

The End Time Messenger

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Message 63:6

‘Yea, the day comes when all men will come to Worship The Lord, lest His Arm will shorten and they perish in their sin. He who is Master of Men will extend Peace like a River and The Glory of The Faithful like a Flowing Stream; so will The Lord Comfort. The Lord’s Hand is Known toward His Own and His Indignation toward the enemies. He shall Appear to your Joy and the nations shall come together to work Peace among them for The Lord shall Roar from Zion and The Standard shall be Established in Peace for all shall learn-and speak that language, Loving all men. Moreover, in a day and at once - for Zion Travaileth and shall bring forth Her Children.’

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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 Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

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

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

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

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that the ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

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

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

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

22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

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

25. We believe the ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear ones;

Once again we give our support to *The Work Of The Lord*, and be Blessed for it.

Message 12:10, '*. . . For Behold, The People of The Lord are glad to help in This Work Of The Lord, by Tithes and by Offerings for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto The Lord, for this was The Law in Abraham's Day who paid Tithes and The Lord Blessed him and The Lord will Bless in your day all those that shall keep His Law. Therefore, pay your Oblations to The Lord in all things that your Work may be accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your Work might stand the test . . .*'

May we all be Obedient to The Lord's Will. Now is the time so The Work can move on.

Message 29:30, '*. . . send your moneys as Tithing and Offerings to The Treasury Of The Lord that The Bishop may have means, that others may go and take The Message.*'

Message 52:22, '*The Lord has seen the Humility of many and felt after them and Blessed their Work. Let all pay their Oblations to The Lord that The Work may move on. There are those that obey His Law and are Blessed; so shall it be that Greater Peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come.*'

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The Meaning of Our Seal

Revelation 12:1, 'And there appeared a Great Wonder in Heaven; a Woman clothed with the sun and the moon under Her feet, and upon Her hear a Crown of Twelve Stars.'

There can be no misunderstanding the significance of this symbolic Woman. It is The Church of Christ as the following citation will show. 11 Cor. 11-12, Eph. 5:23, Revelation 7:10. John 1:29, and Matthew 15:1-13.

She was clothed with the sun, The Greatest Light of Heaven, The Gospel of Jesus Christ. It shed it's rays of Light in effulgent Glory upon The Church in Visions, Dreams, Prophecies, Tongues, and Personal Ministration of Angels.

The moor under Her feet Represents the lesser lights of Religion, particularly The Mosiac Law, no longer the ruling system. It was a Law of Types and Shadows, reflecting The Light of Christ in symbolic service

(Hebrews 10:11). It passed away, nailed to The Cross of Christ, and The Gospel Arose and Shone from The Heavens, Preached in all the world as The Power of God unto Salvation (Romans 2:16).

The Crown of Twelve Stars portrayed The Quorum of Twelve Apostles. A Crown Represents a King, and The Twelve, first to be Called, foremost in Authority, closest to their Lord, and foremost Representatives of King Jesus are well described as a Crown of Twelve Stars on The Head of His Church. From *Light at Evening Time*, Pages 39-40, (Margaret MacGregor: Author).

Message 54:6, 'This Work shall continue on, for Love is The Message I bring. *The Church of Christ* shall never again be destroyed. The evil shall not prevail against Her for She shall be Adorned with a Crown of Twelve Bright Stars and Garments of Righteousness.'

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

ONE-HUNDRED TWENTIETH

I was up and in the kitchen reading, when The Messenger walked in. The home was filled with Light. It was 5:30 a.m., April 22, 1994. Following is The Message

-W.A. Draves

1. 'I will give you a Message that all may know The Lord has sent me to speak His Will. I come from His Presence to give Instructions so this Work may progress.

2. Keep *The Standard* and The Work will not suffer. It has been established to move to every nations and the people of this world.

3. Let Anthony Wangai be set apart as

a disciple to work among his people.

4. When there cometh vacancies in the bishop quorum, let these prepare to fill vacancies: Richard Massman and Marvin Zink.

5. Likewise of the apostles: Alan Crownover, Jim Rolfe, Darrel Bellamy and Mike Greenwell. The Lord will Bless by His Spirit as they take up their Calling.

6. The Lord Jesus is The Christ and He changes not. He is *The Light of Salvation* to all that hear His Voice.

7. Let The Work continue in the foreign fields. Let it be Established everywhere. The Lord will Bless and bring Success by His Spirit.

8. Give this Message to the brethren. I leave Peace with you. Amen!’

From The Editor's Desk **What Is Reverence?**

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Reverence is something we feel rather than something we do. It is difficult to describe in words. However, whenever you have *The Feeling of Reverence* it is usually shown by your *attitude* and *actions*.

We have often been told to be Reverent in Church. *Does this mean simply to walk and talk quietly when in God's House?* One could do this and not be truly Reverent. However, if you were Reverent you would also act that way.

Reverence is an emotion or feeling within you. A feeling of wonder, of awe, of affection and one of deep respect. You may feel Reverent in the presence of the beauty and power made evident in nature, a beautiful sunset, a tempest of thunder and

lightning, the mystery of the wonderful parts of a tiny flower, the glory of a bird's song, Niagara Falls, and so on. They all 'speak' *The Creator Praise*. The feeling of Reverence in the presence of these should lead to a desire to worship *The Creator* of them.

You may feel Reverence in the presence of a person of unusual achievements, or of a young baby. In both situations, there could be a feeling of awe and wonder.

Reverence is one of the most admirable qualities a person can reveal. Only a cheap, thoughtless person hesitates or fails to show Reverence.

Reverence felt and expressed helps one to grow into Greatness of Spirit and Action. Reverence leads one into *The Presence of God*, for He is '*The Creator, The Power, and The Source*' of all that arouses the emotion. Reverence leads to worship. Indeed, without Reverence, there can be no '*True Worship*'.

I would like to draw your attention to the first *Three Commandments*. They should help each of us to understand better what God Requires of us in *The Way of Reverence and Worship*.

Exodus 20:3, '**Thou shall have no other Gods before Me.**'

This Commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be *The Only True Living God, and our God*, and to Worship and Glorify Him accordingly.

This Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping and glorifying of anyone but God. For we worship no other. We give Glory to no other. God is our Only Leader!

The words '*before Me*' in this First Commandment teaches us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

The Second Commandment, Exodus 20:4-6, **'Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I The Lord Thy God am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

And showing Mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me and Keep My Commandments.'

This Second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping Pure and entire, all such Religious Worship and Ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word.

This Second Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

The Worship we bring to God should be very different. Unlike the early Hebrew people, with Moses at Mount Sinai, we need no image, for we know that God is forever present with us. *We can feel His Presence and His Love.* We respond to that Love with *Praise and Gratitude.* We want to do the things He wishes. So in Worship we listen for *His Voice.* God speaks to our hearts telling us *His Will.* There should be Gladness and Joy in our Worship. For We have *The Fullness of The Gospel* and *The Truth* given to us by *The Only Living God.*

Do not be misled by the word 'jealous' in this Commandment. It is not the human jealousy which we think of as an ugly thing. God's Jealousy is the disappointment of a Great Love in seeing His Children turn away from what is best.

Jesus talked to a woman once about Worshipping. John 4:24, **'God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.'**

The Third Commandment is found in Exodus 20:7, **'Thou shall not take the Name of The Lord Thy God in vain; for The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.'**

This Commandment requireth The Holy and Reverent use of God's Names, Titles, Attributes, Ordinance, Words and Works.

We are forbidden in all profanity or abusing of anything whereby God maketh Himself known.

The breakers of this Commandment may escape punishment from men, yet The Lord our God will suffer them not to escape His Righteous Judgment.

We must never use God's Name or Works lightly or irreverently. We must never say false or untrue things. We must never profess to Love and follow God in words alone, but we must be wholehearted and sincere in all we profess.

In John, Chapter 13, verse 34, we read, **'A New Commandment I give unto you, that ye Love one another; as I have Loved you, that ye also Love one another.'**

We shall think of how Jesus Loved all people as we measure the way in which we should Love.

We have to look for evidences of it in something more than words. *Actions and Attitudes are the tests of love.*

Let us think of Jesus' Life and ask what His Acts and Attitudes show about the Love in His Heart.

I know we all feel that we will never be able to keep God's Commandments perfectly, however, we must try to keep them to the best of our ability.

We are Grateful to have Latter Day Revelations from God, through John The Baptist to help us live Rightly and Reverently. All through The Messages, God tells us to *Hold to His Truths* and to Shape our lives by *His Words*. If we can do this, and let Love dwell in us, His Love will be made more perfect, and we will Stand in *The Day of Judgment*.

We will be punished for our sins, and for our *Lack of Reverence*. We may feel that people are foolish to forget that God had Promised to Bless and Help us, if we would only Obey *His Voice*. But are we any less foolish when we let *'self'* come before *The One and Only True God?*

Message 52:3, **'There will be those that contend against *The Word of the Lord*. They shall be accursed, for unto them The Lord will show no greater thing. Those that are not *Humble and Forgiving, Obedient to The Truth*, shall fall by The Way.'**

If we are Reverent, and if we have Love, both working together, we will be Called *'delightful and a peculiar people'*, for we shall be Called *'Righteous'*.

Message 52:14, **' . . . Let not your goings displease Him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification in evil doings and that against *The Gospel Law*. Betray not one another, but Love your brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know *The Better Way*, yet fail to Obey. *Blessed be those that are True*, for they shall Shine forth in *Brightness in Peace of God . . .'***

Jesus gave us not only a *New Commandment*, but a *New Way of Life*. Where there is indifference, neglect and hate, Jesus would substitute *Sympathy*,

Understanding and Love. If the people of the world would adopt Jesus' *Way of Life*, how changed everything would be. There would be no actions of such done by those on September 11, 2001, in New York City, Washington D. C. or in Pennsylvania.

If only all who claims to be *Followers of Christ'* would keep *His New Commandment* in mind and try to obey it, they would have *Power* such as never before known to mankind.

Jesus puts the *'Emphasis'* on Love, and through that Love, may we all be found Reverent!

From The Apostles

My Testimony

Apostle Michael Greenwell
Missouri

When you look to The Lord you will see this is a Great Work. I have been in The Church since I was 18 years old. I have a Testimony of This Work.

I was raised a catholic. One day I asked my Priest, *Do you know if there is a God or do you just believe there is one?* He told me that he did believe, but if you were to know you would go crazy.

I did do drugs and stuff, but when I was seventeen, I was given a dream. I saw a soldier under a tree. He was wearing The Helmet of Salvation and The Breastplate of Righteousness in a field of green clover. The sky was blue with some small clouds. There was a Woman standing some seventy-five feet from the man. The man had a two edged sword and was hitting The Woman over and over, there was blood all over, She fell down (Revelation 12).

I was being shown the cleansing of The Church. I didn't know at the time, nor did I

know The Lord. Weeks later The Lord spoke to me in my sleep. I don't remember much but The Power and Beauty in His Words in the dream I understood everything that was said. I told myself to wake up so that I could write down what was told to me, but when I woke up I forgot it all. Everything still remained in my heart but not my mind.

Then I had a second dream. The Woman was in the sky walking with a small boy. She smiled and seemed quite contented. They were hand in hand (Revelation 12). There were great wonders in Heaven, and She wore a crown of Twelve Stars.

Satan wants to kill this Child that is to Rule all nations.

The Authority was taken back into Heaven, satan was there to destroy the Church as fast as he could (Revelation 12:14), the Woman was in the wilderness (verse 15).

The earth helped the Woman. The people who lived there tried to bring back The True Doctrine, like Martin Luther. This Reformation Child was Called up to Heaven.

We live in the time of Restoration of The Lord's Church. The Heavenly Messenger comes (Matthew 27:52). When Jesus rose from the grave, many of The Lord's Servants rose as well. They visited the cities (verse 53). When Jesus died on The Cross, and arose, John was one of those Servants that rose also. Jesus said *'there is none greater, born of woman, than John the Baptist'*.

The price had to be paid for our sins. Jesus paid that price for us so that we would receive Justice.

Luke 24:39-41, **'Behold My Hands and My Feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a Spirit hath not flesh and**

bones, as ye see Me have.

And when He thus spoken, He shewed them His Hands and His Feet.

And while they yet believed not for Joy, and Wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat?'

After The Last Supper, Jesus went to pray, and the twelve followed. They were about a stone thrown away from Jesus. Jesus prayed to have this Cup removed, but only The Father's Will to be done. Angels strengthen Jesus. On the human side He had weakness.

The amazing thing about This Gospel is that we do not comprehend everything The Lord has done for us. If you knew, you might not want to go through it. God gives us only what we can bear.

Jesus sweated blood for us even before He reached The Cross. He had to take all our wrath. We owe Him of our time. He appreciates what we do. I know He does.

I started thinking about what Jesus did for us. I felt like a beggar. Even the Twelve could not stay awake to pray with The Lord.

I saw a man at a truck stop, he was not asking for anything. I walked over to him and handed him ten dollars. I could see the gratitude and humility in his eyes. We get Salvation this way. I was touched and Blessed when I looked into his eyes.

It is amazing how The Lord can show you many things when you are young. I have had years to learn from them. Sink your teeth into This Gospel the rest of your life to be used of The Lord. The Power will stay with you unless you reject The Lord.

Anyway, I ended up in Missouri. In 1971 I met Brother James Naslund. He brought me into The Church. I was always angry. When that Priest told me I didn't have to know if there was a God, just believe, I

couldn't, I needed more!

I saw a man wearing a button that read, 'Jesus Loves You'. I asked him *do you believe that?* He answered, *Yes, I know it by Faith!* I kept trying to get him to say he didn't really know. He would not say that and I got mad and wouldn't talk with him any more. I asked, *what's happening to me?* Tears of anger rolled down my cheeks. I couldn't take it any longer. *What's the matter with me?* I met Jim Naslund. I talked of God with him. I told him that no body knows there is a God. There is no rules, you do as you want.

Jim asked me, *who told you there is no God?* I told him my Priest. Jim said there are some people that believe there is a God. After that I learned of This Church. God Revealed This Church to me before I knew of it.

God has an Army in this world. We are not all. We have a part and we must be True to it.

I am a trucker. Once I got out of my truck as another trucker was getting out of his truck. He walked over to me and introduced himself to me as Hollywood. I forget his real name, but he showed me the shipping office. People in the office greeted him, there was a good peace there. He use to wear all finger diamonds, wore his hair long. He spent six weeks in the hospital, he took his rings off, cut his hair, and The Lord told him he was to remain here for a Special Purpose. I felt when he told me this that he would be part of This Work.

There are a lot of people that believe, but has no substance. When The Lord moves, they will move also. God moves when and with who He chooses. Our job is to hold fast to our Testimony and stay True and Trust The Lord.

Satan knows he is beaten down. Show The Lord you Trust Him by your Obedience. If you want Righteousness and Holiness in your life, you will find it. Stand your ground and do the right thing. The Power of God will be in your life.

Are you going with the crowd or are you standing for God? You will get a thrill out of life standing with The Lord.

I am happy you want to be my friend. Stand tall and always do what is right. People may laugh, belittle you, think you are a fool, it doesn't matter. Believe on The Lord. He works miracles.

Revelation 19:11, **'And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was Called Faithful and True, and in Righteousness He doth judge and make war.'**

This is Jesus Christ, The lord of Lords, king of Kings that will rule from sea to sea. He sacrificed Himself on The Cross for you and I. This white horse is an Angel. If you can see through the vale, Christ is on His way back.

We are in Armageddon right now. The war is on. Soon there will be the end of satan and his doings. We are close! Be ready! Be a Soldier! Amen!

From The Bishops

Submitted by Editor

TITHES

Genesis 28:22, **'And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give The Tenth unto Thee.'**

Leviticus 27:30, **'And all The Tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is The Lord's: it**

is Holy unto The Lord.’

Numbers 18:21, ‘**And, Behold, I have given the children of Levi all The Tenth in Israel for an Inheritance, for their service which they Serve, even the service of The Tabernacle of The Congregation.**’

Malachi 3: 10; ‘**Bring ye all The Tithes into The Storehouse, that there may be Meat in Mine House, and Prove Me now herewith, Saith The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven, and pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it.**’

Luke 18:12; ‘**I fast twice in the week, I give Tithes of all that I possess.**’

Hebrews 7:4, ‘**Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave The Tenth of the spoils.**’

Something To Think About

*Apostle Donald Thompson
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God Gave You The Power To ‘Choose’

- Choose to Love...rather than hate.
- Choose to Laugh...rather than Cry.
- Choose to Create...rather than destroy.
- Choose to Persevere...rather than quit.
- Choose to Praise...rather than gossip.
- Choose to Heal...rather than wound.
- Choose to Give...rather than steal.
- Choose to Act...rather than procrastinate.
- Choose to Grow...rather than rot.
- Choose to Pray...rather than curse.
- Choose to Live...rather than die.
- Choose to be Truthful...rather than lie.

Count your Blessings. Proclaim your rarity. Go another mile. Use wisely your Power of Choice. Do all things with Love...Love for all others, Love for yourself, and above all Love for God. The Fruits of The Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance.

Articles

FAITH

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The entire Ministry of Jesus Christ was based on Faith. From the standpoint of Worldly advancement, there was no reason why Jesus should have upheld the claims He made for Himself and His Philosophy. But He could not renounce them and still be True to the Conviction that was His that He had a definite Mission to perform.

So firm was He in this Conviction that He was willing to suffer physical torture and death rather than recant. So deep a Conviction as this must have been under laid with a most Powerful Conviction.

Even so, we find that a period of The Reformation there were numbers who had so strong a Faith that they too, were willing to endure torture and death in order to Purify The Gospel.

Even in our own Church History we had men who were willing to give their all in defense of The Principles which they held to be right.

There must have been a tremendous amount of Faith in the Hearts of men and women that pioneered our Religious Movement to cause such a demonstration of Courage.

In considering the contribution of Faith to our Spiritual Life, we must not overlook that this Principle involved in the Healing of those who are physically distressed. Both through teaching and observation we have come to know that the Principles of Administration is without value except as it is accompanied by a manifestation of Faith. But to see the Wonderful Benefits which come when this manifestation of Faith is present is sufficient evidence of The Creative Power of Faith in our Religious Life.

The Apostle Paul spoke of his limitation of humanity when he said, "*Now I know in part, and I prophesy in part.*" We cannot know all things. It is part of the adventure of life to grow into a more complete knowledge of life in all of its meanings and manifestations. As we become older and through experience come to know more, we are more deeply impressed with the vastness of the great unknown.

Paul, although he realized that he knew only in part, said there would come a time when he would know even as he was known. We must recognize that such a Conviction would be his through the strong Faith he possessed.

We can not come to knowledge of things without first having passed through the experience of Faith. Knowledge comes to us from others through the instrumentality of Faith, for we must have confidence in others or 'Books' or we cannot obtain knowledge that has been passed by others

Message 102:11, tells us that '***Knowledge cometh from study of The Books . . .***' So if we have no confidence in the 'Books', no Faith that what they speak are True, then they mean nothing to us.

Some of the facts of the universe have

Some of the facts of the universe have been discovered quite by accident, but the great majority of our knowledge have come to us in a very definite way. We must have Faith in the 'Truths' given to us. In fact we must *harvest* Faith in what we accept as 'Truth' and gain knowledge from what is given.

Through added study and the discovery of other evidence, a more definite theory is developed.

Faith should be something we should seek to achieve for its own sake, or from the benefits which will grow out of it.

The Apostle Peter says we should '*add to Faith, Virtue, and to Virtue, Knowledge.*' So according to this, Faith is but a stepping stone to the attainment of knowledge.

Faith is not only necessary to help us push on to new knowledge, but it is essential in each new life to help the individual to an appreciation of the knowledge which have already come to others.

Real knowledge can come to each of us only through our experiences. No matter how many times others have ventured into the unknown, they cannot pass their knowledge on to us ready made.

We can only come to a knowledge of its 'Truth' by only following *The Road of Faith and Experience* which they traveled.

'Faith' ends with the coming of 'Knowledge'.

We can conceive that with perfection. All Faith will merge into Knowledge, but so long as we remain strong in our knowledge will be based on Faith, and with the accumulation of new knowledge our Faith will be increased to press on to new fields.

You have perhaps realized that the more we learn, the more we find there is to be learned.

Message 26:17, **‘Remember the things I have told you. Read The Messages. Study them, that you may know The Will of The Lord, and save yourselves from the things that are coming to pass. Let no one be idle, that all may assist in The Lord’s Work.’**

Message 44:8, **‘Study The Words I bring, teach them. 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 73:6-7, **‘The Lord knoweth the hearts of mankind and wherein they desire to learn and do His Will, it shall be like Precious Ointment poured upon The Faithful to dwell in this Sight of Life and Salvation. For unto them, shall be Great Joy, that which the mind of man has not yet attained to.’**

Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm. A Great Light has been given but few there be that perceive it. Because of the precepts and commandments of men; which bind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, The Greater your study and illuminating of your minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and his powers; making you a Blessing among mankind.’

Message 84:27, **‘See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not study. Many are Called, some Faithful, some have been ordained yet they are slow to prepare themselves to be leaders. The desires of their hearts are not yet filled-nor The Lord’s Will obeyed.’**

Message 108:13, **The people perish for**

lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress Rightly in The Lord.’

As I said before, **‘Faith’ ends with the coming of Knowledge.’**

Be opened minded! Be Reverent! Be Tolerant! And Be Humble!

I believe a good Christian, should always seek ‘Truth’ and ‘The Lord’s Will’ and KNOWING ‘The Lord’s Will’ strengthen our ‘Faith’.

‘No man liveth unto himself alone.’ God Bless you all is my Prayer.

Testimonies Of The Work

From The Vineyard

Donald Thompson, Missouri: I thank The Lord for working in my life. I was Called as an Elder in Message 83. I thought I didn’t need The Lord. I was young and strong and could make it on my own. I wasted a lot of years. Seems like we go along and don’t think about The Lord. I had my heart worked on and I remember Brother Leonard Draves and Brother Mervyn Johnson coming to pray for me. I felt the Lord and knew I would go through the surgery just fine. They prayed that The Lord would lead the doctors in doing the right things and to let The Lord guide them. I was later Called into The Twelve through *The Revelation* of February 23, 2003. We are responsible to feed the flock. At one time in my life, I could not get up in front of people. I do so today because of the strength of The Lord. I Testify to *The Truthfulness of This Work*. I want to be with The Lord and in His Kingdom. I love you all.

Mervyn Johnson, Missouri; I enjoyed Brother Donald’s Testimony. I thank The Lord for His Mercy, His Knowledge, and His Gospel. My life is really a learning process. I’m in big trouble when it starts. I

had to exercise my Faith which is an important part of The Work. I Glory in His Work. I am thankful for my companion that supports me in This Work. I've been mentioned four times in The Messages since I came into The Work in August of 1940. I have seen many things, falsehood has hindered The Work. We need The Gift of Discernment! I am trying to hang on to The Truth. We must be on guard, but with God's help, we will make it through. Remember to turn away from things that divide you. I love you all and I love This Work.

River Thompson, Missouri; sung a special, 'Jesus Loves Me'.

Matthew Thompson, Missouri; I thank The Lord for being here today. The Lord expects us to get this Message out. People should not have to come to us, we should take it to them. We must keep trying. People want to see with their own eyes. They want to see The Lord in us and in our actions. We must raise our kids in This Gospel so they will know *The Path*. Don't give up on anyone! This Work is all about Love. *We must put The Lord first*, we will be Blessed for doing so. I thank The Lord for The Revelation that came through Brother Mervyn. The Lord touched me. You could feel The Lord's Spirit when we went to his home. I would like to hear again about The Revelation from Brother Mervyn sometime. We must study to learn of and understand This Gospel. We must have The Fruits of The Spirit in us, and be knowledgeable of The Word.

Mervyn Johnson, Missouri; I will never deny The Revelation. I know it was from The Lord. After returning home from the hospital, Tuesday, February 18, 2003, and reviewing the events of the last several

weeks, The Holy Spirit spoke expressively to me. Then The Scripture came to me of John 3:8, "**The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of The Spirit.**" I remembered thinking, '*The Harvest is ripe and laborers are few*'. Then I was given names to be Called into Service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. As The Spirit spoke to me, I wrote down what was given to me. Between each name given to me I wept. *To The Twelve: Donald Thompson, Gary Doudy and Scott Lyles. To The Bishops: Reece Johnson, Matt Thompson, Brad K, Evans, Kent Johnson, Darren Bellamy, Jim Naslund, and B. J. Ray. To Elders and Evangelists: Laurence Thomas Jones, Gary Rountree, William Holden and Brian Ramey. To The Elders: Tim Gosier, Kory Johnson, Colton Greenwell, Chris Laws, Jeremy Laws, and Jacob William Ray.*

I Praise The Lord in His Wonder-working Power and may The Peace of our Lord rest with these men is my prayer.

My brother-in-law, Lawrence Thomas Jones, was in our home that night, and when it came time for him to go to bed, he came by our room and commented that he had never felt such Peace as he did this night, not yet knowing that he was one that was Called of The Lord in The Revelation God had just given to me.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; I Praise The Lord for being here. I am also thankful for The Wonderful Peace that we felt in Mervyn's house. I remember telling my granddaughter Kelly on the way over to Brother Mervyn's house that I was sad because some do not believe in The Revelation. She asked me, '*Why do some*

not believe when you feel Jesus?’ Disbelief comes from not understanding The Word. The Word stands firm and true! Jesus said, ‘Try Me’. He will show you He is REAL! We are all sinners, without The Lord. We have all three measures of meal and The Holy Spirit within us. His Love for me is why I receive The Blessings I have. I can NEVER repay Him! He has given us a way for Eternal Life. We must give up our will for His Will, obeying His every Word. I Praise The Lord for The Revelation also. The Lord has Healed and Enriched our family. Pray for me and my family that we will continue being Faithful and that we may endure to the end. Pray that John’s return will be soon. The need is here! Let us get that desire going!

Mervyn Johnson, Missouri; I recall two more things. When I told The Quorums about The Revelation, afterwards for myself, I felt Hope and Joy about The Revelation. The expectations of The Work goes on and The Call for more help came. But there were some that felt I conceived this Revelation to gain control of The Quorums. There were forces of Good fighting the forces of evil. I only want to do things rightly. Some of The Twelve felt that they would lose some of the power structure they felt they had and would lose it if they believed The Revelation.

Armon Mason, Missouri; Several years ago, I met Brother Leonard when he was baptizing a soul in the Stone Church. I was caution not to get familiar with this cult. I witness the Baptism and heard words that were correct. I later got baptized. The Revelation removed the wolves in The Church. We learned who was who, the hard way. People who bears *The Name of Jesus Christ* are different. What is it like when people walk away? The Father answered, ‘It

is terrifying!’ We would die before we turn from God.

Neva Mason, Missouri; I thought I knew who God was, but I learned I didn’t. When I was baptized, my feet felt like they came off the ground until I reached The Water. I knew nothing so wonderful than my Baptism. The Water was cold, I felt warmth. I was never cold. Mike and I were wet and it was pretty cold. All I felt was comfort and warmth. I didn’t feel the wind, the cold, or the weather above us. I felt like a feather. It was Powerful! When sitting on the blocks, I felt I wasn’t touching anything. God was holding me. I am completely safe.

Debbie Bogan, Missouri; I didn’t eat breakfast one morning I went to pass out The Messages, before I knew it, it was supper time. God took care of me all day. It was so beautiful.

A Study

The Plan and Pattern

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(The reference giving here actually deals with **The Plan, Way, Design, Decree, Pattern, and Program of God.**)

Message 5:5, ‘. . .**Let The Work be well done and as The Lord will open The Way, and Direct from time to time.**’

Message 7/8:12, ‘. . .**For that Work came I into the world, that I may prepare The Way that Christ may destroy the works of satan.**’

Message 12:6, ‘**Remember, The Lord committed to Joseph Smith a Great Work in his day, and Power and Authority to re-established The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him The Pattern to establish it as in the days**

of The Apostles, and Restored The Priesthood and Authority of The Son of God to the children of men. ‘

Message 12:8, ‘. . . Therefore, see that all things are done after The Pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please The Lord your God . . .’

Message 28:4, ‘Come out of her ye that seek Truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will come to His Own, and His Church, that is again established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ’s Way. There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men.’

Message 34:4, ‘. . . Let My Law be taught in its completeness that the Joy of man might be full under The Plan of Redemption . . .’

Message 36:2-3, ‘. . . This is The Lord’s Work and man cannot change His Plan nor His Decree for they are unalterable . . .’

Unless you will hear Me in My Way and Heeding My Voice obey-you shall not be called Mine at the last day, for you will yet fail . . .’

Message 37:7, ‘The Light that I, your Lord, will send shall Point the Way. He that cometh to Me through The Door will I Baptize with Fire and The Holy Ghost. Many have heard My Call. Many are coming, Baptize them, ye servants of Mine, for this is My Church.’

Message 37:14-15, ‘. . . Teach men The Way of Truth and Justice . . .’

Study The Words and Plan of God.’

Message 37:26, ‘I prepared The Way before The Christ in days of old. Again, I prepare The Way in these days for His Coming is nigh at hand.’

Dear Ones, I remember that my father

would say to me that *The Plan* is given in ‘*The Holy Bible*’ and ‘*The Record Of The Nephites*’, but *The Pattern* is given in ‘*The Messages*’. Due to the time, I want you to have some more Scriptures on this topic. They are: Messages 39:2,5; 41:1,4,8,13; 42:6; 43:5, 44:10,13; 46:6,8,13; 47:1,4,8; 48:5,11,16;49:10,12,20; ;50:3, 51:2,9,11,16; 52:7,13,17,26,29; 53:3,5,12; 54:13, 55:10, 56:18, 57:1,5,11; 58:7, 59:3,10,16.

There are many more Scriptures on this topic, but this will get you started on your study. God Bless you all and remember to ask The Lord to Bless you in your studies and to give His Spirit to you that you may show yourself Approved and Worthy of His Blessings.

Primary Department

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(Submitted)

Peace Within You

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When was the last time you spent fifteen minutes doing absolutely nothing but listening to your heart, enjoying Peace, Serenity, and The Refreshment that God gives us when we take ‘Quiet Time’ with Him?

You remember what ‘Quiet Time’ is don’t you? That’s when you have to sit and do nothing but be ‘Quiet’. Maybe because you did not do something your parents told you to do or it may be just time that you need to calm down and refresh yourself.

We all need to take time and to be ‘still’ before God and feel His Perfect Peace and Love inside that God gives us when we seek time alone with Him.

When we try to do something by ourselves, using our minds but not listening to God's Voice within us, things don't go well for us. When we listen to God's Voice inside us, we are led by The Spirit of God and things are fine and we feel good inside.

We all need to take more time and 'BE STILL' and 'PRAY' to God so that we can feel 'GOOD' all the time.

Matthew 5:9, **'Blessed are The Peace Makers, for they shall be Called The Children of God.'**

Peace makers are people that are calm and good that does not want noise and troubles.

So, little ones, take time to be 'STILL' and 'PRAY' to God. Tell Him how you feel and ask Him to 'BLESS' you to be 'GOOD' all the time. So start each day with a Prayer and ask your mommy or daddy to help you Pray to Jesus. They will be glad to teach you how to ask Jesus to take over your life and learn ways to be Good for Jesus and for your parents.

Jesus is your Best Friend. Talk to Him often and Peace will be in your heart and in your mind. Love to you all and **Keep Sweet!**

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

During this year I hope to put God first in all things and to tell many people about God and His *Great Plan of Salvation*.

I've been thinking about God and how I would describe Him to someone. If someone asked you, 'Who is God?' or 'What is God?', how would you answer?

If this person really knew nothing about God, what would you say? Just ponder that for a moment, then try to put your answer

into words. *What would you say?*

Let's read from Message 84:16-20. This is how God Describes Himself.

'I Am He that is Called I AM. I Am The Great White Spirit. I Am He that is Called Shiloh. I Am All in All. I Am The Only Living God, Creator of The Universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I Am The Chief Corner Stone. I Am The Stone the builders rejected. I Am The Christ, The Son of Man.

I Am God. I change not. I Am He that was Called Jehovah. I Am Jesus Christ. I Am The Beginning and The End. I Am Alpha and Omega, The First and The Last. I Am The Lord. I Am He that was Manifested in The Flesh, in The Flesh-death and Resurrection. I Am He that is Risen, I Am The Lord God.

All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and Obey, shall have The Right to Eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

I Am He that formed The Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I Am He that placed man in The Garden and Preserved Noah over The Flood. I Am He that chose Abraham for his Great Faith. His seed is as the sands of the sea-shores, innumerable. I Am He that led Israel through The Red Sea and over Jordan and I will Deliver My People today, if they will Watch and Pray and Serve Me, your Master and Lord God.

When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be Lifted from darkness unto Light and Power—and hearing Me I will Hear him and Heal your Souls and your Lands'

What better words could we use to Describe God? God is so Awesome! The Lord's Prayer tells us that even God's Name is Holy! All things Belong to God.

As *The Lord's Prayer* says, **'For Thine is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever. Amen'** (Matthew 6:9-13).

I hope you will likewise, consider, putting God First on your life!

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,

It has been on my heart and mind to talk about being Thankful and Counting our Blessings that we have in our lives. It says in Message 31: **'Ye that Name My Name give Thanks to unto your Master, in so doing I will Bless you that you will be a Blessing, and Bless others, Let My Spirit Rule your lives. Be ye Long Suffering. Be not as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Be Filled with Charity and let Peace Rule your minds and your lives. The Fire of Joy shall burn within you. Yea, The Lord will Walk and Talk with those that keep His Law in Fullness. Seek not the praise of men, Be not heady or high minded, Seek to do Good. A Good Tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor a corrupt tree, Good Fruit.'**

The Lord tells us that we need to remember to Thank Him for The Blessings that He has given us but also to remember to share that Goodness with others. The reason this has been on my mind is because of the current conditions that is happening with the people in Africa. We sometimes focus on the little things that we call 'trials' or what feels like struggles in our own lives and sometimes forget about others. The trials that are happening to the locals in Africa and with our dear Brother Disciple Bonheur Gbanisa, and our Brother Mobutu far out weighs our trials in our own lives. The

People there are just struggling to find something to eat everyday. My heart aches for them and the things that they have to go through on a daily basis. Even though amidst all these trials they still continue to Praise The Lord and Spread His Gospel to others.

Message 106:31 says, **'Let all Labor Dilligently and Great Blessings will follow wherever you go. The Lord Wills it, and Speaks it. So shall it be.'**

The Lord has Promised us that we will receive Blessings if we Labor for Him. By this He means that we need to share The Gospel to others. There are so many people in the world that are looking for This Way, The Lord's Way and it is our Responsibility and Duty to share it. The Lord wants to continue to Bless us and give us so much more in Blessings if we follow His Word. We know what The Lord says He follows through on it because He does not lie.

In Mosiah 2:24 says, **'And secondly: He doth Require that ye should do as He hath Commanded you; for which if ye do, He doth immediately Bless you: ...'**

Mosiah 2:41 says, **'... and moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on The Blessed and happy state of those that keep The Commandments of God. For Behold, they are Blessed in all things, both temporal and Spiritual; and if they hold out Faithful to The End, they are Received into Heaven ...'**

These Scriptures are just a few of the many that Confirm The Lord's Promise to us on The Blessings that He will continue to pour out onto us if we do the things that He Commands of us.

We all need to continue to give Thanks to our Lord for being able to live in this country where we are richly Blessed with jobs, food, and shelter. We need to remem-

ber to Pray to The Lord daily and to have a close Relationship with Him. He is and should be our Best Friend and He is always there for us in our lives.

I just want to share with you some of the things that The Lord has Blessed me with and still continues to Bless me with daily. I am so Thankful for my family, my husband Matt and son River. They are an everyday Blessing to me and make me want to be a better wife and mother. I am Thankful for my job that He has given me. I am Thankful for His Gospel and that I am able to be in His Church. I am greatly Blessed in my life.

Let us all remember and continue to Pray for one another. There is always someone in our lives that we can Pray for, whether it is a family or Church Member or someone that you may just come into contact throughout your day.

God Bless you all and I will continue to keep you all in my Prayers.

Notices

We would like to express our Good Wishes to all our youths that are beginning to start another year in their education and Pray that The Lord will Bless them in their efforts of learning well so that they can Represent The Lord in all things. May The Lord grant you Peace, Knowledge, Wisdom, and Discernment so that you will be The Best that you can be. Remember what you learn and do is first for The Lord, then for yourself, and then for your parents.

Special Notice

The Staff of *'The Greater Light'* would like to Dedicate this Issue of our Paper to our dear *Sister Dianna Draves* of Missouri. We Pray that The Lord will continue to

Bless you this year and all the years to come. May The Dear Lord give you Peace and Joy in your life. We Send our Love, Cares, and Prayer to you this day. God Bless.



God Bless Our Service Men and Women