



The End Time Messenger

“... 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.”

Happy New Year!

Challenge

William A. Draves

Blessed is The Person indeed,
Who in this Life can find;
A Purpose that can fill their days,
And Goals to fill their mind!

The World is filled with little people,
Content with where they are;
Not knowing what Joys Success can bring,
No Will to go that far!

Yet in this World there is a need,
For people to lead the rest,
To Rise above the ‘average’ Life,
By Giving of their very best!

Would you be one, who dares to try,
When Challenged by the task?
To Rise to heights you’ve never seen,
Or is that too much to ask?

This is your day—a World to win,
Great Purposes to achieve.
Accept The Challenge of your Goals
And in yourself Believe!

You will be Proud of what you’ve done,
When at the close of day;
You look back on your battles won,
Content, you came This Way!

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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 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 53:10, **“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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and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each Elder's duty to seek guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

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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*

Thirty-Eighth Message

The Messenger came to my room at the home of R.E. Stone, 2425 Lafayette, Saint Joseph, Missouri, at 12 midnight and left at 1:12 a.m., October 30, 1938. He gave the following Message.

-W.A.Draves

1. **“Behold, I come to you at this home, for thus The Lord has Commanded. I speak *The Words and Will of The Lord your God.*”**
2. **The Lord has Blessed His People, those that are willing to hear Him, for The Words I bring are His Words, and they that Heareth *The Words of The Lord* and Obey, shall be *His Church* in very Deed.**
3. **Thus far those that have Listened to *The Words of The Lord*, they shall receive *The Greater Blessings*, for Behold, the time is nigh at hand when *The Greater Power* will be manifested; therefore, Arise to *Greater Faith ye Servants of The Lord*. Turn away from the traditions of men and the things that bringeth contention, for The Lord Will Bless those that are Humble and do *His Will*.**
4. **Send what help that can be to the foreign fields as much can be done at this opportune time. The Lord is giving *His Word* to those that are afar off as I speak to you and have spoken.**
5. **Let The Norwegian Messages be sent to the people of that language and tongue, for *The Gospel* will soon be Preached in that nation.**
6. **Some The Lord has Called have slumbered and slept, while some have**

been True and will yet be True, their Reward is sure. Again others will yet Rise and Heed their Call.

7. It is *The Will of The Lord* that more be Called to Labor as Bishops that *The Work* Hasten on. Therefore, let J. W. Savage, Maurice Turland and Clarence Dobson be set apart as Bishops. Let them remember they are *Stewards for God* and that He Requires it of them at the last day. Let them Teach *The Tithing Law* and Abide in all Things in *The Ways of The Lord*. It is needful that they work in *The Field of The Lord*. Let The Bishops Work in Unison in this Office and Calling.

8. The Lord has Called men in other nations to know *This Cause*.

9. Let The Elders Teach the people to live in *Peace* before God that the works of darkness must be done away for the kingdoms of this world will know that God has Spoken.

10. I have come to you. I have come from *The Presence of The Lord your God*. I bring a *Message of Love*, and a *Warning* that *Christ's Coming* is near at Hand and the destructions that shall be. I have brought and bring *Instructions for The Church*.

11. The works of satan must be overcome, then *Peace* shall Reign.

12. Let The Words I bring be translated in other languages that all nations may be Warned. Publish and send abroad *The Warning*, Teach *The Reign of Peace*. Be at Peace for *Christ's Kingdom* shall be, and He shall *Rule* from sea to sea and all men will then Hear *His Words*.

13. The Words I bring is a *Warning*. Will *The people Heed it?*

14. I have come and will yet come, as The Prophets have Foretold, until The Great

Controversy between Christ and satan is over, *The Temple Built*, The People Prepared and *The Bridegroom* sits down. They that be with Him are Called, *Chosen* and *Faithful*.

15. I shall come again as The Lord will Direct."

1. Matthew 25:6

2. Revelation 17:14

From The Editor's Desk God's Garden

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

There is so much beauty in the world around us. We as Christians can see God's Hand everywhere. The beauty fills me with Joy, but The Concept of God's Garden set my mind imagining what God Liked in His Garden.

God must Love Variety. Even plants of the same species are different-some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. He is not The God of an assembly line creation, but One who Loves and Appreciates the differences. Cloning is distinctly of man.

We often feel insecure when we perceive difference between ourselves and others. We feel that we may be somehow irregular and not quite right. The Truth is, God Loves Variety, in all things except *His Gospel Plan*. This He has Laid out in His Simple Way for mankind to Learn and Follow through. All His Plants are different. That's the way He Likes it. God made us this way and Loves us for our uniqueness. He created our unique-ness for His Own Purpose.

Zephaniah 3:17, 'The Lord thy God will in the mist of thee is Mighty; He Will

Save, He Will Rejoice over thee with Joy . He will Rest in His Love. He Will Joy over thee with Singing.'

Just as my heart is thrilled and filled with Joy from the beauty of the earth, I am sure that, in the same way, God Longs to Rejoice, Sing for Joy, over *His People, His Church and His Gospel.*

Message 37:4-5, **'Behold, Saith The Lord, 'Those that Have and Will Profess My Name and Diligently Seek Me, yea, I will Open and no man will close *The Door* before thee, for I will give unto thee Power to Overcome, and he that over cometh shall have Right to *The Tree of Life*, to *Eternity*. Lo, there will you have Place with your Lord whom ye Seek and Desire to Please, Then *The Righteousness of The Righteous* shall be your Joy.'**

'Ye, that are Called to Edify My Bride,' Saith The Lord, 'Keep ye My Sayings and *The Ways of Righteousness* in your hearts. Sin not, but be ye *Holy Vessels*, and lo, I will Quicken your Understanding. Keep The Thoughts of Kindness in a Willing Manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My Body. *Hold High The Banner of Righteousness, and Zion's Cause* shall be *The Millennium Reign.*'

We are *God's Garden*, The Planning of The Lord. Singularly we are unique flowers, together a *Garden*. I Pray that He Enjoys Visiting *His Garden* and I hope He Whistles in His Heart to The Songs we are Singing to Him each and every day of our lives.

Remember The Beauty of God's Garden. Remember, we are God's Garden. Remember to Study and Show yourself Approved, so your Beauty will Shine Forth to the world.

Message 102:54, **'I speak that all Christendom may Flow Together and Abide by *'The Bible'*, Revealing Great Truths; The Coming Forth of *'The Record Of The Nephites'*, The Book, and *'The Word Of The Lord'*: Behold The Books that will Lead all mankind to *Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in The Lord.*'**

Eternity has a Place for all that look for The Lord and View Him as their Saviour, Lord and King.

Mormon 9:21, **'Behold, I say unto you, that whoso Believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask The Father in *The Name of Christ*, it shall be Granted him; and This Promise is unto all even unto the ends of the earth.'**

What a Beautiful Garden, God has Prepared for us. We are a Blessed and Favored People of The Lord. Let us all work together to bring about *The Lord's Plan* in its *Plain and Precious Parts*.

God Bless you all is my Prayer.

From The Apostles

Submitted by Editor

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

Message 15:1, 'Grieve not over what man has done, this is not your work, but *God's Work*. They have not rejected you, but they have Rejected me, and *The Message* I have brought from The Lord. And inasmuch as they have done this, The Lord has Rejected them, and their work.'

Message 46:4,8-9, '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* . . .

This is a day of haste when My *Work* must be done, Those that will Heed and Obey I will Bless, those that will not will lose in the end. Some have grieved Me because of man's traditions, hardness of heart and sin, causing *My Work* to suffer. Some will yet repent while others will go to destruction. Those that do not Defend This Cause have no part in This Work. Let them know they must repent to do *My Will*. Be *watchful* for it is *My Voice* they oppose, and *My Design* they deny. In their hearts they have Rejected *The Message* I have brought from time to time and they are not willing to be Directed by *Mine Angel* I have sent.

Yea, Behold, I Forgive those that Repent and Walk Humbly before Me. Yea, *My Sheep know My Voice* and They Will Hear when I Call upon Them. *How is it that some say they Love Me, yet deny and oppose My Design? Know ye not that I Know your Thoughts and the Intents of your Hearts? Why call Me Lord, Lord, and do not The Things I Say?* Verily, I say not all such shall enter *My Rest*; for in their traditions they have gone astray. They shall not have Voice or Vote in *My Work of The Church Of Christ*.'

From The Church Historian

Is The Church Of Your Choice Christ's Choice?

Apostle Mervyn Johnson
Missouri

In the years following The Establishment of The Church in Jerusalem on *The Day of Pentecost* (Acts 2), many gradually departed from *The Original Teaching of Christ* and His Apostles, thus fulfilling The Prophecy of The Apostle Paul (11 Thessalonians 2:1-10, 1 Timothy 4:1-3). Sincere men at various times tried vainly to lead their fellowmen back to *The Right Way* by seeking to *reform the abuses* that grew out of this departure. Their efforts, however, led only to the formation of different religious bodies, each one guided by its own distinctive creed, and to the popular expression, 'Join The Church Of Your Choice'.

Christians throughout the world in this Twentieth First Century, as their brethren have done in centuries past, continue to plead for a complete Restoration of Christianity as taught by The Apostles under *The Divine Guidance of The Holy Spirit*. They advocated the elimination of all human creeds and The Restoration of The Word of God alone as a complete and adequate rule of Faith and Practice (11 Timothy 3:16-17). They call for a recognition of The New Testament Church-Christ's Choice!

Once The Word of God is Restored to its Rightful Place in men's hearts, certain conclusions inevitably follow. Unity in The Religious World is to be achieved not by compromise around the conference table, but through *Obedience to The Word of God*. The Organization, Worship, and Teaching of *The Church of Christ* are to be determined not by traditions of men or by the legislation of men is synods and councils, but by the

'Apostles Teachings in The New Testament (Acts 2:42; Galatians 1: 6-9). Conduct in daily life is to be measured not by the teaching and example of medieval mystics but by *The Teaching and Example of Jesus Christ*. Every individual not only has the right but *The God-given Responsibility* to study *The Scriptures* and to follow them to the exclusion of all other religious guides (11 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17).

When The Word of God is sown as 'Seed' (Luke 8:11) in the hearts of men, it will produce the same Fruit today that it did in The First Century. It produced Christians then; it will produce Christians now (Acts 3:19-23, 11:26, 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16; Malachi 3:1-5, 4:5; Revelation 14:6-7; Matthew 11:10-14, 17:10-13).

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Taken from The Love Letters of The Bridegroom brought by His Trusted Servant John The Baptist-addressed to His Prospective Bride concerning His Chosen People.

Message 3:1-2 (June 12, 1927), **'Awake and write *The Message* that I will give you for this is a Day of which Christ spoke, a *Time of Haste* when much must be done.**

The *Instructions* is sent: to The Wise, a *Warning*; to the sleeper, an *Awakening*: to the wicked, *Destruction*; but to *The People of The Lord*, a *Message* that *Christ's Coming* is near at hand.'

Message 22:5,14 (July 29, 1930), **'Fear not man, for he is as the grass of the field, here today and gone tomorrow. Fear God**

and Keep *His Commandments*, and it will be Well with thee. *The people must be Warned.* Take This Message to The Jew and to The Gentile, for The Time has Come when *The Gospel* must go to The Jew and to Israel as a people, for they will again go to the land that God Promised to them, in *The Covenant* He made with Abraham.

Remember! *Zion* shall not be Moved out of *Her Place*, nor Jerusalem from Her Former Dwelling Place, for The Lord made a Covenant with Israel at Horeb, and He will gather *His People* that are Obedient, in their land. And there cities shall again be *Cleansed* and *Righteousness* shall again be in its borders. And The Lord shall Remember them, and they shall Accept Christ as their *Savior*, and *The Gospel* as their *Law* forever.'

Message 24:2-6 (November 30, 1930) 'I am John The Baptist. I am he that Cried Repentance in the wilderness. I am The Messenger Spoken of by The Prophets of old. I am The Man sent from God, and my name is John. This I give to all people that they might know that I have come.

Let This Message be taken to each nation and race in their own language and tongue, and their own color, for God Looks upon The Heart.

Thus Saith The Lord your God to The Children of Israel: Be ye Comforted, for I will Gather you from the north and from the south, and from the east and from the west, and from the islands of the sea, and will Bring you again in your own land that I Promised your father Abraham.

I, The Lord your God, am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers up on the children unto the third and fourth generation. But My Wrath is not kindled

against you forever, for Behold The Day has Come when I will Again show *Mercy* and will Gather you in your land that I Promise to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will Direct you as in The Days of Moses, and by *My Mighty Power* and an Out Stretched Arm I will Manifest Myself. I will not Require of you The Blood of bulls and goats and turtle doves, but I shall Require of you to Obey *The Gospel of Love* that was before Preached by Abraham. You shall Acknowledge *Christ* as your *Messiah* and *The Gospel* as your *Law* forever.

For Behold, this is The Time of Restitution and Restoration of all Things. I have Sent My Messenger to Prepare The Way before you, and I, The Lord your God will Direct you from time to time, for The Message he has brought has come from My Presence. And it shall be to Jew and Gentile and to all people, for I, The Lord your God will again *Restore* the earth to its Former Beauty and satan shall no more have power over the children of men, for *My Wrath* is kindled against satan forever.'

Message 48:7-9,11 (June 17, 1940), 'Verily I have Felt after The Hearts of men and I Plead that they will Hear when I Call. *Seek Good and hate evil*, and Establish *Justice* in *The Gate*, for I have said I will be Gracious, even unto *Israel*. Moreover, I shall Deliver Joseph. I will Deliver them from their bondage and gather the outcasts. And True *Israel* shall come Rejoicing for I Prepare a *Way Of Deliverance*.

Thus Saith your Lord, those that have robbed the widow and the fatherless have Robbed Me, and many suffer in darkness, not knowing *My Will*, because there are

those that shorten their hand not rendering that which I Require of them.

Oh, *The Days of Judgments* are upon you and I have Sent among them the plagues and pestilences, the sword; and I have taken your horses, and the stink of the fields has become unpleasant, yet how slothful and disobedient My Israel is to Learn of Me. *Return unto Me, O ye of My Ancient People*, for I design to Bring you out in Gladness and Rejoicing; *Deliverance* will Come to them that Call upon Me. *Seek The Lord and ye shall Live*

Behold! I have Sent *My Spirit* among you and Opened *The Gate*, even Designing your *Deliverance* and a *Way of Preparation*. To *The Humble, The Upright and Just, My Faithful*. I shall Give unto thee *The Greater Light and Power* to Carry on, for by *My Spirit* I shall use you to *My Name's Honor and Glory*. I shall Deliver *My People* Israel from whence the evil one had bound them, and those that Stretch forth their hands toward *My Holy Place of Peace* shall find *Deliverance* for in Mount Zion and Jerusalem there shall be *Deliverance*. I will give *Compassion* and Hear your supplications. Oh ye *My People, Mine Inheritance*, Hear ye *My Words*.'

Message 44:5-7 (August 21, 1939), 'All must Repent and be Baptized for The Remission of sin. Let The Hands be Laid upon all that His Spirit might Come to them in Greater Power, for The Promise is that He will Send His Spirit to all those that are Humble and Full of Love and Trust in His Words.

This is a Day when satan has great power and men's hearts will be tried. Some will fail because of the things they

will have to pass through, *other will be True*. Many have been True and will yet be True. *The Cleansing Time* has Come and God Will Cleanse The Hearts of men by *The Power of His Spirit*. By the conditions that will come, many will be tried and *The Lord's Purging* shall take Place.

Abide by and Fully Obey The Words I bring, have brought and shall yet bring. Teach *The Gospel of The Kingdom*, take it to all the world, to Israel and verily, The Lord shall Remember *His Promises*, for *The Righteous* shall have *Victory* over the oppressors.'

Message 50:3-6 (March 23, 1941), 'The Lord has Designed *His Decree*, and it shall Come to Pass that all who will Learn *His Will, Obey His Law*, and *Endure* shall be Counted *His Bride* at *His Appearing*.

The *Greatest Peril* is on, and destruction upon destruction, suffering and evil, are everywhere, but The Lord shall be Jealous for *His People*, for *Israel* shall be Delivered and be made *His Elect* through *The Knowledge of The Lord's Choosing*, in their *Faith*.

The Plagues have been let, and to destroy with fury; until the people Cry unto The Lord.

Arise, ye *Ancient Chosen* of The Lord- The Lord is your *Deliverer*. The *Vision* has been, and many will yet Know I have Come of The Lord, and that *This Work* of The Lord is *True*. Few have heeded, but many are seeking. Take to them *The Message of Life*. Let *The Glad Tidings* ring Forth and *The Words of Deliverance* Sound, even unto other nations. Hasten; The Lord has Spoken! Let The Servants be Swift to *His Command*. Remember Job, his trials did not destroy his *Faith*.

Yet lacked he anything? He *Endured* and found *Peace with God.*'

Articles From The Past

Reprint, Submitted by Editor

The Coming Of The Messenger

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The Bible speaks of a Messenger of The Lord, who will be sent to Prepare The Way for The Coming of The Lord. When Jesus Ascended up to Heaven, we read that The Angels Announced His Coming again to the earth. .

Acts 1: 9-11, '**And when He had Spoken these things, while they Beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud Received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, Behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so Come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.**'

Many people are looking forward to The Coming of Christ, not knowing that *The Bible* also teaches a time of Restitution and Restoration, to precede His Coming (Acts 3:21, and Matthew 17:11).

This Messenger is John The Baptist, who is to come as The Elias, for it is written of John in Luke 1:17, '**And he shall go before Him (Christ) in The Spirit and Power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to**

the children, and the disobedient to The Wisdom of The Just; to make ready a people Prepared for The Lord.'

It is also written in Malachi 4: 5-6, that Elijah, The Prophet, would '**Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, Before The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord.**'

Elijah and Elias are both the same names, Elijah being The Hebrew, while Elias is translated from The Greek.

Jesus was Speaking of John The Baptist when He said (Matthew 10:11), '**For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I will send My Messenger before thy face, which shall Prepare Thy Way before, thee.**'

Jesus also said, (Malachi 3:1), '**And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come**' (Matthew 11: 14).

It was after the death of John The Baptist, when Moses and Elias talked with Jesus on the mountain. Here the three Apostles waited, then after coming down from the mountain, they asked Jesus about The Coming of Elias.

Matthew 17: 10-11-13. '**And His Disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say The Scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias Truly shall first come, and Restore all things . . . Then The Disciples understood , that He spake unto them of John The Baptist.**'

And so we read of Jesus, that He will remain in Heaven, '**Until the times of Restitution of all things, which God hath Spoken by the mouth of all His Holy Prophets since, the world began**' (Acts 3: 21).

It is written of John, that he will be sent to Prepare, THE WAYS before The Coming

of Christ, the second time, as well as the first time, for WAYS is plural (Luke 1: 76). And how could He better Prepare The Way for Christ's Second Coming, than to Preach, the same Everlasting Gospel that was Preached in The Time of Christ and His Apostles? (See Revelation 14: 6-7.)

The Church of Christ has been Established Anew, by The Power and Authority of God, having The Same Form of Organization, The Same Doctrine, and The Same Spiritual Gifts, as they are found in *The Church of Christ* of The New Testament.

We have been Commanded to take these Messages to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Here are The Words of The Messenger: **'Let The Message I bring be published in every land. Let it go in every language and tongue, to the ends of the earth'** (Message 72:20).

These Messages Teach The Same Gospel that was Taught by Christ and His Apostles. For we Believe The Gospel of Christ is Unchangeable. The Apostle Paul says: **'But though we, or An Angel from Heaven, Preach any other Gospel unto you, than that which we have Preached unto you, Let him be accursed'** (Galatians 1: 8).

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

In The Twenty-Fifth Chapter of Matthew, we find a Parable that Jesus gave, which likened *The Kingdom of Heaven* to The Ten Virgins. Five of them were Wise, and five of them were foolish. While The Bridegroom tarried, they ALL slumbered and slept. At Midnight there came a Cry, **'Behold, The Bridegroom Cometh, go ye out to meet Him'**. Some were not prepared

for The Wedding, but first had to go and buy oil for their lamps. While they were gone, The Bridegroom Came, and they that were ready, went in with Him to The Marriage. When the foolish virgins returned, they found the door shut and they were unable to get in.

Matthew 25: 13, **'Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein The Son of Man Cometh'**

Message 49: 12, **'This is The Midnight Cry, Prepare, make His Paths Straight'**

Surely this Parable Teaches us that there will be A MIDNIGHT CRY just Preceding The Coming of The Lord. This Cry would not come from those who were sleeping, but could only come from The Bridegroom, or through His Messenger.

This Parable was given for those who would be living at The Time of Christ's Second Coming – for those who are living in our time, the time when The Messenger is to be sent. Here are The Messenger's words:

Message 3: 1-4, **'... For this is a Day of which Christ Spoke, a Time of Haste, when much must be done.'**

The Instruction is Sent, to The Wise, A Warning to the sleeper, an Awakening; to the wicked, Destruction; but to The People of The Lord, a Message that Christ's Coming is Near at Hand.

Behold, The Church has slept and slumbered, but, now let The Wise trim their Lamps, that The Spirit of God may be as Oil to their Lamps, for Behold, The Bridegroom is Coming. Prepare ye The Way for His Coming. Behold, The Temple must be built.

The Gospel must be Preached, The Cry must go out, The Lord's Coming is Near'.

The Messenger has Come. *Will you*

Hear **THE MIDNIGHT CRY?**

A Scourge And Desolation

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There's *A Scourge and Desolation*
That The Lord has said shall come,
There's a Cleansing of this nation,
Then God's People gathered home.
(*Message 25:14, The Record Of The
Nephites, page 661, verse 28*)

God Will Cleanse His Church and People,
Now, the time is close at hand.
Soon *The Scourge and Desolation*
That will Cleanse this Zion Land.
(*The Record Of The Nephites, page 665,
verses 12-14, Message 22: 12-15*)

God has Spoken, few have Heeded,
Few will follow in His Way.
Turn from sin, and false delusions.,
For God's Words we must Obey.
(*Message 57:17, Message 42: 3*)

Well, we know this *Scourge* is coming,
Very soon it will be here,
Sin and Superstition vanish,
Hypocrites will disappear.
(*Message 25:14-15, Message 47:8*)

Heed The Word that God has Given,
Let God's Word be Plain and clear;
Soon will come a *Scourge and Judgment*,
For The Cleansing Time is here.
(*Message 41:2, Message 82:21*)

Let God's People Heed this Warning,
Let them turn from sin away,
Heed The Words that God has Given,

Hear His Precepts and Obey.
(*Message 83:4, The Record Of The
Nephites, page 643, verses 13-14*)

HOW BIG IS YOUR WORLD?

Evangelist C. A. Peterson

John-3:16, '**For God so Loved the world . . .**'

One day during The Civil War a reception was held at The White House. In the course of the afternoon, a certain woman whose husband was doing contracts for The Government had an opportunity to speak to The President.

Is there any word from the front, Mr. President asked the woman?, Yes, said Mr. Lincoln, there is news of a battle, The Confederates lost 500 men, The Union forces 150 and 659 more dead. But, exclaimed the woman, only 150 of the dead count. Then looking at the woman with his sorrowful penetrating eyes, Mr. Lincoln told her, Lady your world is much too small!

HOW BIG Is your world? bigger than your family? than your own community? Than your business? than your club or social group? Than your race or nation? Than your Church or Denomination? Than your own little self?

The following anonymous lines, describe the world of too many people: Lord, Bless me and my wife, My son John and his wife. Us four and no more. Farther down the street was a childless couple who Prayed: Lord Bless us two' And that will do. And around the corner lived a bachelor whose Prayer was: Lord Bless only me, That's as far as I can see.'

How big is your world? One of ,the paradoxes of our age is this: The smaller the

world becomes geographically, the larger it must become as a brotherhood.

How does our world compare with that of Jesus? 'God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son' (John 3:16). 'Go ye and teach all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Jesus Dared to Talk with a despised Samaritan woman by the well. He was accused of socializing with gluttons and drunkards, Wherever there were people, irrespective of their color, race, nationality, social or financial status, there was Jesus' world.

The Christian's world must be an ever-enlarging one. Through His Prayers, His Compassion, His Understanding, His Love, His Money, His own person through these and many other ways, The Christian must project himself ever wider and more inclusive areas of human need.

He drew a circle that shut me out, Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But Love and I had the wit to win. We drew a circle that took him in: this quatrain from Edwin Markham, The American poet expresses it for the sincere Christian. Because everything such a person does is motivated by The Love of Christ. His Love knows no boundaries.

When General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, was asked for the secret of his power, he replied: *'From the day I got the poor of London on my heart and caught a vision of what Jesus Christ could do with them, on that day I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth there was'.*

The late S. Parkes Cadman, long time Minister of The Plymouth Congregational Church. in Brooklyn, used to tell a Persian legend which pictured four Angels watching God Create the world. *Why did he make it?*

asked one. *How did he make it~* asked the second Angel. Give it to me! demanded the third Angel. The fourth Angel said nothing but eagerly went forth to try to make another world.

The first Angel represented the philosophical attitude toward man and the world. The second represented the scientific attitude which is concerned with the how of Creation, The third represented the selfish attitude, the attitude of give me, give me. The fourth Angel represented The Christian Attitude that goes forth with God's Help to make a better world. The Christian's world is as big as Humanity and Humanity's needs.

Love to all and may God's Blessings be each ones to enjoy.

Letter

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Greetings in The Holy Spirit of God.

My Love is for all of you. Brother Draves it is so True what you say, and I am so glad God Brought us all out of the world and showed us how to Live in the world and not be of the world.

It is wonderful for us to Represent God and His Church. I can see so much is going on in the world. The old world of the past and the new world that is Coming. I did not understand what God was Talking about at first, but God has opened my understanding in what He meant about the old world. The Spirit of God is in the new world, The Covenant.

I just Thank God for what He Gave me yesterday morning about The Spirit of God.

I could not get to The Assembly because the money I borrowed, did not come. What I

have heard from others, God did Bless you all.

My family and I are well. I Thank God to be in This Gospel. When I think how God brought me to The Gospel, I know that He will bring me the rest of The Way. I Thank and I Praise God. God has let me know what He wants me to do. I Praise God for all of you. Write me if you like. God Bless every-one.

The Poem

I knelt to Pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried Prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My Christian Duty was now done
My Soul could rest at ease.....

All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to Souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die

I went before The Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in His Hands God. Held a Book;
It was The Book of Life.

God looked into His Book and said
'Your name I cannot find
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time'

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Dianna Draves.

We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless! -The Editor

Message 106:25

'The Lord does not change His Mind or Plans, and is no respecter of persons. He will not Forget His Promises, nor will He Alter His Standard or Ways of Values, but Merciful and Longsuffering. He would that none ignore His Laws forever. Yea, not even His Chosen People—lo, The Work is not yet finished. His Message is Valid today as when it was first uttered'.

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