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The End Time Messenger

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*In Righteousness we Live our days,
For Godliness we Strive.
With all our Trials and Troubled ways,
We Emulate Good Lives.
To Built our Lives with Righteousness,
We Place each Stone with Care.
With all The Precious Gems of Live,
We Pass each Day with Prayer.*

William A. Draves



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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.

8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'

10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.

14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary For The Twelve
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

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*

FOURTEENTH MESSAGE

The Messenger was with me in my room at the home of J.G. Pointer, 1041 Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri, from 4 a.m. to 4:30 a.m., October 7, 1929, and spoke to me as follows:

-Otto Fetting

1. *'There are those that will oppose The Message that I have given you, and at times this will delay The Work on The Temple, but there end will be sad. The Lord will Bless The Hearts that are Pure and The Hands that are Clean before Him.*
2. *Fear not because you are hated by some, neither fear the words that they shall say, for you must bear Witness of The Message, not only now, but you shall be Called upon from time to time to bear Witness of that which I have given you. The time is near at hand, when you shall be Called upon to bear Witness not only to The People of The Church of Christ, but you and your brethren must bear Witness to the world of these things which I have told you.*
3. *As I come to you in your language, so am I Commanded to bring a Record from other people in their language, which will also bear Witness in like Manner of God's Dealings with them. There will be people from time to time to bear Record of The Truthfulness to them, of The Things which I have given to you.*
4. *Let Walter L. Gates take charge of The Temple Work here on the ground and at the office, for a season; let Thomas B.*

Nerren labor among The Churches in the East, and let James E. Yates labor in Utah among the people whose Hearts are Open to Receive The Message I have given you. Prepare to send a man to Holland next year among the people there who are Ready to Receive This Work.

5. *Be not boastful, neither harsh with the people, when you take The Message to them, but be Humble and Full of Love, and when you are in need of Light from Heaven, wash yourself that you may be Clean, Anoint your head with Oil, and in Fasting and Humility go before your God, that He might Direct you in His Work.*

6. *As The People of The Lord who have a Desire to Cleanse themselves of the traditions of men shall Come to The Lord's Servants, Baptize them. Be Careful in all your Words, and Works that you shall do, for satan will try to destroy The Work that I have been Commanded to Instruct you to do.*

7. *Let W. P. Buckley, as a Bishop, be out in the field and labor among the people, Preaching both The Principles of The Gospel and The Tithing Law, and let Walter L. Gates help keep The Records that all things might be kept in Order.*

8. *As you labor among the people, Call the Elders together and Instruct them to be Humble and Labor in Love.*

9. *Write this and place it with the rest that I have given you, but send it not to the world as yet for I will come again to you.'*

From The Editor's Desk

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

FAITH

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. And as we become older and through experience come to know more, we are more 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 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 Hears 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 Light 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 blind 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 108:11, ***'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.

From The Apostles

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

One Mighty and Strong

A Fountain Of Truth

John The Baptist

Message 39:9, *'Floods, wars, pestilence and plagues shall come, and many things that will cause the Hearts of men to fail them, for I send One Mighty and Strong and unto him have I given Power to utter words-Eternal Words-and Light is his covering, to set in Order My House. From his bowels gushes forth TRUTH, a Fountain of Truth, to speak My Words, for I have Spoken. In Me is The Light that Shineth in Darkness and by My Servant I give these Words unto you. I send a Great Light, and few there be that perceive it because of the precepts and commandments of men.'*

Message 70:2, *'I speak as from a Fountain of Truth and with Power and Authority. I bring The Authority for mankind to Represent Christ and His Church; therefore remember this is a Holy Work and must be kept Holy.'*

Message 84:2, *'I am The Servant of The Lord. I am The Forerunner of The Christ. I am he to Prepare The Way. I give The Word in due season. I speak in The Spirit and Power of God, of The Elias, The Assured Way, A Fountain of Truth. I am clothed with Light for a covering. The Words I speak are Eternal Words. I speak The Words of Christ, The Living God. His Words shall Judge you in the last day. Shape your Lives by The Words I bring and it will be Well with you. This is The Assured Way of The Lord.'*

Message 103:3, *'I bring The Priesthood Authority, I speak as a Fountain Of Truth, and with Power and Authority.'*

Message 114:11, *'You Believe in God, Believe also in my Coming to Prepare The*

Way. I speak Eternal Words. I am Clothed with Light for a Covering, gushing forth as A Fountain Of Truth.'

From The Bishops

Submitted by Editor

Paying Tithes

Tithes are Holy to The Lord and He won't require something of us that we cannot do.

If you are Willing to Trust your whole being to God, why can't you Trust Him with 10% of what you have? After all, He gave it all to you.

Message 22:19, *'There are those that have robbed The Lord of one-tenth of that which was The Lord's. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts, 'This is mine.' Harken unto Me, says The Lord your God, 'All that thou hast I have given thee, and I shall require one-tenth thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed; that The Gospel may be Preached, and The Kingdom of God might be Established on earth in its Fullness, and The Church set in order in its completeness.'*

The first way to get out of debt is to be Obedient to God! When we do not pay our Tithes, we handcuff God from Blessing our Lives. *He calls us a thief.*

Message 49: 10, *'Let all pay their Tithes that their works may Stand The Test when the trying times come. The Lord will Bless them and they shall not want for The Way of Deliverance shall be theirs.'*

Isaiah 1:19, *'If ye be Willing and Obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.'*

Psalms 23:1, *'The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.'*

The Scriptures are Full of God begging us to Receive what He has Laid Up for us.

Message 46:4 is perhaps The Strongest Words The Lord has Given us. *'Behold, there are those whose hearts are full of evil and selfishness; they have withheld that which is The Lord's of Tithes and of Offerings. Their hearts are not right before Him, therefore, I say unto you, they cannot have part in This Work, and are not of The Household of Faith, for they have failed to Obey The Word of The Lord.'*

I will leave you with this thought; Every one of us is the product of someone. You could have This Gospel and be Saved in The Kingdom of God.

Testimonies Of The Past

General Assembly 2011

Richard Johnson, Iowa; I am Blessed to be here. The Lord has Blessed me many times throughout the many years. The Lord has always been by my side. God has Preserved me throughout my life. He has Loved me and my family. He is a Wonderful Savior. This is a wonderful Way to Worship The Lord.

Marianna Johnson, Missouri: sang song, *'He Hideth My Soul'*.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; Praise The Lord for The Sweet Spirit that is here today. I feel The Lord's Spirit today, it fills me with Joy. I am Thankful for all *The Miracles* I have seen and for *The Fullness of The Gospel*. My father always told us kids to *'listen, and if we would let a man talk long enough, you will know where his heart is'*. I am Thankful for The Anointed Ministry, Special Agents for The Lord. They must give their all to The Lord. I Praise The Lord to be part of a Special Relationship with God, my whole life. The Encouragement I

Received from my father helped me to Endure. It has been so Special to me. I realize that sometimes I get in my own way, but I know that I must Obey The Lord. It is wonderful to be here today.

Richard Johnson, Iowa; I just went over Leonard's papers together, you will find a theme in them. I have already seen it in This Assembly. The Lord has had His Hands in this.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: Zack is not here today. He just told me that God will not leave him alone, so he will be here tomorrow. Colton is closed mouth to me, so Pray for him please. Requested song, *'Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow'*.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: This is a Blessed Assembly. Nothing happens to us that Jesus cannot Understand. Pray Mighty for each other. I feel I have to Pray for someone. I feel The Lord's Encouragement.

Go to The Lord with anything. God will help you.

Betty Segal, California: I am Thankful to be here. The Lord Protected me when I was in a car accident a few weeks ago. The Lord Protected us on our trip here. I Love The Lord.

Harla Mortz, Missouri: I heard a Preacher say that we must be *'Bold'* in The Lord. I want to be *Bold* and be found doing so. I heard Jesus say to me to write Scriptures on the wall, so I did. It is there for me to see and read everyday. When my son came home and saw The Scripture on the wall. He said that he felt God pulling him. It gave my son strength. Do what The Lord tells you to do.

Richard Segal, California: There was nothing rehearsed about my Sermon, I spoke as The Lord gave me His Spirit. The Spirit of The Lord Leads us. In some Churches,

everything is planned out and spoken. They are void of The Lord's Spirit.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: My son Colton was working under a car. He heard someone tell him to move, so he did and the car fell off the jack. He was almost drowned when he was two. If you are right with God, your problems will not be so great. My sons could be a great strength to each other. They need your Prayers. Both of my daughters are with child. Pray for them also. It is a Blessing to be here today.

Primary Department

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God Always Keeps His Promises

I'm sure that everyone has seen a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. In most cases it has no diamonds or any other precious stones. It is just a plain, simple band of gold, but it is *very special* because it is a reminder of a *Promise* that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a *Promise* that they will *Love* and stand *Faithfully* beside one another 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live.' Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that *Promise* that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it about *The Promise* that the couple made.

We all make Promises, don't we? You might *Promise* your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may *Promise* to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may *Promise* to return something that you borrowed from a neighbor.

Has anyone ever broken a Promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, 'But you Promised!' Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our *Promises*.

God makes *Promises*. One particular *Promise* is *The Promise* that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked and evil. God Destroyed everything He had Created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a *Good and Righteous* man who Walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave The Ark, God made a *Promise* to Noah. He *Promised* Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He did something to remind Noah of that *Promise*. He placed A Rainbow in the sky and He said to Noah, (Genesis 9:9-13), **'Behold, I Establish My Covenant with you, and with your seed after you;**

And with every Living Creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of The Ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will Establish My Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God Said, 'This is The Token of The Covenant which I make between Me and you and every Living Creature that is with you, for Perpetual Generations: I do set My Bow in the cloud, and it shall be for

A Token of a Covenant between Me and the earth'

God Said that every time He saw *The Rainbow*, He would remember *The Promise* that He made.

God has kept that Promise, hasn't He? God Keeps all of His *Promises*. The next time you see a *Rainbow*, remember *The Promise* God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that *Promise*, He keeps all of His *Promises*.

Junior Department

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Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,

I wanted to talk today on how we should be examples to others and live to a higher standard. The good works and the things that we do in our daily lives affects others without us even realizing it. The Lord tells us to live and keep the higher standard.

Message 77:11, *'If these men will be humble and prepare, holding high the Banner of Truth,-the full Standard, they will be blessed in very deed. Great good will come of their works. They shall cause many to learn the truth, the Assured Way of the Lord.'*

Message 82:37 *'Hold high the Standard and the Hand of Justice. Keep the Peace.'* Message 94:16 says, *"Hold firm and high the Standard- free from confusion and deliverance will come.'*

Message 83:6, *'Defend the words I bring. To the faithful: continue and hold high the Standard and the words and Work I bring. As you prepare for it, greater Peace and Power will come to all.'*

Message 84:45, *'Keep peace in the Church and unfold the Mysteries as God gives to you. Teach the Decrees. Hold the Standard high. Do all that you can. Many souls will learn Life and Obedience through your good works. As I speak to you I speak to all. I will come again. I will direct the Work of the Lord.'*

These messages are telling us what we need to be doing for the Lord and his church. Being prepared, obedient, and faithful in his words is what the Lord expects from each of us as being servants for him. In this world filled with so much evil it is so important that we remain strong and faithful.

Message 91:12-13, *'The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside in sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere- thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds. Be thou clean and bear the Vessels of the Lord. Let your conversation be clean. Let realness of charity rule your lives. Lift up a Standard.'*

We need to lift up the Standard by being examples to others. The Lord tells us that we need to be examples of good works but not only that we are also going to be judged according to our works.

Mosiah 3:24, *'And thus saith the Lord: They shall stand as a bright testimony agaisnt this people, at the judgement day; whereof they shall be judged, every man according to his works, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.'* Alma 41:3 says, *"And it is a requisite with the justice of God, that men should be judged according to their works; and if their works were good in this life, and the deisres of their hearts were good, that they should also, at the last day, be restored unto that which is good.'*

This verse tells us that if we are filled with good works in this life then when we are judged then we will then be restored with good works. When we read the next verse in Alma 41 it tells us that if our works are evil in this life then we will be restored with evil works. If we choose to do evil works then we will be in misery and instead of inheriting the kingdom of God we will inherit the kingdom of the devil.

Our good works should be ones that glorify God. God is pleased with us when we do these things. He will continue to bless us as we follow him.

3 Nephi 12:15-16, *'Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house; Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'* This is also the same verse that is found in Matthew 5:15-16.

It is so important that we lift up the Standard because the Lord has told us that the work that we have is peculiar and special.

Message 80:3, *'Take hold your peculiar work. Lift your brethren that all may rise to greater Standards and the people be made strong, filled with the Lord's Spirit.'*

We as members of the Lord's church have a duty and responsibility to share this work with others. The Lord wants everyone to have the opportunity to learn his way and to come back to him. He does not want any lost souls. He wants us to feed his sheep so that we all have the chance to live with him again in the kingdom of heaven.

Lay down the things in your life that are not of the Lord, repent of your sins with real intent of the heart and the Lord will forgive. Learn from your mistakes and move forward in your walk with the Lord, sow good seeds for our Saviour, lift you daily living to a higher standard and walk on the straight and narrow path.

Remember the Lord wants a people that has clean hands and pure hearts. Time is short our Lord pleads with His people and constantly tells us to prepare our hearts and minds through study and obedience to the written word, we have been warned, we have to raise to the standard that God has givin.

All things pertaining to Gods work dose matter, when men choose to do things not according to the written gospel, they will fail. Stay close to God and study much, pray

for discernment and strength, that you will stand strong and that you will not be deceived by men and their false teachings, greed and selfishness. God gives us the right to choose. *Who will you serve?*

It is my prayer that we all remember to have our good works shine through so that people see them and want to be a part of it as well. We never know who is watching us so we need to set a good example. Rise to a higher standard of living in your life, remember that you represent God and His church, were the body of Christ, so let your light shine and be true to the Lord in all that you do in your lives. Continue to pray for one another as I pray for all of you. God Bless!

Article

A Peculiar People

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(Part of The Original Article)

Last time I spoke to you about The Holy Priesthood I made my self a mental note that I would follow up on the adjective Peculiar that Peter used. I found that Peter was referring to what Moses spoke to Israel concerning God's People.

Deuteronomy 14:1-2

'Ye are The Children of The LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. For thou art an Holy People unto The LORD Thy God, and The LORD hath Chosen thee to be A Peculiar People unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.'

What do you say the meaning of the word 'Peculiar' might be? The world Dictionary says that '**Peculiar**' means:

1. Strange; queer; odd:
2. Uncommon; unusual:
3. A property or privilege belonging exclusively or characteristically to a person. (I will show that both the 2nd and 7th apply to God's People).

The Bible Dictionary confirms the last definition of these. We will consider the 1st and 2nd definition before I finish.

Peculiar; as used in the phrase 'Peculiar People' in 1 Peter 2:9, is derived from the Latin *peculium*, and denotes ('a people for God's own possession'), a special possession or property. The Church is the 'property' of God, His 'purchased possession' (**Ephesians 1:14**; 'God's own Possession').

Ephesians 1:13-14, 'In whom ye also Trusted, after that ye heard The Word of Truth, The Gospel of your Salvation: in whom also after that ye Believed, ye were Sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise, which is the earnest (down payment) of our Inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto The Praise of His Glory'.

1 Peter 2:9, **'But ye are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, an Holy Nation, a Peculiar People; that ye should shew forth The Praises of Him who hath Called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light'**; (We exhibit our Praise of Him through our Lives)

Message 85:12-13, **'Turn away from the secular and claimed Peculiar, but be ye a Righteous People'**. Read again 52:5 on how to do that. Wouldn't that really be

uncommon and unusual for a people to do that?

The Lord's People are Peculiar, but not ridiculous or sordid in fashions and styles-or conspicuous in attractions-not of good works. These will lead astray'.

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The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Wendy XXX . We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!

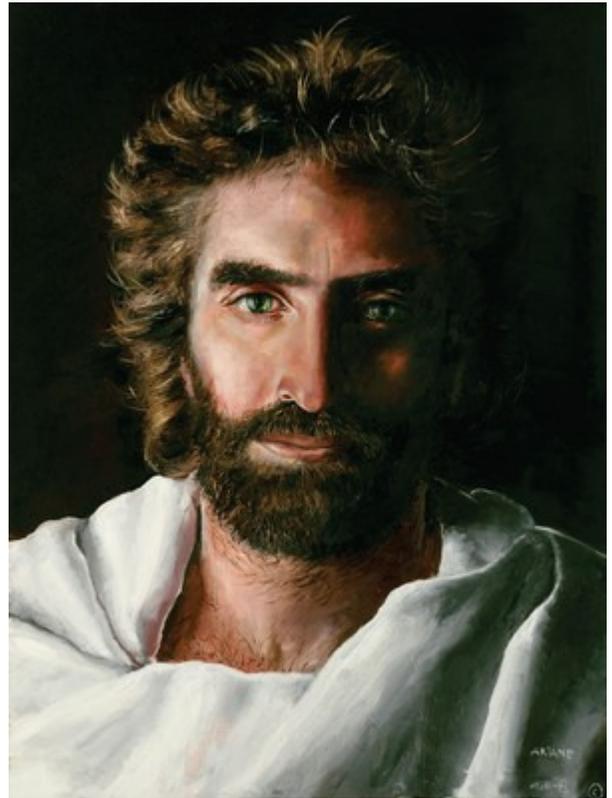
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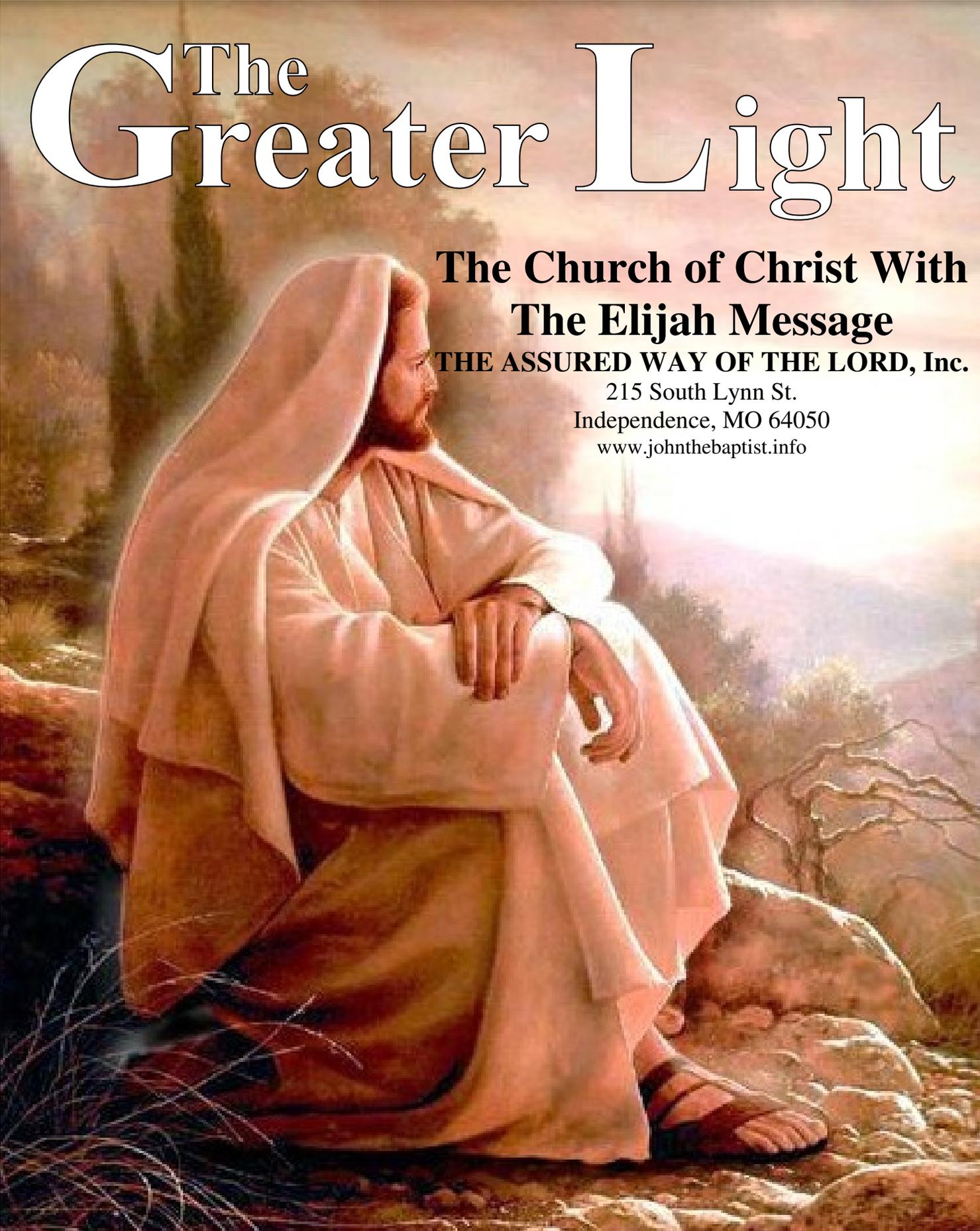
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Mormon 1:1-2

'And now I, Mormon, being about to deliver up The Record which I have been making into the hands of my son Moroni, Behold I have Witnessed almost all the destruction of my people, The Nephites.

And it is many hundred years after The Coming of Christ that I Deliver these Records into the hands of my son; and it supposeth me that he will Witness the entire destruction of my people. But may God Grant that he may Survive them, that he may Write somewhat concerning them, and somewhat concerning Christ, that perhaps some day it may Profit them'

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