

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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God Bless You

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Message 84:6

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



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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 Faith-

ful 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 Com-mandments 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*

Sixty-Eighth Message

The Messenger appeared just after 3:00 a.m., August 21, 1946, at my home in Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message.

-W.A.Draves

1. **'Behold, I am The Servant of The Lord. Arise and take The Message I will give you. I come from His Presence, I come, for so have I been Commanded, to bring a Warning and Instructions that The Work of The Church may go on. That Salvation may be found by many whosoever will Heed my coming and Obey The Words I bring; for it is The Christ's Words that shall judge all men in the last day. He cometh to bring Judgment and to Preserve The Hand of The Righteous. Moreover, His Reward shall be with Him, even He that Liveth, who is Ruler and Judge of all.**

2. **I speak His Words that His Judgments might go forth to the ends of the earth. As a flood The Righteousness of Saints, by The Faith of The Faithful, shall move forward. It shall not fail for this is The Work of The Lord.**

3. **I come to you with a Message for all that will Heed and Obey. My work ha begun and gladness has come to many. Man cannot have his way in This Work except it be The Way of The Lord.**

4. **The Lord has spared you. The Lord has Preserved many and He Heareth the Prayers of The Humble and Faithful. There are many Honest that will yet Heed My Coming. Be Firm, be True. Let**

Humility be your Mantle. Be not discouraged. Let all take Faith and be lifted in Gladness. Let not confusion come among you, The Lord your God is The Author of Peace. Be calm and sedate. Heed Repentance, Teach it to all men; Baptizing them. Let The Hands be laid on them for The Authority is given and this is *The Church Of Christ* that shall be His Bride at His Coming.

5. The Lord is Mindful of His People and has Heard The Prayers from the heart. I am Commanded that answer shall come. Therefore, I came to speak Life and The Will of The Lord. I am The Elias. I am set to Refine and make Ready a People before The Lord. This is my mission. Deliverance shall come to many.

6. Conditions have come as I told you. Much sorrow is yet to come, suffering and sadness on every hand. Only among the more Righteous shall Peace be found.

7. Let The Lord's Servant, Waldemar Korth, know The Lord has Preserved him for a Great Cause. His Faith has made him whole. Let him continue on that The Glad Tidings may reach many in his land and its borders. Send all the help that can be to the fields in the foreign lands.

8. Let there be set apart in the quorum of Twelve Apostles: Bert H.F. Blackmon, Luther Levell and as the vacancies occur, R. G. Newby who has repented and returned to The Work, and W.C. Wilson, if they will continue to be Humble.

9. Let there be ordained as Elders: Samuel Guthmiller, Clifford Clary, George Blackmon, Alfred Butler and LaVern Fife. Let them be very humble in This Work. Let all labor in Faith and in Love that Great Good may be accomplished.

10. Let The Message go far and near, preaching the same things of The Gospel of Peace, and Lo, Saith The Lord, 'I will stand you in Holy Places while the Indig-nation passes over.'

11. Let William Nevels be set apart as an Evangelist. Let him carry The Message to others and The Lord will Bless him.

12. Be ye United and My Peace shall remain with you. Continue on in Service and Action Heeding The Lord's Will. Be Calm, be Pleasant in your work. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

13. Be not discouraged over what man does, and those that are not true and that deny This Work and The Message I bring. Some will repent, but keep Holy and Sacred This Trust The Lord has given.

14. Peace be with you and The Church. I leave this with you. Give it to the brethren and The Church.

15. I will come again until The Work is finished and The Christ comes. I will be with Him when He comes. Amen.'

While this is not a part of The Message, it occurred at the end of The Messenger giving the above words. He had been seated in a rocking chair and I sat across from him by the table writing The Message as he gave it. This is the first time another personage has appeared with him standing by his side. They were of similar size and with beautiful countenance. In his arms he held cradled very carefully a brown-colored box as it seemed-not appearing to be extremely heavy but from the way he held it, very Precious.

I noted then it was not a box, but records, as I noted one large ring near the top end on the side toward me, which apparently would indicate the front of The Record. It had a glittering effect which was more noticeable from each move or change of position of The Records carefully cradled in his arms.

The Messenger arose and placed his right hand on The Records and said, 'This is some of The Great Work yet to come forth. A Record.'

They both left, leaving me very weak in body because of The Presence of The Resurrected Ones.

From The Editor Over-comers/Commitment

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Message 43:5, **'Thus Saith The Lord your God, 'Blessed are ye of My Servants that Defend This Cause, for this is MY WORK and man cannot please Me unless he comes within MY WILL, for I have Designed that My Messenger Prepare The Way before Me, and a people that will have their hearts Filled with Love'**

We are to give Honor unto God. We are to be Obedient to The Word of God. We have been Called from out of The World to Prepare a people to meet God. We are Called to Represent His Church. We must be that people who's hearts are Full of Love. We must all be *Overcomers*! We all must make a *Commitment* to The Lord to do what He has Called us to do.

Message 43:8, **'Verily, the powers of evil shall be overcome and Peace shall Reign. Those that Learn of Me and Press into My Kingdom, I shall bring Peace unto you. Verily, verily, I shall Walk and Talk with you, your hearts shall be Full of Love. My Zion shall be a Place of Peace, a Nation of Righteousness, where, in Obedience to My Gospel, Salvation shall be found.'**

God has given us, His Servants, some Great Promises here in these two verses from Message 43.

He first told us that if we would Defend This Cause, His Way, we would be Blessed. He said He would Prepare a Way before us, if our hearts would be Full of Love.

He told us that evil will be overcome! He said if we would Learn of His Way, He would give us Peace. He said He would

Walk with us and Talk with us.

All this He would do for us if we are Obedient!

How can one be Obedient to God's Words if he knows them not? He can't!

Message 43:12, **'Read The Words I send to you by My Messenger. Study them and Obey My Will Fully, and Eternity shall have place for you.'**

We must know The Plan of God. We must know His Will. It only comes through studying.

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

God has given us The Plan. He has laid out before us His Blue Print. We must follow through! The *'Door'* is open, we must walk through!

Message 43:15, **'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard of The Lord for the last time . . .'**

If we Work with all our might, many Honest of Heart people, shall be brought to find Peace and Love in *The Church of Christ*.

Message 43:27, **'If the people will continue to Humble themselves and be True and Faithful many shall Assist in The Building of The Temple of The Lord. Great shall be The Joy of the people of The Lord because of The House wherein they shall find Spiritual Food and Knowledge and The Goodness of God shall be their portion. Peace shall then be in the hearts of all The Righteous and evil powers will fade away.'**

God has given us more Promises. If we Humble ourselves and be True and Faithful, many of us, may be even all of us, shall

Assist in The Temple Building.

We can give God Joy! Joy from Teaching The Spiritual Food of The Gospel and Knowledge of The Word.

There are many people who are Honestly wanting to be Taught aright. There are many leaders that are Good, Honest men, and they long to Teach people The Full-Truth.

There must be a change! How can they change if they know not of This Truth, 'The Assured Way Of The Lord'. So you see, we have a job to do.

Seeing and recognizing that one needs a change in their life is no help unless you can help that person do something about it.

We must know The Truth. Jesus realized this, and thus sends His Messenger to Prepare The Way.

Jesus has a Great Desire to help us all to Attain the highest in life and to Live Abundantly. Did He not say, ***'I am come that they might have Life, and that they have it more Abundantly?'***

This 'life' cannot be given unless one's heart becomes Repentful and Restored.

We are told to hate evil and Seek Good, that we may be Delivered from bondage.

We hate evil! We Seek The Good! We thus become Called and Chosen, if we remain Honest in Heart, having Clean Hands and a Pure Heart.

Message 84:12, **'Seek out, Acquire and Restore with Meekness those that are Humble, Repentant and Full of Love, if they will come to Doctrine and Truth and refrain from teaching of men and traditions that will not Save you but The Gospel of Christ of Redemption and Salvation unto Eternity of Eternal Hope with God-Preaching Christ and Him Crucified and Resurrected.'**

A great job lies ahead of us. But it is one

we all Seek to be Part of, because we know the benefits of it.

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.'**

Once mankind Hear The Words of God and Obey, Life and Light will come to them for Christ is The Ruler and Judge of all (Message 84:9).

The Cry for Peace is out. We have been chosen to answer that Cry. ***'But there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do The Lord's Bidding'*** (Message 94:8).

The Kingdom of God is at Hand. Jesus taught it, John The Baptist speaks of it, People are looking for it. The Kingdom is Available to all. Hearts cry out to be Understood. God has Prepared and Preserved many in every nation to Serve Him. Once they Hear of This Work, they shall come Rejoicing.

God has told us to Rejoice and be Glad, for it is The Lords Will. The Work will Grow and Multiply Greatly. There is much to be done.

Message 101:13,15, **'The Lord has Reserved and Preserved many that know His Voice and their Calling when they Hear of The Words I bring . . .**

Be Strong, be Firm, let The Truth be Heard everywhere. Declare among the people The Lord's Doings.'

Remember, I first spoke **'Blessed are ye of My Servants that Defend This Cause?'** I am speaking of *The Church of Christ*. I am speaking of you and I. **'Blessed of The Lord'**. *Who is it that can say they have more than us?* There is none!

Message 84:2, **'I am The Servant Of The Lord, I am The Forerunner of**

The Christ. I am he to Prepare The Way. I give The Word in due season. I speak in The Spirit and Power of God, of The Elias, The Assured Way, a Fountain of Truth. I am clothed with Light for a covering. The Words I speak are Eternal Words. I speak The Words of Christ, The Living God--His Words shall Judge you in the last day. Shape your Lives by The Words I bring and it will be well with you. This is The Assured Way of The Lord.'

This verse tells the whole story! It's words should be the same as ours. We should speak the same.

We should speak in The Spirit and Power of God. We should speak 'The Assured Way' and a Fountain of Truth.

Our Mission is the same as John The Baptist. For we are 'fellow-Servants' bringing 'The Assured Way'.

Message 84:6, '**Keep The Faith and Endure and The Sunlight of Righteousness shall Arise over you, with Healing in His Wings and ye shall be Preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command Peace and it will bring you through.'**

Do you want to be Preserved? Do you want to be Healed? Do you want Deliverance? Well, this verse tells you how you can have all three. Praise The Lord!

I Love this verse, because it is the answer to my Prayers. I want to be Faithful, and above all I want to Endure. I want God's Healings so I can be Strong to do His Will. I want to be Preserved when trials are on me. I want Deliverance from a sinful world. I want Peace. Peace of Mind, Peace of Soul.

I know you want these same things. For we are One in Christ Jesus. Because of this verse and what it means to me, it is The

Greatest Gift I can give to someone, or we to one another. It says it all.

This is my Gift to you. Read it often and know God is Great!

I would like to quote another verse. God is Speaking again to us-may it take root and grow

Message 49:3, '**Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is White already and The Harvest is Ripe. Let those that will, come unto Me that they all may Obtain Life and Obtain it more Abundantly. Yea, whosoever will thrust in their sickle to Reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall Obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life. For by My Spirit I shall feel after mankind, and The Honest in Heart will come unto Me. Lo, I have Spoken and My Word shall not Return unto Me void.'** Amen!

From The Apostles

A Peculiar People

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The 4th verse of Message. 52 pleads with The Faithful to Hear The Voice of The Lord and Arise to their Calling because few have heard and followed through even though they Believe in God. He reiterates His Words found in **John 14:1** and **12:28** that He is The Eternal God and His Words shall Judge us in the end. His Council is for us to be Humble, Forgiving and Obedient to The Truth and not be deceived or confounded which means confused by the evil, suffering and unbelief that surrounds us. The Truth of His Words Sanctifies the people and we will not be left in darkness but will find

Deliverance in The Light it brings us.

Here is how the 4th and 5th verses read: Message 52:4-5, **‘But, to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, `Hearken! Ye, My Ser-vants, Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you Believe in God Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I Am The Eternal One!’**

Now, therefore, if ye will Obey My Voice indeed, and keep My Commandments, Over-coming in all things, then shall ye be Called Delightful, and a Peculiar People unto Me. For thou wilt be Called Righteous’.

The witness for this verse is found in **Deuteronomy 14:2** along with **1 Peter 2:9**.

Last time I spoke to you about The Holy Priesthood I made my self a mental note that I would follow up on the adjective Peculiar that Peter used. I found that Peter was referring to what Moses spoke to Israel concerning God’s People.

Deuteronomy 14:1-2

‘Ye are The Children of The LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. For thou art an Holy People unto The LORD Thy God, and The LORD hath Chosen thee to be A Peculiar People unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.’

What do you say the meaning of the word ‘Peculiar’ might be? The world Dictionary says that **‘Peculiar’** means:

1. Strange; queer; odd:
2. Uncommon; unusual:

7. A property or privilege belonging exclusively or characteristically to a person. (I will show that both the 2nd and 7th apply to God’s People).

The Bible Dictionary confirms the last definition of these. We will consider the 1st and 2nd definition before I finish.

Peculiar; as used in the phrase ‘Peculiar People’ in 1 Peter 2:9, is derived from the Latin peculium, and denotes (‘a people for God’s own possession’), a special possession or property. The Church is the ‘property’ of God, His ‘purchased possession’ (**Ephesians 1:14**; ‘God’s own Possession’).

Ephesians 1:13-14, ‘In whom ye also Trusted, after that ye heard The Word of Truth, The Gospel of your Salvation: in whom also after that ye Believed, ye were Sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise, which is the earnest (down payment) of our Inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto The Praise of His Glory’.

1 Peter 2:9, **‘But ye are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, an Holy Nation, a Peculiar People; that ye should shew forth The Praises of Him who hath Called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light’;** (We exhibit our Praise of Him through our Lives)

Message 85:12-13, **‘Turn away from the secular and claimed Peculiar, but be ye a Righteous People’.** *Read again 52:5 on how to do that. Wouldn’t that really be uncommon and unusual for a people to do that?*

The Lord’s People are Peculiar, but not ridiculous or sordid in fashions and styles-or conspicuous in attractions-not of good works. These will lead astray’.

Notice here how these words echo The

Lord's Words to Israel through His Prophet Moses of not following the false and pagan practices of their day. This would rule out the definition of Peculiar of being wierd or odd for The Lord's People. **We can conclude the definition of uncommon or unusual is also a correct one.** *Can you think of other examples that describe our people today that fit The Lord's Words given by Moses and Peter and by The Messenger that might make us Peculiar?*

Here are the other attributes that Peter spoke describing The Lord's People. They would Boldly stand out if you were to make a topical outline of The Teachings found in The Messages that are Peculiar to *The Church of Christ* today.

1. A Chosen Generation. (Israel)
2. A Royal Priesthood. (Bringing our Sanctified Spiritual offerings Acceptable to The Lord in His Way of Righteousness)
3. A Holy Nation. (Zion)
4. Called out of darkness into His Marvelous Light. (This would be The Angel from The Midst of Heaven having The Everlasting Gospel to Preach again upon the earth and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people having Great Power that the earth be Lightened with His Glory.)
5. Spiritual house and Temple of the Lord. (Lively Stones with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Endowment of Greater Power of God)

Now to continue with the 14th and 15th verses of Message 85 as it explains how we are a purchased possession of our God and our Savior.

'The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought

about The Plan of God-Redemption and The Resurrection through the death of the human and The Resurrection of Himself to an example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a Ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.'

In this verse we find the description of unusual and uncommon in The Reality of a God and Father of our Spirits who would come down from Heaven to become The Savior of our Souls, and The Redeemer of mankind that was lost to an Eternal Hope, and yet is The Eternal King whose Sovereignty of Power Dominion and Authority is over all.

Matthew 20:28, '**. . . The Son of man came not to be Ministered unto, but to Minister, and to give His Life a Ransom for many.'**

The Prophets and Apostles like Moses and Peter and The Messenger have given the world their Witness of seeing and hearing The Power and The Glory and Truth of The Word of God Revealed to them in The Body and Spirit of our Lord. This **peculiar chosen people** is so Loved by God He Calls them Friends, His Children and Heirs of Eternal life and His Kingdom.

Message 41:10, '**Yea, as I have Led The Children of Israel in days of old, so will I Lead My People now as you Come near unto Me and Harken to The Words that I Send for Instruction, for Directions, for your Cleansing and Comfort from time to time. For I am your God and I change not'**.

Message 119:6, '**Thus Saith The Lord, 'Ye are My Friends'**.(Also in Message 6:4)

For The King of Kings to Call such as us His people and Friends can surely be Called

Peculiar. You will find those He Calls My Friends are Meek and Humble who are seeking Diligently to Learn Wisdom and to find Truth and will be Blessed and find it and Mercy that The Lord may be Justified when He brings the unbeliever and those who scoff into judgment. What He Calls **His Strange Act will come to pass.** He is Preparing The Church and This Spiritual House to be The Saints of The Most High with The Building of The Lord's Temple for The Preparation of The Lord's Apostles that He might pour out His Spirit on all flesh bringing in The Lord's Reign and Redeeming of His Ransomed and Purchased possessions. This Strange Act is the second and final great fall wheat harvest of Pentecost that must come. (Read Message 117:1-4; 6:1, 4 and 6).

Strange is a synonym for Peculiar and also can be defined as: *That which is Peculiar- mystifies, or exhibits qualities not shared by others.*

The rest of Message 119:6 concludes that a Testing of His Friends had Served its Purpose. (Testing is a process or method of determining or proving the quality, or genuineness of something;)

The Sixth Message lays out the reasons and purposes for Chastening and Testing of those He Loves but confirms there is Deliverance for those who find The Truth and Endure.

A friend is attached by feelings of affection and personal regard and means to Love or favor. A friend can also be a member of the same nation or Religious society which fits well with our Study. A synonym for friend is an advocate which points to our Savior being our Advocate with The Father.

I started today with The Lord's asking us

to Believe in Him and Arise to our Chosen Calling as His Friends and Peculiar People in The Fifty –Second Message. After all the many years following it we come to this Message.

Message 95: 5-6, **'Who will go? Who shall I send?'** Saith The Lord, **'Run, speak again to the man, even to him of a Contrite Spirit, who is Humble before Me. Israel shall be Gathered and Zion Redeemed and Established.**

I will put My Spirit upon him and it shall be upon all those that Hear and Obey This Way. As you Swing Wide The Gate, let My People Come. He that is Filled of This Message and Calling, let him Thrust in The Sickle and Reap,' Saith The Lord (Isaiah 1:27, 6:8, 52:4, 66:1-2).

When Isaiah answered this Call of The Lord in His day and said send me, little did He know The Lord would Require him to walk naked and barefoot for three years around Israel as a sign unto them. Now that would make you Humble and Contrite and Chastened before The Lord and the people. It would definitely be a Strange and Peculiar Act. The people would feel indignant for what would seem to be his utter lack of Holiness and consideration for others. It would be an offense to them and I'm sure he was mocked, hated and cast out by them. But look at how his Words of The Lord is Read and Studied today. Remember that Jesus said there was no Greater Prophet than John and that will tell you how Wonderful and Important The Gospel found in The Book, The Word of The Lord is for mankind.

The Lord has not asked us to suffer such a thing but He told Brother Draves his work was Peculiar even amongst the brethren

(Message 32:2 and 76:2) I'm sure there were times he felt just as naked and Humbled as Isaiah did from all the scrutiny caused by telling of The Angel of The Lord Coming to him.

Isaiah 66:5, **'Hear The Word of The Lord, ye that tremble at His Word: Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My Name's sake, said, Let The Lord be Glorified: but he shall Appear to your Joy and they shall be ashamed'.**

In closing: Message 32:3, **' . . . Follow not after that which bringeth discouragement among those that have Named My Name, but Lift up your Hearts and Strengthen your Faith.'**

From The Bishops Who Crucified Our Lord?

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Why did they hate Him? Because all during His Life, He had been tearing the masks of false goodness from *nice people*. Exposing the evil of men and women who lived in Accordance with the conventional standards of His Time. Finally a time came when the accused could no longer tolerate His Reproaches of what they were.

Our Lord was Crucified by *the nice people* who held that Religion was alright in its place, so long as its place was not here, where it might demand of them a change of heart.

The Cross of Calvary stands at the cross-roads of three prosperous civilizations as eloquent Testimony to the uncomfortable Truth that the successful people, the social leaders, the people who are labeled nice are the ones most capable of Crucifying The Divine Truth and The Eternal Love.

The gravest error of the nice people in all ages is the denial of sin. Yet this is always a hopelessly illogical stand for any man to take. Even in the natural order, laws cannot be broken without disastrous consequences.

Gravitation will help a man if he builds the side of his house straight and plumb. Disobedience to natural law brings punishment: astronomy reveals that now and then certain stars get out of their orbits; as a penalty for that de-ordination, they burn themselves out in space.

It is a law of nature that the higher shall control the lower object in God's Hierarchy. In the biological order, death is the domination of a lower order over a higher order. For death ensues when the vital forces no longer can integrate, in the interests of the whole being, those physical and chemical processes which go on continuously in the cells of the organism. Life has been defined as the sum of the forces which resist death, which prevent this revolution of the amoeba. Gradually, as we grow old, the process of life wears away the substance of the cells and diminishes the power of our various vital functions. Our chemical processes become more and more independence of the controlling vital forces; and their rebellion makes it increasingly difficult for the organism to harmonize their activities in the interest of the whole man. At that precise point, where there is a balance of forces in favor of the purely chemical processes as against the vital controlling powers, death ensues; the chemical processed, having achieved full independence, have been able to disrupt the integrity of the organism. Such is the history of all terrestrial beings.

In human life the hierarchy extends higher-there is a Super Structure above the Physical, and the same great law applies

here, too. For man is so made that when all is in order, the moral order holds supremacy over the instinctive and the physical. At that moment when the carnal gains mastery over The Spiritual in a man-when the ego overcomes the social impulses, when the material dominates the ethical-a domination of a lower order over a higher order has occurred. Again, this results in death-the death called sin. *'For the wages of sin is death'* (Romans 6:23).

Man cannot with impunity break the laws of his own nature; the punishment which invariably follows such attempts at rebellion may be most apparent in the psychological order. For example, it is clear that every self-centered person is a frustrated person. *Why must this be?* It is because frustration results when a natural longing encounters an insurmountable obstacle. Every natural longing, to find satisfaction needs to be turned toward an object; until that occurs, it remains a longing-an inclination for a certain sort of performance. But actualization of the longing can come only through something which is itself actual; the longing, as such, being a mere potency, cannot procure its own satisfaction. What does procure it is the object toward which the potency is ordained. As long as the person remains concerned exclusively with himself, instead of giving himself to the objective world of tasks and duties, such actualization cannot take place and frustration ensues. By violating the law of his nature man thus brings upon himself frustration and discontent.

Every man and woman alive experiences a sense of guilt when he or she breaks a natural law. *'Every guilty person is his own hang-man'*, also fearful, for *'Conscience Both make cowards of u s all.'* Instead of

callings in a fiction, it would be truer to call it a friction, a *'rubbing the wrong way'*. Guilt over un-ad-mitted sins accounts for many of modern man's psychological ills. Yet it would be unsound to say that the moral factor is always behind mental disorders; for it is not.

The condition of despair induced by un-repented sin often reaches a point where there is a positive fanaticism against Religion and Morality. He who has fallen away from The Spiritual Order will hate it, because Religion is the reminder of his guilt. Husbands who are unfaithful will beat their wives who are Faithful. Wives who are unfaithful will accuse their husbands of infidelity. Such Souls finally reach a point where, like Nietzsche, they want to increase evil until all distinction between Right and wrong is blotted out; then they can sin with impunity and say with Nietzsche, *'Evil, be thou my good.'* Expediency can now replace Morality, cruelty becomes Justice, lust becomes Love, sin multiplies itself in such a Soul until it becomes a permanent residence of satan, cursed by Christ as one of the whited sepulchers of this world.

Such is the history of a *nice person* who believes he never sins.

The *nice people* do not come to God, because they think they are Good through their own merits or bad through inherited instincts. If they do Good, they believe they are to receive the credit for it, if they do evil, they deny that it is their own fault. They are Good through their own good heartedness, they say; but they are bad because they are misfortunate, either in their economic life or through an inheritance of evil genes from their grandparents. The *nice people* rarely come to God; they take their Moral tone from the society in which they

live. Like The Pharisee in the front of The Temple, they believe themselves to be very respectable citizens.

Very harmful effects can follow accepting the philosophy which denies personal guilt or sin and thereby makes everyone *nice*. By denying sin, *the nice people* make a cure impossible. Sin is most serious, and the tragedy is deepened by the denial that we are sinners. *If the blind deny that they are blind, how shall they ever see?* The really unforgivable sin is the denial of sin, because, by its nature, there is now nothing to be forgiven. By refusing to admit to personal guilt, *the nice people* are made into scandal-mongers, gossips, talebearers, and super-critics; for they must project their real if unrecognized guilt to others. This, again, gives them a new illusion of Goodness: the increase of faultfinding is in direct ratio and proportion to the denial of sin. The *nasty people* do not like to gossip about the failings of others, because they are only too conscious of their own failings.

I could not believe that people close to me would be among those that Crucify The Lord, but some does fit the 'description' of *the nice people*. We think that only those 'labeled' evil and most wicked would Crucify The Lord, that is-murderers and bank robbers, etc. Wrong! The Good next door neighbors are also the culprit. Whether we want to accept it or not, self righteous people of Good report Crucify The Lord.

Why do people today ignore God? Why do they not want Him? Why do they teach evolution now in the schools? Why do they seem so desperate to prove The Bible a myth? Why have they put Biblical Stories in Libraries under the label, my myths and Fables'? Why does everyone now turn to the Pope for their God? Why are churches

uniting?

People have become settled with what they have and need no God. *How many today would have Crucified Christ?*

Jesus was betrayed in the house of His Friends, and His worse enemies were that of His own country. He further states that if they hate you, they hate Me first. This whole thing boils down to a mere handful of people who have become hated by humanity for Righteousness sake. Further more anyone professing Jesus Christ is also appointed to affliction even extra affliction the closer it gets to the last day.

'*The wages of sin is death*' and at the last day, those on His Left Hand may seem relieved a little because at least they will all be together in that wrong place. But I assure you that Eternal Space has ample room to separate all those un-saved far from one another. There is NO CONSOLATION in outer darkness!

Footnote: Nietzsche Friednrich died in 1900, a German Philosopher. He became mentally ill. His key idea includes believed God is dead and were master slave to morality. Believed we came from worm to man or monkeys to apes. Also believed aall thins Good even evil.

Let Us Study Together

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Death

(Spiritual First Death)

I Corinthians 15:12-22, 'Now if Christ be _____ that He Rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is not *Resurrection of the dead?* But if there be no Resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not Risen; And if Christ be not Risen, then is our Preaching vain, and your Faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we

have _____ of God that Had Raised up Christ; whom He Raised up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead Rise not, then is not Christ Raised: And if Christ be not Raised, your ____ is vain; yea are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have Hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ Risen from the dead and become The First Fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also The Resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made Alive.'

Mosiah 3:16, 'And even if it were possible that little children could sin, they could not be Saved: but I say unto you they are Blessed; for Behold, as in Adam, or by nature they fall, even so The Blood of Christ ____ for their sins.'

Alma 12:22, 'Now Alma saith unto him, This is the thing which I was about to explain. Now we see that Adam did fall by the _____ of the forbidden fruit, According to The Word of God; and thus we see, that by his fall, all mankind became a lost and a fallen people.'

II Nephi 9:12, 'And this death of which I have spoken, which is the _____ death, shall deliver up its dead; which _____ death is hell; wherefore, death and hell must deliver up their dead, and hell must deliver up its captive spirits, and the grave must deliver its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be Restored one to the other; and it is by The Power of The Resurrection of The Holy One of Israel.'

Romans 5:12-21, 'Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men,

for that all have sinned. (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's _____, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is The Free Gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more The Grace of God, and The Gift by Grace, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is The Gift; for The Judgment was by one to _____, but The Free Gift is of many offences unto _____. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more that which Receive Abundance of Grace and of The Gift of Righteousness shall Reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one Judgment came upon all men to _____; even so by The Righteousness of one The Free Gift came upon all men unto Justification of Life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made Righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offences might abound. But where sin abounded, Grace did much more Abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might Grace Reign Through Righteousness unto Eternal Life by Jesus Christ our Lord.'

James 5:20, 'Let him know, that he which _____ the sinner from the error of his way, shall Save a Soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins'

I John 3:14, 'We know that we have passed from death unto Life, because we

Love the brethren. He that _____

I John 5:16, 'If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him Life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall _____ for it.'

Matthew 8:22, 'But Jesus Said unto him, Follow Me, and let the dead _____ their dead.'

John 5:24, 'Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that _____ My Word, and Believeth on Him that sent me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto Life.'

John 11:25-26, 'Jesus Said unto her, I Am The Resurrection, and The Life: he that Believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he Live: And whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me shall never die. _____ thou this?'

Second Death

Revelation 20:14, 'And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.'

Revelation 21:8, 'But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the _____, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death'

Mosiah 3:26-27, 'Therefore, they have drunk out of the cup of The Wrath of God, which _____ could no more deny unto them, than it could deny that Adam should fall, because of his _____ of the forbidden fruit; therefore, Mercy could have claim on them no more for ever. And their _____ is as a lack of fire and -brimstone, whose flames are unquench-

able, and whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever. Thus hath The Lord Commanded me. Amen.'

Alma 12:17, 'Then is the time when their torments shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flame ascendeth up for ever and ever; and then is the time That they shall be chained down to an ever-lasting _____, according to the power and captivity of satan; he having subjected the according to his will.'

Jacob 6:10, 'And according to The Power of Justice; for Justice cannot be denied, ye must go away into that lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames are unquenchable, and whose smoke _____ up for ever and ever, which lake of fire and brimstone, is endless torment.'

Mormon 9:3-5, 'Then will ye longer deny The Christ, or can ye Behold The Lamb of God; *Do ye suppose that ye shall Dwell with Him under a _____ of your guilt? Do ye suppose that ye could be happier to dwell with that Holy Being, when your Souls are racked with a _____ of guilt that ye have ever abused his laws?* Behold, I say unto you, that ye would be more miserable to dwell with a Holy and Just God, under a _____ of your filthiness before Him, than ye would to dwell with the damned souls in hell! For Behold, when ye shall be brought to see your nakedness before God, and also, The Glory of God, and The Holiness of Jesus Christ, it will kindle a flame of unquenchable fire upon you.'

Revelation 20:14, 'And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.'

Revelation 19:20, 'And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought _____ before him, with which

he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that _____ his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.'

Revelation 20:10, 'And the devil that _____ them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.'

II Nephi 28:23, 'Yea, they are _____ with death, and hell; and death, and hell, and the devil, and all that have been seized therewith, must stand before the _____ of God, and be Judged According to their works, from whence they must go into the place Prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.'

Temporal

Job 34:15, 'All flesh shall _____ together, and man shall turn again unto dust.'

Psalms 104:29, 'Thou _____ thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they died, and return to their dust.'

Genesis 2:7, 'And The Lord God Formed man of the dust of the ground, and Breathed into his _____ the breath of life; and man became a Living Soul.'

Genesis 3:19, 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it _____ thou taken: for dust thou are, and unto dust shalt thou return.'

I Corinthians 15:50-54, 'Now this I Say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit The Kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption _____ incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a Mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be Changed,

In a moment, in The Twinkling of an Eye, at the Last Trump: for The Trumpet shall Sound, and the dead shall be Raised Incorruptible, And we shall be Changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on _____. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in Victory.'

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 'For The Living know that they shall die; but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the _____ of them is forgotten. Also their Love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.'

Psalms 6:5, 'For in death there is no _____ of thee: *in the grave who shall give thee Thanks?*'

Psalms 146:3-4, 'Put not your Trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His _____ goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.'

Ecclesiastes 12:7, 'Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and The Spirit shall return unto God who Gave it.'

Genesis 15:15, 'And thou shalt go to thy fathers in Peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.'

Genesis 25:8, 'Then Abraham gave up the _____ and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.'

Genesis 35:29, 'And Isaac gave up the Ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and

his sons Esau and Jacob _____ him.'

Genesis 49:33, 'And when Jacob had made an end of _____ his sons, he gathered unto his feet into the bed, and yielded up The Ghost, and we gathered unto his people.'

Job 3:11-17, '*Why died I not from the _____? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?*' *Why did the knees prevent me?* Or why the breasts that I should suck? For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, With kings and _____, of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves; Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw Light. There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary be at rest.'

Psalms 22:29, 'All they that be _____ upon earth shall eat and Worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his Soul.'

Job 14:10-12, 'But man dieth, and _____ away: yea, man giveth up The Ghost, and *where is he?* As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood _____ and drieth up: So man lieth down, and Riseth not: till The Heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be Raised out of their sleep.'

II Samuel 22:6, 'The sorrows of hell _____ me about; the snares of death prevented me.'

Psalms 22:6, 'But I am a _____, and no man; reproach of men, and despised of the people.'

Psalms 6:5, 'For in death there is no _____ of thee: in the grave who shall give thee Thanks'

Psalms 16:10, 'For thou wilt not _____ my Soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.'

Psalms 18:5, 'The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the _____ of death prevent me.'

Psalms 49:14, 'Like sleep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have _____ over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.'

Psalms 55:15, 'Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for _____ is in their dwellings, and among them.'

Psalms 89:48, 'What man is he that Liveth, and shall not see death: shall he Deliver his Soul from the hand of the grave.'

Psalms 116:3, 'The sorrows of death _____ men, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.'

Proverbs 5:5, 'Her feet go down to _____; her steps take hold on hell.'

Proverbs 7:27, 'Her _____ is the way to hell, going down to the chamber of death.'

Songs of Solomon 8:6, 'Set me as a Seal upon thine Heart, as a Seal upon thine Arm; for Love is Strong as death; _____ is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.'

Isaiah 28:15, 18, 'Because ye have said, We have made a Covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing _____ shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under _____ have we hid ourselves...And your Covenant with death shall be disannulled,

and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it'

Isaiah 38:18, 'For the grave cannot Praise thee, death can not _____ thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy Truth.'

Hosea 13:14, 'I will _____ then from the power of the grave; I will Redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy _____; O grave, I will be thy destruction: Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.'

Habakkuk 2:5, 'Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, his is proud man, neither keepeth at home, who _____ his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people.'

Acts 2:27, 'Because thou wilt not leave my Soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.'

I Corinthians 15:55, 'So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in _____.'

Revelation 1:18, 'I Am He that Liveth, and was dead; and Behold I Am Alive for everyone, Amen; and have the _____ of hell and of death.'

Revelation 6:8, 'And I looked, and Behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of earth, to kill with sword, and with _____, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.'

Revelation 20:13-14, 'And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were

up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were Judged every man According to their Works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.'

Food For Thought

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Worth Remembering

Submitted

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touch-ing the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. 'Oh, that's my trouble tree', he replied. 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, those trouble don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is', he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't

nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

ARTICLES

From The Vineyard

Worshipping God

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Psalm 95:6, **'Oh come, let us Worship and bow down: let us Kneel before The Lord our Maker: for He is our Lord.'**

John 4:24, **'God is a Spirit; and they who Worship Him must Worship Him in Spirit and Truth.'**

Message 84: 32-36, (John The Baptist speaking), **'Worship and find The Gift. The Gospel is Salvation to The Faithful, Hope in Eternity with The Lord. They that bring forth Fruit shall find Peace and Rest from all their labors-Peace in their hearts of God towards all men.'**

(The Lord speaking), **'Oh! I would that mankind would Hear My Words today as Delivered by Mine Angel and Humble themselves.'**

Oh! Do they not know the storms of life will bring them low-the hard of heart, the haughty, the high-minded? I will be slow to Hear their Cry. They speak lightly of My Instructions and Words of Instructions and come not to Doctrine and My Decrees.'

(John The Baptist speaking), **There are those that say I have not spoken, but I come that mankind may find A Way and Learn Deliverance. There is Safety in The Obeying The Words I bring.'**

The ideals in man's heart will fade away. The Great Truth and The Church in Her Bright Garments must Shine and

Stand forth. This is Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ The Eternal God.'

Message 88: 3, **'Praise The Lord in Worship, lift up and rejoice. Bask in His Life given Light. I bear Witness of that Light. The earth is Lightened by The Words I bring. I come to Moderate The Will of God. I Proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through His Atoning Blood can mankind be Saved.'**

The word *'worship'* comes from an old English word that contains the ideas of Honor and Worth. When we Worship God, we are Honoring Him. We are Recognizing His Inexpressible, Indescribable, Infinite Value. Like The Angels in Heaven, all True *Receive Glory and Honor and Power'* (Revelation 4:11).

The Old and New Testaments have a number of words that are translated *'Worship'*. The Hebrew word used most often in reference to Worship conveys the idea of *'showing Reverence'* or *'Bowling down to God'* (John 4: 21-24). A second Greek word means *'to Serve, to Minister'* (Matthew 4:10).

Worship, then involves both our Attitude and our Action. Worship is The Attitude of Reverence and Adoration, as well as the Action of Humble, Loving Service to The God who is Worthy. He is our Creator, Sustainer, Savior, and Judge. Nothing or no one else qualifies as Worthy. Through out The Scriptures, He Reveals Himself to us.

They describe Him like this: *'He is Spirit. He is Personal, Eternal, All-Knowing, All-Powerful, Present Everywhere, Sovereign, Unchanging, Good, Righteous, Just, Truthful and He is Holy.'* He took upon Himself flesh-was Crucified-and Rose from The Dead and brought to pass

The Power of The Resurrection of all men but to many a Ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved. *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 The Eternal King over all.*

Warren W. Wiersbe said, *'Worship is the Believer's Response of all that he is-mind, emotions, will and body-to all that God is and Says and Does.*

The Spirit of Worship is in Every man.

Everyone Worships! Everybody! Everywhere! Worship is the fundamental Drive of Life. Atheists worship. Infidels worship. Skeptics worship. Even Republicans and Democrats Worship. Lawyers, Insurance Agents, and even Internal Revenue Service Agents Worship!

All people Worship for Worship is the fundamental difference between humans and animals. Animals do not Worship. They have no sense of The Beyond. But God has Placed Eternity in man's heart, as *The Book of Ecclesiastes* tells us in Chapter Three, verse Eleven. This urge Causes men everywhere to Worship. If they are not Worshipping The True God, they are Worshipping a god of their own composition. Worship, therefore is universal.

From The Christian point of view there is True Worship and there is false. The Worship of all the peoples on earth falls into these two categories.

True Worship is to Attribute Worth to a real Being, one who is Truly there and who is Truly Worthy. Dr. Francis Schaeffer wrote a book called *'The God Who Is There'* to make the point that although God is Invisible to our eyes, He is actually there. The function of Believers is to Learn what God is Like and to Acknowledge Him- to

ascribe Worth to Him, to Reflect upon the Value, Beauty, and Character of God. *This is True Worship.*

False Worship on the other hand, is to attribute worth to an illusion which is not really there, or which is not worthy. It is not worthy of worship because it is merely imaginary. *Only Truth is Worthy.* In The Ancient World, false worship usually took the form of bowing before idols or images.

People created representation of gods, usually in the form of a human being or animal. Then they ascribed worth to it and regarded it as extremely valuable in their lives. They thought the god either helped them in causing their crops to grow or it protected them from some danger or evil. Thus they ascribed great worth to speechless images and idols. *False worship* can also take the form of True Worship distorted or mixed with false traditions, a beliefs or lack of the knowledge and understanding that God took upon Himself Flesh becoming The Son of God. *The Father because of The Spirit and The Son because of the flesh being begotten by The Spirit and He is One God.* Just recently one of our supreme court judges made the statement, *'It is okay to Believe that Jesus Lived but to Believe He was The Son of God in today's world was not only ignorant but stupid'*(or words to that effect).

Even so, men still Worship. Either they Worship The One True God, or often they worship some idealized view of themselves. The desire or ideals in their hearts is to be like The Most High. The same desires as the ones fallen from Heaven with Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-15). *'My rights'* and *'me first'* is the heralding cry heard over and over. Many times God and those who do Rejoice In His Worthiness are mocked and made

light of.

As Christians, we need to carefully distinguish between *Prayer*, *Praise* and *Worship*. They are not the same even though they usually occur together: **Prayer** is our occupation with our human needs and problems. We come to God with our needs and ask Him for His help and supply. **Praise** is the occupation of our minds with His Blessings. We are thinking of all that God has done for us and give Thanks for how He has Blessed us. **Worship** is our occupation with God Himself, with The Greatness of His being

These are reflected in many of The Hymns we sing and in them we Worship. When we say, '*Lord, Save me!*' this is **Prayer**. When we say, '*Thank You, Lord, for Saving me!*' this is **Praise**. When we say, '*Thank You Lord, for being such a Great Savior!*' this is **Worship**.

Message 115: 13-14, '**Study Deeply The Messages I bring. Illuminate your minds with this Power of Deliverance-Victory in The Lord.**

Those inquiring of This Work, Teach them The Way of Life, and as they Come This Way, they will bring others to The Truth; they shall be in This Ministry. This is The Lord's Anointing and Appointed Way of Peace. Finding The Truth in '*The Bible*', '*The Record Of The Nephites*', and The Book, '*The Word Of The Lord*', the words I bring and will yet bring. *Worship and find The Gifts.*

The Gift of God is Eternal Life and The Gifts of God by His Spirit are The Word of Wisdom and Knowledge, Faith and Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, The Discerning of Spirits, The Gift of Tongues and The Interpretation of Tongues. *How does Worship bring us these Gifts?* The answer lies in

what we pointed out that The Spirit of Worship is in all men. We were Created to Worship and we Worship what we Love and Value. Therefore, we are Fulfilled and Complete in keeping The Great Commandment to Love God and our fellow mankind. '***Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, The Lord is One, And you shall Love The Lord your God with all your Heart, with all your Soul, with all your Mind, and with all your Strength.***' When we Love God this much it follows that we Believe in Him and Value His Love. Likewise in keeping This Commandment we can Receive His Love. God Loves those that keep His Commandments. The Expression of The Love to us is in and through The Christ our Savior. We Express and Exercise our Faith in Him by first Seeking Remission of our sins by The Baptisms of Water and of His Spirit in and through His Blood and these are The Baptisms of The Lord.

1 John 5:8, '**And there are three that bear Witness in earth, The Spirit, and The Water, and The Blood: and these three agree in One.**' The Greek translation reads; '**And the three in the One are.**'

Colossians 1:14, '**In whom we have Redemption through His Blood, even The Forgiveness of sins.**'

Matthew 26:28, '**For this is My Blood of The New testament, which is Shed for many for The Remission of sins.**'

Acts 2:38, '**Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be Baptized everyone of you in The Name of Jesus Christ for The Remission of sins, and ye shall Receive The Gift of The Holy Ghost.**'

We are Baptized into Christ, Baptized into His Death that we might Walk in Newness of Life. When The Lord's Servants lay Their Hands upon you to Confirm you a

Member of The Body Of Christ, a Member of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, they do so by The Authority of Jesus Christ. It is given them by The Touch of His Angel. We ask The Father to Send The Gift and Gifts of His Spirit in The Name of His Son.

Message 115: 15-16, **‘Repentance and Faith is the beginning, The Baptisms, The Hands must be laid upon all that The Spirit might come to those that Prepare for it. Establish The Words I bring in your Lives. I will come again as the need might be.**

It is through and in Atoning Blood of Christ that mankind is Saved.’

These words in Message 115th, and in The 84th Message that I read at the beginning lays the ground work for True Worship. That Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God, and how to Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

John 14: 15-17, 21, **‘If ye Love Me, keep My Commandments.**

And I will Pray The Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may Abide with you forever;

Even The Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He Dwelleth with you, and shall be in you . . .

He that hath My Commandments, and keepth them, he it is that Loveth Me: and he that Loveth Me shall be Loved of My Father, and I will Love him, and will manifest Myself to him.’

When we Receive The Anointing of The Holy Ghost, The Truth (Knowledge and Understanding) that Jesus is The Eternal Father our Worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth is Truly Possible. So when The

Lord Commands us to Receive His Authority (The Pure Love of God) through The Touch of His Angels Hand upon His Servants it is no idle tale. It is a Commandment and Judgment of The Lord God.

Message 12: 4, **‘Behold, The Lord has Rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from The Word Of The Lord and have become an abomination in His Sight. Therefore, let those that Come to *The Church of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; Preparing themselves, that they may be Fit and Worthy for The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost, and as The Greater Power shall Come, that they may be Ready to Receive it with Joy. For this is the time of The Restitution and Restoration of all things, and this must Come to all that shall be Permitted to Dwell in The Presence of Christ, for sin cannot Receive The Glory of God, nor The Power of The Holy Spirit.’**

There is much confusion in the religious world today concerning Worship. There are more than 600 different Religious Denominational churches, each with different doctrines and beliefs, who are attempting to Worship God. As we sing, Pray, partake of The Communion, and as The Gospel Sermon is Preached, it must be done According to God’s Word. A Righteous Offering today can not be made without a Cleansing and Purifying and Restoring. There must be a turning of hearts to the fathers (those that kept God’s Commandments by the children who do not keep them and have their own traditions.) If we fail to follow God’s Instructions it becomes sin, we will be lost outside of God’s

Presence. The Wheat and tares have grown together and must be harvested. Then turn and see those that Serve The Lord and those that do not.

Malachi 2:1-2, **‘And now, O ye priest This Commandment is for you.**

If ye will not Hear, and if ye will not Lay it to Heart, to give Glory unto My Name, Saith The Lord of Hosts, I will even Send a curse upon you and will curse your Blessings; yea, I have Curse them already, because ye do not Lay it to heart.’

The Lord has Truly Sent His Promised Messenger of Malachi, Chapter 3 before His Coming to Cleanse and Purify The Priesthood that there will be a Righteous Offering to The Lord. He comes in The Spirit and Power of Elijah or The Elias whose Calling and Anointing was The Mantle of The Spirit and Power of The Lord. He Restored The True Worship to Israel in place of the false worship of the priest of Baal and Proved God to be REAL!

The Messenger’s Words speak Clearly that all may Know The Way. In his coming The Curse is lifter. God’s Plan is Plain and Simple, Converting The Soul and Deliverance to those that Truly OBEY!

‘Praying’

In The Name of Jesus

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John 14:7-17, **‘If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us The Father, and it sufficeth us.**

Jesus Saith unto him, Have I been such

a long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath Seen Me hath Seen The Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us The Father?

Believest thou not that I am in The Father, and The Father in Me?’? The Words that I Speak unto you, I Speak not of Myself’ but The Father that Dwelleth in Me, He Doeth The Works.

Believe Me that I am in The Father, and The Father in Me; or else Believe Me for the very Work’s Sake.

Verily, verily I say unto you, he that Believeth on Me, The Works that I do shall he do also; and Greater Works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.

And whatsoever ye shall Ask in My Name, that will I Do, that The Father may be Glorified in The Son.

If ye shall Ask anything in My Name, I Will do it.

If ye Love Me, keep My Commandments.

And I will Pray The Father, and He shall Give you another Comforter, that He may Abide with you forever;

Even The Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye Know Him; for He Dwelleth with you and shall be in you.’

Developing a vibrant Prayer Life will transform the way you live and see things. Through Prayer, The Lord can change your weakness into His Strength, your ignorance into His Wisdom and your emptiness into His Fullness. Jesus made an Awesome Promise that whatever you ask in His Name, He is Committed to Accomplish. *But what does this really mean?*

Praying in His Name means Recognizing

that Jesus has Paved The Way for you to have Access to The Father. Anyone who Believes in Christ's Death as Full Payment for his or her sins and who has Received Him as *A Personal Savior* can, Amazingly, Approach *The Throne of Almighty God*.

Hebrews 4:16, 'Let us therefore, come Boldly unto The Throne of Grace, that we may Obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.'

Praying in His Name denotes Exercising The Authority He has given to each Born again Child of God. Jesus, The Heir of all things, has made us 'fellow heirs' with Him.

Romans 8:14-18, 'For as many as are led by The Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.'

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have Received The Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit Himself Beareth Witness with our Spirit, that we are The Children of God;

And if children then heirs-Heirs of God, and Joint Heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also Glorified together.'

Understanding your position should give you confidence and boldness as you Humbly ask and Expectantly look for God's Awesome Answers. We are on a Mission that Requires us to be People of Prayer-always Connected with The Holy Spirit's Power, always Crying out to The Father, always Depending on Him as our Source.

Praying in The Name of Jesus Signifies Agreement with His Will. You are asking The Father to grant your need or desire as Jesus would, were He in your position. When you Pray with this Attitude, God is going to Reveal His Will because you want

nothing less than what He wants. This is the kind of Prayer that changes the world.

The struggle in our Daily Lives.

One of today's popular magazine uses the slogan '*Life is Complicated, Simplify.*' The slogan does not just apply as a marketing scheme to sell journalism. It applies to the struggles you and I face on a daily basis. Sometimes we forget that life does not comply with the goal of skating through it easily. On the contrary, life is often complicated, challenging, and tough, to say the least.

To do that, it is important to acknowledge what the real struggle is. It is not the traffic jam on your way home, nor is it the co-worker who mocks your Faith. Your struggle is not your employer or you lack of employment.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us, as Believers, our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in high places. **'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.'**

The first step to Victory is Realizing that our friends, neighbors, employers, family, or government are not the sources of struggle. Our struggle is against the evil spirit-realm, which has been conquered by The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Suiting up with The Whole Armor of God

Once we Realize who we are dealing with when it comes to attack, we can better understand passages like the following.

Ephesians 6:13-18. **'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 you loins girded about with Truth, and having on The Breastplate of Righteousness,

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

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

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

Satan's method of captivity are foiled the moment a person Receives Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. He can never snatch a Christian from God's Control.

Yet the enemy will still try to make *'The Abundant Life'* described in John 10:10 not so abundant.

'The thief cometh not but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am Come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more Abundantly.'

Satan will use any angle he can to discourage you, make you feel defeated, and twist what is evil to make it seem Good.

However, God has Given His Children a Suit of Armor for Protection against the devil's schemes. God, though, will not take on responsibilities that He has Given to us.

Ephesians 6:11, says to **'put on The Full Armor of God.'** He has Given us The Command to Dress ourselves in . . .

(His Truth) You must Know and Understand The Truth about yourself, God, and your Relationship to Him. Studying The Scriptures, Fellowshiping with Christian Friends, being Active in a Gospel-Believing Church, and Praying will help you Understand and Receive The Truth.

(His Righteousness) Rather than responding to life's circumstances based on how you feel, God wants you to Respond based on The Truth you Know and Believe. Then, your life's actions, words, and thoughts will reflect The Righteous Character of God.

(Faith In The Lord) What you Believe about Jesus Christ is your Shield against the enemy's devices. Stay True to it, and Stand Firm in it. Refuse to budge from The Faith given to you as a Gracious Gift of God.

(Gospel of Peace) You are to Stand upon *The Foundation Of The Gospel*. Jesus' Awesome Sacrifice for your Salvation gives you a Peace that unbelievers do not have. It is a Peace that surpasses your deepest understanding. Hold tightly to that Peace, which floods your thoughts, your desires, and your emotions.

(His Salvation) The Helmet of Salvation is a Helmet for a very important reason. It is to Protect your mind, where satan's attacks begin. He Loves to coerce you into doubting what you know is True, so wear The Salvation you Received as a Helmet through which every thought should be filtered.

(His Word) This is Called *The Sword of The Spirit*. Knowing God's Word, and Understanding it, are *key elements* to being able to use it in time of need. Our only offensive weapon, in The Scriptures is to be used in statements like, *'It is written'* as Jesus did when under attack.

Matthew 4: 1-11, **'Then was Jesus led up by The Spirit unto the wilderness to be tested by the devil.'**

And when he had Fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward a hungered.

And when the tempter came to Him,

he said, If thou be The Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But He Answered and Said, It is Written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that Proceedeth out of The Mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh Him up into The Holy City, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of The Temple,

And saith unto Him, If thou be The Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is Written, He shall give His Angels charge concerning Thee, and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy fool against a stone.

Jesus Said unto him, It is Written again, Thou shall not temp The Lord Thy God.

Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showeth Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.

And saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then Saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, satan, for it is Written, Thou shall Worship The Lord, thy God, and Him only shall thou Serve.

Then the devil leaveth Him, and Behold, Angels Came and Ministered unto Him.'

Knowing that your '*Armor is Christ*', how do you '*Put on Christ*'? Daily you must Live According to what you Believe. It may help to make a card of 'I Believe' statements to carry with you at all times. When you are tempted to do or say things or dwell on thoughts you know are wrong, affirm your Faith by Speaking these words to The Lord.

I Believe you are The Way, The Truth,

and The Life and that if I follow The Leading of your Holy Spirit, You will never Lead me astray. I Trust You to Show me what to do in the situation I am facing right now.'

'I Believe Your Righteousness is Imparted to me through The Holy Spirit and that as I Obey Your Commandments, You will Manifest Your Character Traits in me.'

Remember, your stance when under attack is primarily one of Resistance. While resisting satan's craftiness, you are not positive; conversely, your resistance in cloaked in Acknowledging that Your Power is in The Holy Spirit of God. When tempted, say to The Lord, 'I can't, say You can. With You and in Your Armor, I stand.'

The Source of Our Life

Have you ever seen an army that was prepared in every way, except it had no communication with its commanding general? No matter what state-of-the-art weapons or defense strategies the army possessed, without direction from their leader it's a losing battle.

The same is True when Speaking of Spiritual Warfare. No matter how much you Prepare by Reading The Scriptures, Saturating your mind in its Truth, and Dressing in The Armor of God, you will get nowhere against the enemy without getting Direction from The Lord. He, after all, is your 'Life-Source'.

Ephesians 6:18-20, teaches us that Communication with The Lord is Vital to our Protection. We must Talk and Listen to God.

(At all times) We are Instructed to Pray without Ceasing in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Don't just delegate a time of day to Pray; Pray throughout your day.

(In The Spirit) Romans 8:26, reminds us

of our weakness to Pray intelligently about the situations that we and others face. However, God has Graciously given us His Spirit to Lead us in Knowing what and how to Pray. Ask for His Help to Discern how to Pray, and Pray for Discernment also.

(With Persistence) Acts 1:14 describes *The New Testament* Believers who Devoted themselves Continually to Prayer. Don't give up!

(In View of all Believers) Because every Christian faces the same attack you do, Pray especially for them, including The Ministry.

Philippians 4:6, teaches us to Pray with Thanksgiving, and to let God know about our Requests. He already Knows what you need before you ask Him, but He Loves to Fellowship with you. He Loves to Display His Glory by Answering you when you Call.

Ecclesiastes 5 shares The Importance of Listening to God when we Pray. It takes Discipline to develop Listening Skills in Prayer, but God will Help you when you ask. He has much to Say, and wants you to Open your Ears to Hear with your Heart bent toward Obedience.

What areas of your 'Prayer Life' need to be Strengthened? Ask The Lord to Show you and to Help you, more effectively to Communicate with Him.

Some References on Prayer

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(The Record Of The Nephites) Alma 34: 19-27, 111 Nephi 27: 1-2.

(The Word Of The Lord) Message 94:11, Message 95:2, & Message 102: 11.

There are many more Scriptures on 'Prayer', but that is all I have at this time. Hopefully, I have brought out something that will Benefit you all Spiritually. Thank you for listening to me. *'Keep Sweet'* and *'God Bless'*.

Testimonies Of The Past

Thresa Ray, Missouri: I felt God's Spirit when I walked into the room today. I felt and received a Blessing this year when working on the kid's lesson. The Work is True!

John The Baptist pulled a chair from another room and sat on the cloths that was on the chair and left an impression. I have a cook book that he picked up and moved. These are special to me.

So much has happened this past year. Please remember my family. Remember last year we were so worried about Tammy's health and now she is Healed! God is Aware of us. He knows the sand on the seashore. Hang in there and Endure. I Love you all and I Thank you for all your efforts that was done to make This Assembly is full of The Spirit. I Pray for the return of John The Baptist soon.

Krystal Snow: Missouri was Administered to by Apostle Donald Thompson and Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Carrie Ramey, Missouri: There is so much I would like to say after every Testimony. Ken called us friends and friends are hard to come by. Jesus is our friend. I Love my job. I want to study more.

Brian and I are seriously talking about selling our home. The house means so much to me because my brother Matt and Brian built it.

I was Praying for a Miracle that we

would get out of debt, but it doesn't look like it. I asked God for a Sign if we should sell and when I was leaving today the assessor was at my house, so I knew that was my answer. So I am going to have Peace about selling our home. Praise God. Pray for us all.

Mike Greenwell, Missouri: played special on his guitar, *'Rock Of Ages'*.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: Carrie you said you were Praying for a Miracle. Do not give up on The Lord. If you honestly Pray, God will do it.

Ken Humpert, Missouri: I said earlier, I did not have any friends but that is not True. One passed away last year. Carl Linton is like a father to me. He Baptized me. Last time I talked to Darlene, she spoke to me about God and God Works in Miracles. Carl and Darlene were my adopted parents. I wanted to correct that statement. Carl needs a lot of Prayers. He was in tears when he lost his wife, and that was the last time we saw him. Darlene was always a Jewell; sometimes up front, sometimes behind the scene, but always a Jewell.

Mike Greenwell, Missouri: sang and played his guitar, *'A Wonderful Savior is He'* and *'He Hideth My Soul'*.

River Thompson, Missouri: Prayed a Prayer asking for God to Bless the people and asked for forgiveness.

Nawsasa Greenwell, Missouri; Ashley Hilton was in the emergency room last night with high blood pressure and a swollen leg. The swelling has gone down now, Thanks for your Prayers.

Revelation given July 1831

'Hearken, O ye Elders of *My Church*, Saith *The Lord your God*, who have Assembled yourselves together, According

to *My Commandments*, in this land which is the land of *Missouri*, which is The Land which I have *Appointed* and *Consecrated* for The Gathering of The Saints; wherefore, this is The Land of Promise, and The Place for *The City of Zion*. And thus Saith The Lord your God, If you will Receive Wisdom here is Wisdom. Behold, The Place which is now called *Independence*, is *The Center Place*, and *The Spot* for *The Temple* is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse; wherefore it is Wisdom that the land should be Purchased by The Saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile. And also every tract bordering by the prairies, inasmuch as *My Disciples* are enabled to buy lands. Behold, this is Wisdom, that they may Obtain it for an *Everlasting Inheritance*.'

The Purpose Of The Temple

Isaiah 2:2-3, '**And it shall come to pass in the last days, that The Mountain of The Lord's House shall be Established in the top of The Mountains, and shall be Exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.**

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to The Mountain of The Lord, to The House of The God of Jacob; and He will Teach us of His Ways, and we will Walk in His Paths; for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem.'

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2 Nephi 14:5-6, 'And The Lord will Create upon every Dwelling Place of Mount Zion, and upon Her Assemblies, a Cloud and Smoke by day, and the shining of a Flaming Fire by night; for upon all The Glory of Zion shall be a Defence.

And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a Place of Refuge, and a Covert from storm and from rain . . .'

Article of Faith and Practice #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.'

Message 5:7-8, ' . . . Let the basement or first floor be finished, that The Lord's People in Independence may gather there for their Services. Let the main floor be used when The Lord's People gather for their General Assemblies from time to time at which times The Lord's Spirit will Rest upon them in Great Power, and will Direct them in their Work that The Gospel may be Preached to all nations in Power, for Behold, your Message shall be a Message of Love, and This Power shall Come to The Servants of The Lord and His People.'

The temple the RLDS built across the

street from The Temple Lot had to be shortened because the foundation does not go to rock for support, not so with The Temple Lot, as The Lord's Temple will be sitting on a ROCK BASE. So The Spot Pointed out by an Angel for The Temple will be on Solid Rock.

The Temple Lot Church expelled Brother Otto Fetting from The Church during The 1929 Conference, and all those that Believed in the 12th Message, because of what The Message said concerning Baptism.

The Temple Lot people tried to build The Temple, but failed to do, but up till now The Temple Lot has been Preserved.

It wasn't however, until just a few years ago, that The Temple Lot Church officially Rejected all Twelve Messages. They removed The Markers from The Temple Lot that were Placed to mark The Corners of The Temple and placed them in a viewing cabinet inside their building.

Message 5:12, ' . . . The House shall be a Sheltering Rock to them, A Haven of Rest wherein they will find Spiritual Food and Knowledge, a school wherein they will Learn of God's Goodness.'

Message 12:1, 'I have come to you from time to time, to Instruct you as to The Work of Building The Temple, and The Organization of The Church Of Christ, and Re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again Receive The Power and Holy Ghost as in days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost, The Servants of The Lord may be Filled with The Spirit of God, that they may take The Message of The Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth . . .'

Message 53:10, ' . . . 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 . . .’

Message 6:7-8, ‘Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave you a Commandment that you should Build a House, in which House I Design to Endow those whom I have Chosen with Power from on High, for this is The Promise of The Father unto you; therefore, I Command you to tarry, even as Mine Apostles at Jerusalem . . .’

. . . and let the lower part of the inner court be Dedicated unto Me for your Sacrament Offering, and for your Preaching, and your Fasting, and your Praying, and The Offering up of your most Holy Desires unto Me, ‘Saith your Lord. For thus Spoke He unto Joseph Smith who Heeded not His Words.’

Message 84:24-25, ‘All those that shall be there, those that shall be with Him are they that have had their Lamps Trimmed and Burning: their Lives Arrayed in Righteousness, their Vessels Filled with Oil, their Lives and Works Filled with The Spirit of God. Their Works show their Faith, shaped by The Words I bring. None shall Stand, none shall Endure that will not Heed The Words I bring for I bring a Restoration and Restitution of all things— The Holy Priesthood of God after The Order of God, Manifested in The Flesh Decreed from the beginning— stretching out The Heavens, the earth to her former beauty, and the waters above The Firmament as well as in the deep.

The day comes when there shall be a New Heaven and a New Earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more satan.’

Isaiah 11:9, ‘They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the earth shall be Full of The Knowledge

of The Lord, as the waters cover the sea.’

Message 84 tells us that when mankind will Learn of God, He will Heal their Souls and Land. What a Blessing that will be.

Primary Department

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God Always Keeps His Promises

I'm sure that everyone has seen a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. In most cases it has no diamonds or any other precious stones. It is just a plain, simple band of gold, but it is *very special* because it is a reminder of a *Promise* that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a *Promise* that they will *Love* and stand *Faithfully* beside one another ‘for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live.’ Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that *Promise* that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it about *The Promise* that the couple made.

We all make Promises, don't we? You might *Promise* your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may *Promise* to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may *Promise* to return something that you borrowed from a neighbor.

Has anyone ever broken a Promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, ‘But you *Promised!*’ Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our *Promises*.

God makes *Promises*. One particular *Promise* is *The Promise* that God made to a

man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked and evil. God Destroyed everything He had Created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a *Good* and *Righteous* man who Walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave The Ark, God made a *Promise* to Noah. He *Promised* Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He did something to remind Noah of that *Promise*. He placed A Rainbow in the sky and He said to Noah, (Genesis 9:9-13), **'Behold, I Establish My Covenant with you, and with your seed after you;**

And with every Living Creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of The Ark, to every beast of the earth.

And I will Establish My Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God Said, 'This is The Token of The Covenant which I make between Me and you and every Living Creature that is with you, for Perpetual Generations:

***I do set My Bow in the cloud, and it shall be for A Token of a Covenant between Me and the earth*'.**

God Said that every time He saw *The Rainbow*, He would remember *The Promise* that He made.

God has kept that Promise, hasn't He? God Keeps all of His Promises. The next time you see a Rainbow, remember The

Promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that *Promise*, He keeps all of His *Promises*.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

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Dear Youth,

We are living in The End Time –the time before Jesus will return to earth and The Millennium will begin. The devil knows his time is short, as he will be bound during The Millennium and not be able to influence people then. He is doing all he can to hinder and discourage people now.

There is something each of you need to know: The devil only has as much power over you as *you* allow him to have.

Message 9:1, **'I come to you again to Instruct you as to The Work that shall be done, for Behold, satan is at work to fill the hearts of men with doubts 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 . . .'**

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.'**

So, put on The Armor of God, knowing God's Word, and putting it in your heart and mind—so satan will have no power over you! (Ephesians 6:7-10)

Young Adults Department

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Dear Young Adults;

Life in today's world is so fast-paced, but we need to remember to stop and take the time to Talk to The Lord. It is so important for us all to have our own Personal Relationship with The Lord. It is what will Carry us through the trying times that we will have to face within our own lives. The stronger your Relationship with God, The Better your chances are against satan.

Satan is using every means he has in the world today to destroy The Children of God. He wants nothing more than to destroy our Souls and our Eternal Salvation. Satan is trying to destroy us as individuals, as families, and also as a Church. He does not want The Lord's Church to grow as well as our Spiritual Relationship with The Savior to grow. He knows that if we are not Close to The Lord, or even if our Personal Relationship is not strong with Him, then we can easily be led astray. Satan is very cunning and deceitful and will use these things to his advantage to destroy our Souls.

We need to be Close to The Lord so that satan does not even have a chance against us. The world is getting more and more evil so we need to Stand Strong in The Lord everyday. Take the time to Talk to The Lord. We need to Pray to Him Often and Study The Words God He has Given us.

Joshua 1:8, 'This Book of The Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest Observe to do According to all that is Written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way Prosperous, and then thou shalt have Good Success.'

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He is telling us to Meditate on The Book of Law day and night. This Book of Law He need to Study The Words in The Books and Think about what they mean. We also need to Apply God's Words in our lives. This is a Great Tool we can use in our fight against the devil. The end of the verse tells us we will Prosper and have Good Success if we Meditate on The Scriptures. To me 'Good Success' means that I will Win against satan's temptations that he has set before me.

Satan knows everyone's own personal weaknesses. He knows that one person's weakness may not be another's, so that is why each and everyone of us needs to have our own Personal Relationship with The Lord.

The end times are getting closer and satan knows this. He knows his time is short so that is why he is trying his hardest now to destroy us.

Remember to stay Strong and Build your Relationship with The Lord Continually. Do not forget to Study and Pray often to The Lord. He is just waiting to Pour out His Blessings unto us if we Obey His Words. He Loves us so Much and Wants us to have our Eternal Salvation with Him someday.

It is my Prayer that we all Continue to be Strong in The Lord, and Remember to Pray to Him often. We need to take the time out of our lives to Communicate with The Lord. We need to Remember to Pray for others, and also for ourselves, so that we will stay Strong against the devil.

My Prayers are for all of you. May God Bless each and every one of you. May you

Continue to Grow and Strengthen your Relationship with The Lord.

Remember to keep Him Close in your Thoughts on a daily basis. God Bless you.

Message 89:15

‘Behold!’ Saith The Lord, ‘I will Rule and Overrule. Fear not, Little Flock for Great Things shall Come. Much will Come to Pass. Many will be Healed in My Name. Many will be Added to your Numbers. Many are Ready to Unite with My Church-My Bride to be when I Come - yea, even My Church that I have Established by Sending The Elias. Hear Me this day. My Cup Runneth Over, Saith The Master of Men.’

Special Notices

The staff of ‘The Greater Light’ would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Ellen Draves 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.

Missionary Journey

Both Quorums are planning a Missionary Journey, hopefully, this June, 2012 to foreign fields. Any contributions you can help with Travel expenses, The Church will greatly appreciate. Thank you all. God Bless!

Quorum Meeting News

January 14, 2012

The Quorum of Apostles and Bishops met January 14, 2012 to discuss some issues that were facing The Church at this Time.

After taking role and Opening Prayers, we read and accepted the minutes of our last Meeting held October 15, 2011.

We were Pleased to welcome our newly Ordained Apostle George Harrison Wilkin to our Quorum of Apostles. He is Truly a wonderful and Righteous Servant of The Lord, and a Blessing to all that know him. *(We regret and sadden by his sudden death and continue to Pray for the Family and Loved ones. He is greatly missed and Loved.)*

We discussed our Willingness and Hopes of sending two Missionaries to the foreign fields. *(As of February, passports, visa’s. and necessary shots are being made. We are Praying and Asking for any help that you can do to help the financial means for this journey.)*

Discussion on printing The Message Book, and Translation in other languages. *(We hope that this can also be done soon as The Church is in need for more Books.)*

Discussion on The Building of The Lord’s Temple. *(We have Hopes of finding The Man that is Not a Mocker to draw up The Plans of The Temple.)*

Discussion on The 2012 General Assembly to be held from June 24th to June 27th. *(If any wishes to help out with our youths, age 5 through 14 please contact The Church Office and Brother Draves will pass on your willingness to help to those in charge of the various age groups.)*

March 24th, 2012 is our next Meeting.

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