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*The End Time Messenger*

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## Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only 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 this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the 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 the added witness for Christ; and 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 man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.
14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to the Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but good 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 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 a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of 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 New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."
25. We believe that 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 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 history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. 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 Judgement* has come. Awake those 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*

## Eighteenth Message

*The Messenger, John the Baptist, came to me at my home at 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan, January 6, 1930, at 12:45 a.m., and was with me till 2:50 am. He stayed in my room and instructed me to write the following Message:*

*- Otto Fetting*

1. "I come to you, my fellow servant. I am sent again in time of trouble, to warn you that satan has filled the hearts of men with evil. There are those who have seen your life; their minds are dark; selfishness has filled their whole being and satan is leading them away from the Lord and His work.

2. They have formed a band to destroy you and the Message I have brought to you. They hate you and those that will accept the Message of the Lord. This is the time when satan has great power among men, and will try to destroy all good. Men and women led to destruction everywhere. This is the time the Lord spoke of when He said, 'Great power will be given to satan.' This is time when destruction will come to the earth. There is a cry of peace but there is no peace. War, contention, strife, hate and destruction is in the hearts of men everywhere.

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

4. I have come to you. I have brought a Message; some have accepted it, others are rejecting it; nevertheless, the words that I

have brought are from the Lord. It will bring life, happiness and peace to some, and destruction to those that reject it.

5. Take the Message as I told you, from house to house; many will be glad to heed it. Preach repentance and faith, for all must have faith in God and His work. All must repent and be baptized for the remission of sin, the hands must be laid upon all, that the Spirit of God might come to the children of men in greater Power, and it will to those that are humble and full of love and have great faith in God.

6. This is the sifting time. Men's hearts will be tried, but those that have faith in God, and will follow the instructions given, will be blessed.

7. The Lord has seen in you great faith. You have not heeded the advice of men. You have been firm to stand by the words the Lord has sent you, therefore, He has entrusted this work to you. Your faith will be tried more and more, but you must deliver this Message I have given you. Let others carry it to the children of men.

8. Save your strength as I told you, that you might be spared to do the work the Lord has entrusted to your care. If you will not heed this warning, your time will be short.

9. Be kind to all men; this is God's work. He will direct. Only the pure in heart and the humble in spirit can assist in this great work, for this is only the beginning of the work that shall be done.

10. The Lord has chosen men to help you in this land, and in every nation under then sun, for He will father the honest in heart from the nations of the earth.

11. There will come conditions on the earth as have never been seen before. Labor shall rise up against those that give employment to them, and those that have shall withhold their support from the needy. Waste is everywhere, yet many shall go hungry, and many shall be in need.

12. Men shall go to and fro. Hate against their fellowmen shall increase and they shall destroy the hand that feeds them. Let the wise go to the land, that they may escape the destructions that shall com upon the cities; for it will come when the air will on fire, and again the great war shall rage, for satan will work in the hearts of men to destruction.

13. Fear not, the Lord will set up His Church in its completeness, and those that are honest in heart will come into it. I laid my hands upon you that greater Light, and greater Power shall come to you. If you will be humble and continue to do the things the Lord shall send to you, this light and power shall come to you as shall stand in need.

14. This Message must be taken to England, to Wales, to Germany, to France, to Holland, to Mexico, to Canada, and all parts of this country. The Lord will gather out men by His Spirit and His Spirit will bear witness to you of their work. Many will be set apart to this work.

15. In time other nations will be warned. Remember, as I told you, this is a time of haste. Release yourself of those things that hinder you in this work, so that you may instruct the people; let your whole life be given to the warning of the people; let nothing stand in you way, for lives must be saved from destruction. Be pleasant in your work. Avoid the danger that shall come to you.

16. Have no part with men in the works of darkness, who are evil; they cannot help in this work, and in time their work will be known to all men. Let them repent lest they be lost. There are those that wish to rule by might. Verily I say unto you, they cannot rule by might, but they must rule by love.

17. I am John the Baptist. I am sent from God with full power and authority, to set in order, to prepare the way of the Christ that shall come, to warn the people

of the things that shall come to pass, to preach the Gospel, to set the Church in order. I come to you in light. I come to you in power. I come as the Messenger of the Lord, but I come to you in love. I come to save the people from destruction. Will they heed it?

18. I will come again; yes, I will come from time time, for I must give the instructions. For this work came I to prepare the way, and much shall be given from time to time.”

## From The Apostles

### The New Covenant Marriage Pattern of the Bride and the Lamb of God

*Richard Johnson*

Revelation 19:7, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.” (Message 52:7, 74:2, 114:7.)

Revelation 21:2, “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Verses 18-20.)

Who can believe that Jesus is going to return to marry a woman and she would be a city coming down from heaven adorned for her husband as described in the vision. We must have eyes to see and ears to hear as Jesus told the Disciples using the instructions He gave them. We let His Words and Spirit show us the spiritual things of God through the things made. They help us recognize something spiritual is being revealed to us.

Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things

of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead..." (John 4:24, 1 Timothy 1:17, Colossians 1:15.)

God who is a Spirit is telling us that He uses patterns or figures from natural symbolic objects and realities, that reveal unseen spiritual realities of existing truths. The Greek word translated as "figure" means "a sample type", "pattern", "model", and "style".

Revelation 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

There is to be a marriage and a wedding between Jesus and His bride. (Revelation 19:7, Ephesians 5:31-32.) In the first of two parts I gave and explained the pattern of the marriage covenant made between a natural man and a woman found in the Bible. God used its pattern and imagery to reveal the relationship between Himself and the natural people of Israel. The new covenant marriage follows the same pattern and imagery to reveal His Spiritual relationship to Spiritual Israel, between the Lamb of God and His Bride.

What has God said about marriage?

1. A marriage is a covenant. (Malachi 2:11,14.)
2. A covenant is a marriage. (Genesis 2:22-24, Deuteronomy 29:1, Jeremiah 31:32.)
3. A marriage is the union of a man and a woman. (Genesis 2:24.)
4. The old covenant marriage was

between God and the natural woman Israel. (Exodus 19:3-8)

5. The new covenant marriage is between the Lamb of God and spiritual woman Israel (Jeremiah 31:31-33.)
6. The Brides of both marriages are both men and women given inclusive names. (Lamentations 1:1-7.)

Who is the man called the Lamb and Husband in our opening scripture?

John the Baptist said that Jesus was the Lamb of God and the Bridegroom and he was the friend of the Bridegroom. (John 1:29,36; 3:29.)

The following basic facts identify the Bridegroom as Jesus Christ the Son of God and the son of man for the marriage the father has sent his servant to arrange for him.

1. Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. (John 1:1, 14.)
2. Jesus Christ is the Everlasting Father. (Isaiah 9:6, John 14:9-10)
3. Jesus Christ is a man and is also called the son of Man. (Matthew 17:9.)
4. Jesus Christ is called the Lamb of God. (John 1:29-51.)
5. Jesus Christ is called the bridegroom. (John 3:29.)
6. Jesus Christ is said to have a bride and a wife. (Revelation 19:7-10.)

Who is the woman and wife of the Lamb of God the angel was speaking of? How can we identify Her? I wrote that God also gives spiritual definitions and descriptions through out the Bible that identify spiritual truths. Another of the things I see in my opening scripture is that the wife is clothed with the righteousness of her saints or her people. If this woman and wife is a city and a bride wearing clothes we better be using spiritual eyes because there are

several more symbolic images seen that reveal her. The apostle is seeing a spiritual Truth. (Revelation 12:1, Malachi 4:2.)

Revelation 21:9-10, "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, *I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

10. And he carried me away *in the spirit* to a great and high mountain, *and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.*"

*The following are the words and images* among others that identify *the people who are the bride* of the bridegroom, *the lamb of God*:

1. The Holy City or Heavenly City of God. (Revelation 21:2.; Hebrews 11:16, 12:22.)
2. The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-10, Revelation 3:12.)
3. The tabernacle of God. (Revelation 21:3.)
4. The Church of Christ. (Revelation 12:1, Message 34:5, 100:7, 101:21.)
5. The Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23, Message 86:61.)

Message 102:40, "The Church is set in pace, let all be up and doing. The Vision has been uncovered..."

Message 103:16, "Let the Church, the Body of Christ, love one another in the Peace of God."

Message 116:6, "The image of the Church is set in pace. The Authority established, the Power given. Let it develop and progress the Lord's way. He will provide and show His hand."

### **The Holy City and New Jerusalem:**

Note that the classical Greek usage of Ekklesia translated as church in the New

Testament included the assembly of the Israelites, the assembly of Christians, and also was used to describe a united body of the citizens of a city.

Revelation 21:2, And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

### **The Tabernacle is a type for the Christ and His Church:**

Revelation 21:3, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

1 Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (Exodus 25:8, 29:45-46.)

Revelation 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." (The bride (female) takes the name of the groom. (male.)

Therefore, there is no temple seen in the City because New Jerusalem is the church and the bride of Christ, and they are the Spiritual Temple of God. (Mark 10:9)

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

John 17:21, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Therefore, as the Church is His Bride it also symbolizes the Body of Christ by her covenant marriage. (Col. 1:26-27; Rom.

12:5; Eph. 2:21, 22.)

1 Corinthians 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

The gates of the city are open to all for those that enter into the covenant of marriage with the baptism of water and the Spirit according to the pattern of the Father of the bridegroom sending servant and friend of the Bridegroom who would call other servants with His Authority to make the marriage betrothal of the Lamb of God and His people. (Malachi 2:7; 3:1-3; Matthew 11:10, 14; RN. Book of Jacob 5:70.)

### **The Church of Christ Is the Bride of Christ:**

Matthew 22:1-2, "And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,"

Jesus is speaking of His Father arranging a new covenant marriage for Him with a spiritual Bride. God sees a groom as always being a male gender and the bride as female.

We should learn that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and that He is marrying a wife and understand that a wife is always a woman. I have already said to fulfill the pattern there needs to be a father or a servant arrange His marriage.

2 Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Paul the friend of the Bridegroom is showing his concern of himself and that of God that she (the church he is speaking to) might not, as the bride of Christ, suffer herself to be led astray.

Message 77:13, "Thus saith the Lord, 'I give My Commandments to those that name My Name to serve Me and I know their covenant. I speak to those of The Church of Christ and to all that will become *My Bride, My people...*'" (Message 89:15.)

We are described as "kings" and "priests" (Rev 1:6.) In 2 Corinthians 5:20, the church is called "ambassadors" for Christ. In other places in the Bible we are described as "saints" (Romans 1:7.) The church is described as an "army" with armour and weapons (Eph 6:13.) We are described as "children" and even "sons" of God in the New Testament. We are called "joint heirs" with Christ in Romans 8:17. In Romans 2:29, the church is called the spiritual "Jews." In other places in the New Testament, like 1 Corinthians 3:16, the church is called the "temple of God."

### **The Body of Christ:**

How does the Bride become the Church (a woman) and the Body of Christ (a man) at the same time?

The Bride becomes the Church and the Body of Christ through her new covenant of marriage to Christ. In Adam and Eve we can see them as the type for Christ and His Bride being one flesh or body.

Genesis 2:23, "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

The church is called the body of Christ in Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:15-16, 1 Corinthians 12:20, and Romans 12:5.

Message 86:61, "The honest in heart that hear, that have heard the Spirit in the past will hear this Message now and in obedience receive of this Authority and add

My Words to their teaching 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." (Message 64:10, 102:35, Revelation 3:8, and Romans 6:3-7.)

Message 103:16, "Let the Church, the Body of Christ, love one another in the Peace of God."

With Adam and Eve God established His law of marriage covenants between a husband (a male) and his wife (a female.) This law states that in marriage the wife's body and the husband's body would be called one body instead of two. (Mark 10:7-8.) We can see the inference of a marriage covenant between Jesus and the church in Revelation two and three where Jesus addresses letters to the church that He will give them a new name if they overcome. The reason for the bride taking the name of her husband that is Christ. (Revelation 3:12.)

1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (Message 116:7.)

We can see that the Church also became the body of Christ through a covenant marriage. It is because of the Genesis law of marriage since the church is called the wife of Christ we would also be called the body of Christ at the same time. The difference being that Adam's marriage was physical and this one is Spiritual.

1 Corinthians 6:17, "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

If we are one spirit with Christ this informs us that we are also the body of Christ.

Ephesians 5:30-32, "For we (the church) are members of his body (Jesus Christ), of his flesh and his bones.

31. For this cause shall a man leave his

father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Toward the end of the betrothal period, the bride waited with great expectancy for the groom to come and for the ceremony to take place. Even late in the evening, the bride and her wedding party would keep their oil lamps burning in case it was time for the wedding to take place. (Matthew 25:6-13.)

As He came, the friend of the Bridegroom went before him and shouted, "Behold, the bridegroom comes." This shout would be accompanied by the blowing of a shofar, a trumpet made from a ram's horn. (Revelation 14:6-7, Message 95:12, 99:12.)

From 1829, the Lord restored the Holy Priesthood and Authority to establish the Church and Bride of Christ. Many made their covenant of marriage but the virgin daughters of Zion, the churches grew up like trees added the traditions and sins of men that the Lord had not planted. The Lord waited a hundred years for them to follow His instructions to prepare for the marriage as faithful virgins. Without enough oil for their lamps they waited in darkness unprepared to consummate their marriage with the Lamb. In 1929 the Lord came to with oil for their lamps. It was for those that had lost the Light of the Ministry John had restored and for all mankind that all alike had broken their everlasting marriage covenant. The rest now is history for another lesson.

Message 3:3 & 8, "Behold the Church has slept and slumbered but now let the wise trim their lamps, that the Spirit of God may be as oil to their lamps, for behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Prepare ye the way for His coming. Behold the Temple must be built.

8. By My Spirit I will feel after the hon-

est in heart and those that hear you will hear Me, and those that reject you reject Me also, and they shall sleep on until the Bridegroom comes, but will not have oil in their lamps.” (Message 12:4)

Message 19:8, “The Temple will be built by a people whose hearts are pure. *God will not accept any unclean thing; nor the work from men that will not follow the instructions given by His servant that He has sent.*”

Message 35:2, “I speak to the people of the Lord, those that have heard the Midnight Cry.”

Message 53:9, “All that sin and do iniquity shall be cut off lest they repent ere it is too late and they be taken to the beyonds in their filth. For the consummation is proclaimed and the indignation is on. The gates have been opened that deliverance will come to all who will heed and obey, for the warning is to the ends of the earth, upon the north sides and the indwelling, and a new language shall come forth.”

Message 60:10, “All those that do not heed and obey not the instructions I bring, will not be of the Bride of Christ when He comes...”

The fourth custom in an ancient Jewish wedding was the wedding itself. The vows made during the betrothal ceremony were completed in the marriage ceremony.

Revelation 19:7-9, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”

Message 114:7, “There cometh a day when the open door before you will close.

Are you ready for the consummation of all things; bringing in the Lord’s Jewels, His Elect ones- the honest in heart- making ready the Bride of Christ, His Church, His Zion?”

1Thessalonians 4:16-17, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

The fifth and final custom in the ancient Jewish marriage was the marriage supper or feast. It was a celebratory occasion, but it’s application in the New Testament may be surprising. After Christ’s return and his bride had made herself ready (Revelation 19:7-9), the marriage supper took place. Following the wedding feast, the bridegroom and the bride would live together as husband and wife for the remainder of their lives.

Message 81:22-23, “Many represent Christ, but you men are to represent Christ and His Church.

23. The Church is organized. I have given the type and leadership, the Way through the gates is open. Repentance and faith are the beginning, worship and receive the gift. The hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those that prepare for it.”

The Church’s Articles of Faith and Practice includes the following articles the Messenger said the Lord had inspired:

Articles 23-24, “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 13:4-8, and III Nephi 10:17 RN), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot.”

Credit to the Holy Scriptures and the continued teachings of the Holy Spirit to many who diligently seek the ‘Assured Way’ of the Lord. (Message 70:4, 85:5, 88:20.)

Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:”

Amen

## Articles

### Tithes, Offerings and Oblations

*Ellen Draves*

A few months ago I was asked what I believe were oblations. This individual thought that oblations were just tithes and offerings. They believed this because in Message 66:17 “Let all pay their oblations to the Lord in tithes and in offerings...” I have been searching and this is what I have come up with.

Message 12:10 “...For behold the people of the Lord are glad to help in this work of the Lord, by tithes and by offerings for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto the Lord, for this was the law in Abraham’s day who paid tithes and the Lord blessed him and the Lord will bless in your day all those that shall keep his law. Therefore pay your oblations to the Lord in **all** things that your work may be accepted of him, so when trying times are upon the earth your work

might stand the test...”

There are several other messages that refer to paying tithes, offerings and oblations. Please look in your index in the Word of the Lord, find them and then read them.

The Lord has given the commandment to pay tithes, offerings and oblations to Him. In return He gives you blessings for it. Our government which was started on Christian values also gives a blessing or reward. Our government allows us to have a deduction for this if we chose to use it. We have just received a double portion or rewards. This is not what I wanted to talk about. I wanted to talk a little about tithes, offerings and oblations.

Have you ever wondered what the difference is in these items? Tithes by definition are one tenth of your annual produce of earnings formerly taken as a tax for the support of the church or clergy. Produce of earnings if what you get from your job, what you grow or what you produce. I don’t think that many people give produce or products to the Lord in this day and age but it would be acceptable.

Offering is a thing offered especially as a gift or contribution. I think all of us can figure out what this is. This is in addition to our tithes. Every time you put money in the collection plate on Sunday you have given an offering. There are times when the Church has asked you if you can help for missionary work, to print books or to help the needy and other things. These are offerings to the Lord.

The third one is harder to explain. The following is my interpretation and if I am wrong please help me to get a better understanding. Oblations by definitions mean a gift to the Lord. Another term could be donations. Now you may ask what gifts to the Lord are. It goes beyond tithes and offerings.

Have you ever given clothing to the Sal-

vation Army or Good Will? I gave away several bags of clothing. When I left I was given a receipt for it. It was a tax receipt for the value of the clothing. I did not give them money but I was given a receipt for donation.

Whenever there is a disaster, particularly a hurricane, Tide goes in with washing and drying machines and helps the people get clean clothing. This is a donation from Tide.

Another example of a donation or oblation is work. Habitat for Humanity builds homes for the under privileged. The work is done by volunteers who donate their time. When we moved into our present Church, the sanctuary needed the carpet replaced. An individual gave us the carpet at a discount. The additional cost of the carpet, tearing it out and disposing of it was an oblation. The man who laid the carpet was not a member of our Church. He came in on a Saturday and laid it for us and did not charge us for it. This was an oblation for him and a blessing for us.

As members an oblation could be cleaning the Church, helping to get the paper ready to mail, helping put books together, going to see someone in need, praying for someone or writing an article for the paper.

Tithes, offerings and oblations overlap. Did you know that the Lord expects us to spend one tenth of our time and work for Him? Does this go along with tithes and oblations?

When the temple was started in 1929 a call was sent out for people to come to Independence to help. Men helped clear the land and dig the foundation. They even brought their animals to help. Women prepared the food for the workers. They brought the food with them. The Church did not buy it. It was a donation or oblation. The women also washed clothing for the workers. Houses were opened up for the workers and their families. This was

above what the Lord required.

When we start to build the Temple again it will be built by sacrifice. And as it say in Message 5:5 "...He will send his Spirit and his Messenger from time to time, for this house shall not be built by promises, but by sacrifice..."

Message 2:4-5 "The Messenger said, 'Come with me and I will show you another vision.' He took me to the northeast corner of the Temple Lot, and he said, 'Look!' here I could see men coming with their tools, going to the middle of the Temple Lot laying their tools down. Some put on mason's clothes; others carpenter's aprons; but all were solemn and quiet, and slowly they started to work on the Temple. 5) The work started very slowly but it began to grow. Then I could see people come from every direction, but when they got to the Temple Lot they would take off their hats, walk over to where they were to work, and a man stood there with a treasury, and they would put something in and walk away, but would keep their hats off until they were off the Temple Lot."

In the above two verses we see examples of offerings and oblations. The men gave their time and skills for the Lord. They also gave offerings to the treasury.

I will end this with Message 56:11 "...Repent in a contrite spirit and bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Let all pay their oblations to me and I will be your reward." saith your Lord.

## **Young Adults**

*Karen Wilkin*

We live in a very fast paced world. Whether at school, at the job, with friends or even at home. Living with stress is a

new normal these days. So how do you cope with all this "new normal" life? Talking with your parents is a good start, or confiding in good friends also helps, but there is ONE you can count on day and night, 24/7. His name is Jesus.

Message 52:24, "Worry not about those things over which you have no control. Be not led into despair nor contention..."

Easier said than done right? It is very hard not to worry about everyday life, things that happen, things you don't want to happen, things you do want to happen, test exams, winning in a sport competition, a breakup, your car breaks down and you don't know how to get it fixed, maybe you lost your wallet or the dog ate your homework. All these things can bring stress and life can be very overwhelming at times, giving you so much stress and anxiety.

Hebrew chapter 11 gives beautiful examples of faith. It starts out by saying in verse 1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." When you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed out, read the entire 11th chapter. God put all those examples of faith into one chapter to encourage, uplift, give hope, seek guidance, exercise our own faith, seek His counsel and especially, Learn to Trust in Him.

When you are feeling surrounded by problems and tough situations, what do you do? How do you react? How do you respond? 1 Peter 5:5-8, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, wal-

keth about, seeking whom he may devour:"

Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We can trust that God knows our every need, why we need it, when we need it and He already has the answer to meet those needs, you just don't know it yet. This is where you exercise patience and trust in the Lord. He doesn't always answer prayers immediately; but allows you to learn from the trial before you giving you an opportunity to "grow" in faith and trust in Him.

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

It is not by your own might or power that you can overcome the challenges and worries you are carrying in your mind and heart. Learning how to communicate your problems to God and even more so, learn how to hear His still small voice is vital in your relationship with Christ as well as listening with an open heart and mind so you might be victorious in your challenges.

Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

God promises that He is only a prayer away and He listens to your every thought as well as your prayers before Him. He understands what you are going through and He truly cares about you. He does not want you to suffer, to be anxious, to be overwhelmed so much that it affects your hearts and minds. Stress is a part of life, but how we react to that stress is what makes the difference. Since it isn't handed to you on a silver platter, that means you must put forth a dedicated effort to seek God and trust Him to help lead, guide and direct you. If you pray for rain, you know how to exercise your faith? You carry an umbrella. If life gives you lemons, what can you do

with it? You can make lemonade. See, these times of stressful situations can make us or break us. We can learn from those things and grow or we can let them take us down.

I want to share with you an example of what I am talking about. In the month of March, our landlord sold the house we were renting. We had 30 days to find another house. Talk about worry! We panicked a bit because where we lived, there are not a lot of rentals. Those that are available go fast and are expensive. We were deeply concerned to the point I got very anxious; worry setting in.

Well on Sunday morning, I felt led to bring my family together for a talk and prayer about this matter. We discussed it for a while and we all shared our concerns. Then we had deep prayer about the problem. Within about 20-30 min the phone rang and it was our old landlord we had rented from before the house sold to another person. He indicated he knew of a house that was coming up for rent just a block away from us. WHAT?! We were astounded. We met him in the afternoon and he actually had two houses for rent. This house happened to be even better than the one we were living in. We chose the house we liked best and signed papers that very day. We discussed this answer to prayer together and gave thanks to God for not only hearing our humble plea to Him, but for answering it so quickly. All four of us were amazed and thrilled that the Lord saw our need. Although He could have drug this out for a lesson to be learned, this time He chose to come through for us right away. What a blessing. What a testimony of "it is no secret what God can do, what He does for others, He can do for you." We are still so thankful for what God did for us and we will use this experience as a stepping stone and a lesson to continue to trust in God, listen to His still small voice, learn to lean on Him, give Him all the honor and glory and

share our testimony so others can hear about what God can do if we only seek Him in humility and trust Him that He will answer according to His will.

Whether you are worrying about school, friends, homework, teachers, sports, whatever the case may be, God wants to help you through it. You can even know sweet peace while waiting for the answer because you know God is in control and knows your every need. He knows all about it even before you ask Him. God is always only a prayer away.

James 1:3 & 5, "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

So when in trial or temptation, facing challenges which do come, try to focus on not "if God will help you through it," but with expectation and anticipation, He will help you through it". Teen life is very stressful at times and things can get so frustrating and you can overload your heart and mind really fast with so much on your plate. I see this very thing happening with Alexyss and Joshua weekly. There is so much to deal with at school and just knowing you have Jesus to call upon and look to Him through all these major challenges can bring you sweet peace and help you know what you should or should not do.

Psalm 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

We can always feel secure when we know Jesus is just that prayer away. What comfort, joy and peace we can have within our hearts if we lean on Jesus everyday and trust Him that He has our backs and will never leave us or forsake us.

Deuteronomy 31:6 & 8, “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

8. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.”

James 3:17, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 4:10, “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

God's promises are sure and true. If He said it, we can believe it!! So when you are feeling overwhelmed, down, lost, troubled, hurt, discouraged and in pain, just remember you don't have to go through it alone. Jesus is your best friend. Trust in His promises and look to Him through it all. No one LOVES you like Jesus! Oh how He cares for you! When He died on the cross, He had you on His mind, never forget that.

May the Lord lead, guide and direct your life in Truth, Peace, Joy and Happiness in your everyday dealings. God bless you each one.

-Karen Wilkin

## Junior

Theresa Ray

### “It Is Finished”

Dear Youth,

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that through belief in Him, we may have everlasting life. Jesus –arose from the

grave. Jesus lives!

When Jesus was on the cross, just before he died, he said, “It is finished.”

What do you think is meant by these three words, “It is finished”?

III Nephi 12:18 says, “For verily I say unto you, one jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled.”

All of the prophesies of Jesus birth and life, death and resurrection were fulfilled—just as the scriptures said. Yet these three words have even more meaning.

Message 84:13, “It is finished, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the alter and its spilt bloods, the worship of day or days. But keep ye the Lord’s day, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect to the resurrection. Herein was the Gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof.”

III Nephi 9:19-22, “And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood; yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings;

20. And ye shall offer for a sacrifices unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit....”

Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice –dieing on the cross for our sins. No longer will God accept burnt offering sacrifices. God wants us to come unto him with a repentant heart and a humble spirit.

III Nephi verse 20 goes on to say; “And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost, even as the Lamanites, because of their faith in me at the time of their conversion, were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and they knew it not.

21. Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin;

22, Therefore whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him I will receive; for of such is the kingdom of God. Behold, for such I have laid down my life, and have taken it up again, therefore repent, and come unto me ye ends of the earth, and be saved.”

Message 84:3, “Let the Church and all men respect the resurrection, for with it there is hope for all mankind. Come together and worship on the first day of the week- but remember God always. Keep the Lord’s day Holy.”

When Jesus died on the cross the old law was fulfilled. No more the worship of a certain day or days; no more the sacrifices of animals. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. Now we are told that our sacrifice should be us coming to Him with a repentant heart and a humble spirit. We are to honor the resurrection by worshiping on Sunday, the first day of the week. The old law is fulfilled. “It is finished.”

What joy, what Hope we have in Jesus! He sacrificed so much for each of us- we need to show Him our love and devotion in our actions daily!

I hope to see you at our General Assembly this year!

Love in Christ,  
Sister Thresa Ray

## Primary

Joy Ellen Draves

### God Always Keeps His Promises

I'm sure that everyone has seen a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. In most cases it has no diamonds or any other pre-

cious stones. It is just a plain, simple band of gold, but it is *very special* because it is a reminder of a *Promise* that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a *Promise* that they will *Love* and stand *Faithfully* beside one another ‘for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live.’ Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that *Promise* that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it about *The Promise* that the couple made.

*We all make Promises, don't we?* You might *Promise* your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play, or you may *Promise* to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may *Promise* to return something that you borrowed from a neighbor.

*Has anyone ever broken a Promise they made to you? How did that make you feel? What did you say?* You were probably very disappointed and said something like, ‘But you *Promised!*’ Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our *Promises*.

God makes *Promises*. One particular *Promise* is *The Promise* that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked and evil. God Destroyed everything He had Created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a *Good* and *Righteous* man who Walked with God.

After the flood waters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave The Ark, God made a *Promise* to Noah. He *Promised* Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He did something to remind Noah of that *Promise*. He placed A Rainbow in the sky and He said to Noah in Genesis 9:9-13:

“And I, behold, I establish my covenant

(promise) with you, and with your seed after you;

10. And every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.”

God Said that every time He saw *The Rainbow*, He would remember *The Promise* that He made.

*God has kept that Promise, hasn't He? God Keeps all of His Promises.* The next time you see a *Rainbow*, remember *The Promise* God made to Noah, and remember that just as He has kept that *Promise*, He keeps all of His *Promises*.

## **2022 General Assembly**

*June 26-28, 2022*

Dear Readers of '*The Greater Light*;

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

our Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the world.

We invite and encourage everyone to attend **The 2022 General Assembly** of *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord, Inc.*, as we Study and Teach The Word Of God in Truth.

Come with a Prayer upon your heart that God will Rule and Overrule in all things. The Gospel of The Kingdom Of God must go forth from This Center Place to all the Nations. We shall meet at 2:00 p.m. at ***The Community of Christ Church, 1316 South Osage Street, Independence, Missouri, 64055***, Sunday afternoon for the opening session of the Assembly.

The Independence, Missouri, Local will be holding Sunday Morning Services at The General Church Headquarters, 10:00 am at 4224 South. Hocker Drive, Building. 11- Suite. 104, Independence, MO 64055. They invite all to attend that we may prepare for The General Assembly together.

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

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

When we **Come to The Assembly** it is a very Sacred Time of Deep Worship,

Praise and Glorifying Jesus Together. It's for Loved Ones, for The Sick and The Afflicted, for those who are Struggling Financially, Emotionally, Mentally, Physically and Spiritually. It is a Time of Deep Reverence before The Lord. It is a Time we Partake of The Sacred Emblems together, The Communion, The Sacrament of The Lord. It is a time we unitedly humble ourselves before The Lord and seek to cleanse ourselves within that we might come before the Lord with Clean Minds and Hearts.

Message 42:2, "This is The Lord's Work. You men are called from among men to represent Christ and His Church. Therefore be very humble. Meet in your Assembly in peace and let the Lord by His Spirit remain among you. Behold, the Lord will meet with you, for truly this shall be the beginning of great things to come to pass."

Message 60:12, "Gather in the Assembly and cry unto the Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will hear all those that repent and obey His Will. Let your prayers be of the heart. Let not contention be found among you."

Message 64:15, "Let the people meet in the Assembly in solemnness and humility and the Lord will bless them in their meekness. Seek not to please man but do the Lord's bidding. Let not the time be spent in contention."

Message 69:6, "Let the Assembly meet in peace, let rejoicing be in your hearts. Pray earnestly and the Lord will meet with you by His Spirit, and great peace shall flow to all-and The faith of the faithful shall be heard. Power shall come as your hearts shall be prepared."

**Location:**

Cornerstone Community  
of Christ Church  
1316 South Osage St, Independence, MO 64055

**Tentative Schedule**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Morning Service  
(4224 South Hocker Dr, Bldg. 11-Suite 104, Independence, MO. 64055)  
2:00 p.m. Opening Assembly Service  
3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer/Testimony:  
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Study  
2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting,  
3:00 p.m. Prayer and Testimony  
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

**Tuesday June 28, 2022**

10:30 a.m. Priesthood Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Study  
2:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
3:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
4:00 p.m. Prayer /Testimony Service  
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
8:00 p.m. Closing Service & Sacrament

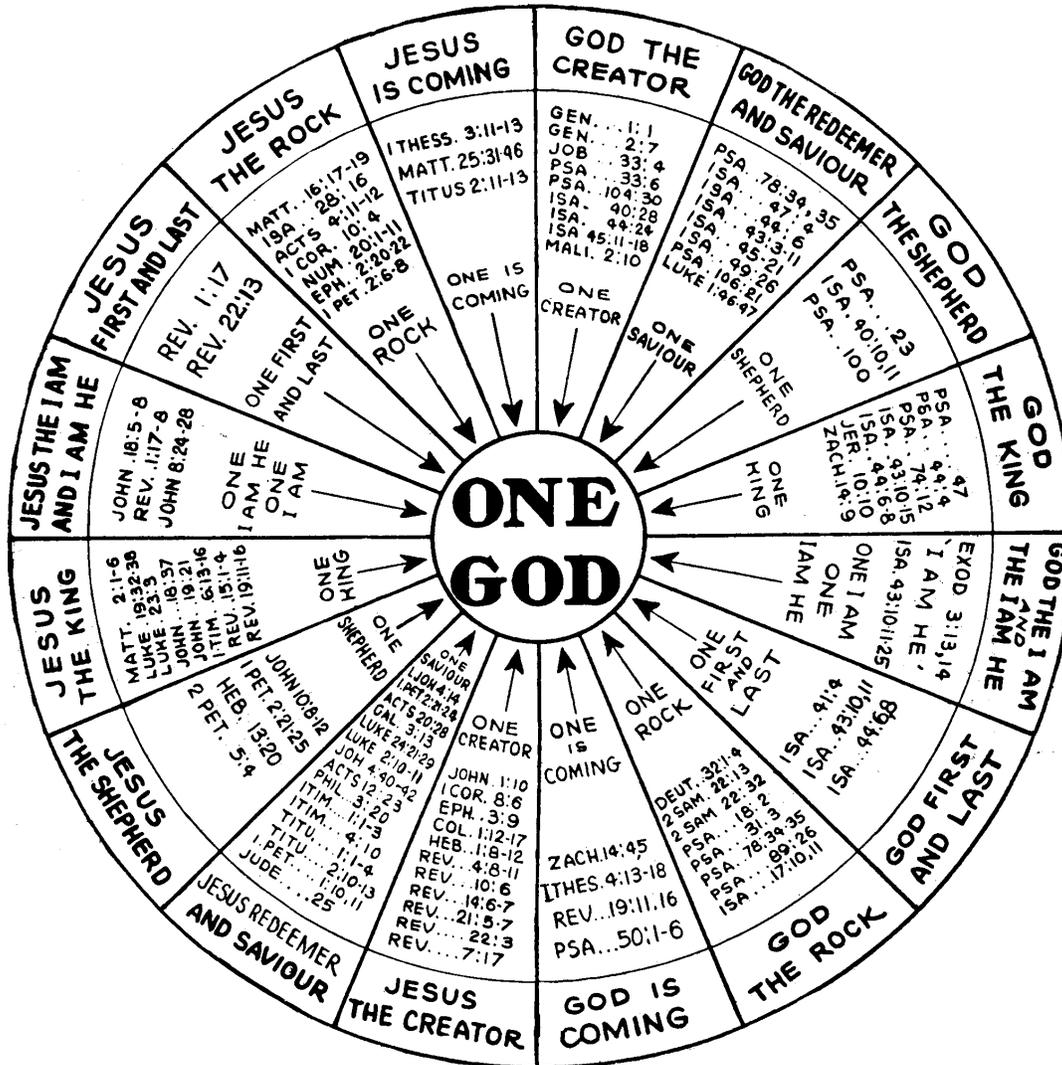
**Handmaidens of the Lord**

Meets Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Children's Classes**

Meets Monday and Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

# ‘Hear O, Israel: The Lord Our God Is One Lord’ Deuteronomy 6:4



## Message 84: 16-17

“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.

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.