

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

*'... Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed Repentance and Baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them'*

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## Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.
19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.
20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.
22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.
23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.
24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.
25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon

**The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'**

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**It is the agreement of *The Quorum of Twelve of This Church*, that no Minister is to Ordain any man into *The Ministry* until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.**

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

Secretary For The Twelve

## 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 17:11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in

Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate **The Greater Light**.

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

### Message 109

*Monday morning, February 11, 1991, I awakened at 6:00 A.M., at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. Because my brother Lehi is in the hospital I was not resting in my sleep. I arose, dressed and looked out to see what the weather was like. I was sitting by the table thinking of the church, the Lord, the work, the messenger – also feeling his coming and suddenly strong presence.*

*The messenger opened the door and walked toward me. I arose, we took right hands, and he moved to chair as he began to speak, sat down and gave me message. As I wrote, he repeated occasionally so for me to get exactly what he said. Finished, he left at 6:45 A.M. It took my strength so much I retired again to rest.*

W. A. Draves

1. "Behold, I come to you again from the Lord's presence with the message of life and hope to all

that are here and obey the words I agree bring from the Lord. Write the message I will give you.

2. Many prayers are uttered that I speak the Lord's will and bring instructions and hope— deliverance to the faithful.

3. Thus saith the Lord, 'Come all ye faithful and I will open the way before you. I will bless your efforts and my spirit shall fill your souls with joy in gladness.

4. I have sent my forerunner, John the Baptist, to govern the plan before my return to claim the faithful — my jewels—all that obey my commands and instructions, the directions of progress.

5. My servant Norman Dean Lyles has searched out many members of those of this special work; I have called them. My angel servant John has directed the work.

6. Let Heinrich Repp, Adam Repp, Manfred Marks, and Hans Peter Baur be ordained unto this authority, a double portion of the holy unction of God as elders, evangelists and disciples of this work in the Europe area. In time there will be 12 disciples of the work management for Europe. By my Spirit and calling the quorum of 12 disciples shall be filled.

7. Let the printing press be established there and the work to go to other parts and carry this work are on far and wide,' saith the Lord.

8. This is the instructions and directions I have been sent to give you and the church. Give to the brethren and all. Remember, God is just.

9. Let the quorums meet and plan the work with the spirit to guide. Use wisdom in all your planning. This is a concise message, conveyed upon all them that believe.

10. Let the work continue, all preaching and teaching the church's doctrine, truth and obedience. Thus obey the instructions and follow through.

11. I will come again as the need be and the Lord will direct. I leave peace with you. Amen."

## 2018 General Assembly Schedule (Tentative)

### Sunday, June 24, 2017

2:00 p.m. Opening Service

Opening Remarks: Apostle Jairus Yates

Speaking: Apostle Richard Johnson

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson

Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates

### Monday, June 25, 2017

10:30 Priesthood Meeting

1:00 p.m. Study

2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting

3:00 p.m. Prayer and Testimony

7:00 Preaching Service

Speaking: Mike Greenwell

### Tuesday June 26, 2017

10:30 Priesthood Meeting: Tithing

1:00 p.m. Study

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

3:00 p.m. Preaching Service

4:00 p.m. Prayer and Testimony Service

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Speaking: Donald Thompson

8:00 p.m. Closing Assembly & Sacrament

Due to illness and some not being able attend the complete schedule will not be available until the Assembly Starts

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### General Assembly 2018

June 24– June 26

PLAN TO ATTEND

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### Dear Readers

I want this work to bring together those that love and believe in the coming of the Messenger with the marvelous plan and Holy Priesthood Authority of God. The Authority and Power of God to again establish the Kingdom of God on earth. This final time

before His return to claim His Bride and Body of Christ. I also want those who do not believe and cannot see or believe what God has brought to keep the way of their own choosing or come to doctrine in what God has given His people. The Lord calls those out of the way of the world with its false doctrines and styles of worship. The trees, the churches man has created to deceive and make them captive He will root up. They are not the Way of the Lord. There is no greater gift or gifts than what the messenger has given those that are contrite and humble like the man he came to. The man who trembled in the presence of God's Words and Glory. The Lord said to be firm and command peace. Have no part with those in darkness who cannot see the Light he has sent by the Messenger. Those who will obey the knowledge and understanding he has brought to the earth are His called and chosen, His elect. They are His Church that has endured from 1929 and continues today. God is not playing church like the rest of the world. It is for those that are His own. All others must come to Him and His Church and Body. There is no other Church but His Church. He has plainly said all must come this Way in obedience to His instructions. God's Words he brings preclude the dilution and pollution's of unbelief and failure to learn. They can further unite all those that believe and add those that will believe and obey. God's Word's are gentle and sweet to His own. They are like a cleansing fire. They are a sword and a hammer. They cleanse, cut out, or break all false worship and spiritual food not good for eating and drinking.

**“Oh Lord” How sweet are your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth (Psalm 119:103)**

Amen,

Brother Richard Johnson

**An address to former members of  
the Lord's Church  
Restoring membership in the one  
Body of Christ**

Prepared by Apostle Richard A. Johnson

First please let me introduce myself. I am seventy seven years young this year and have served the Lord since I was baptized and

confirmed a member in Nineteen fifty two by my father and J.W Savage. I was ordained an elder by W.A Draves and J.W. Savage in Nineteen Sixty Two and then called by the angel messenger, John the Baptist to the office and duties of Apostle in Nineteen Sixty Five and ordained by W.A. Draves and Charles Pritchard. I have been in and under the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God continuously since that day when I experienced His anointing.

The purpose of my writing today is to address the commandment of authoritative baptisms. It is the way of the Holy Priesthood after the order of God and the Son of God with the atonement of the son of man for those who have gone away from the Word of the Lord. They must bring forth repentance with a humble desire and contrite spirit to have their covenant rights restored for the gift and gifts and Power of salvation. The Power of the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ in the acceptable way of His commandment.

This will be as comprehensive as I can give of my own witness to the line of the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Church of Christ with Elijah Message, the Assured way of the Lord in this article.

There are two groups of people that have gone away from the Word of the Lord that I will address with this article. One happened in 1994 and the other in 2003. I must support and defend all the Words of the Lord His Angel Messenger has brought from the throne of God with Authority to set the Church in order. The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord (Message 86:60).

**What about 1994.**

I am not moved by former members that say they have no reason to repent and be baptized. If you have not the knowledge and understanding of the directions of the messenger and are not already a member in this One Body of Christ it is your own failing. Everyone in the Church received a letter in 1994 after message 118-120 giving them the opportunity to know the truth and could have answered the call to stand with the those the Lord sustained in the Church. The locals and members that were visited by the brothers refused their words and the sacrament from them. It was offered

to those willing to accept the Words of His messenger and prophet as in the days of Moses. The letter and the Authority of the brothers were refused and turned away and those names were finally removed from membership and fellowship by the servants that followed the Lord's instructions. In the Words of the Messenger they removed themselves by not believing or defending his Words. Those that refused lost any claim to their covenant rights of those following His instructions which means they rejected the Authority of God's Word. I liken it to those of Israel who rejected the prophets in their day that had testified of the Word. You have the book the Word of the Lord before you. "They that reject my words and heed not, already they are without the Authority of this Work" (Message 82:15).

Let none take part in this Work until they come in by the Door of Baptism and are repentant of their sins and traditions of men, *their man-made doctrines and styles of worship*. Let none teach or preach that are not a part of this Work (Message 112:5.)

It is how the Lord said we are to discern and use wisdom choosing those that serve Him (Message 108:24). If you come to this understanding you will see it is not just the faithful brothers that requires your baptism. It is for the Lord to see who will obey His instructions for their cleansing and making their offering to God in a clean vessel and keeping the Holy Rites sacred. His commandment is for all who have gone away from the Word of the Lord (Message 12:4).

Then turn and discern them that be the Lord's, or them that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have right to the Tree of Life (Message 87:20).

...I have relayed the Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws (Message 108:18).

Message 88:15-17. ***Mankind shall live by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God, the very Eternal Christ the Lord and Maker of all. He cometh down with Power in His Word.***

I speak the Lord's Will today. I am he that was prophesied in ancient times, of my coming before the Lord's return, to help prepare a people to be ready to meet Him at His appearing.

I bring the Priesthood Authority, I speak as a Fountain of Truth, and with Power; and with

Authority (Message 103:3).

In James 1:18, where we read, "Of his own will begat he us by the word of truth"; and with I Peter 1:23, saying, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Myself and others are here to extend the hands of our love and the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Word of God. It is for your cleansing needed to renew your covenant by your obedience found with real repentance and the authoritative baptisms. The door is open for those that will come in the Assured Way of God and fully conform and obey His instructions. The Lord has told the servants to "Teach the whole truth, let not man have his way, unless it be the Way of the Lord. Worry not over that which you have no control." I may be old but I still can do that. (Message 98:12).

The Messenger has made it clear that when we fail to obey and follow or defend His Words and instructions we have denied and rejected our faith and belief in His Word and Spirit. We remove ourselves from this Way of Authority. Any actions that myself or the brothers might take is to guide and protect the Lord's body and people as faithful shepherds when they come to worship the Lord. I am writing this now for all to have. Are you ready to accept the Words and Will of God from this day forward. If you are not then I intend to follow the Lord's Words in Message 86:12-13,21 that says, let come what may and go what will (according to what God has given us). The Work must move forward again to fulfill its great purposes set before it. I must consider those that will not or have not conformed to the standard, rule and plan must repent and do so or they will also remove themselves (Message 80:14). Let all must come to attendance, to exhortations, to doctrine That the greater light may come (so the work can move forward in righteousness (Message 81:17). (Message 12:2,4; 28:4; 80:14; 81:8; 90:12; 92:14; 114:9-10).

**The commandment of the Lord is this:**

***Hear the Words of the Lord! 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 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 (Message 12:4).

Since this commandment was first received there has been former members that have refused to obey it and follow the instructions given. Some have obeyed and found peace with God.

Let restoration be among those that are humble and repentant and will obey the True Doctrine of the Church and of the message of the faithful brethren, keeping the Holy Rites Sacred (Message 102:41).

Some that have rejected My Words will repent, others will not. Be at peace. Look to the Lord and some go onward with the work. **Let all come in by the door and prepare themselves to walk humbly before God** (Message 43:17).

Restore and preserve all that will repent and fold into this Way. If humility is their mantle and their cloak of walking this Way in sobriety, **let them follow the instructions and the Lord's Commands, He will deliver** (Message 102:21).

Now hear ye this Message and be firmly established in obedience to the commandment of this baptism I bring to rid yourselves of the sins and traditions of man-made doctrines wherein satan has deceived and befuddled the Work of God. Thus blindness has been in part. Now arise above it, bring it to pass of God's Great Plan. Receive this baptism. Build yourselves in the Circle of the Lord. Will it come to pass (Message 106:6-7)?

The baptism gives God witness of our washing of the Word. It is the acceptable act of your offering to the Lord of a humble heart and a contrite spirit of your full repentance.

I am going to be referring to the last chapter of Isaiah. It tells what happened to Brother Draves and the Church in 1994. I will reference or footnote the verses when explaining the analogies and the Words the prophet wrote. We can interpret them because we know what they are about. The Lord spoke to His messenger and forerunner<sup>1</sup> in message 95:6: 'Who will go? Who shall I send?'

saith the Lord, 'Run, speak again to the man<sup>2</sup>, even to him of a contrite spirit, who is humble before Me. Israel shall be gathered and Zion redeemed and established'.

Will any of the world and those that left us come this Way? Will they leave the past with its false idol worship (traditions and false doctrines) and unclean sacrifices<sup>3</sup> behind? Without cleansing your offering brought into the house of the Lord is not in a clean vessel.<sup>2</sup>

Footnotes: <sup>1</sup>M.98:5; <sup>2</sup>Is.66:2; <sup>3</sup>Is.66:3; <sup>4</sup>66:20.

Isaiah 66:1. Come bring your offering in a clean vessel to His house and place of rest for He will soon make the earth his footstool putting all things including death under the feet of His Authority (I Corinthians 15:25-26). In Isaiah 66:7 the manchild<sup>5</sup> is the personification of the ministry of the Holy Priesthood as the Sons of Levi<sup>6</sup> that was caught up to heaven in the Revelation and now restored to earth. This last time the the Woman (Zion) is called out of the wilderness<sup>7</sup> to be pruned and nourished and bring forth fruit. Footnotes: <sup>5</sup>Rev.12:5; M.34:6, <sup>7</sup>63:10

'Verily,' thus saith the Lord, 'I have sent My Messenger for to prune My Vineyard even this last time. My Zion shall be redeemed as the prophets of old have spoken. ***I have led the children of Israel in days of old so will I lead My people now as you come near unto Me and obey My voice in the instructions I send for your cleansing.*** Yea, I am God and I change not (Message 56:9).

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sent his servant; and the servant went and did as the Lord had commanded him, and brought other servants; and they were few. And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them, Go forth and labor in the vineyard, with your might. For behold this is the last time that I shall nourish my vineyard; for the end is nigh at hand, and the season speedily cometh; and if ye labor with your mights with me, ***ye shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto myself again the time which will soon come...and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things*** (R.N. Jacob 5:67-77).

Isaiah 66:12-13 tells about the flowing stream of peace that comes with the water of life<sup>6</sup> and the Authority of the Words the Messenger. He has brought the everlasting Gospel again from heaven.

It is like a flowing stream in its channels<sup>7</sup> of the Messenger and those with true Authority of the Holy Priesthood. Does not the vision say he brings the gospel to preach to those on earth. He comes that you might be fed and comforted with the fruit of the Tree<sup>8</sup> of Life, the Pure Love of God. Before she travailed she brought forth a manchild...for as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children (Isaiah 66:7-11). If you can see this your heart should rejoice and your bones flourish for the hand of the Lord shall be known toward His servants, and His indignation toward his enemies<sup>9</sup>. For behold, the Lord will soon come with fire sending his angels to the four corners of the earth from heaven to render His anger by the fire and sword of His Words to plead with all flesh. He pleads with all flesh and those slain of the false doctrines of those who proclaim them (Isaiah 66:15-16, Rev. 7:1, Matt. 24:31). Those who hid themselves behind one tree in the midst of gardens<sup>10</sup>. Their act done as hypocrites against the fellow servants. Yet claiming to love the Lord to hide their evil acts saying let the Lord be Glorified. Yet the Lord knew their work and the thoughts and intents of their hearts (Isaiah 66:4). Their seeking to then sanctify and purify themselves before the people with a show of taking the Lord's communion while asking the courts for a restraining order to destroy him. It was rejected. It was the analogy equal to the abomination of eating the unclean flesh and blood of swine.<sup>11</sup> Instead of their cleansing and salvation their condemnation for trampling<sup>12</sup> on the Holy Rights of the Lord. The hiding of their abominations performed in darkness as does the mouse<sup>13</sup>, will be slain and their names written in the earth<sup>14</sup>. Yet the name of the Word of the Lord and our Savior will be in the foreheads<sup>15</sup> of the minds and spirit of His election. Those continuing in God's Authority have rights to the fruit of Tree of Life<sup>16</sup> and their names written in the Lamb's book of life<sup>17</sup>.

Footnotes: <sup>6</sup>Rev. 22:1; <sup>7</sup>M.116:8-16; <sup>8</sup>Rev. 22:2; <sup>9</sup>Isaiah 66:14-15; <sup>10</sup>Is. 65:1-9; Gen 2:9; <sup>11</sup>Is. 63:3-4; <sup>12</sup>M.79:23; <sup>13</sup>kjv dictionary: unclean ravager of the harvest. <sup>14</sup>Is. 66:18, 23,24; Rev. 13:8; <sup>15</sup>Rev. 14:1; <sup>16</sup>M.49:2; <sup>17</sup>Rev. 21:27.

And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part

of heaven (Mark 13:27). For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. and they shall declare His Glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring their brethren *for an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord* (Isaiah 66:18-20). **And I will take of them as priests and for Levites saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, those of their seed and name shall remain. Amen** (Isaiah 66:21-22, 61:2-11).

**The additional words and commands of the Messenger:**

Those that have rejected the Message have rejected the Lord, and the Lord has also rejected them and their work until they repent and are humble, and are baptized, that they may cleanse themselves of their sin...To all those that will repent and be baptized and prepare themselves and walk humbly, the promise is that they shall receive the greater Light and Power to carry on the work of the Lord (Message 19:12,14).

How great a work could be accomplished if all would be humble and obedient with no jealousy, envy or strife. Doubts enter, then bitterness and hard feelings, then they oppose this Work and seek to destroy you and this Message I bring, the Way of Peace and blessings for the obedient (Message 82:16).

In Message 84:34-37 the Messenger spoke the Lord's Words again saying: There are those that say I have not spoken, and they speak lightly of my injunctions and words of instruction and come not to doctrine and my decrees until I will be slow to hear their cry. For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the Gentile times are closing in. ***He said to His scribe W.A. Draves: You and those that are with you and defend the Words I bring are The Church of Christ in deed and works and are the church with the Elijah message, set in 1829 by my hands when the Holy Priesthood had been restored and kept sacred by establishing the Holy Priesthood Authority according to the laws of the land.*** The men with him spoken of by the messenger were Mervyn Johnson and Earl Baggerly in particular and others who first set forth and supported the Apostles Corporation. For the first time it would give the apostles legal leadership of the missionary

supervision and watchcare of all the churches worldwide. The Church was now under the direction of the general conferences of the general bishopric of the Twelve (Message 86:66). It replaced what was known as the Bishops Corporation. It had been set up under the direction and vote of the church membership. The apostles correctly became the twelve foundations of the walls of salvation with the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God. The Chief Cornerstone of the City of God and the Great High Priest and Fountain of Living Water is Christ. He sits on the Throne of God who has given Him all Authority in heaven and in earth (Revelation 21:14, Ephesians 2:20, Isaiah 28:16).

Let the apostles lead the Church and carry the Work on; preaching and teaching the same things, in the Way of Peace, in Christ Jesus-the Gospel of Life and Salvation (Message 86:30).

There were some bishops and some of the apostles who were opposed to the changes but forced to accept by the members of the old Corporation. This, in my humble observation and opinion fostered a rebellion starting with those who opposed it with their supporters that perceived their power and control was being taken from their hands. Study the messages and you will see the messenger put the work in the hand of the apostles from the beginning. It was a small step for those with weakening faith to be motivated by personal feelings and revenge and not to see the knowledge and understanding of the full plan of God. The future work of the Church was being established to fill the earth.

Study the 85th and 86th messages following this event. The Lord quickly moved ahead to reveal great knowledge and understanding for the Church. The 2300 days of Daniel's vision were being fulfilled in the Lord's Church, the gospel and the Rock. He revealed more of what shall be the last of the indignation with Armageddon at the time appointed that the end shall come (Daniel 8:19). He quoted Isaiah 66:2 so we could see what happened to brother Draves and the Church. It was prophesied by the prophet of old.. The Nephite had told him before he was that man in verse two to whom the Lord would look who trembleth at His Word. To those he told who believed him, it would reveal to us the last chapter of Isaiah was about our

day. I have witnessed his humility and seen Him and heard his voice tremble with the Spirit and Power of the Word of God (Message 85:36-37).

Isaiah 66:4.-5. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. ***Hear the Word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his Word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my namesake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.***

The namesake of the LORD are those that take His name and become His seed and are His first born of the Water and the Spirit. In 1994 we all watched the literal fulfilling of this prophecy when the evil of those that hated our brother and would cast him out was manifested. Again there were those who would stand with him and those that would not. I watched them choose their delusions and do

evil. I watched and heard those that delighted in their abominations with glee. I saw the grinding of their teeth upon him. I became sickened and dismayed at the actions and words of those I had loved.

Their planning and actions in 1994 resulted with these Words and instructions by the Messengers.

***“Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord's Work, mankind cannot run It his way. I come to you to give encouragement. The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you.”***

***“Some let satan drive them into bitterness and evil acts against you. Let these I shall give you: John O'Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be released of Priesthood Authority and Terry Laws released of the apostleship. Take your place as an apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep the records as he has been told to do and other works instructed in the office. Mankind cannot do the Lord's Work his way, it must be the Way of the Lord, or therefore their own destruction. Unless there is repentance from the office of James E. Parker and James Sorgen, they too shall be released of their Authority. There will be other***

*changes. In time the Lord will call others to fill vacancies. Be not disturbed of what your brethren sought to do. They destroy and release themselves for lack of believing and or obeying My Words I bring and Will of the Lord* “(Message 118:2-3, 8-13).

Have you been and are you part of their work of separations and factions that went away from the Word? The Lord had spoken to you in days of old with the following words? *Yet saying you love the Lord and let him be be Glorified, yet you were his brethren and the namesake of Christ.* He and the Lord called you His friends and you cast him out even as the Lord’s brethren He called friends cast him out (Message 119:6 Isaiah 66:5).

Some you think to be your friends is laboring for satan, seeking to destroy your good and this Work (Message 90:8).

You see those that are filled with selfishness and bitterness; some you call your friends are seeking to destroy you and the good works you have established. *Be firm and your works will stand the test. Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you.* You were born for this Cause. Many will follow in this Way. Deliverance will be for the faithful (Message 96:11 Isaiah 66:5-6).

*The Testing has served its purpose,’ saith the Lord* (Message 119:6).

*If you will not have enough faith in His Words to be obedient to His simple instructions and defend them you will not trust him when He sends you to a place of safety for your deliverance from His coming judgments and be part of His Bride and Church. That’s the test that has filled its purpose. Wake up! You are asleep! and your lamp is without the necessary oil* (Message 119:6).

Behold! How great and good it is to defend the words I bring...Let all trim their lamps and fill their souls with the Spirit of God that their works may stand the test (Message 79:5-8).

Mankind cannot lift himself. He cannot be self-appointed. His works will not stand the test (Message 84:14).

They reject me. They have a veil over their minds. Their understanding is covered. *They obey not the Lord's Command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions*

*I bring, and my coming.* They are traitors to the Work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord (Message 83:23)?

*Those that contend, believing not all the words I bring, let them have no voice or vote in this Work; already they remove themselves from your numbers. Pray that they may repent and obey the Lord's Will, for I speak His Will* (Message 80:14).

*Those that hinder, let them be removed for already they doubt the words I bring, and fail to see the Lord's Hands moving* (Message 80:8).

*There are those that seek to prophesy in the Lord's name, and in vain they do speak their own words, for they know not His Spirit nor His Power, for God speaketh not to blaspheme. Fear them not* (Message 64:5).

When the former apostle the lord had removed came and prophesied to you that the messages were false and some tore them from the book, did you seek out those they tried to remove that the Lord said to take their place? If you believed the messages why did you accept the Holy Rites from those who had no authority to call or ordain others? Did the man’s words and spirit bear witness to the Words of the messenger. You know they did not, so you would have known his words and authority was not of God had you still believed the Words of the Lord. Be honest with yourself and with the Lord that you failed to defend and consider them.

And now a former member writes of her prophesy. Does it witness the Truth of the Word and bring her to repentance and baptism or further the errors and failures of the past with more polluted water?

Jesus said my Words are Spirit and Life (John 6:63). His Words are Truth and the Spirit is Truth (John 17:17, 16:13). The Spirit bears witness of the Word and establishes it or we know they are not from the Lord. The Lord has fully established the Messengers Words are His Words. The Lord has no place in His Church for those who do not believe that or doubt it.

From the twelfth message until this day the Articles and faith and practice along with the Words of the messenger were our rule and guide and not the words of any man unless they testified to the truth of the Message. Did you just forget or

did you reject the Words of the Lord of His Prophet John the Baptist?

The messenger said to those that were confused by what was done the following: ***The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and peace has come in the hearts of many concerned to consider the Words I bring. In the Communion: the Sacrament of the Lord is salvation to the Truly humble and repentant.*** The Lord has and will forgive. Let your hearts be clean and your lives pure. Hear the Words of comfort and encouragement I bring (Message 119:3-4). Did you consider His Words and the prayers of the faithful that found peace in them?

Did you hear and consider the Words the Lord and the brothers sent and brought to you. Did you humble yourselves and repent of your doubts and confusion that those the Lord removed had caused among you? Did you ever attend services with those the Lord affirmed held His Authority? Did you receive the offer of the Lord to accept the repentance of your doubts with Communion and Sacrament He told to take their place? Did you fail to offer your humble repentance and defend the message or did you continued in darkness? Apparently you did not consider His Word because from that day forward you took sacrament from those without the Lord's Authority. Are there those that are partaking of it from the Lord's servants? I pray not. That would be breaking the Lord's trust by serving it to those that are no longer members of the body of Christ. All churches are not the body of Christ. You bring condemnation upon those not in this body and further upon yourselves by defiling the Holy Rites. The way of righteousness cannot be twisted to cover sin. God is not fooled (R.O.N. 3 Nephi 18:27). Only those that have received the Lord's authoritative baptisms and members of Christ's one Church the one body of Christ with the Lord's Authority can take part in the Holy Rites. This has been the Lord's Doctrine from the beginning (1Corinthians 10:21, 11:27, Leviticus 10:1-3, Numbers 9:10,13). There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men (Message 28:4, Ephesians 4:4-15). If you are not a member of this Church you need to be baptized and confirmed a member in particular of the Body of Christ (Message 116:6-7, 117:1-2)

...A good tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor corrupt tree, good fruit (Message 31:9).

Peace like a river of pure waters will flow to all the faithful that heed and obey. Give to them the words I bring (Message 82:17).

Jeremiah 17:13...all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

All that will obtain the words of the Lord and His will obey, shall have right to the Tree of Life that is the Pure Love of God (Message 49:2). The pure love of God is the river of Living Water and the Power and Authority of the everlasting Gospel of the Word of God. It is the food and drink of the crystal clear water of the atoning flesh and blood of the Word. It is for those with the rights of the one true Body and Church of Christ. It flows from the throne in heaven and our Great High Priest at the head of the Church. The flow of the river of life and the channel of the width of the street of it and on the banks of the soil of great faith in the Word of it. In the midst of it are the roots and channels transferring the life of it to the branches and fruit of the servants and ministry of the tree of Life. The one body of Christ and the one Holy Priesthood of the Son of God that is the Pure Love of God to those that have right to eat and drink of it. It is the atoning body and blood of Christ. The Power of Salvation to those that eat and drink of the Word of God the true water of life (Hebrews 3:1, 1Corinthians 1:18,23,24 26,30, Revelation 21 and 22).

The Message and Authority that I bring ***is*** the pure love of God, the priesthood after the Order of God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of all things, even the Lord Jesus Christ (Message 114:5).

Do you see any roots of this tree? Do you see the flow of the Authority and Power of the Gospel of Christ, the Words of the Water of Life from the Great High Priest and His atoning blood from heaven to His Holy Priesthood on earth that must have its flow to the nations.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne (heaven) shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: (Revelation 7:17).

Every tree the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up. If they hear not this Message, the Light

they claim to have will fade away. This is the Midnight Cry the Scriptures speak of-are you ready (Message 86:13)?

Every tree, the churches, the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up (Message 90:7).

You are in error if you believe all that are called Christians are members of the Body of Christ and you can serve them sacrament. The Lord has restored and established and organized His Church and Body that he has said will never again be destroyed.

Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's Way. ***There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men*** (Message 28:4).

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13).

Proverbs 11:30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Jeremiah 17:7-8. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. ***For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit*** (See Psalm 1:1-3).

Establish the Work with a firm hand. ***Let not the Holy Rites be trampled on.*** Let all who come to this great Light come in by the door and lift their faith to Me,' saith the Lord, 'for I will be with you all the way" (Message 79:23).

Let the Sacred Rites be preserved and kept Holy in the Lord's Spirit. Be ye clean vessels of the Lord (Message 110:17).

***If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door*** (Genesis 4:7).

I see clearly that some are still under the influence and false doctrine and teaching of those they followed. You were removed because you were not willing to repent and come clean before the Lord with the opportunity he gave to everyone. Now there is His command of baptism. I see that

you still lack knowledge and understanding for you still reject and twist the Words and Will of the Lord.

Psalms 119:9. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29). (a refining fire and a hammer breaking the sins and traditions of men and false prophets. It burns, cleanses and purges all that is contrary to its Holy Standard of Truth).

A good example of this is found in Isaiah 28: (8),9-10). He says: " For all the tables, are full with vomit and filthiness, so there is no place clean. This verse is referring to the same metaphor of eating that Jesus uses so many times. It means that all the tables, which are places for eating, contains fouled food, not wholesome "bread, which means, "the word, or truth". It means, there is no knowledge on the table that is clean to "feast upon."

Message 88:20. I bring the Assured Way, the Way of the Lord, **to give Light** to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, ***by my words cleansing out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men.***

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:3, 17).

Message 102:26. I am the Servant of the Household, I am your fellow servant, the Elias, ***'That Prophet'. I speak the Lord's Will and Words.***

Smith's Bible Dictionary. The ordinary Hebrew work for prophets is *nibi*, derived from a verb signifying "to bubble forth" like a fountain; hence the word means one who announces or pours forth the decorations of God.

Leave all in the Master's Hands-it will bring you peace and deliverance. Little by little have I spoken; here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept. How long I have spoken, will the world hear it? Will the people hear it? You believe in God, believe also in my coming to prepare the Way. I speak Eternal Words, I am clothed with Light for a covering, gushing forth as a Fountain of Truth (Message 114:10-11).

Let come what may, and let go what will. You will see them fall on your right hand and on your left, for all that will not hear me—that prophet shall be cut off from among the people. I speak the Assured Way (Message 86:12)

John the Baptist has restored the Gospel and the Holy Priesthood Authority of the Son of God to earth. It is the Authority of the Words of the Lord God that he speaks that must be obeyed and that judge us. Jesus said my Words are Spirit and Life and Truth and the Spirit bears witness of the Truth and establishes it.

### **What about 2003**

Let me address those that left us in 2003 so all may choose to stand with those that will continue to hold up the banner of Truth, the Ensign of God's Love. The Church of Christ with the Elijah message and the Priesthood Authority of God will be those that believe and defend all of the Words of the Lord. The Lord removes those that fail to defend His Words and seek their own plan of authority and power. The Lord has spoken: They remove themselves and their names will be written in the earth.

There were more who left His Authority in 2003 when the Lord called others through Mervyn L. Johnson by the Spirit of Revelation. It was not received by another member of the twelve in particular that had remained with the Church after 1994. It was apparent to myself he feared he could lose a personal balance of power he desired over the remaining brothers in the Quorum since the messengers last visit to brother W.A. Draves. I believe he feared that more than God callings. That is what I had seen. I am a witness that this man tried to destroy the work of Apostle Leonard Draves. The Lord had appointed and affirmed his place repeatedly was in the Work of the Church office (Message 93:26, 100:10, 103:28, 113:14, 115:3, 118:9). I submit the Lord chose Brother Mervyn Johnson to receive His callings because the messenger had confirmed in Message 118 his and Leonard Draves continuing Authority from the hands of Brother W.A. Draves. It would be seen by those who would seek it in the days to come.

In Message 118:12 the Lord promised in time to fill the vacancies of those who had just destroyed themselves for lack of believing and obeying the Words and will of the Lord he had

brought.

On the other hand the brother opposing the revelation was seeking to destroy brother Leonard by removing him from the church office. He then was removing himself and those with him from the Will and Word of God through brother Johnson. There are witnesses that I write the truth. Using his personal power over one former brother and apostle, he had enough votes to remove Mervyn, Leonard and myself who stood by Brother Leonard's calling and the revelation. We had never denied or not defended the Lord's Words. He did not get the vote or support of Brother Mike Greenwell who's testimony also bears witness to the words I write here. The brother who claimed only the messenger could call men to the office of apostle is on its face factually false. That claim denies the articles of faith and practice and past callings of apostles by the Holy Spirit. They were rejecting the Words of Articles of Faith and practice Article 10 and 12.

Article 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.

Article 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.

By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. (2Cor 12:21-13:1). Its a matter of record of the witness of the Spirit to many members and even non members that the Spirit of the Lord visited Brother Mervyn's callings. I am sure the brother who rejected the revelation will deny that he had prophesied to me Brother Mervyn's work was not yet finished when we did not know if he would recover from his heart surgery.

Therefore he removed himself and those that supported and followed him. They were not following the standard rule and plan of the Lord's Words we have been given (Message 1:1, 81:20, 108:13-20). Again men were seeking to have their own way. If not for the few willing to obey and defend this marvelous work and a wonder it would perish from the earth. Again there would be the curse the promised angel has lifted. Will anyone

hear what God has said? This is the pattern for everyone going away from the Word of the Lord since 1929.

The Lord had given His approval of the work the two men had performed among the people in Africa. They had no reason to seek to destroy the other brothers authority and work and grieve the Holy Spirit. (Message 118:14). The messenger promised the lord would fill other vacancies but did not name who He would speak through. The Lord only removes those that deny Him by rejecting and not obeying the instructions of His Words. A revelation by the Spirit of Truth is true and His Word if they're in agreement with the Divine Word of Scripture. We must prove all things with the words of truth in the Bible, the Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord (Message 102:18). A true revelation or prophecy must be in agreement with the written Word to be God's revealing Spirit with two or more acceptable witnesses (Message 102:16-18).

#### **The Standard Rule and Plan of the Lord that applies to all:**

Let all come to attendance to exhortations to Doctrine that greater Light may come, and it will to those that prepare for it, unto the measure of Christ, in all things showing good works. Remember there is one God, one Jesus Christ, between God and men who gave Himself a ransom for all-that mankind may be redeemed, even the saving of sinners, a Way of Deliverance... Let the words I bring be the Rule and Guide with the Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all the Lord's Words, Will and Planning shall this Work be built (Message 81:17-18,20).

***Those that will not and those that has 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. Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.***

*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. See that all come*

*to the Church's teaching; all preaching the same things. The Work is set in pace, the doctrine and program is given; follow thru (Message 108:13-20).*

Message 85:33. I am that servant sent to give meat in due season. Now is the day of choosing—to serve the Lord, or fail to find peace. ***For all they that do not hear me heareth not God and shall not be found among the people of the Lord*** (Matthew 24:45-47).

I want all that have the Word of the Lord to understand and believe the Messenger's Words and obey them and follow their instructions. This Holy Priesthood and Authority is the Pure Love of God to those that believe and defend it keeping the Trust of it in the Way of the Lord for keeping it Holy.

Message 83:5. "The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the Authority in its Assured Way". Amen.

## Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

Have you ever had someone tell you there is going to be a party for you, just for you, but they can't give you any of details? It is supposed to be a big surprise so all you know is it is going to be in honor of you. You do not know where it is going to be, what the theme is, what the entertainment is, what food is being served, what the decorations are or who is coming. All you have is great "expectation" and "anticipation" of what it is all about. You feel excited about it, but you don't know anything else to be excited about. You are feeling so happy, but you don't even know what to be happy about. You just know you were told that someone is doing something in your honor, but, not another detail. You try to not over speculate and to keep calm about it all. You are trying to envision just what is going to happen, yet a bit reluctant to get your hopes to high, especially since you aren't really sure about any of it.

What if I told you there is a very True Story about such a thing? Yes there is. I Corinthians 2:9; But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. This is truth. God has something special planned just for you. You have no idea what it is,



what it is like, what is waiting for you on the other side. It isn't that He wants to keep it a big secret, rather that He wants you to have Hope and Faith in what He has given you to know about eternitiy. He wants you to be excited about what awaits you, fully believing that what He has in store for you is way beyond your imagination. He says we can't even begin to understand what this miracle is that awaits us. It is a spiritual mystery for us to leave ourselves open to and trust God that once we enter the gates of Heaven, we will be so surprised, so full of joy and so thrilled at what He promised has come true, it will be nothing but rejoicing.

Have you listened to the song I can only Imagine? The words are so beautiful. It actually goes right along with I Corinthians 2:9 doesn't it? The song is speculating on what will take place once we actually enter into Heaven. It is asking questions about the reality of what will happen. It says, Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still? "Will I stand in your presence, or at your feet will I fall, will I sing hallelujah or will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine." We wait with great anticipation of what awaits those who love the Lord. God has given a promise to those who love Him and are obedient to His commandments and live for Him. Only the faithful, obedient and righteous are going to get to experience this wonderful precious promise given to us.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14:21. Great are the promises of God for those who love Him, are Faithful and Trust Him. We don't make it to Heaven by just believing there is a God. It takes a faithful true walk with Him, dedicating our lives to Him in truth and spirit. Our rewards are received once we have accomplished our work here on this earth. That reward will be learning what the mystery is and what once we could only imagine, what we could once only read about, now comes to pure light and understanding. The veil is lifted and much is revealed.

Trying to even imagine what Heaven is like can be a bit overwhelming. We know from God's word it is something we anticipate to be a part of and experience in full measure. We look forward to the

time we can communicate face to face with Jesus and feel His love for us in ways that are just not possible in human form. Our spirits long to know Him as only we can do when we go to the other side, (Paradise).

We are here on this earth to make a choice. That choice consists of becoming a Christian, loving Almighty God and living for Him; or we can choose to live in the world and not accept the things of Christ. We are given a free will to choose the path we wish to take. I had a friend to tell me once when I was witnessing to her about Jesus, that she was not bad enough to go to hell but not good enough to go to Heaven. The problem with that statement is, there is no in between my friends. You either go to Heaven or hell. There is not a middle place where you can just wait around to see when you are worthy to go on up to Heaven. (Mosiah 3:12, 17, 18) It just does not work that way. That is not what God promises us. Record of the Nephites First Nephi chapter 15:30-36. Book of Alma 12:24, 25.

Do you know where Heaven is? Record or the Nephites Book of Alma chapter 18:30-32; "And Ammon saith unto him, The heavens is a place where God dwells and all his holy angels. (31) And king Lamoni saith, Is it above the earth? (32) And Ammon saith, Yea, and he looketh down upon all the children of men; and he knows all the thoughts and intents of the heart; for by his hand were they all created from the beginning." We know only the righteous can abide in Heaven.

Can you imagine? Do you anticipate your homecoming to Heaven as being everything you hoped for and that the Lord has promised? Do you question yourself if you are ready to meet God and remain with Him in Heaven for all of eternity? If you aren't sure, then ask your Mom or Dad to help you understand and teach you what the three books tell us what we can do and must do to be a part of the Kingdom of God. God does not leave us wondering what we must do to be with Him throughout eternity. He has it all laid out in a beautiful package for us to know exactly, without a doubt, what we must do to be saved. Can you imagine what it will be like to meet Jesus face to face? Will you stand before Him or will you fall to your knees? Will you be able to speak to Him or will you just stand there in awe? We can only

imagine, right? I do know this, if we are right before Him, serve Him, praise Him, glorify Him, obey His word, His promise is we will understand the full meaning of I Corinthians 9:2 and rejoice in it throughout all eternity.

One day all you “imagine now” will become reality. Concentrate on storing up treasures in Heaven and do your very best to make your life an example for those who are sitting on the fence, searching but not finding, looking but cannot see, hoping but don’t know where to find it, seeking happiness but only know sin to be their happy. You may not be able to change the world but you can change a heart and help them to know the Lord, what He has to offer and give them hope for an eternity with Christ. Help them to “imagine” life with Christ. We can only “imagine” seeing all of our loved ones one day and never have to part from them again. That is what Heaven is all about, being with Christ and our loved ones throughout eternity. Is it worth the fight, the effort it takes to pass the test? Are you up for the challenge? God be with you as you “Imagine” just what He has in store for those who love Him. The veil shall be lifted, the mystery shall be solved, the secret is exposed, all for those who can only “imagine” and believe, accept and follow through, enduring to the end. Amen.

## Junior Department

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

I hope you are enjoying the nice weather. When I see all the beautiful trees, bushes, and flowers, I think of how magnificent God is to have made each thing so beautiful and unique!

I’ve been thinking about God and how I would describe Him to someone. If someone asked you, “Who is God?” or “What is God?”, how would you answer? If this person really knew nothing about God, what would you say? Just ponder that for a moment, then try to put your answer into words. What would you say?

Let’s read from Message 84:16-20. This is how God describes Himself.

16. *“I am He that is called I AM. I am the Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh. I am all*

*in all. I am the only Living God, Creator of the Universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I am the Chief Corner Stone. I am the Stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the Son of Man.*

17. *I am God. I change not. I am He that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I am the Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh-death and resurrection. I am He that is risen, I am the Lord God.*

18. *All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and obey, shall have the right to eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.*

19. *I am He that formed the Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am He that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the seashores, innumerable. I am He that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver My people today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your Master and Lord God.*

20. *When mankind will learn of Me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto light and power—and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.*

What better words could we use to describe God? God is so awesome! The Lord’s Prayer tells us that even God’s name is Holy! Matthew 6:9-13

9. *After this manner pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

10. *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

11. *Give us this day our daily bread.*

12. *And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

13. *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

All things belong to God. As the Lord’s Prayer says, “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen”.

A great study for you would be to find verses that go with each description that God gave.

Example: He that is called I AM.

Exodus 3:14 (When God was speaking to Moses)- *And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM and He said, Thus thou shalt say unto the Chil-*

*dren of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. Christ even said that He was, I AM. John 8:57-58- Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou are not yet fifty years old, and thou hast seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

Example: the Great White Spirit

Many times in the scriptures God is called the great spirit. Passed on from generation to Generation, the American Indians referred to Jesus, who visited their ancestors (See in The Record of The Nephites, 3Nephi) as the Great White Spirit.

Example: Shiloh

Genesis 49:10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

Try to find a scripture verse for each description given and send your results to me. May God bless you as you study and give you understanding and increase your faith as you learn His Word!

Love in Christ, Sister Thresa Ray

## Primary Department

Joy Ellen Draves-Dreher

### Are You Lost?

Luke 15:1-7 "Then drew near to him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2) and the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying," this man received the sinners, and eateth with them. 3) And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4) What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, that not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5) And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulder, rejoicing. 6) And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them. Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7) I say into

you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

It is not much fun getting lost, is it? Have you ever been out with your Mom and Dad and ended up getting lost? How did that make you feel? You may have felt scared and alone. It's also scary for a parent to lose a child.

In this story we learn about one sheep that gets lost, and how we would care so much for our sheep that we just have to leave the other 99 to find the lost sheep. This is how it is with God. He seeks out the 'lost', the ones that are alone and scared. He wants to bring them into His family and show them love, friendship and fellowship. You may have noticed some kids at school that seem lost – in the way that they are alone, not joining in or have any friends. They may feel not as good as everybody else. God loves them too. Maybe you could show some friendship to those that feel this way, or if you feel lost like this, you can know that God loves you and wants to be your friend. He wants you to be part of His family. You need never feel lost in this way again when you come to Jesus. He is always with you.

If you feel this way and you want Jesus to come into your life, to be your friend, you may like to pray this prayer.

Lord Jesus,

I ask you to come into my life to be my shepherd, and to be my Lord and Saviour. Forgive me for the wrong things I have done and help me to follow you all my days and to really feel like part of your family. Amen.

You can be sure that all of heaven rejoices over just one lost person that comes to Jesus.

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." -

Luke 19: 10

Jesus I have felt so lost  
 Unsure of where to go

