



The End Time Messenger

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Message 84:29-30

‘I bring The Everlasting Gospel. It is Christ’s Words that shall judge all mankind. Those that hear you will hear me and The Words I bring from The Lord.

The Day comes when all that Serve The Lord will become a Delightful People, made White through The Righteousness of their Obedience to The Lord, The Ensample, The Lamb of God.’

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The Greater Light

Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

Ninety-Second Message

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

W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise and write the words I shall give you. I am John The Baptist, a Resurrected Being. I am The Elias. My Mission is one

of Love and Peace. The powers of the adversary¹ cannot hinder my Work.

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

3. The Lord's People have seen trials and afflictions but let all arise to a closer walk with The Lord. Come away from contentions and bring Love and Obedience in you lives. Continue in Good Works. The Lord has heard the prayers that are of the heart, and this Assembly.

And I bring Peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

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

5. Where is that Great Love and The Spirit that mellows the heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do greater work. Qualify to be leaders of men. Do good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not our mission.

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

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

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

9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in

tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so-making The Authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

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

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

12. There will come a day when a True Gift will be given. With Great Wisdom will it work a Work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in Measures of Saving Grace.

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

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

15. The Lord will Call many into This Way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold The Peace

and your reward will be sure.

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

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

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

From The Editor

Who Is 'That Prophet'?

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Every once in a while, satan raises his head and tries again to deceive the people when it comes to *'That Prophet'*.

The Scriptures makes it very plain that John The Baptist is *'That Prophet'* and not Jesus Christ.

Message 86:9, **'God's Plan will not change to suit them that believe not, they must conform to His Will.'**

It has always been the unlearned that speaks contrary to The Gospel. The Messages says that *'they know their traditions will ease the flow with the doctrine of man, than to heed The Humble Truth and True Traditions.'*

Why do men want to change what God has given? Why do they feel the need to set themselves up and deceive the people, when it is their duty to be Humble Servants 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 the Elias which was for to come.

A prophet represents, and Christ is GOD Himself.'

So the mind of man has created this stumbling block for mankind. We find this stumbling block in *The Record Of The Nephites*, page 76, 1st Nephi 22:21, **'And now I, Nephi, DECLARES unto you that this prophet Moses spake, was The Holy One of Israel; wherefore, he shall execute judgment in Righteousness.'**

Nephi, did tell the people that this was his view and not necessarily that of God when he used the words, **'I declare'**.

However, when he was made known he was wrong, he told the people so. You will find this **correction** from Nephi in *The Record Of The Nephites*, page 160, 2nd Nephi, chapter 31, verse 4. Nephi speaking again to his people.

'Wherefore, I would that ye shall remember that I have spoken unto you concerning 'That Prophet' which The Lord showed unto me, that should baptize The Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world.'

Nephi here corrected that stumbling block put out by the mind of man (himself) to his people. It is common knowledge and belief by all Christendom that it was indeed John The Baptist that baptized our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, John The Baptist is indeed 'that prophet'.

Matthew 3: 13-16, **'Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.'**

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it be-

cometh us to fulfill all Righteousness. Then he suffered him.'

Jesus spoke in Luke 7: 27-28, that there was no greater prophet born of woman than John The Baptist. **'This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send My Messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.'**

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John The Baptist: But he that is least in The Kingdom of God, is greater than he.'

So, if Jesus was *'That Prophet'*, then this statement would of place John The Baptist greater than Jesus. Jesus also was born of The Spirit through a woman. But there is NO ONE greater than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If there is anyone that says otherwise, it is because they are unlearned in The Ways of The Lord and His Gospel Plan.

Also, when John The Baptist was born, we find these words given to the child.

Luke 1: 76-77 and 79, **'And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: For thou shalt go before the face of The Lord to prepare His Ways;**

To give knowledge of Salvation unto His People by the remission of their sins...

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

Matthew 11:9-15, **'But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.'**

For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I will send My Messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Verily, I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not

risen a greater than John The Baptist: not withstanding he that is least in The Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and law prophesied until John.

And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.'

Again, Jesus Christ is NOT *'that prophet'*. Remember, in Message 86:25, **'a prophet represents, and Christ is God Himself.'**

3rd Nephi 20:23, **'Behold, I am He, (The Lord Thy God) of whom Moses spake saying, a prophet shall the Lord Thy God raise up unto you of your brethern, like unto me (Moses), 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' (John The Baptist) shall be cut off from among the people.'**

Message 108:4, **'It was revealed to Moses in his day and he discerned the future Plan of The Lord God and spoke saying, 'A prophet like unto me, meaning himself, also saying like unto Moses, again himself, born from among the brethren earthly parents.'**

Message 85:24-25, **'When Israel desired a true Prophet, one on whom they could rely upon to speak God's Will, they remembered Elijah and ask for an likeness of such. Thus it became their expression a True Prophet must come-likeness of Elijah.'**

Therefore, The Lord Promised a War-

ner of Things to come, to speak The Truth. Thus in this Elias 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.'

Matthew 17, 10-13, 'And His Disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

But I say unto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed, Likewise shall also the Son of Man suffer of them.

Then the Disciples understood that he spake unto them of John The Baptist.'

Jesus also spoke in 3rd Nephi 20:43, page 663, from *The Record Of The Nephites*, 'Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.'

Message 88:11, '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.'

If you read on from this verse it becomes sad in what you read about those that will not hear The Lord and His Words. It says,

'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.'

Message 88:5, 'Woe to those that set their hearts against the injunctions I bring from The Lord.'

John the Baptist was asked once if he was '*That Prophet*'. His answer was no. But he was not fulfilling that Calling at that time so of course his answer would have been no. It is like asking John F. Kennedy when he was a PT boat captain if he was the President of The United States. Of course his answer was no, but we know that later in his life he was indeed our 35th President.

John 1:19-27, 'And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him Who art thou?

And he confessed, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they to him, Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What said thou of thyself?

He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight The Way of The Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

John answered them, saying, I Baptize with water; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

He it is, who coming after me preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.'

Message 91:8-9, '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.

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.'

Message 84:20, 'When mankind will learn of me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto Light and Power-and hearing Me, I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.'

Message 84:18, 'All they that will hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and OBEY, shall have right to Eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.'

So, if you will hear The Lord again, then hear this!

Message 84:15-19, 'Behold! Saith The Lord, I have sent My Messenger to speak My Will. My Words shall not return to Me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with Faith when I come to earth to reign.

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

I Am God. I change not. I Am He that was Called Jehovah. I Am Jesus Christ. I Am The Beginning and the End. I Am Alpha and Omega, The First and The Last, I Am The Lord. I Am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh death and Resurrection, I Am He that is Risen. I Am The Lord God.

All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and OBEY, shall have right to Eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

I Am He that formed The Heavens and The Earth and all things that in them are. I Am he that placed man in The Garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I Am He that chose Abraham for his great Faith, his seed is as the sands of the sea shores, innumerable. I Am he that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordon and I will Deliver My People today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your Master and Lord God.'

Did you read anywhere in these verses where Jesus said He was *'That Prophet'*? NO! because *'a prophet represent and Jesus Christ is God Himself'*!

Do you Believe The Word?

Some people today is teaching a deceitful doctrine of man as to say that Christ was *'That Prophet'* for a season of time. DO NOT BELIEVE THIS!

Message 108:7, 'KNOW YE THIS, The Lord Jesus Christ is Creator and NEVER

a PROPHET at any time. It is unlearned mankind that speaketh otherwise. Full well they know their traditions will ease the flow with the doctrine of man, than to HEED the HUMBLE TRUTH and TRUE TRADITIONS.'

Wouldn't it be great if mankind would *'respect The Lord Christ and Honor Him'* Remembering *'His Sacrifice of The Cross and Resurrection'*?

Wouldn't it be great if mankind would come to Christ and *'receive Deliverance and Salvation'* (Message 108:8)?

Message 108:9, **'There is no other Way but to HEED and OBEY His Voice. I speak His Will. I bring The Message of Life, speaking His Words and Instructions. HEAR, Oh HEAR, all mankind.'**

God has told us in Message 108, verse 14, **'Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.'**

Are you one that accepts the 'follies of man'? Do you accept their words, their understanding of The Scriptures when it goes against The Word of God?

Message 108:16, **'The works and follies of men destroys Hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to Doctrine and This Work. I have relayed The Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws.'**

Do you Believe that Jesus is *'That Prophet'*? Do you believe God cannot speak through Revelations? Do you limit God and His Gifts? I hope not! But there are those that do.

So, if someone comes to you and say that

Jesus Christ is *'That Prophet'* or even say *'He was 'That Prophet' for a season of time.'*

Know this, they are unlearned and know not The Gospel Plan nor Conforms to God's Will.

For sure, if you are one that does not understand *The God-Head*, you will not understand *'That Prophet'* situation. Again, a *'prophet represents and Jesus Christ is GOD Himself!'*

Moroni 10:4-5, **'And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye ask God, The Eternal Father, in The Name of Christ, if these things are not True; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having Faith in Christ, He will manifest The Truth unto you, by The Power of The Holy Ghost.'**

And by The Power of The Holy Ghost ye may know The Truth of all things.'

Message 108:17-18 and 20-21, **'See that all come to The Church's teaching: all preaching the same thing.'**

The Work is set in pace, The Doctrine and Program is given; follow through . . .

Hold to The Truth and Faith of The Church in great Honor-which shall mean Salvation to all that will HEAR THIS WAY, ASSURED in The Lord's Planning. Peace be unto all. The Peace of Life is gentle and kind to mankind if he will but let Peace and Joy rule and OBEY The Injunctions and Words I bring. My words shall have their place in the hearts of the honest.'

Throughout the years, satan has used *'That Prophet'*, *'The God-Head'*, and other stumbling blocks to come into The Church to destroy Hope and cause doubts and mistrust among its members. Recently, we

became unequally yoked due to some believing that Christ was *'That Prophet'*, and it caused a great divide among the twelve. Their influence on the brethren caused, much doubt and mistrust as the Message stated. We could not go on any longer in this condition. Then some denied The Holy Spirit and The Revelation that came through Brother Mervyn Johnson from God Himself, causing The Church leadership and members to become further divided. I knew then and even more so today, how important it is to make sure that those that come to *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, teach and Preach the same things. God told Brother Fetting and my father, William A. Draves, to do the same.

I will do whatever it takes to keep *The Standard of God*, Holy and Just, that mankind may not be deceived by those who has a different agenda than that of God's Plan and Gospel. *My Hope is that you are grounded enough in The Lord's Work to know His Word and His Voice when He speaks.* God Bless you all is my prayer. Amen!

From The Apostles **The Good Shepherd**

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John 10: 1-2, 11, 14-16, **'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. . .I am the good shepherd: The Good Shepherd giveth his

life for the sheep. . .I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.'

Jesus called Himself, *'The Good Shepherd'*. Are we not like defenseless sheep who cannot get along without the Love and Care of Jesus?

A True Shepherd will not leave his sheep and look out for his own safety! He will, if necessary, give his life for his sheep.

Jesus, as the *Good Shepherd* says, **'I lay down My Life for the sheep.'** Those who were listening to Jesus that day realized The Great Love that made Jesus willing to say this.

Today, we know that Jesus was not only Willing, but that His Work as our *"Good Shepherd"* did lead Him to surrender His Life that we, His Sheep, might live.

After Jesus had ended His Discourse about being *"The Good Shepherd"*, His enemies began to discuss among themselves what He had said. They accused Him of being a sinner, of having devils within Him, and even being crazy.

Others who had been helped and comforted by The Words of Jesus called to mind Jesus' Wonderful Works. They asked, *'Can one who is evil do things as this man doeth?'* Jesus reminded them that they had seen the things He had done in His Father's Name! If those things would not make them believe, nothing would. Then Jesus said, **'Ye believe not, because ye are not of My Sheep.'**

Jesus thoughts turned to those who are of His Fold. He repeated again some of what He had said, that they have heard His Voice as He called them to follow Him, that they know Him and He knows them.

The Gospel of John gives us a glorious promise, **‘I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish.’**

Even today, we must carry Christ’s Plan to the world. What Christ had given to us, so must we give to others.

Message 57: 10-11, **‘Behold, there is much yet to be done and much to be revealed to . . . 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.**

Thus said The Lord your God,’ Let all be established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye one in Purpose. For I have designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to be Messengers of Peace among My People. My Love is unto you and I would have you Love one another. Help ye one another and I will send deliverance unto you. My Spirit shall Bless you if you will open your hearts to Me. Bring My Sheep into The Fold for I shall be their King and all mankind shall

know I have spoken. The Words I speak, even by My Messenger, must be obeyed. Hear My Voice today’ ‘.

People must know that The Lord is their God! This Gospel must go to all nations. The Lord told us to bring His Sheep into the Fold-for He is their King!

Perhaps you are thinking that you cannot go out to win souls for Christ. That it is not in you. You say you would not know how to talk to someone about such things?

Message 57: 12 tells us that *‘Jesus will comfort all that comes unto Him and there fore be not troubled, but to lift up and rejoice’.*

If Jesus would do this for those coming into The Work, would not He do the same for us that are already here?

You can bring others in, even through the way you live. Show others what Jesus means to you. If we all live as Jesus wants us to live, people will see and know we have ‘Something Special’, something more, something they would want as well.

We represent not only God, but His Church-The Kingdom of God on earth!

Knowing, and having *The Goodness of God* in and on us makes it easy to share this Message with other.

Message 72: 4-6, **‘I bring glad tidings to The Faithful and those that Love Truth. I speak The Truth. I bring Light to the blind in The Light of Time.**

The Lord has sent me with Salvation and Life in The Words I bring from Him to those that hear and obey. Fear not, The Reward 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

you Love the greater your Joy shall be.'

Sharing Jesus should make us a happy, and serene, and winsome people.

It is strange that people, grown and young, should find it difficult to tell others about someone so precious as our Lord and His Teachings.

I understand your Love for Jesus. I have the same Love for Him- and the last thing I want, and you, is to hear or see someone downgrade our Lord. So we become hesitant in telling others of the our Lord.

We should watch and pray for opportunities to tell others about Jesus and This Gospel.

Message 72: 2-3, **'My mission is one of Love. I come from The Lord's Presence. I am he to deal prudently, to bring The Warning of Christ's soon coming, to prepare a people to be The Bride, *The Church Of Christ*, to refine and cause mankind to become Pure, to instruct The Way of The Lord and I bring The Elijah Message many look for. Lo, The Prophets have foretold of my coming. I come to fulfill The Will of The Lord. I am the Elias, The forerunner of The Christ. He has designed The Way and stretched out the earth from one end to the other.'**

John 4: 14, **'But whosoever drinketh of The Water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but The Water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into Everlasting Life.'**

God Bless you one and all. I send you all my Love, Cares and Prayers. Amen!

From The Bishops

Submitted by Editor

TITHES

Genesis 28:22, **'And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'**

Leviticus 27:30, **'And all The Tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is The Lord's: it is Holy unto The Lord.'**

Numbers 18:21, **'And, Behold, I have given the children of Levi all The Tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.'**

Malachi 3: 10; **'Bring ye all The Tithes into The Storehouse, that there may be Meat in Mine House, and Prove Me now herewith, Saith The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven, and pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'**

Luke 18:12; **'I Fast twice in the week, I give Tithes of all that I possess.'**

Hebrews 7:4, **'Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave The Tenth of the spoils.'**

Something To Think

About

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Matthew 5:24, **'Leave your gift there before The Alter, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.'**

It is useless to give offerings to God while you are at enmity with your brother. Jesus said that His Followers should be reconciled with anyone who has something

against them. The world seeks reconciliation on limited terms.

Christians are to be reconciled, whatever it takes. You say, 'but you don't know how deeply he hurt me! It's unreasonable to ask me to restore our relationship' or 'I tried but she would not be appeased'.

Jesus did not include an exception clause for our reconciliation. If someone persecutes you, you pray for them, If she publicly humiliates you, you are not to retaliate.

Matthew 5:39, **'But I say unto you that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.'**

If someone takes advantage of you, you are to give even more than he asks.

Matthew 5:41, **'and whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.'**

The world preaches, 'Assert yourself'. Jesus taught, *'Deny yourself'*. The world warns that you will be constantly exploited. Jesus concern was not that His Disciples be treated fairly, but they *show unconditional love to others, regardless of how they were treated*. Men spat upon Jesus and nailed Him to a Cross. His response was our model.

Luke 23:34, **'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do'**

If there was ever a Command that is constantly disobeyed, it is this mandate to be 'Reconciled'.

We comfort ourselves with the thought, *'God know that I tried to make things right, but my enemy refused.'*

God's Word does not say 'try to be reconciled', but to **'BE RECONCILED'**!

Is there someone with whom you need to make Peace with? Then do what God tells you to do.

May God Bless you all.

Article

If God Texted the 10 Commandments to Moses

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We all know the story of Moses and the 10 Commandments. It is, perhaps, one of the first stories we learn in Sunday school. And rightly so, as young children we are taught to behave. The 10 Commandments are certainly the basis for Righteous Behavior containing the most Fundamental Rules of Christian Living needed to walk The Path of Righteousness.

After God led The Israelites out of Egypt's bondage and across the wilderness, they camped at the base of Mount Sinai. There God Addressed Moses, delineating His Plans for the future and to Direct His Chosen People. Shortly thereafter, Moses was summoned to the top of the mountain where God Proceeded to lay The Foundation for a New System of Law by which His People would be Governed and held Accountable- he 10 Commandments (Exodus 19-20).

If these Events occurred in present time as opposed to 3500 years prior, they would have naturally unfolded in a manner so foreign to those who Grace The Pages of *The Holy Bible* that it would be incomprehensible to them. In the last 10 years, technology has made strides of such astronomical proportions that it has revolutionized the communications industry. Had Moses enjoyed the services provided by such technology as 'The Smartphone,' it is highly likely Moses would have circum-

vented any need for physical activity such as a mountain hike and simple received The 10 Commandments from the comfort of his tent via Text from God; although, it is doubtful whether either would have received a signal so far from civilization.

Nonetheless, if God had texted The 10 Commandments to Moses, here is what might have been sent:

M, pls rite on tabs & giv 2 ppl:

1. no1 b4 me. srsly.
2. dnt wrshp pix/idols
3. no omg's
4. no wrk on wkend. Aka Sun.
5. pos ok- ur m&d r cool
6. dnt kill ppl
7. ;-x only w/m8
8. dnt steal
9. dnt lie re: bf
10. dnt ogle ur bf's m8 or ox/dnkey. myob

For those of you who are unfamiliar with texting shortcuts, here is the translation:

Moses, please write this on tablets and give it to the people:

1. No one before me. Seriously.
2. Don't worship pictures or idols.
3. No Oh My G*d's. (*taking The Lord's Name in vain*)
4. No working on weekends. As known as Sundays (*Keep Sabbath Day Holy*)
5. Parents Over Shoulder okay. Mom and Dad are cool. (*Honor thy Mother and thy Father.*)
6. Don't kill people.
7. Sex only with mate (spouse).
8. Don't steal.
9. Don't lie regarding best friend. (*don't bear false witness against neighbor.*)
10. Don't ogle your best friend's mate or ox/donkey (possessions). Mind Your

Own Business. (*Don't covet*)

Technology is wonderful. It allows us to communicate with those beyond our generally reach. It is a useful tool of referencing, social networking, archival etc. And most importantly, technology can circumvent boundaries otherwise left intact due to its anonymity. But as in all things, there is a time and place for everything (Ecclesiastics 3:1). At times, unfortunately, we find ourselves so connected, so dependent upon handheld devices such as 'The Smartphones' that we have forgotten this fundamental concept. We are so engrossed, distracted and blind sided by these devices that we often neglect and overlook that which is important: The Lord.

Although the above, is funny, cute and a testament of modern life, we must not allow our new found technological freedom and privileges to cheapen that which is Holy and Sacred. It is great to be connected but remember who we must be connected to. Enjoy technology, employ it for good. It has certainly enriched our lives immensely. But please remember that there are times when we must unplug our lives from worldly things, focus our attention Heavenly and Acknowledge who and where the knowledge of and for such things Truly Originates.

Primary Department

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Knowing Your Thoughts

Dear friends:

Mark 12:30, **'And thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind,**

and with all thy Strength' this is The First Commandment'.

Have you ever had someone ask, '*What are you thinking about right now?*' Sometimes when you're asked, you may be thinking about something totally unimportant or something that would sound silly to share out loud. At those times, it may be embarrassing to answer the question.

Sometimes God might Speak to our hearts and ask, '*What are you thinking about right now?*' Not because He doesn't know, but because He wants us to notice our own thoughts. And sometimes we are embarrassed to answer Him. *Why?* Because we're thinking selfish thoughts, vain thoughts, worried thoughts, proud thoughts – thoughts that have nothing to do with Him.

God wants us to Love Him with our Minds. *How do we do this?* We Love God with our Minds by thinking about Him and His Things. *Have you ever really thought about the meaning of a Bible Verse that you're memorizing? Have you ever tried to think of all the ways that you could Obey that Verse? Have you ever thought about The Character Traits of God and what they mean to your life? Have you ever thought about the words to a Christian Song or a Hymn?*

Ask God to Show you when you are thinking about the wrong things. Ask Him to Help you turn your thoughts to Him and Love Him with all of your Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength. After all, it is what He Wants of us.

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

I would like to answer the question, '**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.'

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.'

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.**

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.

Of The Doctrine of Baptisms, and of Laying on of Hands, and of Resurrection of the dead, and of Eternal Judgment’.

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 3:5-7, ‘**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.**

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is Born of The Spirit is Spirit.

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 Judgment 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 Review 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.**

Whoso eateth My Flesh, and Drinketh My Blood, hath Eternal Life; and I will Raise him up at The Last Day.

For My Flesh is Meat (the real food) **indeed, and My Blood is drink** (the real drink) **indeed.**

He that eateth My Flesh, and Drinketh My Blood, Dwelleth in Me, and I in him’.

When we accept Christ into 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, satan is working hard to deceive everyone because he knows his time is short. 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.**

Message 9:1, ‘. . . satan is at work to fill the hearts of men with doubt and fears. There are those who read the Words of The Lord and The Prophets and have Faith therein. Upon these satan has no power . . .’

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.**

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.

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.

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.**

(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.**

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.**

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.

And let us not be weary in well doing; 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 22:10, **‘. . . Be thou Faithful unto death and I will give you a Crown of Life’.**

May God Bless each of you.

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

We Hope to find you all well and Walking on God’s Straight and Narrow Path. Today’s Article is on a portion of Jesus Sermon on The Mount, known as *The Beatitudes*.

This can be found in The Bible, Matthew, Chapters 5,6, and 7. *The Beatitudes* are Qualities that should be found in God’s People and His Disciples. They are as follows: (Matthew 5:3-11) **‘Blessed are they which do Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness: for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.**

Blessed are they that Mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are The Meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that which do Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are they that are Merciful: for they shall obtain Mercy.

Blessed are they which are Persecuted for Righteousness’ Sake: for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My Sake.’

These are God’s *Beatitudes*. These are thing which should be found in every one of us along with *The Fruits of The Spirit*. This should be part of our Foundation. Without these qualities it will be impossible to do The Lord’s Work.

In this Articles I would like to focus on *The Beatitudes*; Number 5. **‘Blessed are The**

Meek; for they shall inherit the earth’.

What does this mean? What does the word ‘Meek’ mean?

Sometimes we might think of the word ‘Meek’ as being someone who is weak or timid or one that lets people push them around or one being passive.

Jesus, Himself, said He was ‘Meek and Lowly in Heart’ (Matthew 11:29). We know He was never someone who was seen as being weak or timid. We know that ‘Meekness’ is not weakness! Being ‘Meek’ or having ‘Meekness’ is being Mild, Gentle, Humble, Tender Hearted, Patient, Slow to anger, Controlled, Moderated, not Self Seeking or Selfless.

Moses is an example of ‘Meekness’ (Numbers 12:3). Now the man Moses was very ‘Meek’, above all men which were upon the face of the earth.

Think about the job that God had for Moses the last forty years of his life. He confronted Pharaoh many times, demanding he let The Children of Israel go free. He led a group of people that were never satisfied for forty years through the wilderness and resolved problems after problems for them. Moses had a tremendous Relationship with God.

Moses was put down for his personality, character, and leadership, yet he never defended himself. He would stand to defend The Name of The Lord at all cost.

Looking at Moses we see ‘Meekness’ is not standing for our own honor. It is standing for God’s Honor!

A ‘Meek’ person is a gentle person. They do what is right before God in every situation. They do not have an overbearing Spirit but one who often gives up his own right for The Good of another. No task is too high for them and none is too low. ‘Meek’ are

Patient and Kind to others, full of Humility. A ‘Meek’ person is one who is willing to do God’s Will.

They do not argue with God, nor do they go against His Dealings with them. They are content with what they have, and no matter what happens to them or trial they may come up against, they are content knowing their lives are in God’s Hands and their efforts can be directed in ministering and serving others. We can put others needs ahead of our own because we know God will meet our needs for us.

If we are a ‘Meek’ people, the end result will be: (1) We will be Blessed, (2) We will inherit the earth.

When The Lord says they shall inherit the earth, He means that if we are ‘Meek’ and ‘Obedient’ to all His Commandments, and Words, then we will Receive our Inheritance from Him which is Heaven on earth and that we will live with Christ forever. All His Blessings will be poured upon those that will live and Abide in Him and His Gospel.

Everyday we all make several choices and react to many different situations. Make ‘Meekness’ your ‘Choice’, put others first, react in a Positive Way, Submit to God’s Will and we shall inherit the earth, and be in God’s Kingdom.

Please read Matthew 5, 6, & 7. *God’s Sermon on The Mount.*

Message 113:10, **‘Blessed are The Meek and all that consecrate (dedicate) themselves to Serve The Lord. They shall enter The Rest of The Lord and shall be Preserved while the Indignation (turmoil, great trouble and distress) passes over.’**

It is very important to be ‘Meek’ and that we dedicate ourselves to Serve The Lord. Then, The Lord, Will Watch over us when

trying times come and He Will put us in Safe Places and Preserve us.

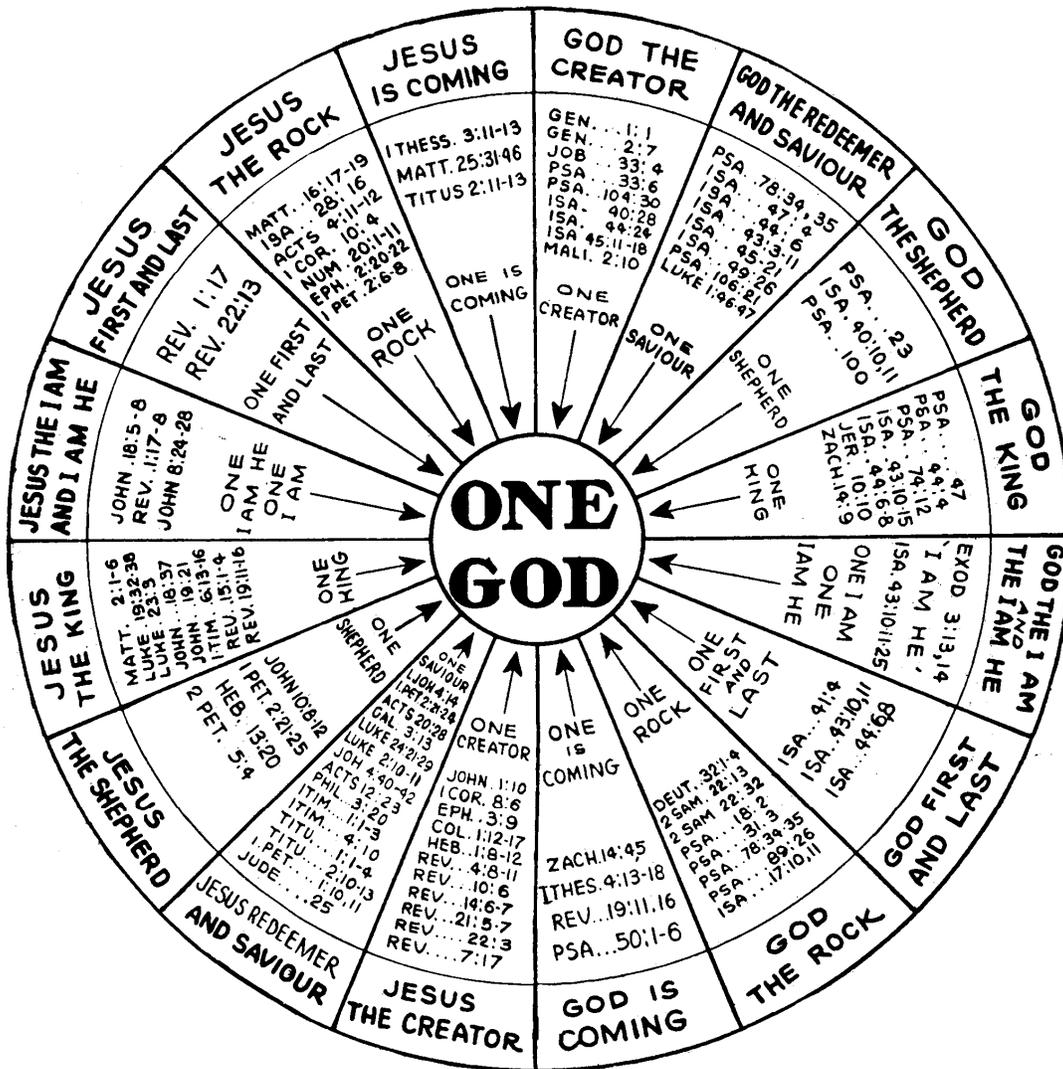
Search your heart and ask God to give you 'Meekness' and 'Gentleness' that you need. We must ask God to forgive us of our

sins, Submit yourself to God and to His Word and let Him have His Way in your life today.

CHOOSE TO BE 'MEEK'. Keep Praying and God Bless you all. Amen!

'Hear O, Israel: The Lord Our God Is One Lord'

Deuteronomy 6:4



God is One God

11 Nephi 26:12-13, ‘And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God.’

And that He manifesteth Himself unto all those who believe in Him, by the power of the Holy Ghost: yea, unto every nation, kindred tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs and wonders, among the children of men, according to their faith.’

Message 84:16-17, ‘I Am He that is Called I Am. I Am The Great White Spirit. I Am He that is called Shiloh. I Am All in All. I Am The Only Living God, Creator of The Universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I Am The Chief Corner Stone, I Am The Stone the builders rejected. I Am The Christ, The Son of Man.’

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

Have Faith In God

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Missouri*

(Mark 11:22)

Faith is ‘The Foot of The Soul’ by which it can march along the road of The Commandments. Love can make the feet

move more swiftly; but Faith is the foot which carries The Soul. Faith is The Oil enabling the wheels of Holy Devotion and of Earnest Piety to move well; and without Faith the wheels are taken from the chariot, and we drag heavily. *With Faith I can do all things;* without Faith I shall neither have the inclination nor the power to do anything in The Service of God. If you would find the men who Serve God the best, you must look for the men of the most Faith. Little Faith will save a man, but little Faith cannot do Great Things for God. Poor Little-Faith could not have fought ‘Apollyon;’ it needed ‘Christian’ to do that. Poor Little-Faith could not have slain ‘Giant Despair;’ it required ‘Great-heart’s’ arm to knock that monster down. Little Faith will go to Heaven most certainly, but it often has to hide itself in a nut-shell, and it frequently loses all but its jewels. Little-Faith says, ‘It is a rough road, beset with sharp thorns, and full of dangers; I am afraid to go;’ but Great-Faith remembers The Promise, ‘Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; as thy days, so shall thy strength be:’ and so she boldly ventures. Little-Faith stands desponding, mingling her tears with the flood; but Great-Faith sings, ‘When thou passest through The Waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:’ and she fords the stream at once. *Would you be comfortable and happy? Would you enjoy Religion? Would you have The Religion of cheerfulness and not that of gloom?* Then ‘have Faith in God.’ If you love darkness, and are satisfied to dwell in gloom and misery, then be content with little Faith; but if you Love the sunshine, and would sing Songs of Rejoicing, covet earnestly this best gift, ‘Great Faith.’

Notice

The Staff of *'The Greater Light'* would like to dedicate this Issue of our paper to our Dear and Beloved Sister in Christ, Sister Gladys Moore of Alabama. May The Lord Bless you today and always. We send you our Love, Cares and Prayers.



News Of The Vineyard *Northwest Regional Local Osborn, MO*

January, 16, 2011/ Sunday School

Attendance: 17, Collections: \$20.41 Total: \$32.59

Opening Song: *'Higher Ground'*.

Opening Prayer: Donald Thompson

Carrie Ramey asked for Administration.

It was done by Apostle Donald Thompson and Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Elaina Downs had a severe head cold and was Administered also by Apostle Donald Thompson and Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Sunday School Lesson was Studying *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

John The Baptist came as An Angel and gave us Instructions from God. We Call these Messages. Otto Fetting received Messages numbering 1-30 and William Draves received Messages numbering 31-120. John The Baptist has not come again yet. We know he will and Prayerfully soon.

It is very important to God that we as Servants of The Lord *follow The Articles of Faith and Practice*. The very First Message that John The Baptist Delivered said **'Don't change The Articles of Faith and Practice'**, because **The Lord Inspired the men that**

wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.' Again in Message 64:14 The Messenger said, 'Let no man change *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, neither let the Plan be changed.' So we need to know our *Articles of Faith and Practice* and live accordingly.

Matthew Thompson commented and read Message 1:1 and 44:18. Study The Full Words of God and you shall know The Truth. Follow The Instructions because The Scriptures will Lead us Right.

Donald Thompson read verse one. Carrie Ramey asked, *'what does it mean 'without respect of persons?'* Comments: all race, people, God sees as the same, He Loves all mankind, everyone has equal chance to Choose to Serve Christ or not. Matthew Thompson read verse 2, Isaiah 43:10-11, and Message 84:1-7. We discussed The Brother of Jared and how he saw *The Finger of God* and then God Showed him His Whole Body before He took upon the flesh. Donald Thompson read verse 3. Scriptures given John 14:26 and John 15:26. These Scriptures were read aloud by Ola.

Plan to finish *The Articles of Faith and Practice* next meeting.

Closing Song: *'Precious Lord Lead Me Home'*. Closing Prayer: Sister Ola Thompson. Birthday Collection by Robert Kyser.

January 16, 2011/Church

Opening Song, 'Never Be Discouraged',
Opening Prayer by Matthew Thompson.

(Summary in Part of Matthew Thompson Sermon)

Matthew Thompson' Thanked Tammy Thompson for opening her home for Service. Mathew Thompson commented, 'As Pastor of our Local I want us all to come together and to become closer to The Lord. This is the time to draw ourselves closer to The Lord and to Live Accordingly. If you don't follow The Lord, His Protection won't be with you. Please remember that no question is a stupid question. If you don't know, ask. If dad or I don't know the answer we will find it. We want to Serve The Lord and you.'

Sermon Notes

Our Actions and Words show what we are to The Lord. We need to put God First in all things we do. We need to be an Example of The Lord and His Church in all things that we do. Step out in Faith, The Lord will give you Strength to Overcome. When I was young I drank and did things I'm not proud of but with Christ I Overcame these things. That's why The Lord Calls this 'The Good Fight.'

There will always be something that will tempt you or try to bring you down but 'The Good Fight' is worth The Walk. Fight for your Relationship with God. We are evil without The Lord's Spirit. Our Salvation is worth Fighting for! I tell River all the time, 'no matter what you do put The Lord First.' Once you're Baptized its not The End, it's The Beginning. Commit your Life to Christ, say I'm going to Serve The Lord and nothing is going to stand before that.

Message 94:16, 'Lift The Standard Higher.' We have a Great Responsibility

before us. We should not be out sinning. We are Responsible for own Actions.

Matthew Thompson read *Record of The Nephites*, Alma 5:13-36.

Carrie Raney commented 'The Lord said our name will be Written in The Lambs Book of Life if we Obey(1).' Some were removed from their Calling because of slothfulness. (116:13) God's Warned us of a Second Coming and He Says continually 'prepare prepare.' The Lord says to Love your enemies. When I read this I always think of grandpa Draves how people treated him. He would go Pray about them. Most of us would have gotten mad and brought that person down or stayed away from them. Let's be more like grandpa Draves. Don't let satan come in and mess up your thoughts. Lets not satan come between us or come between us and The Lord.

(1). When one is born, there Name is written in The Book of Life. Once one gets Baptized into The Kingdom, their Name is written in The Lambs Book of Life.

Ola Thompson read James 3;6-26, James 1:26, *Record of Nephites* Alma 37:3-7.

Tammy Thompson read "A babies hug"

River Thompson played the piano 'Trust and Obey'. Donald Thompson stood and Thanked everyone for coming and left us with Encouraging Words. Closing Prayer by Jason Thompson

January 30, 2011/Sunday School

Attendance: 19, Collection: \$13.58, Total: \$46.17. Opening Song, 'Jesus Loves Me. Opening Prayer by Donald Thompson.

Donald Thompson continued The Lesson about *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. References read aloud: Message 1:1 and Message 64:14. Message 98:20, Message 81:20, Ether 3:5-6.

There were many beautiful comments made by Matthew Thompson, Carrie Ramey and Joni Ramey concerning Relationships

with God and getting rid of sin. Closing Prayer by Donald Thompson.

God Bless All !

