

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Message 53:3

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Message 68:10

“ ‘Let the Message go far and near, preaching the same things of the Gospel of peace and Lo,’ saith the Lord, ‘I will stand you in Holy places while the indignation passes over.’ ”

Rev. 12:1

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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 53:10, '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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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**

EIGHTY- SIXTH MESSAGE

The Angel, the Messenger of the Lord, appeared to me and gave the following Message. He instructed me to arise and write the Message. He spoke distinctly and slowly as I wrote: He repeated when necessary to wait upon my correctness of writing.

He had on a white robe with a purple cord with gold tassels, around his waist. He brought the light of the resurrected with him. The light filled the room. The Spirit of God was mellowing and powerful that was upon him I felt it very much.

He is a resurrected person, John the Baptist, the Elias, the forerunner of the Christ soon to come. He spoke of dates and assuredness, His words are forceful with the Peace and Power of God. He appeared July 31, 1968 at 1:15 a.m. and was with me more than 3 hours.

W.A. Draves

1. "Behold! Arise and write a Message I will give you. I come from the Lord's presence. I speak His Will. His Words shall judge all men, color and kind.

2. Make Haste. Are you ready? Will the people hear that they might live and have Life in the hereafter?

3. This is the closing time, to open to the Millennium reign of peace, with Christ on earth where there cometh a new Heaven and a new Earth.

4. There have been losses, loved ones have been take from you. This is the Lords planning. Your companion also has been taken, Changes come, yet greater service and greater things will come to pass. The Lord has and will give you comfort.

5. I bring a warning and a deliverance. All they that believe and obey the Gospel shall find it.

6. Many represent Christ and have faith to do many miracles. This is good. If they hear the final call- this the Midnight Cry and obey it. Their works will stand the test.

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

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

9. God's Plan will not change to suit

them that believe not, they must conform to His Will.

10. Some are almost persuaded to believe, but they will not follow because of their personal dislike of you, my fellow servant. For this, they lose and their end will be sad.

11. Be ye repentant and humble and your work will be accepted of man and God. As I speak this to you, I speak to all.

12. 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.

13. 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?

14. A peaceful solution and condition for the Colored people will be underway by 1980.

15. The great powers, not of God's Will, will find their failing and end. This will consummate in the 1989.

16. Merchants will weep and howl because their future of craft making and merchandising to gain will be wounded and broken.

17. There will be a better Way and some will join in the Pace for Peace to be set up.

18. Warring powers will continue to conspire and day of decision will come when Armageddon will begin in the nineties (90's) and when it ends- few men left in battle alive. But God will appear to the delivering of the righteous and as Christ places His feet on earth-

there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but great relief and deliverance for the righteous. Then the saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.

19. The binding of satan will be and a Reign of Peace shape into place.

20. Unless the servants of the Lord arise and be no more oppressed- arise to their place and calling: cease their error of negligence and hindrances turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will call others to work and carry this Work onward.

21. Let come what may, let go what will- weary not in well doing.

22. Some are born to be with you in this Cause- lest they stay with you defending the words I bring, they destroy their gift. Some are true and will yet be true to their righteous calling- not thinking themselves to be great.

23. Evil has sought to grip the Church and has long had its effect- eating out Her soul. When it is removed She will put on Her Brighter garments and many of Her children will come unto Her.

24. The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is 'that prophet' like unto Moses, when it is I, John the Baptist, the forerunner- the Messenger called Elias which was for to come.

25. A prophet represents, and Christ is God Himself. I represent Him.

26. The carnal mind will not see this, the selfish will not see this, nor they that set themselves up. But they that God has set up will see, will come to understanding, obey and follow through in this Work.

27. Worry not, the command has long

been to see that the work be more firmly established. This, you, my fellow-servant have done in the incorporation you have established, that according to the laws of the land the Church does rightly, and legally exist.

28. God has set in pace and given the authority and trust, but man through weakness and seeking prominency has hindered the Work. Yet they say the love the Lord.

29. Fret not, in time The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will move forward, Already the Lord has prepared multitudes and those to be with you in greater love, respect to God and my words and support it. It shall bring forth fruit meat for the Father's Kingdom. That eternity with God may have place for the faithful all those that obey my words shaping their lives by instructions I bring from the Lord.

30. 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.

31. The day comes when all Christianity will flow together, a mighty people in righteousness.

32. By the year 1989 many great powers will unite, will change. The righteous planting will bear much fruit but that which is not in God's Will, will fold up and be no more.

33. The sun in her place shall become seven times hot. The water of the oceans will much of it pass to the firmament. Then suddenly, as though at once, the sun in her heat will be hid, to burn no more the face of mankind, beyond the waters. And the earth shall bring forth as it was in the beginning.

34. In the late nineties (90's) contentions shall again grow worse. The Great wars will be so bitter- the great worldly confusion- Armageddon shall come in and ere the times of mankind shall be six thousand years the Millennium shall break forth. Then all that serve the Christ shall be one people- delightsome in the Lord- if they obey and trust the very eternal God the Father, who is Jesus Christ the Savior and Redeemer of mankind.

35. There will be those that cannot endure Sound Doctrine- they lift their hands against this Work. They set their face as steel to not let the words I bring to have their way with the people. But keep ye this Way sacred and the Lord will give you faithful ones to help in this work.

36. some you have trusted will walk no more with you, but many more will come.

37. Some will return to this Work and faithful ones will waken to this Call and bring forth much fruit.

38. There will be great changes in the unsafeness of peoples, homes and travel- danger will arise. This will tie things up here and navigation will be at a low ebb.

39. Many will seek to run to and fro, still conditions will be hard at times., However, again a change will come and all men will begin to respect one another and work together, bearing one another's burdens and comfort will come to the humble.

40. Distress of nations and perplexity will be felt everywhere. However, none can save but themselves and that through the Lord.

41. Man will say, 'Oh that these

things were hid from me and I knew them not.' have you not been warned of the things to come?

42. There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against the government, picketing and much destructions of property and people, confusion and dismay, emptiness and untrust toward many people. Labor shall rise up against the hand that feeds them: unrest everywhere.

43. For a time these conditions will be terrible, then suddenly a change will come, and peace will take hold of all that look to the Lord and a better Way.

44. Deliverance will come as the people seek to work together and love one another: even all, lifting the fallen, the down trodden, the outcast and preserving hope in mankind.

45. Salvation is free to all that will hear and take hold and work this Way.

46. There are many the Lord has called that represent His Word and are doing a mighty work. But when they hear this Message, the words I bring from the Lord, and the Spirit reveals to them it is true, they shall accept it and their calling to higher Work. They will be filled to overflowing with Power to represent Christ and His Church, the Lamb's Bride: overwhelming with the Power and the Spirit and the working of miracles on many of the gifts of the Gospel. Here, Oh hear! Ye ministers of peace and God will give you the soul winning Power, Come all the way.

47. Fellowship not with those that twist the Word to thwart the Plan of God to justify their own evil means.

48. God's Plan is plain and simple, converting the soul and a deliverance to those that truly obey.

49. Worry not about those that will

not hear my message now, they will know of it if they are to be found in fellowship with the Lord.

50. I come that the restoring of all things shall take place. I am the forerunner of the Christ. I am the Elias, I bring a Message of Life and Hope."

As this juncture he arose and lifted both his hands and said:

51. "Blessed be the people of the Lord. I bring peace for all."

He then lowered his hands.

52. "There are some that once walked this Way are almost persuaded to return. The Lord will bless them when they do.

53. Some try to serve the Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully dedicate their lives to His service- they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet the Lord face to face and repent of their error they will not fully find peace.

54. I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordained them to the Holy Priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His Son. This has been preserved and reserved to this day and time.

55. Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting and gave him special help to do the Work in his day. That Holy Unction is upon the servants today."

He arose again from the chair near me, while I sat on the foot of my bed writing the Message on the table, then he said:

56. "Now again, I lay my hand on you to bless you in your work that you are to do - that lies before you. That you may have the Gift enlarged and Power to accomplish the Work and to bless others with this Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the Great Plan in

your day and time. I bless you that you may bless others. Amen.”

He sat down and repeated what he said as I wrote it down. My soul was filled and indeed I felt the Gift surge over me and more love and the Spirit mellowed my whole being. He said:

57. “Let those that the Spirit calls be set apart in this Work. Send them forth to do the Lord’s Will- withal proclaiming the Message I bring.

58. Hearken! Hasten! Obey! Be about the Father’s business.

59. There are those that place themselves upon the Altar of Service for the Lord’s Work: teach the Decrees and help in this Way of Life.

60. In the Bible and Record of the Nephites contains the teachings and pattern of the Fullness of the Gospel in its plain and precious parts. But my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order- The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The Kingdom and Dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.

61. The honest in heart that hear, that have heard the Spirit in the past will hear this Message now ns in obedience receive of this Authority and add my Words to their teachings and training to become joint heirs in the body of Christ and members of the Bride, the Lamb’s Church, for when He comes to claim His Jewels. Let them come in by the door, the hands laid on them and take the name: The Church of Christ With the Elijah Message.

62. Take the Message to the pastors,

the leaders, if they believe the Scriptures, they will believe my coming and follow through.

63. That which will bring about a quick relief, help and deliverance to the situation of the Colored people will be by their acceptance, belief and obedience to this Gospel Message. Let them come in by the door- all the way and the Lord will be their Deliverer. They shall be a might people, delightsome in His sight. As the Spirit calls, let them come and move onward, Godward.

64. The Isles of the sea will wait for this Message. Take to them the Gospel of Salvation, this Way of Life. The Message I bring is the Call from God to service and deliverance in His Church. Canada will work hand to hand with the United States and many of the isles will become States to this Union, a great Nation.

65. Kings shall shut their mouths at the words I have to say.

66. Let the article in The Articles of Faith and Practice read ‘conferences,’ the several yearly meetings of the quorum of twelve in their planning and programming this work and it will be greater in the future even with proper representation.

67. Let not the Work be frustrated by the way of man.

68. The Book shall be called, The Record of the Nephites.

69. The Assembly is for the people to learn this great Work and follow through. The work of the ministry is in the hands of the apostles- lead them aright.

70. Much of the leadership rests with you in defending my words. Keep the Holy Order Holy and Right. Let this be

done in the Way of the Lord.

71. Take this Message, send it forth to the world, that all may hear and read and know the Lord has sent me. He has spoken, let it be so.

72. The Church will obey and put on Her brighter garments of righteousness.

73. Praise ye the Lord, let the hands of faith carry on. Zion must come forth.

74. Let the quorum of apostles be filled. Let R. David Temple be set apart as soon as it can be arranged.

75. Let these be added to the apostles: Tommy Gargus, Herman Hylander, and Chuck Hubbell. The Lord will bless their efforts and water the seed they sow, and it shall bring forth. Let these prepare as the vacancies occur.

76. Let Conerd E. Crownover take his place among the twelve, the Lord will continue to bless him in his faith and good works. The translations thus has been accepted, let it continue.

77. the translations of the Message in German are pleasing to the Lord in this Work: let continue.

78. Let these prepare: Charles Isaac Resler, Tracy Jacques Pittman and Larry E. De Cocq for the apostleship when vacancies occur.

79. Let these come into this Work as elders, moreover, evangelists: R. R. Rich and A. W. Bryant. The Lord will bless their work.

80. Let Richard F. Ream and Leo LeVerne Ream as evangelists, labor in California as much as they can. Establish the Work there.

81. Let these be set apart as elders: Gerald Lee Savage. James Clinton Savage and John Eldon Savage.

82. Let these in Germany be set apart as elders, moreover evangelists: Emil

Burk and Friz Single.

83. Let Martin Huonker be set apart as evangelist. The Lord will Bless this mission. Let Bruno Kobs care for the finance in his parts and help will come when the Work moves onward.

84. I will come again. Be not worried or dismayed. The Message I bring will bring Joy to the honest of heart. Many look for my coming and the Message I bring. It will mean Life and Fullness of Joy when they obey.

85. I leave peace with you and to all. Amen”

From the Apostles

Donald Thompson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ :

I have a few thoughts, on the things we going through at this time with the Corona virus. As I see so many worried and really fearful and I understand why, as so many without jobs; and the ones that have jobs are in such high risk taking care of the sick, they can't be 6 feet away from the sick. I hope many are praying for those who are working in hospitals, nursing homes, children's homes, urgent care, ambulance, even the person delivering your mail. Those still working in groceries stores etc. all putting life at risk.

Many have lost loved ones and those who are sick, we aren't able to be with them. So many are out of work and business closing that may never be able to overcome. It's a very scary time in our lives. I see much fear among people, sadness and hearts broken which affects us all so deeply.

If you would like to follow along

with me in the scripture, get your books out. I'm hoping these scriptures will help you feel more at ease and you can share them with your family. This is a good time, parents can take the time to teach their children, tell them what God can do to help them in these days of tribulations, trials and burdens.

The first scripture that I like to share is : Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in Heart (Jesus is gentle and humble): and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

We all face difficult times right now. Burdens in our life brought on by this virus has caused much fear, and worry among us Some feel they just can't bear it. It does seem hopeless and we feel powerless. The stress of this situation can leave us feeling even physically, mentally exhausted, we feel drained of all our energy. We worry about our loved ones. We worry about working, schools and etc.

Jesus knew that we would be facing this type of situation this is why he's said to "Come unto me." I do believe that keeping your relationship with Christ Jesus is what will help us not only overcome fear but give us strength to help others. Sometimes just a word spoken to someone helps them."

In 1 Peter 4:12-13, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you;

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that,

when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (which means you will have greater understanding of what Christ did for you and you will have strength to help others.)

Psalm 55:22, "Cast thy burdens upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." (or shaken so much you lose your faith.)

I know some of you might be thinking how can you feel God's joy when you're so burdened down? In the word of the Lord in Message 115:9, "When care and burdens come up- take them to the Lord in prayer, in wisdom, and deep concern. He will answer to your blessing. You will see His power move."

Now to know and see the power of God move in our life and feel burdens lifted, that sure would make us feel somewhat protected, loved and encouraged to continue on. Wouldn't you think?

Lets strengthen our faith in God and be still. Learn to listen to His spirit prompting you, speaking to you. Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit that is within you to really know your savior Jesus Christ.

It is good to read, The Holy Bible, The Record of the Nephites and the Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel. Then take time to pray and to develop a deep relationship with Christ. He loves to hear from us, not just in times of trouble but every day. He wants to see your joy as well. He wants to hear from you in your everyday life, and He loves it when we thank Him for what He does for you. Give the Lord the praise He deserves.

In these days of much sickness and trials, trust the Lord Jesus, if He says it will be done! The scriptures tell us that God will renew our strength, remove our weakness we feel during our burdens, trials or pain.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Following Christ and his gospel gives you strength to rise above your burdens. Matthew 11:29 Jesus says: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your soul." (believe Christ)

Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

So right now in all this that we are going through and you're having to stay home, keep in contact with one another, speak to your friends about the Lord and his protection and love. Keep talking about the good things in life. Help people to keep in good spirits. Pray with one another. Call those who are working with the sick and let them know you are praying for them.

Talk to your children about what's going on and what a wonderful God they have. Read the scriptures to them. The real little ones might not understand but they will feel God's love when you're reading to them and they will know these words are good.

Message 14:5, "...when you are in need of light from Heaven, wash yourself that you may be clean, anoint your head with oil, and in fasting and humili-

ty go before your God, that He might direct you in His work."

We are going to have trials. Message 90:4, "Press on, greater trials await the nations, the people and the church. Let nothing destroy your faith and good works. Deliverance has come- reach out. The Way is prepared for the greater outpouring of the Spirit and mighty things will be revealed, but only to the humble." So even in our trials we will be blessed if we don't lose faith or become discouraged."

We don't have to carry our worries and burdens alone Christ is at your beckon call. Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

We have spiritual help for us along the way to strengthen and encourage us. They are prayer, fasting, studying the scriptures, the Bless Oil, speaking to one another about the scriptures, and God's love. Let your life be pleasing to God and the joy that seems impossible right now because of what everyone is going through will be there.

Remember this scripture: Roman 12:12, "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;"

I love each one of you and please take time to share the scriptures with your children. Trust God without fear. We will get through this but remember, God is our strength. Pray for one another., especially for those who are putting their life out there to help others.

Your brother in Christ,
Donald Thompson

Article

Ashley Beckham

“I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in my Jesus, for he hath redeemed my soul from hell.” - 2 Nephi 33:6.

This has long been my favorite verse from the Record of the Nephites. It is a simple statement of faith, but one that speaks volumes to me personally. Especially the part about plainness. When some people think about the word “plain,” they picture the Amish or something that is boring. But I don’t believe that is what Nephi is saying here. It is a simplicity of faith.

In 1 Nephi 13:28-29, the angel tells Nephi of the “plain and precious things taken away” from the Bible. We aren’t told what those things are, but that they were “plain unto the understanding of the children of men.” I think that these were the things lost in the apostasy of the early church and that were replaced by the creeds and traditions that John mentions in Message 12:4. I’m sure that it is easy for one raised in the Church of Christ to think that he was only saying this in reference to the Restoration movement (which is partly true), but coming from outside of the Church, I see it as Christianity as a whole.

The original and plain ordinances are right there in Hebrews 6:1-2, “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection

of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

But that didn’t last long as history shows. After the death of the original Apostles, the church was influenced and contaminated by Greek and Roman philosophy and paganism.

Having studied history and religion in school (and mostly in my own search for Truth), I could go on and on about those changes made and the harm caused. But even today, some of the historic churches of Christendom still proclaim the Athanasian Creed which itself refers to its doctrine of the Trinity as an “incomprehensible” mystery. For almost two thousand years, Lehi’s vision from 1 Nephi 8 has come true over and over again as people were lost and left the “straight and narrow” path.

So where does that leave us as heirs to the Restoration of 1829 and the Greater Authority of 1929 and after? And where is the plainness that I talked about earlier? We of the Assured Way are truly blessed with plain words directly from the Lord. As Jesus said in Matthew 18:16 “in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” We have those three witnesses in the Holy Bible, the Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord. Every word is plain and true. We don’t need to worry about allegories or some arcane mysticism. I’ll quote Message 12:1 again, “..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 excuse at the judgement day, for verily these things shall come to pass.” Also Message 86:48: “God’s plan is plain and simple converting the soul and

a deliverance to those that truly obey.”

We are also blessed by the simplicity and plainness of priesthood. The Lord said in Message 111:5, “I have given the holy priesthood, the power and authority of God, by the hands of My Messenger, Mine angel, My forerunner, but so called ‘restoration’ has added to: offices, officers, and creeds I do not accept. Again, without authority, and lack of true authority and doctrine of salvation, because of high prominence and great titles, you are empty of the Lord.” This obviously is in reference to a Presidency, High Priests, Seventies and the like, but we are also free of popes, cardinals, archbishops, metropolitans, etc. We only have Apostles, bishops, elders and evangelists which are all mentioned in the New Testament. And we should never forget Acts 2:17, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” The Messenger came to Otto Fetting and W. A. Draves; he will come again to one of us.

It is a true blessing to be a member of the Lord’s Church. It was what I had been searching for decades to find. May we all be ready and worthy for His next working.

Your Brother in Christ,
Ashley Beckahm

Juniors

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

We have been living in some uncertain times right now. So many changes

with schools closing and having to do social distancing. I know some of you are missing your friends and miss participating in sports, band, orchestra, choir and club activities. Our high-school seniors are even missing graduation ceremonies or having them postponed and still doing social distancing. These things can be very disappointing to miss, but we are trying to stay safe from getting and spreading the COVID 19 virus.

As our country is beginning to open back up we must still wash hands often and do some social distancing. Through all this you need to keep studying God’s word and praying. Draw near to God. Give Him your worries and concerns. Scripture tells us that we should give our worries to God. He will help us. Our burden will be light because He carries it for us.

Matthew 11:28-30, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Jesus tells us that we are His friends. John 15:14, “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”

We are told many times in the scriptures to “Fear Not.” So do not be filled with fear of the unknown. Put your trust in Jesus and do not fear.

Luke 12:32, “Fear not, little flock; ...”

David says in Psalm 23:4, “... I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.”

So in the different times in which we are living in you can be grounded in the

Lord and feel His love and inner peace. Study God's words in the 'Holy Bible', 'The Record of the Nephites' and 'The Word of the Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel'.

Do your best in all that you do. Matthew 25:40 (Jesus is speaking), "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

When you think about others and how you can help them, you are not being self-centered and only thinking of yourself or your worries. It is amazing how good it can make you feel to be doing good for others and remember what the verse says, if you do it for others you are doing it for Jesus also! Your whole outlook can change and be more positive!

Be obedient and respectful to your parents. Exodus 20:12 one of the ten commandments says, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

It is also good for you to get some exercise. Don't just sit and do things on your phone or computer. Get up and move. It does wonders for your body and your mind. Enjoy some outdoor time. God gave us a beautiful world to enjoy.

Take time to thank God for all the

wonders he has given us. Thank God for your family and friends and all the blessings He has given you!

Scripture tells us that God loves us all. It rains on the just and the unjust. We will all have trials, but it is how we deal with our worries and trials that is important. Look to God in all things. There is no problem too big or too small for God to handle. Put your trust and faith in God. Give Him your burdens and concerns. Be encouraged and uplifted. Do not be fearful. Thank God for your blessings and be a blessing to others.

Love to each of you. May you feel God's love surround you, uplift you and give you inner peace and encouragement. God is always there for you!

Sister Thresa Ray.

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

I was recently inspired by a little ANT. Let me tell you how. I was sitting in my chair and noticed this little "ant" scurrying around, going in circles and appearing to be very lost. I watched this little guy for sometime, moving as fast as his little legs could carry him and yet going nowhere. I wondered, "does he know where he is supposed to be going, but somehow lost his way?" Does he realize he is so confused and just going in circles? I actually felt sorry for this little ant. He was truly struggling trying to find his way back to where he needed to go. Of course there wasn't anything I could do to help the little guy. Finally it

went toward the patio door and I didn't see it again.

Throughout life you will face many choices or make decisions on which path to take. Some paths can seem very attractive and offer a lot of entertainment, but doesn't give any spiritual guidance or leading you into a closer relationship with Christ. Some paths can be deceiving and lead you completely astray, because what it offered was so tempting and was so attractive to you. Some paths can seem of moral and Christian values, yet, take you into sinful situations, things that only seem good on the surface but are actually not good at all.

Galatians 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

1 John 2:15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Titus 2:12, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

In life you will face all kinds of challenges. You will face many battles of good verses evil. Temptations will soar

continuously in your heart and mind. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:12, "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."

This is why the path you choose is so vital and is built on solid ground, staying on the straight and narrow path. 2 Nephi 31:9, "And again: it showeth unto the children of men the straightness of the path, and the narrowness of the gate, by which they should enter, he having set the example before them."

Your house must be built upon a solid rock, not on the sinking sand. You can only obtain this kind of foundation with remaining close to the Lord, reading and studying His Word daily, praying often in your secret closets, giving time to the Lord in meditation and going to worship.

Have you ever felt like that little ant? Have you ever felt like your life is just going in circles? You feel like you are trying so hard yet going nowhere? As you read through the paths we talked about, which path do you think you would take and why? Remember, there is only one path that can and will lead you into eternal life with Christ. Matt 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Choosing the right paths in life is more than just making a right choice. Your very salvation can depend on those choices. If Christ lives in your heart and

you strive to be obedient to His Commandments and live righteously before Him, then you are on the right path, the real battle is staying on that path. The little ant got off his path, got confused for a while and kept on trying to find his way. I hope he did. Keep on the straight and narrow path and don't allow temptations of this world, peers or even friends tempt you to get off that path. However, if you do, pray that the Lord will get you back on the right path and keep moving onward and forward.

Msg. 91:29, "Love not mammon, nor the ways of the world. Let your moneys serve instead of master. Seek God and His righteousness and much will be added unto you."

The Lord is always with you. He hears your supplications before Him. He loves you so much. God bless you each one on your journey in this life to be victorious and know in your heart one day you will hear your Father say, "Well done my true and faithful servant." Amen.

Obituary

Levon David Moore

August 21, 1974- March 23, 2020

Mr. Levon David Moore was born August 21, 1974 in Lee County, Alabama to Apostle Alfred Johnnie Moor and Mrs. Gladys Caston Moore.

At an early age, he confessed Christ as his personal Savior and became a member of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message where he was Ordained

as an Elder at the age of 16.

"Von" as he was affectionately known by family and friends, graduated from Beauregard High School, Class of 1992. He attended Southern Union State Community College in Opelika, Alabama. He graduated from Tuskegee School of Ministry. Von served in the United States Army and the National Guard. Von was a successful local businessman, he owned numerous businesses over his life including Moore's Lawn Service; Levon's Kitchen and Tiger Tax Service in Auburn, Alabama. His passions were creating jobs for others and teaching generational wealth.

On Monday, March 23, 2020, he departed this life at his home in Auburn, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father, Apostle Alfred Johnnie Moore and his brother, Sabrian Samuel Moore.

Memories will forever be cherished by: three children, LaKavious Daniel (Joana) Moore of Dadeville, AL, Nadia Kalis (Stephanie) Moore of Loachapoka, AL AND Jeremiah David (Kasha) Moore of Auburn, AL; mother, Gladys Moore of Auburn, AL; one sister, Starkelia Moore (Broderick) Sharp of Columbus, GA; a brother, Ferris Fain Moore of Loachapoka, AL; five uncles, Sylvester Caston, Cledell Russell, Monroe Caston, Lance Caston, all of Robbins, IL and Freddie (Donna) Caston of St Louis, MO; one aunt, Jean Marie Hershey of Marietta, GA; two nephews, Martez Kenya Rhyne of Phoenix, IL and Loyal Amooore Sharp of Columbus, GA; one niece, Baia Michelle Sharp of Columbus, GA and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has
chosen for me.

I took His hands when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the
end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times,
a love one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain
with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
God wants me now-- He set me free.

in Holy places when the great destruc-
tions shall come..."

Announcement
2020 General Assembly

Due to the worldwide pandemic and continued concerns about travel and the health of our love ones and friends, the 2020 General Assembly has been postponed until further notice. We pray that all is well and know that God will see us through.

Message 33:8, "... lift up your voices and carry your burdens to Me the Lord your God, and I shall hear- and lo, I shall help you one and all. Be faithful, and I, saith your Lord, 'will stand you

