

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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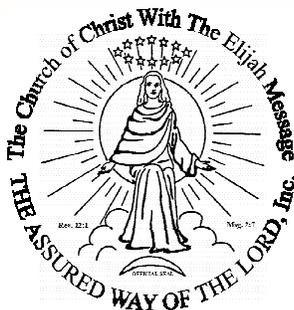
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**To the end that my Glory may
sing Praise to Thee,
and not be silent.
O LORD, my God
I will give Thanks
unto Thee for ever.**

Psalm 30:12



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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

Ninety-Second Message

The Angel Messenger of The Lord came to me at 4:45 a.m. July 4, 1973, in my home at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. The room was filled with Light. He spoke calmly and slowly, as I wrote the words he gave. He left at five o'clock.

W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise and Write the words I shall give you. I am John The Baptist, a Resurrected Being. I am The Elias. My Mission is one of Love and Peace. The powers of the adversary¹ cannot hinder my Work.

2. I come from The Lord's Presence. Look to The Lord, this is His Work. I bring a Message from His Voice and His Will.

3. The Lord's People have seen trials and afflictions but let all Arise to a Closer Walk with The Lord. Come away from contentions and bring Love and Obedience in you Lives. Continue in Good Works. The Lord has Heard the Prayers that are of the Heart, and this Assembly. And I bring Peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

4. There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short².

5. Where is that Great Love and The

Spirit that Mellows the Heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do Greater Work. Qualify to be Leaders of men. Do Good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not our Mission.

6. He that Loveth the brethren, Loveth God also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a Blessing

7. Follow The Pattern. Let all that come This Way be Baptized into One Spirit. Teach and Preach the same things in The Way I have given you and it will be well.

8. *The Church of Christ* will never again be destroyed but will move on Her Mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins-and The Lord come. The Kingdom and The Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High³.

9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so-making The Authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

10. There Is no Greater Authority or Gift, or Gifts given to man than that which I bring of The Lord God, after The Order of His Son.

11. Who is mankind to claim more than This? He that will not recognize The Authority and Power I bring. Faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.

12. There will come a day when a True Gift will be given. With Great Wisdom

will it work a Work and Convince, moreover Convict, but as yet is not among you in Measures of Saving Grace.

13. Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord Knoweth the hearts and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of This Work.

14. I have brought and bring a Message for mankind-that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of The Lamb's Bride when He comes to make up His Jewels. I speak to fulfill The Word of God, to bring all The Faithful in Christendom together to One Fold⁴, One Shepherd, One Spirit of God, One Baptism⁵ with Power for Remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15. The Lord will Call many into This Way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold The Peace and your reward will be sure.

17. In time The Quorum of Twelve Apostles will be filled. There are those in The Lord's Preserve. Some will fail, others will take their Calling when The Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and The Church. Lift your Faith-The Way of The Lord is Sure. I will come again. Amen!

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| 1. 1 Peter 5:8 | 3. Daniel 7:22 |
| 2. Psalms 14:1-3
Romans 3:23 | 4. 1 Nephi 22:25 (RN)
5. Ephesians 4:25 |

From The Editor

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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 Apostles Trees

*Apostle Richard Johnson
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Today I am going to talk with you about trees. Let's begin with.

Message. 41:13, **'Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord'.**

This verse tells me that there is access to The Tree of Life and its Fruit today if we find The Narrow Path Jesus spoke of in Matthew 7:13-14.

This then would lift the curse of the spiritual death of our Souls that separates us from The Tree. If we partake of its Fruit today and continue to Endure until the end we will have Eternal Life and not lose our access to The Tree with a second death but shall Live and Dwell with God forever.

The Tree of Life is first found in *The Bible* with others in:

Genesis 21:9, **'And out of the ground made The Lord God to grow every Tree, that is pleasant to the site and Good for food. The Tree of Life in the mist of the Garden and also of Knowledge og Good and evil.'**

Then we also find it at the beginning of *The Record of The Nephites* in:

1 Nephi 11:1, where Nephi desired to see The Dream or Vision that his father **Lehi** had previously received of The Tree of Life. Nephi said that **'as I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away The Spirit of**

The heart I was caught away in The Spirit of The Lord, yea, into an exceedingly high mountain.'

1 Nephi 11:21-22, **'Nephi responded 'it is The Love of God'**

'Lehi and Nephi were both visionary men who received Dreams and Visions from God. Nephi was told that a Sign would be given him (1 Nephi 11:7). After he saw The Tree which bore The Fruit, he would then Behold a man Descending out of Heaven, of whom he was to Bear Witness that he was The Son of God. He was then shown The Tree that his father had seen as well as a Virgin who was carried away in The Spirit and reappeared bearing a Child whom The Spirit identified as 'The Lamb of God, yea, even The Eternal Father!' The Spirit then asked, 'Knowest thou the meaning of The Tree which thy father saw?'

Nephi also was shown that The Rod of Iron his father had seen was The Word of God, which led to The Fountain of Living Waters, or to The Tree of Life; which waters are also a representation of The Love of God; as was The Tree of Life a representation of God's Love. (See Nephi 11:25).

1 Nephi 11:25, **'Lehi had seen that: The Fruit of The Tree was desirable to make one happy and was white, to exceed all the whiteness that he had ever seen'.** (1 Nephi 8:10-11) White represents Righteous, Purity or without sin.

Nephi also saw that The Fruit is desirable above all other Fruits and is The Greatest of all The Gifts of God. And that it filled his Soul with Great Joy. (1 Nephi 15:36)

In Nephi 33:4: Nephi wrote: **'My Soul Delighteth in proving unto my people The Truth of The Coming of Christ, . . . and all things which have been Given of God from**

the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of Him'

The Vision that was given to Nephi Reveals to us that The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ. This is also shown in John 1:29 in *The Bible*. John The Baptist seeth Jesus Coming unto him, and Saith, '**Behold The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**'

Though the reference in Nephi is not explicit, it may be concluded that it is The Fruit of The Tree that personifies The Lamb of God as both are introduced together in the text with The Son of God who is The Eternal Father Manifested in The Flesh. The Vision brings together The Love of God that is The Tree and The Fruit of Tree that is The Atonement of The Lamb's Flesh and Blood that we are partakers of.

John 6:54,57 '**Whoso eateth My Flesh and Drinketh My Blood, hath Eternal Life; and I will Raise him up in the last day . . .**

As The Living Father hath sent Me, and I Live by The Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall Live by Me'. (see 1Cor.10:16)

Message 88:13, '**. . . only through His Atoning Blood can mankind be Saved.** 1 John 4:7-16, is further evidence that helps to Reveal The Fruit of The Tree represents Christ with The Influence of God's Love through The Indwelling of His Spirit in ourselves.

1 John 4:8-9,12-13, '**He that Loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love.**

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

If we love one another, God Dwelleth in us, and His Love is Perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His

Spirit.

God is Love and is Represented by The Tree and The Fruit is Produced by and is part of The Tree or is one Tree and carries its Seed that is Planted in your Heart.

Message 52:9, '**Let Love Dwell in your Hearts that He may Dwell in you and His Love be Perfected, and that you may Stand in The Day of Judgment**'. (His Love is Perfected in us when our Love is as He is in this world. 1 John 4:17)

In The 14th Chapter Nephi is told by The Angel that The Apostle John would also write about these things and also concerning The End of The World. So **let's now turn to His words about The End Times and The Tree of Life.**

Revelation 2:7, '**He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Saith unto The Churches; To him that Overcometh will I give to Eat of The Tree of Life, which is in The Midst of The Paradise of God**'.

The Angel's Words explain this in Message 49:2, '**. . . All that will Obtain The Words of The Lord and His Will Obey, shall have Right to The Tree of Life**'.

Revelation 14:6, '**And I saw another Angel fly in The Midst of Heaven, having The Everlasting Gospel to Preach unto them that dwell on earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people**'.

Knowing that God would send His Angel in that day, we should be looking for His Words and Commandments to be Obtained and Obeyed giving Right to Eat of The Tree of Life as He told The Former Churches.

Revelation, Chapter 21:1-2 pictures for us The Creation of a New Heaven and earth and a New Jerusalem Prepared as a Bride Adorned for Her Husband by God that Comes to earth from Heaven.

Revelation 20:7-10 describes The Bride made ready for The Marriage Supper and Marriage of The Lamb.

Here is The New Jerusalem as defined by a couple of well known *Bible* Commentaries.

A. Jerusalem was The Place where God was Worshipped, and hence, it became synonymous with the word Church, or is used to represent The People of God.

B. It signifies *The Church of Christ*, the metropolis of Christianity, or rather the state of liberty into which all True Believers are brought.

C. Hebrews 12:22 reads: **‘ye are Come unto Mount Zion, and unto The City of The Living God, The Heavenly Jerusalem’** Here it is used to denote The Church, as being of Heavenly Origin.

D. Hebrews 11:10, Abraham looked for or was waiting on a City which has Foundations, whose Builder is God.

Message 85:41, **‘. . . Know This Work is True and from The Courts Above’.**

See Message 91:3-4, **(My Mission is to Fully Prepare The Church for The Lord’s Coming – to Prepare a People–The Lord’s Bride–The Church and Zion bringing God’s Love and Deliverance).**

‘God will Dwell with His People on earth. Former things pass away becoming New and is The Inheritance of those that Over-come having Right to The Fountain and Tree of Life.

And God shall Wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away’.

Two of the later Messages Reveal to us that The Authority or Power of God is also His Pure Love Coming down from The Throne and Fountain of Life in Heaven His

Righteousness.

Alma said 5:62, **‘Come and be Baptized unto Repentance, that you also may be Partakers of The Tree of Life’.**

Message 107: 8, **‘Let all that Come into This Work be Baptized of Water under This Authority I give and Receive The Laying on of Hands for The Holy Unction and Power to do The Work in This Closing Time; to Bring in The Reign of Christ on earth, Folding in The Millennium, The Reign of Peace, ere there Cometh A New Heaven and a new earth, when Former Things will Pass away and all Things be made New in The Eternities’.**

Revelation 21:24, **‘And the nations of them which are Saved shall Walk in The Light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it’.** (See Message. 71:2)

See Revelation 2:1-2, **‘In this New Jerusalem (Church of Christ) is Found God’s Throne and Water and River of Life Proceeding from it.**

In the middle of its street, and on either side of The River, was The Tree of Life, which bore Twelve Fruits, each Tree yielding its Fruit every month. The leaves of The Tree were for The Healing of the nations’.

The proper Translation is said to be, ‘Producing Twelve Fruits, yielding or Rendering its Fruit in each month’ as in twelve crops of Fruit The Tree would be Producing or in season continuously.

Access to The Pure Love of God that is The Tree and its Fruit is Found in *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord.*

Revelation 22:3, **‘There shall be no more curse; but The Throne of God and The Lamb shall be in it; and His Servants shall**

Serve Him’.

In John’s Coming, the curse is Lifted by Belief and Obedience to The Lord’s Word’s with The Instructions for Deliverance and Victory in gaining Salvation, he brings in The Elijah Message. (Messages 85:29, 89:6, 97:2)

Now turn to The Book of Ezekiel: Keep in mind that man is also signified by a Tree in The Scriptures and The Corresponding things in man; as by The Branches, Leaves, Flowers, Fruits, and Seeds.

Ezekiel 47:1,7,12, **‘The man brought me back to The Entrance of The House (Temple), and I saw Water coming out from under The Threshold of The Temple (a River) toward the east (for The Temple faced east) . . .**

When I arrived there, I saw a Great number of Trees on each side of The River . . .

Fruit Trees of all kinds will Grow on both banks of The River. Their Leaves will not wither, nor will their Fruit fail. Every month they will Bear, because The Water from The Sanctuary Flows to them. Their Fruit will Serve for Food and their Leaves for Healing.’

What does The Temple Represent in Prophecy? It usually Represents God’s People or Christ as His Temple or Tabernacle. Jesus who Offered up Himself as our Sacrifice, Identified Himself with The Temple of God, and The Spirit was Given to Him beyond Measure.

(John 3:34) Speaking of Himself, He said destroy This Temple and He would Raise it again in three days. A Temple is where people Offer Spiritual Sacrifices to God.

See (Ephesians 2:20-22), The Sacrifices Offered in Ezekiel’s Temple must be Types and Figures of these Spiritual Offerings. Peter said, **‘Ye also, as lively stones, are Built up**

a Spiritual House, A Holy Priesthood, to Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.’ (1 Peter 2:5) Example: Clean Hands and A Pure Heart through Repentance.

Do you see the similarity to John’s Vision that The Authority or Power of God is also in The Revelation? John, like Ezekiel, sees a River with a Tree or Trees on either side. In Ezekiel’s Vision God’s People once again have Access to The Tree of Life. And, they have Access to The River of The Water of Life. The point is that from The River and The Tree there is Abundant Life, Refreshment, and Nourishment for God’s People.

Everything Ezekiel’s River touches is suddenly brought to Life. The Dead Sea, for instance, in which no Life can be sustained because of all the salt and minerals, is turned into Fresh Water when The River Flows into it—Fresh Water that supports fish and plants and animals and birds.

In his Vision Fruit Trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of The River. Their Leaves will not wither, nor will their Fruit fail. Every month they will Bear, because The Water from The Sanctuary Flows to them. Their Fruit will also Serve for Food and their Leaves for Healing. If His Love is Perfected in us it will become A Tree of Life Springing up unto Eternal Life.

It is like the description of Alma. As Alma taught about Faith, he compared ‘The Word unto a Seed.’ He continued that if the individual has the desire and will plant the ‘True Seed’ in his Heart, ‘it shall be A Tree (A Tree of Life) Springing up unto Everlasting Life’.

See (Alma 32:41). Christ is The True Seed. This Tree, if Nourished, will bring forth Fruit ‘which is most Precious, which is Sweet above all that is Sweet, and which is White

above all that is White, yea, and Pure above all that is Pure; and ye (The Righteous) shall feast upon this Fruit even until ye are Filled'. (Alma 32:42).

I wonder if perhaps The Leaves may Represent The Righteousness of God's Laws and Works. A Tree that is planted and grows from The Seed found in The Fruit of The Tree of Life whose Leaves are exposed to The Sunlight of Righteousness with its Roots in Good Ground by The River of Water from The Fountain that are found in God's New Jerusalem and *The Church of Christ* will Produce its Fruit with its Seeds and God's Laws and Works can Heal the nations.

That which was Sowed in The Good Ground is he that Hearth The Word, and Attendeth, and Beareth Fruit (Matthew 13:23)

If you understood my Testimony about Vine Ripened Pineapple at Assembly, I was expressing what I had Received and Tasted of God's Love and of its Sweetness when He sent His Messenger to Brother Draves with God's Words and Spirit.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8, 'Blessed is The Man that Trusteth in The Lord (Jehovah); he shall be like A Tree Planted by The Waters; and that spreaded out her roots by the river-and shall not see when the heat cometh but her leaf shall be green and shall not be careful in the year of drought neither shall Cease from Yielding Fruit.'

Psalm 1:1-3, 'Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his Delight is in The Law of The Lord; and in His Law Doth he Meditate day and night. And he shall be like A Tree planted by The Rivers of Water, that bringeth forth his Fruit in his Season; his Leaf also shall not Wither; and whatsoever he Doeth shall

Prosper.

Every Branch that Beareth not Fruit He away, and every Branch that Beareth Fruit He shall Pruneth, that it may bring forth more Fruit; he that Abideth in Me, and I in him, the same Bringeth Forth much Fruit (John 15:2).

Matthew 15:13, **'But Jesus Answered and Said, Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be Rooted up'.**

Message 90:7, **'Every Tree, The Churches, The Lord has not Planted shall be Rooted up. There are many false claims and proclaims that is of the evil one to get gain and make merchandise of The Word of God'.**

Go back and see what The Angel said to The Churches in Revelation 2:7 and compare it with what The Same Angel has said to The Churches today.

It is a matter of Scripture and History that there came a falling away of The Churches from The Tree and River of The Pure Water of Life Proceeding from it. There was a war against *The Church of Christ* and His Apostles.

Look at the rest of Lehi's dream of those that made it to The Tree of Life and The Fountain of Living Waters by Holding to The Rod of Iron and then fell away and became lost in the torrents of the polluted river with the mists of darkness and of a great and spacious building depicting the pride of the world. (See Message 99:10-12 and Revelation 22:14-17).

If The Churches on earth were Prepared as Bride or Pure enough so they could be Prepared as The Bride - *A Church of Christ* or New Jerusalem from Heaven would not have to Come down to earth again.

In 1 Nephi 14:14 it is a Time that The

Power of The Lamb of God Descends upon The People of The Church of The Lamb and upon His Covenant People that are scattered upon the earth with His Righteousness

Message 62:2, **'I Come that Righteousness shall look down from Above. Yea, it shall be Poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath Sent me and Causeth me to Speak. I speak His Will. The Words I Speak shall Bring Peace to many, for Salvation shall be upon the earth among men.** (see Psalms 85:10- 11).

Message 24:9, **'Behold, I am again Establishing My Church and My Kingdom upon the earth.'**

Message 28:3, **'My Kingdom shall never be destroyed'.**

Message 13:6, **'The Church of Christ (New Jerusalem) shall never again be destroyed'.**

In Lehi's dream there is a final time when the people that obtained The Fruit of The Tree of Life no longer heeded those in the spacious building in 1 Nephi 8:33 and would not fall away as recorded in 1 Nephi 14:7: **'For the time cometh, Saith The Lamb of God, that I will Work a Great and a Marvelous Work among the children of men; a Work which shall be Everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other; either unto the convincing them unto Peace and Life Eternal, or unto The Deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also unto destruction, both temporally and Spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken'.**

What kind of Trees are we? Jesus said to The Disciples, **'I have Chosen you, that ye should Bear Fruit, and that your Fruit should remain'** (John 15:16).

Proverbs 11:30, **'The Fruit of The Righteous is a Tree of Life; and he that winneth Souls is wise'.**

Message 41:13, **'Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life'.**

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.' Hearken 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.

Food For Thought

Stepping Stones

*Submitted by Sister Oladawn Thompson
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The Lord Came to me like a dream one day and asked, *‘Why do you sorrow?’* I answered, *‘Lord my life is so full of pain, I can’t face one more tomorrow’.*

The Lord sat down beside me, and gently took my hand. He said, *‘Let Me explain to you and then you’ll Understand’.*

‘Each sorrow is A Stepping Stone you must surmount each day. And every Stepping-Stone you climb is a sorrow that’s passed away.

The Road of Life is a mountainside, with crevices in which to be caught. But as you struggle on your way, I, The Rock, will lend

Support.

Every Stepping Stone you climb, makes Spirit and Heart grow Strong. Exercising Character and Faith this road seems painful and long.

The Way is paved with Stepping Stones, to uplift your Heart and Soul. Though difficult they aid your way, to a City Paved with Gold.

I know that you are tired, for I too have Walked This Way. My Sorrows did they multiply, but I Cleared many Stones Away.

I left My Rock to Lift you up, I left Behind My Story; To give you Strength to make your climb, to that Special Place in Glory.

And never fear, The Rock is here, you’ll never climb this mountain alone. Surmount Life’s Sorrows, continue on, for they are but Stepping Stones’.

Testimony Of The Past

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Greetings in The Beloved Name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Known all men by this present that we The Disciples and Vice Bishops; Elders; Evangelists; Handmaidens of The Lord; Members and Priesthood of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message; The Assured Way of The Lord; Inc. Africa*, we add our Personal Testimonies to The Great Work of our Lord Jesus Christ through His Servant Apostle William August Draves that is True.

God Lives, He is The Creator of The Universe. Jesus is The Christ; The Messiah of the world; King of Kings, Lord of Lords: He lives!

Apostle William A. Draves of Independence Missouri; is a True Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, although he died in flesh he is still Alive in our Hearts, Mind and

Thoughts. Spiritually he is Alive in PARADISE: he is with all other Apostles and Prophets of old. His Work still Shining in Africa and all the rest of the world. We are The Fruits of his Endurance to the end.

The Authority and Trust is upon him. No one or none other can take it from him, forever and ever. All The Messages he Received from The Presence of The Lord; through The Messenger, John The Baptist is True.

The Book, *The Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel* is True. It contain *The Fullness of The Everlasting Gospel.* All The 120 Messages is Full of Inspiration of Divine Authority. Each one who will be Bound with all it Precepts will be Blessed and his work will stand The Test in time of troubles.

The Biological and Spiritual family of our Beloved Brother Apostle William A Draves; are a Holy and Blessed Family in the world. May God Bless those who will Bless them.

ARTICLES

From The Vineyard

Few Will Believe And Enter

(Foot-Prints In The Sands Of Time, page 56-57)

It is a different Message that the world is used to hearing as John The Baptist Preaching Repentance in the wilderness of Judea was so very different, that **'Few will Believe and Enter'** in. We read *The Plan and Decree in God's Blessed Word* and we know it to be True; for today *The Angel Messenger* continues to come and brings Words and Instruction to those that will Heed and Obey, and it is *Life to The Obedient*. He brings a Valuable Message to

us, that we may have Hope and Salvation. Paul says, *'For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patient and comfort of The Scriptures might have hope'* (Romans 15:4). No real Comfort or Hope, apart from learning, Believing and doing all The Lord has seen Fit to Unfold for our Instruction as a Church, His Church. So *The Good Book* is Written for our Learning and that through Understanding it we may have Hope. With *The Bible* we have a chart, and in The Instructions and Light brought by The Messenger we have a Compass to Direct us. Thus we can sing, *'Chart and Compass Come from Thee'*. We are fully persuaded that it is Worth everything to us and Convinces us that *'Elias must first come'*.

The Blessed *Holy Bible* is Divine and The Teachings of The Lord are True. The Master says, ***'Enter ye in at The Strait Gate; for wide is The Gate, and Broad is The Way, that Leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because Strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it'*** (Matthew 7:13-14).

Most of this lack of entering is because the nations are enveloped in midnight darkness, as to This Message, and only a few find *The Way of Life*.

Therefore, only a few will be Fully Convinced that The Elijah, Elias, must come and his coming Preceded The Coming of our Lord and Saviour. Apart from its Truthfulness, and having God for its Author, no one could have Foretold these events, and have them verily Fulfilled before one's very eyes, just at The Closing Time in The Latter Days, as we see the 6000 years nearly completed.

To be with the masses is to be on the wrong road, for few there be that find the 'Right Way; few there be that really Believe or Care anything about The Truth. Jesus said, **'Not every one that Saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall Enter into The Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth The Will of My Father which is in Heaven'** (Matthew 7:21).

Many will Endeavor to tell The Lord in that day, all the wonderful things they have done in His Name but He will say, **'I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity'** (Matthew 7:23). Why do they *fail to be Recognized of The Lord*? It is because they fail to Recognize His Perfect, Simple Plan. **'For many, I say unto you, you will Seek to enter in, but shall not be able.'**

The reason for all this *'not be able'* to enter will be because they Seek to enter in their own way and not *The Way of The Lord*. It is too different for them, too different from what they have been taught.

They make void The Word of The Lord by their traditions. They do not take it to be God Speaking nor that He Means what He Says, so consequently they go along carelessly without Learning what God has sent for The Specific Purpose of Redeeming mankind and that The Message of Life may be Applied to us in our day.

His Way is that we Study His Words and Plans and Conduct our lives Accordingly; that we may become fit and worthy subjects to inherit Life Eternal, and eat from The Tree of Life.

Thus we will be Able to enter into The Gates to The City where *'The Lamb is The Light thereof.'*

Jesus says, **'If you Love Me, keep My Commandments.'** Unless we *Show by our Lives and Actions* that we Love Him, we are

not keeping His Commandments. We must Cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and by *The Spirit of The Truth* perfecting *Holiness* in The Fear of God, do His Will. Anything apart from all He has Commanded will not Save us. Christ said, **'Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say'** (Luke 6:46).

Article From The Past God's Garden

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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 but *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 uniqueness for His own Purpose. There is a beautiful verse in Zephaniah 3:17.

'The Lord Thy God in the midst 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* on Sunday Mornings, and I Hope He Whistles in His Heart to The Songs we are Singing to Him.

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 102:52, **'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 them; 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 all!

A Cowboy's Poetry

Jake, the rancher, went one day to fix a distant fence. The wind was cold and gusty and the clouds rolled gray and dense.

As he pounded the last staples in and gathered tools to go, the temperature had fallen, the wind and snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart. From the sound of that ignition. He knew it wouldn't start.

So Jake did what most of us would do if we had been there. He Humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a Prayer.

As he turned the key for the last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck.

Now Jake had been around in life and

done his share of roaming. But when he saw Heaven, he was shocked --It looked just like Wyoming. !

Of all the Saints in Heaven, His favorite was St. Peter. So they sat and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three. Nobody was keeping' score --In Heaven, time is free.

I have always heard, Jake said to Pete, 'that God will answer Prayer, but one time I asked for help, well, He just plain wasn't there'.

'Does God answer Prayers of some, and ignore the Prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square--I know all men are brothers.'

'Or does He randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe, it's the time of day, the weather or the season.'

'Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel. And I was wondering', could you tell me --What the heck's the deal?!

Peter listened very patiently and when Jake was done, there were smiles of recognition, and he said, 'So, you're the one!!'

That day your truck, it wouldn't start, and you sent your Prayer a flying, you gave us a real bad time, with hundreds of us trying.'

A thousand Angels rushed, to check the status of your file, but you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from you in quite a long while.'

'And though all Prayers are answered, and God ain't got no quota, He didn't recognize your voice, and started a truck in Minnesota.

Authority History

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The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc, of Independence, Missouri, deprives its

Authority and its existence, not alone from the visits of The Angel, John The Baptist, for it is a Remnant of The Church organized April 6, 1830, at Fayette, New York, by Joseph Smith and his fellow workers in The Great Restoration Movement. *Therefore it is not a faction as are other Restoration Groups.* The Angel, The Elias, The Resurrected John The Baptist, in the regeneration process conferred a *Greater Authority* by the touch of his hands upon our late, Brother, Otto Fetting when he established The Church Anew in 1929.

We quote from The Angel's Words thus, Message 12:1, **'I have come to you from time to time to Instruct you as to The Work of building The Temple and The Organization of The Church Of Christ, and Re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again receive The Power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost . . . (Acts 2:1-21) The Servants of The Lord may be Filled with The Spirit Of God, that they may take The Message of The Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for The Lord has Reserved unto Himself This Remnant on The Temple Lot, to set The Church in Order. I have come to you in your own language that you may under-stand, and impart it to the children of men, and that The Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuses at The Judgment Day, for verily these things shall come to pass . . .'**

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Lizzy and Matthew was so excited to visit both sets of grandparents over the

holidays. On Halloween they visited their grandparents in the country. They made pumpkin crafts, helped grandpa make a corn maze and made candy apples. She and her brother had so much fun they didn't want to leave the country. Everyday they did something new and exciting. Lizzy and Matthew's favorite time of the day though was when they would climb into bed and grandma would read them a Bible Story and grandpa would softly play a hymn for them on his guitar, then all of them would say their bedtime Prayers together, ending with a big ole hug and a kiss on the cheek. Sleeping at their house was so much fun. Lizzy and Matthew would thank God everyday for such wonderful grandparents.

Lizzy and Matthew was equally excited about visiting their other grandparents for Thanksgiving. The entire family would take a trip to their home for a 4 day visit. They lived in the suburbs of a large city, but it was a nice town with a wonderful lake and park to play at. Grandpa would take them fishing and take long hikes around the park with them and his dog, Spike. They would play football with all their cousins after Thanksgiving dinner. Lizzy and Matthew's favorite time of day though was when grandma and grandpa would escort them to their beds and just talk with them for a while, about whatever they wanted to talk about. Then they would read them a Bible Story and then Pray together. Each one would Pray and then get a big ole hug and kiss, then off would go the light for the night. They had so much fun they didn't really want to see the day end. They were so Thankful though, that they Thanked God for wonderful grandparents and being taught to know about Jesus. They were so Thankful That all of their grandparents Loved The

Lord and had a strong faith in God. It gave them comfort to just know they all agreed about Jesus being a part of their lives.

When Christmas finally came, all of the families from both sides would get together at a big gathering in country at their uncle's home. He lived on a ranch with lots of horses and other farm animals. It was so much fun just being with all the family, but, with all the games they played, the horse-back riding, baking cookies and wrapping presents made it even more fun. Each day was filled with many fun things to do. Everyone kept very busy with so many activities going on. Lizzy and Matthew's favorite time of the day though was when both sets of grandparents would come to their room and sing to them, read a Story about The Birth of Jesus and then kneel down beside their bed for Prayer, ending with lots of big ole hugs and kisses. They would talk about their wonderful day and how Blessed they were to have a family who Loved God and made Him a part of their Life at the ranch.

The holidays are gone now, a New Year beginning. They both thought a lot about what wonderful fun times they had for October, November and December, giving Thanks and Praise unto God for all He had done for them. Grandma and Grandpa had taught them that if they were Thankful for everything Good He had Blessed them with, then they should be sure to go to God and tell Him how much they enjoyed all the Blessings of the old year. They also reminded them that they should Thank God every single day for all The Blessings He has Blessed them with.

Their grandparents told them if they have good health, they are being very Blessed. They told them if they have a roof over their

head, they are being blessed. They told them if they can walk and talk, they are being blessed. They told them if they have parents who love them so much and teach them about Jesus, they are very blessed. Lizzie and Matthew knelt just one more time to pray with their grandparents before they had to leave. They were so happy that they had this wonderful time together with all their family.

Lizzie and Matthew was so excited to share with their friends after the Christmas break of the wonderful time they had together with their family. They told them how they had read The Word of the Lord, the Bible and The Record of the Nephites together each night before going to sleep. All the children listened carefully to what they had to say and wished that they could have had such a joyous time learning about Jesus too.

Dear God, Thank you for the World so sweet, thank you for the food we eat; Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you God for everything. I love you.

Lizzie, Matthew and I also wish you a very wonderful Happy New Year. God bless you little friends.

Junior Department

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We recently celebrated The New Year. I don't know about you, but every time a new year starts, I think about the previous year, what I did wrong, what I did right, and aspects of my Life that needs improvement. I'm not saying that I leave it just for The New Year to think about these things; I think about it all the time. I am constantly trying to think about these things and to Live The Life God wants me to. All I am saying

is The New Year brings about a renewal of thinking about them. I sit and write it all down. It is the basis of my New Year's Resolutions. Over the years, a common resolution for me is that I will continue to try to stay on God's Path for us, and His Path for Life is laid out for us in The Three Books.

Matthew 7:13-14 15, (3 Nephi 14:13-14), **'Enter ye in at The Straitgate: for wide is The Gate, and Broad is The Way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

Because strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it.'

Life is like a road. When you go to Church, you take a road to get there. There are other streets that you can take, but you wouldn't end up at Church. You have to follow a certain Path to get there. If you take a different road, you will end up somewhere else.

Jesus said that The Choices we make in Life are like picking which road to take. He Describes two roads. One is Wide, and flat, and easy with a Wide Gate at the end. The other is Narrow, and Rugged, and Difficult, with a Narrow Opening at its end. Most people take the easy road, and few take The Narrow One. But Jesus said that The Wide and Easy road Leads to destruction, and The Straight and Narrow road Leads to Eternal Life.

When we have to make Choices in Life, we have to base our decisions on more than what is easiest. Often what seems easiest or most appealing is the worst choice we can make. Satan wants us to sin, so he makes sin look good. But we have to Know where our Decisions will Lead us. We have to look at The Consequences of our Decisions.

Message 41:13, 'Blessed art thou that Seeketh to bring forth My Zion, for it shall be and The Righteous shall have Victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send The Warning, even by My Messenger in The Spirit and Power of Elias, that ye Walk Humbly before Me, even all, Teaching My Law that mankind must Come with Full Purpose of Heart. Cleave unto Me and I shall Cleave unto you. Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent. Teach men to Come Partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord, for I am he who speaketh. Bring your Sacrifice of a Broken Heart; Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

So I ask this of you for the coming year, and all that follow: ask yourself if your Actions are Keeping you on The Straight and Narrow *or are they causing you to lose sight of The Path ahead?*

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

We wanted to talk today on the importance of being Prepared for when The Lord Comes again.

You cannot turn on the television without hearing of something disastrous happening, whether it is flash floods, hurricanes, tornados, killings, or war.

In Mormon 8:26-32 it reads; '**And no one need say they shall not come for they surely shall, for The Lord hath Spoken it for out of the earth they come by The Hand of The Lord and none can stay it,**

and it shall come in a day when it shall be said that Miracles are done away and it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead.

And it shall come in a day when The Blood of Saints shall Cry unto The Lord because of secret combinations and works of darkness.

Yea, it shall come in a day when The Power of God shall be denied and churches become defiled and be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, yea even in a day when leaders of churches and teachers shall rise in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their churches;

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires and tempests and vapors of smoke in foreign lands;

And there shall also be heard of wars, rumors of wars and earthquakes in divers places.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth, there shall be murders and robbings and lying and deceiving and whoredoms, and all manners of abominations when there shall be many who say, 'Do this, or do that and it mattereth not for The Lord will Uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such for they are at the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity.

Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall say, 'Come unto me, and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins.'

These verses were prediction of what were to happen during the end times before Christ is to Come again. These things are happening NOW! Time is Short! There are many more things to come-worse things

before The Lord Comes again and we all have to be Prepared. If we are not Strong in The Lord, if our Faith is not Strong in The Lord, we won't be Able to Prevail against the power of satan when worse things happen. We cannot allow satan to have power to tempt us. The Lord has *Promised* us that He will Stand us in Holy Places when trials and tragedy surrounds us. In order to have This *Promise* from The Lord, we have to do our Part and be Faithful Servants unto Him. We have to continue to have our Faith in The Lord grow on a daily basis. We have to Study His Words, Pray daily for Strength, and have a Continued Relationship with our Father in Heaven, Jesus Christ.

Message 100:4, **'Satan is at hand in the minds of many everywhere to bring havoc and trouble.'**

Satan knows his time is getting shorter to the day when he will have no power over The Children of God. So he is trying his hardest now to obtain as many Souls as he can.

1 Nephi 22:26, **'And because of The Righteousness of His People, satan hath no power wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years, for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in Righteousness, and The Holy One of Israel Reigneth.'**

11 Nephi 30:18, **'Wherefore, all things which have been Revealed unto The Children of Men, shall at that day be Revealed, and satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time.'**

These verses tell us that there will be a day when satan will have no power over God's Children. The day when The Lord Comes again is when satan will be bound,

for the space of a thousand years.

We have to Prepare ourselves for The Lord's Coming but also for The Return of John The Baptist. The Lord Tells us that John is *'The Forerunner'*, so he has to return before The Lord does.

Malachi 3:1-2, **'Behold, I will send My Messenger and he shall Prepare The Way before Me and The Lord whom ye Seek shall Suddenly Come to His Temple even The Messenger of The Covenant whom ye Delight in, Behold he shall come Saith The Lord of Hosts.'**

But who may Abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap?.'

Message 19:8-9, **The Temple will be Built by a People whose hearts are Pure. God will not Accept any unclean thing, nor the work from men that will not follow The Instructions given by His Servant that He has Sent.**

But Prepare ye a People for The Lord. Prepare a Place for there is no place among the wicked for God's People to Abide.'

We need to Prepare ourselves NOW for The Return of John The Baptist, and also The Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us do all we can to Prepare ourselves for The Lord in Keeping our Relationship with Him Strong, as well as our Faith.

Remember to be Good Examples of Christ. You may never know who is watching your example.

Message 99:9, **'Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are, so is My Message to all.'**

In closing, we wanted to let you all know our Thoughts and Prayers are for all of you. Let us continue to Pray for one another

during This New Year (2013) and Always.
God Bless!

Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Jerry John Kloss of Pennsylvania. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you. May God Bless!

The Editor

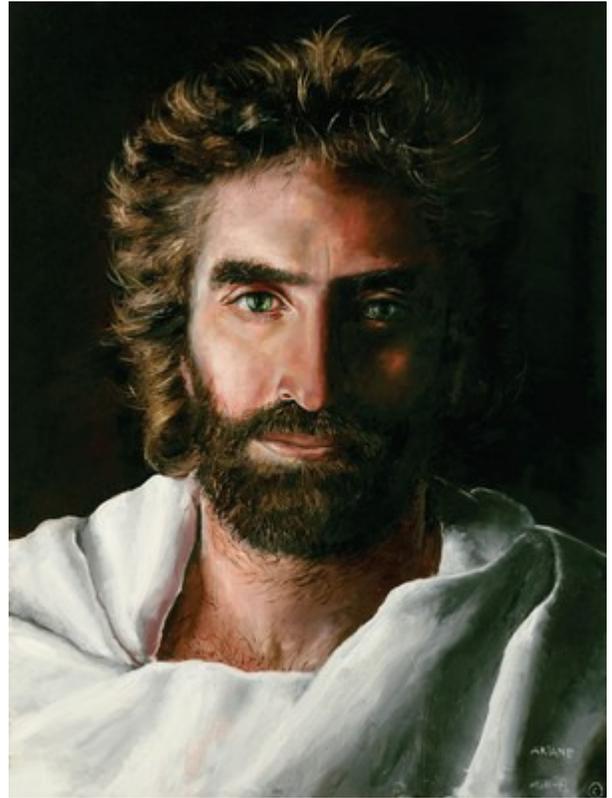
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And Men.*

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and Good Will, May you be
found Worthy of all Three.*

Prince of Peace



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Message 84:6

*'Keep The Faith and Endure
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eousness shall Arise over you,
with Healing in His Wings
and ye shall be Preserved in
the hour when trials are upon
you. Deliverance will Come.
Command Peace and it will
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