

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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## Happy Father's Day

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*'The Patriot who feels himself in The Service of God, who Acknowledges Him in all His Ways, has The Promise of Almighty Direction, and will find His Word in his greatest darkness, a Lantern to his feet and a Lamp unto his Paths, he will therefore Seek to Establish for his Country in the eyes of the world, such Character as shall make Her not unworthy of The Name of . . .  
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## Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary For The Twelve  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

## FOREWORD

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

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

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

*The Messages* so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord,

brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

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

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# THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

## *To All People*

### NINETY-FOURTH MESSAGE

*The Angel Messenger of The Lord Appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri USA, June 11, 1975 at 4:15 am. The room was Filled with Light as has been each time he Came before. He spoke as one having Authority, he was Serious in his Words. I wrote The Words as he Precisely gave them to me, Speaking slowly, as I wrote them down-repeating when necessary-to allow me to write Exactly what he said. May The Lord Bless and Reveal to all this The Assured Way-The Bride of Christ. He was with me about 50 minutes.*

-W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold, Arise and Write The Words I shall give you, *A Message of Hope and Life* to all that follow through. My Message is one of *Love* to those that Fully Receive it, who are *Humble and Peaceful* in *The Lord's Way*.

2. I bring *The Authority* to Prepare *The Way* before The Lord's soon Coming; before this generation all pass away.

3. Fear not, The Lord is Doing a *Marvelous Work and a Wonder* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.

4. Study The Words I bring. Teach and Study *The Full Word of God* and you shall Know *The Truth*. Let all Follow *The Instructions* I bring and it will be Well.

5. I Am still at *The Helm*, for I bring *The Gospel of The Kingdom* to Awaken and *Light The Way*. All that Come *This Way*, Repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be *Humble* and be Baptized in Water in *The Authority* I bring, for The Remission of their sins

through *The Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus*.

6. Let *The Hands* be Laid upon all that *His Spirit* might Come in *Holy Unction* to them in *Greater Power*, for *The Promise* is that He will Send *His Spirit* to all those that are *Humble* and *Full of Love*; Shaping their Lives by *The Assured Way*.

7. Let *The Work* Continue in all parts. Preserve *The Good* and release the evil and those planning iniquity.

8. Behold, there is *A Cry for Peace*, but there is no *Peace* Save in *The Hearts* of them that do *The Lord's Bidding*; Hearing *His Voice*, Refraining from all contentions that disturb *The Soul*.

9. Only *The Pure in Heart* and *The Humble in Spirit* shall be Able to Stand and Labor in *This Work*.

10. *Blessed* are all they that have Come and are Coming to *This Work*-they shall Bear *The Brightness of Saints*.

11. Be very Watchful unto *Prayer* that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep clothing.

12. *The Lord* Accepts *The Publishing* of *The Messages* in other languages.

13. Behold! *The Book*, *The Word Of The Lord*-let this Continue, Reaching all nations.

13. There is much yet to be done, more *Light* and *Further Records* will Come Forth-ere time Folds in and *The Brightness of The Lord* Comes.

14. *The Lord* Accepts *The Counseling* of *The Quorums of Apostles and Bishops*. Let more be done in *Love and Humility*.

15. Hold *Firm* and *High The Standard*-Free from Confusion and Deliverance will Come.

16. Much Good has Come from *This Assembly of The People of The Lord*. I

have been with you. *Swing Wide The Gate -go Forth, The Truth is Set before you.*

17. As I Speak to you so Speak I to all.

18. There are some that have Rejected *This Way* and have not Conformed to *This Truth*. Some will yet Come. Others will speak Lightly of *This Work*, destroying themselves.

19. My Mission was and is to Establish *The Church of Christ*. I bring *The Authority-The Priesthood of God* by *The Touch* of my hands to this day and time it Stands Alive. More *Power* shall be Given as The Servants Prepare for it.

20. Because of *Faith*, many Souls shall be brought to *This Way of Salvation*, to find *Eternity with God* and Dwell in *Peace*.

21. I leave *Peace* with you and all that read these *Words*. I will Come again as *The Lord Directs*. Amen.'

## From The Editor

*Submitted by Editor*

### The Unchangeable God

(Article on Message 108)

William A. Draves

John 17:5-24 gives us the discription of Jesus The Christ. 11 Nephi 27:23, same yesterday, today and forever.

John 1:3-4, 'All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him was Life and The Life was The Light of men.'

We find several places in *Scriptures* speaking of *The Unchangeable God*. I change not, etc. and other remarks stating the all sameness of God.

Message 86:6, 'Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many Miracles. This

is Good, if they Hear the final Call-this *The Midnight Cry* and Obey it. Their works will stand the test.'

Message 86:20,23-25,28,35-36,47,53,67, 'Unless The Servants of The Lord Arise and be no more oppressed-Arise to their Place and Calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrance turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will Call others to work and carry this Work onward . . .

Evil has sought to grip The Church and has long had its effect-eating out Her Soul. When it is removed She will put on *Her Brighter Garments* and many of Her Children will come unto Her.

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 The Elias which was for to come.

A Prophet Represent, and Christ is God Himself. I Represent Him . . .

God has set in Pace and given *The Authority and Trust*, but man through weakness and seeking prominency has hindered The Work. Yet they say they love the Lord . . .

Some you have Trusted will walk no more with you but many more will Come . . .

Fellowship not with those that twist *The Word* to thwart *The Plan of God* to justify their own evil means . . .

Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully Dedicate their lives to His Service-they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord face to face and Repent of their error they Will not fully find peace . . .

Let not The Work be frustrated by the

way of man.’

111 Nephi 21:8-9, ‘And when that day shall Come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

For in that day, for my sake shall The Father Work a Work which shall be Great and Marvelous Work among them; and there shall be among them which will not Believe it, although a man shall Declare it unto them.’ See also Acts 13:41.

111 Nephi 20:43-45, ‘Behold, My Servant shall Deal Prudently, he shall be Exalted and Extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; (His visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men) (John The Baptist was beheaded. W.A.D.)

So shall he sprinkle many nations the kings shall shut their mouths at Him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.’

111 Nephi 21:11, ‘Therefore, it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not Believe in My Words, which Am Jesus Christ, which The Father (Power of God) shall cause him (John The Baptist, The Word of The Lord, brought to mankind by an Angel) to bring forth unto The Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people which are of The Covenant.’ (Restoration– W.A.D.)

Acts 13:41, ‘Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise Believe, though a man Declare it unto you.’

1 Nephi 22:21, ‘And now I, Nephi, Declare unto you, that this Prophet of whom Moses spake, was The Holy One of Israel . . .’

1 Nephi 22:20, ‘And The Lord will surely Prepare a Way for His People, unto The Fulfilling of The Words of Moses, which he spake saying: A Prophet shall The Lord God Raise up into you, like unto me, Him shall ye Hear in all things, whatsoever He shall unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will Hear That Prophet shall be cut off from among the people (of God-W.A.D.).

Thus, this is speaking of an Inspiring God– a Prophet like unto me (Moses) born from among the brethren-(carnal parents).

Jesus said, ‘*No man gave Him His Life, and no man can take it from Him, nor they that set themselves up.*’ (This is the ones having a fixed way.)

*Fixed way in what?* In doctrine and systems in teachings, imagine authority-false doctrine, probation after death, baptism for the dead, water in place of wine in the Communion, two priesthoods. Three beings in the Godhead, and a mother there????? and much more.

This same Nephi—who said he declared spoke of seeing That Prophet baptize The Lamb of God, The Messiah, The Holy One of Israel. *How could That Prophet Baptize Himself?* This is two personages. Get it straight-he first made a mistake and did not correct it.

Again, when it was said The Lord would Raise up a Prophet, even a Messiah, again two personage. It is the mind of man that likens them to be one person and the same. It is the mind of man that makes a mistake-unlearned-lack of full knowledge.

11 Nephi 31:4, ‘Wherefore, I would



**that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you concerning That Prophet which The Lord showed unto, that should Baptize The Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world.'**

111 Nephi 27:25-26, **'For Behold, out of books which have been written, and which shall be written, shall this people be judged for by them shall their works be known unto men.**

**And Behold, all things are Written by The Father; (Power of God) therefore out of the books which shall be written, shall the world be Judged.'**

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost.

The Law and The Prophets spoke until John comes—now he speaks for The Lord.

John was The Greatest Prophet born of woman. None Greater that has Risen. Hear ye him!

Ether 4:16,19, **'And then shall My Revelation which I have caused to be Written by My Servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be manifest in every deed . . .**

**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 (The Lord) that hath Spoken it. Amen!'**

## **From The Apostles**

# **The Bible-A Book To Be Enjoyed**

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That Bible on your living room table is the most important Book in the house. It is really a whole library of books that took over a thousand years to write. The best and wisest records of man's search for God are in its pages- the noblest poetry, the most thrilling stories, nuggets of the world's wisdom, the biographies of the world's greatest characters.

But it does look a little forbidding, does it not, with its somber black cover, its archaic language, its thin pages and small print. Little wonder it is not opened often enough.

What if that book should suddenly come to life? What would Amos have to say about the headlines of the newspaper lying near by? How would Jeremiah react to the latest announcement over the radio? What would Paul's reaction be to the program the family watches over television? Or, most important of all, what would the Gracious Master of Galilee think of the words, spoken and unspoken, by the members of the family?

What if The Bible were more than respected? or read? Would it make a difference in your home if the Bible became as much a part of family life as the morning cup of coffee, or Saturday baseball game, or the evening newscast? What if it were as truly enjoyed? It would change things, wouldn't it? In a new way the Bible would become **'A Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our paths.'**

The power in its pages would be released with an upsurge of vitality for the commonplace daily requirements that makes us what we are. For it is in the ordinary air of everyday life that character is nurtured and grown.

In this modern, secular world of ours, the Bible cannot release its Inspiration to our

lives till we find outlets for making use of its power. The walls of your house may be fully wired for electricity. Lamps may be plugged into the sockets. But the room in which you are standing will remain in darkness until you switch on the electric current and release its power into the room. Just so, until we find methods of using the inspiration of the Bible at the point of our need its Spiritual Power will remain unutilized on the living room table and Spiritual darkness. Furthermore, until the Bible is truly enjoyed it cannot bless our homes with its Gracious Spirit.

Until we expose ourselves as frequently to its Truths as we do to the latest flash in the daily newspaper, can we wonder that the present- with its confusion of standards and its mixed morals- seems real, and the truths of the Bible distant and unattainable? Till its use, too, becomes a daily habit in our homes, the eyes with which we look upon our world will remain Spiritually out-of-focus- grossly nearsighted. We shall lack the depth of perspective which gives greater reality to life.

The purpose of this Article is to suggest a few ways in which some families have found power, inspiration-yes, delight and joy- in its pages.

Some of these methods may help it to come alive in your home. Do not expect them all to work. Or do not expect one method to work all the time. Family life is not static. It is a growing, progressive experience, and the needs and requirements of the family today will be different-maybe radically, probably imperceptibly different-from what they were yesterday.

Families have a way of growing up. Just a little every day-enough so that John's pants are an inch higher on his ankles this

morning than they were two months ago, and Susan's winter coat is suddenly too short for next winter. So the Bible story book that charmed the seven year old a year ago may become "old stuff" to the eight year old.

These are methods some families have used successfully under some circumstances. They are offered in the hope that they will stimulate you to discover new and better ways of giving the Book of books a new reality in your home-that its truths may become flesh in your daily life.

However, if this Article is to Accomplish its purpose in your home, you cannot come to it with empty hands. First, you must bring a *desire for the message of The Bible*. That Bible on the table will not open its cover and shout out truths at you as you dust the room or read the evening paper. No matter how much you may need its guidance, no matter what a mess you make of your family life without its resources, it will not intrude upon the privacy of your home until you welcome it. You must open its pages and you must be ready to receive it.

**'If with all your heart you truly seek Me, ye shall surely ever find Me, thus saith The Lord,'**

**'It is the one who asks who receives; the one who searches who finds; and the one who knocks to whom the door opens,'** Jesus told His followers two thousand years ago. His Words are as true now as they were then.

The second thing you must bring is *time*. You cannot even collect stamps or grow roses without spending time on your interest. True, some wise words from the Book of books may stare at you from the trolley car cards among the patent drug and liquor ads as you ride to work, but they are

there only to wet your appetite. In that Book are awaiting facets of enjoyment far beyond your imagining-if you will give it time to speak. And if you will go exploring in its pages you will find Spiritual Treasures hidden there waiting for your family alone to discover. For you bring to it your own individual requirements and particular concerns. The tune of a phrase, a singing word, a majestic truth will shout across the ages to you for today's particular need, and perhaps to you, alone.

The need for time is twofold. You will need to set aside time for The Spiritual nurture of your children-hours for family activities that will make The Bible come alive to them in their own level of understanding and interest.

Because we cannot guide growing persons unless we, too, are growing, our greater need is for time to explore the riches of the Bible to fill our Spiritual poverty as adults. A fifth grade literature teacher whose own reading has never progressed beyond the books she assigns to her ten year old pupils to read would hardly inspire your child with a love of great literature. A mother whose own cooking skills are limited to the baking powder biscuit and boiled potato level would hardly train her daughter to be a good cook. But some parents seem to think they can stop growing in their knowledge and appreciation of the great Spiritual treasure of the ages at the junior high level, and still meet the requirements of their growing children.

There are many resources available to the adult who would grow in his understanding of The Bible. Seek them out. But remember: none of these tools can be substituted for The Book itself. There the treasure lies. It is not on the map that points the way.

Finally, bring with you your imagination. For imagination is that Gift of God that helps us use the wisdom and failures of the past, and the visions of the future for the daily requirements of the present.

With imagination, Amos shouts not only to the Bethel populace of long ago, but to the politicians in our houses of government and the lawyers in our courtroom:

Amos 5:21,24, **'I hate, I despise your feasts, And I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. . .**

**Let justice roll down as waters, And righteousness as an ever-flowing stream'.**

Paul writes his words of Faith and Courage, not only to the bickering, confused little churches of the first century, but to your home and your church.

**Desire, time, imagination:** these are the tools that you must bring if you would go exploring for the riches of The Bible and carry them home with you.

There is much to say about The Bible and it's Truths and how one can find The Joys that lies within. I will speak more of this another time. May God Bless you all and your families as you learn more on how to use The Bible as a daily tool in your life. God Bless you all.

## **From The Bishops**

*Submitted by Editor*

### **Tithes and Oblations**

Message 12:5, **' . . . Let the men who have been Placed in Charge and Appointed to Look after and Receive *The Tithes, Offerings and Oblations*, be Mindful of their Work, that the moneys so Received are spent Wisely. Let them give an Accounting to *The Church*, that Things may be Done in *Justice* to all, always be-**

**ing Mindful that they are *Ambassadors for Christ and The Church*, and that they will be without Excuse to God, for everyone must be *Faithful to their Trust* for this is *The Lord's Work*, and so Shall it be Required of him in the last day.'**

Joseph Smith failed in *The Eyes of The Lord*. He changed The Name of *The Record of The Nephites* to The Book of Mormon, as well as teaching a falsehood on The Godhead. Joseph's group rejected *The Godhead* as taught in *The Record of The Nephites*.

III Nephi 26:9-10, **'And when they have Received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their Faith, and if it shall so be that they shall Believe these things, then The Greater Things be made Manifest unto them.**

**And if it so be that they will not Believe these Things, then shall The Greater Things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation.'**

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

Message 111:4-5, **'Thus Saith *The Lord*, *Where is The House Built unto Me? You Live in your Sealed Houses- with Sealed set Minds-Established in your own man made and evil doctrines. Even establishing false teaching of how *The God of Heaven, Creator of The Universe*, is to Speak to mankind. Ignoring *The Plan of God*, having a Form of Godliness but Denying *The Power* thereof. Therefore your failure is in not Hearing The Truth as it Comes, making *The Word of The Lord* of none effect.'***

We Cannot fail *The Lord!* We Know *The Truth* as God has Given *IT* to us through *The Three Measures of Meal, The Three Gospel Books, The Word of The Lord, The Record Of The Nephites and The Holy Bible.*

We are a *Blessed People of The Lord and His Chosen Ones*. We cannot let *The Lord* down in any of *His Commandments!* Let us not fail in paying our *Tithes and Oblations to The Lord*. For all we have *The Lord* has given unto us. We must be *FAITHFUL to His Words and Commandments*, for it shall Bring us all *Salvation in The Lord*.

There is much to do! We must get *The Word* out, Print materials that Teaches *The Plan and Decrees of The Lord*, Build *The Lord's House* so that all may Come and Learn of *The Lord's Dealings and Gospel Plan*. May we all Endure to *The End*, through *Obedience and Actions to The Word*. Amen! (Read Exodus 30: 14).

## Food For Thought

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The General Assembly is usually The Highlight of our year. It is a Time of coming together from all over America and the world to Unite Together for Worship, Praise and Study of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a Time we can Unite Together to Give and Share Testimonies of The Wonderful Things Christ has Done for us throughout the year.

It is a Time of Reflecting on The Good things that has taken place over the year. It is a Time to Fellowship Together and Share our Friendship and Love one with another.

There is a Praise Hymn that I Love to Sing. It reminds me of How we should Come to The Assembly. It goes like this: *'We have Come into His House and*

*Gathered in His Name to Worship Him; We have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him, We have Come into His House , Gathered in His Name to Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Let's forget about Ourselves, Concentrate on Him and Worship Him;*

*Let's Forget about Ourselves, Concentrate on Him and Worship Him,*

*Let's Forget about Ourselves and Concentrate on Him and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Him;*

*Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Him;*

*Let us Lift up Holy Hands, Magnify His Name and Worship Christ our Lord, Worship Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.'*

When we Come to The Assembly it is a very Sacred Time of Deep Worship, Praise and Glorifying Jesus Together. It is a Loved Ones, for The Sick and The Afflicted, for those who are Struggling Financially, Emotionally, Mentally, Physically and Spiritually. It is a Time of Deep Reverence before The Lord. It is a Time we Partake of The Sacred Emblems Together, The Communion, The Sacrament of The Lord. It is a Time we Unitedly Humble ourselves before The Lord and Seek to Cleanse ourselves Within that we might Come before The Lord with Clean Minds and Hearts.

Message 42:2; **'This is The Lord's Work. You men are Called from among men to Represent Christ and His Church. Therefore be very Humble. Meet in your Assembly in Peace and let The Lord by His Spirit Remain among you. Behold I will Meet with you, for Truly this shall be The Beginning of Great Things to Come**

**to Pass.'**

Message 60:12; **'Gather in The Assembly and Cry unto The Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will Hear all those that Repent and Obey His Will. Let your Prayers be of The Heart. Let not contention be found among you.'**

Message 64:15; **'Let the people meet in The Assembly in Solemnness and Humility and The Lord will Bless them in their Meekness. Seek not to please man but do The Lord's Bidding. Let not The Time be spent in contention.'**

Message 69: 6; **'Let The Assembly meet in Peace, let Rejoicing be in your Hearts. Pray Earnestly and The Lord will Meet with you by His Spirit, and Great Peace shall flow to all-and The Faith of The Faithful shall be Heard. Power shall Come as your Hearts shall be Prepared.'**

I have written a few of these Verses out that The Lord has Given to us as Instruction, Advise and Promises. The Assembly is a Time of Coming Together in Fasting and Prayer with Deep Humility and Prepared to Serve The Lord in Truth, Spirit and Love, forgetting about ourselves, Magnifying His Holy Name, and Truly Opening our Hearts and Minds that we might be Led and Directed by His Holy Spirit.

If we can all, young and old alike, Come together, Seeking The Lord with all our Hearts He has Promised He will Hear those Prayers and He will Meet with us.

When The Lord Hovers over us with His Holy Spirit, then Great and Marvelous Things will and can take place. If we Come expecting Blessings, Miracles, Revelations and Healings, and Truly Believe, Giving our best in Service and Humility, then, Great Things will Transpire among us.

May The Lord Bless each one who has a

Desire to Come and be a part of This Very Special, Blessed and Sacred Event.

## Article From The Past Article

### Christ's Church And Its Mission As Restored By His Servant John In The End Time

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Today we find a multitude of churches across the land, many with different names and doctrines. *But where is The Church or New Testament Church what Christ built? Is the church of your choice Christ's Choice? Is a church that is popular the right one?* We find that popular opinion has always been adorned or arranged against The Message and Ministry of The Master.

The court of public opinion is as fickle as it is faulty, *so who can rely on it?* We find not only did Christ neither Accept nor Condone the popular religions of His day, but He Proceeded to Build His Church, which Pattern and Organization is at The Heart and Core of The Kingdom. Man's opinions and practice on the subject of church government has run the gauntlet of extremities.

John Wesley has some words to relate in his *Sixty-Sixth Sermon*, as follows:

*'We have been apt to imagine that the primitive church was all excellence and perfection! And such without all doubt the first Christian church which commenced at The Day of Pentecost was. But how soon did the fine gold become dim. How soon was the wine mixed with water! How little time*

*elapsed before the god (satan) of this world so far regained his empire that Christians in general were scared distinguishable from heathens save by their opinions and modes of worship, and if the state of the church in the very first century was so bad we cannot suppose it was any better in the second. Undoubtedly it grew worse.'*

Another quote from his *Ninety-Fourth Sermon* is as follows:

*'The Gifts of The Holy Spirit were no longer to be found in the Christian church because the Christians had turned heathen again and had only a dead form left.'*

Joseph Smith, being Concerned, and after Inquiring of The Lord about which sect he should join in his day (1820) it was Revealed by God in a Vision to join none of them and that they were all wrong.

God Forbids His People ever to join in with the worship of counterfeit church bodies, no matter how close to The Truth they might seem! Only The Genuine Worship of God with His True Church is Acceptable to Him. Jesus said He would be with His Church till the end of time, that He would Build His Church and the gates of hell would not Prevail against it in this day and time of the end. His Church, The True Church of Christ, is Commissioned to Preach and Publish The Gospel to all the world in these last days. It must be Preaching The Gospel of The Kingdom in all the world for a Witness, perhaps not all converted, but only as a Witness—**'unto all nations, then shall the end come'** (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus Christ did not found many different churches, each teaching a different Gospel, each practicing different doctrines. Christ said, **'I will Build MY Church.'** One Church Commissioned to Preach and

Publish His Gospel, to Carry God's Good News to all the world. *But what do we find today?* Hundreds of different and disagreeing churches, founded by men, profession to reach The Truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others, a modern religious Babylon!

Many people suppose that The True Church was rapidly to grow, making this a better world. But Christ's Instruction to His Church through *THE HOLY BIBLE, THE RECORD OF THE NEPHITES, and THE WORD OF THE LORD, Brought to Mankind by an Angel* is to be not of this world and to go into all the world and Preach and Publish His Gospel of The Kingdom which is found in the above Three Measures of Meal.

The Authority of His Kingdom is Divine. Those of His Church are described as being strangers and foreigners in this world. They are to be Ambassadors for Christ, Representing His Kingdom which is foreign to this world. Jesus Called His Church 'The Little Flock', despised, persecuted, scattered by the world, totally separate from the world, yet Living in the world. They are a scattered few.

Jesus Joined none of the religious sects of His day. On the contrary, He Called His Disciples out of them. The Greek word 'ecclesia' translated into English means '*The Called Out Ones*'.

Jesus Foretold that there would be a deceptive Christianity. '*Take Heed*', Said Jesus, '*that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My Name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many!*' (Matthew 24:4-5).

It would not be the few who would be deceived, but the many. (Matthew 7:13-14) Yes, many would come in Jesus' Name

proclaiming that Jesus is The Christ, preaching about Christ to the world; however, simply by preaching about the person of Christ, extolling His Virtues, worshipping Him, yet denying His Message, does not constitute being His Flock--His Church.

Many of those preaching in Christ's Name are sincerely incorrect, themselves deceived. It is the adversary who has deceived them. Satan has deceived the entire world (Revelation 12:9). He is the author of this confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).

It is satan who has made himself the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) and is worshipped as though he were god! This world does not know *The True God*, strange as that may seem. This world believes that if one accept Christ, just makes a decision for Christ, just worship Christ, that is all that is necessary for Salvation! That is what many preach today. *But what did Jesus Christ teach? Did He say that it was possible to only worship Him and obtain Redemption, Salvation, and Deliverance?*

Listen to His Words—'**In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, making The Word of God of none effect through your traditions**' (Mark 7:7-13). *Is this difficult to believe?* It is one thing to Believe on Christ—that is, on His Person. It is something altogether different to Believe Christ, to Believe what He says!

The Christian world is in confusion with not even two of the sects being able to agree on exactly what constitutes The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each may have a portion of The Truth in its doctrine, but each has a large portion of sin and tradition that is deceiving many.

Listen to Christ's Words—Matthew

**7:13-14, 'Enter ye in at The Strait Gate: for Wide is The Gate, and Broad is The Way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because Strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find.'**

Listen to our Lord God Christ—Luke 13:20-21, '*. . . Whereunto shall I liken The Kingdom of God?*

**It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in Three Measures of Meal, till the whole was leavened**

Luke 13:24-30, '**Strive to enter in at The Strait Gate: for many, I say unto you, will Seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

**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 you not whence ye are;**

**Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy Presence, and Thou hast 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.**

**There shall be weeping and gnashing 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.**

**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.'**

In The New Testament, there is not much evidence of an elaborate or centralized

form of government. However, it was a real and visible organization. It partook of material form. Its Ruler was Jesus Christ. Its subjects, members of The Body; its Laws or Code were The Gospel and its officers—The Ministry. As to the reality of the organization, the following Scriptures will confirm:

Matthew 16:18, '**. . . I will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not Prevail against it'**

Ephesians 2:20-22, '**And are Built upon The Foundation of The Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being The Chief Corner Stone;**

**In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an Holy Temple in The Lord:**

**In whom ye also are builded together for an Habitation of God through The Spirit'**

(Ephesians 1:22-23, '**And hath put all things under His Feet, and gave Him to be The Head over all things to The Church,**

**Which is His Body, The Fullness of Him that filleth all in all'**

I Corinthians 12:27, '**Now ye are The Body of Christ, and Members in Particular'**

Ephesians 4:16, '**From whom The Whole Body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of The Body unto the edifying of itself in love'**

The organic Structure of The Kingdom or *Church of Christ* is Described thus in Holy Writ, I Corinthians 12:28, '**And God hath set some in The Church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Teachers, after that Miracles, then Gifts**



**of Healings, Helps, Governments, Diversities of Tongues.'**

The leading officers described are those of Apostles and Prophets. The work assigned to these officers was very important as described in Ephesians 4:11-12, **'And He gave some, Apostles; and some Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some Pastors and Teachers;**

**For The Perfecting of The Saints, for The Work of The Ministry, for The Edifying of The Body of Christ.'**

Indeed, one of the purposes was verse 14; and in regard to verse 13, their appointment as an elementary part of the organization was to continue.

Ephesians 4:14, **'That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;'**

Ephesians 3:13, **'Till we all Come in The Unity of The Faith, and The Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto The Measures of The Stature of The Fullness of Christ:'**

The Purpose of these Functions and Gifts given to The Church was with the idea of Service in orderly manner.

Also, we find Provision in The Scriptures for Seven Bishops to handle the temporal affairs, In this day and time, in order to legally operate in all the affairs and expressions of life and to be recognized by the federal, state, and local governments—to legally exist so as to receive tax exemptions, own property, perform marriages, et cetera, The Church is incorporated.

The Real Head or Executive Officer of The Church in all Scripture is Reserved for one person and He is Christ. While He is

absent in Body, He Sends The Holy Ghost or Comforter.

Message 85: 15,18- 19, 24-25, 34, states, **'He is The Father of our Spirits and The Savior of our Souls, The Redeemer of mankind that was lost to an Eternal Hope, and Eternal King over all . . .**

**All alike, all faileth and are empty, because of sin and transgression, changing The Ordinances and Destroying The Teaching of The Lord's Covenant. The Teaching of my Coming and Proclaiming of The Hour of God's Judgment has come, The Time of The end, The End Time, The Lord's Return in like manner as He Ascended.**

**The Law and The Prophets spoke until I come. Now I speak . . .**

When Israel desired a True Prophet, one on whom they could rely upon to Speak God's Will, they remembered Elijah and asked for an likeness of such. Thus it became their expression, a True Prophet must Come—likeness of Elijah.

Therefore The Lord Promised a Warner of Things to come, to Speak The Truth. Thus in this Elijah saying, **'Elias must first come, Elias for to come'** is Promised a True Prophet—a Prophet of **The Highest to Come and Restore all things, The Restitution and Restoration of all things as it was in the beginning and mankind lives his age in Peace and Freedom of toil, of pain, of sweat or the fear of death . . .**

**I am the one Chosen of The Lord, Mighty and Strong One. I shall not falter, The Work shall be Accomplished. The Kingdom shall be Prepared and given to The Saints of The Most High.'**

In Message 88:11-12,18,31, John further tells us, **'I come from The Lord's**

Presence, I come to do His Will. I am His Forerunner. I am That Servant of The Lord. I am The Elias, yea The Prophet of The Highest. I am 'That Prophet'. I am The Elect One. I speak Prudently. My voice is not heard in the street. I shall not lift up, but will give Power and The Words to be spoken that mankind shall be lifted up, all those that Obey.

Fear not man whose heart is not filled with Humility and Truth. He is wretched of a reprobate mind and evil, fighting against my coming and Plan of God. All such know not The Meaning of The Scriptures. They wrest The Word and say The Lord Hasten or Delayeth His Coming. However, The Lord shall Come as His Plan Folds into being and action and the necessary evils try the people, testing their Faith, to determine if they be The Lord's Chosen, Tried and Faithful, or will fall with the evil one. Yet they say they Love The Lord.

I am he that The Prophet Daniel spoke of as The Ancient of Days. I am The Proclaimer, The Warner. I am he that The People of The Lord Delighteth in my coming and The Words I bring, The Messenger of The Covenant. I sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Mankind, of The Ministry of God, Cleansing out the traditions of men and the power of the adversary.

Some that have been Touched by The Spirit, that have felt its Quacking Power, shaking their very beings. Let them come through The Door to a Higher Plane, and Hands be laid upon them for The Greater Gifts and Obedient Will of God. Suffer it to be so to Fulfill The Way of Authority and Holy Priesthood and The Work of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah*

*Message.* For this is My Command and Mission to Establish God's Church and Zion—with Authority to bring about The Restoration and Restitution of all things.'

Acts 3:20, through 24 tells us, 'And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was Preached unto you.

Whom The Heaven must Receive until The Times of Restitution of all things, which God hath Spoken by The Mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began.

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall The Lord your God Raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

And it shall come to pass, that every Soul, which will not Hear 'That Prophet', shall be destroyed from among the people.

Yea, and all The Prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.'

In the latter days, The Lord Promised to send His Servant The Messenger, to Prepare The Bride of Christ and bring The Midnight Cry or Warning. This Leadership is not given to any man. The New Testament records no governor, prophet, or president. There are Prophets, but they do not exist in The Church as an office to be perpetuated. Only John, The Baptist, is mentioned as, 'The Prophet of The Highest'.

For those interested to research, we find Scriptures record John's Work through The Prophets and Christ regarding The Preparation of The Church to be The Bride of Christ before Christ's second coming in the last days. Prophets in The Church were always spoken of in the plural sense and had

The Gift of Prophecy.

Today, some may be questioning whether The Promises of God will be Fulfilled for one reason or another. One might lose Faith because of the lateness of the hour of time. Remember, the situation recorded in *The Record Of The Nephites* when the people began to doubt Samuel's Prophecy concerning The Birth of Christ. Of course, we read that it all happened as Promised. Praise God!

Some may be wondering why The Messenger has delayed his coming. The Psalmist David is recorded as asking these questions, *'Will The Lord cast off forever? And will He be favourable no more?'*

*'Is His Mercy clean gone forever? Doth His Promise fail forevermore? Hath God Forgotten to be Gracious?'*

*Hath HIS anger shut up His Tender Mercies? (Psalm 77:7-9).*

We find recorded in Message 74:2-3 these words, **'Behold, this is a day when The Lord has Established His Church among men, to bring Salvation to the earth in its Fullness, and Prepare a Bride, The Lamb's Wife, and Power and Authority is given that it shall be done.'**

Likewise, a day wherein satan has great power and seeks to destroy all he can of the good, but he shall fail in the end. He has swayed men for this long time to follow traditions of men and not The Way of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. They turned from the Former Commandments and remembered it not, until now, The Faithful are Holding to The Truth, even **THE RECORD OF THE NEPHITES** and all The Lord's Words where in there is but One Lord, One God, One Salvation, One Plan of Redemption and a Place in

**The Hereafter for The Faithful with God, and for those that doubt and are evil, captured by satan, absorbed in his ways, shall remain so till The Resurrections shall be, where The Judgments are spread. It shall be man's own ways while here that decides his decree. Woe to the doubtful, the wicked, the heedless, and those that plan to destroy'.**

Satan has and can hinder, whatever the reasons or case may be. Let us Sanctify and Purify our Lives and Trust in The Promises and not give satan power in our lives. The Lord will Fulfill His Promises we can be Assured.

Concerning The Promise of Christ's Second Coming, we find Recorded in II Peter 3:3-4, these words, **'Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.'**

**And saying, 'Where is The Promise of His Coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.'**

Thus, we hear this today from people who have lost Faith in The Promises of God.

At this point, I want to quote some words from Christ through His Promised Servant, John The Baptist Resurrected, who is Fulfilling many Promises that are Recorded in *The Bible, The Record Of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel.*

Message 47:3-4 tells us, **'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.

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.'

Message 57:10 says, 'Behold, there is much yet to be Done and much to be Revealed to The Coming to pass of much of The Gathering of The Houses of Israel. They shall know The Lord is their God. The Promises shall be Fulfilled and The Record shall be Known for it shall come in The Lord's Planning. Be True to your Calling, be Humble in Spirit, be at Peace for satan shall not destroy The Lord's Work. *The Church of Christ* shall continue on until, The Christ shall Come, The Temple Built and The Gathering Complete. The Gospel shall go to all nations. Therefore, I have come to bring

The Authority and it has been among men. The Greater Power shall be given as you Prepare for it. Be not deceived by man for I am The Elias which was for to come.'

Hear and see also Acts 2:39, 47, 'For The Promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as The Lord our God shall Call.

. . . And The Lord added to The Church daily such as should be Saved.'

In closing, I will quote a verse from one of the hymns, 'Standing On The Promises', as follows, 'Standing on The Promises that cannot fail when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail. By The Living Word of God I shall Prevail, Standing on The Promises of God.

## Testimonies Of The Past

**Brenda Humpert, Missouri:** I want to Thank The Lord for being here. I am Blessed to be here. The Sermons are so Good, they Fill my Soul. Thresa and I was walking and we met a man and his son. He had been drinking, but we had a Good talk about The Lord. We Witnessed to him and it felt Good to have something to give people. We have answers. Pray for him and his family, that The Lord will Bless them. He had been asking God, *Do you know that I am here?* before we told him of This Gospel. God Bless you all.

**Richard Segal, California:** I Thank The Lord for my Blessings. My mother died in 2005. I went home to take care of her. It was hard. I couldn't come to The Assembly for seven years, but I made sure that I paid my Tithes, then my bills. I wasn't sure that we could come this year, but my daughter found round way tickets that we could afford. That

was a Miracle to me. So here we are. Praise The Lord He Came through. I Know that The Lord had His Hand in that. I am Hopeful that we can come every year now. I have no problems at work, I asked to go and they agreed. I work for a Bank Card Center. My wife works for a Library in a very nice part of town. That is a Blessing for us both. God gave us a house to live in. It was part of my mother's estate, but I managed to keep it. It was the home that I grew up in. I want to do for The Lord. The world is dying. Don't put your Heart in worldly things. This is God's Church. God got me out of the entertainment business and the world. I am really Thankful. I am not here because of Betty, my wife, or The Draves', I am here because The Work is True! Aunt Florence knew Brother Otto Fetting, that's nice, but I am here because The Word is True! Something richer than what I had. This is where The Gold is! Can't get any Richer than this. I asked The Lord years ago, *where is The Church?* The churches that I have gone to only deceives you. They lie to you and things didn't make sense. I am Thankful The Lord is with me. I Love Him. I am Thankful for my wife and that we are together. It has been 21 years now. I was here last in 2001. I could tell then that something was wrong with some of the brothers. When The Revelation came in 2003, I Rejoiced. The Lord Filled His Quorum. We now will have a Full House. Then they did what they did. If your Heart is not right with The Lord, He cannot tell you anything. We are more Blessed than those other churches. Stay Humble! Stay with The Lord and always put Him First. God Bless you all.

**Leora Naslund, Missouri:** I am Thankful to be here. The Lord has always been here with

us. He has Blessed me so much in my Life. I see many people that don't have The Lord in their Life. They have many trials in their Lives. The Lord is here, just ask for Him. Thank you all for your Prayers. I Love you all.

## Primary Department

Sister Karen Wilkin  
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Sometimes it is really hard to listen when being spoken to *isn't it?* Especially if it is an adult talking to you about something you should do or need to do. Sometimes you may get into trouble by not listening to directions or instructions. Whether you go to a daycare, preschool, school, Sunday School, sport games or any activity you must follow the rules, *right?* Rules are made to help people grow and learn, to be safe and keep out of trouble. *What happens if you break a rule?*

It is the same thing with God. If we do not listen to our parents when they teach us His Word, follow His Instructions and Directions, or we are disobedient to His Commandments then He must scold us or help us to understand the wrong we have done. Jesus is so Forgiving though. All we have to do is tell Him we are so sorry for the wrong we did and He Wipes that sin away and never thinks about it again.

When you get up in the mornings you get dressed. Sometimes if it is warm weather you may put on cooler clothes, but if it is cold, you put on warm clothes. If it is raining you put on a raincoat. If you are playing ball, you may put on a helmet to protect your head. If you are playing football you may put on protective equipment to protect your body. *So what do you put on to protect yourself from the fiery darts that*

*satan throws at you each day?*. He whispers in your ear to do something wrong. Maybe he tries to tell you it is okay to tell a lie or say a bad word. He may try to tell you it is okay to gossip about someone or to make fun of another person. He may tell you it is okay to hit someone if they deserve to be hit. These are all things that do not please Jesus. But, Jesus tells us to dress ourselves in THE ARMOR OF GOD.

Let's go into Ephesians 6: 12-17; **'Put on The Whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**Wherefore take unto you The Whole Armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on The Breastplate of Righteousness;**

**And your feet shod with the preparation of The Gospel Peace**

**Above all, taking The Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.**

**And The Helmet of Salvation, and The Sword of The Spirit, which is The Word of God.'**

See, it is necessary to not only dress in clothing that fits the weather, but also to dress yourself in The Whole Armor of God which will help protect you from doing wrong.

If you start your day with a Prayer, asking God to help you to do your best this day and to Obey Him and your parents, to be good to other people, then you are sure to have a much better day. Jesus Loves the little children and He Loves it when you try really hard to be good. Jesus is telling you to keep your Heart Right with Good Thoughts,

don't go places that could be bad for you and try to be what Jesus would have you to be. Learning to say you are sorry to God is very important, but it is also important to be able to say you are sorry to a person you may hurt or do something to that is bad.

When you come to The Assembly this year you have an opportunity to put on your Whole Armor of God and do your very best to Grow, Learn, be Obedient, be Happy and Kind, which is very important. Give your very best and Be your very best and it will be very pleasing not only to your parents but also to Jesus.

## Junior Department

*Editor: Sister JoyEllen Draves  
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### Pray In The Battle

*'I know Lord I don't always try  
and sometimes I don't even care.*

*I often let all my worries  
become such a burden to bear.*

*I know at times I don't react  
any way that I know I should.*

*Instead my feelings rule my tongue  
and I'm often misunderstood.*

*I'm sick of constantly repeating  
the same failures day after day.*

*I feel so worn down by it all,  
maybe I should just give up and Pray.'*

*Does this sound at all familiar? Are life's  
hassles wearing you out? Do you take time  
to stop and Pray?*

So Faith can Replace all your doubts. God never said it would be easy but He did say He would be there.

We need to stop battling on our own and give it all over in Prayer. Prayer is so

Needful in our Lives constantly, throughout everyday.

We're faced with Spiritual Battles. We should never forget to Pray. It's important to Commit each day into The Care Of The Lord. So we can Walk more Victoriously than we had Walked before.

The enemy tries to get a foothold any way that he can. We must be Aware of his tactics and Refuse all his evil plans. For we have Jesus Christ in our Lives and The Power to Overcome.

As we keep Praying and Standing Firm all of our Battles shall be Won.

## Young Adult Department

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Today I wanted to talk about the importance of Baptism.

In The Articles of Faith and Practice #5: **'We Believe that through The Atonment 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 The Hands for (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children; (c) Confirmation and The Gift of The Holy Ghost; (d) Healing of the sick'**.

Baptism is an Ordinance of The Gospel and is something that The Lord Requires. The Lord Showed the importance of this by His Example. He asked John the Baptist to Baptize Him even though there was no need for Him to be Baptized.

1 Nephi 10: 9-10, **'And my father said**

**he should Baptize in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, and he also said that he should Baptize with water, even that he should Baptize The Messiah with water. And after he had Baptized The Messiah with water bear Record that he Baptized The Lamb of God, who should take away the sins of the world'**.

Our Lord God was Perfect and there was no need for Him to Baptized by John the Baptist. He did this to show us that Baptism is Required and to be an Example to us. He Commands us to follow His Example and be Baptized.

In 2 Nephi 9:23, **'And He Commandeth all men that they must Repent, and be Baptized in His Name, having perfect Faith in The Holy One of Israel, or they cannot be Saved in The Kingdom of God.'**

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

Message 69:9, **'This is a Holy Work and mankind must come Humbly before The Lord. Let Repentance and Baptism be the answer in Action by each one coming into This Work. Let The Hands be laid on all that The Spirit might come to them in Great Power and Deliverance in times of trials. Let great Faith Rule in Love. Let Peace be in each Heart and Soul, in your homes, and avoid contentions. Trust not in traditions of men, nor the ways of men, nor flesh. They will not Save you.'**

Message 87:23, **'Let those that come to The Church be Baptized in Water, and The Laying on of Hands for The Gift and Gifts of The Holy Spirit.'**

All these references show us The Commandment that The Lord gives us regarding Baptism. We have to follow The Commandments that The Lord gives us so that we may be able to have Eternal Life with Him someday. The Lord tells us to Obey Him, and Endure to The End so that we may have Eternal Life.

Message 85:6, **'Let all that come be Baptized and The Hands Laid on them that The Lord by His Spirit may Confirm their works.'**

After we get Baptized in The Lords Church we then receive The Laying on of Hands for The Gift of The Holy Ghost. Then as Baptized Members of The Church we need to remember that we need to be an Example to others by our Actions. We need to let others know who we are by the things that we do.

**REMEMBER:**

Our Goal that we are trying to Achieve in this Life is to have Eternal Life with our Father in Heaven someday.

May we always remember The Lord and all the things that He has done for us. Also remember to let your Light Shine through so that others may see it. We all want to reach our Ultimate Goal which is to one day Live with The Lord.

God Bless you all, and also

remember to Pray for one another!

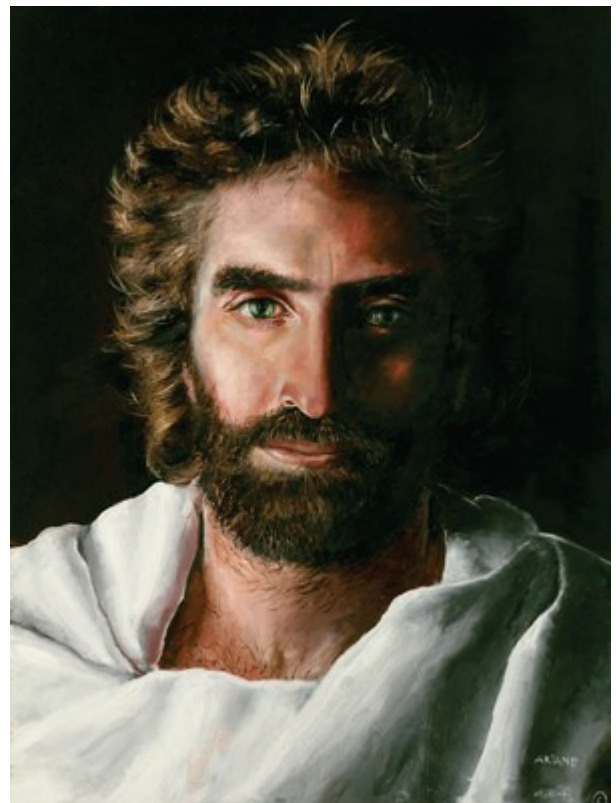
## *Special Notices*

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

The Editor

*The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.*

## *Prince of Peace*



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## Article

### Study and Be Approved

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Remember the verse: II Timothy 2:15, **'Study to shew thyself approved unto God ...'**

God wants us to study His Words and The Words of The Prophets, to place them in our Hearts and to Learn and Grow in His Grace.

Message 112:4, **'Study The Words I send that My Messenger brings to you. Let your Minds be Illuminated in Peace, and Joy will Rule your Lives,'** Saith The Lord.

Message 97:7, **'Read and Study The Words, *The Words of The Lord*'** that I bring had have brought and will yet bring; Shape your Lives by them and it will be well with you.'

Message 99:7, **'All those that Shape their Lives by The Words I bring, shall be Blessed. Have Faith in The Prophets of Old and it will be well with you, but Heed not the ways of evil men – such will not Save you.'**

Message 102:11, **'Knowledge Cometh from The Study of The Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience, Deliverance by Endurance'.**

Message 115:13, **'Study Deeply The Message I bring. Illuminating your Minds with This Power of Deliverance –Victory in The Lord.'**

Message 88:36, **'Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in**

**pride and he will discourage in Hope, and hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you.'**

Message 73:7, **'... 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 mankind'.**

### Message 66:8-9

**'Let The Church Continue on with Great Power for thus is my Message, that the earth may be Filled with The Glory of my coming for The Lord has sent me and I come from His Presence.**

**Let The Faithful Rejoice for I come at The Lord's Command for The Lord has Heard their Prayers and Will Bless'**

### Message 44:8

**'Behold, there is a *Cry for Peace*, but there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do *The Lord's Bidding*, those that heed His Voice. Nations are in distress and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for The Lord shall Proceed to do a *Marvelous Work* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study *The Full Word of God* and you shall know The TRUTH. Follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all.'**

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