

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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2021 General Assembly Notes

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,”

- Matthew 18:20



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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 of persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only 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 this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the 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 the added witness for Christ; and 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 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 the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but good 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 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 a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of 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 New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10.1-4), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."

25. We believe that 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 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 history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. 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: 11-13). 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 Judgement* has come. Awake those that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

FORTY-SEVENTH MESSAGE

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

-W.A. Draves

1. "Arise and take the Message I will give you that the work of the Lord will not suffer. This is a day wherein a light shineth even in power from the Lord God. I come from His presence. I speak at His command. The word I bring is for mankind that they may know the Lord has spoken. Take the Message to all the world that the honest in heart may find their God and learn the way of salvation.

2. The prophets have foretold this day. Behold, the Lord has spoken, and it shall be. His kingdom shall fill the whole earth and the dominion shall be given to the saints of the most high.

3. The promises the Lord has made to Israel shall be fulfilled, and all things established in peace and righteousness. Therefore, that this work might be carried on, the Lord has sent me. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I come in the spirit and power of Elias—I am the Elias—I come that a restoration of all things might be. Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or the word I bring from the Lord God, for I come to do the will of the Lord and my name is John.

4. I am the servant of the Lord sent to bring the last pruning of His vineyard. To cleanse and make ready, that there might be

a Holy priesthood; clean, upright, and just. Therefore the command is for all to be true, obedient. Let all abide in the words of the Lord who came to give Himself a ransom that mankind might be redeemed, and a way of deliverance from that awful state be prepared for all whosoever will walk therein and be saved. Therefore, His decrees cannot be altered nor His plan frustrated, but His design shall be fulfilled and Purpose accomplished, for the Lord turns to do a mighty work among his people Israel, for the voice of truth shall ring out and the sound of joy shall be heard. Then shall all darkness recede and this great spiritual light will light the way of those that are humble before God.

5. Fear not, for it is the will of the Father that this Message be carried to the ends of the earth, and the warning of the judgments taught. That the honest in heart will come, for the people must know the way of deliverance.

6. See those that are yet in darkness—see the weakness and sin of man—see those who are struggling in blindness—see those seeking for light, willing to heed it when they hear it. Take to them the Message of Life. You will see the hand of God move to accomplish His work. You will see the evil powers struggle and lose in the end.

7. Teach the doctrine with diligent faith, patience, and boldly in meekness.

8. Many are called for special work, for the Messengers of peace shall cause that all things that offend shall be taken out. Therefore, let peace be in the hearts of all that will heed the Message I bring and prepare themselves to walk humbly before the Lord. This is the way whereby mankind can be brought to the presence of God. All that come must be baptized and the hands laid on them that the greater promise of light might be given.

9. There shall be wars, pestilence, and plagues sweep the land; suffering among the people, for the people must learn that God has spoken.

10. Israel must be gathered, the Jews delivered to their ancient promised land, and

the hearts of the people turned and prepared to meet their God.

11. As I have spoken- it is the command of the Lord- let all labor in their place and calling. The Lord calls many. Behold, He stands near and knocks! To all that open unto Him, He will send His Spirit, and those whom He loves, He will rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and open unto Him. I speak the words and will of the Lord.

12. Many will come to worship the Lord and because of those that keep and do His will, He will cause that they shall overcome. They that are patient to keep His words shall be delivered from the hour of temptation. They that overcome shall drink of the water of life freely.

13. The harvest is white and the Lord knows the hearts of men. Therefore, let Martin Case, Talmas Dean, Robert R. Rickman, John Wade, and Edward Vowles, be set apart as elders and let them labor in their place and calling. For many are honest of heart and are seeking for the light. Take to them this Message. Many will obey when they hear it.

14. There are those called for special work because of their faith. Let them work in their calling.

15. Let F. E. Nelson, Kenneth Goff, John A. Neal, Jasper Dutton, R. H. Hutchinson, Frank Miller, Joseph Gersbacher, Leslie Ard, and R. A. Rieger come into this work and let them be set apart as elders and God will use them to His honor and glory. Let Donald Dobson, Louis Freeman, and Harry Hood, be set apart as deacons—let them be watchful and prayerful in all things. Let all be true to their calling.

16. All must remember this is the Lord's work, and all must come in by the door to assist in this great work. This is the Lord's directions. I speak His will.

I will come again to instruct, to direct until the Lord's will is accomplished. Amen."

He gave me some instructions of a personal nature which are not given here. He left at 4:30 a.m.

-W.A. Draves

2021 General Assembly

Sunday, June 27, 2021

2:00 pm Preaching Service

Apostle Richard Johnson

The Spirit of Truth

The Assembly of this people and Church each year is a commandment of our Lord. We did not do this last year. I am grateful that we can meet again this year to study the Word of God, to teach and learn the Truth. It is the Spirit of Truth that can sanctify His people and we may welcome others so that they might come to learn Truth.

John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

The Holy Spirit of Jesus is the Spirit of Truth also known as our Comforter that gives us our knowledge and our testimony of God's Truth of His Deliverance, Salvation and Eternal Life. Jesus said: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (1 John 5:6, John 14:6, 16-18, 15:26, 16:7)

John 16:28, "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and the Father" (John 17:14).

Message 108:11, "The people perish for lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in the Lord" (Message 85:17-19, Isaiah 24:2-6).

Genesis 17:7, God said to Abram, "... I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

It was ratified by the Blood of His Word made flesh.

Isaiah 24:5-6, "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left" (Message 85:14-25,

Malachi 4:1, Message 45:40).

The prophet is speaking of the curse of Spiritual death and separation from the presence of Spirit of Truth then and now. God has given us the way for the lifting of the curse according to the Authority and the Spirit and Power of His Word.

In apostle Paul's greeting to Titus he wrote, "...according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2. In hope of eternal life, which God, *that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*"- Titus 1:1-2 (Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 6:18).

John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." His Word proceeded from the Father, was made flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14, Message 85:22).

John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

There are two things to see here. We are physical and we are spiritual. When hearing His Words, we can believe them or reflect him. If we believe them we will keep them. If we keep them and worship Him, we can receive His Spirit and Life in ourselves that is in Christ through His presences in us. Jesus is the Word made flesh and His Spirit is the Spirit of Truth of the Everlasting Father (Message 84:23-39).

In Mosiah 15:1-4, Abinadi said to them: "I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people;

2. And because he dwelleth in flesh, he shall be called the Son of God: and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son;

3. The Father, because he was conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son:

4. And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth;"

Message 84:36, "...This is Light and Truth that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God" (2 Nephi 26:12, Mosiah 16:15).

In John 14:1 & 6-7, Jesus said, "...ye be-

lieve in God, believe also in me

6. ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."

What Jesus has just said here is if you do not believe His Words you have denied His Spirit of Truth that is the Holy Spirit of the Father. You cannot come to or know the eternal Father without the Spirit of Jesus. They are one Spirit. The time would come He would reveal plainly all things of the Father (John 16:25).

In answer to the Phillip's desire to the Father, Jesus told him in John 14:10, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works."

John 14:15-20, "If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

17. **Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

18. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; **but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.**

20 **At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."**

In 1 Kings 17:24, there was a woman who said to Elijah (the prophet of God in His day), "...Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth."

Malachi prophesied in 4:1 & 5-6, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." (The Hour of God's Judgement.)

5. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the

prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

6. ...lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

And in Luke 1:17, the angel of the Lord told Zacharias his son John would be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb and at his birth his father also was filled with the Holy Ghost and he prophesied: "...he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

So we see that the spirit and power of John the Baptist was and is the Holy Ghost, even the Spirit of Truth that is the Holy Priesthood Power and Authority of the Son of God even the Pure Love of God.

Message 86:24-25, "The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is 'that prophet' like unto Moses, when it is I, John the Baptist, the forerunner—the Messenger called Elias which was for to come.

25. A prophet represents, and Christ is God Himself. I represent Him." (Message 91:10).

Message 107:4, "The Lord changes not and has been God from the beginning, shedding forth His Spirit as Holy Men in the past have spoken when moved by His Holy Spirit. I am the prophet born from among the brethren like unto Moses and I speak the Words and Will of God, the Lord Christ Jesus, Creator of the Universe and all things that are therein; even mankind that hear my words which the Lord putteth in my mouth." (Jeremiah 1:9, Deuteronomy 18:18, John 20:22).

The Scriptures call the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of Jesus Christ and the Spirit of His Son, The Spirit of God then is the Spirit of the Son. (Philippians 1:19, Acts 16:7, Galatians 4:6, Luke 24:49, John 20:22).

1 John 4:6, the apostle said as sons: "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." By this Discernment, we accept the Truth of 120 Messages of the Word of the Lord.

Message 85:33, "I am that servant sent to give meat in due season. Now is the day of Choosing— to serve the Lord, or fail to find peace. For all they that do not hear me heareth not God and shall not be found among the people of the Lord."

Revelations 14:6-7, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7. Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of this judgement is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (The Midnight Cry).

"Judgment" as used in this verse is defined as:

1. a separating, sundering, separation
 - a. sunder or asunder: to part; to separate; to divide; to disunite in almost any manner, either by rending, cutting or breaking;
2. selection
3. judgment is the decision given.

Message 95:12, "...For I proclaim, even with a loud voice the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It shall be heard the world around saying, 'Fear God. Obey Him. ***Give glory to Him for the hour of decision, of judgement is now on to all ye ends of the earth.*** See the Light that I bring.'" (Message 86:18-19).

Joel 3:14, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Psalm 23, Message 73:4-6, 86:18).

Message 113:1, "I come with a Message from the Lord, I bring refreshing to all who will hear my words the Lord has put in my mouth. I come to speak His Words, complying with His Spirit, Will, and Plan." (Isaiah 28:12, Acts 3:19).

Message 39:7-9, "Heed ye My words even the voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I your Lord soon comes to claim all that know and obey My Voice.

8. Many things shall take place that shall case you to know that I have spoken. For this

is a day of haste when much must be done— a Holy Work— a Great Work, and I call those that will heed My Voice, even many that are unlearned to bring about My Wise Purpose, that many may not glory in himself, for knowledge and wisdom shall be given to the lowly, and those that do humble themselves before Me.

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 might 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.***

Revelation 3:10, “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

John 12:48, “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

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.”***

Psalms 119:127-133, “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

129. Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as though usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133. Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.”

Message 72:5-7, ***“The Lord has sent me with Salvation and Life in the words I bring from Him to those that hear and obey. Fear not, the rewards is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will bring you to Life, and away from the valley of the shadow of death, for He is the Good Shepherd. His pure unbounded love shall rule when there is unity among the faithful.*** The greater your love the greater your joy shall be.

6. ***Hearken, all ye that desire to know the truth. This is the Way the leadeth to eternity and to Godward. There I no turning back.***

7. Heed the instructions I bring and establish justice in the gates. Let no one treat lightly the Way of the Lord. They that stir contention and maketh confusion are of the evil and shall have no part in this Work. Keep peace and comity in gentleness, and meekness shall make you blessed— a delightsome people.”

7:00 pm Preaching Service

Apostle Jairus Yates

He that Hath Ears, Let Him Hear

Romans 1:16, 17, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

We cannot have a relationship with Christ without having a relationship with the word. The word or the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The word will convert and convict and make you repent of your sins or make you run from God.

We are told in the gospel of John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Down in verse 14 of John it says, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the

only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

So the Word was in the beginning and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us as Jesus. Hebrews 11:1 tells us “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

This faith that we are to live by and is impossible to please God without it. This faith that is a substance and evidence and is Jesus Christ is received by hearing the Word.

When we tell people about the Elijah Message, they often refer to the scripture in revelation that speaks about not adding to or taking away. They really focus on the part about “adding to” and don’t consider the part about “taking away.”

Revelation 22:18-19, “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

Message 104:12, “Look to the gospel and the faith of those that teach truth. Build yourselves into the scriptures in proof of my coming and my words which I have brought, will bring; and this way of authority.”

As we build ourselves in the proof of the coming of John the Baptist as the Angel Messenger or one who is to bring the Elijah Message. Let us look at the book of Matthew.

Matthew 11:1-10, “And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3. And said unto him, Art thou he that

should come, or do we look for another?

4. Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

7. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8. But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.”

It is written in the book of Malachi 3:1-4, “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.

2. 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 fullers' soap:

3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.”

Malachi 4:4-5, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

6. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

Through the work of the Angel Messenger

the Lord will turn our hearts, We are the children. He will make our hearts like the Fathers. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the fathers. They had hearts that had great faith in them.

Now back to Matthew 11:11-13. “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.”

Here is the list of the prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. All these prophets prophesied until John. Now, the is John. Jesus said John is greater than all these prophets.

Matthew 11:14-15, “And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”

My wife thinks that I cannot hear well. I did not think so. I went and had my ears tested. The doctor said my hearing was fine and he gave me a piece of paper that I could show my wife proof that I could hear. We can have good hearing and still not have ears to hear.

My family and I went to Florida for my daughter’s wedding. On the way we had four kids in the van. My wife was driving I was sitting in the passenger seat. We had a movie playing, all the kids were loud and hitting each other. Our foster daughter was throwing up. I was reading something then my wife decides that she’s going to talk in code and tell me something that she didn’t want the kids to hear. I could not hear or understand what she was saying I didn’t have an ear to hear because I was focused on other things. That is how we are as far as the word of God is concerned sometimes we don’t hear. We hear with our ears but not with our heart therefore we do not understand and then we do not obey.

Matthew 11:16-19, “But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their

fellows,

17. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.”

Jesus is saying when someone pipes to you the proper response for you is to dance. Likewise He tells us that John is the Messenger that will come to purify the sons of Levi and your proper response is to hear, accept, and obey.

Message 91:8-10, “I am ‘that prophet’ of which Moses spoke of saying, the Lord God shall raise up a prophet, him shall you hear in all things, speaking the will and the way of the Lord God.

9. I am not Elijah the former prophet neither was he me. He was a prophet in his day with the power of God upon him. He proved God to be real. Likewise, I shall have the same power upon me and my work and in the words I speak. I speak with the same power, therefore the reason to say, “In the spirit and power of Elias, or Elijah.” It meaneth that of God, not of man.

10. I was a prophet in my days on earth. I am not another person, nor any other person is me. Each person is a child of themselves. It is given once for mankind in this life of probation—once to die. In the resurrections all mankind shall be resurrected.”

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Monday, June 28, 2021

1:00 pm Study

Message 47

7:00 Preaching Service

Apostle Adam Stokes

You Are Not Alone

Message 115:18, “Remember you are not alone, for far more than ten-thousand times ten-thousands are waiting at the gate to enter and be part of the Kingdom and Zion of God. The outcast shall know where they belong and be delivered.”

Tuesday June 29, 2021

1:00 pm Study
Message 47, cont.

3:00 pm Memorial Service



Apostle Mike Greenwell
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4:30 pm Sacrament & Closing

Handmaidens of the Lord

We held Handmaidens of The Lord meetings on Monday and Tuesday mornings of the

Assembly. We were blessed with wonderful lessons; ‘Trust and Hope’ by Sister Karen Wilkin on Monday, and ‘Faith over Fear’ by Sister Tammy Thompson on Tuesday. We will start with Sister Karen’s lesson. It is long and will need to be continued in the next paper. Following that we will share Sister Tammy’s lesson, also in the next issue.

Love and may God bless each of you.
-Sister Thresa Ray

Trust & Hope: Part 1

Karen Wilkin

Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Proverbs 3:5-7; “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7. Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord, and depart from evil.”

“While Godless Culture seeks to radically redefine moral norms, we have God’s word” out of the Three Books “for an absolute Standard of Eternal Truth.” (Excerpt taken from Franklin Graham post, with exception of “Our Three Books”)

Last year and this year have been one of the most challenging years I think we have ever gone through. We have witnessed and experienced things we have never even imagined that could or would happen. The pandemic, trials, problems, disappointments, challenges and conflict have helped us to turn even more to God and seek His comfort and peace. We have witnessed Prophecy Being Fulfilled right before our eyes. It is natural to be a bit scared when we see these things happening. It doesn’t mean we are weak in our faith, but rather aware that things are changing quickly and we get very concerned about the things our children and grandchildren will pass through. That is why we work so hard to teach them what the Word says about the things that are happening now and will come to pass. Much is yet to come and they must be grounded firm and

deep in the things of God, learn how to Trust in Him and have that hope for a better tomorrow. We must help them build their lives on a solid rock, giving them truth and teaching them how to lean on Jesus through it all. I believe we can be concerned and even a bit scared at times and still have faith, trust and hope in our hearts. Joel 2:1-2, 11, 29-32. We have witnessed many signs and wonders in just one year.

Psalm 56: 3, "What time I am afraid, I will Trust in thee."

Psalm 57:7; "**My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.**"

What is the definition of Trust? It is believing that God's Word is true, and if He said it, it is matter of fact!. We believe that no matter what we are suffering or going through, He is still at the helm, and He has our best interests at heart. We believe God's Will is being done even if it seems like we can't understand His reasoning. I believe it is total Submission to God and believing He has it all under control.

Psalm 62:8; "**TRUST in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us...**"

There are different kinds of "Trust, but the Spiritual kind of Trust is "I will try to Trust God through these trials and times of deep concern for our nation, our loved ones and our church." We will be studying about the Spiritual side of "Trust.

What is the definition of Hope?

There are different kinds of Hope. "I hope you feel better. I hope I get an A on that test. I hope you have a good day. I hope we aren't late for the program." But the Spiritual side of 'Hope' is anticipation of a better tomorrow and seeking God for help to see us through times of trouble and problems within our homes, our workplace or our nation. "I have great hope that God will be at the helm and His will be done."

Psalm 67:1-2 & 4; "**God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;**

2. That thy way may be known upon the

earth, thy saving health among all nations.

4. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth."

Jeremiah 29:11; "**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.**"

We have had to learn even more how to TRUST the Lord while going through all the turmoil and afflictions we have experienced. We know we cannot Trust in the Lord if we didn't have HOPE that He is in control and His ways are not our ways.

Romans 15:13, "**Now the God of "hope" fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."**

We may not understand the "Why" to many of these things but we Hope God will see us through and give us the courage we need to hold on to the Iron Rod.

1 Nephi 11:25, "And it came to pass that I beheld that the Rod of Iron which my 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 a representation of the love of God; and I also beheld that the tree of life was a representation of the love of God."

1 Nephi 15:23-24, "And they said unto me, what meaneth the rod of iron which our Father saw, that led to the tree?"

24. And I said unto them, that is the word of God; and whoso would hearken unto the word of God, and would hold fast unto it, they would never perish; neither could the temptations and the fiery darts of the adversary overpower them unto blindness, to lead them away to destruction."

What a promise. It is by **Believing, Hoping and Trusting,** HOLDING ON TO THAT ROD OF IRON that helps us to be able to withstand all that has taken place and will take place, not only from day to day, but in the future also.

Message 31:3, "Now hear ye the Words of the Lord, all that tremble in His sight, and at His word. 'Yea, seek Me and walk righteously

before Me, heed My voice and great shall be your blessings. Remember your Lord and Master who drank of the bitter cup—all must drink of the cup of trial to know what I have suffered for you. Lift high your banner, hold firmly to the Iron Rod. (1 Nep 11:25) Yea, the righteous call unto Me and My countenance shines upon them.”

Ephesians 6:12, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Right now satan has control over this world. He is working as hard as he can to mame, afflict, divide, cause confusion, disrupt anything good, cause conflict, oppress, depress and his biggest goal of all is to Make Good look Evil and Evil look Good. He is a liar, a deceiver, a manipulator and he always has the people he needs to use to bring about his evil plans. He is working non stop, 24/7 to get his work done because he knows his time is short. As long as he has people he can control to carry out his dirty work for him, he will use them all he can to get it done. He doesn't care if it be a woman, man or child he can use. He doesn't care what skin color they have. He doesn't care if they are rich or poor, as long as he can twist their minds to think as he would have them think and do as he would have them do, he will use them and then dump them, sending them into a fiery furnace throughout eternity. However, God has given us knowledge, advice, direction and encouragement on how to rise above these acts of evil and look to Him, to use His word to keep us on the straight and narrow path, to hold on to that Iron Rod and develop our Hope, Trust and Faith in Him explicitly. He doesn't leave us in the dark to find our own way. It does feel like it sometimes, but His promise is He will never leave us or forsake us. (Deut 31:6 & Heb 13:5). We certainly are learning to lean on God's promises.

Romans 5:1-5, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in

Hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh Patience;

4. And Patience experience; and experience, Hope:

5. And Hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us”.

If we can have confidence in His word, that it is true and stable then it can help us develop a stronger faith and build a godly character and have a solid, firm foundation to stand upon the solid rock and not be moved. Psalm 62: 2, **“He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.”**

Hope gives us motivation to carry on and look forward to a brighter day and future. Hope helps us to see the light even in the darkest of times and be able to believe so strongly that when we pray for rain we will carry an umbrella with us. It is difficult to rejoice in times of tribulation, isn't it? The word says it worketh patience. When you have experienced trials and tribulations have you been able to rejoice and do it in or with patience? This is where sometimes we are put to the real test. We all have experienced trials in our lives. Some worse than others, but nonetheless, they all affect us, sometimes just differently.

Psalm 69:30, “ I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 71: 1 & 5, “In thee O Lord, do I put my TRUST: let me never be put to confusion.

5. For thou art my Hope, O Lord God: thou art my Trust from my youth.”

Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” This whole chapter is very good. (Isa 43:1-3).

Nahum 1:7, “The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that TRUST in him.”

We are sheltered safely in the arms of God through all of this turmoil, sad times, hard times, unsafe times and all of the trials and tribulations that come upon us. Think about Job and what he went through. Msg. 62:11;

56:6; and the Lord has told us to read the 11th chapter of Hebrew and read it often. This chapter takes us through the trials and persecutions that each servant went through and experienced, yet they trusted the Lord through it all. His example of faith is so comforting and gives us hope that God is on our side when we Trust and Obey. He is our help and stronghold in the times of trouble. We do get down, we do get depressed at times, we do get discouraged, we do feel very saddened at times, we feel despair from time to time, we feel weak from time to time, we feel we can't go on at times. Does that mean we do not have faith, hope and trust in God? No. It is how we work our way through these things, sometimes one day at a time, then rise back up, kick off the dust, and come out even stronger than before. We know that Trials build character. If we never faced adversity in our lives, how could we grow in the Lord? How could we appreciate the good things that come our way if we never experienced any of the bad things? We learn how to Not take the good things in life for granted! Every single day we are alive and given another chance is a gift from God. This is all leading up to how we can stay strong through all the adversities that we are facing now and will be facing in the near future. Without Hope and Trust, we could not make it through all that is coming soon. We must prepare our hearts, our minds and be mentally and spiritually sound in doctrine and in our faith. Why do you think the Lord asked the question: 'Who can abide the days to come?' (Mal 3:2; John 15:4)

Message 82:25, "**The vision has been given—see the powers move that cause distress, see those opposing the wars and the downfall of nations. The sifting time is on—men's hearts are tried. Who will stand, and who may abide the days to come?**"

If we aren't ready and prepared, prayed up and studied up, we are in danger of not being able to withstand the things that are coming to pass real soon. Read this next two verse's and then reread them again.

Jeremiah 17:7-8, "Blessed is the man that Trusteth in the Lord, and whose Hope the Lord is.

8. For he **shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.**

Moroni 7:40-44, "And again, my brethren, I would speak unto you concerning HOPE. How is it that ye can attain unto Faith, save ye have hope?

41. And what is it that ye shall hope for? Behold I say unto you, that he 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;

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

43. And again, behold I say unto you, that he cannot have Faith and Hope, save he shall be meek, and lowly of heart;

44. 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 confess by the power of the Holy Ghost, that Jesus is the Christ, he must need have Charity; for if he have not charity he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have charity. (Alma 7:24) And see that ye have Faith, Hope, and Charity, and then ye will always abound in good works."

As we go through the conflicts, turmoil, corruption, wars, evil being called good and good being called evil, unfair, unjust acts, unity being condemned and destroyed, Un safety, evil running rampant (yet being accepted), lies being told to get gain, struggle for power, abortion being accepted and approved within the government and churches, misconduct, yet being rationalized and accepted, false witnesses, fake news, fake ministries, teaching children to hate people and our country, doing away with the very things this nation was built and founded on, (truth, justice and the pursuit of happiness), and the list could goes on and on. There is untrust everywhere. People are losing hope.

Message 60:4, "The Lord has heard the

prayers of His people and has sent me to bring comfort when hearts are sad, and when satan has **brought much distress, trials and temptations upon the just for he will deceive them if they will not watch and pray.**

Message 39:9, **“Floods, wars, pestilence and plagues shall come and many things that will cause the hearts of men to fail them...”**

More references from The Word of the Lord: Message 44:6, 47:9, 48:20. 49: 6, 49:11, 50:4, 50:12, 52:2, 53:6, 54:16, 55:4, 56:4, 59:23, 60:4, 62:6-7, 64:6, 66:6, 68:6, 69: 3, 70:9, 72:22, 74: 3, 78:6, 79:6-7, 81:20, 82:4 & 25, 83:11, 84:24 & 37, 86: 15-23 & 31-44, 87:17, 88:12-13, 88:36, 89: 3, 90:4-23, 91:31, 93:9, 96: 7-8, 97:8, 98:11 & 27, 99:11, 100: 3-13, 102:19, 103:7-9, 108:12, 113:11, 114:10, 115:7.

These scripture references from The Word of the Lord are not all written out. These verses are for spiritual encouragement to help us in our times of Trials, Tribulations, Uncertainty of what is going on in this world, Hope for the future, Inspiration for getting through these things without losing faith, hope or trust in the Lord. We still have much to face, go through and very trying times are ahead of us. I hope all the Scripture references in this study can be a comfort and encouragement when life is smacking ya right where it hurts the most. The Lord told us there will come a time when you will rejoice to stand together. Trying times are upon us and will be more severe as time goes on. It is now that we must learn how to Trust fully in God and give Him our hearts and come out of the way of thinking this will pass soon, so it's all o.k. It isn't all o.k. The world is in a mess right now. We must be praying intensely for our nation, for our leaders, for the military and for all the innocent children caught up in the midst of it all. It is all according to God's Latter day plan. He is right on time! He has not left us in the dark about what is supposed to happen in the End Time. All three books lead us to know and understand we are there now, friends. Jesus is coming soon, we just don't know how soon, but the signs are upon us, everyday, everywhere. Are we prepared for it?

We have only seen a small percentage of what is going to happen in the next few years. In other words, it has only just begun!

Psalm 91:2, 4 & 11, **“I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I TRUST.**

4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

Again God is promising us that He shall be with us when there is a need. He promised to cover us with his feathers, (like an Eagle or bird protects her babies) and under his wings. The truth we find in The Word of the Lord, The Record of the Nephites and the Holy Bible are our shield and buckler. They are the truth that we can rely on and know that they will lead, guide and direct us in the paths we should go. The word of God gives us that HOPE to carry on and pursue with gladness all the promises God has given us.

Psalm 31: 3, **“For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for they name's sake lead me, and guide me.”**

Psalm 117:1-2, **“Oh Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.**

2. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the Truth of the Lord Endureth forever, Praise ye the Lord.”

Psalm 28:7- 8, **“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart Trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.**

8. The Lord is their strength of his anointed.” Also Ps 27:1.

Romans 8:28, **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”**

So, even though things can look so bleak and discontent, we can be assured God does have a plan and since we know the Lord has warned us that the just would suffer with the unjust, so with all of the things that are coming upon the earth, we know will affect us too. That is why we must prepare ourselves in every way for what is coming. We know things are going to take place that will shake us to our

very foundations.

We can find HOPE in Romans 8:35 & 37-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall Tribulation, or Distress, or Persecution or Famine, or Nakedness, or Peril or Sword?"

37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Hallelujah!!! What a promise!! The Lord is giving us encouragement through all of it, to not lose hope, trust and faith and even though we may suffer too, He is there with us. In times like these, we need a Savior. We have one! It is a time we need to get our children Spirit Filled, Trust filled, Hope Filled and Love filled for them to be able to survive the necessary evils that are coming upon this earth. (refer back to the Messages). They need a strong, solid foundation, built upon the Solid Rock of Christ to be able to endure the pressures, the temptations, the confusion, the distress among nations, the corrupt politics, lies, rumors, wars, danger all around us and evil lurking at every corner. A valedictorian gave a speech that insulted those who do not believe in abortion, it was highly accepted, yet another valedictorian gave all credit, honor and glory to Christ for seeing her through her high school years and thanking Him, and they stopped her! They would not allow her to say anything about God in her speech, yet the young lady who was defending abortion and almost cursing those who don't believe in it, was applauded and even one used to be politician congratulated her on her guts to do this. It is going to get worse, much worse. Our children are going to be taught many diverse things in school. It is up to us as parents to prepare them in advance and let them know without a doubt what is true and what is fake or a lie. Are we ready? Are our kids ready? Do we all have our lamps trimmed and plenty of oil in them?

Luke 21:7-11, 22-23, 25-26 & 32-33, "...Master, but when shall these things be? And what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?"

8. And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them

9. But when ye shall **hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.**

10. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11. And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

22. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

25. **And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;**

26. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Then it goes on and talks about the second coming of Christ in the rest of the chapter, then read verse 32, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

In other words He is telling us we can rely on His word to not return unto Him void. Msg: 49: 3; 63:1

It is a time to be united and stand together, lifting one another up in prayer and support one another in the trials and struggles we face from day to day. The Lord has told us there will come a time when we will rejoice to stand together(Message 90:23). Do you think we are

there yet? Are we close to that time He was talking about? It is a time in life when we need each other and have each other's backs. It is a time when we must be sensitive, compassionate and understanding in other people's problems. When you hurt, we hurt. When you are in pain, we are in pain. When you are struggling, we will be praying for you. When you are discouraged, we will lift you up and be by your side, if not in body, certainly in spirit. When you are sick, we will be praying for healing and the return of good health. When you are happy, we will rejoice with you. When you are being blessed, we will thank God for blessing you. When you are weak we will be strong for you. When you need a hug, we will hug you, if not in person, through our prayers and thoughts. We are each others friends, sisters, confidants, we will listen to you when you need to talk. We are All for one and One for All. I heard Bro. William A. Draves make that statement once many years ago. I liked that statement. If we aren't, then we should be. (Continued in the next issue).

Assembly Youth Programs

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Our theme for this year's assembly was **'Faith over Fear'**. We gave each youth present a t-shirt saying 'Faith over Fear' on the front and our Church name on the back. On Monday, we took all the youth to the sacred Temple Lot which was in walking distance. On Tuesday, the youth sang on stage, 'Jesus Loves me,' 'John is Coming' and 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'.

The Primary class, ages 3-6 had a study about Moses, The Ten Plagues, The Ten Commandments, and The Temple of the Lord.

The Junior Class, ages 7-12 had a study covering many questions, answers and instructions for our daily life and a study on The Temple of The Lord.

The Teen Class, ages 12-UP, study was God's Answers, Instructions for Our Daily life (a more in depth study), and a study on The Temple of the Lord. All answers taken from

the Holy Bible, The Record of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel.

If you would like a copy of any of the youth lessons, please let me know and I will mail you a copy. Today we will share the following lesson:

How can I be Saved?

We are put on this earth to destine our destiny in the hereafter – whether we will be a follower of Christ or of satan – whether we will have eternal life with Christ or eternal torment with satan.

John 3:16 & 17, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 14:6 & 7, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. (because Jesus is God manifested in the flesh)

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Articles of Faith and Practice 5 & 6, "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."

Hebrews 6:1-3, "Therefore leaving (going on from) the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection (maturity):

not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

2. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3. And this will we do, if God permit.”

We first have to believe in God and have faith. It is through the love and grace of God that we are saved. As you can see, we don't just believe and proclaim to be a follower of Christ. We must follow through and be obedient to God. There are the six 'principles of the gospel' that we must follow.

First; we must have faith.

Second; we must repent of our sins,

Third; we must be baptized (when one is old enough to be accountable for their actions –when they know right from wrong)

Fourth; we must receive the laying on of hands for the Holy Ghost- that we may have God's Spirit in and with us to guide us.

John 3:5-6. “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

We must have two baptisms; baptism by immersion of water and baptism by the Holy Spirit. That is where we are 'born again' because God's Spirit comes into us and makes a change in us. The old person in us dies and we are new (born again) in Christ. This is why we have the laying on of hands after we are baptized to receive the Holy Spirit within us.

Fifth; Christ will return to earth again. The dead will be resurrected because we all must face judgement day.

Sixth: Eternal Judgment. At the end of the millennium everyone will be judged by God. We will be judged on the good or bad we did while on this earth. This will determine whether we have eternal life with Christ or eternal torment with satan.

As we have discussed satan will tempt us and in weakness we may sin. However, when we are truly repentant and come to God with a

contrite heart and Spirit, He will hear our cry and will forgive us.

We can also partake of His Holy Sacrament; the bread that represents the body of Christ, and the wine (grape juice) which represents the blood of Christ. This is to renew our covenant that we made at the time of our baptism and also for the forgiveness of sins.

John 6: 53-56, “The Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55. For my flesh is meat (the real food) indeed, and my blood is drink (the real drink) indeed.

56. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”

When we accept Christ unto our heart- there is a change in us. We desire to do God's will in our life. In fact it may be easier to do right than wrong because of the guilt we feel when sinning. That guilt is in us because we know right from wrong.

Because we have accepted Christ, does not mean we will not be tempted by satan to sin. In fact, as we discussed earlier, satan is working hard to deceive everyone because he knows his time is short. As we also discussed, God will help you overcome as you pray, study, and learn His words, putting them in your heart. **Satan only has power over us that we allow him to have.**

We must also obey and endure to the end.

Matthew 24:13, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”

Message 102:11 Knowledge cometh from study of the Books and Grace from much prayer, Salvation by obedience, Deliverance by endurance.”

The life we live on this earth will destine our destiny in the hereafter.

Message 103:22, “It is given for man once to live, once to die, in this life of probation- being judged according to the deeds done in the flesh while here. Each destining our own destiny.”

Message 116:11, “...The work you do will

be recorded in Heaven. That which you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven. That which you loose shall be loosed in Heaven..."

When we die, we do not go directly to heaven or hell. Judgment is at the end of the millennium. The following passages will explain what happens to us after we die, before judgment day.

Alma 40:11-14, "Now concerning the state of the soul between death and the resurrection. Behold it has been made know unto me, by an angel, that the spirits of all men, as soon as they are departed from this mortal body; yea, the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life.

12. And then shall it come to pass that the spirits of those which are righteous, are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise; a state of rest; a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow, & etc.

13. And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of the wicked, yea, which are evil; for behold, they have not part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord; for behold, they choose evil works rather than good; therefore the spirit of the devil did enter into them, and take possession of their house; and these shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth; and this because of their own iniquity (sin); being led captive by the will of the devil.

14. Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked; yea, in darkness, and a state of awful, fearful, looking for the fiery indignation of the wrath of God upon them; thus they remain in this state, as well as the righteous in paradise, until the time of their resurrection."

Judgment day will come after the millennium. God will judge each person. The righteous will go to heaven and enjoy eternal life with God and the wicked will go to hell and be in eternal torment.

God will judge us by the life we lived on this earth.

Matthew 12: 35-37, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil

treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36. (Jesus speaking) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Galatians 6:7-9, "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth of the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9. And let us not be weary in well; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Revelation 22:12, "And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

We want our sojourn on this earth to be counted righteous for our faith and good works so that redemption, deliverance, and salvation will be ours to have eternity with God.

Revelation 2:10, "...Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. "

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