



The End Time Messenger

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Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel: viz: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

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

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

10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of Scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear ones;

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

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

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

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

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

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**THE MESSAGE OF
CHRIST TODAY
*To All People***

FOURTEENTH MESSAGE

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

-Otto Fetting

1. 'There are those that will oppose The Message that I have given you, and at times this will delay *The Work* on *The Temple*, but there end will be sad. The Lord will Bless The Hearts that are Pure and The Hands that are Clean before Him.

2. Fear not because you are hated by some, neither fear the words that they shall say, for you must bear witness of The Message, not only now, but you shall be called upon from time to time to bear

witness of that which I have given you. The time is near at hand, when you shall be called upon to bear witness not only to The People of *The Church of Christ*, but you and your brethren must bear witness to the world of these things which I have told you.

3. As I come to you in your language, so am I Commanded to bring a *Record* from other people in their language, which will also bear witness in like manner of God's Dealing with them. There will be people from time to time to bear record of *The Truthfulness* to them, of The Things which I have given to you.

4. Let Walter L. Gates take charge of *The Temple Work* here on the ground and at the office, for a season; let Thomas B. Nerren labor among *The Churches* in the East, and let James E. Yates labor in Utah among the people whose hearts are open to receive The Message I have given you. Prepare to send a man to Holland next year among the people there who are ready to receive This Work.

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

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

7. Let W. P. Buckley, as a Bishop, be out

in The Field and labor among the people, Preaching both The Principles of The Gospel and The Tithing Law, and let Walter L. Gates help keep The Records that all things might be kept in order.

8 .As you labor among the people, call the Elders together and instruct them to be Humble and labor in Love.

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

The Meaning of Our Seal

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

There can be no misunderstanding the significance of this symbolic Woman. It is The Church of Christ as the following citation will show. 2 Cor. 11-12, Eph. 5:23, Revelation 9:7-10. John 3:29, and Matthew 25:1-13.

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

The moor under Her feet Represents the lesser lights of Religion, particularly The Mosiac Law, no longer the ruling system. It was a Law of Types and Shadows, reflecting The Light of Christ in symbolic service (Hebrews 10:1). It passed away, nailed to The Cross of Christ, and The Gospel Arose and Shone from The Heavens, Preached in all the world as The Power of God unto Salvation (Romans 2:16).

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

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

***Life Without God is Like An Unsharpened Pencil:
It Has 'No Point'!***

From The Editor's Desk

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

I would like to read from *The Record of The Nephites*, Words of Encouragement that has always given me a boost in times of trials. I want to share those Words with all today. Turn to The Book of Alma, Chapter 26, reading from verses 8,12,16-17,22,35 &37; "Blessed be The Name of our God; let us sing to His Praise, yea, let us give Thanks to His Holy Name, for He doth work Righteousness for ever . . .

Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for in His Strength I can do all things; yea behold, many Mighty Miracles we have wrought in this land, for which

we will Praise His Name for ever . . .

Therefore, let us Glory, yea, we will Glory in The Lord; yea, we will Rejoice, for our Joy is full; yea we will Praise our God for ever. Behold, who can Glory too much in The Lord? Yea, who can say too much of His Great Power, and of His Mercy, and of His Long Suffering towards the children of men? Behold, I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel.

Who could have supposed that our God would have been so Merciful as to have snatched us from our awful, sinful, and polluted state?

Yea, he that Repenteth and Exerciseth Faith, and Bringeth forth Good Works, and Prayeth Continually without Ceasing: unto such it is given to know The Mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance, even as it hath been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance . . .

Now have we not reason to Rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never was men that had so great reason to Rejoice as we, since the world began; yea and my Joy is carried away, even unto boasting in my God; for He has all Power, all Wisdom, and all Understanding; He Comprehendeth all Things, and He is a Merciful Being, even unto Salvation, to those who will repent and believe on His Name . . .

Now my brethren, we see that God is Mindful of every people, in whatsoever land they may be in; yea, He Numbereth His People, and His Bowels of Mercy is over all the earth. Now this is my Joy, and my Great Thanksgiving; yea, and I will

give Thanks unto my God for ever. Amen.”

Those Words are Wonderful Words to my Soul. I always enjoy reading them. I hope you enjoyed hearing them.

From The Apostles

Man Of Faith

*Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri*

Man of Faith, The Holy Spirit has Plans for you! He has Planted you in the fertile, watered soil of God's Love. He is Growing you into a 'Mighty Tree', a Tree that provides shelter, stability, and hope to others whose lives are battered by the fierce storms life often brings.

Listen to The Words The Prophet Jeremiah uses to describe you. *'Blessed is the man that Trusted in The Lord, and whose Hope The Lord is. For he shall be as a Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river'* (Jeremiah 17:7-8). On a Tree Jesus gave His Life for each of us. In turn, He gives all The Faith-filled a Blessed Life.

Blessed are you, Man of God, whom The Lord has Planted in His Kingdom. You draw up The Living Waters your Savior Promised you as you sink your roots deep into the soil of His Word. You receive nourishment through His Presence and Promises. Blessed are you, whom your Savior Protects, even during the weeping days of drought and pain. Blessed are you, Man of God, as you place your Spirit--created Faith in The One who gave His Life on a Tree, The Tree of The Cross.

In Greek thought Eternity indicates timelessness, a state qualitatively different from time.

If we are to be True to Biblical Thought, however it is probably more accurate to conceive of Eternity as an endless span of time. The fourth Gospel teaches us that whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath Eternal Life (John 6:54). Obviously this does not mean that Christians are exempted from physical death but that The New Relationship to Christ is such that it is not affected by temporal boundaries of life.

God is spoken of as Eternal, in that He is Absolute Lord over time and is in no way bound by it (Psalms 90:4). Frequently the Hebrew and Greek words which are translated Eternal simply indicates the unknown length of a lifetime or any indefinite span of time.

John 6:38-40, **‘I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but The Will of Him that sent Me.**

And this is The Father’s Will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath Given Me I should lose nothing, but should Raise it up again at the last day.

And this is The Will of Him that sent Me, that everyone which seeth The Son, and Believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will Raise him up at the last day.’

John 6:47, **‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.’**

Romans 6:22-23, **‘But now being made free from sin, and become Servants to God, ye have your Fruit unto Holiness, and The End Everlasting Life. For the wages of sin is death;**

But The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.’

Titus 1: 1-2,& 3:3-7 **‘Paul, a Servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ,**

according to The Faith of God’s Elect, and The Acknowledging of The Truth which is after Godliness;

In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, Promised before the world began . . .

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after that The Kindness and Love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of The Holy Ghost;

Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

That being justified by His Grace, we should be made Heirs according to The Hope of Eternal Life.’

Message 35:4, **‘Yea, to those who have not Covenanted with Me, This is The Way that shall lead you to Life Eternal.’**

Message 41: 8, 13, **‘Let all come in by The Door, and Humble themselves before God. For This is The Way that leadeth to Life Eternal for all who Endure to the end. Hold High The Standard of Truth, The Ensign of The Love of God for man . . .**

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 sacrifices of a Broken Heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.’

Message 42:5, 'Contend with no man, only for The Truth. Remember The Lord Jesus who intercedes to The Father for mankind that He shall draw all who will come unto Life Eternal.'

Message 49:3, 'Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is white already and The Harvest is ripe. Let those that will, come unto Me that they all my obtain Life and obtain it more Abundantly. Yea, whosoever will thrust in their sickle to reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life.'

Message 52:4, 'But to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Hearken! Ye, My Servants, arise to your Calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you Believe in God, Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I am The Eternal One!'

Message 55:10, 'Preach Repentance and Baptism that mankind might find Life Eternal in The Way of The Lord. Let The Hands be laid on all.'

Message 56:11, '. . . Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide and Endure unto the end that ye may obtain Life Eternal.'

Message 62:4, 'Thus Saith The Lord, O Israel wilt thou come forth that you might be Delivered? I have Called thee. I have Named thee. I have Chosen thee. I am The Great High Priest. I am He who scattered thee and I am He who shall Deliver-who shall gather. I will bring back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye My Ways and Come unto Me and Life Eternal shall be your reward.'

Message 64:21, 'I am to direct in all Things of The Work of The Lord, I am to Bring The Instructions that The Spirit of

God may lead men to Righteousness and Life Eternal. His Sheep shall know His Voice.'

Message 83:21, 'Those that are Covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count My Words and This Work as evil. Let them alone. Thus Saith The Lord, They know not My Gospel, for I Am The Lord and Savior. I Only am The Eternal God.'

Message 84:36, 'The ideals in man's heart will fade away. The Great Truth and The Church in Her Bright Garments must Shine and Stand forth. This is Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.'

Message 85: 9, 14, 'Miracles are for witness and proof of God's Power. Yet it is only God's Flow and Power to His own and all that will be His of all nations, color and kind through The Gospel of Salvation of Christ Jesus, The Everlasting and Eternal One .

The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought about The Plan of God-Redemption and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.'

Message 88:15, 'Mankind shall live by every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He cometh down with Power in His Word.'

Message 97:3, 'The Authority is given that This Work move on and Salvation be preached in and through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Eternal Living: His Coming again to Reign with mankind.'

1 John 2:23-25, 'Whosoever denieth The Son, the same hath not The Father: But he that acknowledgeth The Son hath The Father also.

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in The Son, and in The Father.

And this is The Promise that He hath Promised us, even Eternal Life.'

Message 59: 10-11,18, 'The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God. For Christ came to redeem and to provide The Way. Therefore, I come to point The Way and that *The Church of Christ*, The Lamb's Bride, may be prepared to meet Him when He comes, when all men will live to serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall come, when all the earth shall rejoice and be glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.

This is The Way for mankind to find Eternal Peace, to Endure to the End . . .

This is The Lord's Work and I am His Messenger sent to bring The Warning. *Will mankind heed it that their feet may be Guided in The Way of Peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into Life Eternal?'*

So God tells us if we Believeth on Him and Obey His Will, we shall have right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity.

We all have our own walk with The Lord, let us try to Obey His Will, that we might be a Blessing to our Lord, and those around us. May God Bless you all!

From The Bishops

Salvation

*Bishop Reece Johnson
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This is The Way of Salvation. We learn from The Gospel that this is a Way back to The Lord through repentance and a honest commitment to The Lord asking forgiveness for our sins. By doing so, The Lord will place within us a New Heart to carry us on. I am truly glad that you are here today.

I would like to read some from *The Record of The Nephites* on Hope, Faith and Charity.

Moroni 7: 2-19, 'And now I Mormon, speak unto you, my beloved brethren; and it is by The Grace of God, The Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Holy Will, because of The Gift of His Calling unto me, that I am permitted to speak unto you at this time.

Wherefore I would speak unto you that are of The Church, that are The Peaceable Followers of Christ, and that have obtained a sufficient Hope, by which ye can enter into The Rest of The Lord, from this time henceforth, until ye shall Rest with Him in Heaven.

And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your Peaceable Walk with the children of men.

For I remember The Word of God, which Saith by their Works ye shall know them; for if their Works be Good, then they are Good also.

For Behold, God hath Said, A man being evil cannot do that which is good; for if he offereth a Gift, or Prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with Real

Intent, it profiteth him nothing.

For Behold, it is not counted unto him for Righteousness.

For Behold, if a man being evil, giveth a Gift, he doeth it grudgingly; wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained The Gift; wherefore he is counted evil before God.

And likewise also it is counted evil unto a man, if he shall pray, and not with Real Intent of Heart; yea, and it profiteth him nothing; for God receiveth none such;

Wherefore, a man being evil, cannot do that which is good; neither will he give a good Gift.

For Behold, a bitter fountain cannot bring forth good water; neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water; wherefore a man being the servant of the devil, cannot follow Christ; and if he follow Christ, he cannot be a servant of the devil.

Wherefore, all things which are Good, Cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against Him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually.

But behold, that which is of God, invited and enticeth, to do good continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to Love God, and to serve Him, is inspired of God.

Wherefore take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God, to be of the devil.

For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good

from evil, and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night.

For Behold, The Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil; wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge; for everything which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by The Power and Gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny Him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil, for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no not one; neither doth his angels; neither doth they which subject themselves unto him.

And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know The Light by which ye may judge, which Light is The Light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge, ye shall also be judge.

Wherefore I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in The Light of Christ, that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a Child of Christ.'

FAITH

Moroni 7: 33-34, 'And Christ hath said, If ye will have Faith in Me, ye shall have Power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in Me.

And he hath said, Repent all ye ends of the earth and come unto Me and be

baptized in My Name, and have Faith in Me that ye may be Saved.'

HOPE

Moroni 7:41-44: 'And what is it that ye shall Hope for? Behold I say unto you that ye shall have Hope through the Atonement of Christ and The Power of His Resurrection, to be raised unto Life Eternal; and this because of your Faith in Him according to The Promise.

Wherefore, if a man have Faith, he must needs have Hope; for without Faith there cannot be any Hope.

And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have Faith and Hope, save he shall be Meek, and Lowly of Heart;

If, so, his Faith and Hope is vain, for none is acceptable before God; save the Meek and Lowly in Heart, and if a man be Meek and Lowly in Heart, and confesses by The Power of The Holy Ghost, that Jesus in The Christ, he must needs have Charity; for if he have not Charity he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have Charity.'

CHARITY

Moroni 7:45-47, 'And Charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in The Truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not Charity, ye are nothing, for Charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto Charity, which is The Greatest of all, for all things must fail;

But Charity is The Pure Love of

Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day. it shall be well with them.'

Remember, seek to do Good and be Blessed. I thank you.

Something To Think About

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Do wounds mark your life? The pain of suffering those wounds have caused you to have deep, deep roots. Those roots have grown all the way down into the soil of the garden you and I know as Eden. You likely know the story from Genesis 2:9. The Creation of the tree, the Command regarding the tree, the tempter lurking in the tree, and the people standing at the base of the tree listening to the temptation. And, finally, the bite those people each took from the tree's fruit.

Adam and Eve's disobedience left wounds on every single person who would at any moment in history plant their feet on God's Created earth. Well, not on all people. All but one-the One Named Jesus Christ. The Heavenly Father came down as The Son to take the sins of the entire world upon Himself. He did this in order to bring complete Healing to you, to me, to all who would believe in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus, we have forgiveness for all our sins and The Gift of Eternal Life-right now as we live here on earth. 'The Gift of God' is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

One day, we will experience that Life, that Healing, that Glorious Rescue in The Banqueting Halls of Heaven.

Yes, 'His Story' Jesus' Story-which has through Faith become our story-also involves a tree. That tree rose up from the

ground, taking the shape of a Cross. NO one drove 16-penny nails into tree; Roman soldiers drove spikes into it, spikes that also pierced through The Flesh of the One Named Jesus. While the severity and gruesomeness of our Lord's Wounds makes our eyes turn and weep still today, those Wounds also continues to pierce hearts and turn lives toward The Savior in Repentance and Faith. Yes, The Tree of Christ's Cross bore Blessed Fruit.

That Fruit is personal. Because of what happened on The Cross, God has brought Blessing upon Blessing into your life, and mine. God has poured out His Grace upon each of us, and He now considers you His Beloved Child, an Heir of Heaven's Incredible Beauty and Glory.

Articles

Having The Will of God

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The Lord knows everything about us and all things, even before it happens. He sees, know, and hear us all the time. The Lord wants us to be in His Will.

Adam and Eve did not have their own will until they disobeyed The Lord and ate of the forbidden fruit. Once they ate of the fruit, they were in their own will because they disobeyed The Lord. People from that time on wants to be Saved, but not by The Plan of God. They want their own will, not that of The Lord.

The carnal mind and Spiritual Mind does not mix. They are as different as night and day. Before we can be counted Faithful, we must give up our will and only rely upon God's Will for us. *Why seek God, if you will not accept His Will?*

Fighting The Good Fight

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Today many Christians look to The Cross and they do not understand what it is all about. They do not Truly grasp what Christ had to Endure on The Cross. His Love that He has for each of us is so Real and True. We owe God so much. We owe Him our lives, that is why we must be Obedient to our Lord.

There is a terrible battle going on between God and satan. We know satan is working on God's Church and His People more than anyone else. He wants to destroy us. Satan does not want us to Endure, but we MUST! We must Trust in God and do things God's Way so He will pour out His Blessings upon His Church and People that we might overcome the evil of the world.

As we watch the news these days, we see where many are trying to remove God from our lives, our schools and Judicial Courts. When you enlist in God's Army, we better look to The Cross, knowing This is no fame. We are not playing Church. We are in a Battle against evil. There is a 'Time' to make a Stand for God, and that 'Time' is NOW! *This is the 'Time' to let those who would try to remove God from our lives, know that we will not lay down and let it happen!* Spiritually, we are at war. Be Prepared to '**Fight The Good Fight!**' Be an Obedient Soldier for God, Allowing Him to Guide and Lead you in This Fight.

Luke 13:24, '**Strive to enter in at The Strait Gate: For many I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**'

The word, 'strive', in this verse means to push or go forward. It means to fight against evil. *Are we ready to stand against*

satan? Are we ready to 'Fight The Good Fight' for God without giving up or saying it is to hard? It can be hard at times but sometimes we put that on ourselves because we want to do things our own way instead of God's Way. Without God in our hearts and minds leading us, we will not make it. Those who are Spiritually blind and disobedient will not make it through that Narrow Gate. EXCUSES will not allow us through either. God wants True Servants, those who put God First in all things and has a Great Love for This Work and Others.

Luke 13:25, **'When once The Master of The House is Risen up, and hath shut The Door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at The Door, saying 'Lord, Lord open unto us', and He shall answer and say unto you, 'I know ye not whence ye are.'**

Why would God do that? Because He wants a People with Pure Hearts and Clean Hands for His Bride. Do not wait around thinking God will show Mercy on you thinking you can live and do what you want to and then expect God to allow you into His Kingdom. If you believe that, then you cannot Believe The Scriptures. God does not change for Anyone! So we better heed His Words this day.

Luke:13:26-27, **'Then shall ye begin to say; we have eaten and drunk in Thy Presence, and thou has taught in our streets.**

But He shall say, 'I tell you, I know you not whence ye are: depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.'

Iniquity is sin. We will not be allowed to enter because of our sins. *What is our sin? Not bringing ourselves out of the world and living man's way, which is satan's way. Not being True and Obedient to God's*

Gospel!

Luke 13:28, **'There shall be weeping and grashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all The Prophets in The Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.'**

Let us Hope that we will meet The Lord when He returns, remember The Gate to The Kingdom is Narrow. Let us Stand Up for God, Hold His Banner High and let our Light Shine. Do not give into satan! Fight to enter that Narrow Gate! Oh, what a Blessing it will be.

Luke 13:29, **'And they shall come from the East, and from the West, and from the North and from the South, and shall sit down in The Kingdom of God. And Behold, there are last which shall be first. And there are first which shall be last.'**

This refers to God's Elect. Those who knows The Truth and stays True to Jesus. Those who **'Fight The Good Fight'**, and overcome satan will enter into God's Kingdom.

Luke 16:10, **'He that is Faithful in that which is least is Faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.'**

So, if you do not have Faith to make a Stand for God then He will not be able to use you in This Work. Give your Best to The Lord. Be an Obedient Servant!

Luke 16:14, **'And the Pharisees also who were covetous, heard all these things and they derided him.'**

The Pharisees loved money. There is nothing wrong with being rich and a result of hard work and Blessings but God does not like when men rips off others to gain personal wealth. Your True Treasures are in Heaven if you Obey.

Luke 16:16, **'The Law and the Prophets**

were until John. Since that time **The Kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it.**'

Presseth means to be seized by God. When you have given your heart to God, then you want to Serve Him. We must take a Stand for Christ and do it with Love and Compassion by having The Lord's Fruits of The Spirit dwelling within us.

Luke 16:17, **'And it is easier for Heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of The Law to fail.'**

The Law is not going to change. God will not change for man! We all know God is The Truth. Let us Love and Obey God. **'Fight The Good Fight'**, for Him.

Message 48:17, **'Worry not about those things over which you have no control, but tell The Truth in Humility. Fear not what men will say of you. Be very Humble and The Lord will Reveal to all them that seek Him in Faith and will Heed His Will.'**

William August Draves fought *'The Good Fight'*. He was a True and Obedient Servant to God!

1 Thessalonians 2: 12, **'That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath Called you into His Kingdom and Glory.'**

Paul knew how to **'Fight The Good Fight'**. At Phillipi, Paul was beaten and thrown in jail. He converted the jailer to Christ. Even at a time like that, Paul was still working for The Lord. Never give up *'The Fight'* and God will pour out Blessings upon you.

1 Thessalonians 2: 5-6, **'For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know not a cloke of covetousness: God is Witness:**

Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might

have been burdensome, as the Apostles of Christ.'

Paul did not seek to please man. Paul always put God First. That is The Way God's Word should be taught. If you teach God's Word, you will reach the people and God will Bless you.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, **'But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children,**

So being affectionately desirous of you we were willing to have imparted unto you, not The Gospel of God only, but also our own Souls, because ye were dear unto us.'

That is Christian Love. Our Brothers and Sisters are Spiritually starving for The Truth. We are part of God's Ministry and must feed The Flock God's Words.

1 Thessalonians 2:13, **'For This Cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received The Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in Truth, The Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.'**

The word of men do not amount to much, compared to The Word of God. Men's words cause confusion and hindrance to our Mission.

1 Timothy 6:3-4, **'If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even The Words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to The Doctrine which is according to Godliness.**

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmizings.'

Paul is preparing Timothy and us to go out into the world. If a man teaches

doctrines that is not of God, then he shows ignorance. *We must know The Truth by Study and Prayer and Obedience to God.* That man may be Blessed of God with Wisdom and Discernment.

1 Timothy 6:5, **‘Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of The Truth, supposing that gain is Godliness: from such withdraw thyself.’**

Just because a church has many followers and much wealth and worldly gain, does not make it God’s Church. Those who seek for The Truth with all their heart, and not follow the traditions of men, will find God’s Church and The Fullness of The Gospel. Do not have a stubborn heart by allowing man to lead you, seek God with all you heart.

1 Timothy 6:6-7, **‘But Godliness with contentment is Great Gain.**

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.’

As far as worldly possessions, you can take nothing with you when you die. However, there is one thing you will take with you. Whether you did good or evil works for The Lord ,your works will follow you. Do not focus on riches of the world. Focus on The Truth of God’s Words and Follow His Commandments. Be True to The Lord in you everyday walk. Be clean in your conversations. God knows our hearts. He knows who is True.

1 Timothy 6: 10-11, **‘For the love of money, is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from The Faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

But thou, O Man of God, flee these things; and follow after Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, Meekness.’

The love of money will get you no where and cause you problems. The Lord tells us to flee these things. Focus on The Good Things in life and follow after Righteousness, which is God.

1 Timothy 6:12, **‘Fight The Good Fight of Faith, lay hold on Eternal Life, where unto thou art also Called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.’**

‘Fight The Good Fight’. Stand for God, even when God’s Words may offend some. Seek to Please God and all His Blessings will be poured upon you. **‘Fight The Good Fight’** and receive a CROWN in The Kingdom of Heaven.

Message 30:4, **‘Thus says The Lord, ‘You must all drink of the bitter cup, that you might know that which My Son has suffered. For behold The Crown is after you have fought the fight. Speak not evil of your brother nor of you fellowman whose mind is still dark. Go to them in Love. Glorify the world by Righteousness’** Enlighten your mind by **Humility.** Love always. Hate is not your work. I have Called you to Save the world. According to your Humility and Faithfulness in keeping My Commandments so far you will accomplish. If you fail you have failed yourself.’

The Lord paid The Price for you and me when He was Crucified on The Cross. He paid for our sins. All He wants from us is to Obey Him and Serve Him with all our hearts, and to get His Gospel (*The Bible, The Record Of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord, Brought To Mankind By An Angel*) out to the world that all will know The Truth and the coming of John The Baptist. The Lord’s Messenger is sent by God to mankind to Restore His Gospel and

God to mankind to Restore His Gospel and set His Church in Order.

Look to The Lord for all things. Trust in Him and His Words. Have God's Love in your heart and be at Peace with your fellowman. God Bless you all.

From The Past

Let Us Walk In The Light, In The Light Of God

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Yes, Dear Readers, How sweet it is to walk in The Light, and how bright The Path grows from day to day, as we walk The Old, Old Path, with The Glorious Light of Jesus to illuminate our pathway, being brought by His Chosen Servant, even John, The Greatest Prophet born of woman.

Speaking of Light, the subject of this article, come with me, if you will, down Memory Lane; the time, August, 1929, to the shore of a small lake, known as the Home Pond, the water supply for my home town of Lamoni, Iowa.

Here you would see a little group of people gathered at The Waters' Edge, including Elders Otto Fetting and Thomas Nerren, as some were going to be Baptized by Brother Fetting.

My wife, her mother and myself were there. They had agreed to be Baptized (not without some hesitancy) ; but as for myself, I said for them to go ahead without me, as I knew my Baptism was all right (Imagine).

Now we had been Talking and Praying about this for some time, and that morning in our family Prayer we had Prayed to be led.

So just before The Baptisms, Brother Nerren called for us to kneel at The Waters'

Edge, and in that Prayer, he Prayed that by being Baptized, in Obedience to The Command of The Messenger, we might receive more Light.

After the Prayer, mother said to us '*that was the answer to her Prayer*'.

Well, when the first Baptisms were over, Brother Fetting turned to us and I found myself following my wife and her mother out in The Water for Baptism.

Here we see, by the foregoing, how The Lord was Feeling after and Leading His People, those that were to be added to The Church.

Now The Great Force that drew us at that time was The Wonderful Love manifest through The Messages and through His Servants, the Apostles and Elders.

If we refer to The Messages that had come up to that time, (The first Twelve); we find no mention of a Great Light or Light, only to Brother Fetting in The Twelfth Message, eighth verse, where The Messenger laid his hands on him that Greater Light and Power might come to him.

What we do find is a number of Warnings and Admonitions to be very Humble and to labor in Love.

Turning to Message 3:9, we find the words; '**Go in faith, your mission is one of Love.**' Then in Message 5:4, '**. . . And if you men and brethren will work in Peace with The Love of God in your hearts, then God will Bless you, and also The Church for your sake, and God will Love you, and will Bless you and the people and your work.**' Also in Message 5:11, '**. . . and if you will present your Message in Love, you will win your brethren and many will help.**' Moving on to Message 11:10, '**. . . Many of The Lord's People will accept The Message, but remember this is a**

Work of Love.' Also the last line of verse 12, in the above Message, **'My Message is one of Love to them that will Obey it.'**

Now, getting back to our subject matter, 'Light'; we find in Message 18:17 in speaking to Brother Fetting, the words, ' . . . **I come to you in Light.**' Then pursuing the subject in Message 19:14, we find a Promise being given with a condition attached, **'To all those that will Repent and be Baptized and PREPARE themselves and walk HUMBLY, The Promise is that they shall receive The Greater Light and Power to carry on The Work of The Lord.'** In Message 20:8 the same qualification is mentioned again, ' . . . **Let The Hands be laid upon those that I have told you, that The Light and Power of God may come to them to the EXTENT that they will Humble themselves, that Light may come to them.'**

Keeping in mind that The Messenger says He **'comes in Light'**, *just what does this mean or bring to pass?* There is a difference in coming in Light and or giving or Revealing a Special Light.

Brother Fetting and Brother Draves have been permitted to see and bask in The actual and literal Glorious Light that The Messenger comes in, making their Faith whole with a Perfect Knowledge, and brought to them a Greater Portion of that Light (The Spirit of God); that would enable them to stand and bear Witness to the world of that Light and of The Coming of The Messenger.

Just what is The Messenger's Coming in Light bringing to pass in the world at this time? It is bringing to pass The Midnight Cry, also The Parable of The Great Supper and The Parable of The Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins.

There are many of the people of the world today wandering and blindly groping their way through The Mists of Spiritual darkness that is over their minds, being bound by the sins and traditions of men. Some of them are honestly seeking for Truth and Light, not knowing where to turn to find it.

In *The Bible* in Jeremiah 6:16 there are some Instructions and Advice about the matter, **'Thus Saith The Lord, Stand ye in The Ways, and see, and ask for The Old Paths, where is The Good Way, and Walk therein, and ye shall find Rest for your Souls . . .'** In Message 37:7 we find the much needed thing to help them find The Old, Old path, **'The Light that I, your Lord, will send shall point The Way. He that cometh to Me through The Door will I baptize with Fire and The Holy Ghost.'**

Going back to The Parable of The Ten Virgins, The Wise ones had a little Oil left in their Lamps (God's Spirit); and would be able to see through the darkness, not only to see, but hear The Midnight Cry also.

Turning to *The Bible* in Chapter 1 of Saint Luke, verses 76 through 79, we find more reference to this Light in The Prophetic Mission of John the Baptist when He was yet a little babe, **'And thou, child, shalt be called The Prophet of The Highest: for thou shalt go before The Face of The Lord to prepare His Ways;**

To give Knowledge of Salvation unto His People by the remission of their sins, Through the tender Mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on High hath visited us,

To give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to Guide our feet in The Way of Peace.'

These words, if we understand them, give us a beautiful comparison between The

Light of The Messenger and the dayspring. *What does dayspring mean and what is it?* Dayspring means dawn, the dawn of a new day, those few minutes in the early morning, when the first Light begins to emerge through the mornings mists and soon driving them away.

This Light of the dawn is synonymous with The Light of God, His Spirit, as it penetrates the mists of Spiritual darkness in the minds of the children of men.

Message 39:4 says, **‘. . . The earth shall be filled with The Light that I bring and have brought from The Lord God. Will the people heed it, that their feet might be Guided in The Way of Peace and be led out of darkness and contention and away from the shadow of death.’**

To all that have heard and obeyed The Midnight Cry, being led by that Light into The Waters of Baptism and having The Hands laid on for The Gift of The Holy Ghost, there is more Light, even a NEW LIGHT Promised. But with that Promise there is a Warning and a Preparation given. Just because we have entered The Sheepfold and have our feet in The Straight and Narrow Way doesn't automatically make us recipients of all The Greater Things The Lord has Promised for His People.

Coming through The Door into The Church made us eligible for The Promise, but to receive The Gift of The Promise requires a Preparation. Message 47:8 mentions The Promise, **‘. . . All that Come must be Baptized and The Hands laid on them that The Greater PROMISE of Light might be given.’**

Message 46:3 says, **‘To all those that Repent of sins and be Baptized, preparing themselves in deep Humility, yea, The Lord Promises that they shall receive The**

Greater Light and Power that they might be able to carry on The Work of The Lord.’

One of the first Requisites, or Prerequisites, is to rid ourselves of all the old sins and traditions of man made ideas, coming in with an *Open and Clean Mind, willing to be led by The Light and Word of God.*

Unfortunately, many of us have thought that we did all this when we went through The Water only to discover later on that there was still a skeleton or two in the closet that we missed, myself being one of those who ran into a stumbling block, and it was only through the tender Mercy of our God that I was able to step over it, ridding myself of that old tradition and receiving The Greater Light.

As we read on in The Word of The Lord we find that God has been Warning His People and especially His Servants to Prepare, for This Gift of Greater Light.

Message 47:1, **‘. . . This is a day wherein a Light shineth even in Power from The Lord God.’** In Message 39:9, The Lord speaking in Prophecy through His Messenger says, **‘. . . 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.’** Verse 11 further states, **‘The Greater Light and Power shall come as My People Prepare for it.’**

In Message 52:13 there is a Special Warning to His Servants; **‘Unto The Servants of The Lord: except you make ready and quickly prepare your hearts before The Lord The Greater Light will not come to you.’**

In Message 53:10 we find another; **‘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.'

It is very evident by the foregoing Words of The Messenger that The Lord has been Gradually and Prudently trying to Prepare His People and Servants for something Greater and Special, even to the extent of calling it a '*New Light*'.

In Message 51:4-5 we find '*The New Promise*'; **'Therefore The New Light is Promised. Continue to Prepare for it. The Greater your Understanding, The Greater your Work shall be.'**

Some do not understand but let them be Humble and The Greater Light shall come in its fullness. Live in The Lord, Walk in The Way of Salvation; The Lord has not yet entrusted The Greatest unto His Servants, but it shall be, for all must learn The Full Plan of God." In verse 7, **"Fear not, The Words I bring are from The Lord. I speak at His Command. Greater Things shall be revealed for in PRINCIPLE and in Power by The Spirit of The Lord all Righteousness shall be brought about.'**

If the foregoing words and Quotations have aroused your curiosity concerning This Great and New Light, well and good. Going back one year to Message 48:12, The Lord gave us a clue in one very Positive Statement that takes in the whole earth, **'I will make Known to all the earth that I Am God, and there is none else, Saith your Lord.'**

Just four months after The New Light was Promised, we find another statement of similar meaning in Message 52:4. **'But, to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Harken! Ye, My Servants; Arise to your**

Calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you believe in God believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall judge you in the end, for I Am The Eternal One!'

The Palmist David says in Psalm 43:3, **'O send out Thy Light and Truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy Holy Hill, and to Thy Tabernacles.'**

Psalm 36:9, **'For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.'**

Message 72: 4, **'I bring Glad Tidings to The Faithful and those that Love Truth. I speak The Truth. I bring Light to the blind in The Light of Time.'**

The Lord has sent out His Light and Truth in *The Bible, The Nephite Record and The Word of The Lord*, and He keeps telling us to Study and Obtain His Word thereby illuminating our minds that The Mysteries of God will no longer be hid.

Message 73:7, **'Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm. A Great Light has been given but few there be that perceive it, because of the precepts and commandments of men; which bind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, The Greater your Study and Illuminating of your minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a Blessing among all mankind.'**

These Great Truths have been couched in The Sacred Records all these many years, but because our minds have been clouded by the ideas and traditions of men, they have been hid from us; but now The Lord is sending The Light to drive away the clouds and illuminate our minds, if we will but

Heed His Advice and Instructions and listen to The Still Small Voice that is whispering to us at this time to come all The Way.

Message 74:12, **‘A Word to those that Endure. Yea, Greater Things are yet. The unfolding of much is before you. The Mysteries of God will no longer be hid, if you will have Great Faith and Endure.’**

For twenty-seven years God has Pleaded with His People and Ministry to Arise and Prepare for This Greater Light and Power. Message 39:2, in 1939 gave the following, **‘The Greater Light and Power shall come as My People Prepare for it.’** Furthermore, it has been 40 years to the present time.

The culmination of all the foregoing came with The EIGHTY-FOURTH MESSAGE in November 1966 with the following proclamation:

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

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

Now going to paragraph 36 of Message 84 we have the sum total of it all, **‘THIS IS LIGHT AND TRUTH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THE ETERNAL GOD.’** For another Witness to the above, in The Restored Palmyra Edition of *The Nephite Record* in The Book of Mosiah we find in

chapters 15 and 17 that The Prophet Abinadi gave his life at the stake for this, The True and Full Doctrine of The Godhead; also another Witness is in The Book of Ether chapter 3.

Dear Readers, as I bring this article to it's close I Pray that we may throw off the shackles that bind us, shake off the coals from our garments and Arise in The Strength of our Lord and put on The Whole Armor of Christ, enabling us to withstand all the fiery darts of the adversary, that in the end we may find there is laid up for us a Crown of Eternal Life.

Yours for The Work's Sake and may God Bless all.

Testimonies Of The Work

From The Vineyard

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; I Praise The Lord for being here. I am also thankful for The Wonderful Peace that we felt in Mervyn's house. I remember telling my granddaughter Kelly on the way over to Brother Mervyn's house that I was sad because some do not believe in The Revelation. She asked me, ‘Why do some not believe when you feel Jesus?’ Disbelief comes from not understanding The Word. The Word stands firm and true! Jesus said, ‘Try Me’. He will show you He is REAL! We are all sinners, without The Lord. We have all three measures of meal and The Holy Spirit within us. His Love for me is why I receive The Blessings I have. I can NEVER repay Him! He has given us a way for Eternal Life. We must give up our will for His Will, obeying His every Word. I Praise The Lord for The Revelation also. The Lord has Healed and Enriched our family. Pray for me and my family that we will continue being Faithful and that we may

endure to the end. Pray that John's return will be soon. The need is here! Let us get that desire going!

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

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

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

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

Tammy Thompson, Missouri; I have had many Blessings in my life. When I was told I had breast cancer, I was scared. When I was prayed for, I received much Peace. God Healed me! Praise His Name. I also testify of the Truthfulness of The Revelation. When I was young, I was glad to come to The Assembly, because I knew something wonderful (feeling) would happen. It was the same feeling I had when The Revelation came. I thank God for my family. God has Blessed me so much with my parents. I am thankful my mother taught me to be a good mother. I was hard and angry. My mother sat with us. Mom told me not to provoke my children. I still have problems with wanting to be the boss all the time. When I pay some tithes, I don't have money problems. I've hindered The Work by not paying my tithes. I want to be obedient, I want my children to do what is right. Matthew and Ellen Blessed me. God is in him. I have seen The Work he does with the youth. It was so good, and we miss that. When you raise your children right in The Lord, and if they leave, they will return. The Lord tells us this. Pray for me and my family. I love you all.

Carrie Ramey, Missouri; After nine-teen years of marriage, you still do not see my husband here with me. God restored our marriage this year. I felt he would come this year, but no so. My father-in-law said to me, '*Why don't you come with Brian to church since your Church is so far away*'. He also said that '*I wasn't being fair to Brian because he also needs to go to church*'. I said NO! I am baptized in God's Church and

my children will be brought up right. Brian thinks I feel I am better than him, but that is not so. I want him to be in The Church with me. Pray for Joni. A boy in Cameron threaten her life. He is Joni's boss son. Pray for her safety and for our family.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; There is Power in The Holy Spirit. Carrie, keep loving your husband. The Spirit of God will reveal to him. Stay true and faithful. God will protect Joni. Do what is honorable and right. Act upon God's Word and Leadership. Remain True and Honest to God. Be moved when God says! Do not let fear stop you.

Richard Johnson, Iowa; I want to say 'hello' to Jarius and Eddie. I also want you to know that we have not moved. God has not moved. The Lord's Plan will still come to pass. The Lord knows who He Calls and you brothers need to come home. There are fewer of us but we are stronger. This is still The Lord's People in This House today. His Spirit has been here. Brother Donald, anyone who doubt your Calling doubt The Lord's Spirit. The Lord has not forgotten us. People will say I believe The Revelation because I am Mervyn's brother. I understand that, but I have a Testimony of its Truthfulness. The Lord knows His Work and His Plan. God knows what would happen when He gave names to Mervyn. Donald and Matthew are Testimony of that.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri; I am thankful to be here. We had some trials in getting here. I am glad that some of my children are here today with me. Remember to Pray for me and my family.

Brenda Humpert, Florida; I am Thankful to be here. I want to worship The Lord. I am thankful I can depend on The Lord. In Kentucky we had a big Work. If we do not The Work, God will raise another to do it.

There is no Church today in Kentucky. Men in The Church years ago believed The Messages. There were problems and the devil started fighting. He doesn't want The Truth out. Pray for the men Called of The Lord.

Donald Thompson, Missouri; I Pray for all God's People. I Trust The Lord. He has given His Promises, He will see them through. *I Trust God in my heart.* Be careful of what you do, say and where you go. The Lord can work through each of us if we let Him do so.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; There are many that represent Christ, but we are to represent Christ and His Church. We must represent The Line of Authority. Some have broke that line of Authority. I would like to play and say '*All is well in Zion*', but I cannot! I have to stay home and represent That Authority! Sometimes it is the lack of believing. Love never fails. We believe all 120 Messages and The Authority from which they came. There is only ONE CHURCH and we stand under THE AUTHORITY. We do not believe any less, in 1964, 1994, and again in 2003. We still believe the same. We come under The Line of Authority. Everyday, we should pray for discernment of The Holy Spirit. Dad said to me before he passed away, '*You have enough Faith, what you will need in days to come is Discernment!*' The Line of Authority DOES MATTER! Pray for all Truths and when you get it GO! Go with that Truth. Do not be stubborn. Remember, The Lord said that we could not please The Lord if we have a stubborn mind or heart.

Primary Department

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Our Riches In Christ From A to Z

Accepted in The Beloved

(Ephesians 1:6)

Born of God

(1 John 5:1)

Crucified with Christ

(Galatians 2:20)

Delivered from the power of darkness

(Colossians 1:13)

Enriched in everything in Him

(1 Corinthians 1:5)

Forgiven for Christ's Sake

(Ephesians 4:32)

Grounded in Love

(Ephesians 3:17)

Hid with Christ in God

(Colossians 3:3)

Instructed in The Way of The Lord

(Acts 18:25)

Justified by His Grace

(Titus 3:7)

Kept by The Power of God

(1 Peter 1:5)

Led by The Spirit of God

(Romans 8:14)

Made near to God by The Blood of Christ

(Ephesians 2:13)

***Nourished in The Words of Faith
and Good Doctrine***

(1 Timothy 4:6)

Ordained to Eternal Life

(Acts 13:48)

Perfected Forever

(Hebrews 10:14)

Quickened together with Christ

(Ephesians 2:5)

Redeemed from the curse of the law

(Galatians 3:13)

Sealed with The Holy Spirit of Promise

(Ephesians 1:13)

Translated into The Kingdom of His Son

(Colossians 1:13)

Unblameable in His Sight

(Colossians 1:22)

Victorious through our Lord Jesus Christ

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

Washed from our sins in His own Blood

(Revelation 7:15)

Yearned over by The Holy Spirit

(Romans 8:26)

Zealous of Good Works

(Titus 2:14)

Junior Department

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Dear youth,

Have you ever asked, 'How can I increase my Faith?' I have some Scripture references that will help to answer that question for you.

Message 5:13, 'Let all you work be done in Faith, for Behold, you can do nothing without Faith. Faith will make you Strong. Prepare yourselves to be a people who can meet The Lord at His Coming.'

This verse shows how important it is for us to have Faith.

Message 7:11, 'Let your Faith be Strong in The Lord your God. Read The Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews. Read it often. By Faith you shall do your Work ...'

The Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews tell of many Acts of Faith and the results God Produced. As you read it 'often' and ponder it, you will understand The Greatness of these Acts of Faith and your Faith will also be increased. Please take the time to read

be increased. Please take the time to read Hebrews, Chapter Eleven now.

Romans 8:24-25, **‘For we are Saved by Hope: but Hope that is seen is not Hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet Hope for?’**

But if we Hope for that which we see not, then do we with Patience wait for it.’

Ether 12:6, **‘And now, I Moroni, will speak somewhat concerning these things; I would shew unto the world that *Faith is things which are Hoped for and not seen*; wherefore, dispute not because you see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your Faith.’**

Alma 32:21, **‘And now as I said concerning Faith: Faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have Faith, ye Hope for things which are not seen, which are True.’**

Moroni 7:20-43. **‘And now, my brethren, how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every good thing?’**

. And now I come to that Faith, of which I said I would speak; and I will tell you the way whereby ye may lay hold on every Good thing.

. For Behold, God Knowing all things, being from Everlasting to Everlasting, Behold, He sent Angels to Minister unto the children of men, to make manifest concerning The Coming of Christ; and in Christ there should come every Good thing.

And God also Declared unto Prophets, by His Own Mouth, that Christ should come

And Behold, there were divers ways that He did Manifest things unto the children of men, which were Good; and all things which are Good Cometh of Christ, otherwise men were fallen, and

there could no Good thing come unto them.

Wherefore, by The Ministering of Angels, and by every Word which Proceeded forth out of The Mouth of God, men began to exercise Faith in Christ; and thus by Faith, they did lay Hold upon every Good thing; and thus it was until The Coming of Christ.

And after that He Came, men also were Saved by Faith in His Name; and by Faith, they become The Sons of God. And assuredly as Christ Liveth, He Spake these Words unto our fathers, saying, Whatsoever thing ye shall ask The Father in My Name, which is Good, in Faith Believing that ye shall Receive, Behold, it Shall be done unto you.

Wherefore, My Beloved Brethren, hath Miracles ceased, because Christ hath Ascended into Heaven, and hath set down on The Right Hand of God to Claim of The Father His Rights of Mercy which He hath upon the children of men?

For He hath Answered the ends of the law, and He Claimeth all those that hath Faith in Him, and they that have Faith in Him, will Cleave unto every Good thing; wherefore He Avocateth the cause of the children of men; and He Dwelleth Eternally in The Heavens.

And because He hath Done this, My Beloved Brethren, hath Miracles ceased? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; neither hath Angels Ceased to Minister unto the children of men.

For Behold, they are Subject to Him, to Minister According to The Word of His Command, shewing themselves unto them of Strong Faith and a Firm Mind, in every Form of Godliness.

And the office of Their Ministry is, to

And the office of Their Ministry is, to Call men unto Repentance, to Fulfill and to do The Work of The Covenants of The Father which He hath Made unto the children of men, to Prepare The Way among the children of men, by Declaring The Word of Christ unto The Chosen Vessels of The Lord, that they may Bear Testimony of Him;

And by so doing, The Lord God Prepareth The Way that the residue of men may have Faith in Christ, that The Holy Ghost may have Place in their Hearts, According to The Power thereof: and after this manner bringeth to to pass The Father, The Covenants which He hath Made unto the children of men.

And Christ hath Said, 'If ye will have Faith in Me, ye shall have Power to Do whatsoever thing is expedient in Me.'

And He hath Said, 'Repent all ye ends of the earth, and Come unto Me and be Baptized in My Name, and have Saith in Me that ye may be Saved.

And now My Beloved Brethren, if this be the case that these things are True which I have Spoken unto you,, and that God will shew unto you with Power and Great Glory at The Last Day, that they are True; and if they are True, hath The Day of Miracles ceased?

Or have Angels Ceased to Appear unto the children of men? Or hath He withheld The Power of The Holy Ghost from them? Or will He, so long as time shall last, or the earth shall stand, or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be Saved?

Behold I say unto you, Nay; for it is by Faith that Miracles are wrought; and it is by Faith that Angels Appear and Minister unto men; wherefore if these things have ceased, woe be unto the children of men,

for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain;

For no man can be Saved, According to The Words of Christ, save they shall have Faith in His Name; wherefore, if these things have ceased, then has Faith ceased also; and awful is the state of man; for they are as though there had been no redemption made.

But Behold, My Beloved Brethren, I judge (discern) better things of you, for I judge that ye have Faith in Christ because of your Meekness; for if ye have not Faith in Him, then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of His Church.

And again, My Brethren, I would speak unto you concerning Hope. *How is it that ye can attain unto Faith, save ye shall have Hope?*

And what is it that ye shall Hope for? Behold I say unto you, that ye shall have Hope through The Atonement of Christ and The Power of His Resurrection, to be Raised unto Life Eternal; and this because of your Faith in Him According to The Promise;

Wherefore, if a man have Faith, he must needs have Hope, for without Faith there cannot be any Hope.

And again, Behold I say unto you, that he cannot have Faith and Hope, save he shall be Meek, and lowly of heart;'

Read and Study God's Words and Know them in your heart. This will increase your Faith. As you step out in Faith showing you Believe and Trust in God, your Faith will increase!

Matthew 17:20, ' . . . If ye have Faith as a grain of a mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and

yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.'

May God Bless each of you! May your Faith increase daily! Love in Christ,

Young Adults Department

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Dear Young Adults,

I wanted to share some of my thoughts on the importance of being Faithful and Enduring to the end. The Lord has told us throughout The Scriptures many times on being a Faithful Servant and keeping our Faith Strong in Him.

Psalms 31:23, 'O Love The Lord, all ye His Saints: for The Lord Perserveth The Faithful, and Plentifully Rewardeth the proud doer.'

The Lord will Preserve and Protect The Faithful who are True to Him and His Commandments. A great example of someone who was Faithful in The Lord is Nephi in *The Record of The Nephites*. When he and his brothers were commanded to go back to Jerusalem to retrieve The Brass Plates from Laban. Nephi continuously encouraged his brothers Laman, Lemuel and Sam to be Faithful to The Lord. This would often anger his two older brothers who would rebel against Nephi. When Laban refused to give Nephi and his brothers The Plates but Nephi wanted to try again. He tells his brothers in **1 Nephi 3:16**, ***'Wherefore let us be Faithful in keeping The Commandments of The Lord; therefore let us go down to the land of our father's inheritance, for Behold he left gold and silver and all manner of riches. And all this he hath done, because of The Commandments of The Lord.'***

Our Faith needs to always be Strong and remain strong in The Lord. He is Pleased whenever we are Faithful and Obedient to Him.

Matthew 25:21, 'The Lord Said unto him, Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant: thou hast been Faithful over a few things, I will make thee a Ruler over many things: enter thou into The Joy of Thy Lord,'

The Lord says we are Good and Faithful Servants when we are Faithful to Him. This Pleases The Lord when we do this. The Lord has told us what it is to be Faithful and have given Examples of it in The Scriptures. Some of The Examples of Faith and what it means to be Faithful can be found in Hebrews Chapter 11.

In Message 7:11 it tells us, 'Let your Faith be Strong in The Lord your God. Read The Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews, Read it often. By Faith you shall do your work. Send this Message to your brethren. Some will Believe it, but some will not Believe. Nevertheless, it will Strengthen others; but inasmuch as you and your brethren are Humble and Faithful to your Trust, God will Bless your Work.'

The Lord has given us Promises on what Blessings we will Receive if we choose to be Faithful to Him.

Message 33:8, '. . . Be Faithful, and I Saith your Lord will Stand you in Holy Places when The Great Destructions shall come . . .'

The Lord has Promised that if we are Faithful to Him, He will Watch over us and Protect us.

Another Blessing He has Promised can be found in Mosiah 2:41, ***'And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on The Blessed and Happy state of those that***

keep The Commandments of God. For Behold they are Blessed in all things, both temporal and Spiritual; and if they hold out Faithful to the end, they are Recieved into Heaven, that thereby they may Dwell with God in a State of Never Ending Happiness. O remember, remember that these things are True, for The Lord God hath Spoken it.'

Ether 4:19, 'And Blessed is he that is found Faithful unto My Name, at the last day, for they shall be Lifted up to Dwell in The Kingdom Prepared for them from The Foundation of the world. And Behold it is I that hath Spoken it. Amen.'

Not only do we have to be Faithful to The Lord but we must also Endure to The End. Being Faithful and Enduring to The End go hand in hand. The Lord has Given us several verses on what our Reward is if we Endure to The End.

1 Nephi 13:37, 'And Blessed are they which shall Seek to bring forth My Zion at that day, for they shall have The Gift and The Power of The Holy Ghost; and if they Endure to The End they shall be Lifted up in the last day, and shall be Saved in The Everlasting Kingdom of The Lamb . . .'

3 Nephi 15:9. 'Behold I Am The Law, and The Light; look unto Me, and Endure to The End, and ye shall Live, for unto him that Endureth to The End, will I Give Eternal Life.'

3 Nephi 27:6, 'And whoso taketh upon him My Name, and Endureth to The End, the same shall be Saved at The Last Day.'

Alma 32:13 and 15. 'And now because ye are compelled to be Humble, Blessed are ye; for a man sometimes, if he is compelled to be Humble, Seeketh Repentance; and now surely whosoever Repenteth, shall find Mercy; and he who findeth Mercy and

Endureth to The End, the same shall be Saved . . .

Yea, he that Truly Humbleth himself, and Repenteth of his sins, and Endureth to The End, the same shall be Blessed . . .'

I Pray that we all will continue to be Faithful and Endure to The End so that we may have our Reward in Heaven. I can't imagine any Greater Reward than having Eternal Life with Jesus Christ. May we all continue to Strengthen our Faith in The Lord. Our Faith needs to always remain Strong in The Lord and His Commandments. This is our Prayer for everyone. God Bless you all.

Special Notice

The Staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to Dedicate this Issue of our Paper to our dear *Sister Debra Jointer of Alabama*. We Pray that The Lord will continue to Bless you this year and all the years to come. May The Dear Lord give you Peace and Joy in your life. We Send our Love, Cares, and Prayer to you this day. God Bless.

Notice

It is our Prayer that all will be Blessed in The Lord this Independence Day. Please look to The Lord in all things and know that He is Great. He is our Protector! There are many dangers in this world, and we do not want to create any more danger as we celebrate this Independence Day. Please be careful and show discernment in all ways. If you will be traveling on the roads, be watchful! America is the best place to live and we all should be Proud and Pleased and Blessed in The Lord to live in this Country.

