



The End Time Messenger

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Happy Valentine's Day

1 John 4:7-11

‘Beloved, let us Love one another; for Love is God; and every one that Loveth is Born of God, and Knoweth God.

He that Loveth not Knoweth not God; for God is Love.

In this Manifested The Love of God toward us, because that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, that we might Live through Him.

Herein is Love, not that we Loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent His Son to be The Propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so Loved us, we ought also to Love one another.’

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The Greater Light

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 dies 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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It is the agreement of *The Quorum of 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.

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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*

FORTY-SEVENTH MESSAGE

While on a visit at the Oliver home at 637 Millwood Rd., Toronto, The Messenger came to my room at 2:20 a.m., April 21, 1940, and left The Message which follows. He was enveloped in Light and spoke as one having Authority from God.

After The Message was delivered, The Messenger gave me some instructions of a personal nature which are not given here. He left at 4:30 a.m.

-W.A. Draves

1. 'Arise and take The Message I will give you that The Work of The Lord will not suffer. This is a day wherein a Light shineth even in Power from The Lord God. I come from His Presence. I speak at His Command. The Word I bring is for mankind that they may know The Lord has Spoken. Take The Message to all the world that The Honest in Heart may find their God and learn The Way of Salvation.

2. The Prophets have foretold this day. Behold, The Lord has spoken, and it shall be. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth and The Dominion shall be given to The Saints of The Most High.

3. The Promises The Lord has made to Israel shall be fulfilled, and all things established in Peace and Righteousness. Therefore, that This Work might be Carried on, The Lord has sent me. I am The Messenger of The Lord. I come in The Spirit and Power of Elias--I am The Elias- I come that a Restoration of all things might be. Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or The Word I bring from The Lord God, for I come to do The Will of The Lord and my name is John.

4. I am The Servant of The Lord sent to bring The Last Pruning of His Vineyard; to Cleanse and make Ready, that there might be a Holy Priesthood; Clean, Up-right, and Just. Therefore, The Command is for all to be True, Obedient. Let all Abide in The Words of The Lord who came to give Himself a Ransom that mankind might be Redeemed, and a Way Of Deliverance from that awful state be Prepared for all whosoever will Walk therein and be Saved. Therefore, His

Decrees cannot be altered nor His Plan frustrated, but His Design shall be fulfilled and Purpose accomplished, for The Lord turns to do a Mighty Work among His People Israel, for The Voice of Truth shall ring out and The Sound of Joy shall be heard. Then shall all darkness recede and This Great Spiritual Light will Light The Way of those that are Humble before God.

5. Fear not, for it is The Will of The Father that This Message be carried to the ends of the earth, and The Warning of The Judgments taught, that The Honest in Heart will come, for The People must know The Way of Deliverance.

6. See those that are yet in darkness--see the weakness and sin of man--see those who are struggling in blindness--see those seeking for Light, willing to Heed it when they Hear it. Take to them The Message of Life. You will see The Hand of God move to Accomplish His Work. You will see the evil powers struggle and lose in the end.

7. Teach The Doctrine with Diligent Faith, Patience, and Boldly in Meekness.

8. Many are Called for special work, for The Messengers of Peace shall cause that all things that offend shall be taken out. Therefore, let Peace be in The Hearts of all that will Heed The Message I bring and Prepare themselves to walk Humbly before The Lord. This is The Way whereby mankind can be brought to The Presence of God. All that come must be Baptized and The Hands Laid on them that The Greater Promise of Light might be given.

9. There shall be wars, pestilence, and plagues sweep the land; suffering among the people, for the people must

Learn that God has Spoken.

10. Israel must be gathered, The Jews Delivered to their Ancient Promised Land, and The Hearts of the people turned and Prepared to meet their God.

11. As I have spoken--it is The Command of The Lord--let all Labor in their Place and Calling. The Lord Calls many. Behold, He Stands near and Knocks to all that Open unto Him. He will Send His Spirit; and those whom He Loves, He will Rebuke and Chasten. Be zealous therefore and open unto Him. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord.

12. Many will come to Worship The Lord and because of those that keep and do His Will, He will Cause that they shall Overcome: they that are patient to keep His Words shall be Delivered from The Hour of Temptation. They that Overcome shall Drink of The Water of Life freely.

13. The Harvest is White and The Lord knows the Hearts of men; therefore, let Marin Case, Talmas Dean, Tobert R. Rickman, John Wade, and Edward Vowles, be set apart as elders and let them Labor in their Place and Calling: for many are Honest of Heart and are Seeking for The Light. Take to them This Message. Many will Obey when they Hear it.

14. There are those Called for special work because of their Faith. Let them work in their Calling.

15. Let F. E. Nelson, Kenneth Goff, John A. Neal, Jasper Dutton, R. H. Hutchinson, Frank Miller, Joseph Gersbacher, Leslie Ard, and R. A. Rieger, come into This Work and let them be set apart as Elders and God will Use them to His Honor and Glory. Let Donald Dobson, Louis Freeman, and Harry

Hood, be set apart as Deacons--let them be Watchful and Prayerful in all things. Let all be True to their Calling.

16. All must remember this is The Lord's Work, and all must Come in by The Door to Assist in This Great Work. This is The Lord's Directions. I speak His Will.

17. I will come again to instruct, to direct until The Lord's Will is Accomplished. Amen!'

From The Editor's Desk

*Editor: Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

History Of The 1925 Articles of Faith

The idea has gained some circulation that Brother T.W. Williams wrote *The Articles of Faith of The Church of Christ* in 1925. While we have no desire to detract from the credit due Brother Williams for his assistance, the facts in the case are that the position of *The Church of Christ* was well Defined and Established long before 1925, as its various publications and general conference enactments will show. In 1918, *The Faith and Ideals of The Church* were set forth in an *Agreement of Working Harmony* and from time to time The Church has published *The Articles* of its Belief in convenient form for distribution. By 1925, these supplies were exhausted, and it was thought wise, in printing a new supply, to make a more comprehensive statement of The Belief and Aims of The Church. For instance; wherever *The Church of Christ* has been heard of it is known that an outstanding feature of its purpose is a Belief in the

building of a *Temple* in which The Great Endowment Promised will be given. To guard *The Sacred Spot* has always been considered by The Church as a distinctive duty peculiar to its Mission, and yet this feature was not incorporated in the old *Articles of Faith*. Other points upon which The Church has taken a decided stand were not expressed. A committee, consisting of C. L. Wheaton, A. O. Frisbey, and T. J. Sheldon set about the task of making a careful survey of the position of *The Church Of Christ* and publishing the same to meet the many inquiries that began to come about in 1925. Brother Williams, expressing a desire to co-operate in The Work, was extended that courtesy.

No item and no statement could go into *The Articles of Faith* that was not approved by the committee. This is admitted in a statement by Brother Williams to the effect that he did not think the last four paragraphs should be incorporated in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, but 'after submitting a draft of the paper to Brother Sheldon and Brother Wheaton they were insistent that these points be mentioned.' This shows that while the committee was disposed to be liberal, they did not permit anyone to dictate *The Policy of The Church*, nor deviate from *The Clearly Defined Principles and Aims* for which The Church has always stood. Indeed, the committee was not at liberty to introduce any new Principle, not make any change in the long established and often times publicly *Proclaimed Position of The Church*.

The Articles of Faith and Practice published by *The Church of Christ* in 1925 was not a new thing. They simply gave a more complete expression of The Belief of The Church than formerly published *Articles* had done.

Signed: C.L. Wheaton

A.O. Frisbey

T.J. Sheldon

Message 1:1, 'Don't change *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, because The Lord inspired the men that wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.'

Message 64:14, 'Let no man change *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, neither let man say The Lord is not Wise. The Lord cannot use those who will not keep *Holy and Sacred His Plan*, therefore, let them have no part in The Ministry of This Work for already they deny its *Sacredness*.'

Message 81:20, 'Let the words I bring be *The Rule and Guide* with *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, for upon all *The Lord's Words, Will, and Planning* shall This Work be built.'

Message 98:20, '... Let *The Articles of Faith and Practice* be taught among them (African Church) together with the nations' rule and support.'

From The Apostles

The Image of The Church

Apostle Richard Johnson

Iowa

Message 116:6, '*The Image of The Church is set in pace. The Authority Established, The Power given; let it Develop and Progress The Lord's Way. He will Provide and Show His Hand*.'

We were warned to not let it slip away from us in another place.

I decided to interject some clues here to consider and help us as we proceed.

1.) **Image** is the form or appearance that reflects, symbolizes, or typifies a like-

ness and is a **synonym for visage**. 2.) **Authority** establishes those Appointed and Anointed to Represent Christ and His Church with its Holy Rites and Ordinances. (The Messenger told Brother Draves: *'The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you'* (Message 118:2). Our right to exist comes from The Lord by *The Touch of The Angel's Hand* and Words as long as we follow them. 3.) **Power given** is The Power of The Gospel that brings Salvation by The Holy Spirit to become The Sons of God to those that Believe. Message 118:4, Revelations 14:6 and John. 1:12. 4.) **Arm or Hand** of The Lord Establishes The Righteous or can bring destruction to the wicked. (Message 24:5-61:8, Ezra 8:22, Isaiah 53:1, 59:1--Message 63:6, 118:4) 5.) **Pace** will become evident to you as we continue.

Paul wrote in Romans 8:29, *'For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to The Image of His Son'* (Foreordained or Decreed from the beginning since He knows The Beginning and End of all things According to His Plan and we find in that Christ is The Image of The Invisible God.)

Colossians 1:18: *'He is The Head of The Body, The Church: who is The Beginning, The Firstborn from the dead;'* and we are to be conformed to that Image and He being *'The Firstborn among many brethren'* is reinforced in Hebrews 2:10, *'in bringing many sons to Glory by His Perfection.'* The Purpose and Method of The Lord's Baptisms is The Spiritual Power and Authoritative Process of Conforming us that we might also stand in The Presence and Glory of God. (Message 12:4, John 3:5)

II Corinthians 3:18 confirms a Process of

being Transformed by The Holy Spirit. *'But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass The Glory of The Lord, are being changed into the same Image from Glory to Glory, even as by The Spirit of The Lord'*.

1 Corinthians 15:49, *'And as we have borne the Image of the earthy, we shall also bear The Image of the Heavenly'*.

Ezekiel 37:6 *'(a son of man Becoming a Son of God) 'And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I Am The Lord'* (compare to Ephesians 4:14-18).

The Creator of all things formed in Heaven and in the earth *formed Israel* and was Chosen to be Children of God. (Isaiah 43:1, 21) The surname Israel refers to *His People or His Church often Called a Remnant of Israel -His Servant and Elect or Chosen, His Bride or Household of God or The Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven*. He Planned for and Promised they would be *formed* with The Spiritual Nature and Character and Image of The Son of God and His Resurrection.

The definition of form can be a structure or pattern or a set prescribed order or method or the shape or appearance of a person or body and the action verb conformed includes to comply or be in accord with rules or standards and to make similar in form, nature, or character or to bring into agreement, correspondence, or harmony which we find the following Scriptures agree and are in Harmony with the definition.

Body and appearance: 1Corinthians.12:27 and Message 117:1, *' . . . Remember yea are The Body of Christ, The Church, and Members in Particular'*

Pattern: Romans 6:17-22 points out that we are made Servants of God and not sin by the form of doctrine delivered to you. (Pattern– order - method) Message 116:10, *‘The Pattern and Form is placed before you.’* Message 108:18, *‘The Work is set in pace, The Doctrine and Program is given; follow through’* (Pace is a set rate of progress or movement).

Order: (Colossians 1:5, Titus 1:5, Hebrews 5, 6, 7.) Message 18:17, *‘. . . to set The Church in Order. I come . . .’* Message 102:58, *‘The Way shall be One Holy Priesthood and that after The Order of God, after The Order of Jesus The Christ, The Son of man. Therefore keep it Sacred in its Holy Rites.’*

Method: (Acts 2:21, 36-39), Message 116:9, *‘Faith, Repentance, The Baptisms, Teaching Jesus Christ and His Atoning Blood in Redemption, that Salvation will come to all that Hear and Obey, The Full Plan as Taught in The Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord, The Words I bring as The Angel of God’.*

Standards: Message 106:25, *‘The Lord does not Change His Mind or Plans, and is no Respector of Persons. He will not Forget His Promises, nor will He Alter His Standard or Ways of Values’* (The Standard of Truth). Message 108:13, *‘Those that will not and those that has not nor will not come to The Standard Rule and Plan of This Work--let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.’*

Nature or Character: Message 88:32, *‘The Redeemed have a Heavenly and Holy Nature like Christ.’*

Let’s find out more about The Servant The Lord Formed.

Isaiah 45:4, **‘Jacob is The Lord’s chosen Servant and Israel His Elect. He called Abraham and chose Jacob and surnamed him Israel .’**

Isaiah 41:8, **‘But thou, Israel , art My Servant, Jacob whom I have Chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.’**

The term *The Servant of The Lord* (or *My Servant* or *His Servant* where the pronouns My and His refer to God) is Applied to many individual Leaders of God’s People: to Moses over 30 times, to David over 70 times, but also to The House of Israel as a people and descendants of Abraham by blood or adoption and are also identified as Jacob, Judah and Joseph and there are also Elect Angels and Fellow Servant like the one that gave The Revelation to John in The Bible and The Word of The Lord in our day.

Message 72:1, *‘. . . I am your Fellow-servant, a Co-laborer for Christ and His Church.’* This is very important to help understand what I want you to show you.

Romans 11, God’s Calling of His Servant Israel is without repentance. It means He is not sorry for making that Covenant and Choice. But surely not all Israel could be meant, for some were and are blasphemers and idolaters. The part of Israel *Called a Remnant* would be where to find The True Servant; His Chosen and Elect Witnesses.

Isaiah 43:10-13, ***‘Ye are My Witnesses, Saith The LORD, and My Servant whom I have Chosen: that ye may Know and Believe Me, and Understand that I Am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, Am The LORD; and beside Me there is no Savior. I have Declared, and have Saved, and I have Shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are My Witnesses, Saith The LORD, that I Am***

God. Yea, before the day was I Am He; and there is none that can Deliver out of My Hand: I will Work, and who shall let it?’

But what about The Servant if he fails his Calling and turns from The True Form of Doctrine in unbelief or false worship in disobedience to His Words?

In Romans 6:16 tells us that *we are Servants to whom we Obey--sin unto Death or Obedience unto Righteousness.*

Isaiah 44:18: **‘They have not known nor understood: for He hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.’** Also look at 2 Corinthians 4:1-4. Paul spoke of a sinful Israel and of a Righteous Remnant Israel in his day.

Romans 11:5: **‘Even so then at this present time also there is a Remnant According to The Election of Grace.’**

That Remnant was known as The Body and Church of Christ then and The Messenger has Established The Remnant and Church again. With Christ being The Head, Mind and Spirit of The Body and its Members formed in their parts after the *Correct Order and Pattern* given and in *Obedience and Service* (Servants) to The Head *we are being Conformed to His Image and The Process is set in Pace.*

But what of the time when The Remnant Church would not only suffer violence but be taken by force with a falling away. *What would happen to the fallen servant’s image without The Order and Government of The Church of Christ stripped of her children with nothing of her beauty, former estate or Glory? Would that process of building sinews and flesh and skin be reversed leading again to Spiritual Death? Would The Remnant become deaf and blind again like the rest of Israel with the false doctrines*

*of men and false worship or be just partially blind? We know that it did happen following Paul’s day because Jesus said it would be taken by violence and force but He also told them that The Promised Elijah and Messenger of The Covenant was John The Baptist and he Truly shall first come and Restore all things. First come would be referring to Malachi’s Prophecy of before *The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord* and shall is a future event in time.*

Now go to Jeremiah 18, The Lord compares Israel to a vessel created by a potter. When the clay was polluted the vessel was marred in the hands of the potter so he made another vessel that pleased Him. Obviously he could use clay that was not polluted from remnants of the first after removing what had caused the marring of the first. He said **‘O House of Israel cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith The Lord, Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.’**

Romans 9:21-28: **‘Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?’** (An exalted vessel and a marred one--*can you see two different servants?*)

Message 83:22-23, **‘Fear not those that have gone from This Work, they become as empty vessels of dishonor, turning against The Words I bring. I am sent of The Lord. I come from His Presence.**

They reject Me. They have a veil over their minds. Their understanding is covered. They Obey not The Lord’s Command. They have not, because they do not The Pleasing Things of The Lord in Defending all The Words, Directions and Instructions I bring, and my coming. They

are traitors to The Work I bring of The Lord. Will they repent and return to The Lord?'

Romans 9:27, '*... Though the number of The Children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a Remnant shall be Saved.*' (Compare with 2 Corinthians 4:3-7).

Now I want you to look at Isaiah 42. There are two types of a servant spoken of here. There is a Servant that gives Light who is a '*Light of The Gentiles*', and who opens the eyes of the blind. 1-8 and a blinded servant messenger who sees many things yet does not understand. 18-20.

John, a Remnant Servant of Israel and co-worker, is The Elect One that gives Light to the blind and the other a deaf and blind servant Israel; but Isaiah, Paul and The Messenger speak of a servant blind in part who is also Called to be His Messenger Israel. They see many things but fail to grasp or believe what has been given because of traditions of the men they follow.

Isaiah 42:18: '*Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.*'

Romans 11:25: '*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until The Fullness of The Gentiles be come in.*' The end of that partial blindness sets The Image of The Church in Place.

How would we know when that time came? I will give you two of The Signs of it but first more about the blind messenger.

Message 106:6-7, '*Now hear ye this Message and be Firmly Established in Obedience to The Commandment of this Baptism I bring to rid yourselves of the sins and traditions of man--made doctrines wherein satan has deceived and befuddled*

The Work of God. Thus blindness has been in part. Now Arise above it, bring it to pass of God's Great Plan. Receive this Baptism. Build yourselves in The Circle of The Lord. Will it come to pass?'

If you look at this Message, this verse was being spoken to all that have failed to See and Believe and Obey The Lord's Words since his coming to Otto Fetting with The 12th Message. All the factions and churches that is still blind to This Marvelous Work were rejected.

This may surprise some about our Calling to be Messengers for The Lord but not the blind one.

Message 57: 11, '*Thus Saith The Lord your God, 'Let all be Established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye One in Purpose. For I have Designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to be Messengers of Peace among My People.'*' (Compare with Isaiah 52:6-12.)

Message 82:4, '*You are a Remnant of The Faithful down to this day and time in which The Lord will do a Work, and Deliver His People as in the days of old.*'

Now we will look at Isaiah 52:13-15. In these verses The Righteous Servant and marred servant is thought to be Jesus physically marred by His Crucifixion. The problem with that is *Jesus is The Messiah and Son of God* and Declares Himself our *God and The Creator* of Israel who is His Servant and Witness. The Countenance and Image of His Elect we have found to be a Spiritual Image Conformed to Christ who is The Image of God in The Highest (not just very high) without Blemish and Perfect even in His Crucifixion and Death and has given us a Earnest of His Spirit while we are yet in the flesh. By that Beginning Gift of The Spirit we are Born Again and Conformed

from that Glory to stand in The Glory and Presence of God as Paul and The Messenger has explained.

In these verses I again see a Righteous Servant and a marred servant. The speaker is God and I have shown that either one or more of Israel or The Church can be Defined as His Servant.

In Isaiah 52: 13, we see a Prudent, Raised up and Praised Servant by The Lord's Arm. (Think fellow Servant Messenger and Co-worker of Remnant Israel The Church of Christ). ***'Behold, My Servant shall Deal Prudently, he shall be Exalted and Extolled, and be very High.'*** (Isaiah 55:5 speaks of a Glorified Servant Israel and Acts 13:17 an Exalted Servant Israel).

The 14th verse is The Servant or man or men whose form and image is marred more than the sons of men by satan and unbelievers. (Satan works harder to damage and discredit The Image of The Church more than he does those who do not believe yet the world will be astonished when The Lord Reveals His Arm with The Work of The Greater Power of The Spirit that will astonish the nations.) (Since John is a member of The Church whatever mars The Church reflects on his image and on our image being Conformed to Christ's Image.)

As many were astonished at thee; His Visage was so marred more than any man, and His Form more than the sons of men (visage--consider Spiritual Damage or marring of the servants image or his words or work and the lack of vision or sight) (The definitions for the visage word again are: 1) The synonym image, also appearance, look, aspect; 2) Vision or sight; 3) Form) and The Word (Marred is to hinder, interfere, damage, or impair).

The 15th verse is The Servant that yet

startles or astonishes the nations with things they have not heard or been shown to them by those they have Followed and Believed in.

So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. (A Healed Servant of The Lord and a Remnant of Israel and the unbelievers have been cut off. Sprinkle can be to cleanse or purify--Hebrews 10:22 and The Fulfillment of Malachi 3rd and 4th Chapters.) These things are so Great and Marvelous in their Fulfillment that no man could make them up.

Message 88:11, ***'I come from The Lord's Presence; I come to do His Will. I am His Forerunner. I am That Servant of The Lord. I am The Elias, yea The Prophet of The Highest. I am 'That Prophet.' I am The Elect One. I speak Prudently. My Voice is not heard in the street. I shall not lift up, but will give Power and The Words to be spoken that mankind shall be lifted up, all those that Obey.'***

Message 86: 64-65, ***'The Isles of the sea will wait for this Message . . .***

Kings shall shut their mouths at The Words I have to say.'

These Messages both are quoting Isaiah 42 and 52 and tells us John is 'That Servant' and he is 'The Prophesied Elijah' and 'That Prophet' and he includes the people that Obey because he is one of The Brethren and he gives The Lord's Words and Power to be spoken to mankind that they might See and Hear and Believe in The Son of God and be a Lifted Up as an Exalted and Redeemed Servant of The Lord by The Power of God.

Now for the signs I mentioned. If you read 3rd Nephi, Chapter 20, especially 43-45

verse and Chapter 21--especially verse 10 you will find Jesus quoting these same Scriptures after His Resurrection and put The Fulfillment in the future. The time of their Fulfilling and The Sign of it is marked by the returning of The Jews to Jerusalem and the land of their inheritance; a beginning of The Fulfillment of Isaiah 52 and others.

The Messenger Prophesied the return of The Jews to their homeland would soon come to pass in 1928 and 1930 and 1932 in Message 28:6, ‘. . . *To all nations you must carry The Message and Warning I have sent, and The Gathering of My People from all nations to this land, and The Jew to his land.*’ and in 1938 and 1940: Message 36:3. That Israel received her portion as I have Promised them and the reality began in 1947--48 and continues to this day and are being done by The Power of The Spoken Word of God but is not Finished. The Hosts of Israel coming to this land will continue and still is on--going today and both Judah and Joseph must soon see and Hear their Redeemer.

The other sign of The Fulfilling of The Covenant to The House of Israel would be also marked by The Beginning of A Great and Marvelous Work that would bring The Healing and Opening of Israel’s eyes.

Isaiah 29:10-11, 13-14, 18, 21, ‘*For The LORD hath Poured out upon you The Spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: The Prophets and your rulers, The Seers hath he covered. And The Vision of all is become unto you as The Words of a Book that is Sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I Pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is Sealed . . .*

Wherefore The Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their

mouth, and with their lips do Honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men:

Therefore, Behold, I will Proceed to do a Marvelous Work among this people, even a Marvelous Work and a Wonder: for The Wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their Prudent Men shall be hid . . .

And in that day shall the deaf hear The Words of The Book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness . . .

They also that erred in Spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.’

In The Record of The Nephites (3rd Nephi 21:10 this Marvelous Work would be spoken to them by a man (consider The Messenger speaking about God’s Covenant to Abraham) and then says a servant is marred by those that do not Believe The Word’ s of Christ he brings forth but they will be cut off by a Prophet like Moses and his servants life (our life and image) is in The Hands of The Lord who Heals him. (Consider a man or servant and The Image and Spiritual Work of His People and Church. The definition of marred can be a disfigurement or to be hindered--impaired and interfered with) Consider the hindered definition and try substituting marred for it in some of The Messages.

Message 52: ‘*The evil has hindered but not to destruction.*’ (Marred you)

Message 63:1, ‘. . . *I come to speak The Lord’s Will, though satan has hindered (marred you) and sought to destroy you and The Message I bring; but it shall not be destroyed.*’ (This points out a marring of the Lord’s Servant and Scribe by satan and

unbelievers but The Message will not be destroyed).

Message 75:2, ‘. . . *satan has hindered* (marred you) *many times in the past-of my coming* (hindered, interfered or marred my coming) *The Lord’s Work has suffered much. Satan has shown his iron hand and in vain has sought to have his way--but has caused unrest and no peace, deceiving, deceiving and planting evil seeds.’*

Message 101:10, ‘*Defend The Words I bring. Let not The Holy Rites be hindered* (marred)’.

Message 116:12, ‘. . . *The Lord knoweth man’s heart and those deceiving, not True to The Trust of Righteousness. Thus there will be changes in those Called to Lead. The Process of their function has been hindered.*’ (marred or impaired, a vessel of dishonor).

Message 74:7, ‘. . . *Fear not those that reject The Words I bring, those that speak lightly of The Message, those that are removed . . . some will repent; others will fail . . . Man fails but The Lord’s Work will not. They that go from This Work are ‘as a body without The Spirit is dead.’*

The Scriptures teach us that if we are Lead by The Spirit we are The Sons of God but the sons of men will have greater standing with The Lord than those that doubt and reject what once they received failing to repent or speaking against it and hindering The Faith of others. (Romans 8:14 and Mark 3:28-29) *Its about Life or death-do we fear The Lord?*

Now consider the many times The Messenger has spoken about our Healing and of Israel’s. I want you to read on your own The 24th Message 3-12. I do not have time to read it but it is comprehensive to what I am speaking about. The Lord has

Spoken Repeatedly about God’s Healing Power and The Healing in His Wings (Holy Spirit) for us and the nations and all those that will find it here in This Way. *To all those that will be very Humble and Obey The Lord’s Voice The Sunlight of Righteousness of The Lamb of God shall be upon them with Healing in His Power.*

As he is a Resurrected (raised up and exalted) Servant we can compare The Scriptures about The Ancient of Days bringing forth judgment to the gentiles in Daniel, 7th Chapter, and find there is confirmation about who The Servant and Elect One is in Isaiah as well as The Ancient of Days. He brings forth God’s Words that Judge all men.

In 1 Timothy 5:21 we find there are Chosen Angels; ‘*I charge thee before God, and The Lord Jesus Christ, and The Elect Angels,*’

The Marvelous Work and Wonder began bringing Real Wisdom and Understanding with The Coming Forth of The Record and Messages Establishing The Image of The Church but what will Truly startle or astonish the nations is not yet completed

Message 110:7, ‘*Ye that hear The Whisperings of God’s Spirit how that it Mellows the hearts of men--yea even all that Hear and Obey, great things shall transpire before you: the sick healed, the lame walk, the blind be made to see. The Greater Power shall be given.’*

Message 57:10, ‘*Behold, there is much yet to be done and much to be Revealed to The Coming to pass of much of The Gathering of The Houses of Israel. They shall know The Lord is their God. The Promises shall be Fulfilled and The Record shall be known for it shall come in The Lord’s Planning.’*

The Messenger has said that This Record would Prove and Reprove all men. I expect that means he will prove The Truth of all His Words given to man and disprove all man made doctrines and lies wherein satan has deceived the nations and befuddled The Work of God (Proverbs 30:6, Message 106:4).

Read Isaiah 42:1-4. What it is saying is this, *'Take a good look at My Servant. I'm backing him to the hilt. He's the one I chose, and I couldn't be more pleased with him. I've bathed him with My Spirit, My life. He'll set everything right among the nations. He won't call attention to what he does with loud speeches or gaudy parades.*

He won't brush aside the bruised and the hurt and he won't disregard the small and insignificant, but he'll steadily and firmly set things right.

He won't tire out and quit. He won't be stopped until he's finished his work—to set things right on earth. Far-flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teaching.'

Message 47: 3, 6, *'The Promises The Lord has made to Israel shall be Fulfilled, and all things Established in Peace and Righteousness . . . Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to My Word, or The Word I bring from The Lord God, for I come to do The Will of The Lord and my name is John . . .*

See those that are yet in darkness--see the weakness and sin of man--see those who are struggling in blindness--see those seeking for Light, willing to Heed it when they Hear it. Take to them The Message of Life.'

Notice that you can hear The Light that will remove the blindness.

Isaiah 43:8, *'Bring forth the blind people*

that have eyes and the deaf that have ears'. Come forth, those looking for Truth, who wants to Understand and not reject it when they Hear it. 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

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Matthew 5:24, **‘Leave your Gift there before The Alter, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your Gift.**

It is useless to give Offerings to God while you are at enmity with your Brother. Jesus said that His Followers should be Reconciled with anyone who has something against them. The world seeks reconciliation on limited terms.

Christians are to be Reconciled, whatever it takes. You say, *‘but you don’t know how deeply he hurt me! or, ‘It’s unreasonable to ask me to restore our relationship’ or ‘I tried but she would not be appeased’.*

Jesus did not include an exception clause for our Reconciliation. If someone persecutes you, you Pray for them, If she publicly humiliates you, you are not to retaliate.

Matthew 5:39, **‘I say unto you that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.’**

If someone takes advantage of you, you are to give even more than he asks.

Matthew 5:41, **‘and whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.’**

The world preaches, ‘Assert yourself’. Jesus taught, *‘Deny yourself’.* The world warns that you will be constantly exploited. Jesus concern was not that His Disciples be treated fairly, but they *show unconditional Love to others, regardless of how they were treated.* Men spat upon Jesus and nailed Him to a Cross. His response was our model.

Luke 23:34, **‘Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.’**

If there was ever a Command that is

constantly disobeyed, it is this mandate to be ‘Reconciled’.

We comfort ourselves with the thought, *‘God know that I tried to make things right, but my enemy refused.’*

God’s Word does not say ‘try to be reconciled’, but to **‘BE RECONCILED’!**

Is there someone with whom you need to make Peace with? Then do what God tells you to do.

May God Bless you all.

Articles

Who Crucified Our Lord?

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Why did they hate Him? Because all during His Life, He had been tearing the masks of false goodness from *nice people.* Exposing the evil of men and women who lived in accordance with the conventional standards of His time. Finally a time came when the accused could no longer tolerate His reproaches of what they were. Our Lord was Crucified by *the nice people* who held that religion was alright in its place, so long as its place was not here, where it might demand of them a change of heart. The Cross of Calvary stands at the crossroads of three prosperous civilizations as eloquent testimony to the uncomfortable truth that the successful people, the social leaders, the people who are labeled ‘*nice*’ are the ones most capable of crucifying The Divine Truth and The Eternal Love.

The gravest error of the nice people in all ages is the denial of sin. Yet this is always a hopelessly illogical stand for any man to take. Even in the natural order, laws cannot be broken without disastrous consequences. Gravitation will help a man if he builds the

side of his house straight and plumb. Disobedience to natural law brings punishment: astronomy reveals that now and then certain stars get out of their orbits; as a penalty for that de-ordination, they burn themselves out in space.

It is a law of nature that the higher shall control the lower object in God's hierarchy. In the biological order, death is the domination of a lower order over a higher order. For death ensues when the vital forces no longer can integrate, in the interests of the whole being, those physical and chemical processes which go on continuously in the cells of the organism. Life has been defined as the sum of the forces which resist death, which prevent this revolution of the amoeba. Gradually, as we grow old, the process of life wears away the substance of the cells and diminishes the power of our various vital functions. Our chemical processes become more and more independence of the controlling vital forces; and their rebellion makes it increasingly difficult for the organism to harmonize their activities in the interest of the whole man. At that precise point, where there is a balance of forces in favor of the purely chemical processes as against the vital controlling powers, death ensues; the chemical processes, having achieved full independence, have been able to disrupt the integrity of the organism. Such is the history of all terrestrial beings.

In human life the hierarchy extends higher--there is a super structure above the physical, and the same great law applies here, too. For man is so made that when all is in order, the moral order holds supremacy over the instinctive and the physical. At that moment when the carnal gains mastery over the Spiritual in a man--when the ego over-

comes the social impulses, when the material dominates the ethical--a domination of a lower order over a higher order has occurred. Again, this results in death--the death called sin. *'For the wages of sin is death'* (Romans 6:23).

Man cannot with impunity break the laws of his own nature; the punishment which invariably follows such attempts at rebellion may be most apparent in the psychological order. For example, it is clear that every self-centered person is a frustrated person. *Why must this be?* It is because frustration results when a natural longing encounters an insurmountable obstacle. Every natural longing, to find satisfaction needs to be turned toward an object; until that occurs, it remains a longing--an inclination for a certain sort of performance. But actualization of the longing can come only through something which is itself actual; the longing, as such, being a mere potency, cannot procure its own satisfaction. What does procure it is the object toward which the potency is ordained. As long as the person remains concerned exclusively with himself, instead of giving himself to the objective world of tasks and duties, such actualization cannot take place and frustration ensues. By violating the law of his nature man thus brings upon himself frustration and discontent.

Every man and woman alive experiences a sense of guilt when he or she breaks a natural law. *'Every guilty person is his own hangman'*, also fearful, for *'Conscience doth make cowards of us all.'* Instead of calling sin a fiction, it would be truer to call it a friction, a *'rubbing the wrong way'*. Guilt over un-admitted sins accounts for many of modern man's psychological ills. Yet it would be unsound to say that the moral

factor is always behind mental disorders; for it is not.

The condition of despair induced by unrepented sin often reaches a point where there is a positive fanaticism against religion and morality. He who has fallen away from 'The Spiritual Order' will hate it, because Religion is the reminder of his guilt. Husbands who are unfaithful will beat their wives who are faithful. Wives who are unfaithful will accuse their husbands of infidelity. Such Souls finally reach a point where, like Nietzsche, they want to increase evil until all distinction between right and wrong is blotted out; then they can sin with impunity and say with Nietzsche, 'Evil, be thou my good.' Expediency can now replace morality, cruelty becomes justice, lust becomes love, Sin multiplies itself in such a Soul until it becomes a permanent residence of Satan, cursed by Christ as one of the whited sepulchers of this world.

Such is the history of a *nice person* who believes he never sins.

The *nice people* do not come to God, because they think they are good through their own merits or bad through inherited instincts. If they do good, they believe they are to receive the credit for it, if they do evil, they deny that it is their own fault. They are good through their own good heartedness, they say; but they are bad because they are misfortunate, either in their economic life or through an inheritance of evil genes from their grandparents. The *nice people* rarely come to God; they take their moral tone from the society in which they live. Like the Pharisee in the front of The Temple, they believe themselves to be very respectable citizens.

Very harmful effects can follow accepting the philosophy which denies

personal guilt or sin and thereby makes everyone *nice*. By denying sin, *the nice people* make a cure impossible. Sin is most serious, and the tragedy is deepened by the denial that we are sinners. If the blind deny that they are blind, how shall they ever see? The really unforgivable sin is the denial of sin, because, by its nature, there is now nothing to be forgiven. By refusing to admit to personal guilt, *the nice people* are made into scandalmongers, gossips, talebearers, and super critics; for they must project their real if unrecognized guilt to others. This, again, gives them a new illusion of goodness: the increase of faultfinding is in direct ratio and proportion to the denial of sin. The *nasty people* do not like to gossip about the failings of others, because they are only too conscious of their own failings.

I could not believe that people close to me would be among those that Crucify The Lord, but some does fit the 'description' of *the nice people*. We think that only those 'labeled' evil and most 'wicked' would Crucify The Lord, that is--murderers and bank robbers, etc. Wrong! The good next door neighbors are also the culprit. Whether we want to accept it or not, self righteous people of good report Crucify The Lord.

Why do people today ignore God? Why do they not want Him? Why do they teach evolution now in the schools? Why do they seem so desperate to prove The Bible a myth? Why have they put Biblical Stories in Libraries under the label, 'Myths and Fables'? Why does everyone now turn to the pope for their God? Why are churches uniting?

People have become settled with what they have and need no God. How many today would have crucified Christ?

Jesus was betrayed in the house of His

Friends, and His worse enemies were that of His own country. He further states that if they hate you, they hate Me first. This whole thing boils down to a mere handful of people who have become hated by humanity for Righteousness sake. Further more anyone professing Jesus Christ is also appointed to affliction even extra affliction the closer it gets to the last day.

'The wages of sin is death' and at the last day, those on His Left Hand may seem relieved a little because at least they will all be together in that wrong place. But I assure you that Eternal Space has ample room to separate all those un-saved far from one another. *There is NO CONSOLATION in outer darkness!*

'Praying' In The Name of Jesus

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John 14:7-17, **'If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip Saith unto Him, Lord, show us The Father, and it sufficeth us.**

Jesus Saith unto him, *Have I been such a long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen The Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us The Father?*

Believest thou not that I am in The Father, and The Father in Me? The Words that I speak unto you, I speak not of Myself' but The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth The Works.

Believe Me that I am in The Father, and The Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very Work's sake.

Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, The Works that I do shall he do also; and Greater Works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that The Father may be Glorified in The Son.

If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it.

If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.

And I will pray The Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever;

Even The Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.'

Developing a vibrant Prayer Life will transform the way you live and see things. Through Prayer, The Lord can change your weakness into His Strength, your ignorance into His Wisdom and your emptiness into His Fullness. Jesus made an Awesome Promise that whatever you ask in His Name, He is Committed to Accomplish. *But what does this really mean?*

Praying in His Name means recognizing that Jesus has Paved The Way for you to have access to The Father. Anyone who Believes in Christ's Death as full payment for his or her sins and who has Received Him as *A Personal Savior* can, amazingly, approach *The Throne of Almighty God.*

Hebrews 4:16, **'Let us therefore, come Boldly unto The Throne of Grace, that we may Obtain Mercy, and Find Grace to help in time of need.'**

Praying in His Name denotes Exercising The Authority He has given to each Born

Again Child of God. Jesus, The Heir of all things, has made us 'fellow heirs' with Him.

Romans 8:14-18, 'For as many as are led by The Spirit of God, they are The Sons of God.'

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are The Children of God;

And if children then heirs-Heirs of God, and joint Heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also Glorified together.'

Understanding your position should give you confidence and boldness as you Humbly ask and expectantly look for God's Awesome Answers. We are on a Mission that requires us to be People of Prayer-always connected with The Holy Spirit's Power, always Crying out to The Father, always depending on Him as our Source.

Praying in The Name of Jesus signifies agreement with His Will. You are asking The Father to grant your need or desire as Jesus would, were He in your position. When you pray with this attitude, God is going to reveal His Will because you want nothing less than what He wants. This is the kind of Prayer that changes the world.

The struggle in our daily lives.

One of today's popular magazine uses the slogan '*Life is Complicated, Simplify.*' The slogan does not just apply as a marketing scheme to sell journalism. It applies to the struggles you and I face on a daily basis. Sometimes we forget that life does not comply with the goal of skating through it easily. On the contrary, life is often complicated, challenging, and tough,

to say the least.

To do that, it is important to acknowledge what the real struggle is. It is not the traffic jam on your way home, nor is it the co-worker who mocks your Faith. Your struggle is not your employer or you lack of employment.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us, as Believers, our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in high places. **'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.'**

The first step to Victory is realizing that our friends, neighbors, employers, family, or government are not the sources of struggle. Our struggle is against the evil spirit-realm, which has been conquered by The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suiting up with

The Whole Armor of God

Once we realize who we are dealing with when it comes to attack, we can better understand passages like the following.

Ephesians 6:13-18. **'Wherefore, take unto you The Whole Armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

Stand, therefore, having you loins girded about with Truth, and having on The Breastplate of Righteousness,

And your feet shod with the preparation of The Gospel of Peace;

Above all, taking The Shield of Faith, where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take The Helmet of Salvation, and

The Sword of The Spirit, which is The Word of God.'

Satan's method of captivity are foiled the moment a person receives Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. He can never snatch a Christian from God's Control.

Yet the enemy will still try to make *'The Abundant Life'* described in John 10:10 not so abundant.

'The thief cometh not but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.'

Satan will use any angle he can to discourage you, make you feel defeated, and twist what is evil to make it seem good,

However, God has given His Children a Suit of Armor for protection against the devil's schemes. God, though, will not take on responsibilities that He has given to us.

Ephesians 6:11, says to **'put on The Full Armor of God.'** He has given us the Command to dress ourselves in . . .

(His Truth) You must know and understand The Truth about yourself, God, and your relationship to Him. Studying The Scriptures, fellowshiping with Christian Friends, being active in a Gospel-believing Church, and Praying will help you Understand and Receive The Truth.

(His Righteousness) Rather than responding to life's circumstances based on how you feel, God wants you to respond based on The Truth you know and believe. Then, your life's actions, words, and thoughts will reflect The Righteous Character of God.

(Faith In The Lord) What you Believe about Jesus Christ is your Shield against the enemy's devices. Stay True to it, and stand Firm in it. Refuse to budge from The Faith given to you as a Gracious Gift of God.

(Gospel of Peace) You are to stand upon *The Foundation Of The Gospel*. Jesus' Awesome Sacrifice for your Salvation gives you a Peace that unbelievers do not have. It is a Peace that surpasses your deepest understanding. Hold tightly to that Peace, which floods your thoughts, your desires, and your emotions.

(His Salvation) The Helmet of Salvation is a Helmet for a very important reason. It is to protect your mind, where satan's attacks begin. He Loves to coerce you into doubting what you know is True, so wear The Salvation you received as a Helmet through which every thought should be filtered.

(His Word) This is called *The Sword of The Spirit*. Knowing God's Word, and Understanding it, are *key elements* to being able to use it in time of need. Our only offensive weapon, in The Scriptures is to be used in statements like, *'It is written'* as Jesus did when under attack.

Matthew 4: 1-11, **'Then was Jesus led up by The Spirit unto the wilderness to be tested by the devil.'**

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be The Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But He answered and said, It is Written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh Him up into The Holy City, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of The Temple,

And saith unto Him, If thou be The Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is Written, He shall give His Angels charge

concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy fool against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, It is Written again, Thou shall not tempt The Lord Thy God.

Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showeth Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.

And Saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then Saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, satan, for it is Written, Thou shall worship The Lord, thy God, and Him only shall thou serve.

Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold, Angels came and Ministered unto Him.'

Knowing that your '*Armor is Christ*', how do you '*Put on Christ*'? Daily you must live according to what you believe. It may help to make a card of '*I Believe*' statements to carry with you at all times. When you are tempted to do or say things or dwell on thoughts you know are wrong, affirm your Faith by speaking these words to The Lord.

'I believe you are The Way, The Truth, and The Life and that if I follow the leading of your Holy Spirit, You will never lead me astray. I Trust You to show me what to do in the situation I am facing right now.'

'I believe Your Righteousness is imparted to me through The Holy Spirit and that as I obey Your Commandments, You will manifest Your Character Traits in me.'

Remember, your stance when under attack is primarily one of resistance. While resisting satan's craftiness, you are not positive; conversely, your resistance in cloaked in acknowledging that Your Power

is in The Holy Spirit of God. When tempted, don't say to The Lord, 'I can't, say You can. With You and in Your Armor, I stand.'

The Source of Our Life

Have you ever seen an Army that was prepared in every way, except it had no communication with its commanding general? No matter what state-of-the-art weapons or defense strategies the army possessed, without direction from their leader it's a losing battle.

The same is True when speaking of Spiritual Warfare. No matter how much you prepare by reading The Scriptures, saturating your mind in its Truth, and dressing in The Armor of God, you will get nowhere against the enemy without getting direction from The Lord. He, after all, is your '*Life-Source*'.

Ephesians 6:18-20, teaches us that communication with The Lord is vital to our protection. *We must Talk and Listen to God.*

(At all times) We are instructed to Pray without ceasing in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Don't just delegate a time of day to Pray; Pray throughout your day.

(In The Spirit) Romans 8:26, re-minds us of our weakness to Pray intelligently about the situations that we and others face. However, God has graciously given us His Spirit to lead us in knowing what and how to Pray. Ask for His help to discern how to Pray, and Pray for discernment also.

(With Persistence) Acts 1:14 describes The New Testament Believers who devoted themselves continually to Prayer. Don't give up!

(In View of all Believers) Because every Christian faces the same attack you do, Pray especially for them, including The Ministry.

Philippians 4:6, teaches us to Pray with Thanksgiving, and to let God know about

our requests. He already knows what you need before you ask Him, but He Loves to Fellowship with you. He Loves to Display His Glory by Answering you when you call.

Ecclesiastes 5 shares the importance of Listening to God when we Pray. It takes discipline to develop listening skills in Prayer, but God will help you when you ask. He has much to say, and wants you to open your ears to hear with your heart bent toward Obedience.

What areas of your 'Prayer Life' need to be strengthened? Ask The Lord to show you and to help you, more effectively to communicate with Him.

Some References on Prayer

(The Holy Bible) Matthew 6:6, & 8, Matthew 7:7-8 & 11, Matthew 21:22, Isaiah 30:19, & 58:9, & 65:24, 1 John 3:22 & 5:14-15, John 14: 13-14, & 15: 7, & 16: 23-24, James 5:16, Job 22:27, Psalms 43:17, & 55:17, & 65:2, & 91:15, & 145: 18-19, Proverbs 15:29, & Jeremiah 29:12.

(The Record Of The Nephites) Alma 34: 19-27, 111 Nephi 27: 1-2.

(The Word Of The Lord) Message 94:11, Message 95:2, & Message 102: 11.

There are many more Scriptures on 'Prayer', but that is all I have at this time. Hopefully, I have brought out something that will benefit you Spiritually. Thank you for listening to me this day. 'Keep Sweet' and 'God Bless'.

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.'**

Primary Department

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God Is My Refuge

Psalm 62:7-8, 'In God is my Salvation and my Glory: The Rock of my Strength, and my Refuge, is in God.

Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a Refuge for us.'

Do you ever need a refuge? A refuge is a place where you go to be safe, a place where

you can be free from danger and fear. Everyone is afraid at times. You might feel fearful when you're alone or when you're in bed at night with darkness all around. Sometimes you might worry that something bad will happen to your Mom or Dad. Sometimes you're afraid because you know you've done something wrong – even if you haven't been caught yet.

God wants to be your Refuge at those times. He tells you to Pour out your heart to Him. *Does that mean you need to use just the right words when you Pray? Should you try to pretend you're a brave, good person who doesn't really need His Help?* Pouring out your heart means telling Him *exactly* how you feel – because He already knows. Tell Him you feel afraid, or tell Him you know you've sinned and need His Forgiveness. He is Greater than anything that you fear. And He Cares for you.

God wants to be a Refuge for me and you when we are afraid.

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

'Whatever you are overflowing with will spill out when you are bumped.'

When you are bumped or something does not go the way you want – *how do you react?* If someone is rude to you, are you still kind or *do you retaliate by being rude also?*

If someone disagrees with you or does something you don't like, *do you talk badly about that person to make them look bad to others?* Perhaps even trying to make yourself look better because they look bad.

If you are driving or riding in a car and

if you get cut off-- *do you call that person an ugly name?*

As a Christian you would think that we would react in Kinder more Loving Ways. In fact, if we are filled with Charity – the Pure Love of Christ-- then that is what should spill out of us when bumped--not ugliness, bitterness, or hatefulness.

We need to be a Good Example to others in all we do and say.

Message 90:23, '**. . . Let Peace Rule your lives – watch what you say and do, and where you are**'.

Message 99:9, '**Be very careful what you say, how you speak and where you are, so is my message to all**'.

I Corinthians 3:4-7, 13, '**Charity (Love) suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in The Truth.

Beareth all things, Believeth all things, Hopeth all things, Endureth all things . . .

And now Abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three, but The Greatest of these is Charity' (Love).

I John 4:8, '**He that Loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is Love**'.

Let us show others that indeed we Love God, and have *Something Special* in our life. **When we are bumped, let God's Love spill out.**

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

Hope to find you well and with your

Lamps Trimmed and Burning for The Lord. God tells us in The Messages that this is The *Time of Haste*. That is why God sends John The Baptist, His Messenger, to Warn the people of the world that this is *The Closing Time*, and God is Warning us that *The Hour of His Judgment* is on. His Coming is near.

Are we preparing our Lives for this *Great and Dreadful Day*? Matthew 24:42, **‘Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.’** *What if The Lord came today, would you be prepared? Is your heart right, have you studied to show yourself approved? Are you Serving The Lord and Praying to Him daily? Are you living in sin, have you repented?*

Are you watching where you go, what you do, and what you say? Are your hands Clean and your hearts Pure? Have the works you have done been for The Lord or satan? These are questions we have to ask ourselves. *Are we ready for Christ Second Coming?*

We have to prepare ourselves. We need to do away with the things not of God. Remember to always Seek The Lord in Prayer. He is always our *Best Friend* and is there for us to Call upon whenever we need Him. Whenever we Pray to The Lord, we allow Him to be in our hearts and let Him Guide us. We always need to Rejoice in The Lord and have Joy and Peace in our hearts.

Message 90:23, **‘There will many troubles and trials within and without the homes, the nations, and The Church, until you will Rejoice to Stand together. Let Peace Rule your Lives—watch what you say and do, and where you are.’**

We need to stay away from alcohol, tobacco and drugs. We need to be not of the world. We need to retrain from places that have these things so that satan may not

be able to tempt us to do wrong.

It is easier to do wrong than right! Don’t be deceived by man and the world. With The Lord in our lives, we can do right. Remember they call evil good and good evil in *The End Time*.

Let The Lord give you Strength and Endurance during *The End Times*. The Lord has Warned us what events will occur before The Messenger comes again to Prepare The Way for The Lord’s Second Coming.

Continue to Pray for one another as we are Praying for all of you. We Love you all. May God Bless.

Special Notice

The staff of ‘The Greater Light’ would like to dedicate this Issue of our paper to our Dear Brother Ryan and Sister Krystal Wetzel. We Pray that The Lord will continue to Bless you and your family this New Year and all the years to come. We send our Love, Cares, and Prayer to you.

The Editor

Message 44:8

‘Behold, there is a Cry for Peace, but there is no Peace, save in *The Hearts of Them that do The Lord’s Bidding*, those that *Heed His Voice*. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for *The Lord* shall Proceed to do a *Marvelous Work* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study *The Words I bring*, teach them *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.’