

# The End Time Messenger

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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 Watchcare of all the Churches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Secretary For The Twelve  
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## FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear ones;

Once again we give our support to *The Work Of The Lord*, and be Blessed for it.

Message 12:10, '*. . . For Behold, The People of The Lord are glad to help in This Work Of The Lord, by Tithes and by Offerings for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto The Lord, for this was The Law in Abraham's Day who paid Tithes and The Lord Blessed him and The Lord will Bless in your day all those that shall keep His Law. Therefore, pay your Oblations to The Lord in all things that your Work may be accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your Work might stand the test . . .*'

May we all be Obedient to The Lord's Will. Now is the time so The Work can move on.

Message 29:30, '*. . . send your moneys as Tithing and Offerings to The Treasury Of The Lord that The Bishop may have means, that others may go and take The Message.*'

Message 52:22, '*The Lord has seen the Humility of many and felt after them and Blessed their Work. Let all pay their Oblations to The Lord that The Work may move on. There are those that obey His Law and are Blessed; so shall it be that Greater Peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come.*'

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**THE MESSAGE OF  
CHRIST TODAY  
*To All People***

**ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH  
MESSAGE**

*I was awaken at 3:30 a.m. October 14, 1990, at my home in Independence, Missouri, USA. I noticed The Light that accompanies The Angel Messenger, The Elias, filled the house brighter than the noon day sun.*

*I quickly arose, went to the kitchen, there sat The Messenger of The Lord. He arose, took me by the right hand and sat me at the table. He turned the paper tablet that I had on the table, so I could write.*

*He had begun to speak. He repeated so as for me to write The Words of the Message as he gave them.*

*I finished The Message. He arose again, took me by my hand as he left. I followed him to the front door and I noticed the yard was as light as day outside the front of the house.*

*I sat and read The Message through, feeling greatly Blessed because of it for The Church Work. Also weakened very much ,having spent last week in the hospital of illness. I decided not to call anyone this early in the morning for help on The Message at this moment,*

*but went back to bed.*

*However, felt to write this introduction before lying down. It was 5:39 a.m.*

*I worry about ‘adjust to the multitude’, when so few listen to This Angel’s Message, ‘The Word Of The Lord Brought to Mankind By An Angel’.*

*Bless us all precious Lord Jesus. This same Angel has visited me at various intervals for the past 53 years and 10 days.*

**-W. A. Draves**

**1. ‘Behold! Take The Message I shall give you.**

**2. I come with a Message of Love and Instruction. There are many that have prayed that I come and bring instructions and directions for The Church and Work at this time.**

**3. I am The Messenger sent from God. I am The Resurrected John The Baptist. Though many of mankind do not believe now, the day comes when they will inquire of my coming. I am The Elias that is for to come as The Scriptures foretell.**

**4. It was even revealed to Moses in his day and he discerned the future Plan of The Lord God and spake saying, ‘a prophet like unto me, meaning himself. Also saying like unto Moses, again himself, born from among the brethren, earthly parents.**

**5. The Lord God is Christ and He changes not. The Creator of all things.**

**6. IT is mankind that has created stumbling blocks, failing to grasp The Truth, and has ruined the lives of many. Destroying the Plan of God to make it one of none effect among men.**

**7. Know ye this, The Lord Jesus Christ is Creator and never a prophet at any time. It is unlearned mankind that speaketh otherwise. Full well they know their traditions will ease the flow with the**

doctrine of man, than to heed The Humble Truth and True Traditions.

8. Let mankind respect The Lord Christ, and Honor Him; His Sacrifice on The Cross and Resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive Deliverance and Salvation.

9. There is no other Way, but to Heed and Obey His Voice. I speak His Will. I bring The Message of Life, speaking His Words and Instructions. Hear, Oh hear, all mankind.

10. These days are fulfilling The Elias coming, wherein I am he Jesus The Lord God spoke of.

11. The people perish for lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in The Lord.

12. When a man is at peace with God, even his enemies respect him.

13. Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to The Standard Rule and Plan of This Work, let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.

14. Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.

15. My coming is to Guide and Hold Steady The Work of The Church.

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

17. See that all come to The Church's teaching: all preaching the same thing.

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

19. The greatest days of tribulation is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand. But be ye Peace Makers, thus receive The Greater Blessing.

20. Hold The Truth and Faith of The Church in great Honor—which shall mean Salvation to all that will hear This Way, Assured in The Lord's Planning. Peace be unto all. The Peace of Life is gentle and kind to mankind if he will but let Peace and Joy rule and obey The Injunctions and Words I bring. My Words shall have their place in the hearts of the honest.

21. This Way of Truth is set firm, yet bold and sure, and The Lord will have His Way with all.

22. Think again. Where is Wisdom in This Work?

23. Use Wisdom in choosing laborers.

24. The Lord accepts the work of Norman D. Lyles, seek out the members in This Work. The Lord by His Spirit is with him. Success will be with him.

25. It is not wisdom that John O'Keefe be in the field at this time. Let him find work in Illinois, The Lord will Bless him and his family. He shall yet rejoice greatly in This Work keeping The Faith.

26. I will come again as the need is and The Lord directs.

27. Give this Message to the brethren, The Church; to those called Restoration; and to all the world. Amen!'

## *The Meaning of Our Seal*

Revelation 12:1, 'And there appeared a Great Wonder in Heaven; a Woman clothed with the sun and the moon under Her feet, and upon Her head a Crown of

**Twelve Stars.'**

There can be no misunderstanding the significance of this symbolic Woman. It is The Church of Christ as the following citation will show. 11 Cor. 11-12, Eph. 5:23, Revelation 7:10. John 1:29, and Matthew 15:1-13.

She was clothed with the sun, The Greatest Light of Heaven, The Gospel of Jesus Christ. It shed it's rays of Light in effulgent Glory upon The Church in Visions, Dreams, Prophecies, Tongues, and Personal Ministration of Angels.

The moor under Her feet Represents the lesser lights of Religion, particularly The Mosiac Law, no longer the ruling system. It was a Law of Types and Shadows, reflecting The Light of Christ in symbolic service (Hebrews 10:11). It passed away, nailed to The Cross of Christ, and The Gospel Arose and Shone from The Heavens, Preached in all the world as The Power of God unto Salvation (Romans 2:16).

The Crown of Twelve Stars portrayed The Quorum of Twelve Apostles. A Crown Represents a King, and The Twelve, first to be Called, foremost in Authority, closest to their Lord, and foremost Representatives of King Jesus are well described as a Crown of Twelve Stars on The Head of His Church. From *Light at Evening Time*, Pages 39-40, (Margaret MacGregor: Author).

Message 54:6, **'This Work shall continue on, for Love is The Message I bring. The Church of Christ shall never again be destroyed. The evil shall not prevail against Her for She shall be Adorned with a Crown of Twelve Bright Stars and Garments of Righteousness.'**

***From The Editor***

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

*Missouri*

**The God Who Can Bless Mothers**

II Timothy 1:1-11, **'Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by The Will of God, according to *The Promise of Life* which is in Christ Jesus.**

**To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, Mercy, and Peace, from God The Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**I Thank God, whom I Serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my Prayers night and day.**

**Greatly desiring to see thee being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with Joy;**

**When I call to remembrance the Unfeigned Faith that is in thee, *which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.***

**Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up The Gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.**

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *Power and of Love and of a Sound Mind.***

**Be not thou therefore ashamed of The Testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of The Gospel according to The Power of God;**

**Who hath Saved us, and Called us with an Holy Calling, not with an Holy Calling, not according to our works, but according to His own Purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.**

**But is now made manifest by The**



**Appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath Abolished death, and hath brought Life and Immortality to Light through The Gospel.**

**Whereunto I am appointed a Preacher, and an Apostle, and a Teacher of the Gentiles.'**

Message 41: 3-4, **'I speak The Words of The Lord. Let His Servants Heed and the Lord shall Continue to be with them in their labors for Him and Great shall be their Joy because of their Faith in Him. For He Saith He will not Leave thee. Your Reward shall be Sure. Therefore, Sanctify yourselves, let your minds be single to God, for the day soon cometh when He shall Appear.**

**Teach Diligently *The Doctrine of The Gospel of The Kingdom*. Pray Earnestly, Willingly Obey and His Spirit shall Attend you, that you might be Instructed more in *The Way of Peace and Principle* in all things pertaining to your Welfare and Salvation.'**

John Quincy Adams said, *'All that I am my mother made me.'* Abraham Lincoln said, *'All that I am or Hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.'* We all can say, *'All that I have ever accomplished in life, I owe to my mother.'* The influence of a Godly mother over her children cannot be overstated and ought not be undervalued! Paul noted the influence of two mothers. And it is that kind of mother that God can Bless.

To illuminate The Great Influence of a Godly mother, let me tell you about one such mother. Her husband and daughter had gone out in their fishing boat and were overtaken by a dense fog. This mother knew how dangerous the coast was and that in the fog her beloved would not be able to find

their way. So she took a lamp and put it in the attic window, hoping its rays would serve as a beacon to direct her family home. As we consider mother and her influence over her family, *let's consider that kind of mother God can Bless.*

### **A Godly Mother Sets Out A Light For Her Family**

You can be sure there was a lot of light shining in Timothy's home. His grandmother Lois had given light to her daughter Eunice, and then in turn that light had illuminated young Timothy.

These are dark times, Spiritually speaking. Gang activity increases. Consumption of alcohol and use of other drugs abounds. The acultic doctrines proliferate as The New Age Movement and Psychic Hotlines lead many astray. Evolution is taught as established fact and Creationism is scoffed at as Religious poppycock. Sexual immorality is not only condoned but is encouraged on every hand. Divorce and the break-down of the home is at epidemic proportion. The abandonment of Christian Values is wide-spread.

But mothers, there is Light! Let yours shine!. The Light of Good Deeds, benevolence and unselfish service. The Light of God's Word, Spoken, Cherished and Lived out in your home. The Light of *Truth, Honesty, Sincerity, and Integrity* integrated into our character. The Light of Jesus Christ, Trusted as Saviour, Obeyed as Lord, and Esteemed as Almighty God.

Though our culture is stagnant and our society is deviant, The Light Shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, will not, and never can Overcome it! Set your Light in the window and it will shine through the

fog. *That's the kind of mother God can Bless.*

So this mother set a lamp in the window as a beacon, Her Godless son said, contemptuously, *'It won't do any good!'*

Nevertheless, she kept the lamp lit and added to it her Prayers for the deliverance of her husband and daughter. Out in the fog, the little girl saw the faint light in the distance and pointed it out to her father, *'We'll steer for that!'* said the father and slowly they made their way toward the light and shore. *Here is another factor in a Godly mother's life that God can Bless.*

Message 41:11, **'Verily, verily, I plead with you that you stand not in jeopardy. Come unto Me and I will Give unto you The Water of Life freely. Lift up your heads all ye Faithful and Rejoice for I Am He that Dwelleth on High and have Great Power. My Power shall be more Greatly Manifested in the future among ye that Believe than has been in the past. Therefore, I Say unto you. Lift up in Faith and be Glad in The Strength I shall give, for I Am your Redeemer and I Shall Cause thee to Stand.'**

### **A Godly Mother Preserves In Prayer**

#### **For Her Family**

It isn't in the text, but it had to be in the home. Any home in which Faith is passed n from generation to generation has, by default, to be a *Home of Prayer*. One cannot imagine Lois not Praying for Eunice. Sometimes we worry and fret and grow anxious about our blood. *Will they grow to be Good Citizens and useful people in society? Will they make it in life? Will they keep The Faith and Walk through Life with The Lord?* These and other concerns rest heavy on the

hearts of Godly mothers. But each pressure, each burden, each worry, each concern ought to be a signal to Pray!

We read in **Acts 12:12** that the mother of John Mark had opened her home to a Prayer Meeting for Peter who was imprisoned. The Church gathered there was in fervent, extended, Unceasing Prayer. *That's the hallmark of a Godly mother.*

After *The Resurrection and Ascension* of Jesus, we find Mary, Jesus' mother gathered with the 120 in an Upper Room.

Acts 1:14 (shows us that) **'These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to Prayer.'**

Paul urged the Christians: Colossians 4:2, **'Devote yourselves to Prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of Thanksgiving,'**

1 Thessalonians 5:17, **'Pray without Ceasing.'**

Philippians 4:6, **'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'**

Though the pressures sometimes mount and our worries about our families run wild, let us Persevere in Prayer. Add Prayer to your Light and it can Shines through the fog. *That's the kind of mother God can Bless.*

Seeing the light in the window, and I am certain, assisted by the mother's Prayers, husband and daughter were soon safely ashore. The family embraced upon reunion and the son asked, *'How did you make it back in?'* The little girl said, *'We saw the light mother put in the window, but we didnt't know what it was out there.'* To himself, the ungodly son mused, *'Perhaps it is time for me to steer by mother's light'.* And that, too, *is another cause for God to Bless a Godly mother.*

### A Godly Mother Instills Faith In Her Family

Notice the chain that was created: Lois to Eunice to Timothy. We know from **Acts 16:1**, that Lois and Eunice were Jewish and that Timothy's father was a Greek. Since he is not mentioned here, it seems certain that he was not a Christian. This Godly mother's influence was not stifled by that fact.

Notice some characteristics of *The Faith Instilled*. It was most certainly a Christ-centered Faith. Timothy was a Disciple and his mother a Believer. It was a sincere faith, not phony or put on or for the eyes or approval of men. It was a personal Faith, it was in Timothy as well as in his mother and grandmother. It was an Evangelistic Faith. Mother led daughter, then that daughter led her son who became a pastor at Ephesus.

*A Godly mother will seek to instill Christian Faith* and is more interested in her children's Souls than their bodies. Her Childrens' Eternal Life than their success in this life. Her children' relationship to Jesus Christ than their popularity in the world. Her childrens standing before God than their social status. Her children' Spirituality than their sportuality.

Message 41:13, **'... Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life, Enter in at The Straight Gate, Abide in The Way.'**

This Godly mother not only put a light in the attic window, but let her light shine in front of her family. A few months later, the son became ill and the doctor uttered the grim prognosis, *'He won't live long.'* As death approached, the young man said, *'Don't be afraid for me, I will make the harbor for I have been steered by mother's light and have found The Savour, Jesus Christ.'* There is a Great Need on the one

hand for followers of Jesus Christ to send The Light, there's a Great Need on the other hand to steer by that Light as you become aware of its beams. Perhaps you are away in the fog of insecurity-you feel unsure that God Loves you or will Forgive you. Perhaps your fog is doubt or unbelief or stubborn rebellion. The light shines in the darkness-it shines for you to see-it Shines to Lead you to *Jesus Christ, the Light of the world*. Steer by that Light and you will find harbor in Him.

Message 40:12, **'Be Prayerful and The Light The Lord shall Send will Point The Way. The Spirit shall Fill the hearts of men and the desire in their hearts shall find Joy in the Lord.'**

### Happy Mother's Day

*Happy Mother's Day* means more  
Than have a happy day.  
Within those words lie lots of things  
We never get to say.

It means *I Love you* first of all.  
Then *Thanks for all you do*.  
It means *you mean a lot to me*,  
And that *I Honor you*.

But most of all, I guess it means  
*That I am Thinking of*  
*Your Happiness* on this, your day, With  
*Pleasure and with Love*.

### *I Know We Sometimes Argue*

I know we sometimes argue, and  
I sometime blow my lid.  
But I still *Love you very much*.  
I'm only just a kid.

Sometimes I need to push against  
The fences you erect,

Even though I know they're there  
To shelter and protect.

I know you want the best for me  
And to keep me from all harm.  
I just want you to know I couldn't  
Have a better mom.

## *From The Apostles*

### **John The Baptist: That Prophet**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Iowa*

While studying and writing my sermon to be preached at *The Assembly*, I had some more thoughts that I would like to share with you concerning John being 'That Prophet' instead of Jesus as has been the accepted belief and interpretation until the Messenger revealed that he is 'That Prophet' that Moses spoke of so long ago that would be like unto himself. It is not my intent to cover this fully at this time. In making the comparison between John and Moses there are some striking similitude's between them. In passing through The Red Sea all were baptized unto Moses under the cloud and in the sea all ate the same Spiritual Meat and all drank the same Spiritual Drink from the same rock and that rock was *Christ*.

Did not Moses receive The Word face to face from The Lord God and did not The Lord through Moses establish His Priesthood and Authority in Levi and his sons? *Did not the people of Israel have Moses bring them The Word because they could not live in the Cloud or face God because of their sins?* Was not The Priesthood with its high priest a shadow or type of that Holy Priesthood after The Order

of Christ so that the people might receive God's Covenant with them through the blood of sheep and goats for their purification until the final and *real atonement* of Christ's Blood?

Now consider John's work. He received The Word face to face from God. He is again The Announcer of God's Covenant. He has Restored The Holy Priesthood and Authority for The Cleansing of the sons of Levi and purifying of the people that they may be able to be in The Presence of God. Before Moses caused The Tabernacle to be built The Cloud rested on the mountain and then after on The Tabernacle and no unclean thing could enter into it. *Hasn't The Messenger told us that The Temple must be built with Clean Hands and a Pure Heart and The Cloud of The Lord will rest upon it and no unclean person will enter into it?* Also that he will over see that it is done according to God's Directions. There The Endowment of His Servants is to take place to finish The Work. And Also those that won't receive what he has brought from God will be cut off.

Read what The Messenger has said: Message 108:4-11 (Christ has designed the Way). Message 72:5, Message 102:58-59 (The Trust and keeping with This Authority is given once again to men, entrusted to The Priesthood and Ministry of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message*. He has given us the charge of keeping it and taking to all the World that they might receive it).

In the 113th Message , he spoke these words with others before the brothers returned overseas ( Message 113:17-18).

Now read what Paul said about The Way of The Lord in His day, (Ephesians 4:1-15). Let me close this writing by giving to you the following from Message 94. Brother

Draves wrote in his heading to this Message the following, then giving what The Lord said in the first six verses.

### **Message 94**

*The Angel Messenger of The Lord appeared in my home, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 11, 1975 at 4:15 a.m. 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 fifty (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, (1) all pass away.**

**3. Fear not, The Lord is doing a Marvelous Work and a Wonder(2) 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,(3) for I bring The Gospel of The Kingdom to Awaken and Light The Way, all that comes 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 (4) 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.’**

1. Matthew 24:34      3. Message 31:7  
2. Isaiah 29:14      4. I John 2:20

## ***From The Bishops***

### **Our Mission Is Love!**

*Bishop Matthew Thompson  
Missouri*

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

The Lord tells us that Love is our Mission. When I think of the word ‘Love’, I immediately think of Christ and The Sacrifice He made for you and me. ‘Love’ is our Mission’, it is what Christ’s Gospel is molded from. It is what The Scriptures is all about.

*Where would we be without The Three Books?* What a Blessing it is to be part of This Great Work. What a Blessing it is to see the things that were Written to unfold right before your eyes.

We are a Blessed People to have *The Fullness of The Gospel* and to know that The Lord indeed sends us His Messenger, John The Baptist to fulfill what is written in *The Bible* (Malachi, Chapter 3 and 4) and *The Record Of The Nephites* (III Nephi, Chapters 24 and 25).

We must be grounded in The Scriptures and know God’s Word. We must Obey all His Laws.

Message 65:2, ‘Verily, The Lord has Heard The Prayers of The Faithful who have cried from the heart. Therefore, He Has and Will Bless all that do His Will. Let all be Calm and Sedate in The Lord, not boastful nor wise in their own conceit. Remember, Love is your Mission, to Preach and Teach Repentance with Faith in God that Salvation may come to all who will Hear and Obey The Word of God.’

God is telling us to be Humble, Calm and Sedate in Him. In order to be this way, we must Pray, Study, Repent, and Obey God. Trust in God and He will give you much Strength and Direction in your life.

Remember always, The Love of God has for each of us. Remember to Serve Him only and not get caught up in man’s ideas and ways. Our Mission is to get God’s Gospel to others so they might know The Truth, that they will have a Way to Salvation with The Lord. It is all about the ‘Love’ we have for Jesus and our Willingness to Serve only HIM!

Let us all open our heart and Obey God’s Words and Allow His Holy Spirit to Work within us, so we can be Vessels for The Lord and This Great Cause.

If you have God in your heart, then you will have ‘Love’ for all people and for This Great Work. Answer by your Actions, be True to God! Remember also, to Pray always! Amen!

## ***Something To Think About***

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Missouri*

Isaiah 6:5, ‘Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone, because I am a man of,

unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, The Lord of Hosts.’

An exalted view of God brings a clear view of sin and a realistic view of self. A diminished view of God brings a reduced concern for sin and an inflated view of self. Isaiah may have been satisfied with his personal holiness until he saw The Lord in His Unspeakable Glory. Isaiah’s encounter with The Holy God made him immediately and keenly aware of his own un-holiness and then sinfulness of those around him. It is impossible to worship God and remain unchanged. The best indication that we have truly worshiped God is a changed heart.

Have we so conformed ourselves to a sinful world that we are satisfied with unholy living? Have we sunk so far below God’s Standard for us that when someone does live as God intended, we consider that person ‘super spiritual’?

If we only compare our personal holiness to those around us, we may be deceived into believing that we are living a consecrated life. Yet when we encounter our Holy God, our only response can be ‘Woe is me’?

You will not see those around you Trusting Jesus until they recognize a clear difference between you and the rest of the world. God wants to sanctify you as He is Holy. When God deals with you there will be a radical degree of purity about your life that is absolutely different from what the world can produce.

The world including those closest to you will be convinced you serve a Holy God by your consecrated life

I will end this with The Scripture in The Word of The Lord Brought To Mankind By An Angel, Message 106:26.

**‘Thus Saith The Lord, I will give you a**

New Heart and put a New Spirit within you, and you shall Walk in My Statutes. I will put My Laws in your minds. There shall be Peace throughout The Land Of Zion and Jerusalem and The Remnant whom I shall Call My Strongholds,

Deliverance will be there.'

Message 102:54, 'Eternity has place for all that Look to The Lord and View Him as their Savior, Lord and King.'

## 2011 General Assembly NOTICE

June 26-29, 2011

Dear Readers of '*The Greater Light*';

Greetings in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. It is that time of the year again that we start thinking and preparing to gather together in *The House Of The Lord* to meet and worship with our Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the world.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend **The 2011 General Assembly** of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, as we Study and Teach The Word Of God in Truth.

Come with a Prayer upon your heart that God will Rule and Overrule in all things. The Gospel of The Kingdom Of God must go forth from This Center Place to all the Nations. We shall meet at 2:00 p.m. at *The Community of Christ Church, 1316 South Osage Street, Independence, Missouri.*

The Independence, Missouri, Local will be holding Services at The General Church Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. 215 South Lynn St, Independence, MO 64040. They invite all to attend that we may Prepare for The

General Assembly together.

Message 18:3, 'The Cleansing time has come. God by His Spirit, will touch *the honest in heart in all nations and will gather them together to prepare a people that shall be His Church in very deed.* I shall go before The Lord, to prepare The Way and prepare a people to meet Christ. This is my work.'

Message 43:15, 'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard of The Lord for the last time. Therefore turn away from the traditions of men and things that cause contention.'

## Attention

*Pre-Assembly Meetings* of the Twelve and Bishops will be held, **Saturday, June 25, 2011**, at The General Church Headquarter' Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri 64050 at **10:00 a.m.**

## Notice

The *Assembly Committee* request any donations to help off set for *The 2011 General Assembly*. Please send any and all donations to The Bishop's Office, 215 South Lynn Street, Independence, Missouri, 64050.

## Motel Listings

(All have 816 area code)

### Grain Valley, Missouri (East of Indep.)

Koxy Inn (I-70 & Grain Valley exit)	229-2323
Scottish Inn (I-70 and 24 Highway)	224-3420

### Blue Springs, Missouri (East of Indep.)

American Inn (I-70&Wood Chapel Rd)	228-1080
Interstate Inn (I-70 & Wood Chapel Rd).	228-6311
Ramada Inn (I-70 & 7 Highway)	229-6363
Motel 6 (I-70 & 7 Highway)	228-9133

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 Howard Johnson Express (I-70 & 7 Highway)  
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**Independence, Missouri**

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 Comfort Inn (607 SE Oldham Pkwy) 524-8181  
 Econo Lodge (8500 E. 350 Highway) 353-3000  
 Fairfield Inn (2211303 NE Windsor Dr.) 524-7572  
 Frontier Motel (12015 E. 350 Highway) 356-8340  
 Holiday Inn (4011 Blue Ridge & I-70) 353-5300  
 Hyline Inn (15008 E 40 Highway) 373-0956

**Message 44:8**

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

**Message 38:2**

**'The Lord has Blessed His People, those that are willing to hear Him, for the Words I bring are His Words, and they that heareth *The Words of The Lord* and Obey, shall be His Church in very deed.'**

**2011 General Assembly  
 Schedule (Tentative)**

**Sunday, June 26, 2011**

**2:00 p.m. Opening Service**  
*Opening Remarks: Apostle Richard Johnson*  
*Speaking: Apostle Leonard H. Draves*  
**3:30 p.m. Sacrament And  
 Sacrament Service**  
*Apostle Donald Thompson and  
 Bishop Matthew Thompson*  
**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**  
*Introduction by Bishop Reece Johnson*  
*Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates*

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

**10:30 Priesthood Meeting**  
*Apostle Merbyn Johnson*  
*Apostle Leonard H> Draves*  
**1:00 p.m. Study Class**  
*Apostle Jairus Yates*  
**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**  
*Introduction by Apostle Mervyn Johnson*  
*Speaking: Apostle Donald Thompson*  
**3:00 p.m. Baptism and Sacrament**  
*Apostle Donald Thompson*  
*Apostle Richard Johnson*  
**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**  
*Introduction by Apostle Mervyn Johnson*  
*Preaching: Apostle Richard Johnson*

**Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

**10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting**  
*Apostle Mervyn Johnson*  
*Apostle Leonard H. Draves*  
**1:00 p.m. Study Class**  
*Apostle Jairus Yates*  
**2:00 p.m. Preaching Service**  
*Introduction by Apostle Donald Thompson*  
*Preaching: Bishop Matthew Thompson*  
**3:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony**  
*Apostle Donald Thompson and  
 Bishop Matthew Thompson*  
**7:00 p.m. Preaching Service**  
*Introduction by Apostle Richard Johnson*  
*Speaking: Bishop Reece Johnson*



## Wednesday, June 29, 2011

### 10:30 Priesthood Meeting

Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

### 1:00 p.m. Study Class

Apostle Jairus Yates

### 2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Speaker: Elder Richard Sega

### 3:00 p.m. Music & Praise

Apostle Donald Thompson

### 4:00 p.m. Testimony Service

Apostle Donald Thompson

### 7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction by Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Speaking: Apostle Leonard H. Draves

### 8:00 p.m. Closing of The Assembly Sacrament

Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Apostle Donald Thompson  
Bishop Reece Johnson

## Handmaidens of The Lord

Will Meet Monday through Wednesday.

Hours and Topics will come later.

If you wish to help, contact Sister Thresa Ray

## Articles

## Seeking Guidance For Your Family Needs

Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri

Never does The Bible seem more helpful than when it speaks to our inner needs; when we find in it Words for singing our joy in living, or consolation in our disappointments, or strength beyond our own to meet periods of insecurity, or clear, strong guidance for our hour of indecision, or prayers that utter our own cries to God.

It is a library of Books, covering in subject matter *The Full Panorama of Life*

and Death, and because it is not indexed according to the daily requirements of our families, we muddle along when at our elbows is *The Inspiration* we most need.

Why not build our own index? Why not list the times when *The Bible* might clarify our thinking and give guidance to our wayward moods? Here is a beginning, culled from the experience of a few families who have found the help they sought in the passages listed below. Expand the list to meet your own requirements. Add helpful references as you go exploring in *The Bible* and find them. Then when times of crisis comes (as they come to us all) the wisdom of the ages can be brought to bear upon your own problem.

The reference below are only suggestions, and they have been selected not so much for personal meditation, as for family reading. If perchance the references suggested 'leaves you cold', search it out in all *The Scriptures* we have: *The Word of The Lord*, and *The Record Of The Nephites*.

Do more than use this list--add to it. Give *The Bible* a chance to speak to your own need.

### *In your times of rejoicing:*

Birthday wishes from *The Book*: Psalm 119:105; Philippians 4:7-8; James 1:17.

When life has been bountiful and good: Psalms 92:1-5; 100; 95:1-7.

When one member has won achievement or honor: Romans 12; Mark 10:42-45.

On the first day of Spring: Song of Solomon 2:11-13; Psalm 65: 9-13; 104.

### *When the family faces new opportunities and responsibilities*

When moving into a new home: Psalm

127:1; Matthew 7:24-28; I Corinthians 1:3; Colossians 3; Proverbs 16:17

At the birth of a child: Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 18:1-6

On the eve of a high school contest: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 6: 10-18

When new employment is selected or begun: Philippians 3:12-17; 2:13

When an older son or daughter becomes engaged: 1 Corinthians 13; Genesis 29:1-20; Ruth 1: 16-18; Proverbs 31: 10-31

### ***When the family faces separation***

When a son or daughter goes off to school: James 1:2-8; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119; Proverbs 3: 13-24; 4: 5-9

When a father or mother must be gone for awhile: John 15: 1-14;

When the family circle is broken by death: Psalm 23; John 14; Hebrews 11; 1-3, 13-16; Matthew 28

### ***When your Faith in the Christian Way is tested***

When resentments and misunderstanding separate us from one another: Matthew 5: 43-48; 7: 12; Luke 6: 35-38; Ephesians 4:31,32

When we have been wronged and it seems hard to forgive: Philemon, Matthew 18: 21-35; Matthew 6: 14-15

When we have wronged another: Psalm 51; 1 John 1: 6-10

When we face temptation: Ephesians 3: 14-21; James 1: 12=23

When we are faced with a task that seems too big; James 1: 12-23

When we are faced with a task that seems too great for us: Matthew 5: 13-16; 7: 7-11; Ephesians 6: 10-18; Philippians 4: 11-13

### ***When the family faces insecurity***

In times of financial crisis; Matthew 6: 7-13; 19:34

When illness engulfs one member: Psalm 90: 1-6; 14-17; 91; 2 Timothy 1: 12

In times of community or national tension: Micah 4: 2-5; 6: 8; Psalm 100: 3-5.

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

*Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Missouri*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God forbids His People ever to join in with the worship of counterfeit church bodies, no matter how close to The Truth they might seem! Only the genuine worship of God with His True Church is acceptable to Him. Jesus said He would be with His Church till the end of time, that He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it in this day and time of the end. His Church, The True Church of Christ, is commissioned to preach and publish The Gospel to all the world in these last days. It must be preaching The Gospel of The Kingdom in all the world for a witness, perhaps not all converted, but only as a witness. Matthew 24:14, ***'unto all nations, then shall the end come'*** .

Jesus Christ did not found many different churches, each teaching a different gospel, each practicing different doctrines. Christ said, ***'I will build MY Church.'*** One church commissioned to preach and publish

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

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

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

Jesus joined none of the religious sects of His day. On the contrary, He called His Disciples out of them. The Greek word 'ecclesia' translated into English means *'the called out ones'*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Listen to Christ's Words—**‘Enter ye in**

**at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it’** (Matthew 7:13-14).

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

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

Luke 13:24-30, **‘Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

**When once The Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are;**

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

**But He shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.**

**There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the Prophets, in The Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.**

**And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in The Kingdom of God.**

**And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.’**

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

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

Matthew 16:18, ‘. . . I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it’

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

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

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

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

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

I Corinthians 12:27, ‘Now ye are The Body of Christ, and members in particular’

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

The organic Structure of The kingdom or Church of Christ is described thus in Holy Writ, I Corinthians 12:28, ‘And God hath set some in The Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings,

helps, governments, diversities of tongues.’

The leading officers described are those of apostles and prophets. The work assigned to these officers was very important as described in Ephesians 4:11-12, ‘And He gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers;

‘For the perfecting of The Saints, for The Work of The Ministry, for the edifying of The Body of Christ.’

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

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

Ephesians 3:13, ‘Till we all come in the Unity of The Faith, and The Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measures of the Stature of The Fullness of Christ:’

The purpose of these functions and gifts given to The Church was with the idea of Service in orderly manner.

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

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

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

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

All alike, all faileth and are empty, because of sin and transgression, changing The Ordinances and destroying The Teaching of The Lord's Covenant. The teaching of my coming and proclaiming of The Hour of God's Judgment has come, The Time of The end, The End Time, The Lord's Return in like manner as He ascended.

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

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

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

I am the one chosen of The Lord, Mighty and Strong One. I shall not falter, The Work shall be accomplished. The Kingdom shall be prepared and given to The Saints of The Most High.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gift of Prophecy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Message 47:3-4 tells us, **'The Promises The Lord has made to Israel shall be fulfilled, and all things established in Peace and Righteousness. Therefore, that This Work might be carried on, The Lord has sent me. I am The Messenger of The Lord. I come in The Spirit and Power of Elias—I am The Elias—I come that a Restoration of all things might be.**

**Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or The Word I bring from The Lord God, for I come to do The Will of The Lord and my name is John.**

I am The Servant of The Lord sent to bring *The Last Pruning of His Vineyard*, to *Cleanse and Make Ready*, that there might be a *Holy Priesthood: Clean, Upright, and Just*. Therefore *The Command* is for all to be *True, Obedient*.

Let all abide in *The Words of The Lord* who came to give Himself a *Ransom* that mankind might be *Redeemed*, and a *Way of Deliverance* from that awful state be prepared for all whosoever will walk therein and be *Saved*. Therefore, *His Decrees* cannot be altered nor *His Plan* frustrated, but *His Design* shall be fulfilled and purpose accomplished, for The Lord turns to do a *Mighty Work* among *His People Israel*, for *The Voice of Truth* shall ring out and *The Sound of Joy* shall be heard. Then shall all darkness recede and *This Great Spiritual Light* will *Light The Way* of those that are *Humble before God*.'

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



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

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

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

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



## Amazing Data on Moses

*Submitted By Sister Ellen Draves  
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Moses and the people were in the desert, but *what was he going to do with them?*

They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food.

According to The Quartermaster General in The Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains,

each at least a mile long, would be required!

Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day.

And just think, they were forty years in transit.

And Oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day and a freight train with tank cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring water!

And then another thing! They had to get across The Red Sea at night. Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in The Red Sea, 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5000 abreast to get over in one night.

But then, there is another problem each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long. Think of it! This much space for camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not!

You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him.

*Now do you think God has any problem taking care of all your needs?*

***I asked The Lord to Bless you, as I Prayed for you today.*** To Guide you and Protect you as you go along your way. His Love is always with you and His Promises are True, if we give Him all our cares, rest assured He'll see us rough.

Our God is an Awesome God! So when the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best, just remember, keep on Praying, and God will do the rest.

## Prayer Works

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When I was in high school a short story by Leo Tolstoy about a middle aged man who had a large family and I read a low paying, dead end job in Moscow. He made some friends among The Cassocks on the plains in Russia. They liked him so they decided to do him a good deed. They told him they would give him all the land he could run around in one day: he was to stake the claim out himself, make it as large or small as he wanted it to the perimeter of the property at dawn and get to the finish point before sunset. The rest of the story is about all the thoughts and emotions that came to him as he decided how large or small to stake out his claim and then what happened on the run. He wound up with a huge section of land he had to run around.

At dawn his Cassock friends fired the starting pistol and he began the run, pacing himself so as to finish the long day ahead. Late in the afternoon he almost gave up because he was so exhausted but then the finish line came to his view and in the distance he could see his Cassock friends cheering him on and that gave him courage to keep on going, but just before he got to the finish line he had a heart attack and dropped dead. His friends were really saddened but all they could do was dig a hole and bury him where he died.

Well the name of the story is 'How Much Land Does a Man Need?', and the moral of it is that all the land a man needs is a hole

big enough to bury him in. I never forgot that story, it made a big impact on me at a young age.

But I had a heart attack myself, and I was working at the time it happened as hard as the man in the story was running, and for the same reasons. Seems like I would have not made the same mistake, but maybe I did. But The Lord spared my life thanks to the help of a lot of Loved ones, friends, and family and thousands of Prayers offered up on my behalf. My Thanks to all of you who have been Praying for me.

## Testimonies Of The Work

*From The Vineyard*

**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.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** I Praise The Lord. He is Wonderful and Great. Everyday we rejoice in The Lord. The Three Books are Jewels. I am so thankful for This Gospel. My family is such a Blessing to me. There are a lot of things to pray about when you have such a large family. Reading *The Word of The Lord* brings much Blessings to me and much Peace and Joy. It gives me strength to endure. Satan knows time is short. He will try to deceive all he can. Pray for the Independence Local. We quote Message 102:11 a lot, "**Knowledge cometh from study of The Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience, Deliverance by Endurance.**" Everyday is a Blessing. I am thankful to see you all. The Holy Spirit draws us. I pray that Angels will inspire your thoughts. Walk upright! Be encouraged. Repent of your besieging sins. Rise to a higher Standard of Worship. Give back to God, dwell on the good things in

The Church. Forget the past and live for today. Praise The Lord at all times. I am thankful to be part of This Work. Pray for me and my family.

**River Thompson, Missouri** (age 5): Dear Jesus Bless us all and send John the Baptist again. Bless the people in Africa, the poor and the needy. Keep us safe in Jesus Name, Amen!

**Richard Sega, California:** I thank The Lord for my Blessings. My mother died in 2005. I went home to take care of her. It was hard. I couldn't come to The Assembly for seven years, but I made sure that I paid my Tithes, then my bills. I wasn't sure that we could come this year, but my daughter found round way tickets that we could afford. That was a miracle to me. So here we are. Praise The Lord He came through. I Know that The Lord had His Hand in that. I am hopeful that we can come every year now. I have no problems at work, I asked to go and they agreed I work for a Bank Card Center. My wife works for a Library in a very nice part of time. That is a Blessing for us both. God gave us a house to live in. It was part of my mother's estate, but I managed to keep it. It was the home that I grew up in. I want to do for The Lord. The world is dying. Don't put your heart in worldly things. This is God's Church. God got me out of the entertainment business and the world. I am really thankful. I am not here because of Betty, my wife, or the Draves', I am here because The Work is True! Aunt Florence knew brother Otto Fetting, that's nice, but I am here because The Word is True! Something richer than what I had. This is where the Gold is! Can't get any richer than this. I asked The Lord years ago, *where is The Church?* The churches that I have gone to only deceives you. They lie to you and things didn't make

sense. I am thankful The Lord is with me. I Love Him. I am thankful for my wife and that we are together. It has been 21 years now. I was here last in 2001. I could tell then that something was wrong with some of the brothers. When the Revelation came in 2003, I rejoiced. The Lord filled His Quorum. We now will have a full house. Then they did what they did. If your heart is not right with The Lord, He cannot tell you anything. We are more Blessed than those other churches. Stay Humble! Stay with The Lord and always put Him first. God Bless you all.

**Leora Naslund, Missouri:** I am thankful to be here. The Lord has always been here with us. He has Blessed me so much in my life. I see many people that don't have The Lord in their life. They have many trials in their lives. The Lord is here, just ask for Him. Thank you all for your prayers. I love you all.

## ***Primary Department***

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## **God Loves The Truth**

Deuteronomy 32:4. **'He is The Rock, His Work is Perfect: for all His Ways are Judgment: a God of Truth and without iniquity, Just and Right is He.'**

*Does God ever lie? NO, He cannot lie. He is a God of Truth and does not sin, so He never says anything that is not True. Everything in His Word is Absolutely True.*

God wants us to tell The Truth, too. *Have you ever told a lie?* Sometimes we plan ahead of time to tell a lie, maybe to cover a mistake we've made. Maybe your little brother rubs a whole can of red Play-Doh into the carpet because you weren't paying

attention when you were babysitting him, so you decide that when your mom gets home, you'll tell her that it happened when you had to go answer the phone.

Other times, lies just sort of slip out when we're under pressure. Maybe your dad asks if you fed the dog, and you say you did even though you didn't because you're in the middle of a video game and didn't want to stop.

We have all lied about something, and sometimes we don't take those lies seriously. Lying is sin. In fact, *The Bible* even says that God hates lying. In Proverbs 6, God lists six things He hates. Only one sin is listed twice in that list: lying! God wants us to tell The Truth. When we tell a lie, we need to Confess our sin to God, and then we need to Confess our sin to the person we lied to and tell The Truth instead.

God is Truth, and He hates lies.

## *Junior Department*

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Dear Youth,

*How can we tell right from wrong?* God wants us to 'judge' or 'discern' right from wrong. We are not to judge others as to whether they are going to Heaven or hell—that is God's job.

We are to judge as in 'discern' whether something is right or wrong—good or bad

Matthew 7:1- 2, '**Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

**For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again'.**

Moroni 7:5-19. '**For I remember The Word of God, which Saith by their works**

**ye shall know them; for it their works be Good, then they are Good also.**

**For Behold, God hath Said, A man being evil cannot do that which is Good; for if he offereth a gift, or Prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with Real Intent, it profiteth nothing.**

**For Behold, it is not counted unto him for Righteousness.**

**For Behold, if a man being evil, giveth a gift, he doeth it grudgingly; wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift; wherefore he is counted evil before God.**

**And likewise also it is counted evil unto a man, if he shall Pray, and not with Real Intent of heart; yea, and it profiteth him nothing; for God Receiveth none such;**

**Wherefore, a man being evil, cannot do that which is Good; neither will he give a Good gift.**

**For Behold, a bitter fountain cannot bring forth Good water; neither can a Good fountain bring forth bitter water; wherefore a man being the servant of the devil, cannot follow Christ; and if he follow Christ, he cannot be a servant of the devil.**

**Wherefore, all things which are Good, Cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually.**

**But Behold, that which is of God, Inviteth and Enticeth, to do Good continually, wherefore, every thing which Inviteth and Enticeth to do Good, and to Love God, and to Serve Him, is Inspired of God.**

Wherefore take Heed, my Beloved Brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is Good and of God, to be of the devil.

For Behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know Good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that we may know with a Perfect Knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night.

For Behold, The Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know Good from evil; wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge; for everything which Inviteth to do Good, and to Persuade to Believe in Christ, is sent forth The Power and Gift of Christ; wherefore ye may Know with a Perfect Knowledge it is of God.

But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny Him, and Serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil, for after this manner doth the devil work for he persuadeth no man to do Good, no not one; neither doth his angels; neither doth they which subject themselves unto him.

And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know The Light by which ye may judge, which Light is The Light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge, ye shall also be judged.

Wherefore I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should Search Diligently in The Light of Christ, that we may know Good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every Good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a Child of Christ’.

Isaiah 5:20, ‘Woe unto them that call evil Good, and Good evil; that put

darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter’.

This has happened in so many situations today, in everyday living. We have become a society that accepts everything or just lets everyone do their own thing. We have accepted different sins as a normal thing to do or normal way of life-- but that does not make sin right. When you are confronted by situations or ideas that you are not sure about, go to The Scriptures to find out what God Says is Right or Wrong.

Romans 12:9, & 21, ‘Let Love be without dissimulation (hypocrisy). Abhor (hate) that which is evil; Cleave (hold fast) to that which is Good . . .

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with Good’.

The Holy Bible even tells us to stay away from the appearance of evil.

I Thessalonians 5:22, ‘Abstain from the appearance of evil’.

We should try to Represent Christ in all we do and say.

Message 99:9, ‘Be very careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are, so is my Message to all’.

Message 90:23, ‘. . . Let Peace Rule your lives—watch what you say and do, and where you are’.

Message 91:13, ‘Be thou Clean that bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversations be Clean. Let Realness of Charity (love) Rule your lives. Lift up a Standard’.

Message 116:7, ‘Be Discreet, be Humble, lift your lifestyle to be Tidy, Neat, Patient and Full of Grace . . .’

Message 88:13, ‘. . . Watch therefore and be Careful in Thought, in Doctrine, for in Truth The Faithful shall Endure,

**they shall stand . . .’**

Remember all that which is Good Cometh from God, and all that which is evil cometh from the devil. Choose to do that which is Good. Seek God Always and He will Help you to Discern what is Good and what is evil. He will Give you Will Power to Resist temptations and all that is evil.

## ***Young Adult Department***

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### **TEMPTATION**

Dear Young Adults,

At sometime in our lives, everyone of us has been tempted to do something that we know is wrong, and we have all found it very difficult to resist doing it. I can look back in my younger years and recall some of the temptations I faced, alcohol, smoking, drugs, lying, stealing, cursing, gossip, fighting, and skipping class or school. These are just some of the temptations that are out there in the world, there are many, many, more. Society wants you to think these things are okay to do, but God Tells us different.

Temptation is always going to be something we will have to face, so we must prepare ourselves to make *The Right Decisions* when these things arise.

If you are not grounded in The Lord you will fall into temptation. Make it a conscious choice to Serve The Lord and not be led into the sins of the world. If you know where you are weak at then stay away from such things. Ask God to give you strength to overcome.

Ephesians 6:11-18, **‘Put on The Whole**

**Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

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

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

**And your feet shod with The Preparation of The Gospel of Peace;**

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

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

**Praying always with all Prayer and Supplication in The Spirit, and watching thereunto with all Perseverance and Supplication for all Saints.’**

So to *Overcome Temptations* we must have The Gospel, The Word of God also The Fullness of Truth and Communication with Christ and a Prayer always on our hearts, a Willingness to lay down our sins and be Obedient. With this we will be able to Overcome Temptations.

Message 60:4, **‘The Lord has Heard The Prayers of His People and has sent me to bring them comfort when hearts are sad, and when satan has brought much distress, trials, and temptations upon The Just for he will deceive them if they will not Watch and Pray.’**

So you see it is important you Pray for Strength and in verse 5 it says, **‘. . . Teach**

**Faith in The Words of The Lord and The Prophets, for satan shall not have hold on all such . . .'**

So Believe in The Words of The Lord and Apply them in your Life and God Will give you Strength to stand against temptations.

James 1:12, 'Blessed is the man that Endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall Receive The Crown of Life, which The Lord hath Promised to them that Love Him,'

### ***Special Notice***

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate this Issue of our paper to our Dear Sister Josephine Collins of Missouri. We Pray that The Lord will continue to Bless you this year and all the years to come. May The Dear Lord give you Peace during this time in your life. Look to Him and He will Give you what you are in need of. We send our Love, Cares, and Prayer to you this day. God Bless!*

## **GOD'S 'PHONE' NUMBER**

**Hello God, I called tonight  
To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
To my anxiety and trial.**

**You see, I can't quite make it  
Through a day just on my own...  
I need your Love to Guide me,  
So I'll never feel alone.**

**I want to ask you please to keep,**

**My family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence  
For whatever fate they're bound.**

**Give me Faith, Dear God, to face  
Each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things  
I can't change any way.**

**I Thank you God, for being home  
And Listening to my call,  
For giving me such Good Advice  
When I stumble and I fall..**

**Your number, God, is the only one  
That answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
Never had to pay a dime.**

**So Thank you, God, for Listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I Love You, too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!**

**P.S. Please Bless all my friends and family  
too.**

## **Heaven's Stairway**

*William A. Draves  
Thursday, September 9, 1926  
Age 14*

**You'll meet me on Heaven's Great  
Stairway,  
Where I am longing to be,  
Some Bright and Happy hour,  
You'll find me waiting for Thee.**

**In The Beautiful Meadows of Heaven,  
Glenn The Shinning Rays of Light.  
That leads you to Heaven,  
Either by day or by night.**



Along The Beautiful Stairway to Heaven,  
You'll find these Rays of Light,  
Shinning on The Stairway,  
Through the day, and through the night.



## ***‘My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?’***

***Psalm 22:1***

*Submitted by Ellen Draves  
Missouri*

We here Behold The Saviour in the depth of His Sorrows. No other place so well shows The Griefs of Christ as Calvary, and no other moment at Calvary is so full of agony as that in which His Cry rends the air—‘**My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?**’

At this moment physical weakness was united with acute mental torture from the shame and ignominy through which He had

to pass; and to make His Grief culminate with emphasis, He Suffered Spiritual Agony surpassing all expression, resulting from the departure of His Father’s Presence.

This was The Black Midnight of His Horror; then it was that He Descended the abyss of suffering. No man can enter into the full meaning of these words. Some of us think at times that *we* could cry, ‘*My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?*’

There are seasons when The Brightness of our Father’s Smile is eclipsed by clouds and darkness; but let us remember that God never does really forsake us. It is only a seeming forsaking with us, but in Christ’s Case it was a real forsaking.

We grieve at a little withdrawal of our Father’s Love; but the real turning away of God’s Face from His Son, who shall calculate how deep the agony which it caused Him?

In our case, our Cry is often dictated by unbelief: in His Case, it was the utterance of a dreadful fact, for God had really turned away from Him for a season. O thou poor, distressed Soul, who once lived in The Sunshine of God’s Face, but art now in darkness, remember that He has not really forsaken thee.

God in The Clouds is as much our God as when He Shines forth in all the lustre of His Grace; but since even the *thought* that He has forsaken us gives us agony, what must The Woe of The Saviour have been when He Exclaimed, ‘**My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?**’

**A Brief Synopsis Of The History  
Of The Church Of Christ With  
The Elijah Message, The  
Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.**



By W .A. Draves  
Revised by Leonard H. Draves

*The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message*, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc, of Independence, Missouri, deprives its Authority and its existence, not alone from the visits of The Angel, John The Baptist, for it is a Remnant of The Church organized April 6, 1830, at Fayette, New York, by Joseph Smith and his fellow workers in The Great Restoration Movement. *Therefore it is not a faction as are other restoration groups.* The Angel, The Elias, The Resurrected John The Baptist, in the regeneration process conferred a *Greater Authority* by the touch of his hands upon our late, lamented Brother, Otto Fetting when he established The Church Anew in 1929.

We quote from The Angel's words thus, Message 12:1,4,6,8; **'I have come to you from time to time to instruct you as to the work of building *The Temple* and the organization of *The Church Of Christ*, and re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again receive *The Power and Holy Ghost* as in the days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost, (Acts 2:1-21) The Servants of The Lord may be Filled with *The Spirit Of God*, that they may take The Message of *The Gospel of Christ* to the nations of the earth, for The Lord has Reserved unto Himself this Remnant on The Temple Lot, to set The Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that *The Message* might be understood by all people, in its Plainness, that they may have no excuses at The Judgment Day, for verily these things shall come to pass . . .**

**Behold, The Lord has Rejected all**

**creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from *The Word of The Lord*, and have become an abomination in His Sight. Therefore, let those that come to *The Church Of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for *The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost*, and as *The Greater Power* shall come, that they many be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of Restitution (Acts 3:20-21) and Restoration of all things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in *The Presence Of Christ*, for sin cannot receive *The Glory Of God*, nor *The Power Of The Holy Spirit* . . .**

**Remember, The Lord Committed to Joseph Smith a great Work in his day, and Power and Authority to Re-establish *The Church Of Christ* in his day as in the days of old. He gave him *The Pattern* to Establish it as in the days of The Apostles and Restored *The Priesthood and Authority of The Son Of God* to the children of men . . . Again, The Lord has Called others to Prune *His Vineyard*, to Bring *The Gospel of Peace* to Establish *His Church* as in the days of old . . .**

**And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that *Greater Power and Greater Light* might come to you, and set you apart to do the work instructed to your care and in your day. Remember, *The Priesthood* was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith . . . Therefore, see that all things are done after *The Pattern* I will give you, that in all things you may Please The Lord your God . . . But, remember, *Christ is The Head of The Church*, and Will Direct His**

**Work. He is *The Great High Priest of His People* and He Will Direct The Work as in days of old. The Lord Will Reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of *The Temple* and *The Work* that must be done by *The Church Of Christ*. That the people of The Lord might be Instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen'**

The Church, set in order, continues on, Believing in The Angel's Message.

Message 39:7, '**Heed ye My Words even The Voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I, your Lord, soon Come to Claim all that know and Obey My Voice.'**

It, alone, has continued in unbroken Authority from 1830 until the coming of the Elias, (The Kingdom of Heaven suffered violence until John come, Matthew 11). There were no factions breaking away from The Church during the first fourteen years of its existence in the life of Joseph the Seer, but at his death in 1844 dissolution set in The Church broke into more than twenty contending factions.

One part of that Church however remained. It did not organize but continued the organization effected in 1830 by Joseph Smith and his followers. *This was the Bloomington Branch*. Three other Branches amalgamated and in 1867 moved as a Body to Independence, Missouri and bought The Temple Lot.

Some of their leading Elders were David Judy, Jedediah Owen, Edna C. Haldeman, Zebulum Adams, John E. Page (Apostles in the days of Joseph) and Granville Hedrick, all of whom were ordained during the lifetime of Joseph Smith.

The causes leading to the disruption of The Church in 1844 were many. When The Church was organized in 1830, it was called

*The Church Of Christ*, and The Twelve Apostles were the highest officers provided for in the Law. But in 1832, a Quorum of First Presidency began to be formed, and by 1834 the Revelations which provided for Apostles first, were changed to admit a presidency and other officers.

In this year the name, *Church Of Christ*, was dropped and a new name, '*The Church Of The Latter Day Saints*' adopted, and in 1838 the name of The Church was again changed to '*The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints*.'

The Revelations as originally given had been published in 1833 in '*The Book Of Commandments*', but in 1835 they were published in their changed form as '*The Doctrine And Covenants*.' The corrupted Revelations brought much evil in The Church, confusing the minds of the people, and were largely responsible for the disruption that followed the death of Joseph Smith.

At the breaking up of The Church, Brigham Young led the largest faction to Utah. J.J. Strang and Jason W. Briggs left William B. Smith. These two united and were the chief promoters in forming another organization in 1852, which they named, '*The New Organization*'. To this body, Joseph Smith, the son of the slain Prophet, came in 1860 and became its president, and its name was changed to '*The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*'. In 1925, this faction voted to give its president supreme directional control over The Church with power to discipline. This continues to cause much dissatisfaction. . . and afterward many transferred their membership from that organization to 'The Remnant' on The Temple Lot, who were holding to the original name of *The Church*

*Of Christ* and were seeking the old, old, path. The Lord Spoke to them in April, 1926, telling them that the time had come for The Church to go forward and to choose out the new Apostles. That The Lord would send His Angel to Direct. Seven men were chosen to occupy, one of these men was Otto Fetting.

At the 1927 Spring Conference, Brother Fetting announced that a Heavenly Messenger had appeared to him twice and he read *The Two Messages* to the people and there was great rejoicing. 'The Remnant' had continued with The Messages from that time onward.

When The Twelfth Message came, and told the people that they needed to be Baptized into The Church, many refused this Direction. Message 12:4, **'Behold, The Lord has Rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from Word of The Lord and have become an abomination in His Sight, therefore, let those that come to *The Church Of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; Preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for *The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost*, and as *The Greater Power* shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with Joy . . .'**

Those of The Church that Followed and Obeyed The Direction of The Messenger concerning this Baptism, were removed from The Church along with Brother Otto Fetting. However, after this, The Messenger who said that he was John The Baptist, The Elias that was for to Come and Restore all things, had brought Thirty Messages to Brother Otto Fetting before he passed away. Four years later, The Messenger came again to continue his unfinished mission. This

time he came to a young elder, W.A. Draves. To this young elder The Lord Delivered ninety more Messages through The Angel John The Baptist, totally *120 Messages* in all, full of Inspiration, Instructions, Warnings and Prophecy. 'The Remnant' continues with The Message Believers. His Sheep know The Shepherd's Voice and there is Safety in *The Word Of The Lord*. The Call goes out to all, **'Whomsoever will may come and partake of the waters of life freely'**.

The Church has gone through even more separation, due to the jealousy of men and the desire to control prior to the death of William A. Draves. But the True Believers again held firm and steadfast with The Lord and The Messages. *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, is not a faction, but 'The Remnant' of The Church of 1830, bearing the same Name, Teaching the same Doctrine, Believing the same Truths, Practicing the same Virtues, and Enjoying the same Spirit and a new touch of The Angel's Hands-bringing Peace and Direction from The Lord.

Message 36:7, **'Behold, The Lord soon comes and I shall be with Him when He comes to His Temple that shall be built by a people of clean hands and pure hearts.'**

Message 40: 6-7, **'Great shall be the Joy in the hearts of men for they will hear The Lord's Words and Humble themselves before Him. *The Law of The Lord* shall be written in each heart and all men will Obey His Will . . .'**

**God sends Deliverance for the children of men through The Christ that was slain, that Redemption might come to all that will Heed His Voice.'**

Message 41:7-13, **'Blessed are The Ser-**

vants that Defend *This Cause* for Truth shall live and bring to naught all error. Many are Called for a Special Work. Shape your Lives by the words I bring you and it will be well with you . . .

Blessed art thou that Seekest to bring forth My Zion, for it shall be and The Righteous shall have Victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send The Warning, even My Messenger in The Spirit and Power of Elias that ye walk Humbly before Me, even all, Teaching My Law that mankind must come with Full Purpose of Heart. *Cleave unto Me and I shall cleave unto you.* Reject not My Words, quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring repent. Teach men to come partake of *The Tree Of Life*. Enter in all The Straight Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life,' Saith The Lord. 'For I Am He who Speaketh, bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

Message 48:3-11, 'By His Spirit He has felt after The Honest and those that Hear The Servants The Lord has Chosen will hear Him . . . The Hearts of The Righteous shall be Filled and their bosoms shall Overflow with Gladness . . .

This a day when much must be done that *The Ways and Means of a Real Zion shall be brought about* . . . None shall take part in that which is Holy until they have Humbly Prepared.

Oh, the days of judgments are upon you and I have sent among you the plagues and pestilence . . . O ye of My Ancient (Israel) People, for I Design to bring you out in Gladness and Rejoicing. Deliverance will come to them that Call upon Me. Seek The Lord and ye shall

Live.

Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and Opened The Gate (Baptism) even Designing your Deliverance and a Way of Preparation. To The Humble, The Upright and Just, My Faithful, I shall give unto thee *The Greater Light and Power* to Carry on, for by My Spirit I shall use you to My Name's Honor and Glory. I shall Deliver My People, Israel, from whence the evil one has bound them and those that stretch forth their hands towards *My Holy Place of Peace* shall find Deliverance . . . '

Message 66:23, 'Behold, this is Christ's Church and shall be His Bride, The Remnant, *She shall be made Ready.* The Message is given-The Authority is Entrusted with man. The Call goes out. The Cry is given, The Warning must be heard. The Work must be carried on.'

Message 49:11-12, 'Come, ye that Seek Truth, Christ Will Come to His Own and His Church. Remember there is Safety in *The Light* I have brought, The Lord's Covenant shall be Fulfilled and this nation cleansed and *Zion* be set up with gladness. This is *The Midnight Cry* . . .'

Message 49:9, 'There are many that have long Represented Christ, Those that will Hear His Voice in *very deed* will come into *The Church Of Christ* that is again being Established with all its *Gifts and Blessings*, and Represent Christ and His Church.'

Message 76:3, 'The Lord has Spoken and His Work is set in pace-let it continue.'

Message 86:17, 'There will be a *Better Way* and some will join in *The Pace of Peace* to be set up.'

Message 39:7, 'Heed ye My Words

even the voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I, your Lord, soon Comes to Claim all that *know* and *obey* My Voice.'

For further information, read the full set of 120 Messages and other Books furnished by *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The3 Lord. INC.* explaining *The Scriptures* and *The Gospel of Life*. **The Elias has come, the earth shall be Filled with The Light that he brings from The Lord God.**

Pray in *Faith*, and The Lord will Reveal this to you. 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear'.

## The Lamb

(Think carefully about what you will be reading.)

Mary had a little lamb, His fleece was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went, The Lamb was sure to go. He followed her to school each day, T'wasn't even in the rule. It made the children laugh and play, To have a Lamb at school, Or even speak His Name!

Every day got worse and worse, And days turned into years. Instead of hearing children laugh, We heard gun shots and tears. What must we do to stop the crime, That's in our schools today? Let's let The Lamb come back to school, And teach our kids to Pray!

Message 113: 1,4, 'I come with a Message from The Lord. I bring a Refreshing to all who will Hear my words The Lord had put in my mouth. I come to speak His Words, complying with His Spirit, Will and Plan . . .

The Lord Jesus is The Resurrection and The Life. He is The Savior, Redeemer, and King of all mankind. All that Hear and Obey have Right to *The Tree Of Life* and to *Eternity*. His *Glory* shall Overshadow them.'

Message 80:2, ' . . . There are many Faithful that grow not weary in well doing. The Lord's Work is set in Pace, let it move on.'



Matthew 14:27

***"Come Unto Me and I Will  
Come Unto You"***

