

From Okla.: "Greetings of love in the precious name of our blessed Lord. Delbert and I are yet saved, redeemed from the old life of sin, doubts, fears and confusion...the Lord said, 'Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.' St. John 14:27. His 'peace' comes with much comfort, consolation and sweet rest. May the Lord help us all to obtain that wonderful peace. We appreciate the truth you send out over the radio...In the Holy Way,"

--Delbert and Malinda Flynn

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From Calif.: "Please excuse my being so late with this little offering, but I have been sick. My blood pressure got so high I had a stroke. It was only a very light stroke, but I have been some time getting over it. I am still a little shaky. I really feel it was only the good Lord who saw me through and I do know lots of prayers were sent up for me. Do pray for me that I will get closer to the good Lord. I am hoping and praying the good Lord will open up the way for me to get to go back to see my sisters once more as I realize time is running out for us." --Edna Murry

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From Penna.: "I am so glad there are those who are teaching the whole truth. There are so many false things for people to fall into, trying to take the place of finding the truth of God's Word. I also am so glad God still rules the world. Man builds things to destroy himself. We are not safe anywhere but in the Lord. We have had incidents here, but I don't fear, for I have hold of God's hand to lead me in the path of peace. He is so good to me. I cannot praise him enough...we know that we will be taken care of by our heavenly Father." --Sis. Eva Cox

From Kansas: "I am writing to try to tell you how much I enjoy your messages and your magazine. It truly is an encouragement to me to hear the old tried and true gospel truths. I am enclosing a small check. I hope it will in a small way show my appreciation for truth. We have no church here. It is disbanded. I am ill and I have a daughter in a nursing home, who has multiple sclerosis. It is very sad that she can't be in her home. It is almost more than I can bear. Will you please pray for both of us?" --Mrs. Thelma A. Fields

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From Okla.: "Trust you both are feeling well. This is also leaving me feeling real good again, thanks to Jesus for all His goodness and mercies unto all... please remember our Sister Eallem in body. She is very weak in body. Food doesn't digest and stay down. We know the Master understands it all and is able to just speak the Word."

--Sister Mentie Nurse

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From Kansas: "Dear Brother Murphey, Christian greetings. I surely enjoy your Sunday morning message, also the Mission Trail paper. May the Lord bless you and yours in bringing God's word to the people." --J. E. Estopy

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From Kansas: "Greetings in the love of Jesus. We are so thankful to know He loves us. The mail man is due so will have to hurry. We learned of the passing of dear Bro. Loftis today. It was a shock; surely don't know who will be called next. We attended the singing at Sapulpa last Saturday. We were privileged to attend 2 services at Wichita and the Word was rich to us."

--Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly

Guthrie Floods Again!

After a very dry summer the rains came again to Oklahoma. On Oct. 19th and 20th a steady downfall prevailed much of the time. Some seven or eight inches were received and shortly after dark on the 20th those familiar sounds of the flood siren were heard, but for many it was too late! Within minutes the muddy waters of the swelling Cottonwood Creek began swirling across the streets and into the homes located in an area of some 40 square blocks or more. For Guthrie this was not new but the flood was one which came very swiftly without much warning. Waters crested about 4 a.m. on the 21st but not until after much havoc had been wrought. Some cars stalled and bore all the fury of the flood. When the waters receded there were a great many homes with an accumulation of mud and water, and furniture, carpets, etc., which were greatly damaged or completely ruined! Some reports indicated this flood was a record-breaker for many years, but in our opinion the 1959 flood crested a few inches higher. Nevertheless, it was a disastrous one. The waters covered the floor of the Church of God chapel by approximately three feet and that of the dining hall by almost four feet. Also some of the school tables and the oak pews sustained damage. At its crest the dirty waters lapped angrily at the sand bags placed at the doors of Faith Pub. House, but only small trickles entered. So the floors and machinery were spared. The Lord also stayed the waters from Bro. Bob Sallee's home after it had covered the front porch and was lapping at the threshold. For many the job of clean-up was a major one.

THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN JEFFERSON, OREGON
WILL BE NOVEMBER 4TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 13TH.

"Offer unto God THANKSGIVING..."

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"--Eph. 5:19-20.

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 which 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 truth from the false, that we may bear our burdens bravely. Teach us to find pleasure in service, hope in sorrow, and peace when the day is done.

THANK GOD EVERY MORNING

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done.

THE THANKFUL HEART

For all that God in mercy sends--
For health and children, home and friends;

For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word or deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk--
In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For songs of birds, for hum of bees,
For the refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for stream and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood--
In everything give thanks!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky--
For these and every thing we see,
O Lord, our heart we lift to Thee;
In everything give thanks!

BE TRUE

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach!
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed,
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed,
Live truly, and thy life shall be
Filled with great and noble deeds.

at press time

we understand:

In Memory

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."--Rev. 14:13.

A real "patriarch" and true saint of God, Bro. E. A. Loftis, finished his last earthly battle and quietly slipped away to join that heavenly chorus in the early morning hours of Oct. 5th. Not only has the congregation of Prattsville, Ark., his companion and children suffered a great loss, but the work of God in general. We certainly miss his kind smile, great hospitality and words of encouragement. A card please to his companion: Sis. E. A. Loftis, Route 1, Box 297, Prattsville, Ark. 72129.

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As a minister of the Church of God, the preaching of the gospel was not a sideline for Bro. Murphy Allen. It was a full-time calling which he accepted with great sincerity and earnestness. Because of affliction in recent years he has been unable to travel and minister as he did for so many years. But he bore his affliction patiently and committed himself to God who saw best to call him from labor to reward on Oct. 14. Many attended the funeral in Springfield, Mo. and burial was made near Myrtle, Mo., Oct. 17. Remember his companion, Sis. Natalie Allen, 1808 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo. 64803.

Two other ministers have recently died: Brother W. R. Fox, Marion, Ky., and Sister Ersa Carrick, Webb City, Mo.

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MEETING AT "FOUR CORNERS"

Revival meeting is scheduled to begin at "Four Corners" Church of God chapel north of Vinita, Okla. Nov. 4th through 13th nightly at 7:30. "Four Corners" is at the intersection of Highways 2 and 25.

--Bro. Clifford Wilson, pastor
Phone (918) 256-3568.

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Congratulations to Don and Aneta Williamson on the birth of their son, Loren Don on October 11th.

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A Request that You Write!

Did you write in 1983? If not, please do so before the end of the year! We request each reader write at least once each

year if you wish to continue receiving The Mission Trail! There is no subscription price. We prefer rather to make our services without charge and trust the Lord to supply the needs of the radio broadcast and also the expenses of the publication. God has not failed us for these many years. And we say a hearty "thank you" to all who have a "love for the truth" and have sacrificed to help us maintain our schedule. Your reply now will enable us to better know how to revise our mailing list. May we hear from you? HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

--Willie and Frances Murphey

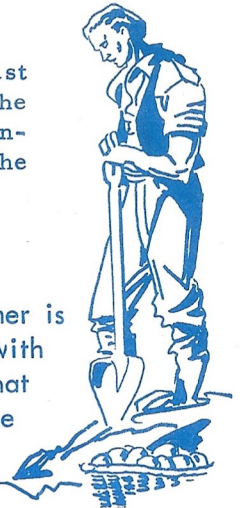




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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke 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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