

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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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 Faithful**

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

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

Secretary For The Twelve
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

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 has 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 Indignation 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's Desk

What Shall I Do On Sunday?

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
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Scripture Text:

Mark 2:27, 'And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man.'

Mark 2:23-Mark 3:6, And it came to pass, that He was going on The Sabbath Day through the grain fields; and His Disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears.

And The Pharisees said unto Him, Behold, why do they on The Sabbath Day that which is not lawful?

And He said unto them, Did ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry, he, and they that were with him?

How he entered into The House of God when Abiathar was High Priest, and ate the show bread, which is not lawful to eat save for The Priest, and gave also to them that were with him?

And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for The Sabbath;

So that The Son of Man is Lord even of The Sabbath'.

Mark 3:1-6, 'And He entered again into The Synagogue; and there was a man there who had his hand withered.

And they watched him whether he would Heal him on The Sabbath Day;

And He Saith unto the man that had his hand withered, Stand forth.

And He Saith unto them, Is it lawful on The Sabbath Day to do Good, or to do

harm? To Save a Life, or to Kill? But they held their Peace.

And when He had looked round about on them with Anger, being Grieved at the hardening of their heart, He Saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was Restored.

And The Pharisees went out, and straightway with The Herodians took counsel against Him, how they might destroy Him.'

Message 81:17, 'Let all come to Attendance to exhortations to Doctrine and Greater Light may come, and it will to those that Prepare for it, unto The Measure of Christ, in all things showing Good Works.'

Message 104:26, 'Let all awaken to their Calling and Help more in This Work, Attending Services, Worship and Working among the people.'

One could ask why was The Pharisees so critical of Jesus for plucking the ears of corn? Do you think they criticized Jesus for permitting The Disciples to pick the corn and eat it on The Sabbath, or for allowing them to take it without permission? To whom do you suppose the corn belonged? What do you think about what Jesus said to them concerning 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for The Sabbath?' What do you think this means to you?

One of the most noticeable things about Jesus was that He was always concerned about the well-being of individuals. At all times, He made it plain that institutions exist for the benefit of persons; that persons never exists for institutions. If you were to put Jesus' statement into modern language, you would say that the modern movie exists for persons; persons do not exist for the movie.

As it is now, the modern movie is interested in making money, and people are used to make it a great commercial success. If the producers should get the idea that movies exist for the Good of the people, it would not be long until a great improvement would be seen.

Suppose we were to look at this whole economic order. We know that some six million young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five are out of work. We also know that many people who have jobs are not getting sufficient wages to meet their needs. If we study the economic order, we can see that people exist for the economic order instead of its existing for them. Perhaps to be Truthful, we should have to say that it exists for a few individuals. Of this economic order ought to be constructed in the interest of the greatest number of persons.

When was the first day instituted? To know this you would have to refer to the first few Chapters of Genesis. The Jewish Sabbath was placed at the end of the week in commemoration of The Creation. What does the word mean? What reference to it do you find in The Ten Commandments? What day of the week do the Jews still celebrate as The Sabbath? Our Sunday, of course, takes the place of The Jewish Sabbath, with the difference that it is placed at the beginning of the week in commemoration of The Resurrection of Christ. For this reason, it is often Called The Lord's Day. The word Sunday means 'the day of the sun', which has come to be used to denote The Christian Sabbath. You will find many people referring to this day as Sunday, and some as The Lord's Day. Since The Christian Church changed from the seventh to the first day of the week in commemoration of The

Resurrection of Christ, would it not be right to call it The Lord's Day?

We of The Church of Christ recognized that Sunday is our Day of Worship.

Message 23:18, 'Keep The Law of The Lord in all things and keep ye The Sabbath Day Holy unto The Lord. Let your Fastings be in Humility that The Lord will Hear your Prayers in The Hour of your Need.'

Message 75:5, 'Let not division come among you. For The Old Law and its traditions are finished and is not a part of The Gospel of Christ, in its Sabbaths and burning of bloods—but Forgiveness, Humility, and Sincerity, in The Humble Way of The Lord in Obedience to The Words Christ Spoke in His Gospel.'

According to The Bible record, God worked six days at The Creation and on the seventh day He rested. In the early history of The Jews, they came to recognize this day and kept it very strictly. In reading The Scriptures, we find that The Jews wouldn't even pick up sticks on Sunday. What should be the purpose of The Lord's Day for us? Should it be a day of rest? What do you mean by rest? Does one rest only when he sleeps, or does he also rest when he does something different from what he usually does?

Why does The Church deserve any of our time? In fact, we might ask ourselves the question, 'Why have a Church'? What is the value of The Church School on Sunday Morning? What Good arguments can be given for it? Would you agree that it is about our only opportunity to get Religious Education and to Interpret Life Religiously; that it is our best opportunity to Understand The Gospel of Jesus Christ, to Learn His Doctrine, The History of The Church?

When we study the effect of The Sunday School upon public morals, we soon discover that a very small percentage of juvenile delinquents attend Sunday School. We know also that a large percentage of the members of The Church come up through The Sunday School Teachings.

The Lord has begged us to Heed and Know His Gospel and to edify His People with The Knowledge of His Spirit and Mercies that He bestowed upon His People. He has asked us to Come together that there might be Unity among The People. That we Teach and Preach the same things and to Represent Christ and His Church here on the earth.

Has He not Called us from out of the world to Represent Him and His Church? To Learn His Decrees and Doctrine that we might take them to a sinful world? I believed He even told us to go out into the streets and Command them to come into The House of The Lord. That they might know His Will and His Gospel. If this is so important to The Lord, then why would it not be so with us to attend Services and to share The Good Things of The Lord and to Learn His Decrees and Doctrine?

Why attend Church? What Good does it do to join other people in a Church Service and Listen as the choir sings and The Minister Preaches?

In answer to those questions, I believe it gives a person the opportunity to be part of a Religious Fellowship. It gives the opportunity to sit quietly and be helped to think the best thoughts. It is the only opportunity for an all inclusive group to be helped to bring into focus ignored interest. It is easy for us to forget our responsibility to our bodies and to our minds. It is easy for us to slip into those activities that hurt other

people and hurt us. A Worship Service with a thought provoking sermon brings back into conscious minds those ideals which is our better moments we cherish.

Church Services gives us the opportunity to Learn ways that would help our mental and Spiritual health, and to Learn The Christian Way to deal with all types of problems from the standpoint of The Teachings and Principles of Jesus. We of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message are Blessed with The Fullness of The Gospel, with Directions and Instructions of Latter Day Revelations. So why do you think with these Great Blessings The Lord has given unto us that our own people find it hard to attend Services.

I realize that today's society does not have time to meet in Services for The Lord. There are so many things that come first before The Lord. It is a backwards generation. This modern generation must come back to a new consideration for The Church. I guess the real question is, Do they want it—what devotion, what leadership, how much money? What kind of Church do you want your generation to have?

Psalms 139, 'Whiter shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whiter shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I Ascend up into Heaven thou Art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy Hand Lead me, and Thy Right Hand shall Hold me.'

I Truly believe that Attending Church does contribute to mental and Spiritual Health, so people should go to Church.

Message 112:6, 'Again I say. Let all Come together in The Service of The Lord,

and The Lord will Meet with them in the hour of their Humility Revealing the things of The Kingdom, for all have a work to do. Let Love fill your hearts that it will be said, See how they Love one another'.

Message 81:21-24, 'Let The House of The Lord be built, and The Church of Christ with The Words I bring, The Elijah Message be established everywhere. Come! All that Love The Lord and This Work, work together. This is The Lord's Anointed, and Appointed, The Associated Ones of Faith. Peace be unto All.

Many Represent Christ, but you men are to Represent Christ and His Church.

The Church is Organized. I have given The Type and Leadership, The Way through The Gates is Open. Repentance and Faith are the beginning, Worship and Receive The Gift. The Hands must be Laid upon all that The Spirit might Come to those that Prepare for it.

Heed my Message for this is My Mission. The Doctrine is given, and is set forth in The Bible, The Record of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, The Words I bring.'

Message 86:26-28, 'Little Flock be not discouraged, for Greater Things are yet to Come for you in your Hope and Salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is Hope for Eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.

He that is for you is Greater than they that be against you.

Blessed and Holy are they that Come into This Way. They shall find The Greater Peace and God's Plan shall be made Perfect.'

Message 88:15-17,20,24, 'Mankind shall live by every word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal

Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He Cometh down with Power in His Word.

Then turn and discern them that be The Lord's or them that serve Him not. They that Serve Him shall have Right to The Tree of Life.

I speak The Lord's Will today. I am he that was Prophesied in Ancient Times, of my coming before The Lord's Return, to Help Prepare a People to be Ready to Meet Him at His Appearing . . .

I Bring The Assured Way, The Way of The Lord, to give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, by my words Cleansing out The Dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men . . .

All that Hear and Obey my words shall Come to Understanding.'

God Bless you all. May you have a Greater Desire in Attending Services.

From The Apostles

These Are The Days of Elijah

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We are Truly Living in 'The Days of Elijah'. Elijah stood alone against five hundred prophets of Baal. He was the only man of God in all of Israel who stood against the evil forces. He knew God had Spoken to Him. He stood on his Testimony. He knew . . . that he knew . . . that he knew that he knew . . . that he knew, that God had Spoken to him.

There are two men I think of who Knew that God had Spoken to them. They are Otto Fetting and W. A. Draves. They gave a '**To Whom It May Concern**' statement. At

some point in Life we need give a to whom it may Concern Statement. We need to do this in Writing and more Importantly by The Lives we Live. At some point we need to quit tip-toeing around; quit walking on egg shells afraid we are going to make someone angry by telling them The Truth. We need to tell The Truth even if we have to Stand Alone like Elijah did. Here is The Testimony of Otto Fetting.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I make this Solemn Declaration before God this day, God being my Witness, and I expect some day to Stand before The Judgment Bar to answer for this Statement.

The Manifestation and Words of The Visits of The Messenger are True. I have seen him from time to time. I heard his voice, I've seen his face, I saw The Light. I felt his hand on my head and the slap on my shoulder. I was Enrapt in that Wonderful Heavenly and Divine Power, and The Words I have given you are not my words, but The Words God Sent by John The Baptist.

I want to make this Statement, so that everyone may know that this is True; it matters little what will become of me hereafter, but I cannot, nor will not, deny the things I have Seen and Heard from The Heavenly Messenger as long as I have my right mind, and God Gives me Life and His Grace to Endure here on Earth.

Others may make statements about me, but I want this to be understood that this Statement is True. And I shall Abide by The Advice and Instructions given by The Messenger regardless of what men may say.

Signed Otto Fetting

Independence, Missouri
October 9, 1929

Most of us have not been slapped by an Angel of The Lord. But in a sense we **are** slapped by The Angel of The Lord, The Messenger of The Covenant, who Comes with Words to set The Church in Order; to Prepare a People, to Prepare a Bride for when Jesus Comes. The slap comes when His Words conflict with our will, and when He puts us in our place.

Malachi 3:1-3, **'Behold, I will Send My Messenger, and he shall Prepare The Way before Me: and The Lord, whom ye Seek, shall suddenly Come to His Temple, even The Messenger of The Covenant, whom ye Delight in: Behold, He shall Come, Saith The LORD of Hosts.**

But who may Abide The Day of His Coming? and who Shall Stand when he Appeareth? for he is like a Refiner's Fire, and like Fullers' Soap:

And he shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver: and he shall Purify The Sons of Levi, and Purge them as Gold and Silver, that they may Offer unto The LORD an Offering in Righteousness'.

The Word is telling us that few would be able to Abide in His Words; few would be able to Stand when The Power of His Word would do The Refining Work.

Noah spent 120 years Preaching in a desert while building on The Ark. It had never rained in the history of the earth. People might think you are crazy for Believing in an Angel Messenger. You might feel alone with your Testimony of The Elijah Message. Everyone must hang on to their Testimony.

In 1914 my Grandfather was 13 years old and was traveling in a covered wagon across

the state of Arizona. He was traveling with his Father (James E. Yates), his Mother, Grandmother, and all his siblings. It was hot and dry. They were out of water. The family was thirsty, the team was thirsty, and the dog was thirsty. Grandpa was so thirsty it was like he was spitting cotton! His tongue was sticking to the roof of his mouth. His father, my great grandfather, took the tarp off of the top of the wagon and laid it down in a low place on the ground. He then had all the family gather in a circle on the tarp for Prayer. They Prayed for rain and the rain came. When my great grandfather put the tarp down on the ground it showed his Faith, it showed he came before The Lord ready to Receive.

When coming to Independence, I get excited. This is The Center Place, The place that was Pointed out by The Finger of God for The Building of The Temple (Message 10:2). This place will be Called Zion when it is Cleansed. This is The Place of The Assembly where The People of The Lord Come and Speak to each other Concerning The Welfare of their Souls.

I Believe when The People of God Come to The Place of God to Hear The Word God they should Come with Expectation that God would Shower them with Blessings. That He would Quench our Thirst for Truth.

People come to Church limping, wounded, and broken. Some of you have marital problems, some have health problems, some have financial problems, some have addictions and besieging sins that you cannot shake.

Alma 32:5-6, **'And they came unto Alma; and the one which was the most foremost among them, Saith unto him, Behold, what shall these my brethren do, for they are despised of all men, because**

of their poverty; yea, and more especially by our Priests; for they have cast us out of our Synagogues, which we have labored abundantly to build, with our own hands; and they have Cast us out because of this our exceeding poverty, that we have no place to Worship our God; and *Behold, what shall we do?*

And now when Alma heard this, he turned him about, his face immediately towards him, and he Beheld, with Great Joy; for he Beheld that their afflictions had Truly Humbled them, and that they were in a Preparation to Hear The Word;'

Romans 8:28, 'And we know that all things work together for Good to them that Love God, to them who are The Called according to his Purpose'.

Those that come to The Church with the problems I mentioned are now ready to Receive. No matter what you are going through, God is Still on The Throne. You are here because God Orchestrated it. He Loves us so much.

Romans 1:16-18, 'For I am not ashamed of The Gospel of Christ: for it is The Power of God unto Salvation to everyone that Believeth; to The Jew first, and also to The Greek.

Did you Hear this? The Word of God is The Power of God unto Salvation!

For therein is The Righteousness of God Revealed from Faith to Faith: as it is Written, The Just shall Live by Faith.

For The Wrath of God is Revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold The Truth in unrighteousness;'

Hebrews 4:12, 'For The Word of God is Quick, and Powerful, and Sharper than any two edged sword, Piercing even to the

dividing asunder of Soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of The Heart'.

The Word of God can convert you. It can convict you. It can cause you to make changes in your Life. It can make you get a haircut and change the people you hang out with.

2 Nephi 1:26, 'And ye have murmured because he hath been plain unto you. Ye say that he hath used sharpness; ye say that he hath been angry with you. But Behold, his sharpness was The Sharpness of The Power of The Word of God, which was in him; and that which ye call anger, was The Truth, According to that which is in God, which he could not constrain, manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities'.

Yes, The Word of God can sometimes make a person angry.

1 Nephi 17:46, 'And ye also know, that by The Power of His Almighty Word, He can Cause the earth that it shall pass away; yea, and ye know that by His Word, He can Cause the rough places be made smooth, and smooth places shall be broken up. *O, then, why is it, that ye can be so hard in your Hearts?*'

Psalms 107:17-21, 'Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Their Soul Abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they Cry unto The LORD in their trouble, and He Saveth them out of their distresses.

He Sent His Word, and Healed them, and Delivered them from their destructions.

Oh that men would Praise The LORD for His Goodness, and for His Wonderful Works to the children of men!

Remember, God Allows things to happen to us that it would work to The Good. *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

I am Preaching to you about The Elijah Message. This is Christ's Message. Some say we are a cult because we Worship Angels. We are not a cult. We do not Worship Angels. We Believe in Angels because The Word Speaks of them. We Believe in The Atoning blood of Jesus Christ because The Word Speaks of The Blood. The Angel Messenger Speaks of The Blood.

Message 87:24, **'Let Repentance and Faith be Taught and Remission of sin through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ'**.

Message 101:7, **'Let Repentance and Faith be Taught and Remission of sins through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, with Authoritative Baptisms I bring'**.

Message 10:15, **'Let all that will as they Come in This Work, be Baptized and Receive The Gifts of The Spirit, and Authority to Preach and Teach Salvation to mankind through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, for Salvation is to all mankind that will Hear and Obey, all Preaching the same Truths'**.

Message 80:16, **'Let LeVon Walker, Richard F. Ream, Benjamin F. Sanders, Columbus Rivers and Dohn Emmett Weaver be Ordained as Elders, Preaching Faith in The Lord and His Divine Way, Repentance and Remission of sins through The Atoning Blood of Christ'**.

Message 88:1, **'Deliverance is found only in The Teachings of Christ through**

His Atoning Blood for remission of sins'.

Message 88:3, **'I Proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through His Atoning Blood can mankind be Saved'**.

Message 94:5, **'I am still at The Helm, for I bring The Gospel of The Kingdom to Awaken and Light The Way. All that Come This Way, Repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be Humble and be Baptized in Water in The Authority I bring, for The Remission of their sins through The Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus'**.

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

Message 104:1, **'Deliverance is found only in The Teachings of Christ. Only through His Atoning Blood can mankind find Remission of sins through Obedience to The Gospel'**.

Message 107:7, **'Let these I shall give you be set apart as Elders, moreover Evangelists, to Carry The Message of Life to others in their nations and peoples, remembering it is through Christ and His Words whereby mankind shall be Saved. Through His Atoning Blood and Plan of Redemption shall mankind Come into His Presence'**.

Message 115:18, **'It is through and in The Atoning Blood of Christ that mankind is Saved'**.

Message 116:9, **'Faith, Repentance, The Baptisms, Teaching Jesus Christ and His Atoning Blood in Redemption, that Salvation will Come to all that Hear and Obey The Full Plan as Taught in *The***

Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord, The Words I bring as The Angel of God. I am His Messenger, a Resurrected Being. I am John The Baptist, I am The Elias’.

I wrote a letter to a man in Africa. I titled it, ‘The House Is On Fire’. Let me ask you how many of you have teenagers? The common thing about teenagers is they like to stay up late and sleep late. By the third time you try to wake your teenager up he or she is angry and grumpy. When the house is on fire, do I wake my teenager up and make her angry, or do I let her sleep and burn up in the fire? Do I say to my wife “The house is on fire, be quiet, we might wake up the kids and then they will be angry.” No. We turn the lights on and with a loud voice we give them a warning. We tell the big kids...we tell the little kids...we tell the dog, “The house is on fire!” We tell them because we love them. We don’t care if they get angry. The messenger is telling us, “The house is on fire, WAKE UP!” The Gospel Message must be preached. The Warning must go out!

Message 3:2-4, ‘The Instruction is Sent, to the Wise, a Warning; to the Sleeper, an Awakening; to the Wicked, Destruction; but to The People of The Lord, a Message that Christ’s Coming is near at Hand.

Behold The Church has Slept and Slumbered, but now let The Wise Trim their Lamps, that The Spirit of God may be as Oil to their Lamps, for Behold, The Bridegroom is Coming. Prepare ye The Way for His Coming. Behold The Temple must be Built.

The Gospel must be Preached, The Cry must go out, The Lord’s Coming is Near. Behold this is a Day when the world with its greed for wealth and pleasure

must be Warned as in the days of Noah. Pride and vanity have Filled the Hearts of men, and The Law of The Lord is forgotten’.

THE DEN OF THIEVES

Matthew 21:12-13, ‘And Jesus went into The Temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in The Temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

And Said unto them, It is Written, My House shall be Called The House of Prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves’.

Luke 19:45-47, ‘And He went into The Temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

Saying unto them, It is Written, My House is The House of Prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

And He Taught daily in The Temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy Him’.

Jesus is a Table Flipper. He does not Care who He makes angry. John (John The Baptist) is a Table Flipper also. They both are about giving Truth regardless of what people think.

Helaman 8:3-4, ‘For Behold, Nephi had spoken unto them concerning the corruptness of their law; yea, many things did Nephi speak which cannot be written; and nothing did he speak which were contrary to The Commandments of God.

And those Judges were angry with Him because He Spake Plain unto them concerning their secret works of darkness; nevertheless they durst not lay their own hands upon Him; for they feared the

people, lest they should Cry out against them;’

The Messenger doesn't say one Word contrary to The Commandments of God. The Angel Message Comes with Light as a Covering. It Exposes things that are in the dark and things that are not true.

Helaman 13:2-4, ‘**And it Came to pass that in this year, there was one Samuel, a Lamanite, Came into the land of Zarahemla, and began to Preach unto the people. And it Came to Pass that he did Preach many-day Repentance unto the people, and they did Cast him out, and he was about to return to his own land.**

But Behold, The Voice of The Lord Came unto him, that he should Return again, and Prophecy unto the people whatsoever things should Come in his Heart.

And it Came to Pass that they would not suffer that he should enter into the city; therefore he went and got upon the wall thereof, and Stretched forth his hand and Cried with a Loud Voice, and Prophesied unto the people whatsoever Things The Lord put into his Heart;’

Sometimes when we try to share our Testimony and the people will not Hear us. We need to find a different way: a different way of giving our Testimony. Sometimes we need to get on a wall so we can be Heard.

I want to speak to you about PEACE. Isaiah 9:6, ‘**For unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is Given: and the government shall be upon His Shoulder: and His Name shall be Called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Ever-lasting Father, The Prince of Peace’.**

Galatians 5:22, 23, ‘**But The Fruit of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long-**

suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance: against such there is no Law’.

Luke 2:12-14, ‘**And this shall be a Sign unto you; Ye shall find The Babe Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes, Lying in a Manger.**

And suddenly there was with The Angel a multitude of The Heavenly Host Praising God, and Saying,

Glory to God in The Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men’.

Did you notice that Jesus was Called ‘The Prince of Peace’? Peace is One of The Fruits of The Spirit. Heavenly Hosts Praise God and Say, ‘On earth Peace, Good Will toward men.’ Some want to compromise The Word of God, so that we can just get along. I Believe there are two kinds of Peace, Gods Kind, and the world's kind. Here is what The Word Says.

Message 37:24, ‘**Peace will have Place in The Hearts that are Honest and Obey. For Salvation only Comes from Obedience to The Words of Him that shall Judge you at The Last Day’.**

Message 38:11, ‘**The works of satan must be overcome, then Peace shall Reign’.**

Message 39:24, ‘**Do with this Message as you have Done with the others. Publish it that others might Read; that Peace might Come to all that Will do The Lord's Bidding. Contend with no man, Speak The Truth² and it shall make you Free. I shall Come again as The Lord will Direct. Amen’.**

Message 43:10, ‘**Powers of Peace and Love shall Guide all those that are Willing to Hear and Obey, and the powers of evil subdued. Rejoice that ye are The Children of your God’.**

Message 44:7-8, **'Abide By and Fully Obey The Words I bring, have brought and shall yet bring.**

Behold, there is a Cry of Peace, but there is no Peace save in the Hearts of them that do The Lord's Bidding, those that Heed His Voice'.

Matthew 10:34-39, **'Think not that I am Come to send Peace on earth: I Came not to send Peace, but a Sword.**

For I am Come to Set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that Loveth father or mother more than Me is not Worthy of Me: and he that Loveth son or daughter more than Me is not Worthy of Me.

And he that taketh not his Cross, and Followeth after Me, is not Worthy of Me.

He that findeth his Life shall lose it: and he that loseth his Life for My Sake shall Find it'.

We should NOT compromise The Word Of God so we can have Peace with our family.

Ephesians 6:17, **'And take The Helmet of Salvation, and The Sword of The Spirit, which is The Word of God:'**

Revelation 2:16, **'Repent; or else I will Come unto thee Quickly, and will Fight against them with The Sword of My Mouth'.**

Revelation 19:15, **'And out of His Mouth goeth a Sharp Sword, that with it He should Smite the nations: and He shall Rule them with A Rod of Iron: and He Treadeth the Winepress of the Fierceness and Wrath of Almighty God'.**

God will use His Word, His Sword to separate those who Serve Him and those who Serve Him not. He will Use His Sword to Divide between those who Obey and those that compromise The Word to have Peace.

Luke 12:51-53, **'Suppose ye that I am Come to give Peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:**

For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law'.

John 7: 37 -43, **'In The Last Day, that Great Day of The Feast, Jesus Stood and Cried, Saying, If any man Thirst, let him Come unto Me, and Drink.**

He that Believeth on Me, as The Scripture hath Said, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water.

(But this Spake He of The Spirit, which they that Believe on Him should Receive: for The Holy Ghost was not yet Given; because that Jesus was not yet Glorified.)

Many of the people therefore, when they Heard this Saying, Said, Of a Truth this is The Prophet.

Others Said, This is The Christ. But some Said, *Shall Christ Come out of Galilee?*

Hath not The Scripture Said, *That Christ Cometh of The Seed of David, and out of The Town of Bethlehem, where David was?*

So there was a division among the

people because of Him’.

John 9: 16, ‘Therefore Said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not The Sabbath Day. Others said, *How can a man that is a sinner do such Miracles?* And there was a division among them’.

A word to you fence riders: Revelation 3:15-16, ‘I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will Spue thee out of My Mouth’.

James 1:8, ‘A double minded man is unstable in all his ways’. Some are looking for a Sign:

Matthew 16:4, ‘A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a Sign; and there shall no Sign be given unto it, but The Sign of The Prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed’.

Mark 8:12, ‘And he sighed deeply in his Spirit, and Saith, *Why doth this generation Seek after a Sign?* Verily I say unto you, There shall no Sign be Given unto this generation’.

Alma 30:42-51, ‘Behold, I know that thou Believest, but thou art possessed with a lying spirit, and ye have put off The Spirit of God, that it may have no place in you; but the devil hath power over you, and he doth carry you about, working devices, that he may destroy The Children of God’.

Alma 30:43, ‘And now Korihor saith unto Alma, If thou wilt shew me a Sign, that I may be Convinced that there is a God, yea, shew unto me that He hath Power, and then will I be convinced of The Truth of thy Words’.

Alma 30:44, ‘But Alma saith unto him,

Thou hast had Signs enough; *will ye tempt your God? Will ye say, Shew unto me a Sign, when ye have The Testimony of all these thy brethren, and also all The Holy Prophets?* The Scriptures are Laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea even the earth, and all things that is upon the face of it, yea, and its motion; yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form, doth Witness that there is a Supreme Creator;’

Alma 30:45, ‘And yet do ye go about, leading away the Hearts of this people, testifying unto them there is no God. And yet *will ye deny against all these Witnesses?* And he said, Yea, I will deny, except ye shall shew me a Sign’.

Alma 30:46, ‘And now it Came to Pass that Alma said unto him, Behold, I am grieved because of the hardness of your Heart; yea, that ye will still Resist The Spirit of The Truth, that thy Soul may be destroyed’.

Alma 30:47, ‘But Behold, it is better that thy Soul should be lost, than that thou shouldest be the means of bringing many Souls down to destruction, by thy lying and by thy flattering words; therefore if thou shalt deny again, Behold, God shall Smite thee, that thou shalt become dumb, that thou shalt never open thy mouth any more, that thou shalt not deceive this people any more’.

Alma 30:48-51, ‘Now Korihor saith unto him, I do not deny The Existence of a God, but I do not believe that there is a God; and I say also, that ye do not know that there is a God; and except ye shew me a Sign, I will not believe’.

Now Alma saith unto him, This will I give unto thee for a Sign, that thou shalt be struck dumb, According to my Words;

and I say, that in The Name of God, that ye shall be struck dumb, that ye shall no more have utterance’.

Now when Alma had said these words, Korihor was struck dumb, that he could not have utterance, According to the Words of Alma.

And now when The Chief Judge saw this, he put forth his hand and wrote unto Korihor, saying: *Art thou convinced of The Power of a God? In whom did ye desire that Alma should shew forth his Sign? Would ye that he should afflict others, to shew unto thee a Sign? Behold, he hath showed unto you a Sign; and now, will ye dispute more?*

Some are looking for a Sign concerning The Elijah Message when there will not be any more Signs than The Word of God.

Brothers and Sisters, keep The Faith. Do not compromise The Word for Peace. Let your Testimony be Heard, even if you have to get on a wall. Put your tarp down and get ready to Receive. **‘The House Is On Fire!’**

From The Bishops

Submitted by Editor

Paying Tithes

Tithes are Holy to The Lord and He won’t require something of us that we cannot do.

If you are Willing to Trust your whole being to God, why can’t you Trust Him with 10% of what you have? After all, He gave it all to you.

Message 22:19, *‘There are those that have robbed The Lord of one-tenth of that which was The Lord’s. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts, ‘This is mine.’ Hearken unto Me, says The Lord your God, ‘All that thou*

hast I have given thee, and I shall require one-tenth thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed; that The Gospel may be Preached, and The Kingdom of God might be Established on earth in its Fullness, and The Church set in order in its completeness.’ ‘

The first way to get out of debt is to be Obedient to God! When we do not pay our Tithes, we handcuff God from Blessing our Lives. *He calls us a thief.*

Message 49: 10, *‘Let all pay their Tithes that their works may Stand The Test when the trying times come. The Lord will Bless them and they shall not want for The Way of Deliverance shall be theirs.’*

Isaiah 1:19, *‘If ye be Willing and Obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.’*

Psalms 23:1, *‘The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.’*

The Scriptures are Full of God begging us to Receive what He has Laid Up for us.

Message 46:4 is perhaps The Strongest Words The Lord has Given us. *‘Behold, there are those whose hearts are full of evil and selfishness; they have withheld that which is The Lord’s of Tithes and of Offerings. Their hearts are not right before Him, therefore, I say unto you, they cannot have part in This Work, and are not of The Household of Faith, for they have failed to Obey The Word of The Lord.’*

I will leave you with this thought; Every one of us is the product of someone. You could have This Gospel and be Saved in The Kingdom of God.

Testimonies Of The Past

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I remember the story of the two men walking from Jerusalem after Learning that Christ Arose

from The Dead. They met a Man on the road who continued walking with them. During the walk The Man asked them, *'What's new in Jerusalem?'* They proceeded to tell The Man what had happen to Christ. The Man asked the men, *'Did not you know these things were to happen?'* When the men reached their home they asked The Stranger to come eat with them. It was not until they asked The Stranger to Pray over the food did they Realized this was Christ Himself. Their eyes were Opened to The Lord and they Knew Him. It is a Good Story! We should see The Lord more Clearly today. See that He is our Savior! I am Lifted up from The Peace of The Lord.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: Hello to everyone. I want to Stand and Praise The Lord. I am Glad to be here. Glad for all of us. It is Good to see the young men that has come to visit. We all should have a Testimony of The Lord. He Loves us. I Thank Him. The Lord seen Fit to Call me to The Ministry so I want to make Him Pleased with me. Never thought I would be able to Stand up in front of people to even say this. The Lord has made this happen. I have seen some Miracles since I took up my Calling. He is a True and Loving God and He will do what He Says. I Glorify Him. We need a Closer Walk with God. I am Thankful for all of you. Always give God The Praise and Glory. That is why we have Life! He is The Rock, The Foundation we Built our Life on! If you have not yet Experienced anything with The Lord, now is the time to Stand Up and Praise The Lord and get to Know Him.

James Naslund, Missouri: I am glad to be here and to do my Duty to The Lord and to Defend This Work. My dad asked me when I returned home from The Service, *'What's this Religious Kick you are on?'* I had a

Taste of God, and I have never been the same since I came to Know The Lord. What we are in now is so different from the world. We are small, yes! but it is of God. The Lord Speaks more Severe! I Know This Work is True. We will Take it to the very end. I am Amazed I Found The Truth! I Thank you.

Leora Naslund, Missouri: I am glad to be here. The Lord Preserved me so many years. Everyday I wish I could get through to my friends and family of This Work. I do the best I can. I try to remain Humble. I am so glad to see people here today that wants to Serve The Lord. I Love each of you all and I Pray for you also. Thank you.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for The Sweet Peace that is here today. It is a Blessing in this Life. This past year with all the trials, God never let us down. I cannot Praise Him enough. I can not Praise The Lord in the way He Deserves. I would if I could. It is Good to hear The Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. I remember Dad saying he could see Angels sitting amongst us. When thoughts are Inspired of God, we need to Heed it and Follow Through. I boast not of myself but of The Holy Spirit within me. I am Thankful for *The Three Measures of Meal*. It is Good to Taste. There is nothing like The Holy Spirit and The Fruits of The Spirit. There is not a Better Feeling. There is nothing Better than what we have here right now! But we can lose it through disobedience. Let us all be Obedient, take time to Study and to Pray. In Independence Local we Love Message 102:11. We read it often and speak of it often. If we do these things, God would be Pleased. I am not satisfied in just saying, 'I am Saved, Praise God'! We must ENDURE! God is Our Strength. With The Spirit of God we can Rise above ourselves. Live Daily as it is

your last! Do all that you can for The Lord. I had a dream when I was a little girl. I was going to the store and had to pass through a field on a very narrow path through the weeds and I saw The Lord. He took my hand and Said to me, 'Come, go with Me.' I told Him no, let me get my mother and father. He said *NO!* I had to do this alone. *This is a Walk you must go yourself. Not to the left or to the right. Stay on The Path.* I know that I had to do this by myself. I had to be one with God. No one could do The Walk for me. I made the choice to stay on The Path as He Lead me. Once you Know The Lord's Spirit and you get off The Path, your Life is miserable! **We have The Full Meal Deal!** Do not take it for Granted! When I put Christ First and Study, I am a Better Person. God in us is Greater than satan. We will Overcome and Endure Daily if we put the effort out to be Obedient to The Lord and His Word. Rise up! Feed The Good and the evil will leave. The Link that Held my husband and myself together all these years was The Spirit of God. Pray for us and our Prayers are for you all. Put God First, Be Blessed and be Happy.

Ellen Draves, Missouri; I Praise The Lord and Thank our pass fathers since 1929. We are all children from *The Twelve Message*. I Thank all those that Carried The Work on for us today, Otto Fetting, W. A. Draves, Leonard Johnson, and even Sister Pack and all The Believers that stayed Faithful in Order for us to be here today.

Brenda Humpert, Florida; I am Thankful to be here today. It is Wonderful to have The Fellowship. When you are isolated, it is hard to talk with others of This Work. I was brought up from a little girl in This Church. I had to get Right with The Lord. I had no Peace. I was away from The Lord for awhile

being part of the so called in-crowd, partying most of the time. The Lord told me my days would be short if I did not change my ways. I was in a meeting with my grandmother, I was seventeen, and The Minister there Prophesied to me that this is my last Call. I have tried to do right since then. I came through some tuff times. Continue your Prayers for me and my family.

Carrie Ramey, Missouri; When little River Prayed, his Prayer touched me. He is so lucky to have a father to Lead him in This Work at three years old. I am also lucky to have a father that shared his Love, and Prayed with us. I Love you dad, and Thank you for everything, for Teaching us of The Church, it is Real Good. When Brenda spoke of the in-crowd, well it is everywhere.

Ellen Thompson, Missouri; I am Thankful for The Church, my husband and for my son. I want to say I was Baptized because I Felt The Lord's Spirit and I could not deny it. This Church, This Work Is TRUE! Our Goal is to be One with The Lord. I want to tell Brenda, if you Desire to be here, The Lord will open The Way for you. I know this is to be True because of what has happen to us being here in Independence today. I love you all.

Debbie Bogan, Iowa; I just want to say that even thou you are alone, God is with you. The Lord Keeps His Eyes on us all. I Know this is True. I love you all

Thresa Ray, Missouri; I am also Thankful for being here. Everything that has happen this past year has been incredible. There has been many, many Blessings. When Ola, Brenda and I got together for breakfast, it was a great Blessing to me. I needed it. I remember a story being told of a firefighter that was inspecting some trees that burned

and found a burned hen and when he moved the hen found her chicks protected from the fire. Jesus is always watching over us. Read 111 Nephi 10:46. I am thankful for This Work. Ola talked about **The Full Meal Deal**, but the best thing about it is that it is **FREE**. God Bless you all.

Michael Greenwell, Missouri; I am standing here today because The Lord wants me to. I treasure The Lord and His Blessings over the years. The world needs to see The Greater Power and Peace you have in The Lord. My prayer is that I can hang in, wait upon The Lord, and read The Words He gave us. I hope God Blesses each one of you and I hope This Assembly will be a physical and Spiritual Healing to you all.

Primary Department

Submitted by Editor

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Dear little Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Isn't it beautiful this time of the year? The grass is green the trees are getting their leaves back and the flowers are blooming.

Mommies and Daddies can get out and work in the yard, and you can get outside to play. **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!** What a wonderful time of the year it is and a Joyous one as well.

It's Easter Time! When you think of Easter, I know some of you think about getting candy and hunting eggs and your new Easter clothes you will wear to Church Easter Sunday.

But what is Easter really about? What happened long time ago to give us this most Special Holiday?

I'm going to tell you a story about our Savior JESUS, and how He died for our sins, yours and mine and everyone in the world.

Jesus said, '***In three days He would arise from the dead, after He died***'. That is exactly what happened. An Angel appeared and moved The Rock from His Tomb that He was put in after His Death (crucifixion). Jesus arose! (came alive) and what this means to you and me is that it gives us the chance to Live with Jesus forever.

So this Easter think about what Jesus did for us and why we have Easter! Thank Him for loving you so much.

Junior Department

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*Did you know that God Planned long before you were Born who your mom would be? He Picked just the right Mother and Father for you! In *The Book of Psalms*, this is what David said when he Prayed, (Psalms 22:9-10) David was glad that God gave him the Mother and Father that He did, because they were the ones who helped him Trust in God!*

I bet most of you Came to Know who God is because your Mother or Father taught you. Some of your Parents took the time to read to you from The Holy Bible and Taught you about Jesus! And your Parents were probably the ones who helped you get ready to go to Church so you could Worship God. Right from the very start, from the day you were Born, your Parents made sure you would Learn about Jesus! God wants us to be Thankful for our Parents, and to Treat them Special. After all, your Parents were the ones that God picked just for you.

Let's see what else *The Holy Bible* say about Parents: Deut. 5:16, '**Honor thy Father and thy Mother, as The LORD Thy God hath Commanded thee; that thy days may be Prolonged, and that it may**

go well with thee, in the land which The LORD thy God Giveth thee’.

To honor someone means that you think a lot of them, and you show it. When you Honor someone you show them how glad you are to have them close to you.

Let's think about Ways we can Honor our Parents. One way to Honor our Parents is to Listen to them and do what they say. When we Obey them, we Show them that we Trust what they say. We Show them that we Believe they Know what is Best, even if we don't always Understand why. And, we Show them that we Love them.

Proverbs 23:22-25, **‘Hearken unto thy Father that Begat thee, and Despise not thy Mother when she is old.**

Buy The Truth, and sell it not; also Wisdom, and Instruction, and Understanding.

The Father of The Righteous shall Greatly Rejoice: and he that Begetteth a Wise child shall have Joy of him.

Thy Father and thy Mother shall be Glad, and she that bare thee shall Rejoice.’

When you do what your Parents says, it makes them so Happy! It makes them so Glad to see that you are doing what they tells you! God wants you to do everything you can to make your Parents Happy and Pleased with you.

There are lots of other Ways we can Honor our Parents and make them feel Special. This is Right because your Mother is the one who gave Birth to you, and your Parents are also the ones God picked to take care of you!

Young Adult Department

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Our Saviour Jesus Christ is The Light of the World. When we Walk in The Light of The Lord we are considered *‘Children of Light’*, which also means *‘Children of The Lord’*. This can be found in Ephesians 5:8 says, **‘For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye Light in The Lord; Walk as Children of Light.’**

We Walk in The Light because God is Light. Because God is Light that in Him there is no darkness at all. The Lord tells us that He is The King of Heaven and that He will be *‘A Light Forever’* to those that will Hear and Obey His Words. This is Witnessed to us in the following verse.

2 Nephi 10:14, **‘For he that Raiseth up a king against Me shall perish, for I, The Lord, The King of Heaven, will be their King, and I Will be A Light unto them Forever, that Hear My Words.’**

We need to Heed this verse and always follow His Commandments and Listen to His Words that He has Given us to. We need to always try to be An Example for others to follow. Always remember that **Everything** that we have in our Lives that is Good comes from The Lord.

Ether 4:12 **‘And whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do Good is of Me; for Good cometh of none Save it be of Me. I Am the Same that Leadeth men to all Good; he that will not Believe My Words will not Believe Me—that I Am; and He that will not Believe Me will not Believe The Father who Sent Me. For Behold, I Am The Father, I Am The Light and The Life and The Truth of the world.’**

The Lord Stands for All Goodness and Righteousness. *Everything that He Says is Truth.* The Lord does not lie. He Tells us what Blessings are in store for us if we follow what He Says, and He also tells us

what will happen if we do not follow Him. The Lord Warns us of these things because His Word is Truth and because He doesn't lie what He Tells us will happen.

Alma 38:9, **'And now, my son, I have told you this that ye may Learn Wisdom, that ye may Learn of me that there is no other Way or Means whereby man can be Saved, only In and Through Christ. Behold, He is The Life and The Light of the world. Behold, He is The Word of Truth and Righteousness.'**

The Lord Tells us to Learn of Him and His Wisdom because that is The Only Way that we can be Saved.

3 Nephi 9:18 , **'I Am The Light and The Life of the world. I Am Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and The End.'**

The Lord is The Light of the world. He is The Beginning and The End. He Suffered Tremendously for all the sins of His People so that we may one day Live with Him again. The Lord Knew that if He didn't make The Ultimate Sacrifice for us that there was No Way that we would be Able to return in His Presence to once again be with Him.

3 Nephi 11:11, **'And Behold, I Am The Light and The Life of the world; and I have Drunk out of that Bitter Cup which The Father hath Given Me, and have Glorified The Father in Taking upon Me the sins of the world, in the which I have Suffered The Will of The Father in all things from The Beginning.'**

We need to remember The Great Sacrifice that The Lord made for us and be Examples of Christ in our everyday Lives. We need to let our Light Shine so that others might see our Good Works.

Matthew 5:14-16, **'Ye are The Light of the world. A city that is set on a hill**

cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth Light unto all that are in the house.'

Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may see your Good Works and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.'

Therefore we Shine our Light by who we are and the things that we do. Men Glorify God, as a result of seeing our Good Works. The Lord will Bless us when we do Good works toward our fellowmen.

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

May we always Remember The Lord and all the things that He has Done for us. Also Remember to **'Let Your Light Shine'** through so that others may see it. We all want to reach our Ultimate Goal which is to one day Live with The Lord.

God Bless you all, and also Remember to Pray for one another!

Article From The Past

He Is The Way, The Truth And The Life

By Evangelist C. A. Peterson

Jesus taught: **'All things are possible to them that believe.'** It is harder to say *'I believe'* than to say, *'I don't know'*. For the scientist seeking knowledge it is very hard indeed to say he believes unless he admits that the impulse drawing him to discovery is beyond proof. Belief is The Foundation and Wisdom and our Hope for the future. Faith is The Substance of things Hoped for.

The Bible tells us, the reality of things

unseen. The ideas are deeply rooted in our minds and our subconscious. These are our beliefs. It is what we think that determines our attitude and our speech. Continuing the process, our attitudes and speech determine our actions; our actions result in our habits; our habits determine our conduct, and our conduct determines our destiny. It is as The Bible said long ago; *'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he'*. Man should be grateful to be able to think that he can believe. It is important to be careful of what one thinks and what one believes. Paul urged his beloved Philippians to strive for an integrated personality. He told them, whatever is True, whatever is Honorable, whatever is Pure, whatever is Gracious; if there is any Excellence, if there is anything Worthy of Praise think about these things.

These were the thoughts that motivated Jesus Christ when He Lived among men. Paul expressed this idea in The Word. You have the mind in you that was in Christ Jesus.

To the degree that we have in us the mind that was in Christ, to the degree that His Thoughts motivate us day by day to that degree. We can say with the Apostle Paul: *'I live, yet not I, but Christ Lives in me.'* And Paul also says, *'I can do all things-through Christ who strengthens me'*.

Jesus said, **'He that Believes in Me, though, he were dead, yet shall he Live; and whosoever Lives and Believes in Me shall never die.'**

Believe Me, Believe in God, Believe also in Jesus Christ, Who said: I am *The Way, The Truth, and The Light*, no man cometh to The Father but by Me. Let not your hearts be troubled Believe in God Believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many Mansions if it were not so I

would have told you. I go to Prepare a Place for you and if I go I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also.'

Thank The Lord for Establishing His Church Anew in 1929 with The Elijah Message brought to us by John the Baptist, The Assured Way to become a part of The Bride of Christ, if we qualify. He is The Messenger to prepare Christ's Second Coming and a Bride to meet Christ when He Comes.

May God Bless each and everyone of you until we all come to The Unity of The Faith; become as one, with The Pure Love of Christ in our hearts, Love to all.

Special Notices

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

The Editor

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