

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

*'... 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'*

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## Words Of Alma

26:35

*'Now have we not Reason to Rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never was men that had so Great Reason to Rejoice as we, since the world began; yea and my Joy is Carried Away, even unto boasting in my God; for He has All Power, All Wisdom, and All Understanding; He Comprehendeth All Things, and He is a Merciful Being, even unto Salvation, to those who will Repent and Believe on His Name . .*



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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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heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

**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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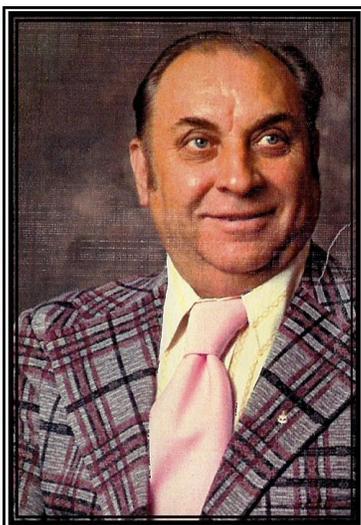
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# THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

## *To All People*

### NINETY-FOURTH MESSAGE



*The Angel Messenger of The Lord Appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri USA, June 11, 1975 at 4:15 am. The room was Filled with Light as has been each time he Came before. He spoke as one having Authority, he was Serious in his Words. I wrote The Words as he Precisely gave them to me, Speaking slowly, as I wrote them down-*

*repeating when necessary-to allow me to write Exactly what he said. May The Lord Bless and Reveal to all this The Assured Way-The Bride of Christ. He was with me about 50 minutes.*

-W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold, Arise and Write The Words I shall give you, *A Message of Hope and Life* to all that follow through. My Message is one of *Love* to those that Fully Receive it, who are *Humble and Peaceful* in *The Lord's Way*.
2. I bring *The Authority* to Prepare *The Way* before The Lord's soon Coming; before this generation all pass away.
3. Fear not, The Lord is Doing a *Marvelous Work and a Wonder* and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.
4. Study The Words I bring. Teach and Study *The Full Word of God* and you shall Know *The Truth*. Let all Follow *The Instructions* I bring and it will be Well.
5. I Am still at *The Helm*, for I bring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. There is much yet to be done, more *Light* and *Further Records* will

14. Come Forth-ere time Folds in and  
*The Brigh-tness of The Lord Comes.*

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

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

16. Much Good has Come from This As-  
sembly of *The People of The Lord.* I  
have been with you. *Swing Wide*  
*The Gate -go Forth, The Truth* is Set  
before you.

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

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

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

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

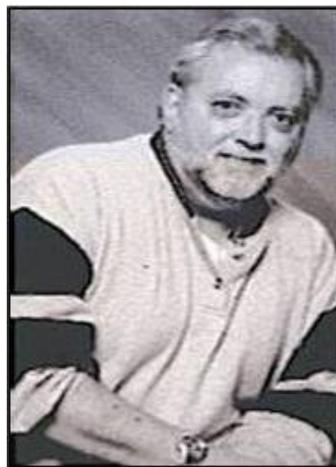
21. I leave *Peace* with you and all that  
read these *Words.* I will Come again as  
*The Lord Directs.* Amen.'

## From The Editor

### The Bible-A Book To Be Enjoyed

Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri

That Bible on your living room table is  
the most important Book in the house. It is



really a whole li-  
brary of books that  
took over a thou-  
sand years to write.  
The best and wisest  
records of man's  
search for God are  
in its pages- the no-  
blest poetry, the  
most thrilling sto-  
ries, nuggets of the

world's wisdom, the biographies of the  
world's greatest characters.

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

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

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

The power in its pages would be re-  
leased with an upsurge of vitality for the  
common place daily requirements that

makes us what we are. For it is in the ordinary air of everyday life that character is nurtured and grown.

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

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

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

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

radically, probably imperceptibly different-from what they were yesterday.

Families have a way of growing up. Just a little every day-enough so that John's pants are an inch higher on his ankles this morning than they were two months ago, and Susan's winter coat is suddenly too short for next winter. So the Bible story book that charmed the seven year old a year ago may become "old stuff" to the eight year old.

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

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

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

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

The second thing you must bring is *time*.

You cannot even collect stamps or grow roses without spending time on your interest. True, some wise words from the Book of books may stare at you from the trolley car cards among the patent drug and liquor ads as you ride to work, but they are there only to wet your appetite. In that Book are awaiting facets of enjoyment far beyond your imagining-if you will give it time to speak. And if you will go exploring in its pages you will find Spiritual Treasures hidden there waiting for your family alone to discover. For you bring to it your own individual requirements and particular concerns. The tune of a phrase, a singing word, a majestic truth will shout across the ages to you for today's particular need, and perhaps to you, alone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## From The Apostles

### Abraham, Isaac, Joseph

*'A Past Missionary Report'*

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Message 25:2, **‘Some will not Believe until destruction will come, and they will suffer there from. Remember, you will be hated by Friends and Loved Ones, but for This Cause were you born, for The Work that is to be done is so Great that man cannot comprehend it, for The Glory of God shall yet be Seen, and His Power Manifested.’**

God is gathering Israel. There is something so wonderful about that-Abraham, Isaac, Joseph.

Jacob gave The Birthright to Ephraim and The Blessing to Judah. The Blessing was that *Jesus Christ* would be Born through his Birth Line.

Genesis 48:15, **‘And he Blessed Joseph, and Said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, The God which Fed me all my life long unto this day.’**

Nephi’s decedents came from Manassa-the largest nation. Ephraim, the largest Tribe in Israel, took all the people and dispersed them throughout The Empire so they couldn’t Raise up against them. Ephraim Migrated into Europe.

Message 48:19-20, **‘The Lord will Turn and Bless His Little Ones, The Colored and The Indians, for many shall come Forth and be made White even as The Whiteness of Saints, for they shall be made Pure, as The Lord has Promised to make Clean a people, and all must be made Clean and Pure and Holy in His Sight.’**

**The earth will tremble and men’s hearts will fear because of the many changes that will take place. The Saints shall be Tried and made Pure.’**

I believe Ephraim was England. Ephraim came over here with *The Holy Bible* and

the two brothers came together again when this *Nation* was born. I can talk more about this sometime later, however.

I would like to talk about what we have been doing since January, as I have been in *The Field*. We have put out around 45 hundred flyers of *The Church*, working in Sedalia, Missouri. We have had five requests for *Message Books*.

I went to Chicago to visit *The Church* there. I stayed with the Holden’s from Saturday to Thursday. I helped move a lady. Brother Bill rented a 20 foot Moving truck-I drove. That night we went to a dinner that a lady fixed for Exie’s birthday.

There was food everywhere, but only three plates were set. I asked the lady to sit and eat with us, she said ‘no’, this is for Exie and her friends for her birthday. All I want is to serve you.

Brother Bill invited her to *Church*. She said, *‘once in awhile, but not every Sunday. I have things to get straightened out before I give my all to The Lord.’* She gave her all for us and that’s how she wants to give herself to The Lord. That night was really a Blessing to me.

I needed to leave early Friday morning, but Brother Bill and I talked a little that morning. The time was getting away, but when I put my hand out to shake his hand and say good-bye, I saw a single tear in Brother’s Bill eyes. That tear showed me his *zeal* for *The Work*.

To Alabama, Brother Darrel Bellamy went with me. There are two locals there. Give it Time and Love, they will be one. We were happy to see *The Church Doctrine* being Taught just as it is here: *Faith, Repentance, Baptism*. Went thirty miles away to Sister Moore’s house-all the same as is here.

I went to Brother Terry Laws house in Kansas to help put together African Message Books. The Laws work hard for The Lord, and The Lord will really Bless that.

**Everywhere I go, I see The Church Alive and Moving Forward.** I went to Omaha, Nebraska. This Sister, Debra Bogan, I knew some thirty years ago. I found a telephone number, and found her. She had an operation that caused her to lose some memory and lost connection with *The Church*. But through the years, she had *The Three Books*. Her *Books* were worn out. The Lord gave me Discernment that she is one of us.

We had talked some time of the events of *The Church* in 1994. I played her a Testimony of mine and her granddaughter heard The Testimony on her cell phone in another part of the house. *That was God!*

I plan to travel east then out west, for about a month each trip. Please Pray concerning those trips.

In Sedalia, I passed out Messages from door to door. I plan to have Services there without signing a lease. I hope to have a radio spot as well.

I didn't know what to tell you about Door to Door Ministry. You will have to do it sometime. *It is a Blessing!* So that is what I have been doing. I Hope you have been Blessed in knowing my travels.

I would like to read Hebrew 10:12-39, **'But this man, after he had offered one Sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on The Right Hand of God;**

**From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.**

**For by one offering he hath Perfected forever them that are Sanctified.**

**This is The Covenant that I will make with them after those days, Saith The**

**Lord, I will put My Laws into their Hearts and in their Minds will I write them;**

**And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

**Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.**

**Having therefore, brethren, Boldness to enter into The Holiest by The Blood of Jesus.**

**By a New and Living Way, which he hath Consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

**And having an high priest over The House of God;'**

What I am reading here, tells me that there will be a time that our enemies will be a footstool unto us. That our sins are removed and an Offering has been made for us through Jesus Christ. Our Soul's cleansing will Cause us to Walk in Newness with Jesus. What a Blessing this is.

Verse 20, **'By a New and Living Way, which He hath Consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

**And having an high priest over The House of God;**

**Let us draw near with a True Heart in Full Assurance of Faith, having our Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies Washed with Pure Water.**

**Let us hold fast The Profession of our Faith without wavering:(for he is Faithful that Promised;)**

**And let us consider one another to Provoke unto Love and to Good Works;**

**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.**

**For if we sin willfully after that we**

have Received The Knowledge of The Truth, there remaineth no more Sacrifice for sins.

But certain fearful looking for a judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses' Law died without Mercy under two or three Witnesses:

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot The Son Of God, and hath counted The Blood of The Covenant, wherewith he was Sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto The Spirit of Grace?

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, Saith The Lord. And again, The Lord shall Judge his people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into The Hands of The Living God.

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions:

Partly, whilst ye were made a gazing stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a Better and Enduring Substance.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done The Will of God, ye might Receive The Promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Now The Just shall Live by Faith, but if any man draw back, my Soul shall have no pleasure in him,

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that Believe to The Saving of The Soul.'

We must be Washed of our sins so that we can find *Power in Faith and Joy* in Faith. This is what *This Assembly* is all about. We must not provoke one another, and we should consider one another in Love.

We cannot make fun of one another. *True Joy in The Lord* is Given by *The Holy Ghost*. You must have Confidence in The Lord and not cast Him off.

I want the same Blessings in The Lord as when I was young, but now, I have to take The Word out. Our patience are being tried.

We must Work all we can to Save Souls through Faith. We must Live by Faith and keep Moving Forward. We cannot be the same as yesterday! *How do you know if you have Faith?* The Lord Said to Read Hebrew, Chapter Eleven and to Read it Often.

In my life now, The Lord told me to take *This Word* out. All I have to do is to give the people a *Message*. I can not make them Believe or Convince them, The Message is True. I Depend on The Lord to Reveal *The Truthfulness of The Word*.

Message 34:3, **'Hearken, Hearken: this is a Day of Haste! Will My Servants do My Bidding? Lo I have waited, yet many are slow to Heed, while many there be that have a Desire to put on The Whole Armor Of Christ, Saith The Master of men. Take to them The Message, for Christ's Coming is Near. Preach and Teach The Written Words and My Spirit will be with you as in the days of yore,**

**for My Gospel must be taken to all nations, for a Mighty Shaking will Come, then An Awakening, and many that Hear will Obey.'**

Some Servants that are *Called* are not taking *The Word* out. Those people didn't get *The Blessing*. The Lord didn't say for us to take our time, He said '*Hasten*'.

**Verse 6, 'Hasten, ye sons of Levi, Hasten to your Calling. Remember your Ancient Choosing, Calling and Promise of your Lord, Let not My Work suffer because of unbelief, but Arise and go Forth in The Strength of The Lord, for Love is your Work. Go in Faith. Bear ye The Fruits of My Spirit that there may be Order in My House. Let The Church of Christ take Her Place with The Gospel of Love to Govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer.'**

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Message 104:30, **'There are many, many that will help in The Building of The Temple of The Lord, if it were not for the unbelief, doubt, bitterness and selfishness, among those that claim to Love The Lord.'**

The Lord could of Said '*many*' only once, but He didn't. He Said it twice. Many people in the world today that could Work on *The Temple*, but they first have to have *The Word* to know about *This Work*. I am not telling you what you have to do, but God is telling me what to do. I was told so in *The Message Book*. If we were doing this, what happened in 1994 would not of happened because *The Church* would have been Filled with people that wanted to *Serve The Lord*.

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Right now, this is *The Best Way* to show The Lord I Believe and that is by taking *This Word* out to the world. Through my Obedience, I can show The Lord '**I Believe**'. It is The Evidence of my Faith.

You have to do something in your life to show The Lord you Believe! Abraham Believed by taking his son up the hill. The *Book of Hebrew* Recognized God would Raise his son from the dead to Fulfill His Promises to Abraham, but God stopped Abraham. Abraham showed his Faith.

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## From The Bishops

*Submitted by Editor*

### Tithes and Oblations

Message 12:5, ‘. . . Let the men who have been Placed in Charge and Appointed to Look after and Receive *The Tithes, Offerings and Oblations*, be Mindful of their Work, that the moneys so Received are spent Wisely. Let them give an Accounting to *The Church*, that Things may be Done in *Justice* to all, always being Mindful that they are *Ambassadors for Christ and The Church*, and that they will be without Excuse to God, for everyone must be *Faithful* to their *Trust* for this is *The Lord’s Work*, and so Shall it be Required of him in the last day.’

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

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

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

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

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

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

*ble.*

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

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

## Primary Department

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God loves us and Protects us from the scary things in life! He Says we are Precious to Him and because of that, He will Protect us just like He Always has with His People.

Just look at Isaiah 43:1-5, **‘But now thus Saith The LORD that Created thee, O Jacob, and He that Formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have Redeemed thee, I have Called thee by thy name; thou art Mine.**

**For I Am The LORD thy God, The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy Ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.**

Since thou was Precious in My Sight, thou hast been Honorable, and I have Loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

**Fear not: for I am with thee: I will Bring thy Seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;'**

See? God Tells us He will Protect us. He even Says that He will Be by our Side when we have to go through scary things. So next time you are scared, remember that you are not alone; God is With you. And he will protect you.

## Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

### What Are The Three Measures Of Meal

1. When your mother makes you a meal, she probably tries to give you food from all the food groups so you receive all the vitamins and nutrients you need to have a healthy body. Throughout the day you need dairy products protein, vegetables, fruits and grain. If you only ate from one food group you would be missing important vitamins your body needs.



2. The Holy Bible speaks of the Three Measures of Meal: Matthew 13:33-35 The Parable of the Leaven. **'And another parable spake He (Jesus) unto them;**

**All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables and without a**

**parable spake He not unto them:**

**That I might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, saying, 'I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world'.**

Also in Luke 13:20,21, **'And again He (Jesus) said, where unto shall I liken the Kingdom of God?**

**It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures (bushels) of meal, until the whole was leavened'.**

Leaven is like yeast or baking powder put in dough or batter to make it lighter – or to make it raise to be ready to cook. The woman put leaven in three baskets of meal (or coarsely ground grain) until it was all leavened or raised.

3. What are the 'Three Measures of Meal' needed to have the *fullness of the gospel*?

- (1) The Holy Bible
- (2) The Record of The Nephites
- (3) The Word of The Lord  
Brought to Mankind By An  
Angel

John the Baptist tells us in Message 81:24, **'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 106:17, **'I bring the Authority, the Everlasting Gospel. Heed it and the Words of Life and Truth as taught in the Bible and the Record of The Nephites with my Words'..**

Message 102:11,18,52, **'Knowledge cometh from study of the Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by obedience, Deliverance by endurance . . .**

**Prove all things by the Words of Truth in 'The Bible', Record of the Ne-**

phites’, and ‘The Word of The Lord’. All this is established for mankind, the guidelines of Hope and Deliverance. Man’s idealisms shall come to naught . . .

I speak that all Christendom may flow together and abide by ‘The Bible’ revealing great truths; the coming forth of ‘The Record of The Nephites,’ the Book, and ‘the Word of the Lord:’ Behold the books that will lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in the Lord’.

Message 86:60, ‘In The Bible and Record of The Nephites contains the Teachings and Pattern of The Fullness of The Gospel in its Plain and Precious Parts. But my Words and Authority gives The Right to Set The Church in order—The Church of Christ with The Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to Act in Establishing The Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in The Zion of The Lord. The Kingdom and Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High’.

Also see: Articles of Faith and Practice #9 and Message 1:1, ‘Together --- with all Three Books we have ‘The Fullness of The Gospel’; God’s Complete Plan.

4. The Scriptures tell us that many people Represent Christ, but we are to Represent Christ and His Church.

Message 81:22, ‘Many are to Represent Christ, but you men are to Represent Christ and His Church’.

Message 5:2, ‘Again in 1926, (speaking to Brother Otto Fetting) you and your brethren were set apart as members of The Twelve to Represent Christ and His Church, with the same Authority as The Apostles of old. Many are representing Christ but not Christ and His Church,

but you men have been chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here’.

Message 115:17, ‘There are many that have long represented Christ. Take to them the words I bring. Lead them into this Way with all its gifts and blessings, representing Chris and His Church. This Holy Priesthood is the pure love of Christ’.

Message 102:10, ‘If mankind seeketh to be of Service to God, let him come this Way. Suffer it to be so —receive this Authority and the Lord will multiply their good works’.

5. Those that represent Christ, and do not accept Christ’s True Church that was set up by an angel, His forerunner, John the Baptist, will loose the work they have. God wants everyone to accept His Three Measures of Meal which is the Fullness of the Gospel —All Three Books: The Holy Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of the Lord Brought to Mankind by An Angel’.

Message 88:23, ‘Without me and The Words of The Lord I bring, they build their house upon the sand where the storms of life and the doctrines of men will sweep them away and their works come to naught’.

Message 85:20, ‘Some that represent Christ, have talents and will hear this Cause and receive it and many fold will be their reward. Others will turn a deaf ear and what they have they will lose and their work will spoil and waste away’.

Message 86:6-,9, ‘Many represent Christ and have faith to do many miracles. This is good. If they hear the final call—this the Midnight Cry and obey it, their works will stand the test.

If they speak against this Work believing not that I come, they have not God—and will not be of the Bride, the Lamb's Church in the end.

He that believeth not these Words nor cometh not to obedience, hath not God.

God's Plan will not change to suit them that believe not, they must conform to His Will'.

Message 88:24, 'All that hear and obey my words shall come to understanding'.

Message 88:31, 'Some that have been Touched by The Spirit, that have felt its Quaking Power, shaking their very beings, let them Come through The Door to a Higher Plane, and Hands be Laid upon them for Greater Gifts and Obedient Will of God. Suffer it to be so to Fulfill The Way of Authority and Holy Priesthood and The Work of *The Church of Christ with The Elijah Message*. For this is my Command and Mission to Establish God's Church and Zion—with Authority to bring about The Restoration and Restitution of All Things'.

May God Bless you as you Study '*The Holy Bible*', '*The Record of The Nephites*' and '*The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel*'—The 'Three Measures of Meal'.

Love in Christ.

## Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Prayer and how we must Pray to The Lord. Prayer is our Communication with our Lord. We should Pray to Him

every-day. He wants us to Pray to Him Continually and Sustain a Strong Relationship with Him. First, we need to ask ourselves *what is Prayer and what does it mean?*

In the Webster Dictionary Prayer is defined as the following: 1.) An address (as a petition) to God in word or thought. 2.) An earnest request or wish.

2 Nephi 32:8-9 says, 'And now, my Beloved Brethren, I perceive that ye ponder still in your Hearts; and it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing, For if ye would Hearken unto The Spirit which Teacheth a man to Pray, ye would know that ye must Pray: for the evil spirit teacheth not a man to Pray, but teacheth him that he must not Pray. But Behold, I say unto you, that ye must Pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform anything unto The Lord, save in the first place ye shall Pray unto The Father in The Name of Christ, that He will Consecrate thy Performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy Soul.'

The Lord wants us to Pray always to Him but satan does not. Message 94:11 says, 'Be very watchful unto Prayer that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep's clothing.'

Satan is very clever and deceiving unto The Children of The Lord. This Message verse Warns us about him and tells us to be Careful.

3 Nephi 18:15 says, 'Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Ye must Watch and Pray always, lest ye be tempted by the devil, and ye are led away captive by him.'

Message 88:36 says, 'Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder

and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in hope, and hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I Bring and he will not have power over you.'

This Message is so Powerful because The Lord Promises us that if we are Watchful and Pray then we will be Protected against satan. He will NOT have any power over us. We need to have The Strength of Prayer like The Prophets of old. We had many that showed us Great Examples of Prayer and what it is to Pray from The Heart. We had Nephi, Alma, Mosiah, Enos, Jacob and many more others to follow in their example.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 says, **'Pray without Ceasing. In every thing give Thanks; for this is The Will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning you.'**

Luke 21:36 says, **'Watch ye therefore, and Pray always, that ye may be Accounted Worthy to escape all these things that shall Come to Pass, and Stand before The Son of man,'**

Message 39:16 says, **'Be Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are. You will see evil and deception. While The Good is at work the powers from beneath will be there also, but Watch and Pray, for the time Comes when they shall not hurt nor destroy in all The Lord's Holy Mount. Righteousness and Justice shall Rule.'**

When we Pray we need to Pray from The Heart. The Lord Hears our Prayers when we Pray from The Heart. He tells us that He will not Listen to Prayers that are not Honest in Heart.

He Lord Tells us to **'Meet in your Assembly and Cry Mightily unto Me. If your Prayer is of The Heart, I Will Hear you. I will not Accept the vain babblings and sutterings of the lips of man whose Prayer is not Sincere ...'**

Message 51:3 says, **'The Lord God Hears The Prayers of those that Seek Him. He has Heard The Prayers of His Servants and The Plea of His People.'**

Message 80:12 says, **'Meet in The Assembly, let your Prayers be Solemn and from The Heart.'**

Message 82:23 says, **'He Hears The Prayers of The Faithful and Humble. He will yet Hear and Answer to The Joy of The Righteous.'**

The Lord does Hear and Answer our Prayers when they are Sincere and from The Heart. When we Pray in vain to God then He has told us that He does not Hear our Prayers. When we Pray we need to remember these Message verses and Apply them in our daily Prayers.

The Lord also tells us to Pray often. In Message 23:2 says, **'Therefore, let your Hearts be Filled with Love. Pray Often that your Humility may be Seen and Felt by all men, and Fit yourselves for The Great Work that is before you, that God may Use you to His Glory and Help bring others to The Light.'**

When we Pray not only are we Pleasing The Lord but we are also setting an Example for others to follow.

The Lord tells us that we need to Pray over everything in our Lives. This is expressed in Alma 34:19-27 which reads, **'Yea, Humble yourselves, and Continue in Prayer unto Him; Cry unto Him when ye are in your fields; yea over all your flocks; Cry unto Him in your houses,**

Yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening; Yea, Cry unto Him against the power of your enemies; Yea, Cry unto Him against the devil, which is an enemy to all Righteousness. Cry unto Him over the crops of your fields, that they may Increase. But this is not all, ye must Pour out your Souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness. Yea, and when you do not Cry unto The Lord, let your Hearts be Full, Drawn out in Prayer unto Him Continually for your Welfare, and also for The Welfare of those which are around you.'

3 Nephi 18:20, 'And whatsoever ye shall Ask The Father in My Name, which is Tight, Believing that ye shall Receive and Behold it shall be Given unto you.'

The Lord is telling us that if we have Gaith when we Pray then He will Answer our Prayers. He will Bless us with the things that is in our Hearts and our Righteous Desires. I know that The Lord Answers Prayers because He has Answered many of mine.

In Closing, I would like to end with Moroni 7: 48, 'Wherefore, my Beloved Brethren Pray unto The Father with all The Energy of Heart, that ye may be Filled with This Love, which He has Bestowed upon all who are True Followers of His Son Jesus Christ, that ye may Become The Sons of God, that when He shall Appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is, that we may have this Hope, that we may be Purified, even as He is Pure. Amen.'

God Bless and remember to Pray for one another!

## Word Of Alma

*'Who could have supposed that our God would have been so Merciful as to have Snatched us from our awful, sinful, and polluted state?'*

Yea, he that Repenteth and Exerciseth Faith, and Bringeth forth Good Works, and Prayeth Continually without Ceasing: unto such it is given to Know The Mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to Reveal Things which never have been Revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of Souls to Repentance, even as it hath been given unto us to bring these our brethren to Repentance.'

## Special Notices

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Dianna Draves of Missouri. We send you our Love, Cares, and Prayers*

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**God Bless America,  
And our Military!**