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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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"...concerning faith have made shipwreck"

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"And falling into a Place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuckfast, and remained unmovable; but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." Acts 27:41-44.

Good morning, friends. Did you ever stop to think that sooner or later, in one way or another, we all face shipwreck? Life is not easy. There are many types of shipwreck. There are shipwrecks of health. Shipwreck is sometimes made of the home, marriage or in the training of children. There are educational shipwrecks. These desperate trials, common as life itself, are all about us. Two courses are open to us--we can sink "without trace" or we can look around for a way out. The most fortunate thing which could happen to one in such circumstances, would be to find God's way. God has a way of providing for his trusting children when to them there seems to be no way at all. But one of the worst things to happen to a person is to make shipwreck of faith.

In 1 Tim. 1:19 we find these words: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:" Wouldn't you regret it if you made shipwreck of your faith?

In a certain prayer meeting one told of how the waters were made to stand back by the power of the Lord in order for the children of Israel to pass over the Jordan on dry land. But the question was asked: How many of us would be brave enough to commit ourselves to pass over with the water standing up in a wall on either side? Some would be too fearful to do that! So I say, the important thing is to find God's way and then go that way!

A good example of one who could have easily been shipwrecked once and for all eternity was the beloved man Job. What would have happened to his history if he had failed to take God's way? Do you suppose we would be reading of his patience which has been such a blessing to thousands? No, I am afraid not. But he said: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:21-22. Please give heed to this:

WARNING

YOUR CHOICE

You don't have to go to heaven,
You don't have to live for God,
You don't have to be forgiven,
Nor washed in Jesus' blood.

When beyond the shining portals
All the ransomed meet at last,
You don't have to be among them
When the fight on earth is passed.

Though the Saviour died on Calvary,
Still His pardon you need not know;
Though His Spirit now is striving,
To the Lord you need not go.

Though a mother in her sorrow
For your soul doth plead and pray.
You don't have to be forgiven,
Need not walk the narrow way.

Though you choose the path of sorrow,
Live the life that suits you best,
Turn your back on Heavenly treasure
Vainly seek for peace and rest,

God will never make you serve Him,
Never force you to be saved;
You can go to judgment Christless,
Though your path with prayer is paved

You can keep right on your sinning,
Turn your back on what is right,
Push headlong in perdition,
And an endless awful night.

There's no power in earth or Heaven
That can check your downward way
Unless Jesus Blood is sprinkled
And your sins are washed away.

Friends, if you are having Problems in life let me suggest something: Face all the facts calmly and bravely to see what can be done about them. Nothing? Probably it isn't quite so bad as that; but if it is, learn the lesson that millions have already learned: that what can't be cured can be endured by the grace of God. Let us learn the lesson

of the cross. It was a victorious Christ who endured the Pains from which his body did not escape. But he gained the victory through the Power of God even in one of the darkest hours in the history of the world.

Do you wonder how "ignorant and unlearned men" could write such statements as: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"? The answer is that they had the insight and Power from having been in contact with the son of God. The man John who wrote this text had beheld the light and received the life of which he speaks. Light is the symbol of wisdom. The two important elements of wisdom we might say are foresight and insight. Light is also a symbol of happiness.

Did you know that Jesus really came to bring light, joy and happiness to his trusting children? Listen to these words of His: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 12:23-24. And again in verse 33: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have Peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Instead of living in sin, desperation and unhappiness why don't you lift up your eyes to this light which shines steadily above the dark muddle of human existence? Don't forget that Passage of scripture which declares "where there is no vision, the People Perish."

So I say ever since John the Baptist came Preaching the gospel of the kingdom the gospel has been mixing the

leaven of joy into the dough of human experience. It is good to remember Jesus spoke to his disciples concerning the leaven of Herod and the leaven of the Pharisees. But let us not forget there is also the leaven of the kingdom.

In Matt. 13:33 Jesus said: "Another Parable I spoke unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." In this case leaven is a symbol of something good, and desirable. The kingdom of heaven is something transplanted into us. Then important things really begin to happen. The kingdom of heaven works within us. It is a thing hidden in the very heart of our nature. And now this Poem:

AGAINST A THORN

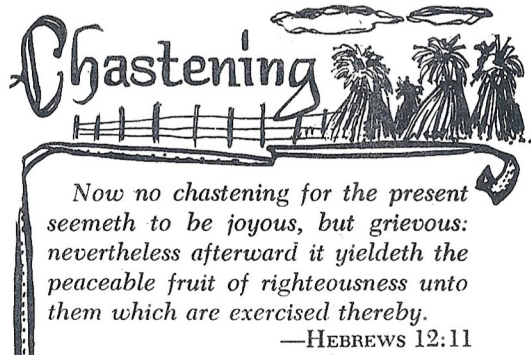
Once I heard a song of sweetness
As it cleft the morning air,
Sounding in its blessed completeness
Like a tender, pleading Prayer;
And I sought to find the singer
Whence the wondrous song was borne,
And I found a bird, sore wounded,
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,
While its wings with Pain were furled,
Giving hope and cheer and gladness,
That should bless a weeping world;
And I knew that life of sweetness
Was of Pain and sorrow born,
And a stricken soul was singing,
With its breast against a thorn.

Ye are told of One who loved you,
Of a Savior crucified;
Ye are told of nails that pinioned
And a spear that pierced his side;
Ye are told of cruel scourging,
Of a Savior bearing scorn;
And he died for your salvation
With his brow against a thorn.

Shall we Pray? Our Father, bless the message as it goes into many homes scattered throughout the land. May thy word bring deliverance and victory to each soul. Should there be some passing through the valley of the shadow of death make for them a way of escape even though it may seem only a small board amidst the shipwreck of many who are floundering in despair and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for listening. If we may be a help in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. Our heart-felt thanks to those who help make possible the broadcast from week to week. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always 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.*

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "This Past year the Lord has been so very Precious to me and so much comfort during our sorrow. In August we lost our eldest son. Then in a few weeks my mother Passed away. I thank the Lord He never leaves us to suffer alone... sorry I haven't written any sooner." --Sis. Erma Clevenger

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From Calif.: "We attended the Pacoima meeting from Mon. night after Christmas until the end of the meeting. It was a very good meeting, good Preaching and a lot of altar work. I don't think there was a service that someone wasn't at the altar. At times many were seeking help... We came real close to having an accident. It was so foggy coming home but the Lord's big hand was extended to us and Protected what would have been at least a 3-car Pileup. It happened so quickly. I know the Lord was there to help me avoid it. To him we give our Praise and thanksgiving."

--Sis. Loretta Harmon

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From Kansas: "Greetings in the new year of 1984. I face it with much thanksgiving in my heart to God. He has been so very good to me and I am still determined to Prove I love him by keeping his commandments and doing his will. He is my very most favorite Somebody and I Pledge my all to him and seek his continuous help. It is good to serve a God who knows all things and can do all things for us. It is so comforting to know that we can depend on him for all things and that it is not on a some-time basis but all the time. I am very encouraged and still excited about my journey to Heaven and mean by the Grace of God to Prove faithful until the end. I do want to meet gracefully the challenge of another year..."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From La.: "Thanks be unto our Heavenly Father for His wonderful Gift to this lost and sinful world. Oh, if everyone would accept and appreciate that gift so freely given to us... It seems as time goes on the devil is working harder or double time, so to speak, for no doubt he knows time is short for him to deceive or trip souls some way or other. He knows those he can't tempt with the wicked evil things of the world and he knows also, that we don't have to be out there Partaking of those sinful worldly things in order to lose our soul. Just going on for days, weeks, months, and even years at ease, luke-warm, complacent, will find us at the end just a foolish virgin with no oil and unprepared to meet the Lord. We had such an anointed stirring message last Sunday night from Bro. John Jones on the ending up of the world. Then another stirring message tonight from Bro. Bob on the same line of what it is going to mean to be up and doing, found in the Lord's will and Prepared at His coming. Seems the Lord is doing all He can to warn People of His soon coming. I'm striving and working at this all-important thing daily, that I will be found ready..." --Sis. Alta Flynn

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From Guthrie: "I am happy in the Lord. He is so good to me. I just appreciate His goodness and mercy. I thank Him for the health and strength He gives me and so many many things I have to be thankful for. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. God is my refuge and strength. He is so good to me."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Ala.: "I am standing for the truth and mean by God's help to never go back. I came out to stay, and yet I need your Prayers. I am sending an offering to help you keep going on..."

--Bro. Henry P. Effinger

From Calif.: "I've been wanting to write you for several weeks, but we've been on the go quite a bit, visiting our children and grandchildren. Our daughter Darlene has a darling little girl almost four and our only grandson is 19 months. We sure do love and enjoy them. They love us so and are so happy to stay with us. We brought them home with us the next day after Christmas, and Lord willing, will take them home to Sacramento. . . I sent and got the three tapes from Clifford he made at the Monark camp meeting. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed hearing all those songs. I could just feel the Lord's presence there with them. I get so blessed every time I play them. I just can't thank the Lord enough for his blessing and goodness to me and my loved ones. He surely keeps me filled with his peace and joy and a greater desire to draw closer to him each day."

--Sis. Hazel Savage

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From Mo.: "It is with a thankful heart, that we report the blessings of the Lord, through the old year of 1983. And we are looking forward to His presence and blessings as we onward go. Our desire is to live close to Him, and have His approval on our every day life. . . I was sorry not to get to the assembly meeting due to the bad weather. Some of our grandchildren were there and they report a very good meeting. Remember some of our loved ones who are out of the ark of safety. May God bless and keep you in this year of 1984."

--Sister Eunice Cole

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From Okla.: "I'm thankful for another day to live for the Lord. I appreciate His wonderful blessings He gives continually. My first desire is to please the Lord and be a blessing to others. I really enjoy living for the Lord."

--Sis. Mary Irene Thurston

From Oregon: "Sis. Grace Jones and I returned from our trip to the Pacoima meeting. The services were very good, souls were saved and many got help. The Lord made it possible for us to attend Sis. Lessie Davenport's funeral by taking her home to glory on Christmas morning. Her funeral was so inspiring and so well attended as so many were at the assembly meeting, who otherwise would not have been in California. Many of us missed her presence at the meeting for she was a lively mother who was a help to us all. At the age of almost 96 years, she was of a sound mind, able to care for herself and died victoriously in her own home as were her wishes. . ."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Ga.: "This leaves me pressing for the goal. I am more determined than ever. My greatest desire is to serve the Lord here in this world and live with Him all eternity. Let us as saints pray more this year for the lost. It's a sad thing for one to lose his or her precious soul. This is quite serious--going out into eternity lost and no hope forever. Much love to the saints and the world, "--Bro. Friendly Green

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From Ark.: "The new year finds me with victory in my soul to put the Lord first in all things. 1983 was a year the Lord proved His love to me in many ways. There were times when the Lord answered prayer in such a precious way that it touched me very deeply. I do so little for the Lord and yet he has never failed to help me in my need."

--Sis. Wanda Atnip

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From Kans.: "I thank the Lord for this day and my good health, also I hope both of you are feeling fine. It sure has been cold, but I firmly believe the Lord will take care of us."

--Etta Martin

From Okla.: "We appreciate the radio message over KGGF. It makes us feel good to hear the truth. There is so much false doctrine over the radio. Paul exhorted Timothy: 'preach the word.' People are putting their own interpretation on the word, and as Peter said 'which they that are unlearned and instable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.' Yes, the preachers say a Christian can not live without sin. Well, if we sin we are not a Christian as Christian is to be Christ like, and Christ did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth. So they go on sinning every day and try to find hope, that Christ will come back to earth again and give people another chance. 'While false prophets are confiding in a foolish, erring dream of millennial enjoyments, They neglect the cleansing stream. O poor sinner, don't believe them, There will be no age to come; If in life you find not Jesus, Death will seal your awful doom.' I pray God to awaken people out of these false dreams and help them to know the power of God to bring a salvation that gives us freedom from bondage of Satan . . . Yours for truth and right, "

--Bro. & Sis. Albert Eck
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From Okla.: "We send our belated new year's greetings and trust you are both well in body and happy in the Lord's work. We have had many disappointments and heartaches this past year, best of all there have been many victories won, a greater determination to keep pressing on. We enjoy the Mission Trail and look forward to your Sunday messages over the air. The two days of the meeting at assembly time, was enjoyed so very much. Thank the Lord for those who braved the cold to be there. God's word is still marching on. "

--Sis. Edith Wall

From Ark.: "It is so encouraging to hear from God's people. We are happy to be numbered with them. We thank the Lord today for what he has done for Lenard. He still cannot walk but he is not in severe pain like he was. We are still looking to the Lord to strengthen his back and legs so he can walk again. Our little congregation down here needs prayer. Sis. Eula Adams fell and broke her arm on the ice...keep us on your mailing list. "--Lenard & Mary Marler

LESSIE DAVENPORT

OUR MOTHER

A light was given our Mother one day,
Given by God as a Guide through life's way;
She held it in hand with real love Divine
As a servant of God, helper of mankind.

Unyielding, she met the battles of life
And faced them with courage amid the strife;
She never let go the torch she obtained
For by God's grace she prevailed and reigned

She chose the good part, as Mary of old:
Ministering to others, both body and soul,
Never failing to answer duty's call,
No matter the task whether great or small.

Her words of wisdom given from above
Were tempered with kindness, compassion, and love,
As were the prayers she so often prayed
Asking the Lord some sinner to save.

Her beautiful life, so virtuous and true,
Was guided by God, who has carried her through.
The torch that she carried so valiant and strong
Will be missed by those it guided so long.

We thank you, Mother, for your faith in God.
We'll seek to follow Him whose path you trod.
We thank you for your life, the strength it gave,
A message from God, who kept you saved.

So goodnight, Dear Mother; we love you--All:
Children, grands, greatgrands, large and small,
And not us only, but all those who knew
Of your life in God so virtuous and true.

It's hard this message of love to close
As you now rest in such sweet repose,
So we'll finish when we meet on the other shore
Where parting of loved ones will be no more.

at press time

we understand:

*Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you for your kind
expression of sympathy*

"Dear Bro. and Sis. Willie Murphey: The Lord saw fit to take our loving Mother. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. She did appreciate the work that you were doing for the Lord so let us be encouraged to continue on. Her place will be hard to fill. Continued prayers," --The Family of Mother Lessie Davenport.

--Bro. & Sis. Hobbs

--Bro. & Sis. E. V. Davenport

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While at prayer meeting our hearts were saddened when the announcement was made that Sis. Kathleen Clarkson had died that same day, January 19. She and her husband lived at Paden, Okla., and would often come to the Assembly and camp meetings in Guthrie. Pray for him in this time of sorrow. His address: Box 85, Paden, Okla. 74860

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BIRTHS

Randy and Denise Montgomery, daughter, Lindsey Rae, January 13th.

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Glenn and Karen LaCroix, a son, Kendrick Glenn, January 1st.

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Bobby and Lisa Huskey, a son, Justin Robert, January 17.

From Mo.: "Season's greetings in the lovely name of our dear Lord who came those many years ago, that we may enjoy salvation today. . . I have found Him to be a very Precious and faithful friend who stood by me in our long battle of affliction, gave strength and grace and courage day by day, and then even more when death took our dear one, He gave us such calmness and assurance of peace. I appreciate all the Lord has done and is doing for me. . ."

--Sister Natalie Allen

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From Ill.: "This is my first time to write to you. I have enjoyed "The Mission Trail" for several years. I read it from cover to cover. Please keep it coming. . . I was at my sister in law's (Eva Probst) in Sept. I attended 2 week ends in services at Sapulpa and also 2 nights in Wichita, Kan. and it was just wonderful. . . I want to make heaven my home so pray for me."

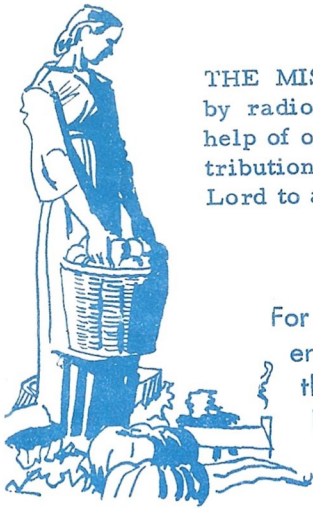
--Sis. Lucille Perry

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From Ala.: "Continue to pray for me as I need a healing touch from the Lord if it is his will. I really enjoy the Mission Trail." --Sister Irene Richardson

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Many thanks to those who have written with their offerings to help us close out the old year and get started on the new. Until now the winter season has been unusually cold. But so far the Lord has helped us to pay our bills, have food on the table and keep warm. Even when it is cloudy and cold without, God's sunshine of love is shining within! --WCM



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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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