

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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

Happy Thanksgiving

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To the end that my Glory may
sing Praise to Thee,
and not be silent.
O LORD, my God
I will give Thanks
unto Thee for ever.

Psalm 30:10



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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.

8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'

10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.

14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building

up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.

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

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

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

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

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

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

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

22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.

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

25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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

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

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

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Secretary For The Twelve
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FOREWORD

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

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

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

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

Sixty-Second Message

The Messenger of The Lord came to my home on the morning of September 4, 1943, and instructed me to give the following Message to The Church. He appeared and commanded me to arise and write. The Divine made me so weak in body that after a part of The Message was given he left me so that I could regain some of my strength. He returned and I felt much stronger. I finished The Message as he gave it.

-W. A. Draves

1. 'Behold; I have come again to bring a Message from The Lord. He has sent me. I come from His Presence. I am he of whom it is written, 'Mine Elect' in whom The Lord delighteth. I am *The Messenger of The Covenant* and my name is John. My coming is to bring a warning and prepare *The Way* again before The Lord.

2. I come that *Righteousness* shall look down from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath sent me and caused me to speak. I speak His Will. The Words I speak shall bring Peace to many for *Salvation* shall be upon the earth among men. Yea, it is and now waiteth to be carried to the ends of the earth, the isles of the sea, for lo, The Lord has spoken; The Lord that made Heaven and earth and all things that in them are. He that stretched forth Heaven above, He it is

that shall confound the liars and maketh diviners fail and turn the wise backward making their knowledge foolish. He it is that shall allow confusion to come upon all of them that stir against The Lord and The Words I bring. I bring a *Way of Deliverance*.

3. I am *The Messenger* to go before The Lord to make the crooked straight; to cause to be broken to pieces all their gates of evil, them that oppose *The Way of The Lord*.

4. Thus Saith The Lord, 'O Israel wilt thou come forth that you might be delivered? I have called thee. I have named thee. I have chosen thee. I am *The Great High Priest*. I am He who scattered thee and I am he who shall deliver- who shall gather. I will bring back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye *My Ways* and come unto Me and *Life Eternal* shall be your reward.

5. Yea, I have not spoken in secret or in hiding. I have sent *My Messenger*. He has spoken My Words and Will. It shall stand, for this is *My Pleasure*. I know the end from the beginning and I have planned Deliverance to all that will Call on *My Name in Righteousness*, in Humility before Me,' Saith, your God'.

(At this juncture he left for a while and returned later.)

6. Be ye comforted all that will hear, for the day shall come when as The Light shineth from the east unto the west so shall the Coming of *The Son of Man* be. Every eye shall behold Him. Moreover, every heart shall cry and every tongue shall know and confess He is The Christ, for lo, He comes and *His Words* shall judge both those that live and those that

do not; both The Righteous and the wicked; both those that do His Will and those that serve Him not. Some to *Joy and Peace* with Him and some to shame.

7. Those that are His shall be counted *His Jewels, His Bride, The Lamb's Wife*, when He comes. Thus *The Church of Christ* shall continue on that a people may be fully prepared; therefore, it is my duty to bring *The Message, The Instructions from The Lord* your God to *The Church*, and for the children of men that all might learn this is *The Closing Time* when *The vineyard of The Lord* is being pruned for the last time and the Christ soon comes to make *His Reign* on earth.

8. Many will help, many are reserved for a *Great Work*, and *The Gospel* must be preached that *The Greater Work* can be done, of the preparing a people, and then *The Greatest* entrusted to mankind shall be accomplished.

9. Therefore, fear not and fret not, but do *The Lord's Bidding*. Save your strength that you may do that which The Lord will yet bring forth that all nations may flow together for Christ shall be Lord of all and *King of Kings* and all men will serve Him. Then shall be no more evil to hinder, but all shall be delightful in The Lord.

10. The Lord has seen your humility and your faith. Continue that He might smile in Peace upon you and *The Church*. Many hearts have bled and will yet bleed if they do not watch and pray. I told you to watch against the days to come. As I speak to you so speak I to all. Be ye comforted. Your companion shall be a comfort to you for *Peace* shall be in the hearts of all those that *Love This Work*.

11. Remember Job in his trials. The Lord

set *His Angel to Deliver*, so it shall be to *The Church* for The Faithful. Some Love *This Work* and know it is TRUE but their pride has kept them away and from coming close to The Lord. Some are True and will yet be True and with all their might proclaim *The Truth*, even The Message I bring. Let them continue on. *Peace* shall be with them.

12. Some hate you and *The Message* I bring and have set their heart to hinder and destroy, but in the end they will lose and grief shall be upon them. This is *The Lord's Work* and it must be done *The Lord's Way in Justice and Righteousness* above the ways and evils of man. Let not man's way hinder.

13. While things look dark to you now, the future will be brighter. As I speak to you so speak I to all. *My Message is one of Love* to all that will Heed and Obey

14. I gave the warning-the conditions are coming to pass as I told you. Some have prepared and are comforted. Be watchful, be ready in *The Lord's Peace*.

15. The Lord will call those to carry *His Work* on even to the end of the earth and all those that are *Faithful will be Blessed*.

16. Let those alone that oppose you and *The Message* I bring. The hate in their hearts will destroy their good if they do not repent and seek to please *The Lord*.

17. Let each one work in his place and calling as *The Way opens*. Let man come all The Way in Obedience, for this is *The Assured Way of The Lord* to speak to mankind. Let them not doubt and *The Lord's Spirit* will lead. The Lord has and will yet give *His Spirit in Greater Abundance* to The Faithful.

18. Thus Saith The Lord, 'Let my servants Lacey and Garrett, be added to

the apostles. Let them always be humble for I, The Lord, will Bless them in *This Work*. Let my servant Redd be set apart as an elder. Let My young servant Floyd know this is *My Work* and I have looked upon him in the past and he shall yet do that special work in *This Cause*. Let all be at work and I shall send The Greater Peace,' Saith The Lord.

19. The Lord has sent me that all might be encouraged. Let *Peace* be in the hearts of all. Let *The Work* move on. Let all pay their tithes that they may render to The Lord that which is His. Be at *Peace* with all men. Be filled with *The Spirit* that its *Fruits may Rule*. *Peace* I leave with you and shall come again as *The Lord will direct*. Amen.'

From The Editor

What Shall I Do On Sunday?

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
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Scripture Text:

Mark 2:27, 'And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man.'

Mark 2:23-Mark 3:6, And it came to pass, that He was going on The Sabbath Day through the grain fields; and His Disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears.

And The Pharisees said unto Him, Behold, why do they on The Sabbath Day that which is not lawful?

And He said unto them, Did ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry, he, and they that were with him?

How he entered into The House of God

when Abiathar was High Priest, and ate the shew bread, which is not lawful to eat save for The Priest, and gave also to them that were with him?

And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for The Sabbath;

So that The Son of Man is Lord even of The Sabbath'.

Mark 3:1-6, 'And He entered again into The Synagogue; and there was a man there who had his hand withered . . .

And they watched him whether he would Heal him on The Sabbath Day . . .

And He Saith unto the man that had his hand withered, Stand forth.

And He Saith unto them, Is it lawful to do Good on The Sabbath Day, or to do harm? To Save a Life, or to Kill? But they held their Peace.

And when He had looked round about on them with Anger, being Grieved at the hardening of their heart, He Saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was Restored.

And The Pharisees went forth, and straightway with The Herodians took counsel against Him, how they might destroy Him.'

Message 81:17, 'Let all come to Attendance to exhortations to Doctrine and Greater Light may come, and it will to those that Prepare for it, unto The Measure of Christ, in all things showing Good Works.'

Message 104:26, 'Let all awaken to their Calling and Help more in This Work, Attending Services, Worship and Working among the people.'

One could ask why was The Pharisees so critical of Jesus for plucking the ears of

corn? Do you think they criticized Jesus for permitting The Disciples to pick the corn and eat it on The Sabbath, or for allowing them to take it without permission? To whom do you suppose the corn belonged? What do you think about what Jesus said to them concerning 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for The Sabbath?' What do you think this means to you?

One of the most noticeable things about Jesus was that He was always concerned about the well-being of individuals. At all times, He made it plain that institutions exist for the benefit of persons; that persons never exist for institutions. If you were to put Jesus' statement into modern language, you would say that the modern movie exists for persons; persons do not exist for the movie. As it is now, the modern movie is interested in making money, and people are used to make it a great commercial success. If the producers should get the idea that movies exist for the Good of the people, it would not be long until a great improvement would be seen.

Suppose we were to look at this whole economic order. We know that some six million young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five are out of work. We also know that many people who have jobs are not getting sufficient wages to meet their needs. If we study the economic order, we can see that people exist for the economic order instead of its existing for them. Perhaps to be Truthful, we should have to say that it exists for a few individuals. Of this economic order ought to be constructed in the interest of the greatest number of persons.

When was the first day instituted? To know this you would have to refer to the first few Chapters of Genesis. The Jewish

Sabbath was placed at the end of the week in commemoration of The Creation. What does the word mean? What reference to it do you find in The Ten Commandments? What day of the week do the Jews still celebrate as The Sabbath? Our Sunday, of course, takes the place of The Jewish Sabbath, with the difference that it is placed at the beginning of the week in commemoration of The Resurrection of Christ. For this reason, it is often called The Lord's Day. The word Sunday means 'the day of the sun', which has come to be used to denote The Christian Sabbath. You will find many people referring to this day as Sunday, and some as The Lord's Day. Since The Christian Church changed from the seventh to the first day of the week in commemoration of The Resurrection of Christ, would it not be right to call it The Lord's Day?

We of The Church of Christ recognized that Sunday is our Day of Worship.

Message 23:18, 'Keep The Law of The Lord in all things and keep ye The Sabbath Day Holy unto The Lord. Let your Fastings be in Humility that The Lord will Hear your Prayers in The Hour of your Need.'

Message 75:5, 'Let not division come among you. For The Old Law and its traditions are finished and is not a part of The Gospel of Christ, in its Sabbaths and burning of bloods—but Forgiveness, Humility, and Sincerity, in The Humble Way of The Lord in Obedience to The Words Christ Spoke in His Gospel.'

According to The Bible record, God worked six days at The Creation and on the seventh day He rested. In the early history of The Jews, they came to recognize this day and kept it very strictly. In reading The Scriptures, we find that The Jews wouldn't

even pick up sticks on Sunday. *What should be the purpose of The Lord's Day for us? Should it be a day of rest? What do you mean by rest? Does one rest only when he sleeps, or does he also rest when he does something different from what he usually does?*

Why does The Church deserve any of our time? In fact, we might ask ourselves the question, 'Why have a Church'? What is the value of The Church School on Sunday Morning? What Good arguments can be given for it? Would you agree that it is about our only opportunity to get Religious Education and to Interpret Life Religiously; that it is our best opportunity to Understand The Gospel of Jesus Christ, to Learn His Doctrine, The History of The Church?

When we study the effect of The Sunday School upon public morals, we soon discover that a very small percentage of juvenile delinquents attend Sunday School. We know also that a large percentage of the members of The Church come up through The Sunday School Teachings.

The Lord has begged us to Heed and Know His Gospel and to edify His People with The Knowledge of His Spirit and Mercies that He bestowed upon His People. He has asked us to Come together that there might be Unity among The People. That we Teach and Preach the same things and to Represent Christ and His Church here on the earth.

Has He not Called us from out of the world to Represent Him and His Church? To Learn His Decrees and Doctrine that we might take them to a sinful world? I believed He even told us to go out into the streets and Command them to come into The House of The Lord. That they might know His Will and His Gospel. If this is so important to

The Lord, *then why would it not be so with us to attend Services and to share The Good Things of The Lord and to Learn His Decrees and Doctrine?*

Why attend Church? What Good does it do to join other people in a Church Service and Listen as the choir sings and The Minister Preaches?

In answer to those questions, I believe it gives a person the opportunity to be part of a Religious Fellowship. It gives the opportunity to sit quietly and be helped to think the best thoughts. It is the only opportunity for an all inclusive group to be helped to bring into focus ignored interest. It is easy for us to forget our responsibility to our bodies and to our minds. It is easy for us to slip into those activities that hurt other people and hurt us. A Worship Service with a thought provoking sermon brings back into conscious minds those ideals which is our better moments we cherish.

Church Services gives us the opportunity to Learn ways that would help our mental and Spiritual health, and to Learn The Christian Way to deal with all types of problems from the standpoint of The Teachings and Principles of Jesus. We of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message are Blessed with The Fullness of The Gospel, with Directions and Instructions of Latter Day Revelations. *So why do you think with these Great Blessings The Lord has given unto us that our own people find it hard to attend Services?*

I realize that today's society does not have time to meet in Services for The Lord. There are so many things that come first before The Lord. It is a backwards generation. This modern generation must come back to a new consideration for The Church. *I guess the real question is, Do*

they want it—what devotion, what leadership, how much money? What kind of Church do you want your generation to have?

Psalms 139:7, ‘Whiter shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whiter shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I Ascend up into Heaven thou Art there: If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy Hand Lead me, and Thy Right Hand shall Hold me.’

I Truly believe that Attending Church does contribute to mental and Spiritual Health, so people should go to Church.

Message 112:6, ‘Again I say. Let all Come together in The Service of The Lord, and The Lord will Meet with them in the hour of their Humility Revealing the things of The Kingdom, for all have a work to do. Let Love fill your hearts that it will be said, See how they Love one another’.

Message 81:21-24, ‘Let The House of The Lord be built, and The Church of Christ with The Words I bring, The Elijah Message be established everywhere. Come! All that Love The Lord and This Work, work together. This is The Lord’s Anointed, and Appointed, The Associated Ones of Faith. Peace be unto All.

Many Represent Christ, but you men are to Represent Christ and His Church.

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.

Heed my Message for this is My Mission. The Doctrine is given, and is set forth in The Bible, The Record of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, The Words I bring.’

Message 80:26-28, ‘Little Flock be not discouraged, for Greater Things are yet to Come for you in your Hope and Salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is Hope for Eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.

He that is for you is Greater than they that be against you.

Blessed and Holy are they that Come into This Way. They shall find The Greater Peace and God’s Plan shall be made Perfect.’

Message 88:15-17,20,24, ‘Mankind shall live by every word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He Cometh down with Power in His Word.

Then turn and discern them that be The Lord’s or them that serve Him not. They that Serve Him shall have Right to The Tree of Life.

I speak The Lord’s Will today. I am he that was Prophesied in Ancient Times, of my coming before The Lord’s Return, to Help Prepare a People to be Ready to Meet Him at His Appearing . . .

I Bring The Assured Way, The Way of The Lord, to give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, by my words Cleansing out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men . . .

All that Hear and Obey my words shall Come to Understanding.’

One last thought, Remember God said,

‘If your Ox is in the ditch, get him out’.
 God Bless you all. May you have a Greater
 Desire to Attending Services.

From The Apostles

The Tree Of Life

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I would like to talk about *‘The Tree of Life’*, *‘Eternal Life, Eternal and Eternity’*.

To a five-year old, it seemed so easy. He helped his parents dig a hole in the ground into which his dad placed the root ball. Mom and he covered the area around the base of the thin trunk with dirt. Everyone stood back to admire the addition to their backyard landscaping. Then the boy asked to call his grandparents. He wanted to tell them he had planted an apple tree and he was now ready to hang the apples on it! Instant apple tree! Just add water . . . or in this case, apples. But as you and I know, it is not quite that easy, *is it?*

Another family, Another yard. Another dad. This man bought 25 apples trees for his family’s acreage. Four years later, all but one of the trees finally begun to bear fruit. The orchard keeper Loved caring for the trees and picking the apples. He did it for a dozen years.

One summer he decided to visit a nearby orchard to ask about the tree that had never born a single apple. The horticulturalist there explained the mystery. When orchard workers till the ground around the trees, they make sure to hit the trees’ trunk until they weep-until the sap runs from them. Apple trees must be wounded and ‘weep’ before they can produce fruit.

The man went home and drove a 16-penny nail through his barren tree until the

sap flowed from the wound. The next year that one tree bore more fruit than all 24 others combined. That tree had 12 years of fruit-bearing potential locked up inside, yet none of it could be released until the tree had been wounded.

Do wounds mark your life? The pain of suffering those wounds have caused you to have deep, deep roots. Those roots have grown all the way down into the soil of the garden you and I know as Eden. You likely know the story from Genesis 2:3. The Creation of the tree, the Command regarding the tree, the tempter lurking in the tree, and the people standing at the base of the tree listening to the temptation. And, finally, the bite those people each took from the tree’s fruit.

Adam and Eve’s disobedience left wounds on every single person who would at any moment in history plant their feet on God’s Created earth. Well, not on all people. All but one-the One Named Jesus Christ. The Heavenly Father came down as The Son to take the sins of the entire world upon Himself. He did this in order to bring complete Healing to you, to me, to all who would Believe in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus, we have Forgiveness for all our sins and The Gift of Eternal Life-right now as we Live here on earth. ‘The Gift of God’ is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

One day, we will experience that Life, that Healing, that Glorious Rescue in The Banqueting Halls of Heaven.

Yes, ‘His Story’ Jesus’ Story-which has through Faith become our story-also involves a tree. That tree Rose up from the ground, taking The Shape of a Cross. NO one drove 16-penny nails into tree; Roman soldiers drove spikes into it, spikes

that also pierced through The Flesh of the One Named Jesus. While the severity and gruesomeness of our Lord's Wounds makes our eyes turn and weep still today, those Wounds also continues to pierce Hearts and turn Lives toward The Savior in Repentance and Faith. Yes, The Tree of Christ's Cross bore Blessed Fruit.

That Fruit is personal. Because of what happened on The Cross, God has brought Blessing upon Blessing into your Life, and mine. God has Poured out His Grace upon each of us, and He now Considers you His Beloved Child, an Heir of Heaven's Incredible Beauty and Glory.

Man of Faith, The Holy Spirit has Plans for you! He has Planted you in the fertile, wee-watered Soil of God's Love. He is Growing you into a 'Mighty Tree', a Tree that provides Shelter, Stability, and Hope to others whose Lives are battered by the fierce storms Life often brings.

Listen to The Words The Prophet Jeremiah uses to describe you. **'Blessed is the man that Trusted in The Lord, and whose Hope The Lord is. For he shall be as a Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river'** (Jeremiah 17:7-8). On a Tree Jesus gave His Life for each of us. In turn, He gives all The Faith-Filled a Blessed Life.

Blessed are you, Man of God, whom The Lord has Planted in His Kingdom. You draw up The Living Waters your Savior Promised you as you sink your roots deep into The Soil of His Word. You receive Nourishment through His Presence and Promises. Blessed are you, whom your Savior Protects, even during the weeping days of drought and pain. Blessed are you, Man of God, as you place your Spirit-Created Faith in the One who gave His Life on a Tree, The Tree

of The Cross.

In Greek thought Eternity indicates timelessness, a state qualitatively different from time.

If we are to be True to Biblical Thought, however it is probably more Accurate to Conceive of Eternity as an endless span of time. The Fourth Gospel Teaches us that whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath Eternal Life (John 6:54). Obviously this does not mean that Christians are exempted from physical death but that The New Relationship to Christ is such that it is not Affected by temporal boundaries of Life.

God is Spoken of as Eternal, in that He is Absolute Lord over time and is in no way bound by it (Psalms 90:4). Frequently The Hebrew and Greek words which are translated Eternal simply indicates the unknown length of a Lifetime or any indefinite span of time.

John 6:38-40, **'I Came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but The Will of Him that Sent Me.**

And this is The Father's Will which hath Sent Me, that of all which He hath Given Me I should lose nothing, but should Raise it up again at the last day.

And this is The Will of Him that Sent Me, that everyone which Seeth The Son, and Believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will Raise him up at the last day.'

John 6:47, **'Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on Me hath Everlasting Life.'**

Romans 6:22-23, **'But now being made free from sin, and become Servants to God, ye have your Fruit unto Holiness, and The End Everlasting Life. For the wages of sin is death;**

But The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Titus 1: 1-7, 'Paul, a Servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, According to The Faith of God's Elect, and The Acknowledging of The Truth which is after Godliness;

In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, Promised before the world began.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

But after that The Kindness and Love of God our Savior toward man Appeared,

Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but According to His Mercy He Saved us, by The Washing of regeneration, and Renewing of The Holy Ghost;

Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

That being Justified by His Grace, we should be made Heirs According to The Hope of Eternal Life.'

Message 35:4, 'To those who have not Covenanted with Me, This is The Way that shall Lead you to Life Eternal.'

Message 41: 8, 13, 'Let all Come in by The Door, and Humble themselves before God. For This is The Way that Leadeth to Life Eternal for all who Endure to the end. Hold High The Standard of Truth, The Ensign of The Love of God for man . . .

Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent. Teach men to Come Partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal

Life, Saith your Lord. For I Am He who Speaketh. Bring your Sacrifices of a Broken Heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

Message 42:5, 'Contend with no man, only for The Truth. Remember The Lord Jesus who Intercedes to The Father for mankind that He shall Draw all who will Come unto Life Eternal.'

Message 49:3, 'Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is White already and The Harvest is Ripe. Let those that will, Come unto Me that they all my Obtain Life and Obtain it more Abundantly. Yea, whosoever will Thrust in their Sickle to Reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall Obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life.'

Message 52:4, 'But to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Hearken! Ye, My Servants, Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have Plead! Few have heard. If you Believe in God, Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I Am The Eternal One!'

Message 55:10, 'Preach Repentance and Baptism that mankind might find Life Eternal in The Way of The Lord. Let The Hands be laid on all.'

Message 56:11, '. . . Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Life Eternal.'

Message 62:4, 'Thus Saith The Lord, O Israel *wilt thou Come Forth that you might be Delivered?* I have Called thee. I have Named thee. I have Chosen thee. I Am The Great High Priest. I Am He who scattered thee and I Am He who shall Deliver-who shall gather. I will Bring Back all the outcast, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye My Ways and Come unto Me and Life Eternal shall

be your Reward.’

Message 64:21, ‘I am to Direct in all Things of The Work of The Lord, I am to Bring The Instructions that The Spirit of God may Lead men to Righteousness and Life Eternal. His Sheep shall Know His Voice.’

Message 83:21, ‘Those that are Covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count My Words and This Work as evil. Let them alone. Thus Saith The Lord, They Know not My Gospel, for I Am The Lord and Savior. I Only Am The Eternal God.’

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

Message 85: 9, 14, ‘Miracles are for Witness and Proof of God’s Power. Yet it is only God’s Flow and Power to His own and all that will be His of all nations, color and kind through The Gospel of Salvation of Christ Jesus, The Everlasting and Eternal One . . .

The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they Caused to be brought about The Plan of God-Redemption and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to the end that they might be Saved.’

Message 88:15, ‘Mankind shall Live by every Word that Proceedeth out of The Mouth of God, The Very Eternal Christ The Lord and Maker of all. He Cometh down with Power in His Word.’

Message 97:3, ‘The Authority is Given that This Work Move on and Salvation be

Preached in and through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Eternal Living: His Coming again to Reign with mankind.’

1 John 2:23-25, ‘Whosoever denieth The Son, the same hath not The Father: But he that Acknowledgeth The Son hath The Father also.

Let that therefore Abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in The Son, and in The Father.

And this is The Promise that He hath Promised us, even Eternal Life.’

Message 59: 10-11,18, ‘The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be seen The Glory of God. For Christ Came to Redeem and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I Come to Point The Way and that *The Church of Christ*, The Lamb’s Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when all men will Live to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord’s Planning.

This is The Way for mankind to find Eternal Peace, to Endure to The End . . .

This is The Lord’s Work and I am His Messenger sent to bring The Warning. *Will mankind Heed it that their feet may be Guided in The Way of Peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into Life Eternal?'*

So God tells us if we Believeth on Him

and Obey His Will, we shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity.

We all have our own Walk with The Lord, let us try to Obey His Will, that we might be a Blessing to our Lord, and those around us. May God Bless you all!

From The Bishops

Self Discipline

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We must discipline our minds, mouth, and our emotions, to develop into the person God wants us to be.

Let The Holy Spirit replace all negative emotions and thoughts, and fill our Hearts and Minds with The Lord's Fruits of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Temperance (Galations 5:22-23).

To know God's Will, we need to *Study* The Written Words of The Gospel and *Apply* them to our everyday life.

Psalms 119:33-34, 'Teach me, O Lord, Thy Way of Thy Statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law; yea, I shall Observe it with my whole heart.'

We are living in the latter days. It is important that we know The Scriptures so we will know what to expect and be aware of the things to come. Matthew, chapter 24, speaks much about the end days. Verse 2, Jesus asks '*See ye not these things? Verily, I say unto you, these shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down,*

You see, The Lord is Saying that every word in The Scriptures will happen. Verse four and five, Jesus says, '**Take Heed that**

no man deceive you.

For many shall come in My Name saying, 'I am Christ' and shall deceive many.'

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

Now, how would you know what is of God and what is not, if you have not developed a Personal Relationship with Christ and been Baptized by The Holy Spirit?

When God's Spirit is with you, It will let you know what is of The Lord and what is not. You will know those who are out to deceive people and those that are not of God.

We are told in Matthew 24:24 there will be many false prophets that will arise and show great signs of wonder. In so much that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect.

So, we must be grounded in The Word and work daily to develop a Closer Walk in The Spirit to where you know without a doubt '*God's Holy Spirit*', and how it feeds. Remember His Spirit is the same always! But if you are not Praying, Studying, and you rely on others to teach you The Word, you may end up like the five foolish virgins with not enough Oil to give Light and miss The Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-3)

John 15:3-4, '**Now ye are clean through The Word which I have Spoken unto you. 'Abide in Me, and I in you'. As The Branch cannot bear Fruits of itself, except it Abide in The Vine; no more can ye, except ye Abide in Me.'**

So, to Abide in Christ you must Develop

The Fruits of His Spirit. To *Develop* these Fruits, you must *Study* The Written Word, *Apply* them to your everyday life. Communicate with Jesus in Prayer, and *Learn to Know His Spirit*. Depend on it for it is **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH!** It will bring to mind the past and Reveal the future to you.

Do not be a fence sitter! Nor do you want to be luke warm. Obey all of God's Laws.

If we break one jot of The Law, we break the whole Law. James 2:10, **'For whosoever shall keep The Whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.'**

We can no longer use the excuse, 'well, I Obey most of God's Commandments, but I am not able to Obey this or that.'

As individuals, and as a group, we must come to Obedience in all areas. *Read* The Scriptures and your Articles of Faith and Practice, and *Apply* them to your life. Live in The Spirit and you will Endure these latter days and be Called 'His Friends'.

Use discipline in your life. What is not right, do not allow it in. Be True to yourself. Answer The Lord and show Him your Love for Him, by what you do and by the way you serve Him. Answer by your **ACTIONS!**

Live a discipline life. Take time daily to Study The Written Word, Pray and put what you Learn into Action so that your Light will always Shine before you.

We are to Attend Services, to **pay our Tithes, fellowship with one another**, have **Love for all**, and **work in our place and Calling**. Be **instant in and out of season**. As we do these things, we will have Joy in our lives.

Message, 102:11, **'Knowledge cometh from Study of The Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience, Deliverance by Endurance.'**

Let Us Study Together

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Miracles

Continuity:

II Nephi 27:23, **'For Behold, I Am God; and I Am a God of Miracles; and I will Shew unto the world that I Am the Same yesterday, today, and forever; and I Work not among the _____ of men, Saves it according to their Faith.'**

Moroni 7:27-38, **'Wherefore, my Beloved Brethren, hath Miracles ceased, because Christ hath Ascended into Heaven, and hath set down on The Right Hand of God, to Claim of The Father His Rights of Mercy which He hath upon the children of men? For He hath Answered the ends of the _____, and He Claimeth all those that hath Faith in Him, and they that have Faith in Him, will Cleave unto every Good thing; wherefore He _____ The Cause of the children of men; and He Dwell Eternally in The Heavens. And because He hath Done this, my Beloved Brethren, hath Miracles ceased? Behold I say unto you, Nay; neither hath Angels ceased to Minister unto the children of men.'**

For Behold, they are subject to Him, to Minister According to The Word of His Command, _____ themselves unto them of Strong Faith and a Firm Mind, in every Form of Godliness. And the office of their Ministry is, to Call men unto Repentance, and to Fulfill and to do The Work of The Covenants of The Father which He hath made unto the children of men, by Declaring The Word of Christ unto The Chosen Vessels of The Lord, that they may bear testimony of Him;

And by so doing, The Lord God _____
 The Way that the residue of men may
 have Faith in Christ, that The Holy Ghost
 may have place in their hearts, According
 to The Power thereof: and after this
 manner bringeth to pass The Father, The
 Covenants which He hath made unto the
 children of men.

And Christ hath said, If ye will have
 Faith in Me, ye shall have Power to do
 whatsoever thing is _____ in Me. And
 He hath said, Repent all ye ends of the
 earth, and Come unto Me and be
 Baptized in My Name, and have Faith in
 Me that ye may be Saved. And now my
 Beloved Brethren, if this be the case that
 these things are True which I have spoken
 unto you, and God will Shew unto you
 with Power and Great Glory at The Last
 Day, that they are True; and if they are
 True, hath The Day of Miracles ceased?
 Or have Angels ceased to Appear unto the
 children of men? Or hath He withheld
 The Power of The Holy Ghosts from
 them? Or will He, so long as time shall
 last, or the earth shall stand, or there
 shall be one man upon the face thereof to
 be Saved? Behold I say unto you, Nay;
 for it is by Faith that Miracles are
 wrought; and it is by Faith that Angels
 Appear and Minister unto men;
 wherefore if these things have ceased, woe
 be unto the children of men, for it is
 because of unbelief, and all is vain;

For no man can be Saved, According
 to The Words of Christ, Save they shall
 have Faith in His Name; wherefore, if
 these things have ceased, then has Faith
 ceased also; and awful is the state of men;
 for they are as though there had been no
 Redemption made.'

Gospel Gift:

I Corinthians 12:10, 'To another the
 Working of Miracles; to another
 Prophecy; to another _____ of Spirits; to
 another Divers kinds of Tongues; to
 another the Interpretation of Tongues.'

Moroni 10:12, 'And again, to another,
 that he may work Mighty Miracles;'

Cease:

Judges 6:7-13, 'And it came to pass,
 when the children of Israel cried unto The
 Lord because of the Midianites, That The
 Lord sent a Prophet unto the children of
 Israel, which said unto them. Thus saith
 The Lord God of Israel, I brought you up
 from Egypt, and brought your forth out
 of the house of _____; And I Delivered
 you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and
 out of the hand of all that oppressed you,
 and _____ them out from before you, and
 gave you their land; And I said unto you,
 I Am The Lord your God; fear not the
 gods of the Amorities, in whose land ye
 dwell but ye have not Obeyed My Voice.
 And there came an Angel of The Lord,
 and sat under an oak which was in _____,
 that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite:
 and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the
 winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.
 And The Angel of The Lord Appeared
 unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is
 with thee, thou mighty man of _____.
 And Gideon said unto him, O my Lord, if
 The Lord be with us, why then is all this
 befallen us? And where be all His
 Miracles which our fathers told us of,
 saying, Did not The Lord bring us up
 from Egypt? But now The Lord hath
 forsaken us, and Delivered us into the
 hands of the Midianites.'

III Nephi 19:35, 'And it came to pass
 that when Jesus had made an end of
 _____, He came again to The Disciples,

and saith unto them. So Great Faith have I never seen among all the Jews; wherefore I could not shew unto them so Great Miracles, because of their unbelief.'

Mormon 1:13, 'But wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land, insomuch that The Lord did take away His Beloved Disciples, and The Work of Miracles and of Healing did cease, because of the _____ of the people.'

Mormon 9:20, 'And the reason why He _____ to do Miracles among the children of men, is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from The Right Way, and know not The God in whom they should Trust.'

Moroni 10:19,24, 'And I would exhort you, my Beloved Brethren, that ye remember that He is the same yesterday, _____, and for ever and that all these Gifts of which I have spoken, which are Spiritual, never will be done away, even as long as the world shall stand, only According to the unbelief of the children of men...And now I speak unto all the ends of the earth, that if the day cometh that the _____ and _____ of God shall be done away among you, it shall be because of unbelief.'

Powers to do:

Galatians 3:5, 'He therefore that _____ to you The Spirit, and worketh Miracles among you doeth he it by the works of the _____, or by The Hearing of Faith?'

Moroni 7:37, 'Behold I say unto you, Nay; for it is by Faith that Miracles are _____; and it is by Faith that Angels Appear and Minister unto men; wherefore if these things have ceased, woe be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain;'

Matthew 17:14-20, 'And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a certain man, _____ down to Him, and saying. Lord, have Mercy on my son; for he is a _____, and sore vexed; for oft times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy Disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O Faithless and Perverse generation, how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to Me. And Jesus Rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came The Disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have Faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you.'

Message 90:5, 'The Lord will Water The Seed you have sown. Many more shall yet come. Much more shall yet to pass of Miracles and _____ and a Better Way in the Lives of many.'

Message 86:6, 'Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many Miracles. This is Good, if they Hear The Final Call—_____ and Obey it. Their Works will stand The Test.'

Special Miracles:

Message 86:46, '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 _____ 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. Hear, oh Hear! Ye Ministers of Peace and God will Give you The Soul Winning Power. Come all The Way.'

Message 93:19, '... As you and your Brethren Prepare for Greater Things to _____, greater things shall Come to pass. Healing, Miracles, and Deliverance shall Come but only those that Hear His Spirit Speak and The Words I bring Obey, shall find This Gift. All shall be of a _____ Nature and all become White and Delightful.'

Spiritual Preparation Necessary:

III Nephi 8:1, 'And now it Came to pass that According to our Record, and we know our Record to be True, for Behold, it was a Just Man which did keep The Record: for he Truly did many Miracles in The Name of Jesus; and there was not a man which could do a Miracle in The Name of Jesus, Save he were _____ every Whit from his iniquity.'

Acts 2:22 'Ye men of Israel, Hear these Words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man Approved of God among you by Miracles and _____ and Signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:'

Mark 9:39, 'But Jesus said, _____ him not: for there is no man which shall do a Miracle in My Name, that can lightly speak evil of Me.'

Stimulates Faith or Belief:

Deuteronomy 11:3, 'And His Miracles, and His _____, which He did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all His land;'

John 2:23, 'Now when He was in Jerusalem at the _____, in the feast day, many Believed in His Name, when they saw The Miracles which He did.'

John 6:9-15, 'There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much _____ in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves and when He had given Thanks, He Distributed to The Disciples, and The Disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as many as they would.'

When they were filled, He said unto His Disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen The Miracle that Jesus Did, said, This is of a _____ that Prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore, Perceived that they would Come and take Him by force, to make Him a king, He Departed again into a mountain Himself alone.'

Acts 8:6, 'And the people with one _____ gave Heed unto those things which Philip spake, Hearing and Seeing The Miracles which He Did.'

Satanic Miracles:

Revelation 16:13-14, 'And I saw _____ unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of the devils, working miracles,

which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of That Great Day of The All Mighty.'

Revelation 13:14, 'And _____ them that dwell on the earth by the means of those Miracles which He had Power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an _____ to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.'

Revelation 19:20, 'And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that _____ Miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that _____ his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone'.

Duplicates Moses' Miracles:

Exodus 7:11, 'Then Pharaoh also called The Wise Men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their _____.'

Exodus 12:22, 'And ye shall take a bunch of _____, and did it in the blood that is in the _____, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the _____; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.'

Exodus 8:7, 'And the magicians did so with their _____, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt'.

Acts 8:9-13, 'But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used _____, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest saying, This man is The Great Power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had

bewitched them with _____.

But when they Believed Philip Preaching the things concerning The Kingdom of God, and The Name of Jesus Christ, they were Baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself Believed also; and when he was Baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, Beholding The Miracles and Signs which were done.'

Miscellaneous:

Deuteronomy 29:2-4, 'And Moses Called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that The Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all His Servants, and unto all His Land; The Great _____ which thine eyes have seen, The Signs, and those Great Miracles; Yet The Lord hath not given unto you an _____ to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.'

John 9:11-18, 'He answered and said, A man that is Called Jesus made _____, and Anointed mine eyes, and said unto me. Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is He: He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was Tthe Sabbath day when Jesus made the _____, and opened His eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This Man is not of God, because He _____ not The Sabbath Day. Others said, How can a Man that is a sinner do such Miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest

thou of Him, that He hath Opened thine eyes: He is a Prophet. But the Jews did not Believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they Called the parents of him that had received his sight.'

IV Nephi 1:31, 'Nevertheless, and _____ all these Miracles, the people did harden their hearts, and did seek to kill them, even as the Jews at Jerusalem sought to kill Jesus, According to His word.'

Mark 6:52, 'For they considered not The Miracle of the loaves: for their heart was _____.'

IV Nephi 1:5.13. 29-31, 'And there were Great and Marvelous Works _____ by The Disciples of Jesus, insomuch that they did Heal the sick and Raised the dead, and Cause the lame to walk, and the blind to Receive their sight, and the deaf to Hear; and all _____ of Miracles did they Work among the children of men; and in nothing did they Work Miracles Save it were in The Name of Jesus . . . And it Came to pass that there was no _____ among all the people, in all the land, but there were Mighty Miracles wrought among The Disciples of Jesus . . . And again, there was another church which denied The Christ; and they did persecute The True Church of Christ, because of their Humility, and their Belief in Christ; and they did despise them, because of the many Miracles which were _____ among them; Therefore they did _____ Power and Authority over The Disciples of Jesus which did Tarry with them, and they did Cast them into prison; but by The Power of The Word of God, which was in them, the prisons were rent in twain, and they went forth doing

Mighty Miracles among them. Nevertheless, and notwithstanding all these Miracles, the people did harden their hearts, and did seek to kill them, even as the Jews at Jerusalem sought to kill Jesus, According to His Word;'

III Nephi 7:19-20, 22, 'And in The Name of Jesus did he Cast out devils and unclean spirits; and even his brother did he Raise from the dead, after he had been _____ and _____ death by the people; And the people Saw it, and did Witness of it, and were angry with him, because of his power; and he did also do many more Miracles, in the sight of the people, in The Name of Jesus . . . And as many as had devils cast out from them, and were Healed of their sicknesses and their _____, did Truly Manifest unto the people that they had been Wrought upon by The Spirit of God, and had been Healed; and they did shew forth signs also, and did some Miracles among the people.'

Articles of Faith and Practice 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 of Tongues.'

Message 86:46, '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 Spirit Reveals to them it is True, they shall Accept it and their Calling to Higher Work. They will be Filled to Over-flowing with Power to Represent Christ and His Church, The Lamb's Bride; Overwhelming with The

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Food For Thought

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Sometimes the hardships of Life, and even just the 'busyness' of life can get us down. Things seem to be moving at a much faster pace for us and the days just fly by. You will hear people talking all the time about how it seemed to be just August now it is November. Everyone is busy. Even little children are so busy with all the hustle and bustle of everyday Life with school functions, sport activities, girl scouts, boy scouts, and lots of homework, plus other numerous things they must do. Life can be very challenging and sometimes downright unfair, so it seems. There is just so much always going on and there seems to be little time to 'reflect' on The Goodness of God. There is always something there to keep us a little upset, confused or unhappy about certain events or circumstances that just won't let up. *We've all been there at one time or another, right?*

In the midst of all the calamity of Life, we also know there are so many wonderful things to be THANKFUL for. In November we are given an opportunity to really 'think' about all that God has done for us and even Testify or share with other's The Goodness of our God. It is a time that people are almost forced to be reminded that our God still Reigns and He is still at The Helm. Most people sit around their dinner tables at The Thanksgiving Table and actually 'reflect' on The Good Things that God has

done for them and give a Prayer of 'Thanksgiving' for their Blessings.

Message 31:9; **'Ye that Name My Name give Thanks unto your Master; in so doing I will Bless you that you will be a Blessing, and Bless others. Let My Spirit Rule your Lives. Be ye Long Suffering. Be not as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Be Filled with Charity and let Peace Rule your Minds and your Lives. The Fire of Joy shall Burn within you. Yea, The Lord will Walk and Talk with those that Keep His Law in Fullness. Seek not the praise of men. Be not heady or high minded. Seek to do Good. A Good Tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor a corrupt tree, Good Fruit.'**

Thanksgiving is a time to Enjoy each other's company and Fellowship with the family and friends. It is a time of having a great time together. Sometimes it has been a long time since you saw your Loved Ones and Thanksgiving Day you are brought together to celebrate a wonderful occasion. This makes Thanksgiving a very Special Day. It can actually be a day to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily routines, being so busy, everything up in the air and frenzy. It just may be a day to slow down a little bit and enjoy the family and home Life. A time to actually 'Relax' a little and a time to just take a deep breath and think upon, Meditate, and be cogitative in The Things of God.

Message 37:6, **'Lo, I come quickly, Saith The Lamb of God. He that Keepeth My Sayings, in him will My Love be Perfected. Be ye Cogitative and Visions of Divine and Glorious Light shall be about you. Think ye upon The Ways and Words of the Creator of mankind that Knoweth the hearts of men.'**

We can actually get so busy and become so tired that it is hard to even Study and Pray at the end of the day. We are Living in such a fast paced world and if we aren't careful, all the cares of the world can get us into a place that we forget what is really important. When that begins to happen, take a step back, look at where you are and where you would rather be and Seek The Lord for Peace, for Wisdom and Patience to get on The Right Track and to Keep on The Straight and Narrow Path. Life is way too short to not Enjoy His Bountiful Gifts and Blessings.

Thessalonians 5:16-18, **'Rejoice evermore.**

Pray without Ceasing.

In everything give Thanks: for this is The Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.'

Not only to Enjoy these Gifts and Blessings He has Bestowed upon you, but to also Appreciate them and with Gladness and Thanksgiving, Rejoice in them and Praise Him for all He has Given you. Each and everything you have is only because The Lord Blessed you with it. That isn't just material things in Life, but any Good Thing you have is a Gift from God, whether it be physical, mental, emotional or Spiritual.

Show Him that you Love Him, show Him that you Care, show Him that you are so Grateful for all your Gifts and Blessings by sharing with others, being a Blessing to other's as He has Been for you. This is what Thanksgiving is really all about.

Philippians 4:6; **'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by Prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your Requests be made Known unto God.'**

Testimonies Of The Past

Thresa Ray, Missouri: I felt God's Spirit when I walked into the room today. I felt and received a Blessing this year when working on the kid's lesson. The Work is True!

John The Baptist pulled a chair from another room and sat on the cloths that was on the chair and left an impression. I have a cook book that he picked up and moved. These are special to me.

So much has happened this past year. Please remember my family. Remember last year we were so worried about Tammy's health and now she is Healed! God is Aware of us. He knows the sand on the seashore. Hang in there and Endure. I Love you all and I Thank you for all your efforts that was done to make This Assembly full of The Spirit. I Pray for the return of John The Baptist soon.

Carrie Ramey, Missouri: There is so much I would like to say after every Testimony. Ken called us friends and friends are hard to come by. Jesus is our friend. I Love my job. I want to study more.

I was Praying for a Miracle that we would get out of debt, but it doesn't look like it. I asked God for a Sign if we should sell and when I was leaving today the assessor was at my house, so I knew that was my answer. So I am going to have Peace about selling our home. Praise God. Pray for us all.

Mike Greenwell, Missouri: played special on his guitar, *'Rock Of Ages'*.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: Carrie you said you were Praying for a Miracle. Do not give up on The Lord. If you honestly Pray, God will do it.

Ken Humpert, Missouri: I said earlier, I did not have any friends but that is not True. One passed away last year. Carl Linton is

like a father to me. He Baptized me. Last time I talked to Darlene, she spoke to me about God and God Works in Miracles. Carl and Darlene were my adopted parents. I wanted to correct that statement. Carl needs a lot of Prayers. He was in tears when he lost his wife, and that was the last time we saw him. Darlene was always a Jewell; sometimes up front, sometimes behind the scene, but always a Jewell.

Mike Greenwell, Missouri: sang and played his guitar, 'A Wonderful Savior is He' and 'He Hideth My Soul'.

River Thompson, Missouri: Prayed a Prayer asking for God to Bless the people and asked for forgiveness.

ARTICLES

From The Vineyard Are You Called of God?

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Message 55:8, ' . . . **Many are Called, few are Chosen, few are Faithful to the end.**'

We know God has Called many to Serve Him. What is the difference between those that are Called and those that are Chosen? How does one become a 'Chosen One?' He even Pleads with us to do His Will, but He does not Force us. He even Tells us of the many Blessings we will Receive if we are Obedient to His Will. Yet, we have to make The Choice of whom we will Serve.

Message 88:2, ' . . . **Many are Called, those that Prepare are The Chosen. Be ye Faithful . . .'**

God Allows us to make Choices in our life-even The Choice of whether we Follow Him or not. He does not Force anyone to Follow Him. He does Feel after us by His

Spirit. He even Pleads with us to do His Will, but He does not Force us. He even Tells us of the many Blessings we will Receive if we are Obedient to His Will. Yet, we have to make The Choice of whom we will Serve.

Message 66:11, '**Man choose whom he will Serve.**'

As Joshua said in Joshua 24:15, ' . . . **Choose you this day whom ye will Serve; . . . but as for me and my house we will Serve The Lord.**'

Jesus is just Waiting for us to Ask Him into our Heart and Life.

III Nephi 27: 28-29, '**And now I go unto The Father, And verily I say unto you, Whatsoever things ye shall ask The Father, in My Name, it shall be Given unto you;**

Therefore ask, and ye shall Receive; Knock, and it shall be Opened unto you; for he that asketh, Receiveth, and unto him that Knocked, it shall be Opened,' (Also see Matthew 7:7).

Revelation 3:20, '**Behold, I stand at The Door and Knock; if any man Hear My Voice , and Open The Door, I will Come unto him, and will Sup with him, and he with Me.**'

Perhaps you do not feel Worthy to Accept Christ's Call in your Life. God does not Call someone because of how great that person is. He Calls someone because of what that person can become by Grace and through Allowing The Holy Spirit to Work in their Life.

Just as Jesus Called The Disciples in The New Testament, He Calls Servants today. These Disciples were not known to be 'great men' in title or jobs. They were Humble men-fishermen, a tax collector, etc. But through them being Taught by Jesus, Prayer

and Allowing The Spirit to Work through them, they became Great Leaders in The Lord, in God's Church.

Message 56:18, **'... The Lord Calls many that know not The Plan of God, and the unlearned to bring about His Decree.'**

He Calls the Humble and even the Unlearned so that they can be Taught His Ways-His True Gospel.

The Lord says to 'Qualify to be Leaders' (Message 92:5).

II Timothy 2:15, **'Study to shew thyself Approved unto God.'**

When you Study and Feast upon God's Word you grow in Knowledge and Faith. When you do not Study just the opposite happens.

Message 56:18, **'Many shall be made White and Tried and have on Robes of Righteousness, but where the people will not Sstudy and Learn The Words I bring from The Lord they will grope in darkness ...'**

Message 84:27, **'See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not Study. Many are Called, some Faithful, some have been Ordained yet they are slow to Prepare themselves to be Leaders. The desires of their hearts are not yet Filled-nor The Lord's Will Obeyed.'**

Prepare yourself to be a Chosen One of Christ, to be Grounded in His Word-to be Faithful to the end!

Matthew 11: 29-30, **'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.'**

For My Yoke is Easy, and My Burden is Light.'

Message 102:11, **'Knowledge Cometh from Study of The Books and Grace from much Prayer, Salvation by Obedience,**

Deliverance by Endurance.'

Message 82: 17, **'Peace like a River of Pure Waters will Flow to all The Faithful that Heed and Obey ... Let Gladness and Peace in God be in your Hearts and the oppressors will fade away.'**

God is a Wise God! If He has Called you, He Saw something Good in you. He Sees what you can be through Serving Him. He is Giving you the opportunity to Accept His Call and Grow in His Grace and Knowledge and to Serve Him. What a Blessing for you to have this opportunity-the opportunity to be a Chosen One of God! The opportunity to Reap many Blessings through Obedience to His Word and Call!

May God Bless and Guide you as you Study His Words and Grow in Grace and Faith!

Me and My Big Mouth

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Did you know that your words has Power to hurt or to Help, Power to Heal or Power to Destroy?

This statement reminds me of my Father: he use to say, 'you are either part of the problem or part of the solution!'

Positive Words can do many things, they can Accept, Admire, Advise, Apologize, ask Calm, Cheer Comfort, Discover, Compliment, Defend, Enlighten, Forgive, Repent, Heal, Inspire, Love, Pray, Protect, Promise, Support, Teach, Trust, Uplift, Welcome, Witness. Encourage, make one Happy. I am sure you can think of many more. These are only a few of The Good Things our mouth can do.

Now it can also be used for Negative things such as hurtful, complain, gossip,

critize, confuse, disappoint, embarrass, embellish, blame, punish, sabotage, scold, mock, mislead, gripe, flatter, frighten, lie, mean, trap, make trouble, and many more.

As a Believer in The Gospel of Jesus Christ our Thoughts and Words should be Positive and Full of God's Love. We need to train the tongue by The Spirit of God. our Soul is where we house The Spirit of The Lord.

The mouth gives expression either to the flesh or to The Spirit. It can be used to verbalize God's Word or it can be a vehicle to express the enemy's work. Now I know that you don't want to be used as a mouth piece for the devil, but sometimes we do by not yielding to The Spirit of God that is within us.

Proverbs 18:21, **'Death and Life are in The Power of the tongue.** (Your mouth can be used for Blessings or destruction for your life and sometimes for others).

There are many Scriptures on the mouth so lets take them one at a time to see how important it is to Train your Tongue by The Lord's Spirit.

2 Timothy 2;15-16, **'Study to shew thyself Approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth.**

But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness'.

1 Corinthians 2: 5-7, **'That your Faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in The Power of God.**

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught.

But we speak The Wisdom of God in a Mystery, even The Hidden Wisdom which

God Ordained before the world unto our Glory.'

To have a mouth that is Good and Trustworthy you must Clean your Soul and become Free from the sins of the world. You need to Repent and then be Obedience to God's Written Words in The Gospel Books.

Mark 11:23-26, **'For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his Heart, but shall Believe that those things which He Saith shall Come to Pass; He shall have whatsoever He Saith.**

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye Pray, Believe that ye Receive them, ye shall have them.

And when ye stand Praying, Forgive, if ye have ought against any: That your Father also which is in Heaven may Forgive your trespasses (sins).

But if ye do not Forgive, Neither will your Father, which is in Heaven Forgive your trespasses' (sins).

The Lord is always Speaking though out all The Scriptures about Obedience, its The Central Theme of all The Scriptures. Disobedience may have been the results of Ignorance or Rebellion, but the only way out of the mess is Repentance and return to Submission and Obedience.

You must Heed Gods Words to be Able to Receive The Faith it takes to remove the mountains in your Life that hinders you from doing the things God would have you to do.

Your Faith needs to be Strengthen to the point that you know without a doubt that this problem or trial or even stumbling block standing in your way; you not only will move the mountain you will gain Strength in The Lord, knowing He is always there for

you and He will be the one that moves these things out of your way.

If you stay Faithful to HIS WILL, in your every day Life you will see little changes daily in your way of handling things and in your speech as you are growing in The Ways of The Lord, but you must put Christ First in your day. Ask Him to Lead you, Guide you though the day and Depend on His Love and His Strength to Learn what to say and when to say it. Keep your mouth and your Life Pure and Clean.

Don't pass over the words 'If' and 'Buts', in The Scriptures they may be little but they are Powerful.

Deuteronomy 28:1-3, **'And it shall Come to Pass, IF thou shalt Harken Diligently unto The Voice of The Lord thy God, to Observe and do all His Commandments which I Command thee this day that The Lord thy God will set thee on High above all nations of the earth.'**

And all these Blessings shall Come on thee and Overtake thee, IF thou shalt Harken unto The Voice of The Lord thy God.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city and Blessed shalt thou be in the field.'

In other words if you are Obedient to The Lord then you will be Blessed where ever you go.

Our Lord is Always Faithful and He Says; **'But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and Redemption.'** (1Corinthians1:30).

So to Receive Wisdom, Righteousness and be Sanctified in Christ you must be Cleansed from sin and become True to The Lord and His Commandments.

Only our Savior can Forgive and Cleanse you and set you Free to Act Accordingly to

The Scriptures. Give you Strength to Overcome the things we say and do that's not According to The Scriptures or things we call sin.

Our Disobedience does not change God. He is still Faithful, But Obedience opens the door to The Blessings that God would like to Give you.

We must Line up with The Word of God and His Will! by our Actions and Words, they can harm us or Bless us.

You need to Learn God's Language, His Way of Speaking, its like a little baby they have to Learn to speak our language, so we must Learn how to Talk God's Way.

1 Corinthians 3:1, **'And I, Brethren, could not speak unto you as unto Spiritual, but unto carnal, even unto babes in Christ.'**

I have Fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not Able to Bear it, neither yet now are ye Able.

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?'

Hebrews 5:13-14, **'For everyone that useth milk is unskilful in The Word of Righteousness: for he is a babe.'**

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both Good and evil'.

Like any growth, we must Grow into The Ways of The Lord and to Know God's Will and His Heart. We need to Study The Word and Learn His Ways and Conform to them. Change our way of thinking as well as our way of speaking. Take upon us God's Language: His Ways. Know God's Heart and be Lead by His Spirit.

1 Peter 5:5-10, **'... 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.

Humble yourselves therefore under The Mighty Hand of God, that He may Exalt you in due time.

Casting all your Cares upon Him: for He Careth for you.

Be sober be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in The Faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But The God of all Grace, who hath Called us unto His Eternal Glory by Christ Jesus after that ye have suffered a while, make you Perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you Vigilant:’ (Staying Watchful or Alert to danger or trouble, being Aware of satan's actions and not falling forth his cunning ways.)

So here this Scripture is saying basically that it rains on The Just and unjust alike but if you be Strong and not Fall into sin then you will Receive God’s Eternal Glory. But those who Profess and Desires to Walk with The Lord, you must take upon you His Strength as satan will try all he can to cause you to fail. But he will not conquer you if you continue in The Way of The Lord. To be in The Way of The Lord you must Study The Scriptures and Follow through with Obedience.

Message 102:22, ‘Teach not the foolishness, the vanities of man. Some build on man made doctrines and in time destroy themselves; spreading doubt and destruction along the way. Repent--Come Clean from the powers of falsehood and

deceit, it will not Save you. it is Fallacy, not Ssecurity. Let all Come to The Acceptable Way of The Lord.’

Fallacy: False statement, mistaken ideas, an error in reasoning.

Although this verse is speaking to The Ministry it can also Apply to each of us in our own Life as fallacy will not Save you. Fallacy is anything that you convince yourself that it is OKAY to do, after all everyone else is doing it. This statement is fallacy and will cause you to disappoint our Lord and to fall into sin. Then you will lose out on The Blessings The Lord has Appointed you to Receive. Do not reason yourself out of The Will of The Lord. if He says NO to you, then don't do it. Know The Scriptures and Live by them.

Let all Come to The ACCEPTABLE Way of The Lord. The word ‘let’ means to Allow! So Allow yourself to Come to Obedience to Gods Will. Yield yourself to The Ways of The Lord.

The Book of James in *The Bible* is Written by Jesus’ Half Brother and is the oldest New Testament Book Written. It is Full of Wisdom and Advice. It would be Good if you have the time to read the whole Book of James. It is only five Chapters long.

James 1:3-9, ‘**Knowing this that the trying of your Faith worketh Patience.**

But let Patience have her Perfect Work, that ye may be Perfect and entire wanting nothing.

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.

But let him ask in Faith, not wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall

Receive anything of The Lord.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.'

So you see *you can not be double minded, you cannot say you Love The Lord and Walk out of His Will.* God is not pleased with this, when you take upon you the mind set that you can do anything you please and you will be OKAY with The Lord. This is a lie satan would like you to believe. Before you know it you will be so confused and your mouth will be serving man or satan and your Strength that God Save you when you were Baptized and Hands Laid upon you for The Holy Ghost has decreased within you, because God Will not Live in a unholy temple. Have you ever thought how many times your have cast God out of your Temple (your Heart) and left Him home-less, so to speak.

James 1:22, **'But be ye Doers of The Word and not Hearers only, deceiving your own self'**. (continue to read in *The Bible* rest of the Chapter)

James 1:26-27, **'If any man among you seems to be Religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own Heart, this man Religion is vain.**

Pure Religion and undefiled before God and The Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world'.

Its very important we Watch what we Say and that we Speak with a Tongue of Faith, a Tongue of Hope, and a Tongue of Love. This is *God's Language, One that Inspires Good and Uplift others. One that speaks Kindness and Reaches out to others in their days of trials.*

Tearing others down or speaking lies or stirring up trouble or cussing and talking dirt

or unclean language is not of God and it offends The Very Christ Spirit that Lives with in you and you defile your Lord and Savior and His Church.

In *The Word of The Lord*, Message 99:9, **'Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are, so is my Message to all'**.

The Lord says be VERY CAREFUL what you Say, How you Say it and Where you go. This not only precedes your reputation but shed either Good or bad Light on The Lord and your Relationship as well as on The Church.

James 2:10, **'For whosoever shall Keep The Whole Law and yet Offend in one point, he is guilty of all'**.

Remember who your Heart belongs too. Don't offend your God, by yielding to temptations that will rob you of The Lords Blessings.

James 3:1-10, **'My Brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall Receive the greater condemnation.** (other wards can't Serve man, satan and sin and God also)

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word. the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body.

Behold, we put bits in the horses mouths that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

Behold also the ships which through they be so great and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of

iniquity (wickedness, unjust, unrighteousness) so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature and it is set on fire of hell. (unclean, causes The Spirit of God to leave your Temple your heart)

For every kind of beasts and of birds and of serpents and of things in the sea, is tamed of mankind.

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Therewith Bless we God, even The Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after The Similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth Blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Who is a Wise man and Endued with Knowledge among you? let him shew out of a Good Conversation his works with Meekness of Wisdom.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife (fighting, quarreling, contention) in your Heart Glory not, and lie not against The Truth. (in other wards Repent and Clean self from this)

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

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. (not seeking Praise of man but wanting to Glorify God by Words and Deeds)

And The Fruit of Righteousness is sown in Peace of them that make Peace'.

James 4:7-11, 'Submit yourself there-

fore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Draw nigh (close) to God and He will Draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and Purify your Hearts, ye double minded.

Be afflicted and mourn and weep, let your laughter be turned to mourning and your Joy to heaviness. (your sins, realize that they will Spiritually hurt you, be sorry for them repent of them) Cry out to God to rid you of them.

Humble yourselves in The Sight of The Lord and He shall Lift you up. (forgive you and give you True Joy and Peace)

Speak not evil of one another . . .'

James 5: 8-9, 'Be ye Patient; Establish your hearts: for The Coming of The Lord Draweth nigh.

Grudge not one against another, brethren lest ye be condemned: Behold The Judge Standeth before The Door' (God is watching)

James 5: 12-16, 'But above all things, my brethren, Swear no, neither by Heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any oath: but let your yea be yea and your nay, nay; least ye fall into condemnation. (yea is yes and nay is no)

Is any among you afflicted? (suffering) let him Pray. *Is any merry?* Let him sing Psalms.

Is any sick among you? let him Call for The Elders of The Church; and let them Pray over him, Anointing him with Oil in The Name of The Lord.

And The Prayer of Faith shall Save the sick, and The Lord shall Raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be Forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another and Pray one that ye may be Healed. The

Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous man Availeth much.'

So lets Rid our self of our sins and Allow God to Heal our tongue and speak only things that is Pleasing to The Lord.

Peter 1:15, **'But as He which hath Called you is Holy, so be ye Holy in all manner of Conversation. Because it is Written, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY'**.

From the start mankind has had trouble controlling their mouths, the only way this can be done is through your Relationship with God and your Desire to Please Him. then He Will give you The Strength to Overcome, even in speech.

One way to Grow in The Ways of The Lord is to Pray much and Study The Gospel Books. David declared: Psalm 4:4, **'Stand in Awe, (of The Lord) and sin not: commune with your own Heart upon your bed and be still'**. (think upon The Things of God and enjoy His Spirit with in you. Bask in The Lords Spirit)

Message 88:3, **'Praise The Lord in Worship, Lift up and Rejoice. Bask in His Life given Light.'** Give your mouth to Praising The Lord and all His Goodness and you will see many Blessings come you way.

Isaiah 52:11, **'Be ye Clean that Bear The Vessels of The Lord.'**

Message 91:12-13, **'The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside in sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere-thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds.'**

Be thou Clean that Bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversation be Clean. Let Realness of Charity Rule your

Lives. Lift up a Standard' (Charity is The Pure Love of Christ)

Message 91:25,27, **'Take the bitterness out of The Heart and be Firm, even all, and God will yet use some to Speak The Word in Power in other languages that are Real to the people where they need it . . .'**

They that are filled with bitterness and contempt, Charity (God's Love) hath no hold on them.'

Message 105:12, **'Leave the past behind-its bitterness, its contentions, bring Repentance, Love and Obedience in your heart. Hasten, be Obedient to the words I bring . . .'**

Message 103:19, **'Be you in The Circle of The Lord. Telling The Truth of my Coming, in such you do well. The Lord's Spirit will Guide and Rule if you are Humble, even all that Hear and Obey The Word of The Lord.'**

So if you Testify of The Truthfulness to those you know then God will Rise up with in you and Bless you as well as them.

1 Peter 3:10, **'For he that will Love Life, and see Good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no Guile'**. (deceit)

Hebrews 13:5, **'Let your conversations be without covetousness (greedy or want something someone else has) and be Content with such as ye have: for he hath said, I will never Leave thee nor Forsake thee'**.

Hebrews 13: 15-17, **'By him there let us offer The Sacrifice of Praise to God Continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, give Thanks to His Name.'**

But to do Good and to Communicate forget not: for with such Sacrifices God is well Pleased.

Obey them that have The Rule over you and Submit yourselves: for they watch for your Souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you’.

Here we are to Praise God with our lips and speak only things that is Good and Obey those in charge of us (parents) and if you do this then your Soul will Rejoice and it brings Peace to the home.

Message 37:14, **‘The Lord Calls those that are Willing to Hear Him, The Humble and The Unlearned, to Bring about His Wise Purpose. Teach men The Way of Truth and Justice. Be not proud, heady or high minded but be Humble, Meek, Wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Use Boldness but not Overbearance. Yea, let all bridle their passions and unruly tongues and you shall be Delightful in The Sight of The Lord’.**

So you see we must bridle our tongues and our passions. (temper, desire to have our way, wanting to lash out at someone, or back at anyone) these things we need to work on to control our tongues to be in subject to The Spirit of God and not mans selfish way.

Ephesians 4:29-30-32, **‘Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is Good to the use of Edifying, that it may Minister Grace unto The Hearers.**

Grieve not The Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are Sealed unto The Day of Redemption. (when you were Baptized and gave your Life to God, He Sealed you His. So when we talk ugly or filthy or corrupt conversations from our mouth it grieves our Lord). **Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking, be**

put away from you, with all malice.

And be ye Kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath Forgiven you.’

Wrath: revenge, rage intense anger, Clamour: strong loud complaints, demanding. Malice: desire to harm, evil, deliberate intention to do something unlawful or harmful. *These have no place in The Hearts of those that Love The Lord.* You must rid self of these things.

Message 81:16, **‘The tongue of fire kindleth a world of iniquity. Watch therefore and Pray’.**

Matthew 12:36-37, **‘But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give Account there of in The Day of Judgment.**

For by their words thou shalt be justified and by their words thou shalt be condemned.’

So before we go any further take this time to ask God with Real Intent to Forgive you for the things you have said not pleasing to Him and ask for Strength to Overcome the fire of the tongue and fill you Heart with His Spirit so that you will Overcome and speak only things that is Pleasing to our Lord.

Luke 16:45-46, **‘A Good man out of the Good treasure of his Heart bringeth forth that which is Good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his Heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for out of the abundance of The Heart his mouth speaketh.**

And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I Say?

So really what is in our Heart surface with our tongue.

Proverbs 13 3, **‘He that keepeth his**

mouth keepeth his life: (control you mouth you will have life) **but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction** (those who speaks unkind or any thing they think that causes harm will not see Eternal Life unless they Truly Repent and turn Life around) verse 5 says **‘a Righteous man hateth lying but a wicked man is loathsome and cometh to shame’.**

Proverb 14:8, **‘A Faithful Witness will not lie, but a false witness will utter lies’.**

Proverb 15:1-4, 22, 28-29, **‘A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.**

The tongue of The Wise useth knowledge aright: But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

The wholesome tongue is a Tree of Life, but perverseness therein is a breach in the Spirit . . .

A man hath Joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how Good it is! . . .

The Heart of The Righteous Studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

The Lord is far from the wicked; but He Heareth The Prayer of The Righteous’.

Proverb 14: 29, **‘He that is slow to wrath is of Great Understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.’** (foolishness)

We have gone over several Scriptures in The Gospel and there are several more but this I Hope will give you a Better Understanding why its Important for us to be Careful what we say, how we say it and where we go. Our Life was Dedicated to our Lord and His Bride (The Church).

God wants a Holy People with Clean Hands and Pure Hearts to become what

God would have us to be. We must rid our self or things not Pleasing to God and our tongue Reveals what is in our Hearts.

So Repent of the things that hinder your Relationship with The Lord and Renew your Relationship with The Lord and Speak things that are Pure, Good, Holy in Gods Site.

Message 116:7, **‘Be Discreet, be Humble, Lift your Lifestyle to be Tidy, Neat, Patient and Full of Grace. Think Again, you Represent The Lord's Body and Members in Particular, that your Humility will be Accepted of God and man. God is Just. He will Open The Door before you. My Message is to all that will Hear, Listen, Open and Obey. Deliverance will Come’.**

Message 106:26,28, **‘Thus Saith The Lord. I will give you a New Heart and put a New Spirit within you and you shall Walk in My Statutes. I will put My Laws in your minds. There shall be Peace throughout The Land of Zion and Jerusalem and The Remnant whom I shall Call My Strong Hold, Deliverance will be there . . .**

Seek forth Repentance. Prepare The Way of The Lord. Walk in His Path which are Straight, for Behold, The Kingdom of God must Come. Awaken to His Plan, Seek ye The Extra Oil in your Lamps and Vessels, your Lives and your Work’.

What a Beautiful Promise. *Seek to Obey and Walk in The Lord's Spirit and you will be One of His Strong Holds, One of His Favored.* As you work on your Words and Deeds then you will become Closer to The Lord Daily and your Joy will Come before Him. He will Rejoice with you.

The Lord Tells us all the time to Rise up

to a Higher Standard. So let us Keep This Standard with The Extra Oil in our Lamps (Word and Obedience). We will be Able to Please The Lord and See The kingdom of God. What a Blessing.

Proverb 16: 24, 32, **‘Pleasant Words are as an Honey Comb, Sweet to The Soul and Health to The Bones . . .**

He that is slow to anger is Better than The Mighty; and he that Ruleth his Spirit than he that taketh a city.’

Wow! This is telling us that one that is slow to anger and can control their Spirit and Actions, is better than The Mighty—someone in a very important position, or mightier than a warrior that can take a city. We need to practice showing Kindness in all we say.

Did you see the movie, Bambi? Remember what Thumper said? ‘If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.’ What Good advise.

Message 91:13, **‘Be thou Clean that Bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversations be Clean. Let Realness of Charity (Gods Pure Love) Rule your Lives. Lift up a Standard’.**

Message 102:9, **‘Let all Come This Way be Repentant and very Humble, not ridiculing nor boisterous, but Filled with Love and Peace. let Humility be your Cloak and Mantel.’**

Message 93:6, **‘Be harsh with no One . . .’**

Message 118:7, **‘Be Pleasant at all times and The Spirit will Guide you in All Truth. As I speak to you, so speak I to all.’**

Message 95:10, **‘Love is your Mission’.**

Message 82:11, **‘Teach Diligently The Doctrine of The Gospel of Christ Jesus. Let your conversations be in Humility, for**

this shall be your Power in Winning your Brother-whose mind is in the dark.’

Message 84:4, **‘Be Wise and Humble in your Talk and The Lord will Direct in all Things’.**

Message 73:3, **‘Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm . . .’**

Message 87:13, **‘. . . Be Kind to all men and you will win Favor with God and man. My Mission in one of Love’.**

In The Scriptures, we are Told to Treat others Kindly and to take This Message to others in Humility and Love. When we do this, we will be Representing Christ as He would want us too.

We need to Represent Christ in All we Do and Say whether at Church, school, at work, at play, shopping, sports, hanging out with our friends. No matter where we Are or what we are Doing.

We need to let our conversations be Pure and our Actions Just and Good. We need to let our Light Shine so people can see that we Represent Christ. Also, when we say we are a Christian and we belong to *The Church of Christ With the Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord,*. We want people to see that we Walk in The Truth and by our Actions they will see.

Remember the tongue can be a Blessing and the tongue can be a curses, So Dear One, *how are you using yours, for Better or for worst?*

Let us all Pray that *‘Dear Lord puts a Seal upon our lips, Help us to Guard with Care the things We Say and swift Repeat, O- tongue of mine be ware.*

Button up our lips Securely against the words that bring a tear. Guard our tongues with Holy Ardor and God's Peace. Make our Hearts Cheer.

If wrong to me from others come, Lord

Teach us what to say, may We Love those who persecute and for them we shall ever Pray.

Keep our words Soft and Sweet, we never know when we may have to eat them. Let us all Learn from the bee--if it spent its time stinging other bees, there wouldn't be any honey! Amen!

Article From The Past

Let Us Walk In The Light, In The Light Of God

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Yes, Dear Readers, How Sweet it is to Walk in The Light, and how Bright The Path grows from day to day, as we Walk The Old, Old Path, with The Glorious Light of Jesus to Illuminate our Pathway, being brought by His Chosen Servant, even John, The Greatest Prophet born of woman.

Speaking of Light, the subject of this article, come with me, if you will, go down Memory Lane; the time, August, 1929, to the shore of a small lake, known as The Home Pond, the water supply for my home town of Lamoni, Iowa.

Here you would see a little group of people gathered at The Waters' Edge, including Elders Otto Fetting and Thomas Nerren, as some were going to be Baptized by Brother Fetting.

My wife, her mother and myself were there. They had agreed to be Baptized (not without some hesitancy); but as for myself, I said for them to go ahead without me, as I knew my Baptism was all right (Imagine).

Now we had been Talking and Praying about this for sometime, and that morning in our family Prayer we had Prayed to be Led.

So just before The Baptisms, Brother Nerren called for us to Kneel at The Waters' Edge, and in that Prayer, he Prayed that by being Baptized, in Obedience to The Command of The Messenger, we might Receive more Light.

After The Prayer, mother said to us '*that was the answer to her Prayer*'.

Well, when the first Baptisms were over, Brother Fetting turned to us and I found myself following my wife and her mother out in The Water for Baptism.

Here we see, by the foregoing, how The Lord was Feeling after and Leading His People, those that were to be added to The Church.

Now The Great Force that Drew us at that time was The Wonderful Love Manifest through The Messages and through His Servants, The Apostles and Elders.

If we refer to The Messages that had come up to that time, (The first Twelve); we find no mention of A Great Light or Light, only to Brother Fetting in The Twelfth Message, eighth verse, where The Messenger laid his hands on him that Greater Light and Power might Come to him.

What we do find is a number of Warnings and Admonitions to be very Humble and to Labor in Love.

Turning to Message 3:9, we find the words; **'Go in Faith, your Mission is one of Love.'** Then in Message 5:4, **"... And if you men and brethren will work in Peace with The Love of God in your Hearts, then God will Bless you, and also The Church for your Sake, and God will Love you, and will Bless you and the people and your work.'** Also in Message 5:11, **"... and if you will Present your Message in Love, you will win your Brethren and many will Help.'**

Moving on to Message 11:10, ‘. . . **Many of The Lord's People will Accept The Message, but Remember this is a Work of Love.**’ Also the last line of verse 12, in the above Message, ‘**My Message is One of Love to them that will Obey it**’.

Now, getting back to our subject matter, ‘Light’; we find in Message 18:17 in speaking to Brother Fetting, the words, ‘. . . **I Come to you in Light.**’ Then pursuing the subject in Message 19:14, we find a Promise being given with a condition attached, ‘**To all those that will Repent and be Baptized and PREPARE themselves and Walk HUMBLY, The Promise is that they shall Receive The Greater Light and Power to Carry on The Work of The Lord.**’ In Message 20:8 the same qualification is mentioned again, ‘. . . **Let The Hands be Laid upon those that I have told you, that The Light and Power of God may Come to them to The EXTENT that they will Humble themselves, that Light may Come to them.**’

Keeping in mind that The Messenger says He ‘**Comes in Light**’, *just what does this mean or bring to pass?* There is a difference in Coming in Light and or Giving or Revealing a Special Light.

Brother Fetting and Brother Draves have been Permitted to See and Bask in The Actual and Literal Glorious Light that The Messenger Comes in, making their Faith Whole with a Perfect Knowledge, and brought to them a Greater Portion of that Light (*The Spirit of God*); that would Enable them to Stand and Bear Witness to the world of That Light and of The Coming of The Messenger.

Just what is The Messenger's Coming in Light bringing to pass in the world at this time? It is bringing to pass The Midnight

Cry, also The Parable of The Great Supper and The Parable of The Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins.

There are many of the people of the world today wandering and blindly groping their way through The Mists of Spiritual darkness that is over their minds, being bound by the sins and traditions of men. Some of them are Honestly Seeking for Truth and Light, not Knowing where to turn to Find it.

In *The Bible* in Jeremiah 6:16 there are some Instructions and Advice about the matter, ‘**Thus Saith The Lord, Stand ye in The Ways, and See, and Ask for The Old Paths, where is The Good Way, and Walk therein, and ye shall find Rest for your Souls . . .**’ In Message 37:7 we find the much needed thing to help them find The Old, Old path, ‘**The Light that I, your Lord, will Send shall Point The Way. He that Cometh to Me through The Door will I Baptize with Fire and The Holy Ghost.**’

Going back to The Parable of The Ten Virgins, The Wise ones had a little Oil left in their Lamps (*God's Spirit*); and would be Able to See through the darkness, not only to See, but Hear The Midnight Cry also.

Turning to *The Bible* in Chapter 1 of Saint Luke, verses 76 through 79, we find more reference to This Light in The Prophetic Mission of John The Baptist when He was yet a little babe, ‘**And thou, child, shalt be Called The Prophet of The Highest: for thou shalt go before The Face of The Lord to Prepare His Ways;**

To give Knowledge of Salvation unto His People by The Remission of their sins, Through The Tender Mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on High hath visited us,

To give Light to them that sit in

darkness and in the shadow of death, to Guide our feet in The Way of Peace.'

These words, if we understand them, give us a beautiful comparison between The Light of The Messenger and the dayspring. *What does dayspring mean and what is it?* Dayspring means dawn, the dawn of a new day, those few minutes in the early morning, when The First Light begins to emerge through the mornings mists and soon driving them away.

This Light of The Dawn is synonymous with The Light of God, His Spirit, as it Penetrates the mists of Spiritual darkness in the minds of the children of men.

Message 39:4 says, **' . . . The earth shall be Filled with The Light that I bring and have brought from The Lord God. Will the people Heed it, that their feet might be Guided in The Way of Peace and be Led out of darkness and contention and away from the shadow of death.'**

To all that have Heard and Obeyed The Midnight Cry, being Led by that Light into The Waters of Baptism and having The Hands Laid on for The Gift of The Holy Ghost, there is More Light, even a NEW LIGHT Promised. But with that Promise there is a Warning and a Preparation given. Just because we have entered The Sheepfold and have our feet in The Straight and Narrow Way doesn't automatically make us recipients of all The Greater Things The Lord has Promised for His People.

Coming through The Door into The Church made us Eligible for The Promise, but to Receive The Gift of The Promise requires a Preparation. Message 47:8 mentions The Promise, **' . . . All that Come must be Baptized and The Hands Laid on them that The Greater PROMISE of Light might be Given.'**

Message 46:3 says, **'To all those that Repent of sins and be Baptized, Preparing themselves in Deep Humility, yea, The Lord Promises that they shall Receive The Greater Light and Power that they might be Able to Carry on The Work of The Lord.'**

One of the first Requisites, or Pre-requisites, is to rid ourselves of all the old sins and traditions of man made ideas, Coming in with an *Open and Clean Mind, willing to be led by The Light and Word of God.*

Unfortunately, many of us have thought that we did all this when we went through The Water only to discover later on that there was still a skeleton or two in the closet that we missed, myself being one of those who ran into a stumbling block, and it was only through The Tender Mercy of our God that I was Able to Step over it, ridding myself of that old tradition and Receiving The Greater Light.

As we read on in *The Word of The Lord* we find that God has been Warning His People and especially His Servants to Prepare, for This Gift of Greater Light.

Message 47:1, **' . . . This is a day wherein a Light Shinneth even in Power from The Lord God.'** In Message 39:9, The Lord Speaking in Prophecy through His Messenger says, **' . . . In Me is The Light that Shinneth in darkness and by My Servant I give these Words unto you. I Send a Great Light, and few there be that Perceive it because of the precepts and commandments of men.'** Verse 11 further states, **'The Greater Light and Power shall Come as My People Prepare for it.'**

In Message 52:13 there is a Special Warning to His Servants; **'Unto The Servants of The Lord: except you make**

Ready and Quickly Prepare your Hearts before The Lord The Greater Light will not come to you.'

In Message 53:10 we find another; **'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.'**

It is very evident by the foregoing Words of The Messenger that The Lord has been Gradually and Prudently trying to Prepare His People and Servants for something Greater and Special, even to the extent of Calling it a *'New Light'*.

In Message 51:4-5 we find *'The New Promise'*; **'Therefore The New Light is Promised. Continue to Prepare for it. The Greater your Understanding, The Greater your Work shall be.'**

Some do not understand but let them be Humble and The Greater Light shall Come in its Fullness. Live in The Lord, Walk in The Way of Salvation; The Lord has not yet Entrusted The Greatest unto His Servants, but it shall be, for all must Learn The Full Plan of God.' In verse 7, **'Fear not, The Words I bring are from The Lord. I Speak at His Command. Greater Things shall be Revealed for in PRINCIPLE and in Power by The Spirit of The Lord all Righteousness shall be brought about.'**

If the foregoing Words and Quotations have Aroused your Curiosity concerning This Great and New Light, well and Good. Going back one year to Message 48:12, The Lord gave us a Clue in one Very Positive Statement that takes in the whole earth, **'I will make Known to all the earth that I Am God, and there is none else, Saith your Lord.'**

Just four months after The New Light was Promised, we find another statement of similar meaning in Message 52:4. **'But, to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord, Harken! Ye, My Servants; Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have Plead! Few have Heard. If you Believe in God Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I Am The Eternal One!'**

The Palmist David says in Psalm 43:3, **'O send out Thy Light and Truth: let them Lead me; let them bring me unto Thy Holy Hill, and to Thy Tabernacles.'**

Psalm 36:9, **'For with thee is The Fountain of Life: in thy Light shall we see Light.'**

Message 72: 4, **'I bring Glad Tidings to The Faithful and those that Love Truth. I Speak The Truth. I bring Light to the blind in The Light of Time.'**

The Lord has sent out His Light and Truth in *The Bible, The Nephite Record and The Word of The Lord*, and He Keeps telling us to Study and Obtain His Word thereby Illuminating our minds that The Mysteries of God will no longer be hid.

Message 73:7, **'Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm. A Great Light has been Given but few there be that perceive it, because of the precepts and commandments of men; which bind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, The Greater your Study and Illuminating of your minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; freeing your Lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a Blessing among all mankind.'**

These Great Truths have been couched in The Sacred Records all these many years,

but because our minds have been clouded by the ideas and traditions of men, they have been hid from us; but now The Lord is Sending The Light to Drive away the clouds and Illuminate our minds, if we will but Heed His Advice and Instructions and Listen to The Still Small Voice that is Whispering to us at this time to Come all The Way.

Message 74:12, **'A Word to those that Endure. Yea, Greater Things are yet. The Unfolding of much is before you. The Mysteries of God will no longer be hid, if you will have Great Faith and Endure.'**

For twenty-seven years God has Pleaded with His People and Ministry to Arise and Prepare for This Greater Light and Power. Message 39:11, in 1939 gave the following, **'The Greater Light and Power shall Come as My People Prepare for it.'** Furthermore, it has been 40 years to the present time.

The culmination of all the foregoing came with The EIGHTY-FOURTH MESSAGE in November 1966 with the following Proclamation:

'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.'

Now going to paragraph 36 of Message

84 we have *The Sum Total* of it all, **'THIS IS LIGHT AND TRUTH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THE ETERNAL GOD.'** For another Witness to the above, in The Restored Palmyra Edition of *The Record Of The Nephites* in The Book of Mosiah we find in Chapters 15 and 17 that The Prophet Abinadi gave his Life at the stake for this, The True and Full Doctrine of The Godhead; also another Witness is in The Book of Ether Chapter 3.

Dear Readers, as I bring this Article to it's close I Pray that we may throw off the shackles that bind us, shake off the coals from our garments and Arise in The Strength of our Lord and put on The Whole Armor of Christ, Enabling us to Withstand all the fiery darts of the adversary, that in The End we may find there is Laid up for us a Crown of Eternal Life.

Yours for The Work's Sake and may God Bless all

Primary Department

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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 precious 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, (Genesis 9:9-13), '**Behold, I Establish My Covenant with you, and with your seed after you;**

And with 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.

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.

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:

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*.

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

***Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise Him, all Creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!***

That is a song titled, 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is known as The Doxology—which means an expression of Praise to God.

Ephesians 5:18-20, '**. . . be filled with The Spirit:**

Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving Thanks always for all things

unto God The Father in The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

November is the month we celebrate 'Thanksgiving Day'—a day set aside in the U.S.A. to give Thanks to God for all of our Blessings! Our country has celebrated 'Thanksgiving Day' for many years. It started in the 1600's when The Pilgrims came to this land to be free to Worship God the way they pleased. Their first winter here was very hard with very little food. Many of them died that winter. The following spring, The Indians taught them to grow corn and harvest the corn in the fall. Our forefathers were so Happy and Thankful to be able to store food for the following winter! The Pilgrims and Indians celebrated together for three days! Our forefathers gave Thanks to God for their Blessings!

Of course, we should have a Thankful heart and be Thanking God everyday for all of His Blessings! I think that this Holiday is so Special that our whole nation takes the time to reflect on Blessings and give Thanks to God! We have so very much for which to be Thankful! We have many Freedoms in this country that people in some other countries are not allowed to enjoy. We have The Freedom of Worship—to Worship our Lord God the way we feel is Right—not the way someone else dictates to us. We have The Freedom of Assembly—and can meet with only a few people or a group.

We have The Freedom of Speech and Press—where we can say and write the things we feel. These are wonderful freedoms that we sometimes take for granted. Think of how awful it would be if we did not have these freedoms!

God Loves us and Watches over us each day! He even gives us our own Guardian Angel!

Think of all the things you love--the trees, flowers, clouds in the sky, your family, your pet, your friends, your home, clothing, food, water to drink and play in,-- the list goes on and on.

Know that God made all these things we Love for us to Enjoy! God Provides for us and Protects us!

He made a Plan of Salvation for us! He Helps us through our sad and happy times! We have so much to be Grateful for!

It is easy to be Thankful and Praise God when all is going well for us. *Do you also Praise God and Thank Him when you are sad or sick or things are not going so well for you? Do you remember the story of Job who had undying Faith in God no matter what happened?*

Job was a rich man in many ways. He had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 female donkeys, and a large family with 7 sons and 3 daughters. He did no wrong and was Upright and Good. He Loved God very much and always tried to do Right and stay away from evil. God Loved Job very much!

Satan suggested to God that Job would remain Good and Righteous 'only' as long as it was financially profitable for him to do so. The Lord allowed satan to try Job's Faith in God.

Satan tried to discourage Job in many ways. His children, his servants, and all his animals were taken from him and he was left with no money. As awful as this was, Job not sin nor charge God with wrong. Job remained Faithful to God.

Since this did not work, satan told God that if Job was physically hurt, then he would curse God!

Satan afflicted Job with painful boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his

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head. Job was so miserable that he sat in ashes and scraped his sores with pieces of pottery.

Job's wife told him to curse God and die. But Job refused to curse God. Job Loved God and said, *'What shall we receive Good at The Hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?'* In all this, Job did not sin with his lips.

Job's Faith triumphed over all the suffering. God saw Job was True and Good and Faithful. God Blessed Job greatly! Job received even more than he had before. He had 13,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 female donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters! Job died at age 140.

So no matter how rough things seem, always be True to God. Do not doubt God-always be Faithful! Always give Thanks and Praise to God! God will always be there when you Call on Him!

Thank Him for His Great Plan of Salvation, for The Scriptures He Gives us to Guide us each day – *'The Holy Bible', 'The Record of the Nephites' and 'The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by An Angel'*.

Remember all your many Blessings and give Thanks and Praise to God for them this Thanksgiving Day and EVERY DAY!

Ephesians 1:16, **'Cease not to give thanks . . .'**

Thessalonians 5:18, **'In everything give Thanks; for this is The Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you'**.

Revelations 7:12, **'Saying, Amen; Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honor, and Power, and Might, be unto God forever and ever. Amen'**.

Love in Christ,

Young Adult Department

Dear Young Adults,

I wanted to talk today on what it means to worship idols in our lives. When we think of idols as spoken in *The Bible*, it often meant any graven image that was worshipped in place of God. I know that we don't worship any graven images but we can have other idols that we worship that takes place over God.

Any idol that we have that prevents us from doing the things that the Lord would want us to can be an idol in our Life. For example they can be in the form of the television, cell phone, computer, etc. These are just a few examples of what idols can be in our everyday lives.

In Exodus 20:3-5 it says, ***'Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor Serve them: for I The Lord thy God am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and forth generation of them that hate Me.'*** Anything that consumes our life and takes over it can be considered an idol.

Message 25:15 says, ***'Many have said, 'Lord, Lord,' yet they have their idols in their hearts, and will not follow in The Ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through suffering they will learn Obedience.*** We need to remember that our actions speak louder than words. Remember we need have our actions reflect what we Believe in and know to be True. You never know who may be watching us. The things

that we do are so Important because they can and will affect others.

The next few messages are of Hope and Encourage us to stay Strong in The Lord. If we do so we will have all these Blessings and more given to us by The Lord if we are Obedient and stay Strong to His Word. Always remember that satan will not have power over us if we are Strong in The Lord!

Message 52:8-10, *'All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be Restored to its former beauty for the time will be shortened, that The Elect of The Lord may be Saved. They shall find Safety in The Lord in His Obedience to His Will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be Preserved and Arrayed in Peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away. For The Lord is God- He is God. Let Love dwell in your hearts that He may Dwell in you and His Love be Perfected, and that you may Stand in The Day of Judgment. Let all move in The Will of The Lord and He will Touch them and Greater Power in Love will be theirs to Enjoy; bringing together many that shall find Peace to their Souls in their Redeemer Manifested'*. We need to remember that The Greater Power is God's Love!

Message 53:6, *'The turmoil is on. The greatest peril shall fill its place and mankind will inquire of The Lord their God. Their idols shall melt away for The Law shall go forth from Zion, Cleansing the hearts of men. They shall stand before, being Ministered unto for I Come to give Light, to Instruct, to Call, and to Point The Way.'*

Message 75:6, *'Fear not. Ye say ye Love The Lord; keep His Words, bow not to the idols. Respect The Just Plan of God. Great*

Peace like Rivers of Flowing Waters will Come with Power over you in mellowness of heart.'

Message 76:8, *'The Lord's Plan has been Decreed and it shall Bear Fruit. The great perils shall shake mankind and many will inquire of The Lord. Learning Wisdom, their idols will melt away, for The Word shall go forth from Zion. Men's hearts shall be Cleansed-being Ministered unto by The Word of The Lord. The Faithful shall stand forth and many shall find Salvation with The Lord.'*

Message 88:33-36, *'But woe, woe unto the rejecter- their days are numbered. The power and ways of satan and of man's idols, and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness. The 'Word of The Lord' is Line upon Line, Precept upon Precept, Here a little and There a little, in Time and Purpose of His Will, Pleasant to The Righteousness. Satan's powers shall be bound and he shall have no more temptation on mankind until The Reign of Peace, The Millennium, shall be over. Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in hope, and hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you'*.

Again, remember all these Promises that The Lord has said will be given to us if we remain Strong and True to Him. The Lord tells us in the last Messages that satan will do anything to hinder us and drag us down the wrong path.

It's such a Wonderful Promise that The

Lord has given us that He tells us that satan will have no power over us if we have Faith in His Words and Live them. We have to keep Strong in The Faith and not let satan creep into our Lives.

Let's all Strive to not have any idols, whatever they may be to consume our Lives. We want to Live our Lives for our Lord and Savior. This is my Prayer for us all. Amen!

Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is not a once a year event for The Christian. Thanksgiving should be a daily, and a moment to moment event, and a 'Way of Life' for The Christian.

Psalm 50:14-15, **'Offer unto God Thanksgiving; and Pray thy Vows unto The Most High:**

And Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will Deliver thee, and thou shalt Glorified Me.'

A Sacrifice is a form of worship and Thanksgiving is also. Thanksgiving gives Honor to God. When we look to God to meet our needs, He does not disappoint us, and we in turn Thank Him; thereby, giving Honor and Glory to Him.

Psalm 50:23, **'Whoso offereth Praise, Glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I Shew The Salvation of God.'**

When we do that which is Right God Provides for our needs, and we in turn Glorify Him, by offering Praises, that is by giving Thanks to Him. Therefore, if we do that which is Right, we will Honor God, by Thanking Him from the heart.

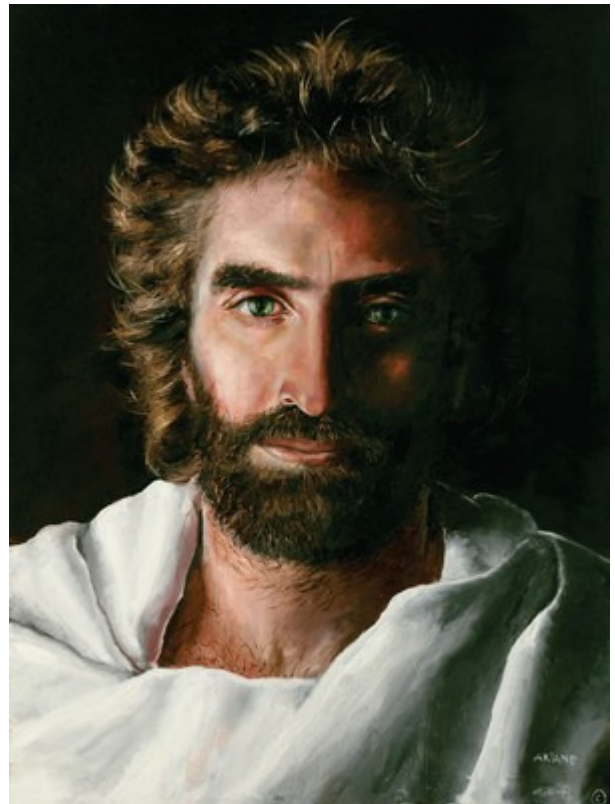
Psalm 69:30, **'I will Praise The Name of God with a Song, and will Magnify Him with Thanksgiving.'**

Psalm 95:2, **'Let us come before His Presence with Thanksgiving, and make a Joyful Noise unto Him with Psalms.'**

Psalm 100:4-5, **'Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving, and into His Courts with Praise; be Thankful unto Him, and Bless His Name.'**

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

Prince of Peace



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