

# 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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**Twelve of This Church, that no Minister is to Ordain any man into The Ministry until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in The Articles of Faith and Practice.**

**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*

## SEVENTIETH MESSAGE

*The Angel Messenger of The Lord, The Resurrected, John The Baptist, appeared to me at my home, Independence, Missouri, August 20, 1947, at 11:42 p.m., and gave the following Message. The Light which has always accompanied The Messenger filled the room. (Matthew 24:15, Luke 12:42-43) He left at 12:30 a.m.*

-W. A. Draves

1. 'Arise and write The Message I will give you. I am The Messenger of The Lord, His Servant, sent to bring a Warning, a Cleansing, and to prepare a people to be The Lord's Bride when He comes.

2. I speak as from a Fountain of Truth and with Power and Authority. I bring The Authority for mankind to represent Christ and His Church. Therefore remember this is a Holy Work and must be kept Holy.

3. Moreover The Lord has heard the prayers of this Assembly and has answered Peace-herein is your Joy in Obedience and in Humility: for Joy comes by Obedience and Peace in much assurance.

4. Let The Assured Way of The Lord be your Way-for I bring Peace and a Way of Deliverance. I speak The Lord's Words-for His Ways are Just. I proclaim The Midnight Cry. I bring Peace-let it remain among you-in your gatherings and in your homes.

5. Let all be in the field as The Way

opens. Let all speak and teach the same things. Heed diligently and it will be well with The Faithful and to all who obey and defend This Cause.

6. Counsel together with your brethren and qualify to lead the people in Peace and Righteousness. Hold High The Banner of Truth in The Words I bring.

7. Send The Message and Warnings to the ends of the earth and to all nations. Print The Messages in other languages.

8. Let those with the responsibility of preaching and teaching of The Gospel in all the world consider deeply their Calling and Choosing in This Work, for The Work is great that lies before you.

9. Let all watch and pray, for the trials will come to all. Mankind must come all The Way.

10. The Lord has been and will be with His People by His Spirit, and His Peace shall long linger with The Faithful until they become The Jewels of God.

11. Fear not, for the end cometh and all must be judged-may your Faith bring you to God-ward for then all shall see Him at His appearing.

12. Give this Message to The Church, to your brethren and then to all.

13. Fear not man-nor their evil ways-do The Lord's Will.

14. I will come again.'

## From The Editor's Desk

*Apostle Leonard H. draves  
Missouri*

## Growing Old, Growing Weary?

*I hope not!* Growing old, there is nothing anyone can do about, but growing weary? Well that's another matter.

I know the older that I get, I realize that

our time is short in doing that what God has Commanded us to do. It is not a good feeling. But I try not to get discouraged in well doing. I am just like everyone else, and when I get feeling low, because of the lack of encouragement I see from those around me, I always turn to the Lord.

*The Word of God* is always there to uplift me and to carry me through, and it will be so with you.

My favorite verse in the Messages is found in Message 84. I hope that you can find encouragement from it if you are feeling down and weary. (Verse 6), **'Keep The Faith and Endure and The Sunlight of Righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in His wings and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command Peace and it will bring you through.'**

Is not that an wonderful Promise that God has given unto us? I surely think so!

I hear from some, that they think the work of John The Baptist is over, that is why he is not coming back to earth with more Messages. **This is far from The Truth.** John the Baptist WILL COME AGAIN. The *Scriptures* promises this. He shall come until his work is done and that will be when Christ Jesus places His Feet on earth again.

Message 102:60, **'I will come again until the Work is finished.'** Do you think The Work is finished? I don't think so. There is much that has not been fulfilled that God has spoken that must take place before He comes to earth again. One thing that comes to mind quickly is that The Work is not yet established in every nation. And when this is done, The Lord said He would come to claim His Jewels. Then there is The Temple!

Some feels that John the Baptist will not come again as *The Scriptures* speaks of three witnesses in receiving The Messenger. So they feel that Joseph Smith was the first, Otto Fetting, the second and William A. Draves the third. The problem here, is that Joseph Smith WAS NOT a Scribe for The Messenger. Yes he saw him but not as a Scribe. Besides that, there were times that when John the Baptist appeared to the brethren there were other Angels with him, holding other Records to come forth and those Records have NOT been given to mankind yet.

I feel that some wants to make excuses or to reason something out in their mind to have a reason that John is not coming again. The problem here may be that we are not praying enough to The Lord concerning the coming of His Servant John the Baptist.

The Lord said that He would send His Messenger when there is a need. In my mind, there is no greater need than now, so I pray continuously for the Coming of The Messenger. Perhaps there is not enough desire in our hearts for The Messenger to come? I know The Lord hears the prayers of *The Faithful* and Peace will come in the hearts of those concerned about The Words and Work of The Lord. *I want everyone to be encouraged in The Lord and in This Work. It is so Great and Wonderful! It is our Life and our Hope and Joy.*

Message 113: 1,4, **'I come with a Message from The Lord. I bring a refreshing to all who will hear my words The Lord had put in my mouth. I come to speak His Words, complying with His Spirit, Will and Plan. . .**

**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 overshadow them.'**

So let us not place an end to The Lord's Work, by saying that John's Work is finished. The Lord has not spoken in secret nor in hiding. He has spoken His Will and His Words. It shall stand, for this is His Pleasure. He knows the end from the beginning, and has planned Deliverance to all that will Call on His Name in Righteousness and Humility. Read Message 112.

The Lord told us to let *The Hands of The Faithful* carry on. This we shall do! And those that seek prominency or the praise of men will come to nothingness. We do not have time for such foolishness. Our time is short. We must maintain The Lord's Trust. In so doing, we must Trust each other and Trust in The Lord's Words. He will not lead us wrong. **This is *The Assured Way of The Lord*.** You are Blessed to be a part of it. Thank you Jesus! Praise His Holy Name!

Let us seek to be Just in all things. To go forth in *The Strength of The Lord*, showing Love and Respect to all those we meet. Let Peace be Restored to the weary, but let them obey and defend The Messages.

Message 80:2, '**. . . There are many Faithful that grow not weary in well doing. The Lord's Work is set in pace, let it move on.'**

*The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord* will move forward! Already The Lord has prepared many to come This Way. *We know this to be True, as it is spoken in The Word.* **We shall bring forth fruit meat for The Father's Kingdom.**

We are a part of *The Greatest Work* on earth. God has Called you from out of the

World to represent Him and His Church. You are so Blessed. You are Fathers and Mothers of Zion. *Servants of The Lord.*

*Children of The Kingdom.* Your hearts has been prepared to represent The Lord and His Church and His Kingdom, *The Rock of Assurance.* God will look to His Remnant, that His Work will be done. *We are Ready!*

Please, dear ones, grow old, but do not grow weary. People perish for lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in The Lord. Continue to study The Lord's Words, and Plan and know His Doctrine, that the fancy words of others can not pull you away.

Message 108:21, '**This Way Of Truth is set firm, yet Bold and Sure, and The Lord will have His Way with all.'**

Message 106: 8-9, '**Remember *The Lord Jesus Christ is The Truth, The Way of Life and Salvation-deliverance from all sin. No other Way can mankind be Saved in the life of the flesh, this life of the flesh, This life of probation only. Thus mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter-in The Resurrection.***

**All that obey and defend This Cause shall be Favored of The Lord. Try The Lord and see if He will open *The Windows of Heaven* and make you a Delightful People-mighty in His Strength.'**

I Love you all, and it is my desire to endure to the end with you. Remember Love is your mission, but never let *The Standard and The Rule* fall because of weakness. Be Strong and Give God The Glory. God Bless you all.

## From The Apostles

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

## A Temple Study



## Revelation given July 1831

‘Hearken, O ye elders of *My Church*, saith *The Lord your God*, who have assembled yourselves together, according to *My Commandments*, in this land which is the land of *Missouri*, which is the land which I have *appointed* and *consecrated* for the gathering of the saints; wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for *The City of Zion*. And thus saith *The Lord your God*, If you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called *Independence*, is *The Center Place*, and *The Spot* for *The Temple* is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse; wherefore it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile. And also every tract bordering by the praires, inasmuch as *My Disciples* are enabled to buy lands. Behold, this is wisdom, that they may obtain it for an *Everlasting Inheritance*.’

## The Purpose Of The Temple

Isaiah 2:2-3, “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of The Lord’s House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*”

*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to The Mountain of The Lord, to The House of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths; for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and The Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*’

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*the Lord’s House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.*

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2 Nephi 14:5-6, ‘*And The Lord will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon Her Assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all The Glory of Zion shall be a defense.*

*And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and a covert from storm and from rain . . .*’

Article of Faith and Practice #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.*”

Message 5:7-8, ‘. . . *Let the basement or first floor be finished, that The Lord’s People in Independence may gather there for their Services. Let the main floor be used when The Lord’s People gather for their General Assemblies from time to time at which times The Lord’s Spirit will rest upon them in Great Power, and will direct them in their work that The Gospel may be preached to all nations in Power, for behold, your Message shall be a Message of Love, and This Power shall come to The*

***Servants of The Lord and His People.'***

A little history concerning The Temple Lot Church and us being one Church in 1927. The Lord Commanded The Temple to be built, but only the foundation of The Temple was dug, before the worked stopped.

The temple the RLDS built across the street from The Temple Lot had to be shortened because the foundation does not go to rock for support, not so with The Temple Lot, as The Lord's Temple will be sitting on a ROCK base. So The Spot pointed out by an Angel for The Temple will be on solid rock.

The Temple Lot Church expelled Brother Otto Fetting from The Church during the 1929 Conference, and all those that believed in The 12<sup>th</sup> Message, because of what the Message said concerning baptism.

The Temple Lot people tried to build The Temple, but failed to do, but up till now The Temple Lot has been preserved.

It wasn't however, until just a few years ago, that The Temple Lot Church officially rejected all Twelve Messages. They removed the Markers from The Temple Lot that were placed to mark the corners of The Temple and placed them in a viewing cabinet inside their building.

Message 5:12, '*. . . The House shall be a sheltering Rock to them, A Haven of Rest wherein they will find Spiritual Food and Knowledge, a school wherein they will learn of God's Goodness.'*

Message 12:1, '*I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building The Temple, and the organization of The Church Of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again receive The Power and Holy Ghost as in days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost, The Servants*

*of The Lord may be filled with The Spirit of God, that they may take The Message of The Gospel of Christ to the nations of the Earth . . .'*

Message 53:10, '*. . . 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 . . .'*

Message 6:7-8, '*Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave you A Commandment that you should build a House, in which House I design to endow those whom I have Chosen with Power from on High, for this is The Promise of The Father unto you; therefore, I command you to tarry, even as Mine Apostles at Jerusalem . . . and let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto Me for your Sacrament Offering, and for your Preaching, and your Fasting, and your Praying, and the Offering up of your most Holy Desires unto Me, 'Saith your Lord. For thus spoke he unto Joseph Smith who heeded not His Words.'*

When The Lord talks of a *mountain*, He is speaking about a *Nation*, and *The Lord's House*, He is speaking of *His Temple*, and when He talks of the *top of the mountains*, He is speaking of the greatest of all nations, *The United States*, and when He speaks of the *hills*, He is speaking of the *smaller nations* (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Message 84:24-25, '*All those that shall be there, those that shall be with Him are they that have had their lamps trimmed and burning: their lives arrayed in Righteousness, their Vessels filled with Oil, their Lives and Works filled with The Spirit of God. Their Works show their Faith, shaped by The Words I bring. None shall stand, none shall endure that will not heed The Words I bring for I bring a Restoration and*

*Restitution of all things– The Holy Priesthood of God after The Order of God, manifested in the flesh decreed from the beginning–stretching out The Heavens, the Earth to her former beauty, and the waters above the firmament as well as in the deep.*

*The day comes when there shall be a New Heaven and a New Earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more satan.'*

Isaiah 11:9, *'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the Earth shall be full of The Knowledge of The Lord, as the waters cover the sea.'*

Message 84 tells us that when mankind will Learn of God, He will heal their souls and land. What a Blessing that will be.

Being part of The Temple Work will be a Great Blessing also to The People of The Lord. I pray that we all will be part of it.

## **From The Bishops**

*Bishop Matthew Thompson  
Missouri*

### **Our Mission Is Love!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

The Lord tells us that Love is our Mission. When I think of the word 'Love', I immediately think of Christ and The Sacrifice He made for you and me. 'Love' is our Mission, it is what Christ's Gospel is molded from. It is what The Scriptures is all about.

*Where would we be without The Three Books?* What a Blessing it is to be part of This Great Work. What a Blessing it is to see the things that were written to unfold right before your eyes.

We are a Blessed People to have The Fullness OF The Gospel and to know that The Lord indeed sends us His Messenger,

John The Baptist to Fulfill what is Written in *The Bible* (Malachi, Chapter 3 and 4) and *The Record Of The Nephites* (III Nephi, chapters 24 and 25).

We must be grounded in The Scriptures and know God's Word. We must obey all His Laws.

Message 65:2, **'Verily, The Lord has heard the prayers of The Faithful who have cried from the heart. Therefore, He has and will Bless all that do His Will. Let all be calm and sedate in The Lord, not boastful nor wise in their own conceit. Remember, Love is your Mission, to Preach and Teach Repentance with Faith in God that Salvation may come to all who will Hear and Obey The Word of God.'**

God is telling us to be humble, calm and sedate in Him. In order to be this way, we must pray, study, repent, and obey God. Trust in God and He will give you much strength and direction in your life.

Remember always, The Love of God has for each of us. Remember to serve Him only and not get caught up in man's ideas and ways. Our mission is to get God's Gospel to others so they might know The Truth, that they will have a Way to Salvation with The Lord. It is all about our 'Love' we have for Jesus and our willingness to serve only HIM!

Let us all open our heart and obey God's Words and allow His Holy Spirit to work within us, so we can be vessels for The Lord and This Great Cause.

If you have God in your heart, then you will have 'Love' for all people and for This Great Work. Answer by your Actions, be True to God! Pay your Tithes and Obedient to The Word of God. Remember also, to Pray always! Amen!

## 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.'*

### THE EASTER STORY

#### As Told In The Gospels

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
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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 them-selves. *'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 veil 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 even 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**

*Submitted  
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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, ***'If you are God's Son save yourself!'*** 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 Shinning Garments 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.

***And so it was***

**Testimonies Of The Past**

## Assembly 2005

**Leonard Draves, Missouri;** It is good to be here with you all. I Love This Work with all my heart. I can not imagine life without The Lord and This Precious Gospel. We have been Called from out of the world into The Kingdom of God to represent Him and His Church and His Gospel Plan. It is hard to see those you love walk another path because they are blinded to The Will of God. It seems too me that they were not grounded firmly in The Work that they allowed themselves to be pulled from The Work by man's ideals. Only The Word of God will bring you Salvation, but there are those in the world that has their own plan and agenda, that they lose sight of God and His Instructions and Desires. I have enjoyed the Testimonies this Assembly. They were all filled with The Spirit of God and full of His Blessings. It is good to see those that have come from other areas. I know that God has Blessed you all in your efforts to be here. I pray daily for all of you, and I would appreciate your prayers for me and my family.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri;** I want to stand also to say how much I have enjoyed the Testimonies this year. God's Blessings are evident in our lives. It is always good to hear The Good News of God.

**Matthew Thompson, Missouri;** Seven years ago, I was building houses, the last three years I was working I was getting fed up with all the things that were being messed up, bad tempers, and the treating of others was terrible. I got tired of it all and hearing things, I quit. Later while working on a pole barn, I fell and broke my ankle. I couldn't afford to pay the doctor bills. I borrowed dad's car and ate my meals at Tammy's home. I was down about a month

with my foot. I finally went into business for myself. I hired my brother in law, Josiah. Ellen helped me get a truck. The Lord started Blessing me with work for five years now. I am constantly busy. Five years ago, I started paying my tithes. The more Faithful I was in paying tithes, the more I was Blessed. I am thankful for the work that Brother Leonard does for The Church. I love The Paper. I am Blessed when I read it. I know that the Brothers and Sisters in Africa learn much from the teachings found in '*The Greater Light*'. We need funds to keep The Work going and '*the paper*' available for the people. I am thankful for the building we have for our Church. When we put God first, Trust in Him, have Faith in Him, He will Bless us and meet our needs. I know He will do this for you, the more you do the Greater your Blessings. Before I was a Bishop, I didn't realize what efforts and work it takes to put The Work out. We do it because of The Blessings and Desires to do God's Will.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri;** I thank The Lord for His Blessings. All we need to do is to step out in Faith and Trust The Lord. Brenda's Testimony reminded me that no matter what the evil is in the world, we as Believers, having Faith in The Lord can get through. The Lord is in charge of all things. She spoke of the beauty in the world. All you need to do is to step out your front door and see the beauty that God made for us. Again, I want to say, 'Trust in The Lord'.

**Marianna Johnson, Missouri;** I would like to ask for prayers for a friend of mine. We need to pray for one another. Trust in The Lord that we might carry through and endure. I am thankful for my family and my Church Family. They are a Blessing in my life. I am thankful for The Truthfulness of This Gospel. It is True and I believe it very

much. I want to do what is expected of me and bring people to The Lord.

**Mervyn Johnson, Missouri;** Brother Donald spoke on 'Trusting in The Lord'. The Scriptures tells us 'NOT to trust in the arm of flesh'. My parents raised me in This Way, but the time came that I had to seek The Lord for myself. The Messages says that '*knowledge comes from the study of The Word*'. If we sin against our bodies and keep doing it, 'What will happen?' When I got home from the hospital, I began to do some research on the medication that the Doctors wanted me to take. I found that the medications the Doctors gave me were making me worst. During my research, I found some natural things that got me back to normal. We need to inquire knowledge in anyway we can. I hope we can learn from our mistakes.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri;** At times The Messenger would talk to Dad on some personal things. He once told Dad to doctor us kids that were sick with vitamins and herbs. Dad and John The Baptist were friends, and had several personal talks. When there was trouble in The Church, John would console Dad.

**Mervyn Johnson, Missouri;** I want you to know that you have to be careful when it comes to vitamins and herbs. We have been deceived on many of them. There are TRUE and helpful vitamins, but the ones that most pharmacies put out are not whole. Use only those that are made from whole food supplements.

**Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri;** I was given three dreams some years ago concerning my husband Michael. I would like to read them to you as they all came true through the years. *(If you desire to have copies of these dreams, you may write Sister Nawassa or The*

*Church and request copies of them.)*

## Primary Department

*Editor: Joy Ellen Draves  
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Little jelly beans  
Tell a story true.  
A tale of Father's Love  
Just for me and you.  
**GREEN** is for the waving palms.  
**YELLOW** is for the sun above.  
**BROWN** is for the soft earth where  
People sat hearing of **HIS** Love.  
A **SPECKLED** bean for fish and sand.  
**RED** for precious wine  
and **BLACK** is for the sin **He** washed  
From your Soul and mine.  
**PURPLE** for the sadness of  
**HIS** Family and Friends,  
and **WHITE** is for The Glory of The  
Day **HE** Rose again.  
Now that you've heard The Story  
You know what each color means.  
The Story of our Father's Love  
Told by some jelly beans.  
So every morning take a bean  
They're really very yummy.  
Something for the Soul, you see  
And something for the tummy.

-Author Unknown

## Junior Department

*Editor Needed, Please Apply*

## Young Adult Department

*Editors: Matthew and Ellen Thompson  
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Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk about growing in Grace and Knowledge through Christ.



2 Peter 3:18, **‘But grow in Grace, and in The Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be Glory both Now and Forever. Amen.’**

Ephesians 4:15, **‘But Speaking The Truth in Love, may Grow up in Him in all things, which is The Head even Christ.’**

When we Study God's Words, we Grow deeper Spiritually in Him.

John 6:63, **‘It is The Spirit that Quickeneth; the flesh Profiteth nothing: The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life.’**

This is telling us that The Words of The Lord are Life.

Matthew 4:4, **‘But He Answered and Said, It is Written, Man shall not Live by Bread alone, but by Every Word that Precedeth out of The Mouth of God.’**

This means that we not only can Live by Bread alone but we also need The Word of God to Grow in The Lord. We need to Study, Pray, and come into Obedience.

The Lord tells us this in 2 Timothy 2:15, **‘Study to Show thyself Approved unto God, a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth.’**

The things that we do in our Lives Reflect who we are. We can say that we Love The Lord but our Actions speak Louder than Words. We Show who we are by The Actions that follow. One of the Ways that we can Grow in The Lord is by Studying His Words.

When we Study His Words not only do we Grow Spiritually in The Lord but we also gain Knowledge so that we may be Able to share that with others.

When we Grow in Knowledge this Enables us to Teach His Gospel to others. The Lord wants us to Feed His Sheep. We are Able to Feed God's Sheep by being an Example to all those around us. This is again telling us that our Actions that we do in our Lives Reflect our Spiritual Growth.

Deuteronomy 6:5, **‘And thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thine Heart, and with all thy Ssoul, and with all thy Might.’**

When we are Obedient to The Lord's Words, we show that we are Following this Commandment that He has Given us. The Lord is Pleased with us when we are Obedient to Him. The more that we Grow in The Lord The Closer we are to Him. The Lord will Continue to Bless us as we Listen to Him. When we Study His Words in The Three Books (*The Holy Bible* KJV, *The Record of The Nephites*, *The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel*), we Continue to Grow in Knowledge.

It is my Prayer that we Continue to Study His Words. It is so important that each of us have our own Walk with The Lord. The Lord has Given us Everything that we need in order to Study His Words. We just have to make time to Study. We need to make this a Priority in our Lives.

Our Spiritual Growth is so Important and we need to take it Seriously. I Pray that we

all make The Effort to make this a Priority in our Lives. Remember to Continue to Pray for one another.

The Lord Tells us that we should Always Remember others and Pray for them. This is my Prayer for all of you.

## Articles From The Past

### TRUTH

*Apostle Mervyn Johnson*

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 (priestcraft).

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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 they 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 think 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!

## Faith In Jesus Christ

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*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 wood-carving, 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.'

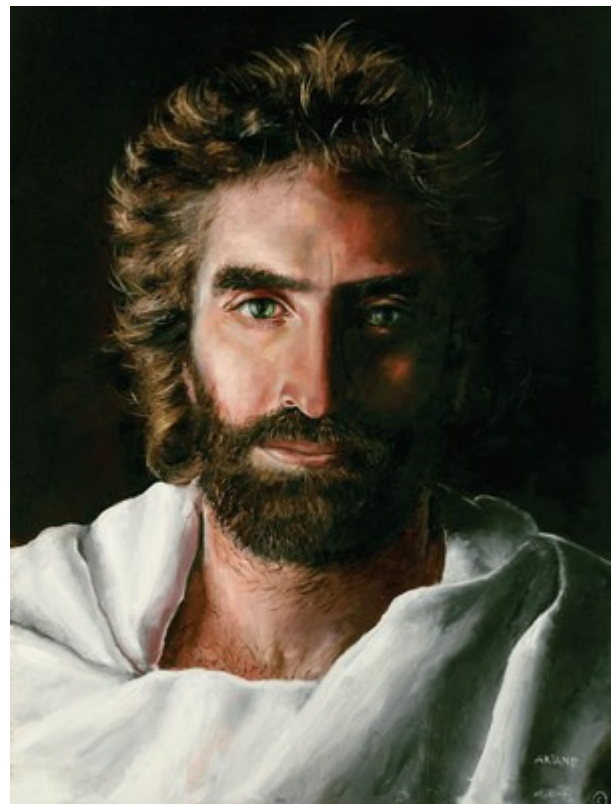
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