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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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“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

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Good morning, friends. We are glad for the privilege of coming your way another time by means of radio. It is my sincere desire that the time you spend in listening to this short broadcast will be the means of drawing you nearer to the Lord and help you to do His will better. If there was ever a time that we needed the encouragement of one another it is today. There are many problems that we are called upon to face daily. To some of them we do not know the answer. However, I believe that faith will see us through day by day if we follow on to serve the Lord and put our faith into works.

I am reminded of the illustration of the man who wanted to hire a pilot for the riverboat, so he asked the prospective applicants, "Do you know where all the hidden rocks, and the obstructions are in this river?" One of them said, "No, I don't, but I know where they aren't."

You see he didn't know where all the trouble spots were. Maybe he had never been into them. But he knew where the deep channel was which was free from snags, and bars, and other dangers to the boat. Friends, isn't this what we need today? It is not necessary to know by experience all the things which cause people trouble. We will have enough experience as it is. You don't have to smoke a cigarette to understand and know that they are harmful. You don't have to take whiskey and beer into your system to see the evil effects of it. Neither do you have to take the drugs which are so wide spread today to know that this is not what you want. Leave this experimenting for those to do who make excuses

defending their use. Let those who say "It won't hurt you" be the ones to find out whether or not it hurts them.

There is one sure way to be in the clear: Stay away from those things.

Now, to our subject, "Faith Without Works Is Dead." Listen to this verse: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26. What I really want to talk about is the importance of doing the will of God and not just saying so only. This verse says that "faith without works is dead". Now, I hope no one gets the thought that they can by their good works earn a passport into heaven. You can't do that! It is not by works of righteousness which we have done that we are saved, but I do believe that if we are genuinely born again there is a work for us to do. It is one thing to say, "I have faith." And it is quite another to show it by works.

Listen to this poem:

Nothing to Do?

Nothing to do in this world of ours!
Where weeds spring up with fairest
flowers,
Where smiles have only a fitful play,
Where hearts are breaking every day.

Nothing to do, thou Christian soul!
Wrapping thee round in thy selfish
stole;
Off with the garments of sloth and sin!
Christ thy Lord hath a kingdom to win.

Nothing to do! There are prayers to
lay
On the altar of incense, day by day;
There are foes to meet within and
without;
There is error to conquer, strong and
stout.

Nothing to do! There are minds to
teach
The simplest form of Christian
speech;
There are hearts to lure with loving
wile
From the grimmest haunts of sin's
defile.

Nothing to do! There are lambs to
feed,
The precious hope of the church's
need;
Strength to be borne to the weak and
faint;
Vigils to keep with the doubting saint.

Nothing to do! And thy Savior said,
"Follow thou me in the path I tread."
Lord, lend thy help the journey through
Lest, faint, we cry, "So much to do!"

Now, these verses, "But be ye doers
of the word, and not hearers only, de-
ceiving your own selves. For if any
be a hearer of the word, and not a

doer, he is like unto a man beholding
his natural face in a glass: For he be-
holdeth himself, and goeth his way,
and straightway forgetteth what manner
of man he was. But whoso looketh into
the perfect law of liberty, and contin-
ueth therein, he being not a forgetful
hearer, but a doer of the word, this
man shall be blessed in his deed."
James 1:22-25.

You see, dear ones, there are many
folks who hear the word but the trouble
is they just don't do what they should.
Perhaps they realize their lost and
undone condition. They know that there
is much work to be done for the lost
souls, but they don't feel that they are
in a position to do it. I would say,
then, that the first thing would be to
do what that sign says which we occa-
sionally see painted on some building
or signboard along the highway, "Get
right with God." In other words, "Be
ready."

Let me bring this out a little more vi-
vidly with my own personal experience.
Some years ago we were in a funeral
procession. There were many cars fol-
lowing behind with their headlights on.
We approached a check point on the
highway where a number of patrol cars
were parked. I suppose it was some
type of a routine checkpoint, but they
made no attempt to stop the funeral
procession. Well, I thought that was
good. But I remembered that before
long if I returned the same way I went
I would be passing this same spot again.
I glanced down at the annual inspection
sticker on my windshield. Yes, it was
all right. It was the next month before
a new inspection date was due. So be-
fore we left the cemetery I had my son
get out of the car and watch the lights
while I tested the headlights, the tail
lights and the turn signal lights. In the

meantime I flipped on the windshield wipers, and I saw that they were working. Then as we proceeded down the road I had my driver's license out of my pocket and I was all set to hand it to the patrolman when we reached the checkpoint. Well, the fact of the matter was by the time we got there they didn't stop us at all. I suppose they had finished with that part of their work. I didn't mind that. It was all right with me. But I would say it was a good thing to be prepared, wouldn't you? If I had done nothing to be ready it could have been the very time they would have stopped us. The Lord wants doers of the Word, not hearers only.

In the 7th chapter of Matt. Jesus spoke and said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Notice he didn't say that it would be everyone that would enter the kingdom of heaven, "but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Then a little further on in this same chapter he told what would happen to those who heard and didn't do. They were likened unto folks who built their house upon the sand. When the rain and floods came, and the winds blew, the house fell. Let us all be "doers of the Word" that our house may stand the storms of life.

When Jesus was here on earth He went about "doing good". There were those who hated Him. They wanted to kill Him, but He eluded them and they could not carry out their purpose until the time came when He placed Himself in their hands. He permitted Himself to become the victim and they became the judge. He willingly permitted them to take Him and put Him on the cross. On the cross He died for the sins of all.

Some folks plan to be "doers of the Word" sometime later in life--not now. But consider Eccl. 12:1--"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" After a few years the desires of man begin to fade into old age and his ambitions fail. Why? "because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:" verse 5. The eternal home of man is not on the shores of time. It is one from which the traveler does not return. All men are on their way to that "long home." Every day brings each one a little closer to that eternal home. As finite creatures, we speak of some things here as being "long." Some, we say, have lived a long time, others have suffered a long time, but in comparison to eternity the things of time are short-lived. Eternity is long.

Here we are all travelers. All are approaching our long home. Now we are away from home. We are strangers here. We are not going to stay here long. Some day we will go to that place where we shall forever stay. May I ask, where shall it be?" Jesus opened a way for us all to have a home eternal in the heavens. To refuse to take His way is to choose to take the only other way, the way of eternal death. Time is carrying all of us onward to our long home. How swiftly we are hastening onward. It will be soon, perhaps today, tomorrow or shortly thereafter that we will arrive at our "long home"!

Our Father, bless each listener in the way which they need most and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Friends, until we meet again in this life, or in that long home, may the God of all grace be kind unto you. A very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Kansas: "I listen to your program many Sunday mornings . . . Last spring you gave a program that I would like to present to my group of Christian women. It was on the Bible, and you gave about 12 points. I wrote them down, but now I cannot find them. Could you possibly send me a copy of your lesson about the Bible, when you have time? I want to use it as a Thanksgiving lesson. Of course I will tell the women it is your lesson. I am legally blind, so cannot see what I am writing to you. I have deterioration of the retina--no known cause--no known cure. Only God can cure me and this I pray for. Thank you."

--Geneva F. Lanning

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From Calif.: "I am sure enjoying your little paper and the messages. It is food to our souls, especially at this time when there is such coldness and spiritual deadness all around us. I pray all is well with you all back there. I noticed in this August paper that you mentioned the four messages on the second coming. I would like to have them if they are still available. Thank you."

--Sis. Lois Underwood

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in Christ Jesus. The Lord is my helper. Thanksgiving unto our God for His loving kindness unto us all. In Jer. 9:23-24--'Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.' Yes, we rejoice in the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From Kansas: "Greetings in the love of Jesus. We are happy to know Him who gave His life for us. Surely His blessings are rich every day. We had a lovely trip visiting relatives in Calif., Oregon and Idaho; made almost 5,000 mile trip with the Lord's mercy . . . We sure missed being at Monark this year."--Bro. Ralph & Sis. Inez Beisly

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour. I am so glad you are encouraged in the things of God. I love the good admonition of the Word that we are to fight the good fight of faith. It is wonderful to recall how many of Jesus' little ones have stood true in trial. We beheld them as being partakers of the 'more grace' promised and so freely given, and what precious victory was theirs. In many circumstances it may have looked like defeat to those who know not God, but with all committed into His hands we draw real close to His precious bleeding side and what good hope and blessed assurance is the portion of all the faithful. I'm praising the Lord and humbly thanking Him for deliverance of an affliction of long standing (hernia--12 yrs.). It grew serious July 4th. The Lord did not allow the suffering more than I could bear and as I waited upon Him, comforted by His real presence in mercy His hand touched my poor body--What a moment! All was righted about 6 p.m. July 7th. Oh, the grace He gave. Since I'm now past 84 I thought I might be taken and I could calmly testify I felt SO READY to go, but strength was granted to again be about doing light housework, so we further wait upon our Lord. Tears blind my eyes as I try to write. God's presence was so real and comforting and I so unworthy of all. May we all be 'found striving together for the hope of the gospel.' "

--Bro. Richard and Sis. Rosella Scott

From Ore.: "Greetings to you there! The Lord has been so good to us. I surely thank Him for being able to attend another Monark Springs campmeeting. It was so nice to see so many young people there as good examples of saints. On our return flight to Portland soon after the plane passed Mt. Hood lightning struck our plane which made a great bang. We were so thankful it caused no damage...It's good to be home again for a short time. I'm planning to attend the Pacoima campmeeting. Fred has already gone to California. He is not so well...He needs our prayers." --Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Okla.: "I greet you with love in Jesus' dear name, thankful for His great love to all of us. Praise the Lord! We are thankful how the Lord is blessing your efforts in the print work for the Lord and appreciate all you've done to help others only in the name of the Lord and 'for His work-sake.' May the dear Lord continue to bless you both as you labor for Him...with love and prayers,"

--Sis. Katherine Williams

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From Calif.: "Greetings in Jesus' name . . . May we hold up the standard of truth today. This daily walk with our Lord grows sweeter all the time. The saints here are blessed of our Lord and striving daily to please Him."

--Sister Letha Reece

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From Ark.: "May the Lord richly bless you both in your work there. I do enjoy the paper so much. May my small offering be of some help. God bless you."

--Dorothy Critcher

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From La.: "Greeting in Jesus name. I am still on the road to Heaven, too weak to do anything, but cook a little for which I am thankful..."

--Sister Mary Bush

From Okla.: "Greetings in the precious name of the Lord. I am still rejoicing in the Lord for His love, goodness and mercy to me. The Lord is still blessing me in my body. I do honor and praise His name for this. His blessings are fresh to me each morning. Do keep me on your prayer list. With much love,"

--Sis. Mary Anna Brown

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From Okla.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. God is so good and we love and want to serve Him all the days of our life. We want to see the Mission Trail go on, so please accept enclosed offering with love,"

--Sylvia Nichols

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From Ga.: "Dear Bro. Willie, This leaves me walking hand and hand with Jesus today. I love this high and holy way. Praise the Lord! I was 83 years old in July. Thank God for life, health and strength. His life, health and strength. I'm pressing on the upward way--new heights I am gaining every day. Pray much that I endure to the end. On the narrow way,"

--Bro. Friendly Green

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From Ore.: "I shall never forget that wonderful campmeeting at Monark. We sure heard some good sermons and special singing. Truly we sat in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We got home on Tuesday afternoon met by Carolyn Sherril. On Sunday before we arrived Bro. McMullen passed away quietly. Chas. Reynolds found him dead in his bed when he arose. They had funeral Tuesday, but we did not get there in time. It was held in our chapel. I attended 3 camp meetings this year...I have been busy trying to catch up on my work at home...pray for me...May God bless you both. I enjoy The Mission Trail."

--Sister Grace Jones

Thoughts for Meditation.



Nothing can ever fully satisfy us in the Christian life but a pure heart filled with the Holy Spirit.

This is the normal state of every saint. To think that we could make a success of life with anything below this standard would only mean a failure.

We obtain this experience by obedience and faith, and we retain it in the same way. We also must tell it to keep it, and we must keep it to tell it, and it is a delight to the soul.

The outward pressure is too strong for us without the greater one within. John says, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world," which applies to the heart that is pure and filled with the Holy Spirit.

When this is our condition we can withstand every outward pressure of the enemy, and, best of all, there is nothing within that has any correspondence or communion with the outside, but there is within us the strong repelling power which makes the trial and temptation easy to resist.

Oh, what boundless love God has shown that we may, by his grace, have a pure heart! The desires for sin are all completely destroyed, and the Holy One is enthroned to hold sway over the whole realm of our nature.

Even though the enemy may come in like a flood, we have the blessed assurance that the Spirit of the Lord will lift up the standard against him (margin, put him to flight), therefore there is no need of our being overcome in the time of testing.

When every desire for sin is taken away, it is not hard to keep from sinning. Not only is the desire gone, but we hate sin. We abhor that which is evil, and in this condition we have the perfect victory over all the temptations to sin.

By keeping a good watch of the self life, we shall have no trouble with being overcome. Our humanity is the point of contact with the outside world, and when this is kept humbled under the mighty hand of God, we are safe. Self-humiliation is the safeguard against the attacks of the enemy.

Grace is promised to the humble, but God resists the proud. The error of taking honor to one's self is where the enemy gets the advantage of many.

With a pure heart and a constant supply of humility, we are in a comfortable and safe place.

The sanctifying grace does not destroy the natural self, but it purifies it by destroying the depravity and restoring the natural into the state where man stood before the fall. Unless we keep the right attitude toward self, the enemy will impose his devices upon us and cause us to sin as he did Adam.

In the grace of God we have the decided advantage over Adam, for now we have the Holy Spirit within, which, if we do our part by keeping the will yielded to God, will put to flight every evil thought produced by the enemy.

J. W. B.

at press time

we understand:

Till Jesus Comes

MARGUERITE M. JASPERSON

*I saw a youth with soul aflame,
As to life's parting ways he came,
Pause just a moment to behold
The glittering pleasures of sin's road.
A moment, then he grasped the cross,
And counted all of earth as loss.
His aged father urged him on,
"Be faithful, son,
Till Jesus comes."*

*I saw a missionary stand
Upon a stormy ocean strand.
His eyes looked back to home and friends.
His soul looked forward to earth's ends.
With perils of the deep before,
With perils of a foreign shore,
His lips took up the word so oft
Repeated o'er,
"Till Jesus comes."*

*I saw a lonely woman stand,
With tear-dimmed eyes and trembling
hand,
Beside a mound upon a hill,
A lovely spot, so calm and still.
She thought of happy days lived o'er,
She thought of lonely years before;
But still she grasped the tender words,
And softly said:
"Till Jesus comes."*

*An aged soldier of the cross,
Whose soul long years had purged of
dross,
Sat facing life's descending sun,
Her little day was nearly done.
And her voice, too, caught up the strain
So oft repeated in His name,
"I'll faithful be
Till Jesus comes."*

*O precious words! How much they hold
For young and strong, for weak and old;
In manhood's golden hour of youth,
In sorrow's search for hope and truth.
From dawn of day till set of sun,
From youth's bright hours till life is done,
We'll loyal be
"Till Jesus comes."*

Congratulation!

To Mike Hightower and Rebecca Cole Hightower who were married at Monark Springs, Mo. under the pavilion Aug. 11th.

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Also to Ivan Eck and Eileen Spinks Eck who were married in Shreveport, La. August 18th. We wish for both of these young couples the richest of heaven's blessings and many years of happiness!

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We still have a good supply of printed copies of four messages on the "Second Coming of Christ." They are mailed free to those who write and request them.

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The summer campmeetings are winding down to a close for another season. We hope that much lasting good will come from the efforts which have been put forth. As the children go back to school it would be wise for parents to keep in close touch with them and help them overcome the great evils to which they are often exposed. The world is bidding high for their talents. We want to say thank you to those who have taken the time and interest to write the encouraging letters and share with us their finances to keep the broadcast on the air during the summer months. As cooler weather approaches reception should improve. Please pray with us that the Lord will direct and supply all that is needed to keep the message going forth. We pray the Lord to bless all his faithful saints.--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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