

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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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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**It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.**

Secretary For The Twelve  
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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*

### ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH MESSAGE

*I was awoken at 3:30 a.m. October 14, 1990, at my home in Independence, Missouri, USA. I noticed The Light that accompanies The Angel Messenger, The Elias, filled the house brighter than the noon day sun.*

*I quickly arose, went to the kitchen, there sat The Messenger of The Lord. He arose, took me by the right hand and sat me at the table. He turned the paper tablet that I had on the table, so I could write.*

*He had begun to speak. He repeated so as for me to write The Words of the Message as he gave them.*

*I finished The Message. He arose again, took me by my hand as he left. I followed him to the front door and I noticed the yard was as light as day outside the front of the house.*

*I sat and read The Message through, feeling greatly Blessed because of it for The Church Work. Also weakened very much, having spent last week in the hospital of illness. I decided not to call anyone this early in the morning for help on The Message at this moment, but went back to bed.*

*However, felt to write this introduction before lying down. It was 5:39 a.m.*

*I worry about 'adjust to the multitude', when so few listen to This Angel's Message, 'The Word Of The Lord Brought to Mankind By An Angel'.*

*Bless us all precious Lord Jesus. This same Angel has visited me at various intervals for the past 53 years and 10 days.*

-W.A.Draves

**1. 'Behold! Take The Message I shall give you.**

**2. I come with a Message of Love and Instruction. There are many that have Prayed that I come and bring Instruct-**

**ions and Directions for The Church and Work at this time.**

**3. I am The Messenger sent from God. I am The Resurrected John The Baptist. Though many of mankind do not believe now, the day comes when they will inquire of my coming. I am The Elias that is for to come as The Scriptures foretell.**

**4. It was even revealed to Moses in his day and he discerned the future Plan of The Lord God and spake saying, 'a prophet like unto me, meaning himself. Also saying like unto Moses, again himself, born from among the brethren, earthly parents.**

**5. The Lord God is Christ and He changes not. The Creator of all things.**

**6. It is mankind that has created stumbling blocks, failing to grasp The Truth, and has ruined the lives of many. Destroying The Plan of God to make it of none effect among men.**

**7. Know ye this, The Lord Jesus Christ is Creator and never a prophet at any time. It is unlearned mankind that speaketh otherwise. Full well they know their traditions will ease the flow with the doctrine of man, than to heed The Humble Truth and True Traditions.**

**8. Let mankind respect The Lord Christ, and Honor Him; His Sacrifice on The Cross and Resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive Deliverance and Salvation.**

**9. There is no other Way, but to Heed and Obey His Voice. I speak His Will. I bring The Message of Life, speaking His Words and Instructions. Hear, Oh hear, all mankind.**

**10. These days are fulfilling The Elias coming, wherein I am he Jesus The Lord God spoke of.**

11. The people perish for lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in The Lord.

12. When a man is at Peace with God, even his enemies respect him.

13 Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to The Standard Rule and Plan of This Work, let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.

14. Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.

15. My coming is to Guide and Hold Steady The Work of The Church.

16. The works and follies of men destroys Hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to Doctrine and This Work. I have relayed The Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws.

17. See that all come to The Church's Teaching: all Preaching the same thing.

18. The Work is set in Pace, The Doctrine and Program is given; follow through.

19. The greatest days of tribulation is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand. But be ye Peace Makers. Thus receive The Greater Blessing.

20. Hold The Truth and Faith of The Church in Great Honor—which shall mean Salvation to all that will hear This Way, Assured in The Lord's Planning.

21. Peace be unto all. The Peace of Life is gentle and kind to mankind if he will but let Peace and Joy rule and obey The Injunctions and Words I bring. My Words shall have their place in the

hearts of the honest.

22. This Way of Truth is set firm, yet bold and sure, and The Lord will have His Way with all.

23. Think again. Where is Wisdom in This Work?

24. Use Wisdom in choosing laborers.

25. The Lord accepts the work of Norman D. Lyles, seek out the members in This Work. The Lord by His Spirit is with him. Success will be with him.

26. It is not wisdom that John O'Keefe be in the field at this time. Let him find work in Illinois. The Lord will Bless him and his family. He shall yet rejoice greatly in This Work keeping The Faith.

27. I will come again as the need is and The Lord directs.

28. Give this Message to the brethren, The Church; to those called Restoration; and to all the world. Amen!'

## From The Editor *Men Called By Revelation* *'For Your Information'*

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Brother L. M. Thornton wrote an Article that I reprinted in December's 2007 paper that was titled '*The Holy Spirit*'. Brother Thornton made several excellence thoughts that I would like to bring to your attention again at this time.

He asked the question, '*Who but God can give Directions and who will dare usurp His Place?*' He also mentioned that, '*It must not be Overlooked that The Calling of The Ministry depends upon an Open Channel of Revelation.*' He went on to ask, '*How can God Call unless He speaks it and it becomes a Revelation?*'

Brother Pete also commented, that *'men oppose This True Doctrine of continued Revelation and none should doubt The Revealing Powers of The Holy Spirit.'*

I would that you find your December's 2007 paper of *'The Greater Light'* and read again this Wonderful Article.

It is hard for me to understand why men of God would turn from hearing *The Voice of God*. The only reason that I can come up with is that they have become so full of themselves that they know not *The Voice of God* any longer and that they work upon self desires and self prominency and not lead by The Lord's Will.

I have been told that God would not Call a man into The Ministry with the Office of an Apostle or a Bishop, unless it comes through The Messenger, John the Baptist. I also have been told that never in the history of The Church has God Called men into The Apostleship or The Bishops through Revelation, that it has always been through The Messenger. I was also told that this of course exempted the men in Africa and other nations that was Called through Revelation into Discipleships and Vice-Bishops.

God told us in The Messages that man, having a stubborn mind and heart cannot please God. It is also a sign of disobedience to The Word of God. *Who is man that can say he has more than This Work?*

In The 1954 General Assembly, Brother Swanson was Called by Brother Vowels, through Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. Again in The 1955 General Assembly, Brother Swanson Called Brother Thomas, by Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. This is all recorded in Church History through our Church Paper of the time.

The Lord accepted these men into these Offices and they continued in The Work for many years.

I know there are more men Called by Revelation into The Work, as God so Pleased. Now, I ask the question, *'Why does men refuse to hear The Voice of God either through Revelation or through The Messages?'* I know the answer to this, *do you?* My next question is, *'Does men even know The Voice of God when it is given?'*

So to those of you that have separated yourself from The Church, because you felt that God does not Call men through Revelation today, and could only do so through The Messenger, I would Pray that you reconsider your position with God. *Are you following man and his ideas, or are you following God and His Gospel Plan?*

One cannot limit *'The Voice of God'* to one's liking. He is not a God that changes. The Scriptures tells us that God is the same yesterday, today, and always. He used Revelations in the past and He will continue to use Revelations today and in the future. He will also choose whom He want to bring forth His Word, be it a child, man, or woman, for it also is Written in The Scriptures.

Brother Thornton also mentioned that *'Revelation of The Holy Spirit is The Life Blood of The Church of Christ, wherein it relates God's Message to His People in this modern age.'*

John 16: 13, **'Howbeit when He The Spirit of Truth is come, He will Guide you into all Truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.'**

Brother Thornton ended his Article by stating, *'I have sought to stir up your pure*



*minds to the fact that we must keep our hearts and minds open to The Revealing Power of God, either by the visit of an Angel of God, or by Prophecy or any other Gift of God, even 'The Still Small Voice'.*

I have sought to do the same! May God Bless you all.

## From The Apostles

### CHRIST'S APPEARING IN CLOUDS OF GLORY

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Iowa*

The Prophet Hosea wrote: *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you . . ."* (Hosea 4:6)

This Scripture prompts us to study that we might receive *The Light* God gives to mankind and not reject it because of the traditions of men and the whisperings of satan that can lead to the destruction of God's People. It is referring to Spiritual Knowledge.

The last time I talked to you I taught about The Lord's **Reign of Peace and His Kingdom and Dominion and Church**. In doing this The Lord will take back the earth as part of Restoring of all things as Promised.

This teaching has become sort of a series I have worked to present in which the teacher has had to study hard learning more of The Lord's Plan and Program in doing so. I can tell you that I have Truly enjoyed a Blessing of The Lord's Peace and Spirit in doing it. So much so that I have found myself reading The Scriptures about it over and over again before retiring at night.

Today I will continue with The Lord's

Instruction to teach *The Reign of Peace* with some Scriptures about The Return of our Lord. The Messenger refers to it as **His coming or appearing**. Appearing means to come into view or to become visible and coming means approach; arrival; advent: or appear. I will mostly let them speak for me as you can put together the picture of the events in your mind but I will talk about some things with you that may not entirely fit some traditions commonly held.

Now let's turn to: Acts 1:9-11, *'And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*

*And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

*Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.'*

It is plainly written that it will happen. *'Immediately after The Tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from Heaven, and The Powers of The Heavens shall be shaken. Then The Sign of The Son of Man will appear in Heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see The Son of Man coming on The Clouds of Heaven with Power and Great Glory. And He will send His Angels with a Great Sound of a Trumpet, and they will gather together His Elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other'* (Matthew 24:29-31).

And in Luke 21:25-26, *'And there shall be Signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the*

waves roaring;

*And then shall they see The Son of man Coming in a cloud with Power and Great Glory.”*

Message 11:13, *‘Hear! Oh ye people of the earth; Christ's Coming is near at hand. Read The Words of The Master of Men; The Savior of The World. He will Come to bring Judgments, and Peace, and will Rule from sea to sea, and all men will Obey Him. His Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom. He is Lord of lords, and King of kings. Glory! Glory to His Name!— Amen.’*

This next part I had not planned on using but after I had finished writing and printing my work for today and studying about *The Cloud and Glory of The Lord* it came to mind so I went back and included these words of Malachi, Isaiah and Messenger that we are so familiar with in The Church. You will see a connection before I finish today.

Malachi 3:1, *‘Behold, I will send My Messenger . . . and The Lord, whom ye Seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple.’*

Strongs Greek dictionary mal'ak (4397) *mal-awk'* from an unused root meaning to dispatch as a deputy; a Messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an Angel (also a Prophet, Priest or Teacher): The root word mentioned is (4398) (Aramaic) corresponding to 'mal'ak'; an Angel: Angel

Now keep in mind the definition of Malachi's Messenger and hear.

Isaiah 40:3-5, *‘The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of The Lord, make Straight in the desert a Highway for our God.*

*Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain.*

*And The Glory of The Lord shall be Revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for The Mouth of The Lord hath Spoken it.’*

Did you notice how straight and level and smooth God's Highway is to be prepared for Him so His Glory can be Revealed to us. Every valley exalted and mountain and hill made low and crooked straight and the rough places Plain and then His Glory Revealed to all men.

Message 52:28, *‘This is The Word of The Lord. I speak His Will. Send this to your brethren and The Church. I have come in the past and I will come in the future that The Way may be made Plain to those that will Hear and Obey, that they may be Saved and United with The Righteous of The Lord.’*

Message 86: 48, *‘God's Plan is Plain and Simple, converting The Soul and a Deliverance to those that Truly Obey.’*

Definition of plain: Clear to the mind, evident or obvious, to make ones meaning understood-easily understood, plain talk, conveying the meaning clearly and simply.

Definition of simple: *easy to understand and not complicated.*

Isaiah 35:8, *‘And a Highway shall be there, and a Way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein (The Messenger calls it The Way of The Lord – The Assured Way- The Way of Righteousness).’*

The wayfaring men (travelers that can walk The Highway even if deficient in judgment, sense, or understanding if they Believe, follow and learn The Way Sanctifying their lives because it is not complicated but is clearly given.)

Message 56:9, ‘. . . *I have led The Children of Israel in days of old so will I lead My People now as you come near unto Me and Obey My Voice in The Instructions I send for your Cleansing. Yea, I Am God and I Change Not.*’

Message 83:14, ‘*All that come to The Church of Christ must be Baptized of The Water and of The Spirit. The Hands must be Laid On all that they may Receive The Gift of The Spirit of God; Truly be Born again.*’

Isaiah 11:16, ‘*And there shall be an Highway for The Remnant of His People, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that He Came up out of the land of Egypt.*’

Those left from Assyria refers to Israel that was taken captive and their dispersion throughout the world. The Scriptures about their returning or gathering to Jerusalem and Zion apply as well as *The Building of The Temple*.

Message 44: 10, ‘*Up, ye Servants of The Lord, and do The Lord's Bidding. Prepare ye The Way of The Lord; make Straight in The Land a Highway for God . . . must be warned of that which is to come, that Israel may know The Lord has Spoken, and from them that The Elect be Gathered.*’

Message 36:1, ‘. . . *Christ's Coming is near at Hand and this Warning must be sent, The Gospel of The Kingdom Preached-then shall The Lord Come in The Clouds of Glory.*’

The Last and Final Feast given to Israel by The Lord is Known as Sukkot, or ‘*The Feast of Tabernacles.*’ This Feast is also known in Scripture as ‘*The Feast of Ingathering*’ (Ex. 23:16; 34:22) because it is observed after all the crops have been harvested and gathered specifically the fruit

harvest.

The *Sukkah* reminds us of The Clouds of Glory that surrounded Israel during their wandering through the desert on the way to The Promised Land. It is generally Jewish tradition that the Israelites built small booths (tabernacles) to live in the desert but careful readings by some Rabbis conclude that they dwelt in sukkot's provided by God and was clouds. The only place sukkot is translated as booths is in Leviticus and doesn't say that they built them. I am ok with the booth or small tabernacle if you see it as our physical body with His Spirit and with The Cloud of His Power and Glory over His People Israel but I believe the Rabbi's reading is correct.

The wilderness experience was a picture of *The Millennium* because there was a supernatural environment for the people in the wilderness. *The covering was The Cloud* (Exodus 13:20-22; 14:19-20; 24:12-16; 40:1-2, 35-38). The Cloud was a Covering Shelter and Protection by day, and was a Pillar of Fire by night. *It was Warmth, Light, and Protection.*

Exodus 16:10, ‘*And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, Behold, The Glory of The Lord Appeared in The Cloud.*’

Exodus 40:34: ‘*Then a Cloud Covered The Tabernacle of the congregation, and The Glory of The Lord Filled The Tabernacle.*’

Here is something I found interesting while researching *Clouds of Glory*. From: Judaism: A Quarterly Journal of Jewish Life and Thought | Date: 9/22/1994 | Author: Rubenstein, Jeffrey L. I. The Nature of The Clouds of Glory.

Since the Sukkah symbolizes *The Clouds of Glory* in which the exodus generation

lived, it is necessary to investigate how the rabbis conceived of The Clouds. The clearest description is provided by the Jewish oral law called the Mishna which can include commentary and notes by rabbis on The Talmud.

God gave to [Abraham's] children seven *Clouds of Glory* in the desert, one to their right, and one to their left, one before them, and one after them, and one above their heads, and one as the Shekhina that was in their midst. And *The Pillar of Cloud* would precede them, killing snakes and scorpions, burning brush, thorns and bramble, reducing mounds and raising low places, and making a *Straight Path* for them, a continuous, on going Highway, as it is said, *The Ark of The Covenant of The Lord* traveled in front of them (Num 10:33).

*The Clouds of Glory* enveloped the Israelites on all four sides around the camp (V.14). The seventh Cloud obliterates dangers that lie before them and smoothes the rough desert terrain so that the journey would be manageable. One of The Clouds is called *The Shekhina*, The Divine Presence, and stands in the middle of the camp as symbol of God's Nearness. Already we sense the three main characteristics of *The Clouds of Glory* that appear in rabbinic traditions: Protection, Presence, and Love.

The Clouds naturally sheltered the Israelites from the hot sun overhead and, more miraculously, insulated them from the hot sand below their feet. (V.15) Yet the Clouds not only provided Protection against natural dangers, but they Protected Israel from their enemies. When the Egyptians tried to attack the Israelites on the shores of The Sea of Reeds, they "*would shoot at them arrows and stones from their catapults, which The Angel and The Cloud Inter-*

*cepted.*"(V.16) The Clouds also Protect Moses and Aaron from stones thrown at them during the incidents of the murmurings of the people. (V.17) The Clouds even provided Personal Protection for the individual Israelite wherever he or she went: "*If one of the Israelites was drawn away from The Wings of The Cloud, The Cloud would be drawn with him, behind him, until he returned [to the camp.]*"(V.18) Given this absolute Protective Shield, the rabbis are pressed hard to explain how the Israelites could have been vulnerable to attack. Commenting on the Amalekite assault upon the "*stragglers*" at the rear of the camp (Deut. 25: 18), it explains that the enemy could harm only those "*who 'straggled'* from [Obeying] God's Ways and found themselves cast out from under The Wings of The Cloud (V.19). Only when the Israelite sinned and lost The Protection of The Cloud was he exposed to attack.

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 Paraphrased. They were Spiritually Baptized by Immersion under and in The Cloud and they did eat and drink of that Spiritual Rock that was Christ.

The Cloud will be like a Wedding Canopy for The Marriage supper of The Lord and His People.

As I noted before: The Rabbi Akiba interpreted the term sukkot not as a place or small booth but as *The Clouds of Glory*. The advent of these Sukkah-Clouds is compared to the arrival of The Wedding Canopy, the huppa or apiryon, at the home of the bride. God, as it were, Signaled His Love for the Israelites, His Readiness to Consummate a Marriage, by sending His Canopy, The sukkah-Clouds. When they entered *The Clouds of Glory* the Israelites entered The Domain of a Loving Husband (God).

Message 5:5&8, (speaking of The Temple) ‘. . . *and The Glory of The Lord shall Rest upon it, and The Spirit of The Lord shall Rest upon it, and The Spirit of The Lord shall Fill the hearts of men, and Christ shall Come to it, and The Cloud that shall Rest upon it shall Sanctify it and the lives of His People .*

*The Cloud shall not Rest upon The House all the time, but only when The People of The Lord shall Assemble therein, in Humility and Love; then will The Lord Meet with them . . . .’*

*Can you see now why I had to include Malachi and Isaiah’s words about The Highway for Israel? That’s what God did for Israel through His Servant Moses as a Testimony for His Word Spoken today. He Promised Israel a Prophet that could speak directly with God and He put His Words in Moses’ mouth because they were not prepared (they were naked with out The Cloud that Baptized and Sanctified them) to stand in His Presence and Glory when they were Assembled at the mountain.*

Now stop using the mind of man and Believe what Peter told the men of Israel that they must be Converted and Repent so that their sins too would be blotted out on that Day of His Coming. For that Day would only come with *The Times of The Restoring of all Things and The Prophet that Moses told them about spoke to His people for The Lord.* The Fulfilling of Jesus’ Words that Elias Truly would first Come and Restore all Things that The Scribes of The Prophets said must happen and Peter also declared to them.

From Abraham God brought forth His People Israel and Called them The House of Israel. He Appointed His Servant Moses who was Faithful in all of His Household for

a Testimony of those things to be Spoken after. *Whose Household was Moses Faithful in?* Not his own surely for it reads that we are Christ’s Household and under Him. Moses was a Servant of that Household but he who builds The House is Greater and hath more Honor than The House. God Described Himself as being Married to Israel and we as the children of Israel. He who has Built all Things is God. **Christ is that God and Creator of all Things** and not The Servant or Prophet of The Household like Moses was. In Matthew 23:7314, he spoke about those who had killed The Servants he sent calling them serpents and vipers saying: ***Wherefore, Behold, I send unto you Prophets, and Wise Men, and Scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them ye shall scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city:***’ He is speaking here in the **1<sup>st</sup> person** while in the flesh on the earth and not as a Prophet would representing God with (thus Saith The Lord God.) He never did that like those He spoke through did. He used: **I say unto you.** It was Jesus that spoke to Moses from The Cloud (Shekhina) and Spoke ***I will raise them up a Prophet like unto thee (Moses a Servant of The Household), and will put My Words in his mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I (Jesus) shall Command them***’. When a Prophet speaketh a Word in The Name of The Lord or is Commanded to Speak it by The Lord it will come to pass and He will say *thus Saith The Lord God*’ so you will know who he is speaking for or representing. When Jesus used *I say unto you*’ He was Representing Himself (*He is The Lord God whether in The Flesh as The Son of God or in The Spirit, Power and Glory of The Father*).

It is my conclusion of course that The Cloud or Clouds of Heaven The Lord Returns with are not those puffy ones we see in the sky from time to time but a Cloud of The Presence of The Holy Spirit and Power and Glory that will Accompany Him and The Angels and those Saints He Brings with Him.

My father was the first person I heard compare The Holy Spirit to a Cloud that was so thick you could cut it with a knife in His words. I pondered on that until the first time I experienced the same thing one Sunday morning in *Carpenters Hall* on coming into Sunday School Class late and I marveled at how good a explanation or picture my father had presented about it and The Lord's Love and Power that enveloped me. My next experiences with it was coming into The Church at 608 when Brother Draves was reading a New Message to The Church and again another time after The Messenger had come and He entered The Church with it.

Having partaken of that I do hunger and thirst for it continually and look for the day we will no longer dwell in our temporary booth or physical tabernacle but receive our Heavenly Tabernacle or Mansion our Glorified Body in His Rest and not be found naked in His Presence or mourn His Coming like the tribes of the earth.

Hebrews 12:1, *'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a Cloud of Witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience The Race that is set before us,'*

**Definition of Clouds:** Cloud: 1. vapor. Synonyms: swarm, horde, multitude, throng, host, crowd, army. So you see The Cloud or Clouds of Heaven can be The Lords Spirit, Power and Great Glory and can

include The Hosts of Heaven or perhaps we can say The Army of Heaven, His Angels.

Message 62:6-7, *'Be ye comforted all that will Hear, for The Day shall come when as The Light Shinneth from the east unto the west so shall The Coming of The Son of Man be. Every eye shall Behold Him. More-over, every heart shall cry and every tongue shall know and confess He is The Christ, for lo, He Comes and His Words shall Judge both those that live and those that do not; both The Righteous and the wicked; both those that do His Will and those that serve Him not; some to Joy and Peace with Him and some to shame.'*

*Those that are His shall be Counted His Jewels, His Bride, The Lamb's Wife, when He Comes. Thus The Church of Christ shall continue on that a people may be Fully Prepared; therefore, it is my duty to bring The Message, The Instructions from The Lord your God to The Church, and for the children of men. That all might Learn this is The Closing Time when The Vineyard of The Lord is being Pruned for the last time and The Christ soon Comes to make His Reign of earth.'*

Can you picture the idea of our own Tabernacle Filled with His Spirit as sparkling as Jewels in The Light of His Glory and The Cloud of His Spirit a Robe of Righteousness to clothe us.

1 Corinthians 15:50-56: *'Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit The Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a Mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all 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 swallowed up in Victory.'*

Revelation 11:15, '*And The Seventh Angel Sounded; and there were Great Voices in Heaven, saying: The kingdoms of this world are become The Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall Reign Forever and Ever.'*

Revelation 20:6, '*Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in The First Resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ, and shall Reign with Him a thousand years.'*

Revelation 5:10, '*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.'*

2 Thessalonians 2:1, '*Now we beseech you, brethren, by The Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him,'*

It will be a '**gathering**' together to Christ, as Paul with the Greek word '*episunagoge*' tells us in (Strong's 1997).

From *episunagw-episunago* 1996; a complete collection; especially a Christian meeting (for worship):--assembling (gathering) together.

From *epi - epi* 1909 and *sunagw-sunago* 4863; to collect upon the same place:--gather (together),

Thessalonians 4:13-18, '*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no Hope. For if we Believe that Jesus Died and Rose again, even so them also which*

*sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by The Word of The Lord, that we which are Alive and Remain unto The Coming of The Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.'*

For The Lord Himself shall Descend from Heaven with a Shout, with The Voice of The Archangel, and with The Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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.

This '*shall be caught up*' phrase as interpreted in the translation is the single Greek word '*harpazo*', which means '*to seize*' if you look it up in Greek lexicon (Strong's 726).

From a derivative of *aipeouai-haireomai* 138; to seize (in various applications):--catch, pluck, pull, take.

Probably akin to *olipoo-airo* 142; to take for oneself, i.e. to prefer:--choose.

As used in this verse, it means those in Christ will be taken as a Great Gathering, or to a Great Gathering to where our Lord Jesus Christ will be. We are '*seized*' to Him in our Spiritual Body. 1. To seize, carry off by force to seize on, 2. Claim for one's self eagerly 3. to snatch out or away or a gathering together in one place like a (religious) assembly (of Christians).

The word '*air*' in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 verse is Greek '*aer*', and it is - '**from aemi (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by analogy, to blow)**' (Strong's 109).

The definition is not about the breath which God put into man that sustains our flesh, but The Spirit. In John 3:8 our Lord Jesus also used '**wind**' as an analogy describing those who are Born of The Spirit. A more correct translation of this 'to meet

The Lord in the air would be the act of being seized to The Lord 'in The Spirit or Breath of Life. In other words, it just means to flee to our Lord where He will be upon the earth when He Appears, and we will flee to Him in our '**Spiritual or Glorified Body**' and we will be like Him and those who comes with Him.

Again today I will point to Message 4:12, "***Behold, The Lord has Rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from The Word of The Lord and have become an abomination in His Sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be Fit and Worthy for The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost, and as The Greater Power shall come, that they may be ready to Receive It with Joy. For this is The Time of The Restitution and Restoration of all Things, and this must Come to all that shall be Permitted to Dwell in The Presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive The Glory of God, nor The Power of The Holy Spirit.***"

These are '*The Days*' of Elijah preparing The Way of The Lord. These are '*The Days*' of His Prophet like Moses Righteousness being Restored. These are '*The Days*' of The Servant of The Household building The Temple for our Lord.

***Behold He Comes  
Riding on The Clouds  
Shining like the Sun  
At The Trumpets Call  
Lift your voice  
It's The Year of Jubilee  
For out of Zion's Hill Salvation Comes.***

I will close with words of Paul in

Hebrews 10:35-37, "***Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, ye might Receive The Promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall Come will Come, and will not Tarry.***"

## From The Bishops

### ***Keep God's Love In Your Heart***

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When I think of what *True Love* is, the first thing that comes to mind is '**God**', because of *The Sacrifice* He made on *The Cross* for us and all mankind. There is no Greater Love than The Love God has for each of us.

The Lord tells us that The First Commandment is to Love Him. Mark 12:29-30, '***Hear. O Israel; The Lord our God is One Lord; and thou shalt Love The Lord Thy God will all Thy Heart, and with all Thy Soul, and with all Thy Mind, and with all Thy Strength: this is The First Commandment.***'

So The Lord is telling us to give our lives to Him in all that we do. Love Him with all our might.

Mark 12: 31, gives us The Lord's Second Commandment. '***Thy shalt Love Thy neighbor as thyself.***'

In order for it to be possible to Love our neighbor, we have to Love The Lord first.

We can use The Lord's Second Commandment as a scale to measure ourselves by asking '*Do we Truly have Love for all men?*' If our answer is 'no', then we know we must work on The First Commandment. The Lord tells us to Love our neighbors throughout *The Scriptures*.



We must do these things in order to grow Spiritually in The Lord. Without this Love, we will never be able to *Receive The Lord's Wonderful Promises* and will never be able to *enter The Lord's Kingdom*.

John 14:15, *'If ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments.'*

In a way, it is sad to think that The Lord has to Command us to Love Him. The Lord wants us to Show our Love to Him by our Faith and Actions. We can say we Love Him, but our Actions speak louder than our Words. God knows each of our Hearts, He wants us to be Obedient to His Words and Commandments, not to pick and choose, but *Obeys All that has been Given of The Lord*.

In order for us to Serve The Lord and become Christ Like Servants, we have to Bear The Fruits of The Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23, *'But The Fruits of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance; against such there is no law.'*

Ephesians 5: 9-10, *'For The Fruits of The Spirit is in all Goodness and Righteousness, and Truth;*

*Proving what is Acceptable to The Lord.*

If we don't have these Fruits of The Lord, then the things we do can't be acceptable by The Lord. It is very important that each of us develop these Fruits as you Study and Pray and draw yourself out of the things of the world. You will find yourself bearing these Fruits of God. Read Moroni 10: 9-16.

Article of Faith and Practice # 7, *'We Believe in The Power and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel. 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.'*

Moroni 10: 17, *'And all these Gifts comes by The Spirit of Christ, and they come to every man severally, according as He will.'*

Another way we can show Love for God and our fellow man is not to be fault finding or gossiping 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 to 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.'*

So The Lord is telling us that the world is getting more evil, even parents are disowning their children. When we as parents do not teach our children about God and His Plan then we are actually turning our backs on them and The Lord. We must teach our children and be a good example to them so they will know of The Lord and not get caught up in worldly evils.

Gossip and deceit are the works of satan we destroy ourselves by doing these things. The Lord tells us to be Clean in our conversation at all times, for we are Vessels for Christ and His Church. Gossip is defined as: *idle malicious talk*, so clearly just by the definition of gossip, tells us when we do it, we are not being Christ Like. There is so much we can be doing for The Lord and His Church than to be falling into idle talk about others. Time is short so we need to be using it to help others, rather than putting

others others down.

Psalms 34:13, ***'Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.'***

Proverbs 18:7, ***'A fools mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.'***

So this means the words you speak can ultimately destroy your soul. So it is so very important to be careful of what you say. Remember, it takes two to gossip but only one to stop it. So lets be the ones to walk away from it. We need to set the example so others will follow.

Let us Pray for one another and lift each other up in The Work, and not find faults in others. We all make mistakes and have our weaknesses that we are trying to over come. *Let us all help one another and work together!*

John 8:7, ***'Ye without sin cast the first stone.'***

Don't be so eager to point out your brothers faults, and not be able to see your own. The way we treat and judge others is the same The Lord will Judge us. We are all sinners. The Lord came to Save the sinners in order to over come our sins and weaknesses. We must Study and Pray and be willing to change our lives. Remember, The Lord tells us that *'man is continuously evil without His Spirit.'*

My Prayer is for us to Love one another and uplift one another that we may grow closer to God and one another, and that we will not find fault in each other. If we see a weakness in someone, Pray that he or she may overcome it, that The Lord will give them Strength. The Lord has not given up on any of us, *so how can we give up on someone?*

Let us Rise to that Higher Standard so that The Church can move onward and

forward. Let us all come together to help in God's Work. Let God be The Hero of our homes, that His Peace and Love Live within us. I Pray that we are up and doing for The Lord, and that we do work for The Lord with Love, with Humility in all our hearts.

Pray for our children, and our youths that The Lord Watches over them and Protect them, and that the parents will raise them up to know The Lord, that we Study together in our homes. For this is where The Higher Standard starts.

I know The Lord has a lot in store for us. We must continue to Study, Pray, Tithe and come to Church to Feast upon The Lord's Words, Worship and Fellowship with one another. Pray for those who can't come to Church that The Lord will give them Peace and Strength as they Study His Words. Pray for The Work in Africa and all the people there. Pray for The Work in all nations. Pray for the Brothers and Sisters in Alabama. Pray for the return of John The Baptist.

I am thankful for The Lords Love and Grace He gives to us all.

Message 75: 6, ***'Fear not, Ye say ye Love The Lord; Keep His Words, bow not to idols. Respect The Just Plan of God. Great Peace like Rivers of flowing waters will come with Power over you in mellowness of heart.'***

God Bless you all. Your Brother in Christ.

## ARTICLE

### Words Of Jesus

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John 18:1-8, ***'When Jesus had spoken these words; He went forth with His***

Disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His Disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus of times resorted thither with His Disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, *'Whom seek ye?'* They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, *'I am He'*.

**THEY WENT BACKWARD, AND FELL TO THE GROUND.** Then asked He them again, *'Whom seek ye?'* And they said, Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus answered, *'I have told you that I Am He: if therefore ye seek Me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which He spake, of them which thou gavest Me have I lost none.'*

Brothers and Sisters in the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God, and all things were made by Him. In Him was The Life, and The Life was The Light of men. And The Light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not. (See John 1:1-5).

We know that Jesus is The Light. We know that He made all things. We know that Jesus is The Word. We know that Jesus is God, Jesus Shines in the darkness but the darkness does not comprehend that. And Jesus is The Lord, He is Lord of all Creation.

He is the same one whom The Prophet Isaiah viewed in The Sixty Sixth Chapter of Isaiah. The mighty Seraphims cover their face with their wings so as not to look

directly into His Face because of His Holiness, but when they speak The Temple is filled with smoke and the posts of the door do shake.

This same Jesus Agonized over the sins of mankind to an infinite extent and men involved in the work of darkness armed with weapons and lying spirits came with the intent to kill Him. *But Jesus was in control even of that situation.* No man took His Life from Him; He Willingly laid His Life down for us. How Great is His Love! We could spend all Eternity and still not know all about The Vastness of His Love. When He spoke to them and said, **'WHOM SEEK YE'**, the men who came to take Him all went backwards and fell down. Jesus let them know by this that they were not in control, and when He told them to let His Apostles go free they did as He Com-manded.

So knowing our Lord, our Saviour, our Master, and our Mighty King has Humbled Himself on our account, to give us so Great a Salvation; that should motivate us to Serve Him with all our mind, all our soul, and all our physical strength.

Now Brothers and Sisters there are some things The Lord is requiring that we do, which if we do them will give us Great Success in The Way of The Lord. Next time I write we will look at some of those things from some verses in *The Record of The Nephites*.

Till then may God keep you safe and bring you closer to Him.

## Food For Thought

Sister Karen Wilkin  
Missouri

The General Assembly is usually The Highlight of our year. It is a Time of coming

together from all over America and the world to Unite Together for Worship, Praise and Study of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a Time we can Unite Together to Give and Share Testimonies of The Wonderful Things Christ has Done for us throughout the year.

It is a Time of Reflecting on The Good things that has taken place over the year. It is a Time to Fellowship Together and Share our Friendship and Love one with another.

There is a Praise Hymn that I Love to Sing. It reminds me of How we should Come to The Assembly. It goes like this:

*'We have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him; We have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him, We have Come into His House , Gathered in His Name to Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Let's forget about Ourselves, Concentrate on Him and Worship Him;*

*Let's Forget about Ourselves, Concentrate on Him and Worship Him,*

*Let's Forget about Ourselves and Concentrate on Him and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Him;*

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*Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.'*

When we Come to The Assembly it is a very Sacred Time of Deep Worship, Praise and Glorifying Jesus Together. It is for Loved Ones, for The Sick and The Afflicted, for those who are Struggling Financially, Emotionally, Mentally, Physically and Spiritually. It is a Time of Deep Reverence before The Lord. It is a Time we Partake of

The Sacred Emblems Together, The Communion, The Sacrament of The Lord. It is a Time we Unitedly Humble ourselves before The Lord and Seek to Cleanse ourselves Within that we might Come before The Lord with Clean Minds and Hearts.

Message 42:2; **'This is The Lord's Work. You men are Called from among men to Represent Christ and His Church. Therefore be very Humble. Meet in your Assembly in Peace and let The Lord by His Spirit Remain among you. Behold I will Meet with you, for Truly this shall be The Beginning of Great Things to Come to Pass.'**

Message 60:12; **'Gather in The Assembly and Cry unto The Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will Hear all those that Repent and Obey His Will. Let your Prayers be of The Heart. Let not contention be found among you.'**

Message 64:15; **'Let the people meet in The Assembly in Solemnness and Humility and The Lord will Bless them in their Meekness. Seek not to please man but do The Lord's Bidding. Let not The Time be spent in contention.'**

Message 69: 6; **'Let The Assembly meet in Peace, let Rejoicing be in your Hearts. Pray Earnestly and The Lord will Meet with you by His Spirit, and Great Peace shall flow to all-and The Faith of The Faithful shall be Heard. Power shall Come as your Hearts shall be Prepared.'**

I have written a few of these Verses out that The Lord has Given to us as Instruction, Advise and Promises. The Assembly is a Time of Coming Together in Fasting and Prayer with Deep Humility and Prepared to Serve The Lord in Truth, Spirit and Love, forgetting about ourselves, Magnifying His Holy Name, and Truly Opening our Hearts

and Minds that we might be Led and Directed by His Holy Spirit.

If we can all, young and old alike, Come together, Seeking The Lord with all our Hearts He has Promised He will Hear those Prayers and He will Meet with us.

When The Lord Hovers over us with His Holy Spirit, then Great and Marvelous Things will and can take place. If we Come expecting Blessings, Miracles, Revelations and Healings, and Truly Believe, Giving our best in Service and Humility, then, Great Things will Transpire among us.

May The Lord Bless each one who has a Desire to Come and be a part of This Very Special, Blessed and Sacred Event.

## Testimonies Of The Past

**Richard Johnson, Iowa:** I remember the story of the two men walking from Jerusalem after Learning that Christ Arose from The Dead. They met a Man on the road who continued walking with them. During the walk The Man asked them, *'What's new in Jerusalem?'* They proceeded to tell The Man what had happen to Christ. The Man asked the men, *'Did not you know these things were to happen?'* When the men reached their home they asked The Stranger to come eat with them. It was not until they asked The Stranger to Pray over the food did they Realized this was Christ Himself. Their eyes were Opened to The Lord and they Knew Him. It is a Good Story! We should see The Lord more Clearly today. See that He is our Savior! I am Lifted up from The Peace of The Lord.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** Hello to everyone. I want to Stand and Praise The Lord. I am Glad to be here. Glad for all of us. It is Good to see the young men that

has come to visit. We all should have a Testimony of The Lord. He Loves us. I Thank Him. The Lord seen Fit to Call me to The Ministry so I want to make Him Pleased with me. Never thought I would be able to Stand up in front of people to even say this. The Lord has made this happen. I have seen some Miracles since I took up my Calling. He is a True and Loving God and He will do what He Says. I Glorify Him. We need a Closer Walk with God. I am Thankful for all of you. Always give God The Praise and Glory. That is why we have Life! He is The Rock, The Foundation we Built our Life on! If you have not yet Experienced anything with The Lord, now is the time to Stand Up and Praise The Lord and get to Know Him.

**James Naslund, Missouri:** I am glad to be here and to do my Duty to The Lord and to Defend This Work. My dad asked me when I returned home from The Service, *'What's this Religious Kick you are on?'* I had a Taste of God, and I have never been the same since I came to Know The Lord. What we are in now is so different from the world. We are small, yes! but it is of God. The Lord Speaks more Severe! I Know This Work is True. We will Take it to the very end. I am Amazed I Found The Truth! I Thank you.

**Leora Naslund, Missouri:** I am glad to be here. The Lord Preserved me so many years. Everyday I wish I could get through to my friends and family of This Work. I do the best I can. I try to remain Humble. I am so glad to see people here today that wants to Serve The Lord. I Love each of you all and I Pray for you also. Thank you.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful for The Sweet Peace that is here today. It is a Blessing in this Life. This past year with all the trials, God never let us down. I cannot Praise Him enough. I can not

Praise The Lord in the way He Deserves. I would if I could. It is Good to hear The Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. I remember Dad saying he could see Angels sitting amongst us. When thoughts are Inspired of God, we need to Heed it and Follow Through. I boast not of myself but of The Holy Spirit within me. I am Thankful for *The Three Measures of Meal*. It is Good to Taste. There is nothing like The Holy Spirit and The Fruits of The Spirit. There is not a Better Feeling. There is nothing Better than what we have here right now! But we can lose it through disobedience. Let us all be Obedient, take time to Study and to Pray. In Independence Local we Love Message 102:11. We read it often and speak of it often. If we do these things, God would be Pleased. I am not satisfied in just saying, 'I am Saved, Praise God'! We must ENDURE! God is Our Strength. With The Spirit of God we can Rise above ourselves. Live Daily as it is your last! Do all that you can for The Lord. I had a dream when I was a little girl. I was going to the store and had to pass through a field on a very narrow path through the weeds and I saw The Lord. He took my hand and Said to me, '*Come, go with Me.*' I told Him no, let me get my mother and father. He said *NO!* I had to do this alone. *This is a Walk you must go yourself. Not to the left or to the right. Stay on The Path.* I know that I had to do this by myself. I had to be one with God. No one could do The Walk for me. I made the choice to stay on The Path as He Lead me. Once you Know The Lord's Spirit and you get off The Path, your Life is miserable! **We have The Full Meal Deal!** Do not take it for Granted! When I put Christ First and Study, I am a Better Person. God in us is Greater than satan. We will Overcome and Endure Daily if we

put the effort out to be Obedient to The Lord and His Word. Rise up! Feed The Good and the evil will leave. The Link that Held my husband and myself together all these years was The Spirit of God. Pray for us and our Prayers are for you all. Put God First, Be Blessed and be Happy.

**Ellen Draves, Missouri;** I Praise The Lord and Thank our pass fathers since 1929. We are all children from *The Twelve Message*. I Thank all those that Carried The Work on for us today, Otto Fetting, W. A. Draves, Leonard Johnson, and even Sister Pack and all The Believers that stayed Faithful in Order for us to be here today.

**Brenda Humpert, Florida;** I am Thankful to be here today. It is Wonderful to have The Fellowship. When you are isolated, it is hard to talk with others of This Work. I was brought up from a little girl in This Church. I had to get Right with The Lord. I had no Peace. I was away from The Lord for awhile being part of the so called in-crowd, partying most of the time. The Lord told me my days would be short if I did not change my ways. I was in a meeting with my grandmother, I was seventeen, and The Minister there Prophesied to me that this is my last Call. I have tried to do right since then. I came through some tuff times. Continue your Prayers for me and my family.

**Carrie Ramey, Missouri;** When little River Prayed, his Prayer touched me. He is so lucky to have a father to Lead him in This Work at three years old. I am also lucky to have a father that shared his Love, and Prayed with us. I Love you dad, and Thank you for everything, for Teaching us of The Church, it is Real Good. When Brenda spoke of the in-crowd, well it is everywhere.

**Ellen Thompson, Missouri;** I am Thank-

ful for The Church, my husband and for my son. I want to say I was Baptized because I Felt The Lord's Spirit and I could not deny it. This Church, This Work Is TRUE! Our Goal is to be One with The Lord. I want to tell Brenda, if you Desire to be here, The Lord will open The Way for you. I know this is to be True because of what has happen to us being here in Independence today. I love you all.

**Debbie Bogan, Iowa;** I just want to say that even thou you are alone, God is with you. The Lord Keeps His Eyes on us all. I Know this is True. I love you all

**Thresa Ray, Missouri;** I am also Thankful for being here. Everything that has happen this past year has been incredible. There has been many, many Blessings. When Ola, Brenda and I got together for breakfast, it was a great Blessing to me. I needed it. I remember a story being told of a firefighter that was inspecting some trees that burned and found a burned hen and when he moved the hen found her chicks protected from the fire. Jesus is always watching over us. Read 111 Nephi 10:46. I am thankful for This Work. Ola talked about **The Full Meal Deal**, but the best thing about it is that it is **FREE**. God Bless you all.

**Michael Greenwell, Missouri;** I am standing here today because The Lord wants me to. I treasure The Lord and His Blessings over the years. The world needs to see The Greater Power and Peace you have in The Lord. My prayer is that I can hang in, wait upon The Lord, and read The Words He gave us. I hope God Blesses each one of you and I hope This Assembly will be a physical and Spiritual Healing to you all.

## Article From The Past

# He Is The Way, The Truth And The Life

By Evangelist C. A. Peterson

Jesus taught: '*All things are possible to them that believe.*' It is harder to say '*I believe*' than to say, '*I don't know*'. For the scientist seeking knowledge it is very hard indeed to say he believes unless he admits that the impulse drawing him to discovery is beyond proof. Belief is The Foundation and Wisdom and our Hope for the future. Faith is The Substance of things Hoped for.

The Bible tells us, the reality of things unseen. The ideas are deeply rooted in our minds and our subconscious. These are our beliefs. It is what we think that determines our attitude and our speech. Continuing the process, our attitudes and speech determine our actions; our actions result in our habits; our habits determine our conduct, and our conduct determines our destiny. It is as The Bible said long ago; '*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he*'. Man should be grateful to be able to think that he can believe. It is important to be careful of what one thinks and what one believes. Paul urged his beloved Philippians to strive for an integrated personality. He told them, whatever is True, whatever is Honorable, whatever is Pure, whatever is Gracious; if there is any Excellence, if there is anything Worthy of Praise think about these things.

These were the thoughts that motivated Jesus Christ when He Lived among men. Paul expressed this idea in The Word. You have the mind in you that was in Christ Jesus.

To the degree that we have in us the mind that was in Christ, to the degree that His Thoughts motivate us day by day to that

degree. We can say with the Apostle Paul: *'I live, yet not I, but Christ Lives in me.'* And Paul also says, *'I can do all things-through Christ who strengthens me'.*

Jesus said, **"He that Believes in Me, though, he were dead, yet shall he Live; and whosoever Lives and Believes in Me shall never die.**

**Believe Me, Believe in God, Believe also in Jesus Christ, Who said: I am *The Way, The Truth, and The Light*, no man cometh to The Father but by Me. Let not your hearts be troubled Believe in God Believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many Mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to Prepare a Place for you and if I go I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also."**

Thank The Lord for Establishing His Church Anew in 1929 with The Elijah Message brought to us by John the Baptist, The Assured Way to become a part of The Bride of Christ, if we qualify. He is The Messenger to prepare Christ's Second Coming and a Bride to meet Christ when He Comes.

May God Bless each and everyone of you until we all come to The Unity of The Faith; become as one, with The Pure Love of Christ in our hearts, Love to all.

## 2013 General Assembly

### NOTICE

*June 23-26, 2013*

Dear Readers of *'The Greater Light'*;

Greetings in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. It is that time of the year again that we start thinking and preparing to gather together in *The House Of The Lord*

to meet and worship with our Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the world.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend **The 2013 General Assembly** of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, as we Study and Teach The Word Of God in Truth.

Come with a Prayer upon your heart that God will Rule and Overrule in all things. The Gospel of The Kingdom Of God must go forth from This Center Place to all the Nations. We shall meet at 2:00 p.m. at *The Community of Christ Church, 1316 South Osage Street, Independence, Missouri.*

The Independence, Missouri, Local will be holding Services at The General Church Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. 215 South Lynn St, Independence, MO 64050. They invite all to attend that we may Prepare for The General Assembly together.

Message 18:3, **'The Cleansing time has come. God by His Spirit, will touch *the honest in heart in all nations and will gather them together to prepare a people that shall be His Church in very deed. I shall go before The Lord, to prepare The Way and prepare a people to meet Christ. This is my work.'***

Message 43:15, **'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard of The Lord for the last time. Therefore turn away from the traditions of men and things that cause contention.'**

## Attention

*Pre-Assembly Meetings* of the Twelve and Bishops will be held, **Saturday, June 22 2013**, at The General Church Headquarter' Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri 64050 at **2:00 p.m.**



## Notice

The *Assembly Committee* request any donations to help off set for *The 2013 General Assembly*. Please send any and all donations to The Bishop's Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri, 64050.

## Motel Listings

(All have 816 area code)

### Grain Valley, Missouri (East of Indep.)

Koxy Inn (I-70 & Grain Valley exit) 229-2323  
 Scottish Inn (I-70 and 24 Highway) 224-3420

### Blue Springs, Missouri (East of Indep.)

American Inn (I-70&Wood Chapel Rd) 228-1080  
 Interstate Inn (I-70 & Wood Chapel Rd). 228-6311  
 Ramada Inn (I-70 & 7 Highway) 229-6363  
 Motel 6 (I-70 & 7 Highway) 228-9133  
 Motel 8 (I-70 & N. 7 Highway)  
 Howard Johnson Express (I-70 & 7 Highway)  
 Hampton Inn (I-70 & 7 Highway)

### Independence, Missouri

American Inn (I-70&NolanadRd.) 373-8300  
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 Super 8 Motel (I-70&NolandRd.) 833-1833

### Others In area

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 Budget Inn (9900 E. 40 Highway) 737-1922  
 Comfort Inn (607 SE Oldham Pkwy) 524-8181  
 Econo Lodge (8500 E. 350 Highway) 353-3000  
 Fairfield Inn (2211303 NE Windsor Dr.) 524-7572  
 Frontier Motel (12015 E. 350 Highway) 356-8340  
 Holiday Inn (4011 Blue Ridge & I-70) 353-5300  
 Hyline Inn (15008 E 40 Highway) 373-0956

## Message 44:8

**'Behold, there is a Cry for Peace, but there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do *The Lord's Bidding*, those**

***that heed His Voice. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for The Lord shall proceed to do a *Marvelous Work* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study *The Full Word of God* and you shall know The TRUTH. Follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all.'***

## Message 38:2

**'The Lord has Blessed His People, those that are willing to hear Him, for the Words I bring are His Words, and they that Heareth *The Words of The Lord* and Obey, shall be His Church in Very Deed.'**

## 2013 General Assembly Schedule (Tentative)

### Sunday, June 23, 2012

#### 2:00 p.m. Opening Service

*Opening Remarks: Apostle Richard Johnson*  
*Speaking: Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

#### 3:30 p.m. Baptism And Sacrament Service

*Apostle Donald Thompson*  
*Bishop Matthew Thompson*

#### 7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

*Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson*  
*Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates*  
*Missouri*

### Monday, June 24, 2013

#### 10:30 Priesthood Meeting

#### Ordinances

*Apostle Richard Johnson*  
*Apostle Michael Greenwell*

#### 1:00 p.m. Message Study

*Apostle Jairus Yates*

**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Speaking: Elder Richard Sega*

**3:00 p.m. Prayer And Testimony**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Donald Thompson*

**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Donald Thompson  
Preaching: Bishop Matthew Thompson*

**Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

**10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting**

**Ordinances**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Michael Greenwell*

**1:00 p.m. Message Study**

*Apostle Jairus Yates*

**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson  
Speaker: Apostle Michael Greenwell*

**3:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Donald Thompson*

**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Bishop Reece Johnson*

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

**10:30 Priesthood Meeting**

**Ordinances**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

**1:00 p.m. Message Study**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Bishop Matthew Thompson  
Speaker: Apostle Donald Thompson*

**3:00 p.m. Music & Praise**

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

**4:00 p.m. Testimony Service**

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**

*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson  
Speaking: Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

**8:00 p.m. Closing of The Assembly  
Sacrament**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Apostle Donald Thompson  
Bishop Reece Johnson*

**Handmaidens of The Lord**

Will Meet Monday through Wednesday.

Hours and Topics will come later.

*If you wish to help, contact Sister Thresa Ray  
Headquarters Office*

**Primary Department**

*Sister Karen Wilkin  
Missouri*

Once upon a time there was a little mouse, named Mousie and a little turtle named Oscar that were the very best of friends. Their person's name was Timmy. Mousie lived in a mouse cage and Oscar lived in a 5 gallon tank. Their houses set side by side in Timmy's room.

Mousie and Oscar talked with each other all the time. Sometimes Timmy would take them out of their cages and let them play together. That was always the highlight of their day. They would talk to each other about their master Timmy. He was very good to them and took excellent care of them. They really loved their person.

One day Timmy did not come to take care of them. They talked about why and where could he be. It was not like him to not take care of them first thing in the morning and they were really worried about him. Finally, Timmy's mom came into the room

to feed and water them. She was very nice. She even took time to pet Mousie and Oscar, talking to them as she cleaned their cage's.

Then they heard Timmy's mom talking to his dad about how they needed to take Timmy to the doctor as he was really sick. Mousie and Oscar looked at each other and felt tears fill their eyes. Oh no, Timmy couldn't be sick. They needed him. Then Oscar remembered how Timmy said his prayers every night and they would listen to his prayers. They loved listening to Timmy pray. He would pray about many things. He would pray for his mom and dad, for his grandparents, for his sister, for his teachers, his friends and for his church. Mousie then also remembered how Timmy would ask God to help people get well when they were sick. They talked together for a long time remembering how Timmy took things to God in prayer.

Oscar asked Mousie if he thought maybe they should try praying for Timmy? They had never prayed before, but they knew Timmy believed praying to God was a good thing so maybe it would help if they prayed for him too. Mousie said to Oscar, "I will pray first, ok?" Oscar agreed and they bowed their little heads. Mousie tried to remember how Timmy prayed. So he began praying like he had learned from Timmy. "Dear God", he said, "Please help Timmy get well. He is sick God and we are really worried about him. Please help him to get better real soon. Thank you God. In Jesus name, Amen." "How was that Oscar?" Mousie asked. "Oh that was a good prayer Mousie." Now I will pray too. Oscar started his prayer like Mousie. "Dear God, thank you for our friend Timmy. He is sick God and needs your help. Please help him to get well real soon and take really good care of

him, thank you, in Jesus name, Amen'. That was a good prayer too Oscar, Mousie told him.

Mousie and Oscar took a nap after praying for Timmy, but they felt really good that they had remembered how Timmy went to God to pray for others and how he read out of *The Holy Bible* (KJV), *The Word of The Lord* and *The Record of The Nephites* every day. They tried to remember some of the verses he read each day out of all three books. They discussed how much Timmy loved Jesus and they knew the more Timmy read to them, the more they would learn.

The next day Timmy's mom came into his room again to feed and water them. Timmy's dad was with her. They heard his mom tell his dad, "Timmy sure misses his little friends, but he should get to come home today from the hospital since the doctor's said he is much better this morning. His fever is gone and he is eating and walking. Timmy's dad smiled so big as he shared her excitement about bringing Timmy home today. Timmy's dad said, "Yes, prayers were answered and we will let Timmy know how God took such good care of him."

"Did you hear that Mousie?" Oscar said. "He is better, did you hear that?" Oscar was so excited he ran into his water dish, falling right on his head. "Ouch" Oscar cried. Mousie began to laugh at Oscar. "That wasn't funny ya know." "I know, but it was funny when you smacked your head and fell into your water." Mousie continued to laugh. "Hey, stop laughing", Oscar said with a smile on his face. "I am so happy Mousie." "Yeah, me too Oscar, said Mousie." "Do you think God heard our prayer for Timmy and made him well?" Oscar asked. "Well, Yes, I do because I remember how Timmy

would thank God for healing people and thank Him for the blessings He gave to him.” “That is true Oscar”, Mousie said. ‘Do you think we should thank God too?’ Oscar asked. ‘Yes, let’s do’, said Mousie. Mousie and Oscar bowed their heads and they each thanked God for helping their best friend get better so soon. They thanked God that their person would get to come home today. They could hardly wait to see him.

Just as Timmy, Mousie and Oscar exercised his faith in God through prayer, you can also do this. God tells us in His word that He hears the prayers of the faithful. If you pray to God, really believing what you pray, then God hear those Prayers.

Message 95:2; **‘He has heard The Prayers of The Faithful and with His Warm and Consoling Spirit will Comfort and Heal every Whit, even unto the uttermost.’**

Your prayers are special to Jesus. He wants to hear from you. Remember to say your prayers every day. Even if you pray only a few words, God loves to hear them.

## Junior Department

*Editor: Sister JoyEllen Draves  
Missouri*

*Did you know that God Planned long before you were Born who your mom would be? He Picked just the right Mother and Father for you! In The Book of Psalms, this is what David said when he Prayed, (Psalms 22:9-10) David was glad that God gave him the Mother and Father that He did, because they were the ones who helped him Trust in God!*

I bet most of you Came to Know who God is because your Mother or Father taught you. Some of your Parents took the time to read to you from The Holy Bible and Taught

you about Jesus! And your Parents were probably the ones who helped you get ready to go to Church so you could Worship God. Right from the very start, from the day you were Born, your Parents made sure you would Learn about Jesus! God wants us to be Thankful for our Parents, and to Treat them Special. After all, your Parents were the ones that God picked just for you.

Let's see what else *The Holy Bible* say about Parents: Deut. 5:16, **‘Honor thy Father and thy Mother, as The LORD Thy God hath Commanded thee; that thy days may be Prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which The LORD thy God Giveth thee’.**

To honor someone means that you think a lot of them, and you show it. When you Honor someone you show them how glad you are to have them close to you.

Let's think about Ways we can Honor our Parents. One way to Honor our Parents is to Listen to them and do what they say. When we Obey them, we Show them that we Trust what they say. We Show them that we Believe they Know what is Best, even if we don't always Understand why. And, we Show them that we Love them.

Proverbs 23:22-25, **‘Hearken unto thy Father that Begat thee, and Despise not thy Mother when she is old.**

**Buy The Truth, and sell it not; also Wisdom, and Instruction, and Understanding.**

**The Father of The Righteous shall Greatly Rejoice: and he that Begetteth a Wise child shall have Joy of him.**

**Thy Father and thy Mother shall be Glad, and she that bare thee shall Rejoice.’**

When you do what your Parents says, it makes them so Happy! It makes them so

Glad to see that you are doing what they tells you! God wants you to do everything you can to make your Parents Happy and Pleased with you.

There are lots of other Ways we can Honor our Parents and make them feel Special. This is Right because your Mother is the one who gave Birth to you, and your Parents are also the ones God picked to take care of you!

## Young Adult Department

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Our Saviour Jesus Christ is The Light of the World. When we Walk in The Light of The Lord we are considered '*Children of Light*', which also means '*Children of The Lord*'. This can be found in Ephesians 5:8 says, '**For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye Light in The Lord; Walk as Children of Light.**'

We Walk in The Light because God is Light. Because God is Light that in Him there is no darkness at all. The Lord tells us that He is The King of Heaven and that He will be '*A Light Forever*' to those that will Hear and Obey His Words. This is Witnessed to us in the following verse.

2 Nephi 10:14, '**For he that Raiseth up a king against Me shall perish, for I, The Lord, The King of Heaven, will be their King, and I Will be A Light unto them Forever, that Hear My Words.**'

We need to Heed this verse and always follow His Commandments and Listen to His Words that He has Given us to. We need to always try to be An Example for others to follow. Always remember that **Everything** that we have in our Lives that is Good comes from The Lord.

Ether 4:12 '**And whatsoever thing per-**

**suadeth men to do Good is of Me; for Good cometh of none Save it be of Me. I Am the Same that Leadeth men to all Good; he that will not Believe My Words will not Believe Me—that I Am; and He that will not Believe Me will not Believe The Father who Sent Me. For Behold, I Am The Father, I Am The Light and The Life and The Truth of the world.'**

The Lord Stands for All Goodness and Righteousness. *Everything that He Says is Truth.* The Lord does not lie. He Tells us what Blessings are in store for us if we follow what He Says, and He also tells us what will happen if we do not follow Him. The Lord Warns us of these things because His Word is Truth and because He doesn't lie what He Tells us will happen.

Alma 38:9, '**And now, my son, I have told you this that ye may Learn Wisdom, that ye may Learn of me that there is no other Way or Means whereby man can be Saved, only In and Through Christ. Behold, He is The Life and The Light of the world. Behold, He is The Word of Truth and Righteousness.'**

The Lord Tells us to Learn of Him and His Wisdom because that is The Only Way that we can be Saved.

3 Nephi 9:18 , '**I Am The Light and The Life of the world. I Am Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and The End.'**

The Lord is The Light of the world. He is The Beginning and The End. He Suffered Tremendously for all the sins of His People so that we may one day Live with Him again. The Lord Knew that if He didn't make The Ultimate Sacrifice for us that there was No Way that we would be Able to return in His Presence to once again be with Him.

3 Nephi 11:11, '**And Behold, I Am The**

**Light and The Life of the world; and I have Drunk out of that Bitter Cup which The Father hath Given Me, and have Glorified The Father in Taking upon Me the sins of the world, in the which I have Suffered The Will of The Father in all things from The Beginning.'**

We need to remember The Great Sacrifice that The Lord made for us and be Examples of Christ in our everyday Lives. We need to let our Light Shine so that others might see our Good Works.

Matthew 5:14-16, **'Ye are The Light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.**

**Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth Light unto all that are in the house.'**

**Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may see your Good Works and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.'**

Therefore we Shine our Light by who we are and the things that we do. Men Glorify God, as a result of seeing our Good Works. The Lord will Bless us when we do Good works toward our fellowmen.

**REMEMBER:** Our Goal that we are trying to Achieve in this Life is to have Eternal Life with our Father in Heaven someday.

May we always Remember The Lord and all the things that He has Done for us. Also Remember to **'Let Your Light Shine'** through so that others may see it. We all want to reach our Ultimate Goal which is to one day Live with The Lord.

God Bless you all, and also Remember to Pray for one another!

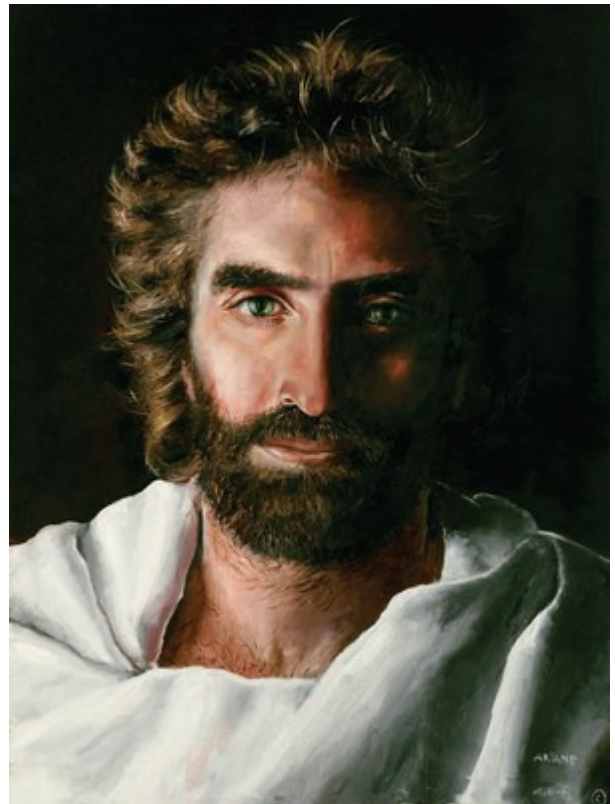
***Special Notices***

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Richard and Sister Betty Saga of California. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you both. 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.*

## ***Prince of Peace***



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***'Let  
Your Light  
Shine'***



**God Bless Our  
Military Women  
And Men.**

**Letter From The Editor**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

Dear Ones;

*Greetings in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. I send you my Love, Cares, and Prayers, Trusting in The Lord that you are enjoying His Many Blessings and Mercies. This is The Day of The Lord, and we shall Dwell with Him forever and ever.*

*It is such a Blessing to have The Fullness of The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Alma tells us that we are the most Blessed People on earth because of having The Fullness of The Gospel of Christ. I know that this is True and it fills my Heart and Soul with Oil that runs over.*

*Message 60: 17, 'Publish this Message with the rest. Let them go to the ends of the earth. Take it to the isles of the sea, Let Justice and Peace follow you wherever you go. As I speak to you, I speak to all. Let The Lord's Word be Taught that it might be Obeyed, for there is Safety in The Words*

*I bring.'*

*I want to Thank you all again for your Obedience to The Tithing Law. This Work cannot be done without your help. You are Truly a Blessing to The Church and The Work The Lord has Given us to do in spreading This Precious Gospel to Mankind.*

*The Lord has Heard the Prayers of His People and because of them, He has sent John The Baptist to bring us Comfort when hearts are sad, and when satan has brought much distress, trials and temptations upon The Just for he will deceive all that will not Watch and Pray.*

*We know that John will come again as his work is not yet finished. Continue to Pray that his Coming will be soon.*

*Message 60:3, 'We must Teach The Way of The Lord that The Millennium may come. Many are Honest of Heart and some you think to be against This Work will be those to Labor to The End. Think not that you can Labor without Faith or The Love of God in your hearts for this is a Just Work of Love'.*

*Mankind cannot say The Lord has not Spoken, for the works of satan must be destroyed. The Lord has long pleaded that mankind will Obey and Fully Set their hearts to do His Will, for The Sheaves are un-gathered. The Wheat and the tares have grown together. Now The Cleansing shall be among men. Be Humble that your Lives may be Full of The Love of God for He will Deliver.*

*Those that do not Heed, and Obey nor The Instructions I bring, will not be of The Bride of Christ*

*May The Lord Continue to Bless you and your Loved Ones. God Bless!*

*Yours in Christ Jesus;*

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