

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Blessed Easter

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MESSAGE 59:10

‘The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God, for Christ Came to Redeem, and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I come to point The Way and that The Church of Christ, The Lamb's Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when All men will Love to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.’

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building

up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed Repentance and Baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall Fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few Prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful

even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be Fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their Love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in The Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall Judge all men.'

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work

given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word Of The Lord* that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People* Sixty-Eighth Message

The Messenger appeared just after 3:00 a.m., August 21, 1946, at my home in Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message.

-W.A.Draves

1. **'Behold, I am The Servant of The Lord. Arise and take The Message I will give you. I come from His Presence, I come, for so have I been Commanded, to bring a Warning and Instructions that The Work of The Church may go on. That Salvation may be found by many whosoever will Heed my coming and Obey The Words I bring; for it is The Christ's Words that shall Judge all men in The Last Day. He Cometh to Bring Judgment and to Preserve The Hand of The Righteous. Moreover, His Reward shall be with Him, even He that Liveth, who is Ruler and Judge of all.**

2. **I speak His Words that His Judgments might go Forth to the ends of the earth. As a flood The Righteousness of Saints, by The Faith of The Faithful, shall move Forward. It shall not fail for this is The Work of The Lord.**

3. **I come to you with a Message for all that will Heed and Obey. My work has Begun and Gladness has Come to many. Man cannot have his way in This Work except it be The Way of The Lord.**

4. **The Lord has Spared you. The Lord has Preserved many and He Heareth The Prayers of The Humble and Faithful. There are many Honest that will yet Heed my coming. Be firm, be True. Let humility be your Mantle. Be not dis-**

couraged. Let all take Faith and be Lifted in Gladness. Let not confusion come among you, The Lord your God is The Author of Peace. Be Calm and Sedate. Heed Repentance, Teach it to all men; Baptizing them. Let The Hands be laid on them for The Authority is Given and this is *The Church Of Christ* that shall be His Bride at His Coming.

5. The Lord is Mindful of His People and has Heard The Prayers from the Heart. I am Commanded that answer shall come. Therefore,, I came to speak Life and The Will of The Lord. I am The Elias. I am set to Refine and make Ready a People before The Lord. This is my Mission. Deliverance shall Come to many.

6. Conditions have come as I told you. Much sorrow is yet to come, suffering and sadness on every hand. Only among the more Righteous shall Peace be found.

7. Let The Lord's Servant, Waldemar Korth, know The Lord has Preserved him for a Great Cause. His Faith has made him whole. Let him continue on that The Glad Tidings may Reach many in his land and its borders. Send all the help that can be to the fields in the foreign lands.

8. Let there be set apart in The Quorum of Twelve Apostles: Bert H.F. Blackmon, Luther Levell and as the vacancies occur, R. G. Newby who has Repented and Returned to The Work, and W.C. Wilson, if they will continue to be Humble.

9. Let there be Ordained as Elders: Samuel Guthmiller, Clifford Clary, George Blackmon, Alfred Butler and LaVern Fife. Let them be very Humble in This Work. Let all Labor in Faith and in Love that Great Good may be Accomplished.

10. Let The Message go far and near, Preaching the same Things of The Gospel of Peace, and Lo, Saith The Lord, *'I will Stand you in Holy Places while The Indignation passes over.'*

11. Let William Nevels be set apart as an Evangelist. Let him Carry The Message to others and The Lord will Bless him.

12. Be ye United and My Peace shall Remain with you. Continue on in Service and Action Heeding The Lord's Will. Be Calm, be Pleasant in your work. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

13. Be not discouraged over what man does, and those that are not True and that deny This Work and The Message I bring. Some will Repent, but keep Holy and Sacred This Trust The Lord has Given.

14. Peace be with you and The Church. I leave this with you. Give it to The Brethren and The Church.

15. I will come again until The Work is Finished and The Christ Comes. I will be with Him when He Comes. Amen.'

While this is not a part of The Message, it occurred at the end of The Messenger giving the above words. He had been seated in a rocking chair and I sat across from him by the table writing The Message as he gave it. This is the first time another Personage has Appeared with him standing by his side. They were of similar size and with beautiful countenance. In his arms he held cradled very carefully a brown-colored box as it seemed-not appearing to be extremely heavy but from the way he held it, very Precious.

I noted then it was not a box, but Records, as I noted one large ring near the top end on the side toward me, which apparently would indicate the front of The Record. It had a Glittering effect which was more noticeable from each move or change of position of the Records carefully cradled in his arms.

The Messenger Arose and Placed his right hand on The Records and said, 'This is some of The Great Work yet to come Forth. A Record.'

They both left, leaving me very weak in body because

of *The Presence of The Resurrected Ones.*

From The Editor

Editor: Leonard H. Draves
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Faith In Jesus Christ

Faith in The Lord Jesus Christ is the First Principle of *The Gospel*. It is necessary to our *Salvation*. King Benjamin declared, ‘**Salvation cometh to none . . . except it be through Repentance and Faith on The Lord Jesus Christ**’ (Mosiah 3:12).

Faith is a ‘**hope for Things which are not seen, which are True**’ (Alma 32:21 see also Hebrews 11:1).

Would we Study or Learn if we did not Believe we could Obtain Wisdom and Knowledge? Would we work each day if we did not Hope that by doing so we could accomplish something? Would a farmer plant if he did not expect to harvest? Each day we act upon things we *hope* for when we cannot see the end result. **This is Faith!**

Many *Scriptural* stories tell how Great Things were Accomplished through *Faith*. By *Faith*, Noah built an Ark and Saved his family from the flood (See Hebrews 11:7). Moses parted the waters of The Red Sea (See Hebrews 11:29). Elijah called down Fire from Heaven (See 1 Kings 18:17). Nephi called for a famine (See Helaman 11:3-5). He also asked The Lord to end the famine. (See Helaman 11:12). Seas have been Calmed, Visions Opened, and Prayers Answered all through *The Power of Faith*.

As we carefully Study *The Scriptures*, we Learn that *Faith* is a Strong Belief of *Truth* within our Souls that Motivates us to do Good. This Causes us to ask: *In whom should we have Faith?*

To have *Faith* in *Jesus Christ* means to

have such *Trust* in Him that we Obey whatever He Commands. There is no *Faith* where there is no Obedience. Likewise, there is True Obedience only where there is *Faith*. As we Place our *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, becoming His Obedient Disciples, Jesus will Forgive our sins and Prepare us to Return to Him.

The Apostle Peter Preached that ‘**there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be Saved.**’ (Acts 4:12). Jacob taught that men must have ‘**Perfect Faith in The Holy One of Israel (Jesus Christ), or they cannot be Saved in The Kingdom of God**’ (2 Nephi 9:23). Through *Faith* in *The Savior* and through Repentance, we make His Atonement Fully Effective in our lives. Through *Faith* we can also Receive Strength to Overcome temptations (See Alma 37:33).

Knowing of the many Blessings that Come through Exercising *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, we should Seek to Increase our *Faith* in Him. *The Savior* said, ‘**If ye have Faith as a grain of mustard seed, . . . nothing shall be Impossible unto you**’ (Matthew 17:20-21, A mustard seed is very small, but it grows into a large tree) ‘**Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by Prayer and Fasting.**’

How can we Increase our Faith? The same way we Increase or Develop any other skill. *How do we develop skills in woodcarving, painting, cooking, making pottery, or playing a musical instrument?*

We Study and Practice and Work at it. As we do so, we Improve. So it is with *Faith*. If we want to Increase our *Faith* in *Jesus Christ*, we must Work at it. The Prophet Alma compared Increasing our *Faith* to planting a seed.

Alma 32:27-29, ‘**But Behold, if ye will**

Awake and Arouse your Faculties, even to an Experiment upon my words, and Exercise a particle of *Faith*; yea, even if ye can no more than Desire to Believe, let this Desire Work in you, even until ye Believe in a manner that ye can give place for a Portion of my words.

Now, we will compare *The Word* unto a Seed. Now if ye give Place, that a seed may be Planted in your Heart, Behold, if it be a True Seed, or a Good Seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will Resist *The Spirit of The Lord*, Behold, it will begin to Swell within your breasts; and when you feel these Swelling motions, ye will Begin to say within yourselves, it must needs be that this is a Good Seed, or that *The Word* is Good, for it beginneth to Enlarge my Soul: yea, it beginneth to Enlighten my Understanding, yea, and it beginneth to be Delicious to me.

Now, Behold, would not this Increase your Faith? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a Perfect Knowledge.'

So, we can Increase our *Faith* in God by Acting on our Desire to have *Faith* in Him.

We can also Increase our *Faith* by Praying to *The Heavenly Father* about our Hopes, Desires, and Needs (See Alma 34:17-25). But we must not suppose that all we have to do is ask. We are told in The Scriptures that '*Faith, if it hath not Works, is dead, being alone*' (James 2:17).

There must be Works with *Faith*. How foolish it would be to ask The Lord to give us Knowledge, but how wise to ask the Lord's help to Acquire Knowledge, to Study Constructively, to Think Clearly, and to Retain Things that we have Learned.

Message 5:13, 'Let all your Work be done in *Faith*, for Behold you can do

nothing without *Faith* (See Hebrews 11:6). *Faith will make you Strong.* Prepare yourselves to be a People who can meet The Lord at His Coming.'

Faith Involves doing all we can to bring about The Things we Hope and Pray for.

Another important way to Increase our *Faith* is to Hear and Study *The Word of The Lord*. We can Study *The Scriptures and Attend Services as we are told*.

By *Faith*, Miracles are wrought, Angels Appear, *The Gifts of The Spirit* are Given, Prayers are Answered, and men become *The Sons of God* (See Moroni 7:25-26 and 36-37).

Message 83:4, 'Teach *The Reign of Peace*. Teach *Faith in God and His Plan and Decrees*. Proclaim *The Word* commanding all mankind everywhere to Repent and Obey for the time has come when *The Way of Truth* alone shall Stand. All else will come to naught.'

Message 104:18, 'Wherefore you may also have Hope, and be partakers of *The Gift* if ye will have *Faith*. God has Prepared a more *Excellent Way* and it is by *FAITH* that it has been Fulfilled.'

Some additional *Scriptures* you may wish to look up to read on *Faith* are Hebrews 11, Alma 32, Exodus 14:19-22, and Mark 5:25-34.

May God Bless you all as you Learn to Exercise your *Faith* and Come Closer to God and His Plan.

I send you all my Love, Cares and Prayers.

From The Apostles

TRUTH

Apostle Mervyn Johnson
Missouri

God's Hand has been ever Present making History through men and nations. When satan tries to control the destinies of people and nations, The Lord turns things to bring about His Righteous Purpose. Sacred History teaches that those who exalt themselves shall be abased. We must Learn the lesson of Humility and Rule by Love and not by might or craftiness and deceptions (priest craft).

We remember The Sacred History of The Nephites as well as The Jews. Many Records of Sacred Origin will come Forth and Testify of the same things.

The Sealed Record that is yet to come Forth will clear away many mysteries of the past and make much clearer The Design of God for the future. It will be a Witness of God's Dealings and have a tremendous effect of The Salvation of The Souls of multitudes.

The Messenger, John The Baptist, The Elias, who has come from time to time, speaks of a Record he was Commanded to bring.

Message 14:3. **'As I come to you in your language, so am I Commanded to bring a Record from other people in their language, which will also bear Witness in like manner of God's Dealing with them. There will be people from time to time to bear Record of The Truthfulness to them, of the things which I have given to you.'**

Message 51:4, **'Therefore, The New Light is Promised. Continue to Prepare for it . . .'**

Message 52:13, **' . . . Much will yet be Revealed--even The Record that shall Prove and Reprove all men, . . .'**

We are given no further Light on what The Records Promised will be. It might be The Sealed Part of The Plates Delivered to

Joseph Smith that he was not permitted to translate. It might be The Record of the other Tribes The Master told The Nephites *He would visit which were not of this land neither the land of Jerusalem*, or it might be The Plates of Brass that Lehi and sons brought out of Jerusalem, before its destruction; then again, The Sealed part and Plates of Brass may be identical.

No doubt, these Plates were the only ones which had The Complete Record of the beginning of Creation down to that time. The Books of Moses we have in THE BIBLE are only fragmentary and incomplete because of the disappearance of these Plates and the vicissitudes suffered in the destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of Babylon.

These Plates of Brass have never been Delivered to mankind yet to translate. In Isaiah 43rd Chapter, it tells of a Great Fathering of the nations. They shall either bring forth *'former things'*, or hear them read and shall say, *'It is Truth'*. *What is 'Truth'?* When Jesus stood before Pilate in the judgment hall, He made a Statement about Truth. **'To this end was I Born and for This Cause Came I into the world, that I might Bear Witness unto The Truth. Everyone that is of The Truth Heareth My Voice.'**

Pilate saith unto Him, *What is Truth?* TRUTH is LIGHT, KNOWLEDGE, and UNDERSTANDING of The Realities of Time and Eternity.

It is well to know of things as they really are; but if so in temporal things, how much more so in things that are Eternal, considering that Eternity is not Bounded by Space or Time. This Life compared to the beyond is as a drop of water in comparison to the ocean. Small wonder then that God in

His Infinite Wisdom, Love, and Mercy before the world was planned Redemption to a fallen race through His Only Begotten Son. From the time of the fall of our first parents Permitted Angels to Minister to mankind to make Known The Truth of their Condition and The Truth of how they could be Redeemed, The Gospel Of Jesus Christ.

This Truth and Knowledge is found in The Testimony and Record that God-Inspired men were and are Permitted to write. But here I wish to drop a thought. When Witnesses Appear in the courts of the land *'to tell of things as they really are'* they are sworn in to tell *'The Truth, The Whole Truth and nothing but The Truth'*. Anything less than this Definition to Truth is unacceptable in the courts of the land.

John 1:17, **'The Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ.'**

Jesus was The Highest Expression of Spiritual Truth ever Given to the world. He Interpreted the meaning of **The Past**, Defined **Present Truth** and Unveiled **The Future**.

Of *'The Past'*, as Recorded He said: **'Search The Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life, and they are they that Testify of Me.'**

Of the application of vital *'Present Truth'*, He said, **'Blessed are thy that Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness, for they shall be Filled.'**

Of *'The Future'*, He Commanded and Promised as follows: **'Go ye therefore and Teach all nations, Teaching them to Observe all things whatsoever I have Commanded you, and lo I Am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'**

Deception employs every means possible to establish that which is false.

Anything which is false and untrue can have no value for the well-being of anyone. Some people thinks that deception and fraudulent pretenses are justifiable and profitable to them in some cases. If they did not think so, they would not practice deception and pretense and guile. But they are mistaken. If by any deception or fraud or pretense of something that is not true a man gains one point he always loses more of Real Value that he has gained. A man may gain dollars by deception, but the dollars that he has gained are but trash, in comparison to the loss of his honor.

Those who practice deception on others become greater victims to deception power than any who they attempt to deceive.

We are told in The Scriptures that in the last days **'evil men and seducers shall wax worse, and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.'**

Proverbs 23:23, **'Buy The Truth and sell it not . . .'**

The Value of Truth cannot be computed. *What is the price for purchasing The TRUTH?* It is OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW by which men become TRUE MEN!

The Highest Values of Life are Secured only by spending The Measure of TRUTH that each may Possess, thus using the best of purchasing power to buy that of Life which is the very Highest Quality. Amen!

From The Bishops

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How To Receive God's Promises

There is only One Way to Obtain The Promises from God, and that is through

Obedience. We all Desire to be in God's Kingdom, but how can we if we do not Obey God's Words and Commandments?

His Words are *'The Assured Way'*. It is up to each one of us to Live by them. We must have Knowledge in The Word in order to Know what God Expects from us, but with Knowledge comes Responsibility and Obedience. God wants each one of us to Receive His Beautiful Promises. He Loves us so much. He gives us our own free will to choose Him or mans way (satan's way).

Josh 24:15, **'Choose this day whom you will Serve, as for me and my house, we will Serve The Lord.'**

The Lord Allows us to Choose our own way. If you choose your own way you will allow satan to guide your paths and end up in darkness. When you choose your own way, then you reject The Lord and His Gospel, *The Holy Bible, The Record Of The Nephites, and The Word Of The Lord, Brought To Mankind By An Angel.*

Message 88:33, **'But woe, woe, unto the rejecter-their days are numbered. The power and ways of satan and of man's idols and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness.'**

God Warns us about rejecting Him and This Work. We do not want our days to be numbered.

Let us Choose to Serve The Lord so that we will have Peace and Joy in our Lives and to Receive The Promises of Everlasting Life with Christ our Lord and Savior.

It is not always easy to Choose God's Way, it Requires much Prayer and Strength to Overcome the things of the world, but Trusting in God and Allowing Him to Lead you, you will Overcome your weaknesses. We were all made to Glorify The Father, Trusting Him, Walk in The Light of God's

Glory. Let God's Light Shine through you and be rid of the things that are not fulfilling your Commitment to Christ. Let Christ be your Strength and Who you Trust and Lean on!

Endure to the end, be Obedient and God's Promises will be Given unto you. Trust God in ALL THINGS! God Bless you.

Let Us Study Together

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Resurrection Defined

I Thessalonians 4:15, **'For this we say unto you by The Word of The Lord, that we which are Alive and _____ unto The Coming of The Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.'**

I Corinthians 15:42-46, 51-54, **'So also is The Resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is Raised in Incorruption: it is Sown in _____; it is Raised in Glory: it is sown in weakness; it is Raised in Power: It is sown a natural body; it is Raised a Spiritual Body. There is a _____ Body, and there is a _____ Body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a Living Soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is Spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is Spiritual . . . Behold, I shew you a _____; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be Changed, In a moment, in The Twinkling of an Eye, at The Last Trump: for The Trumpet shall Sound, and the dead shall be Raised incorruptible, and we shall be Changed.. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on**

immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is _____ up in Victory.'

Philippians 3:21, 'Who shall change our vile body, that it may be _____ like unto His Glorious Body, According to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.'

II Nephi 9:7, 11-15, 'Wherefore it must needs be an Infinite _____; Save it should be an Infinite Atonement, this corruption could not put on incorruption. Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man, must needs have remained to an endless duration. And if so, this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to Rise no more . . . And because of The Way of Deliverance of our God The Holy One of Israel, this death, of which I have spoken, which is the _____, shall Deliver up its dead; which death is the grave. And this death of which I have spoken, which is The Spiritual Death, shall Deliver up its dead; which _____ death is hell; wherefore, death and hell must Deliver up their dead, and hell must Deliver up its captive Spirits, and the grave must Deliver up its captive Bodies, and bodies and the Spirits of men will be Restored one to the other; and it is by The Power of The Resurrection of The Holy One of Israel. O how Great The Plan of our God! For on the other hand, The _____ of God must Deliver up The Spirits of The Righteous, and The Grave Deliver up The Body of The Righteous; and The Spirit and The Body is Restored to itself again, and all

men become Incorruptible, and Immortal, and they are Living Souls, having a Perfect Knowledge like unto us in the flesh; Save it be that our Knowledge shall be Perfect; Wherefore, we shall have a Perfect Knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness, and our nakedness; and The Righteous shall have a Perfect Knowledge of their Enjoyment, and their Righteousness, being Clothed with Purity, yea, even with The Robe of Righteousness. And it shall come to pass, that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto Life, insomuch as they have become Immortal, they must Appear before The Judgment Seat of The Holy One of Israel; and then Cometh The Judgment, and then must they be Judged According to The Holy Judgment of God.'

Mosiah 16:10, 'Even this Mortal shall put on Immortality, and this Corruption shall put on Incorruption, Bar of God, to be _____ of Him According to their works, whether they be Good or whether they be evil.'

Alma 11:43, 45, 'The Spirit and The Body shall be _____ again it its Perfect Form; both Limb and Joint shall be Restored to its Proper Frame, even as we now are at this time; and we shall be brought to Stand before God, Knowing even as we know now, and have a Bright _____ of all our guilt . . . Now, Behold, I have Spoken unto you, concerning the death of The Mortal Body, and also concerning The Resurrection of The Mortal Body. I say unto you that this Mortal Body is _____ to an Immortal Body; that is from death; even from the first death unto Life, that they can die no more; their Spirits Uniting with their

Bodies, never to be Divided; thus The Whole becoming Spiritual and Immortal, that they can no more see corruption.'

III Nephi 28:8, 'And ye shall never endure the _____ of death; but when I shall Come in My Glory, ye shall be Changed in The Twinkling of an Eye from Mortality to Immortality; and then shall ye be Blessed in The Kingdom of My Father.'

I Corinthians 15:37-38, 44, 'And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare _____, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God Giveth it a Body as it hath Pleased Him, and to every Seed his own body . . . It is sown a natural body; it is Raised a Spiritual Body. There is a natural body, and there is a Spiritual Body.'

II Corinthians 5:1-2, 'For we know that if our earthly house of this _____ were dissolved, we have a Building of God, an House not made with hands, Eternal in The Heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be Clothed upon with our House which is from Heaven.'

Ether 3:16, 'Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is The Body of my _____; and man have I created after The Body of my Spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in The Spirit, will I Appear unto My People in the flesh.'

Job 19:26, 'And though after my skin _____ destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.'

Message 84:17, ' . . . I Am The Lord. I Am He that was _____ in the flesh, in the flesh-death and Resurrection. I Am He that is Risen. I Am The Lord God.'

I Corinthians 15:49, 'And as we have borne The Image of The _____, we shall

also Bear The Image of The _____.'

II Corinthians 3:18, 'But we all, with open face beholding as in a _____ The Glory of The Lord, are changed into the same Image from Glory to Glory even as by The Spirit of The Lord.'

Mosiah 16:6-8, 'And now if Christ had not Come into the world Speaking of things to come, as though they had already come, there could have been no _____. And if Christ had not Risen from the dead, or have Broken the bands of death, that The Grave should have no Victory, and that death should have no sting, there could have been no _____. But there is a Resurrection, therefore The Grave hath no Victory, and the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ.'

Alma 27:28, 'And they did look upon _____ the blood of their brethren with the greatest abhorrence; and they never could be prevailed upon to take up arms against their brethren; and they never did look upon death with any degree of terror, for their Hope and Views of Christ and The Resurrection; therefore death was _____ up to them by The Victory of Christ over it.'

John 11:25-26, ' . . . I Am The Resurrection, and The Life: he that Believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he Live: And whosoever Liveth in Me shall never die. _____ thou this?'

Message 59:10, 'The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The _____ of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be Seen The Glory of God, for Christ came to Redeem and to Provide The Way . . .'

Romans 8:11, 'But if The Spirit of him that Raised up Jesus from The Dead

Dwell in you, he that Raised up Christ from The Dead shall also Quicken your Mortal Bodies by His Spirit that _____ in you.'

II Nephi 9:11-12, 'And because of The Way of Deliverance of our God, The Holy One of Israel, this death, of which I have spoken, which is the temporal, shall deliver up its dead; which death is The Grave. And this death of which I have spoken, which is the _____ death, shall Deliver up its dead; which Spiritual Death is hell; wherefore, death and hell must deliver up their dead, and hell must deliver up its _____ Spirits, and The Grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and The Spirits of men will be Restored one to the other; and it is by The Power of The Resurrection of The Holy One of Israel.'

Doctrinal

Hebrews 6:1-2, 'Therefore leaving The _____ of The Doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto Perfection; not laying again the foundation of _____ from dead works, and of Faith toward God, Of The Doctrine of Baptisms, and of Laying on of Hands, and of Resurrection of the dead, and of Eternal Judgment.'

I Corinthians 15:12-22, 'Now if Christ be Preached that He Rose from the dead, *how say some among you that there is no Resurrection of the dead?* But if there be no Resurrection of the dead, *then is Christ not Risen*; And if Christ be not risen, then is our _____ vain, and your Faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have Testified of God that He Raised up Christ; whom He Raised not up, if so be that the dead Rise not. For if the dead Rise not, *then is not Christ Raised*: And if

Christ be not Raised, your Faith is vain; yea are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are _____. If in this Life only we have Hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ Risen from the dead and become The _____ of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also The Resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made Alive.'

II Nephi 9:6-7, 'For as death hath passed upon all men, to Fulfill The _____ Plan of The Great Creator, there must needs be a Power of Resurrection, and The Resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of The Fall; and The Fall came by reason of transgression; and because man became Fallen, they were cut off from The Presence of The Lord; Wherefore it must needs be an Infinite Atonement; Save it should be an Infinite Atonement, this corruption could not put on incorruption. Wherefore, the first _____ which came upon man, must needs have remained to an Endless Duration. And if so, this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to Rise no more.'

Relationship and State of Being

Matthew 22:30, 'For in The Resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as The Angels of God in Heaven.'

Psalms 17:15, 'As for me, I will Behold thy face in _____: I shall be Satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.'

Romans 6:5, 'For if we have been _____ together in the likeness of His Death, we shall be also in The Likeness of His Resurrection.'

Philippians 3:21, 'Who shall change our

vile body, that it may be _____ like unto His Glorious Body, According to the working whereby He is Able even to subdue all things unto Himself.'

II Nephi 9:13-14, 'O how Great The Plan of our God! For on the other hand, The Paradise of God must Deliver up The Spirits of The Righteous, and The Grave Deliver up The Body of The Righteous; and The Spirit and The Body is Restored to itself again, and all men become incorruptible, and immortal, and they are Living Souls, having a Perfect _____ like unto us in the flesh; Save it be that our Knowledge shall be Perfect. Wherefore, we shall have a Perfect Knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness, and our _____; and The Righteous shall have a Perfect Knowledge of their Enjoyment, and their Righteousness, being Clothed with Purity, yea, even with The _____ of Righteousness.'

Order of Resurrection

Alma 40:2-10, 'Behold, I say unto you, that there is no Resurrection, or, I would say, in other words, that this mortal does not put on immortality; this corruption does not put on incorruption, until after The Coming of Christ. Behold, He Bringeth to pass The Resurrection of The Dead. But Behold, my son, The Resurrection is not yet. Now I unfold unto you a _____; nevertheless, there are many Mysteries, which are kept, that no one knoweth them, Save God Himself. But I shew unto you one thing, which I have inquired _____ of God, that I might know; that is Concerning The Resurrection. Behold, there is a time Appointed that all shall come forth from The Dead. Now when this time cometh, no one knows; but God knoweth the time

which is appointed. Now whether there shall be one time, or a second time, or a third time, that men shall come forth from the dead, it mattereth not; for God Knoweth all things; and it sufficeth me to know that this is the case; that there is a time _____ that all shall Rise from The Dead. Now there must needs be a space betwixt The Time of Death, and The Time of The Resurrection. And now I would inquire *what becometh of The Souls of men, from this Time of Death, to The Time Appointed for The Resurrection?* Now whether there is more than one time Appointed for men to Rise, it mattereth not; for all do not die at once: and this mattereth not; all is as one day, with God; and time only is _____ unto men; Therefore there is a Time Appointed unto men, that they shall Rises from The Dead; and there is a space between The Time of Death and The Resurrection. And now concerning this space of time. What becometh of The Souls of men, is the thing which I have inquired diligently of The Lord to know; and this is the thing of which I do know. And when The Time cometh when all shall Rise, then shall they Know that God Knoweth all The Times which are Appointed unto men.'

Acts 26:23, 'That Christ should suffer, and that He should be The First that should Rise from The Dead, and should shew _____ unto the people, and to The Gentiles.'

Colossians 1:18, 'And He is The Head of The Body, The Church who is The Beginning, The _____ from The Dead; that in all things He might have The Preeminence.'

Revelation 1:5, 'And from Jesus Christ, who is The Faithful _____, and The First

Begotten of The Dead, and The Prince of The Kings of the earth. Unto Him that Loved us, and _____ us from our sins in His Own Blood.'

II Nephi 2:9, 'Wherefore, He is The First Fruits unto God, inasmuch as He shall make _____ for all The Children of men; and they that Believe in Him shall be Saved.'

Mosiah 15:21-23, 'And there Cometh a Resurrection, even a First Resurrection; year, even a Resurrection of those that have been, and which are, and which shall be even until The Resurrection of Christ: for so shall He be Called. And now, The Resurrection of all The Prophets, and all those that have Believed in their Words, or all those that have Kept The _____ of God, these shall come forth in The First Resurrection; therefore, they are The First Resurrection. They are Raised to Dwell with God who hath Redeemed them: thus they have Eternal Life through Christ, who hath Broken The Bands of Death.'

Mosiah 15:24, 'And these are those who have part in The First Resurrection; and these are they that have died before Christ came in their _____, not having Salvation Declared unto them. And thus The Lord Bringeth about The Restoration of these; and they have a part in The First Resurrection, or hath Eternal Life, being Redeemed by The Lord.'

Resurrection of the Just

Daniel 12:2-3, 'And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall Awake, some to Everlasting Life, and some to shame and Everlasting contempt. And they that be Wise shall Shine as The Brightness of The _____; and they that turn many to Righteousness as the stars

for ever and ever.'

III Nephi 26:5, 'If they be Good, to The Resurrection of Everlasting Life; and if they be evil, to The Resurrection of _____, being on a parallel, the one on the one on the one hand, and the other on the other hand, according to The Mercy, and The Justice, and The Holiness which is in Christ, which was before the world began.'

Luke 14:13-14, 'But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; And thou shalt be Blessed; for they cannot _____ thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at The Resurrection of The Just.'

I Peter 3:21, 'The like figure whereunto even _____ cloth also now Save us (not the putting away of the fifth of the flesh, but the answer of a Good Conscience toward God.) by The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.'

Resurrection of Damnation

John 5:29, 'And shall Come Forth; they that have done Good, unto The Resurrection of _____; and they that have done evil, unto The Resurrection of damnation.'

Acts 24:15, 'And have Hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be A Resurrection of the dead, both of The Just and Unjust.'

Mosiah 24:26, 'But Behold, and Fear, and Tremble before God; for ye had out to _____: for The Lord Redeemeth none such that rebeleth against Him, and Dieth in their sins; yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have willfully rebelled against God, that have known The _____ of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have no part in

The First Resurrection.’

Purpose

Revelation 20:11-13, ‘And I saw a Great _____, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and The Heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw The Dead, small and great, stand before God; and The Books were opened; and another Book was opened, which is The Book of Life; and The Dead were _____ out of those things which were written in The Books, according to their works. And the sea gave up The Dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up The Dead which were in them: and they were Judged every man According to their Works.’

II Nephi 2:10, ‘And because of The _____ for all, all men come unto God’ wherefore, they stand in The Presence of Him to be Judged of Him According to The Truth and Holiness which is in Him. Wherefore, the ends of The Law which The Holy One hath given, unto the inflicting of the _____ which is affixed, which punishment that is affixed is in opposition to that of the happiness which is affixed, to answer the ends of The Atonement;’

II Nephi 9:15, ‘And it shall come to pass, that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto Life, insomuch as they have become _____, they must appear before The Judgment-Seat of The Holy One of Israel; and then cometh The Judgment, and then must they be Judged According to The Holy Judgment of God.’

II Nephi 9:21-22, ‘And He cometh into the world that He may Save all men, if they will Harken unto His Voice; for

Behold, He _____ the pains of all men, women, and children, who belong to the family of Adam. And He Suffereth this, that The Resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might Stand before Him at The Great and Judgment Day.’

II Nephi 26:24, ‘He doeth not anything, Save it be for the benefit of the world; for He Loveth the world, even that He _____ down His own Life, that He may Draw all men unto Him. Wherefore He Com-mandedth none that they shall not partake of His Salvation.’

Jacob 6:9, ‘Know ye not that if ye will do these things, that The Power of The _____ and The Resurrection which is in Christ, will bring you to stand with shame and awful guilt before The Bar of God?’

Alma 40:21, ‘But whether it be at His Resurrection, or after, I do not say; but this much I say, that there is a space between death and The Resurrection of The Body, and a state of The Soul in happiness or in _____ until the time which is Appointed of God that The Dead shall come forth, and be reunited, both Soul and Body, and be brought to Stand before God, and be Judged According to their Works;’

Alma 41:2-5, ‘I say unto thee, my son, that The Plan of Restoration is requisite with The Justice of God; for it is requisite that all things should be Restored to their Proper Order. Behold it Requisite and Just, According to The Power and Resurrection of Christ, that The Soul of man should be _____ to its Body, and that every part of The Body should be Restored to itself. And it is Requisite with The Justice of God, that men should be Judged According to their Works; and if their Works were Good in this Life, and

the desires of their Hearts were Good, that they should also, at The Last Day, be Restored unto that which is Good; And if their works are evil, they should be Restored unto him for evil; therefore, all things shall be Restored to their Proper Order; everything to its natural frame; mortality Raised to immortality; corruption to incorruption; Raised to endless happiness, to _____ The Kingdom of God, or to endless misery, to inherit the kingdom of the devil, the one on one hand, the other on the other; The one Raised to Happiness According to his desires of Happiness; or Good, According to his desires of Good; and the other to evil according to his desires of evil; for as he has desired to do evil all the day long, even so shall he have his reward of evil, when the night cometh.'

Helaman 14:15-18, 'For Behold, He surely must Die, that _____ may come; yea, it behooves Him, and becometh expedient that He Dieth, to bring to pass The Resurrection of The Dead, that thereby men may be brought into The Presence of The Lord; Yea, Behold this Death bringeth to pass The Resurrection, and Redeemeth all mankind from The First Death—that Spiritual Death; for all mankind, by the fall of Adam, being cut off from The Presence of The Lord, are considered as dead, both as to things temporal and to things Spiritual. But Behold, The Resurrection of Christ Redeemeth mankind, yea, even all mankind, and Bringeth them back into The Presence of The Lord; Yea, and it Bringeth to pass The Condition of Repentance, that whosoever Repenteth, the same is not hewn down and cast into the fire; but whosoever Repenteth not, is

hewn down and cast into the fire, and there cometh upon them again A Spiritual Death, yea, a Second Death, for they are cut off again as to things Pertaining to Righteousness; Therefore Repent ye, Repent ye, lest by knowing these things and not doing them, ye shall suffer yourselves to come under _____, and ye are brought down unto this Second Death. But Behold, as I said unto you concerning another sign, a sign of His Death, Behold, in that day that He shall Suffer Death, the sun shall be darkened and refuse to give his light unto you; and also the moon, and the stars; and there shall be no light upon the face of this land, even from the time that He shall Suffer Death, for the space of three days, to the time that He Shall Rise again from His Death;'

Duration

I Peter 1:3-5, 'Blessed be The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which According to His Abundant Mercy hath begotten us again unto a Lively Hope by The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from The Dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that _____ not away, Reserved in Heaven for you. Who are kept by The Power of God through Faith unto Salvation ready to be Revealed in the last time.'

I Thessalonians 4:17, 'Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet The Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with The Lord.' (*And return to earth with The Lord.*)

Alma 11:45, 'Now, Behold, I have spoken unto you, concerning The death of the mortal body, and also concerning The Resurrection of the mortal body. I say

unto you that this mortal body is Raised to an immortal body; that is from death; even from The First Death unto Life, that they can die no more; their Spirits uniting with their bodies, never to be _____; thus the whole becoming Spiritual and Immortal, that they can no more see corruption.'

Daniel 12:2-3, 'And many of them that sleep in the _____ of the earth shall Awake, some to Everlasting Life, and some to shame and Everlasting Contempt. And they that be Wise shall Shine as The _____ of The Firmament; and they that turn many to Righteousness as the stars forever and ever.'

Degrees of Glory

Hebrews 11:35-38, 'Women received their dead Raised to Life again; and others were tortured, not accepting Deliverance; that they might Obtain a Better Resurrection: And others had trial of cruel _____ and _____, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with The Sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.'

Philippians 3:10-12, 'That I may know Him, and The Power of His Resurrection, and The Fellowship of His Sufferings, being made _____ unto His Death: If by any means I might attain unto The Resurrection of The Dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.'

Matthew 16:27, 'For the Son of man shall come in The _____ of His Father with His Angels; and then He shall Reward every man According to his Works.'

Mosiah 3:24, 'And thus Saith The Lord: They shall stand as a Bright _____ against this people, at The Judgment Day; whereof they shall be Judged, every man According to his Works, whether they be Good, or whether they be evil.'

Message 26:14, 'There are those who have been _____ in their Calling. God has Looked up them in pity, but let them remember that God will Reward everyone as his Works shall be, and in time they will see their loss.'

Message 108:8, 'Let mankind Respect The Lord Christ, and _____ Him; His Sacrifice on The Cross and Resurrection bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and Receive Deliverance and Salvation.'

Conclusion

Message 113:4, 'The Lord Jesus is The Resurrection and The Life. He is The Savior, Redeemer and King of all mankind. All that Hear and Obey have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity. His Glory shall _____ them.'

Message 85:14, 'The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought about The Plan of God—Redemption and The Resurrection through The Death of the _____ and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a _____ to all that Hear and Obey—Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.'

Moroni 10:34, 'And now I bid unto all,

_____. I soon go to Rest in The Paradise of God, until my Spirit and Body shall again re-unite, and I am brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before The Pleasing ___ of The Great Jehovah, The Eternal Judge of both quick and dead. Amen.'

For further Study please read the entire 15th Chapter of I Corinthians.

Food For Thought

*Sister Karen Wilkin
Missouri*

As soon as Valentines Day was over, we noticed how the department stores were already putting out the 'Easter' stuff. Just like Christmas, they start putting out Christmas things even before Halloween. This makes it all very commercial. They are trying to get people to 'think' about it way in advance hoping to profit more by people 'seeing' it on the shelves. They are well aware of the theory 'out of sight, out of mind.'

I Love *The Easter Season*. It is a time of 'Renewal of Life'. We see the little flowers begin to pop up out of the ground. We see Newness of Life in the trees as they begin to bring back their leaves. We see little creatures come to life. It is all a time of 'Renewal' from the winter rest.

When Jesus Christ Died on The Cross, it was also a 'Renewal' for Life, The Spiritual Life for mankind. The Story of The Crucifixion of Jesus is Profound. It was Profound at the time it happened and it is still Profound for this day and time. **Jesus' Death meant Eternal Life for mankind.** That is how much He Loved people. He was willing to go through all the horrendous turmoil He went through so mankind could have a Choice to Live with Him throughout

Eternity or choose to be separated from Him for eternity.

John 3:16, 'For God so Loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever should Believe on His Name, should not Perish but have Everlasting Life.'

What do you think it means to 'Believe' on His Name? See some people think that means you just have to say, 'well, yes, I Believe there is a Jesus', and they are instantly Saved. But *do you know that even the devil Believes in Jesus?* He trembles at the mention of His Name. To Believe on The Name of Jesus means we must put forth an effort to SHOW we Believe by Walking a Christian Walk, Talking a Christian Talk and Keeping His Ten Commandments. Jesus said, '**if you Love me you will keep My Commandments**' (1 John 3:23, 24; Proverbs 19:16; Mark 12:30-31).

The Easter Season is a Wonderful Time of 'Remembrance' of what Jesus did for you and me. It is a time of Serious Reflection for The Great Sacrifice He made out of so much Love for mankind. *When Jesus Died on The Cross did you know He had you in mind?* That is how much He Loves you. In The Book of Matthew beginning around Chapter 26 through Chapter 28 gives a True Accounting of Jesus' journey up through The Time of His Crucifixion and when He Arose from The Grave. (Also Luke, Chapters 22, 23 & 24).

As you hear about, read about, watch movies about and enjoy The Easter Season, please Remember what it is Truly all about. Remember, He could have Called Ten Thousand Angels to destroy the world and set Him Free. He could have chosen to flee from His Accusers and Lived on as long as He wanted. But, that was not in His Spiritual

Plan. He Died alone that you and I might be Redeemed and Live with Him throughout Eternity.

Let's keep Christ in Easter! The people who think Easter is all about Easter bunnies, candy, Easter baskets, toys and egg hunts are missing out on so much. We can set that Example and keep The True meaning alive. There is nothing wrong with having some fun with all those events, but it should not ever take place over what Easter is all about.

Let us Rejoice that He Arose from The Grave as He Promised and He will Return again one day to Claim His Jewels.

Testimonies Of The Past

Leonard Draves, Missouri: I am Thankful to be here today and to see all of you here. I Pray The Lord will Raise up men to do *This Work* and to Spread *This Gospel*. It is *The Greatest* thing in my Life. I would not want to be or to do anything else than to do *The Lord's Work*. Pray that God will Prepare *The Scribe* to Receive *The Messenger* and that God will Prepare our Hearts to Receive *His Words*. We know that there are ten thousands times ten thousands standing at *The Gate*. With our help and *God's Guidance*, we can bring them through that *Gate* and into *The Kingdom of God*. I would that you continue your Prayers for me and my family. May God Bless you all.

Mervyn Johnson, Missouri: I am a Strong Believer in *This Church*. I was brought up in this *Work* from a child. The Lord was doing a *Great Work* in Preparing us to Stand Firm. My Prayer is to Endure and Greet The Lord when He Comes. I've been here since August 18, 1941. I want to Encourage the young people to Stand Firm and to Remember this is *'The Assured Way'* of

The Lord.

Thresa Ray, Missouri: I Thank The Lord for being here today. When one door closes, another one opens. I am so Thankful for this wonderful place for our Assembly. I am also Thankful that God has told us that He would Stand us in Holy Places while The Indignation passes over. I have had some problems with my foot and had to have it drained some, but it is Healing . I Thank The Lord for this. Please Pray for my friend, Bruce Johnson. He had a crack in his foot for some time and when he finally went to the Doctors, they told him he had cancer. It is serious, please Pray for him. Please remember my family in your Prayers. God Bless you all.

Barbara Long, Missouri: I now live in Stover, Missouri. We are always asking God to help. Let us sing, '*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*'. He is The Only One that is always there. As much as we Love our friends, home, money, whatever is important to us, it all comes down to Him and you. Pray for me. God Bless.

Marianna Johnson, Missouri: I Thank Mervyn, his brother Richard, and their father Leonard, for bringing *This Work* to me. We would like to request Prayers for our nephew Brad Evans. Also his sister's husband, who was recently in a motorcycle accident and presently in the hospital. He needs Prayers. He is so nice, so precious. His name is Mike McCann. Lisa, his wife, and son needs your Prayers also. *This Work* is so Precious to us. *Without it Life would be so empty*. It is so Wonderful being here with our family. Thank you so very much for being here.

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I am thinking of the song, '*Count Your Many Blessings*', if I did, we would be here a very long time. I

also Thank The Lord for you all being here today.

Michael Greenwell, Missouri: I grew up in Delaware, on the east coast, in a catholic family. When I was 15, I asked the priest, 'How do you know there is a God?' He didn't know for sure. I ask him, 'Don't you think you should know?' I became very angry after that. I didn't Believe in right and wrong, since there is no God to make Rules. So I made my own rules as I went along. I had a dream of a man with a Sword, he brought it down, a rock soared through the air and hit a woman. This happened twice and the woman was bleeding. The next day I had another dream of a woman in a wedding dress, hand in hand with a little boy. God spoke to me in *The Spirit* while I was asleep. *They were wonderful Words.* I told myself to wake up and write these words down. So the more I woke up, the less I could hear the words. I started to travel around then, and I ended up in Kansas City. Since the priest told me there is no God, I fought with everyone over *The Gospel*. I saw a man wearing a button that said, 'Smile, Jesus Loves You.' I asked him, 'Why are you wearing that button?' He said, 'I know it by Faith'. He continued to say that as I continued to argue with him about it, in hopes of making him mad. My anger turned into tears. While on the roof top of Carpenter's Hall in Independence, Missouri, I Prayed for the first time, 'If you are Real Lord, I will Serve you the rest of my life. Show me!' I felt I had God over a barrel. Then I met Jim Naslund. I did my thing as usual, but Jim was quiet, and I knew he knew something. I pried it out of him about *This Work*. Jim was reluctant because of his back sliding condition at the time. Message 2:2 speaks of *The Woman*, and I remem-

bered my dream. Verse seven caused me to remember my second dream. So I got my start. **Jesus Christ is the author of my Faith.** God Revealed *This Work* to me before I Believed. *It is a Miracle!* It is the beginning of my Testimony. God Bless you all.

Ola Thompson, Missouri: I am so Thankful to be here, as I wasn't able to be last year. I missed Church when I was working. Church is something very Special to me and being with those of like *Faith*. I Prayed to God, I was so hungry to Hear a Sermon. I dreamed my father was Preaching, and gave me words to turn me around from the self pity I was in. I heard Words I needed— it was so Wonderful and such a Blessing to me. It was The Service I needed. This is the day The Lord has made, I Praise The Lord for The Meat of *The Gospel* I Received this morning in The Independence Local Service. It was so Wonderful. Blessed is my Soul. Only The Pure of Heart and Clean Hands will be those to Build *The Temple Of The Lord*. Pray for *The Holy Unction* and *The Holy Spirit*. *The Holy Unction* is to give us Strength in the end time. Find someone with *The Authority* and have Hands laid upon your head for *The Holy Unction*. I had a dream that I saw my three children burnt up in a trailer fire. Mabel Wilson wrote me and told me to rebuke the devil. I called my father and told him I was coming down to get a Blessing, and that I was not leaving until I received a Healing. Dad Administered to me, and I Believed and Trusted in God that I would be Healed. *This Work* is to be done in Faith.— what we know of *The Spirit*. *The Bible*, *The Record Of The Nephites* and *The Messages* are The Reasons for our *Testimony*, because *The Holy Spirit* Witness within us. *The*

Blessed Oil gets us through! These are all The Tools we need. Once Grounded in *This Work*, nothing the devil can do can pull us away. It is important to Teach *The Work*. Repentance is a Wonderful Tool. If you are here today and don't know there is a God-then get on your knees and know there IS a God. Know *His Fruits* so you can grow. Get a *Personal Relationship* with God. People are hurting! But they don't have all *The Precious Tools* as we have. Reach out and help others. God Bless you all.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: When I was real young, The Lord told me that He would use me to speak to those that can't hear. I have gotten into some classes, so Pray that The Lord will use me as He wants.

Marianna Johnson, Missouri: Ola mentioned a couple times today that we must have *Pure Hearts* and *Clean Hands* to Serve The Lord. In 1993, The Messenger said to 'tidy' our Lives. I thought, 'What shall we do?' Satan has no power over us if we don't allow it. 'Tidiness' comes from The Heart and what comes out of our Mouths. We must control our Hearts that controls the Mouth. It all folds in together-it becomes effortless the more we practice it.

ARTICLES

From The Vineyard

THE EASTER STORY

As Told In The Gospels

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John 3:16-17, 'For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the

world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be Saved.'

The Last Supper

Mark 14:16-17, 'And His Disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as He said unto them: and they made ready for The Passover. And in the evening He cometh with The Twelve.'

Mark 14:22-25, 'And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and Blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My Body'. And He took the cup, and when He had given Thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And He said unto them, 'This is My Testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you. I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in The Kingdom of God.'

Matthew 27:27-31, 'Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gather unto Him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His Head, and reed in His Right Hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying hail King of The Jews! And they spit on Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the Head. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to Crucify Him.'

Luke 23:26-27, 'And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid The Cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and women, which also bewailed and lamented Him.'

Luke 23:33-24, ‘And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they Crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, *‘Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.’*”

John 19 :23-24, ‘Then the soldiers when they had Crucified Jesus, took His Garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His Coat: now the Coat was without seam woven from the top through.

They said therefore among themselves. *‘Let us not rent it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be’*: that The Scriptures might be fulfilled, which saith, and for My vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.’

Jesus Dies and Is Buried

Luke 23:44-47, ‘And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the vail of The Temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had Cried out with a loud Voice, He said, *‘Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit’*; and having said thus, He gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he Glorified God, saying, *‘Certainly this was a Righteous Man’*.’

Matthew 27:57-60, ‘When the evening was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ Disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged The Body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded The Body to be Delivered. And when Joseph had taken The Body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out the rock: and he

rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.’

Mark 15:47, ‘And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus Beheld where He was Laid.’

Jesus Is Risen

Mark 16:2-7, ‘And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto The Sepulcher at the rising of the sun, And they said among themselves, *‘Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?’* And they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into The Sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, ‘Be not affrighted: ye Seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was Crucified; He is Risen; He is not here: Behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way, tell His Disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.’

Mark 16:19-20, ‘So then, after The Lord had Spoken unto them, He was Received up into Heaven and sat on The Right Hand of God. And they went forth, and Preached every where, The Lord working with them, and confirming The Word with Signs following. Amen.’

EASTER

*Sister Oladawn Thompson
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Jesus was in the upper room with His Disciples. Oh how He Loved them and for almost three years they traveled with Jesus through the country side, Teaching people about God’s Love and His Laws. Jesus

taught them many things and now He wondered if they understood what was before them. *Were they strong enough to carry on God's Work?*

Jesus picked up a loaf of bread and He Blessed it and He tore a piece for each of them and He said, **'This Bread is like my Body, It will be broken for you, take it and eat it and in the days to come break Bread among yourselves to remember Me.'**

His Disciples were puzzled. What did He mean breaking His Body and *how could they forget their Master?*

Next Jesus poured a cup of Wine and He Blessed it and held it up before them and said, **'This Wine is like My Blood, that will be shed for the sins of the world, Drink of it all of you. Then He told them He could be with them only a little while longer and He gave them a New Commandment. To Love one another as I have Loved you. Everyone will know you are My Disciples if you Love one another.'**

Peter ask The Lord *where are you going?* I will go with you also. I will follow you no matter what! Jesus said, **'Peter where I am going you cannot follow, I go to Prepare a Place for you then I will come back. For a time you will be sad, then your sadness will turn to Joy!'**

Jesus said these things hoping that they would understand about His Death and His Resurrection.

After a time of Prayer, three Disciples went with Jesus to a Garden to Pray; some stayed behind. Judas went to the Elders of Jerusalem and told them where Jesus was for thirty pieces of silver. He betrayed His Lord. While Jesus was in The Garden, Judas walked up and kissed Jesus, and the soldiers

arrested Him.

Now the people that laid down palm leaves and giving alms to Him only a few days before, was now yelling *'Crucify Him' 'Kill Him'!* *He claims to be The Son of God. Our Law says He must die.* Pilate, the Roman Ruler, knows Jesus had not done any wrong, but he did not want to anger the people so he turned Jesus over to the soldiers. They whipped Him with a leather strap, breaking His Skin. He bleed but He never cried out. They striped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe and they planted a crown of thorns upon His Head and they mocked Him saying *'HAIL, THE KING OF THE JEWS!'* And they spit on Him and took a reed and hit Him on The Head. After they mocked Him they took off the robe and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to be Crucify.

They ordered Jesus to carry His own Cross out of the city to a place called Golgotha. The people were silent as He passed by. He became weak and a man called Simon took up The Cross and carried it.

On the hill side, soldiers nailed Jesus on The Cross and raised it up. For hours Jesus hung suffering. Someone in the crowd yelled, *'Ye thou be The Son of God, Come down from The Cross'* (Matthew 27:40). Jesus looked to the sky and He said, **'Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.'** By late afternoon, black clouds had gather and the veil of The Temple was torn in the middle and Jesus cried with a loud Voice, **'Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit.'**

Now, three days later, Mary and other women went to The Tomb where Jesus was laid to prepare His Body. They were concerned how they would roll the stone

away to get into The Tomb and hoped the guards would help them, but when they arrived to The Tomb they found it empty and a Bright Light shown all around. They thought someone had stolen The Body of Jesus. But Behold, two men stood by them in a Shinning Garment and they ask them, 'why seek ye the living among the dead?' Don't you remember that The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be Crucified and the third day Rise again (Matthew 24:4-7).

And so it was!

GETHSEMANE

*by Naomi Draves
November, 1939*

Submitted by Oladawn Thompson

Gethsemane, how cold and dark thou art! the sky above is overcast and gray ! The night my Savior knelt alone with Broken Heart, wet thou like this the night.

He Came to Pray How cold and damp and still the weary night the night my Savior Came His Trust to keep while His Disciples dreamed sweet dreams-their burdens light, nor thought of Him who Prayed in anguish deep.

He Drank The Cup with Courage Taunchly sweet, nor held reproach for those who Him betrayed. He Rose again that other lesser heart might beat, that He might find The Sheep that long had strayed.

Gethsemane, thy darkness brings no pain, for though The Savior Died, death held no sting. He Conquered Death; He Arose; Abide in Heaven again, and through the earth exalted raising.

Dear Savior, give me Grace to know Thy Will Since Thou hast Drunk The Cup and Died for me; Help me to Keep Thy Law and

Sing Thy Praises Still; HELP ME TO LIVE FOR THEE.

A Vision

*August 19, 1938
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I had a very fine Spiritual Vision in the morning hours of August 19th 1938. I had been Praying over The New Messages being turned down by some as I had heard, when The Lord Came to my rescue. Thank Heaven.

The Messenger stood at the foot of my bed, and said: 'Come with me and I will show you A Vision of what's taking place that will Strengthen your Faith'. He held his hand out toward me. I took hold of his hand and it seemed we Floated in Space, through Realms of Quietness and Heavenly Power, where the air seemed to be Perfumed with Holiness. Divine was The Influence.

We seemed to go north ward and west, then every direction stopping at Locals all over the land. Hearing Testimonies offered by various ones. Saw and Heard what was said, many relating some incident to the Proving of The Truth of The New Messages. I saw them with Tears in their eyes, as they stood in their midst of various groups.

I saw Brother and Sister Bronson and others that I knew, many of them. I heard the names spoken of many of The Saints and if I ever see them in this life, I shall know them.

We stood in the midst of groups of several Church Gatherings. The different ones would say they felt The Power of The Divine with them to Prove to them that they were not deceived. I saw at times and at

certain of the groups The Tears of Joy caused by The Spirit of God begin to stream down the faces of the people as we would come in their midst and presence. Yet all the while I knew they did not see us. Some spoke of seeing Brother Draves in Vision and The Lord Showed them that I was a Clean Virtueous man .

One dear Brother felt Assured and said, *'I saw a man in whom there was no guile.'* Others spoke things that I shall never be able to say with my unlearned tongue. I can almost say like Paul, *'I saw and heard unspeakable things.'* I weep as I write this down, because of The Presence of The Spirit of God felt.

Once The Messenger said, as we were Floating though Space, *'How sweet are The Paths of them that Know The Voice of The Lord.'* I know I was Weeping and Felt The Greater Power of The Lord. All this taking place while I seem to be speechless.

We saw many Groups of Saints Testifying of The Truth of The Angel Message, of Glad Hearts and Grounded Hope. Where Salvation is Sure; being Chosen of God to it True Sanctification of The Spirit and Belief of The Truth. Called by The Gospel and Glorifying our Savior Jesus Christ.

Many Coming to The Light, The Bride putting on a more Becoming Garment. Clean and bright with Her Becoming Crown on Her Head. The Members of The Body of Christ Manifested more Charity and Love for each other and The Work of The Lord. Kindness, Gentleness and Holiness Radiated from them and could be seen in their faces. In all this I was in The Most Perfect Peaceful, Happy Atmosphere surrounded by it, The Hallowedness that was in the air seemed to permeate my Soul and Body. I shall never forget those moments Filled with

Divine Pleasure.

Then I saw a Great Host Coming to The Temple of The Lord, mostly from the east and The Angel said, *'The Host of Israel are gathering, for The Lord soon Comes.'* This Great Host seemed to have music instruments and shiny belongings in their hands. Large and small men, women, and children all moved along alike in Perfect Peace.

I saw The Apostles Beckoning for the people to come to The House of God. Peace seemed to be Coming from The Place where The Lord Promised to Meet with the people in the hour in their Great need. It seemed we traveled for hours, and I was so Filled with Joy burning in my Bosom that my pillow was wet from shedding tears, when I arose in the morning.

When The Angel brought me back to my home I hesitated to let loose of his hand. It felt so Real, so Warm with Influence, so Strong and yet so Tender too, yet with The Deepest Sweetness that can only Come from The Divine Source. I looked at him, wishing that I might stay with him. Not able to say what I wished, however he knew as He said: *'the wish of The Three Nephites was Greatest and their Joy is Great, beyond measure: for eye hath not seen nor ear heard what is in store for them that Love The Lord'*. He smiled pleasantly and said: *'with this you will know The Way of The Lord is Life and Light. Joy to The Hearts that are Honest. Blessed are The Prayerful; for their Prayers are Heard when from The Heart. Let your Faith be Great in The Lord,'* I was sitting up in bed. He left me.

I was so Happy and Rejoicing for This Great Thing, that I seemed to be in Space above the earth. My mind is Light with Gladness in my Heart. Yet I feel almost

speechless.

When he spoke it seemed it was not meant for me alone, but for others that Know The Lord and that will yet Learn of Him. I wonder why I become The Recipient of so much Joy in such Beautiful Things of God while it seems we are in an age when men seem to think that such things were for people of years ago, and we are only to read of it in history. Of course this is the vogue of the world and not of *The Church of Christ*.

It Gladdens my Heart to be Able to tell you of this. I Hope it is or will be Encouragement to you as it has been to me. I can say Press On and Press On for The Reward is after we have fought the fight. Keep The Faith and Finished our Course.

The Unchangeable God

(Article on Message 108)

William A. Draves

John 17:5-24 gives us the discription of Jesus The Christ. 11 Nephi 27:23, same yesterday, today and forever.

John 1:3-4, **‘All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

In Him was Life and The Life was The Light of men.’

We find several places in *Scriptures* speaking of *The Unchangeable God*. I change not, etc. and other remarks stating the all sameness of God.

Message 86:6, **‘Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many Miracles. This is Good, if they Hear the final Call-this *The Midnight Cry* and Obey it. Their works will stand the test.’**

Message 86:20,23-25,28,35-36,47,53,67, **‘Unless The Servants of The Lord Arise and be no more oppressed-Arise to their**

Place and Calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrance turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will Call others to work and carry this Work onward . . .

Evil has sought to grip The Church and has long had its effect-eating out Her Soul. When it is removed She will put on *Her Brighter Garments* and many of Her Children will come unto Her.

The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is THAT PROPHET like unto Moses when it is I, John The Baptist, The Forerunner—The Messenger called The Elias which was for to come.

A Prophet Represent, and Christ is God Himself. I Represent Him . . .

God has set in Pace and given *The Authority and Trust*, but man through weakness and seeking prominency has hindered The Work. Yet they say they love the Lord . . .

Some you have Trusted will walk no more with you but many more will Come . . .

Fellowship not with those that twist *The Word* to thwart *The Plan of God* to justify their own evil means . . .

Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully Dedicate their lives to His Service—they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord face to face and Repent of their error they Will not fully find peace . . .

Let not The Work be frustrated by the way of man.’

111 Nephi 21:8-9, **‘And when that day shall Come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard**

shall they consider.

For in that day, for my sake shall The Father Work a Work which shall be Great and Marvelous Work among them; and there shall be among them which will not Believe it, although a man shall Declare it unto them.’ See also Acts 13:41.

111 Nephi 20:43-45, ‘Behold, My Servant shall Deal Prudently, he shall be Exalted and Extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; (His visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men) (John The Baptist was beheaded. W.A.D.)

So shall he sprinkle many nations the kings shall shut their mouths at Him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.’

111 Nephi 21:11, ‘Therefore, it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not Believe in My Words, which Am Jesus Christ, which The Father (Power of God) shall cause him (John The Baptist, The Word of The Lord, brought to mankind by an Angel) to bring forth unto The Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people which are of The Covenant.’ (Restoration– W.A.D.)

Acts 13:41, ‘Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise Believe, though a man Declare it unto you.’

1 Nephi 22:21, ‘And now I, Nephi, Declare unto you, that this Prophet of whom Moses spake, was The Holy One of Israel . . .’

1 Nephi 22:20, ‘And The Lord will surely Prepare a Way for His People, unto

The Fulfilling of The Words of Moses, which he spake saying: A Prophet shall The Lord God Raise up into you, like unto me, Him shall ye Hear in all things, whatsoever He shall unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will Hear That Prophet shall be cut off from among the people (of God-W.A.D.).

Thus, this is speaking of an Inspiring God– a Prophet like unto me (Moses) born from among the brethren-(carnal parents).

Jesus said, ‘*No man gave Him His Life, and no man can take it from Him, nor they that set themselves up.*’ (This is the ones having a fixed way.)

Fixed way in what? In doctrine and systems in teachings, imagine authority-false doctrine, probation after death, baptism for the dead, water in place of wine in the Communion, two priesthoods. Three beings in the Godhead, and a mother there????? and much more.

This same Nephi—who said he declared spoke of seeing That Prophet baptize The Lamb of God, The Messiah, The Holy One of Israel. *How could That Prophet Baptize Himself?* This is two personages. Get it straight-he first made a mistake and did not correct it.

Again, when it was said The Lord would Raise up a Prophet, even a Messiah, again two personage. It is the mind of man that likens them to be one person and the same. It is the mind of man that makes a mistake-unlearned-lack of full knowledge.

11 Nephi 31:4, ‘Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you concerning That Prophet which The Lord showed unto, that should Baptize The Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world.’

111 Nephi 27:25-26, ‘For Behold, out of

books which have been written, and which shall be written, shall this people be judged for by them shall their works be known unto men.

And Behold, all things are Written by The Father; (Power of God) therefore out of the books which shall be written, shall the world be Judged.'

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost.

The Law and The Prophets spoke until John comes—now he speaks for The Lord.

John was The Greatest Prophet born of woman. None Greater that has Risen. Hear ye him!

Ether 4:16,19, **'And then shall My Revelation which I have caused to be Written by My Servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be manifest in every deed . . .**

And Blessed is he that is found Faithful unto My Name, at the last day for they shall be lifted up to Dwell in The Kingdom prepared for them from The Foundation of the world. And Behold it is I (The Lord) that hath Spoken it. Amen!'

Be A Peace Maker

*Sister Carrie Ramey
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Does this have reference to Revelation written by John The Beloved? Christ is The Revealer— John was The Writer.

John The Baptist now brings many Revelations causing same to be written, *The Word Of The Lord, Brought To Mankind By An Angel.* The Scribe Matthew 13:53.

Message 86:65, **'Kings shall shut their mouths at the words I have to say.'**

(Isaiah 52:15, also speaks of this.)

Message 86:67, **'Let not The Work be frustrated by the way of man.'**

(Isaiah 52:15, also speaks of this.)

Have Faith and God will Rebuild your home. But remember to do your part and be **A Peacemaker.**

Choose to not get upset! *Have self control!* (James 5:7)

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Let The Peace of God Rule in your Hearts!

With Love, your friend and Sister in Christ.

Primary Department

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The Easter Story

*By Linda Sue Pochodzay Edwards
Submitted by Joy Ellen Draves*

What an awfully sad day it had been for The Friends of Jesus! They had stood watching sorrowfully, as Jesus hung on The Cross dying. They didn't fully understand why it had to happen.

They remembered how He had Healed the sick and made blind people See. They remembered how He had fed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread and fish. They even remembered how He had caused dead people to come back to Life. He was such a Good, Kind man; *why did He have to die?*

Just before the sun was beginning to sink into the west, Joseph, one of Jesus' Friends, noticed that Jesus was no longer breathing. He hurriedly went to ask Pilate if he could have The Body of Jesus so he could bury Him. When Pilate agreed, Joseph and

Nicodemus (another Friend) carefully wrapped Jesus' Body in clean cloths. Then they took Him to a Tomb to bury Him.

The next day, *The Pharisees* started thinking about Jesus. They were the people that had wanted to kill Jesus. They remembered how He had taught them, saying that He would Rise again after three days. They were worried that it might be True! They also thought that Jesus' Disciples would remember and might try to steal The Body from The Tomb just so they could say that Jesus Rose again. They went to Pilate, suggesting that The Tomb be closed up with a huge stone and that guards be placed all around The Tomb.

Just before daylight the next day, the most *amazing* thing happened! There was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE! An ANGEL from The Lord came down from Heaven, moved the gigantic stone away from the door of The Tomb and sat on it. The guards began to shake with fear! They fell down to the ground as if they were dead!

Mary and some other women had decided to get up very early in the morning and go to visit The Tomb where Jesus was placed. While walking down the road, they were discussing how they were going to get inside The Tomb. They had brought along some spices and perfume that they wanted to place on Jesus' Body. They knew the huge stone had been placed in the doorway and they had no idea how they were going to move it.

What a SURPRISE they found when they reached The Tomb! The stone had *already* been moved! And . . . there was An ANGEL sitting on the stone! The women were quite afraid, but The Angel spoke gently to them:

'Don't be afraid. I know that you have come to see Jesus. He is not here; for He is

Risen just as He said. Come inside and see the place where He lay.'

The women went inside The Tomb and found it empty, just as The Angel had told them. The Angel spoke to the women one more time: 'Go *quickly* and tell the other Disciples that Jesus has Risen from the dead; and He is going into Galilee where you will see Him.'

The women did just as The Angel had told them. They ran quickly from The Tomb, with fear and great Joy, to tell *The Good News* to the other Disciples. But . . . when the women found Peter and their other Friends and tried to tell them *The Good News*, . . . *no one Believed them!*

When the women persisted, Peter decided that he needed to find out for himself. He ran all the way to The Tomb. He went inside. He saw the cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus, but The Body was not there. He wondered if it could *possibly* be True. *Did Jesus really Raise from The Dead? Was Jesus really alive?*

Two of Jesus' other Friends were going on a journey to a village called Emmaus. As they walked and talked, they discussed all the things that had happened over the past few days. A man came along and joined the group. He walked along with them and wanted to join their discussion. Cleopas began telling the man about how Jesus was Crucified on The Cross. They talked about how the women found The Empty Tomb.

As they continued their journey, they invited the man to come in with them and have dinner. When they sat down to eat their meal, the man picked up a loaf of bread and broke it in pieces. Then He Prayed for the meal and gave the bread to the men. At that *very moment* they Realized that The Man was JESUS! They had been talking to Jesus

the *whole time* and didn't even know it!

Then . . . ANOTHER strange thing happened. As soon as they Realized who it really was that sat at the table with them . . . Jesus *disappeared!* They talked about the wonderful time they had talking with Jesus down the road, and they just *couldn't help* talking about his strange disappearance. They got up from their meal and returned to Jerusalem where they told all the other Disciples *The Good News* that Jesus REALLY DID Raise from The Dead and had talked with them.

As they were talking, Jesus *again* Appeared to them. They were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He showed them His Hands and Feet where He had been nailed to The Cross, so they would Believe that it was really Him.

When they saw the nail holes in His Hands and Feet, they finally Believed that Jesus had Risen from The Dead, just like He said He would. They were so Happy and Joyful to have their Friend with them again. They were so excited that they had to tell EVERYBODY *The Good News* that *JESUS IS ALIVE!*

Junior Department

*Editor: Sister Thresa Ray
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Dear Youth,

1 John 4:8, '*... God is Love*'.

John 3:16-17. '**For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him shall not Perish but have Everlasting Life.**

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that he would through Him might be Saved'.

We are so Blessed to have a God that Loves us so much. God Manifested Himself in the flesh to show us The Way. Jesus Showed us how to Live, how to Love, how to Pray, and how to Resist Temptation.

Before Jesus was Crucified, Pilate asked the crowd of people who they wanted to let go free; Jesus who had done no harm, or Barabbas who was a murderer. The crowd chose to let Barabbas go free. Jesus took Barabbas's place on The Cross and died in his place. Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world so that whoever Believed in Him as their Lord and Savior would be Saved in Eternity. He Died on The Cross for you and me also, so that our sins could be Forgiven—so that we can Live in Eternity with Him!

But that doesn't just 'happen' for everyone. We have to ask Jesus to come into our Heart and to Live within us.

John 15:4, '**Abide in Me, and I in you . . .**' (Put Me in your Heart and you will be in Mine.)

We must Truly Believe, and Desire to Live our Life Pleasing to God. We must Recognize our sins and ask God to Forgive us. If we are Sincere – Jesus will Dwell in us. People will see God within us by how we Act and Speak.

It is so Special to have a close Relationship with God because He Loves us so much! He will Always be there for us when things are going well and we are happy. He will always be there for us when we are sad or in need.

Have you taken the time to tell Jesus how much you Love Him? Have you taken the time to ask Him to Forgive you of your sins and to Come into your Heart, and to Guide and Direct you in all you do and say? If you have not done that—take the time now to

do so. If you already have—then take the time to Renew your Covenant with Him. Keep Jesus in your Heart and Mind and Pray daily to Him. How Blessed you will be!

Thessalonians 5:17, **‘Pray without ceasing . . .’**

Always have a Prayer in your Heart and Mind. Jesus is only a Prayer away. You can Praise Him and Call on Him anytime you want, any time of the day or night. He Loves you and wants to Abide in you. But remember—He does not force Himself upon anyone. You must make The Choice to Invite Him into your Life!

Revelation 3:20, **‘Behold, I Stand at The Door, and Knock: if any man Hear My Voice, and Open The Door, I will Come in to him, and will Sup with him, and he with Me.’**

Young Adults Department

*Editors: Matthew & Ellen Thompson
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Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Living our Lives for Christ. We need to stop and take time in our busy lives to think about what is important and what our priorities are. The Lord should come first in everything we do. We should have a Desire to be like Christ. One of the ways that we can try to be like Him is to practice Article 8 in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It says, **‘We Believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance’.**

This can also be found in **Galations 5: 22-23** where it tells us The Fruits of The Spirit just like in Article 8. There are so many Scriptural Verses on all these Fruits of

The Spirit within The Three Books so I am just going to mention a few of them. These things The Lord Feels are Important that is why He has given so many References. The First Fruit mentioned is that of Love.

Dueteronomy 6:5, ‘And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might,’ This was The \First and Great Commandment that The Lord Commanded us. He knew that if we Truly Loved Him this way then we would have that desire to Obey Him and do the things that He asks of us. Our goal is to be with Him once again and this is The Way that we need to follow in order to obtain our Salvation with our Lord. The Lord not only wants us to Love Him but He also wants us to Love others.

The Second Commandment He gave us was to Love our neighbor.

Matthew 22:37-39, **‘Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind. This is The First and Great Commandment. And The Second is like unto it, Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thyself.’**

John 15:12, ‘This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.’ The Lord tells us over and over again to Love Him and Love our neighbor.

John 14:15, **‘if ye Love Me keep My Commandments.’** The Lord wants us to show Him by our Faith and Actions. It is so easy to say that we Love God, but our actions speak louder than words. We need to stop and ask ourselves *if our actions reflect what we say and do they show that we Truly Love God?* If our actions are contradicting what we say when we say that we Love The Lord then we need to change

our ways. We also need to show that we Love our neighbor by our actions as well. One of the ways that we can show that we Love our neighbor is by showing Kindness. We should not want to be fault finding or gossip about others.

Message 91: 12-13, **‘The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside in sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere- thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds. Be thou Clean that bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversation be Clean, let Realness of Charity Rule your Lives. Lift up a Standard’.**

The Lord Knows that we are Living in evil times and He Warns us that it will just get worse. We need to follow The Lords Commandments that He has Given us so that we may be Strong in these end times. This is so Important because satan knows this and one of the ways we can destroy ourselves is by gossip and deceit. If we are taking time to gossip about our neighbor then we are not taking the time to do work for our Lord. There is so much that we can be doing for our Lord and time is short so we need to be using our time wisely for The Lord.

I Pray the we can Love one another and Lift one another up so we can Grow in The Lord. If we can draw Closer to one another and The Lord we can Build Strength from one another and Overcome our own personal weaknesses whatever they may be. We all need to Rise to The Higher Standard that The Lord has set for us. I am Thankful for The Love that The Lord has for me and everyone of us. All that He ever wants from

us is our Willingness to Serve Him, Worship Him and Love one another.

This is my Prayer for all of you as well as myself that we can be **‘up and doing’** for The Lord by our Works and a Willingness in our Hearts. The Lord has so much that He wants to Bless us with in our Lives if we Obey Him. So let us Rise Up and do what He Commands. This is my Prayer for all of you. God Bless you all!

Special Notices

The staff of ‘The Greater Light’ would like to Dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister J.J. Simmons of Alabama. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!

The Editor

The Church has a CD available of ‘The Testimony of William A. Draves’ spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.

Missionary Journey

Both Quorums are planning a Missionary Journey, hopefully, this June to foreign fields. Any contributions you can help with Travel expenses, The Church will greatly appreciate any help. Thank you all. God Bless!

Quorum Meeting Notes

March, 24, 2012

Secretary: Apostle Leonard H. Draves

Missouri

The Quorums met, Saturday, March 24th, 2012, at The General Church Headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

After Opening Prayers, Sacrament was served with Testimonies to follow.

The Brothers talked about the upcoming Missionary Journey. Much Prayers are needed for this effort. Thank you for them in advance. Brother Apostles Jairus Yates and Leonard Draves should be leaving the last of May. Any help on finances would be greatly appreciated. The Journey should be around ten to twelve days.

Discussion then focused on the tentative schedule of the upcoming General Assembly this June 24th through June 27th, 2012. Some information on this will be printed in the May and June issues of 'The Greater Light'.

A Missionary Report was given by Brother Apostles Jairus Yates and Richard Johnson on their Journey to Alabama in visiting the flock in that area. Many Blessings were received and given during their stay in that area of God's Vineyard.

During the time of our Meeting, some of our Sisters met in The Church for Prayers and Fasting for The Meeting, then provided a meal for all in attendance. It was a great time of fellowship with one another. Our Thanks goes out to all that provided food for this occasion. We Thank The Lord for His Spirit during The Meeting and in Fellowship.

Our next schedule Meeting of The Quorums will be Saturday, June 23rd, 2012,

May The Lord continue Blessing The Church, and The Saints of Jesus Christ. Encourage each other each day and keep a continuing Prayer upon your Heart. Keep Sweet and God Bless.

Letter

To The Brethren;

Just a few words in The Name of Jesus. The Alabama Local greets thee all.

We were Bless beyond measure the weekend of March 17th, 2012. Brothers Richard Johnson and Brother Jairis Yates fellowship with us.

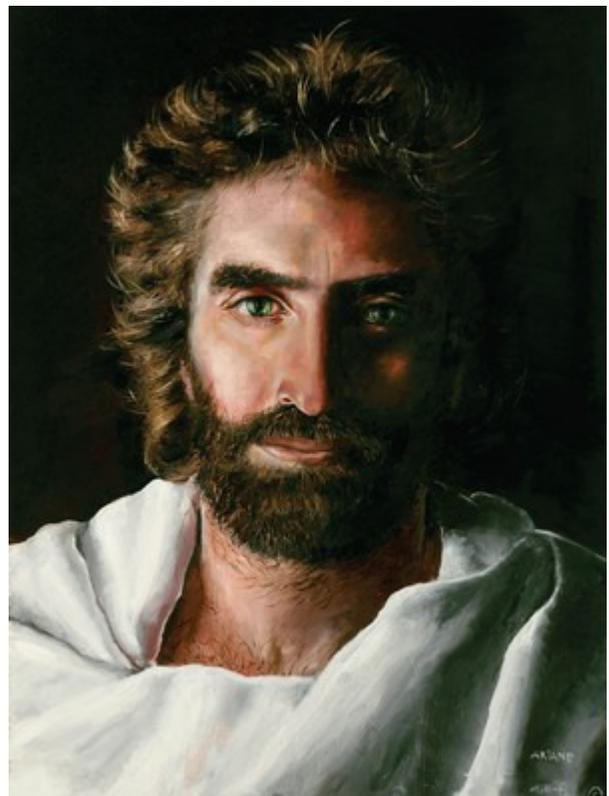
These Brothers came and Bless our Souls, Mercy and Truth kissed one another. Once again God Confirmed His Words. All were Touch by The Witness of The Spirit.

We Thank God for His Visitations. We are True to The Trust He has Given us. We are no way tired of This Way of Life.

God's Speed to all The True Olive Branches. Love to all.

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