

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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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 build-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Message 53:10, ‘Yea, I have brought a **Warning and few prepare for THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord’s Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ’s Words that shall judge all men.’

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

Secretary For The Twelve
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

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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Death Announcement

-W. A. Draves

Dear Brothers, we wish to inform to you that Brother **Disciple Alfred Delewa Laini**, The East African Church Recorder of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, The Assured Way of the Lord, and who is in charge of leading the church in KENYA and Rwanda Mission territories passed away the morning of Thursday to reach Friday at 5 a. m .at Kocholia Hospital while undergoing treatment. The funeral will be on Monday, in order to wait other disciples from other countries. Please send this news to all it may concern. Love. Brother Elder/Pastor Joel Kakonyi Mwangi. Nairobi Local Kenya.



1. 'Behold, Arise and Write the words I shall give you, a Message of Hope and Life to all that follow through. My Message is one of Love to those that Fully Receive it, who are Humble and Peaceful in The Lord's Way.

2. I bring The Authority to Prepare The Way before The Lord's soon Coming; before this generation all pass away.

3. Fear not, The Lord is doing a Marvelous Work and a Wonder and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.

4. Study The Words I bring. Teach and Study The Full Word of God and you shall know The Truth. Let all follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well.

5. I am still at The Helm, for I bring The Gospel of The Kingdom to Awaken and Light The Way. All that come This Way, Repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be Humble and be Baptized in Water in The Authority I bring, for The Remission of their sins through The Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus.

6. Let The Hands be Laid on all that His Spirit might Come in Holy Unction to them in Greater Power, for The Promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are Humble and Full of Love; Shaping their Lives by The Assured Way.

7. Let The Work Continue in all parts. Preserve The Good and release the evil and those planning iniquity.

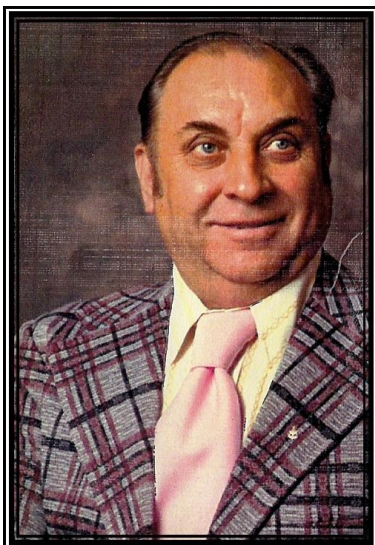
8. Behold, there is a Cry for Peace but there is no Peace Save in the hearts of them that do The Lord's Bidding; Hearing His Voice, Refraining from all Contentions that disturb The Soul.

9. Only The Pure in Heart and The

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

NINETY-FOURTH MESSAGE



The Angel Messenger of The Lord appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 11, 1975, at 4:15 a.m. The room was Filled with Light as has been each time he came before. He spoke as one having Authority, he was Serious in his words. I wrote The Words as he precisely gave them to me, speaking slowly, as I wrote them down-repeating when necessary-to allow me to write exactly what he said. May The Lord Bless and Reveal to all this The Assured Way-The Bride of Christ,

he was with me about Fifty minutes

Humble in Spirit shall be Able to Stand and Labor in This Work.

10. Blessed are all they that have Come and are Coming to This Work-they shall Bear The Brightness of Saints.

11. Be very Watchful unto Prayer that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep clothing.

12. The Lord Accepts the publishing of The Messages in other languages.

13. Behold! The Book, *'The Word Of The Lord'*- let this continue, reaching all nations.

14. There is much yet to be done, more Light and Further Records will Come forth-ere time folds in and The Brightness of The Lord Comes.

15. The Lord Accepts the counseling of The Quorums of Apostles and Bishops. Let more be done in Love and Humility.

16. Hold Firm and High The Standard -free from Confusion and Deliverance will come.

17. Much Good has Come from This Assembly of The People of The Lord. I have been with you. Swing wide The Gate-go forth, The Truth is Set before you.

18. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

19. There are some that have rejected This Way and have not conformed to This Truth. Some will yet Come. Others will speak lightly of This Work, destroy themselves.

20. My Mission was and is to Establish *The Church of Christ*. I bring The Authority-The Priesthood of God by The Touch of My Hands to this day and time it Stands Alive. More Power shall be given as The Servants Prepare for it.

21. Because of Faith, many Souls shall be Brought to This Way of Salvation, to

find Eternity with God and Dwell in Peace.

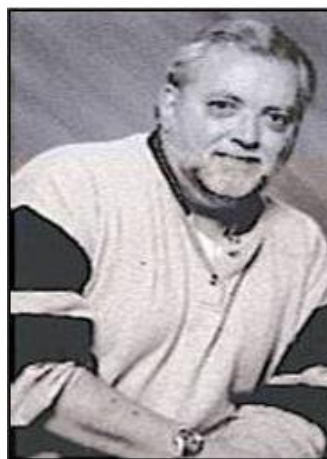
22. I leave Peace with you and all that read these Words. I will come again as The Lord Directs. Amen

From The Editor

*Submitted by Editor
Missouri*

Over-Comers/Commitment

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*



Message 43:5,
'Thus Saith The Lord your God, 'Blessed are ye of My Servants that Defend This Cause, for this is MY WORK and man cannot please Me unless he comes within MY WILL,

for I have Designed that My Messenger Prepare The Way before Me, and a people that will have their hearts Filled with Love'

We are to give Honor unto God. We are to be Obedient to The Word of God. We have been Called from out of The World to Prepare a people to meet God. We are Called to Represent His Church. We must be that people who's hearts are Full of Love. We must all be **Overcomers**! We all must make a **Commitment** to The Lord to do what He has Called us to do.

Message 43:8, 'Verily, the powers of evil shall be overcome and Peace shall Reign. Those that Learn of Me and Press into My Kingdom, I shall bring Peace unto you. Verily, verily, I shall

Walk and Talk with you, your hearts shall be Full of Love. My Zion shall be a Place of Peace, a Nation of Righteousness, where, in Obedience to My Gospel, Salvation shall be found.'

God has given us, His Servants, some Great Promises here in these two verses from Message 43.

He first told us that if we would Defend This Cause, His Way, we would be Blessed. He said He would Prepare a Way before us, if our hearts would be Full of Love.

He told us that evil will be overcome! He said if we would Learn of His Way, He would give us Peace. He said He would Walk with us and Talk with us.

All this He would do for us if we are Obedient!

How can one be Obedient to God's Words if he knows them not? He can't!

Message 43:12, 'Read The Words I send to you by My Messenger. Study them and Obey My Will Fully, and Eternity shall have place for you.'

We must know The Plan of God. We must know His Will. It only comes through studying.

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

God has given us The Plan. He has laid out before us His Blue Print. We must follow through! The 'Door' is open, we must walk through!

Message 43:15, 'This is the day that ye who are Called must work with your might for The Pruning of The Vineyard of The Lord for the last time . . .'

If we Work with all our might, many Honest of Heart people, shall be brought To find Peace and Love in *The Church of*

Christ.

Message 43:27, 'If the people will continue to Humble themselves and be True and Faithful many shall Assist in The Building of The Temple of The Lord. Great shall be The Joy of the people of The Lord because of The House wherein they shall find Spiritual Food and Knowledge and The Goodness of God shall be their portion. Peace shall then be in the hearts of all The Righteous and evil powers will fade away.'

God has given us more Promises. If we Humble ourselves and be True and Faithful, many of us, may be even all of us, shall Assist in The Temple Building.

We can give God Joy! Joy from Teaching The Spiritual Food of The Gospel and Knowledge of The Word.

There are many people who are Honestly wanting to be Taught aright. There are many leaders that are Good, Honest men, and they long to Teach people The Full-Truth.

There must be a change! How can they change if they know not of This Truth, 'The Assured Way Of The Lord'. So you see, we have a job to do.

Seeing and recognizing that one needs a change in their life is no help unless you can help that person do something about it.

We must know The Truth. Jesus realized this, and thus sends His Messenger to Prepare The Way.

Jesus has a Great Desire to help us all to Attain the highest in life and to Live Abundantly. Did He not say, ***'I am come that they might have Life, and that they have it more Abundantly?'***

This 'life' cannot be given unless one's heart becomes Repentful and Restored.

We are told to hate evil and Seek Good,

that we may be Delivered from bondage.

We hate evil! We Seek The Good! We thus become Called and Chosen, if we remain Honest in Heart, having Clean Hands and a Pure Heart.

Message 84:12, **‘Seek out, Acquire and Restore with Meekness those that are Humble, Repentant and Full of Love, if they will come to Doctrine and Truth and refrain from teaching of men and traditions that will not Save you but The Gospel of Christ of Redemption and Salvation unto Eternity of Eternal Hope with God-Preaching Christ and Him Crucified and Resurrected.’**

A great job lies ahead of us. But it is one we all Seek to be Part of, because we know the benefits of it.

Message 84:20, **‘When mankind will Learn of Me, he shall be Lifted from darkness unto Light and Power-and Hearing Me, I will Hear him and Heal your Souls and your Lands.’**

Once mankind Hear The Words of God and Obey, Life and Light will come to them for Christ is The Ruler and Judge of all (Message 84:9).

The Cry for Peace is out. We have been chosen to answer that Cry. ***‘But there is no Peace save in the hearts of them that do The Lord’s Bidding’*** (Message 94:8).

The Kingdom of God is at Hand. Jesus taught it, John The Baptist speaks of it, People are looking for it. The Kingdom is Available to all. Hearts cry out to be Understood. God has Prepared and Preserved many in every nation to Serve Him. Once they Hear of This Work, they shall come Rejoicing.

God has told us to Rejoice and be Glad,

for it is The Lords Will. The Work will Grow and Multiply Greatly. There is much to be done.

Message 101:13,15, **‘The Lord has Reserved and Preserved many that know His Voice and their Calling when they Hear of The Words I bring . . .**

Be Strong, be Firm, let The Truth be Heard everywhere. Declare among the people The Lord’s Doings.’

Remember, I first spoke **‘Blessed are ye of My Servants that Defend This Cause?’** I am speaking of *The Church of Christ*. I am speaking of you and I. **‘Blessed of The Lord’**. *Who is it that can say they have more than us?* There is none!

Message 84:2, **‘I am The Servant Of The Lord, I am The Forerunner of The Christ. I am he to Prepare The Way. I give The Word in due season. I speak in The Spirit and Power of God, of The Elias, The Assured Way, a Fountain of Truth. I am clothed with Light for a covering. The Words I speak are Eternal Words. I speak The Words of Christ, The Living God--His Words shall Judge you in the last day. Shape your Lives by The Words I bring and it will be well with you. This is The Assured Way of The Lord.’**

This verse tells the whole story! It’s words should be the same as ours. We should speak the same.

We should speak in The Spirit and Power of God. We should speak ‘The Assured Way’ and a Fountain of Truth.

Our Mission is the same as John The Baptist. For we are ‘fellow-Servants’ bring-ing ‘The Assured Way’.

Message 84:6, **‘Keep The Faith and Endure and The Sunlight of Righteousness shall Arise over you, with Healing in**

His Wings and ye shall be Preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command Peace and it will bring you through.'

Do you want to be Preserved? Do you want to be Healed? Do you want Deliverance? Well, this verse tells you how you can have all three. Praise The Lord!

I Love this verse, because it is the answer to my Prayers. I want to be Faithful, and above all I want to Endure. I want God's Healings so I can be Strong to do His Will. I want to be Preserved when trials are on me. I want Deliverance from a sinful world. I want Peace. Peace of Mind, Peace of Soul.

I know you want these same things. For we are One in Christ Jesus. Because of this

verse and what it means to me, it is The Greatest Gift I can give to someone, or we to one another. It says it all.

This is my Gift to you. Read it often and know God is Great!

I would like to quote another verse. God is Speaking again to us-may it take root and grow

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 may 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. For by My Spirit I shall feel after mankind, and The Honest in Heart will come unto Me. Lo, I have Spoken and My Word shall not Return unto Me void.'** Amen!

From The Apostles

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Word's of Alma

I would like to read from *The Record of The Nephites*, Words of Encouragement that has always given me a boost in times of trials. I want to share those Words with all. In The Book of Alma, Chapter 26, reading from verses 8,12,16-17,22,35 &37; **'Blessed be The Name of our God; let us sing to His Praise, yea, let us give Thanks to His Holy Name, for He doth work Righteousness for ever . . .**

Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for in His Strength I can do all things; yea Behold, many Mighty Miracles we have wrought in this land, for which we will Praise His Name for ever .

Therefore, let us Glory, yea, we will Glory in The Lord; yea, we will Rejoice, for our Joy is Full; yea we will Praise our God for ever. Behold, who can Glory too much in The Lord? Yea, who can say too much of His Great Power, and of His Mercy, and of His Long Suffering towards the children of men? Behold, I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel.

Who could have supposed that our God would have been so Merciful as to have Snatched us from our awful, sinful, and polluted state?

Yea, he that Repenteth and Exerciseth Faith, and Bringeth forth Good Works, and Prayeth Continually without Ceasing: unto such it is given to Know The Mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to Reveal Things which never have been Revealed; yea, and it shall be

given unto such to bring thousands of Souls to Repentance, even as it hath been given unto us to bring these our brethren to Repentance . . .

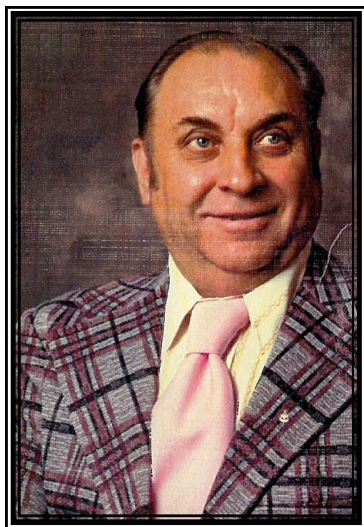
Now have we not Reason to Rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never was men that had so Great Reason to Rejoice as we, since the world began; yea and my Joy is Carried Away, even unto boasting in my God; for He has all Power, all Wisdom, and all Understanding; He Comprehendeth all Things, and He is a Merciful Being, even unto Salvation, to those who will Repent and Believe on His Name . . .

Now my brethren, we see that God is Mindful of every people, in whatsoever land they may be in; yea, He Numbereth His People, and His Bowels of Mercy is over all the earth. Now this is my Joy, and my Great Thanksgiving; yea, and I will give Thanks unto my God for ever. Amen.'

Those Words are Wonderful Words to my Soul. I have always enjoy them. I Hope you enjoyed reading them.

From The Bishops WHAT IS TITHING?

William A. Draves



The word 'Tithe' means one tenth. From the beginning of time God has sent apart one seventh of our time as belonging to Him. In The Garden of Eden He set

apart one Tree which He Claimed as His Own, and Warned our first parents not even to touch it. That Tree is gone, but in its place God has Ordained The Tithe as Sacred to Himself, and He Warns us not to use it for our own needs. *One tenth of our increase is His.*

Deuteronomy 14:22, '*Thou shalt Truly Tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year*'.

Increase means profit. The farmer must Tithe his year's profits. The businessman must Tithe his net gains. The workingman turns his time into money. His salary or wage is profit; therefore, he is to Tithe that income. Gifts are also profit or increase of our possessions. *When we earn a dollar, ten cents belongs to God.* When our profit is 1,000 our Tithe is one tenth of that, or \$100.

To the unselfish Christian, it will be a Real Privilege to give God The First Tenth of our increase. *The Tithe is to be carefully set aside for God's Work* before we use the other nine tenths. *It is Holy to God.* It should never be borrowed. Certainly it should never be kept, for that is what God calls robbery of Sacred Things.

Malachi 3:6, '*I Am The Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*'

Without God's Unchanging Protection we would quickly be consumed by the destroyer. The principle of systematic giving, is *Obeying God's Commandment*, is just as much a part of Genuine Christ Likeness as it ever was. The Spirit of God never changes. Hence The New Testament Christian will be as self sacrificing and liberal as was The Child of God of Old Testament Times.

Luke 6:38, '*Give, and it shall be given unto you.*'

Most of all, remember, *Tithing is not a Sacrifice, it is a Commandment.*

Message 84:32-37

‘Worship and find The Gift. The Gospel is Salvation to The Faithful, Hope in Eternity with The Lord. They that bring forth Fruit shall find Peace and Rest from all their labors—Peace in their Hearts of God toward all men.

Oh! I would that mankind would Hear My Words today as Delivered by Mine Angel and Humble themselves.

Oh! Do they not know The Storms of Life will bring them low—the hard of heart, the haughty, the high-minded? I will be slow to Hear their cry. They speak lightly of My Injunctions and Words of Instructions and come not to Doctrine and My Decrees.

There are those that say I have not Spoken, but I come that mankind may find a Way and Learn Deliverance. There is Safety in The Obeying The Words I bring.

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 Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God.

For The Faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, The Gentile times are Closing in. The day Comes when it will be said, ‘The People of The Lord’ and them that Serve Him not. Be ye Repentant and The Lord will Hear and Heal all the weak and make you strong.’

How Important Is Tithing?

March, 1958: Edward Lee Stone

II Corinthians :6-11, *‘But this I say, he*

which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sow-eth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.



EDWARD LEE STONE

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God Loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all Grace Abound toward you; that

ye, always having sufficiency in all things, may Abound to every Good Work;

As it is Written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his Righteousness remaineth forever.

Now he that Ministereth Seed to The Sower both Minister for your food, and multiply your Seed Sown, and Increase The Fruits of your Righteousness.

Being Enriched in everything to all Bountifulness, which causeth through us Thanksgiving to God.’

Now, how many Blessings would we Receive, and how many Blessings would be Stored up for us, if we would all, who are God’s People, start in and Pay to The Lord The Tithes which we owe Him?

No more would we have to be reminded of the debt that we Owe to Christ and Christ Church.

No more would we have to curtail certain things, which The Lord has told us to do, because of the lack of money necessary for these things.

No more could the penny say that it is

better than the dollar, because it goes to Church more often.

A mother and her young daughter attended Church, The mother found fault with everything. The Hymns used were no Good, The Sermon Preached was still worse, and The Anthems Sung by The Choir was still worse. Suddenly up spoke her little daughter: *'Mother, how much can you expect for only ten cents.'* How True this is! ***How much of God's Love and Blessings can we expect to be bestowed upon us, if we give our dollars for worldly pleasures and our pennies and dimes to Christ?***

Here is something for us, who Belongs to *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* to think about. Jesus never mentioned giving, except to those who paid Tithes. Those who paid Tithes, recognized that their Tithe was a debt to our God, and not a gift (It is a Commandment!).

So when Jesus spoke to them about Giving, that Referred to that which was over and above Tithes. Now please further note that The Church began with Members who paid Tithes, because they were Converted Jews who had been brought up to pay Tithes, and does anyone dare say that these early *People of God would do less for God under Jesus than they had done for God under The Law of Moses?*

Malachi, 3:8-11, ***'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me, But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In Tithes and Offerings.***

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all The Tithes into The Storehouse, that there may be Meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith, Saith

The Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you The Windows of Heaven, and Pour out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your Sakes, and he shall not destroy The Fruits of your ground, neither shall your Vine cast her Fruit before the time in the field, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'

Now Brothers and Sisters, are we ready to accept the challenge of our Heavenly Father? Are we ready to put Him to The Test to see if He means what He says? Are we ready and willing to Commence to Receive those Blessings? God does not lie! He means just what He says!

Apostle Paul's talks about giving were to those who paid Tithes, and The Gentiles Coming into The Church, which was first in the hands of The Converted Jews. Those Gentiles most likely took *The Law of Tithing*, for granted, just as they did that one day out of every seven belonged to The Lord, and should be kept Holy, and just as they also did that The Ten Commandments should be Obeyed.

According to this we see that *The Law of Tithing* belongs just as much to *The New Testament*, as it did in *The Old Testament*. Tithing began before Moses; it went back to Jacob, to Abraham, to Melchisedec.

Abraham paid his Tithes to The High Priest Melchisedec, even one tenth of all he owed. *It is just as binding upon us today as it was at that time.*

An old lady had a beautiful flower garden. Unselfish in her Love, she gave her flowers away. When asked why she did not keep some for herself, she replied, *'The more I give away, the more I have, for the more flowers I cut, the more flowers come.'* Then she added: *'Don't you know that if*

plants are allowed to go to seed, they stop blooming?'

That is just the way we will be if we stop paying Tithing. We are not beautiful in The Sight of The Lord any more. We have gone to seed, and we are dead as far as The Church is concerned, and we are not doing it any Good.

The Lord has been very Gracious and Generous to us. He Blesses us on the very smallest thing that we do for Him. ***Let us be Generous to Him and His Cause. Let us Obey His Commandments and Pay our Tithing. Let us earn those Blessings!***

Articles

Thanksgiving

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Here it is November again! The month we have our 'Thanksgiving Day' Holiday. Our country has celebrated Thanksgiving for many years. It started in the 1600's when The Pilgrims came to America to be free to Worship God the way they pleased.

The first winter The Pilgrims were here was very hard with very little food. Many people died that winter. The following Spring friendly Indians taught them to grow corn. They harvested the corn in The Fall. Our Forefathers were so Happy and Thankful to have food stored for the following Winter. The Pilgrims and Indian celebrated for three days!

The Pilgrims gave Thanks to God for their Blessings. This is how our tradition started for us to celebrate 'Thanksgiving



Day' each November. I'm glad we have this day set aside as a Nation to remember our Forefathers and to Thank The Lord for all our Blessings. Even though this is something we should do daily - this Holiday seems to make us stop and really count our Blessings.

We have so much more to be Thankful for. *Who were those friendly Indians that helped The Pilgrims?* Remember The Story of God leading Lehi and Sarah and their family away from Jerusalem, 600 years B.C.? They came to 'The Land of Promise' what is now America. The Indians were descendants of Lehi and Sarah. We need to Thank God for Guiding and Helping these Forefathers.

So today, you and I live in this Great Country; America. Our Country is not perfect, but it is a Great Country. We have many Freedoms that other countries do not allow their people to enjoy. We have 'The Freedom of Worship' - so we can Worship our Lord the way we feel is Right - not the way someone else tells us.

We have 'The Freedom of Assembly' - we can meet with whoever we please, with only a few people or a group.

We have 'The Freedom of Speech and Press'. We can say the things we feel and write the things we feel. These are Wonderful Freedoms we take for granted. Think of how awful it would be if we did not have these 'Freedoms'.

God Loves us, Provides for us, and is so Good to us! We have so much to be Grateful for! Let us 'Thank' God this Thanksgiving and always for His Blessings. In turn, let us show our 'Thankfulness' by trying our best to do God's Will and Obey His Commandments.

It is such a Blessing that we are part of

This Great Plan.

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 Pay thy Vows unto The Most High:***

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

Thanksgiving Magnifies God, because it gives Him Credit for all that He has done and will do.

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

Whenever we Approach God, we should do so with Thanksgiving. Furthermore,

True Thanksgiving will include Songs within our Heart and upon our Lips.

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

For The LORD is Good; His Mercy is Everlasting; and His Truth Endureth to all generations.'

When we Approach God, we should always do so with Thanksgiving. We should not only give Him Thanks for all that He has done for us, but we should Thank Him and Praise Him for who He Is, because He is

. Always Good, Loving, Kind, and Faithful to all. He is Worthy of Thanksgiving.

Psalm 107:22, ***'And let them Sacrifice The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving, and Declare His Works with Rejoicing.'***

When we Worship God with Thanksgiving. We should do so by making mention of The Great Works with Joyful Singing. *A Joyful and Thankful Heart is True Worship.*

Psalm 116:17, ***'I will offer to thee The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will Call upon The Name of The Lord.'***

When we ask God to meet our need we should also give Thanks; Prayer without Thanksgiving is Prayer without Faith. If you Truly Believe that God will Answer your Prayer, you will give Thanks with every request.

Psalm 147:7-9, 14, ***'Sing unto The Lord with Thanksgiving: sing Praise upon The Harp unto our God:***

Who covereth The Heaven with clouds, who Prepareth rain for the earth, who Maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He Giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry . . .

He Maketh Peace in thy borders, and Filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.'

We should give thanks to God because He supplies the earth with all that it needs to produce life. Every creature is dependent upon Him for life and survival. The fruitfulness of the earth is from The Lord. We are all dependent upon Him to supply all our needs and He does not fail us when we trust in Him to supply. ***Thanksgiving is a sign of our Faith and Trust in God.***

Jonah 2:7-10, ***'When my Soul fainted within me I remembered The Lord: And my Prayer came in unto thee, into Thine Holy Temple.***

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own Mercy. But I will Sacrifice unto thee with The Voice of Thanksgiving; I will Pay that I have Vowed.

Salvation is of The Lord, and The Lord Spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.'

While Jonah was under discipline from The Lord, Jonah Repented and Declared that he would again offer The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, because he Believed in The Grace and Faithfulness of God. True Thanksgiving must be from The Heart, with Faith: therefore, when we experience the trials of discipline, we can be sure that we will again give Thanks to The Lord when we Respond to His Discipline with Repentance.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11, ***'Now he that Ministereth Seed to The Sower both Minister Bread for your food, and multiply your Seed Sown, and Increase The Fruits of your Righteousness;***

Being Enriched in every thing to all Bountifulness, which causeth through us Thanksgiving to God.'

God not only Supplies all our physical needs, but He also Supplies all that we need in our Service to Him. When we Recognize that all our Spiritual Gifts and Abilities Come from Him, and that they are all of Grace, we will give Thanks to Him for all our Work of Service to Him.

Philippians 4:6, ***'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving let your Request be made known unto God'***

We should never be anxious for anything, but we should always look to God to Supply all our needs, both physical and Spiritual. Furthermore, The Prayer of Faith will always be Accompanied with Thanksgiving. ***Thanksgiving is The Result of True Faith.***

Colossians 4:2, ***'Continue in Prayer, and watch in the same with Thanksgiving.'***

Prayer with Thanksgiving is Prayer with Faith. True Faith will Result in Prayer with Thanksgiving, and when Prayer is Offered with Thanksgiving, God will Honor that Prayer.

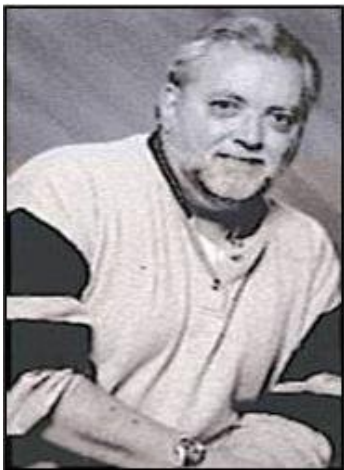
Revelation 7:11-12, ***'And all The Angels stood round about The Throne, and about The Elders and the four beasts, and fell before The Throne on their faces, and Worshipped God, saying, Amen:***

Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God For ever and Ever. Amen."

All True Prayer and Worship includes 'Thanksgiving'. We Honor God with Thanks -giving. All of Creation will someday give Thanks to God. !'

God's Garden

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There is so much beauty in the world around us. We as Christians can see God's Hand everywhere. The beauty fills me with Joy. But The Concept of God's Garden set my mind imagining what God Liked in His Garden.

God must Love variety. Even plants of the same species are different-some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. He is not The God of an assembly line creation, but One who Loves and Appreciates the differences. Cloning is distinctly of man.

We often feel insecure when we perceive difference between ourselves and others. We feel that we may be somehow irregular and not quite right. The Truth is, God Loves variety, in all things but *His Gospel Plan*. This He has Laid out in His Simple Way for mankind to Learn and Follow through. All His Plants are different. That's the way He likes it. God made us this way and Loves us for our uniqueness. He created our unique-ness for His own Purpose. There is a beautiful verse in Zephaniah 3:17.

'The Lord Thy God in the midst of thee is Mighty, He will Save, He will Rejoice over thee with Joy. He will Rest in His Love, He will Joy over thee with Singing.'

Just as my Heart is thrilled and filled

with Joy from the beauty of the earth, I am sure that, in the same way, God Longs to Rejoice, Sing for Joy, over *His People, His Church and His Gospel*.

Message 37:4-5, **'Behold, Saith The Lord, 'Those that have and will Profess My Name and Diligently Seek Me, yea, I will Open and no man will Close The Door before thee, for I will Give unto thee Power to Overcome, and he that Over Cometh shall have Right to The Tree of Life, to Eternity. Lo, there will you have Place with your Lord whom ye Seek and Desire to Please, Then The Righteousness of The Righteous shall be your Joy.**

Ye, that are Called to Edify My Bride,' Saith The Lord, 'Keep ye My Sayings and The Ways of Righteousness in your Hearts. Sin not, but be ye Holy Vessels, and lo, I will quicken your Understanding. Keep the thoughts of kind-ness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My Body. Hold High The Banner of Righteousness, and Zion's Cause shall be The Millennium Reign.'

We are *God's Garden*, The Planning of The Lord. Singularly we are unique flowers, together a *Garden*. I Pray that He Enjoys Visiting *His Garden* on Sunday Mornings, and I Hope He Whistles in His Heart to The Songs we are Singing to Him.

Remember The Beauty of God's Garden. Remember, we are God's Garden. Remember to Study and Show yourself Approved, so your Beauty will Shine Forth to the world.

Message 102:52, **'I speak that all Christendom may Flow together and Abide by 'The Bible', Revealing Great**

Truths; The Coming Forth of ‘The Record Of The Nephites’, The Book, and ‘The Word Of The Lord’: Behold The Books that will Lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in The Lord.’

Eternity has a Place for all that Look for The Lord and View Him as their Saviour, Lord and King.

Mormon 9:21, **‘Behold, I say unto you, that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask The Father in The Name of Christ, it shall be granted them; and This Promise is unto all even unto the ends of the earth.’**

What a Beautiful Garden, God has Prepared for us. We are a Blessed and Favored People of The Lord. Let us all Work Together to Bring about *The Lord’s Plan* in its *Plain* and *Precious Parts*. 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,

I am going to share a story taken from the book ‘*Foot-Prints in The Sands of Time*’, page 139.

Story Of The Nephite Record

How many of you know what The Nephite Record is? Several months ago

Sister Paschall told you about some people who were led to this continent from Jerusalem. These people lived at a time when the Lord’s People at Jerusalem had become wicked and would not follow The Lord’s Prophets. Lehi was a Prophet and The Lord told him that because of the people’s wickedness the city Jerusalem would be de-

stroyed. He told Lehi to take the family and flee away and He would lead them to a land that was much better. Lehi had Faith in God and Obeyed. He had four sons at that time, Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam. He also had daughters. The Lord told him to take another man and his family with him.

Nephi was a very Good, Obedient boy and The Lord showed him many things. Lehi and Nephi both had many Dreams and Visions from God and Angels visited them. But Laman and Lemuel were wicked and did not want to Obey The Lord. They wanted to kill their brother Nephi.

The Lord showed Nephi how to build a ship to bring them to this country for they had to travel the ocean. They brought seeds of all kinds with them so they would be able to grow food to eat. After they came to America they began to till the soil and make their living in that way. Two more boys were born to their parents after they left Jerusalem and their names were Sam and Joseph. They were good boys.

A short time after they arrived in the new land, Laman and Lemuel became so wicked that The Lord told Nephi to take those who were Good and separate themselves from them and The Lord placed a curse of dark skin upon those who followed Lamen and Lemuel.

But I haven’t told you what The Nephite Record is, have I? Well, those who followed Nephi were called Nephites, and they kept a Record upon The Plates made of Gold. The Record told of the things that they did and how The Lord led them. It tells their history from the time they left Jerusalem, which was about 600 B.C. down until about 421 years A.D. The Record was handed down from



one man to another to write upon it. They did not write upon paper like we do but their writing was carved upon these Plates of Gold that The Lord told Nephi to make. The last man to keep this Record was Moroni and it is believed he hid The Record in the ground. In recent years it was found and it has been translated into our language and from it we learn the story of The Ancestors of what are now known as The American Indians. But the people at that time were called Nephites and Laminites, named for the men who led them.

I really Love the book, *'The Record of The Nephites'*. It is very interesting and full of Spiritual Food for us. If you haven't read it, I hope you will do so. Once you get into it you won't want to stop reading!

Following are some Scriptures about what God has Said through His Messenger, John The Baptist, about *'The Holy Bible'*, *'The Record of The Nephites'*, and *'The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel'*.

Message 81:24, **'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 86:60, **'In *The Bible* and *The Record of The Nephites* contains The Teachings and Pattern of The Fullness of The Gospel in its Plain and Precious Parts. But my Words and Authority gives The Right to set The Church in Order—The Church of Christ with The Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to Act in The Establishing The Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in The Zion of The Lord. The Kingdom and The Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High'**.

Message 116:9, **'Faith, Repentance, the Baptism, Teaching Jesus Christ and His Atoning Blood in Redemption that Salvation will Come to all that Hear and Obey The Full Plan as Taught in *'The Bible'*, *'The Record of The Nephites'*, and *'The Word of The Lord'*, the words I bring as an Angel of God. I am His Messenger, a Resurrected Being. I am John The Baptist, I am The Elias.**

Message 81:20, **'Let The Words I bring be The Rule and Guide with The Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all The Lord's Words, Will and Planning shall This Work be Built'**.

Message 102:7, **'Shape your Lives and Works by The Words I bring, have brought and will yet bring'**.

Message 102: 18, **'Prove all things by The Words of Truth in *'The Bible'*, *Record of The Nephites'* and *'The Word of The Lord'*. All this is Established for mankind, The Guide Lines of Hope and Deliverance. Man's idealisms shall come to naught'**.

Message 102:52, **'I speak that all Christendom may flow together and Abide by *'The Bible'* Revealing Great Truths; the coming forth of *'The Record of the Nephites'*, The Book, and *'The Word of The Lord'*: Behold The Books that will lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in The Lord'**.

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

It is very important for us to Study God's Words – all Three Books, to Know them and to put God's words in our Hearts and Minds. We are so Blessed to have all Three Books to Direct us, to have 'The Fullness of The Gospel' and to have The Words that

God's Angel, John The Baptist has brought in this day and time to Direct The Church and all mankind. We are so very Blessed. We must not take These books for granted. *Read and Study daily!* As you do Study daily, you will feel Closer to God, you will have an Inner Peace and Increase your Faith. You will put on God's Armor, knowing The Scriptures and will be able to withstand temptations of satan.

Message 9:1, '**... There are those who read The Words of The Lord and The Prophets and have Faith therein. Upon these satan has no power ...**'

So do take time daily to read all Three books! Put God's Words in your Heart and Mind!

As you are counting your blessings this Thanksgiving, be sure to Thank God for all He has Given us, including our Three Books, '*The Holy Bible*', '*The Record of the Nephites*', and '*The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel*'. We have such a Wonderful, Merciful God that Loves each of us so very much. I also Thank God for each of you. May God's Protection and Love be about you daily.

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults;

I just wanted to share some of my thoughts on having Love towards our fellowmen.

Mosiah 2:4, '*And also, that they might give Thanks to The Lord their God, who had brought them out of the land of Jerusalem, and who had Delivered them out of the hands of their enemies, and had Appointed just men to be their Teachers;*

and also a just man to be their king, who had established Peace in the land of Zarahemla, who had taught them to keep The Commandments of God, that they might Rejoice, to be Filled with Love towards God and all men.'

Mosiah 4:15, '*But ye Teach them to Walk in The Ways of Truth and Soberness; ye will Teach them to Love one another, and to Serve one another.'*

It is so important that we Teach our children to Love one another. We need to remember that this goes for everyone not only for our children but adults as well. Remember God is Love. Anything and everything Good in our Lives Comes from our Lord. He wants to Bless us so much. We need to continue to follow His Commandments and Serve Him.

Moroni 7:13, '*But Behold, that which is of God, Invitieth and Enticeth to do Good Continually; wherefore, everything which Inviteth and Enticeth to do Good, and to Love God, and to Serve Him, is Inspired of God.'*

Charity is The Pure Love of Christ. Message 30:1, '*Thus Saith The Lord, ... Let the old and young remember that Humility must be their Mantle, for Charity Knoweth no evil ...*'

2 Nephi 26:30, '*Behold, The Lord hath Forbidden this thing; wherefore The Lord God hath given a Commandment, that all men should have Charity, which Charity is Love. And except they should have Charity they were nothing; wherefore, if they should have Charity they would not suffer the laborer in Zion to Perish.'*

Charity does not know any evil. When we have Charity we have Love.

Message 33:10, '*Remember The Lord Said, 'Let the old and the young remember*

that Humility must be their Mantle for Charity Knoweth no evil.'

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 nor high-minded. Seek to do Good. A Good Tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor a corrupt tree, Good Fruit.'*

When we have Peace in our Lives we have Charity.

Message 91:13,17,31, *'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 . . .*

They that are of God and are Humble, Seeking The Spirit and find in it Righteous Acts, showing Charity beyond measure, will have The Greater Power and their Works will stand The Test . . .

There are necessary trials that have come to all that they might Learn Patience and The Love of God. For Charity Knoweth nor doeth no evil'.

Message 95:10, *'The eyes of mankind hath not seen, nor the ear hath not heard what is in store for them that Love The Lord, that do His Will, that Hear and Obey the words I bring; Shaping their Lives by The Great Plan and Will of God. Love is your Mission. Charity Suffereth Long and is Kind, is not Puffed Up and Seeketh not for Prominency. Neither will*

She Dominate, nor Destroy.'

Message 112:7, *'They that are of God and are Humble, Seeking The Spirit and find it in Righteous Acts, showing Charity beyond Measure, will have The Greater Power and their Works will stand The Test.'*

When we have Charity we will be Able to withstand any temptations that satan has for us. The Lord has Commanded us to have Charity for one another.

Alma 7:24, *'And see that ye have Faith, Hope, and Charity, and that ye will always Abound in Good Works;'*

Alma 13:29, *'Having Faith on The Lord, having a Hope that ye shall Receive Eternal Life; having The Love of God Always in your Hearts, that ye may be Lifted up in the last day, and Enter into His Rest.'*

Moroni 10:20-21, *'Wherefore there must be Faith; and if there must be Faith, there must also be Hope, and if there must be Hope, there must also be Charity;*

And except ye have Charity, ye can in no wise be Saved in The Kingdom of God, if ye have not Faith; neither can ye if ye have no Hope;'

We need to have these things along with Charity. We need to have these things within us everyday. We need to Strive to have these things Burning within us. Without these things we cannot Inherit Great Blessings from our Lord.

Moroni 7:46-48, *'Wherefore my Beloved Brethren, if ye have not Charity, ye are nothing, for Charity never Faileth.*

Wherefore Cleave unto Charity, which is The Greatest of all, for all things must fail; But Charity is The Pure Love of Christ, and it Endureth forever; and who-so is found possessed of it in the last day,

it shall be Well with them.

Wherefore my Beloved Brethren, Pray unto The Father with all the energy of Heart, that ye may be Filled with This Love, which he hath Bestowed upon all who are True Followers of His Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become The Sons of God, that when He shall Appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He Is, that we may have this Hope, that we may be Purified, even as He is Pure. Amen.'

1Corinthians 13: 4-8, *'Charity Suffereth Long and is Kind, Charity Envieth not, Charity Vaunteth not itself, is not Puffed Up, Doth not Behave itself Unseemly, Seeketh not Her own, is not Easily Provoked, Thinketh no Evil. Rejoiceth not in Iniquity, but Rejoiceth in The Truth, Beareth all Things, Believeth all Things, Hopeth all Things, Endureth all Things. Charity never faileth . . .'*

These Scriptures that I have shared with you are only a few out of the many that The Lord has given us concerning Charity and Love. These along with so many more Scriptures Emphasizes on the Importance of having Charity in our Lives.

When we show others Charity and Love we are doing what The Lord wants. We always need to be an Example to people around us. We never know when people are watching us. Remember *Actions speak louder than Words*. We all need to be the best Examples of Christ at all times. This is our Prayer for all of you, God Bless you all!!

Obituary

Adeline (Addie) Draves 1934-2014

Adeline (Addie) Draves, was born November 17, 1934 in Plainsville, CO and departed this world on August 30, 2014, age 74.



She had lived the last twelve years in Colorado Springs, CO.

She is survived by three daughters: Nellie (Jim) Ruggles, Essie (Paul) Draves, Thish Huckabee; one brother Les Draves of Alamosa, CO; Three Sisters, Louis Williams of Hooper, CO, Lucille

Paulson, Las Vegas, Nevada and Maryann Draves (Bill) Mckee of Aztec, New Mexico.

She has fifteen grand-children and eighteen great grand-children. Adeline worked as a Janitor in The Post Office at Nucla, CO, She was a Cook in many places and took care of many people. She Loved to cook for a good size group of people. She Loved to crochet, knit, and make quilts.

Adeline was Baptized into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message* at a young age. Her father, Edward Draves was an Elder in *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of THE Lord*. She remained Faithful to The Church and The Elijah Message to the day She passed from this life. For awhile Adeline lived across the street from her Uncle, William August Draves. In Independence, MO.

A Memorial Service was held to Celebrate Adeline's Life on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 1 p.m. in The Crestone Cemetery, Crestone, CO. overlooking The Great and Grand San Luis Valley in South

Central Colorado. The Crestone Cemetery is the ONLY 'Green' Cemetery in The United States. Adeline will be missed by all those who knew her. Our Love and Prayer to The Family.

Testimonies Of The Past

Richard Johnson, Iowa: I remember the story of the two men walking from Jerusalem after Learning that Christ Arose from The Dead. They met a Man on the road who continued walking with them. During the walk The Man asked them, *'What's new in Jerusalem?'* They proceeded to tell The Man what had happen to Christ. The Man asked the men, *'Did not you know these things were to happen?'* When the men reached their home they asked The Stranger to come eat with them. It was not until they asked The Stranger to Pray over the food did they Realized this was Christ Himself. Their eyes were Opened to The Lord and they Knew Him. It is a Good Story! We should see The Lord more Clearly today. See that He is our Savior! I am Lifted up from The Peace of The Lord.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: Hello to everyone. I want to Stand and Praise The Lord. I am Glad to be here. Glad for all of us. It is Good to see the young men that has come to visit. We all should have a Testimony of The Lord. He Loves us. I Thank Him. The Lord seen Fit to Call me to The Ministry so I want to make Him Pleased with me. Never thought I would be able to Stand up in front of people to even say this. The Lord has made this happen. I have seen some Miracles since I took up my Calling. He is a True and Loving God and He will do what He Says. I Glorify Him. We need a Closer Walk with God. I

am Thankful for all of you. Always give God The Praise and Glory. That is why we have Life! He is The Rock, The Foundation we Built our Life on! If you have not yet Experienced anything with The Lord, now is the time to Stand Up and Praise The Lord and get to Know Him.

James Naslund, Missouri: I am glad to be here and to do my Duty to The Lord and to Defend This Work. My dad asked me when I returned home from The Service, *'What's this Religious Kick you are on?'* I had a Taste of God, and I have never been the same since I came to Know The Lord. What we are in now is so different from the world. We are small, yes! but it is of God. The Lord Speaks more Severe! I Know This Work is True. We will Take it to the very end. I am Amazed I Found The Truth! I Thank you.

Leora Naslund, Missouri: I am glad to be here. The Lord Preserved me so many years. Everyday I wish I could get through to my friends and family of This Work. I do the best I can. I try to remain Humble. I am so glad to see people here today that wants to Serve The Lord. I Love each of you all and I Pray for you also. Thank you.

Ellen Draves, Missouri; I Praise The Lord and Thank our pass fathers since 1929. We are all children from *The Twelve Message*. I Thank all those that Carried The Work on for us today, Otto Fetting, W. A. Draves, Leonard Johnson, and even Sister Pack and all The Believers that stayed Faithful in Order for us to be here today.

Brenda Humpert, Florida; I am Thankful to be here today. It is Wonderful to have The Fellowship. When you are isolated, it is hard to talk with others of This Work. I was brought up from a little girl in This Church. I had to get Right with The Lord. I

had no Peace. I was away from The Lord for awhile being part of the so called in-crowd, partying most of the time. The Lord told me my days would be short if I did not change my ways. I was in a meeting with my grandmother, I was seventeen, and The Minister there Prophesied to me that this is my last Call. I have tried to do right since then. I came through some tuff times. Continue your Prayers for me and my family.

Carrie Ramey, Missouri; When little River Prayed, his Prayer touched me. He is so lucky to have a father to Lead him in This Work at three years old. I am also lucky to have a father that shared his Love, and Prayed with us. I Love you dad, and Thank you for everything, for Teaching us of The Church, it is Real Good. When Brenda spoke of the in-crowd, well it is everywhere.

Ellen Thompson, Missouri; I am Thankful for The Church, my husband and for my son. I want to say I was Baptized because I Felt The Lord's Spirit and I could not deny it. This Church, This Work Is TRUE! Our Goal is to be One with The Lord. I want to tell Brenda, if you Desire to be here, The Lord will open The Way for you. I know this is to be True because of what has happen to us being here in Independence today. I love you all.

Debbie Bogan, Iowa; I just want to say that even thou you are alone, God is with you. The Lord Keeps His Eyes on us all. I Know this is True. I love you all

Thresa Ray, Missouri; I am also Thankful for being here. Everything that has happen this past year has been incredible. There has been many, many Blessings. When Ola, Brenda and I got together for breakfast, it was a great Blessing to me. I needed it. I remember a story being told of a firefighter

that was inspecting some trees that burned and found a burned hen and when he moved the hen found her chicks protected from the fire. Jesus is always watching over us. Read 111 Nephi 10:46. I am thankful for This Work. Ola talked about **The Full Meal Deal**, but the best thing about it is that it is **FREE**. God Bless you all.

The Unchangeable God

(Article on Message 108)

William A. Draves

John 17:5-24 gives us the description of Jesus The Christ. 11 Nephi 27: 23, same yesterday, today and forever.

John 1:3-4, **'All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.'**

In Him was Life and The Life was The Light of men.'

We find several places in *Scriptures* speaking of *The Unchangeable God*. I change not, etc. and other remarks stating the all sameness of God.

Message 86:6, **'Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many Miracles. This is Good, if they Hear the final Call-this *The Midnight Cry* and Obey it. Their works will stand the test.'**

Message 86:20,23-25,28,35-6,47,53,67, **'Unless The Servants of The Lord Arise and be no more oppressed-Arise to their Place and Calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrance turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will Call others to work and carry this Work onward . . .**

Evil has sought to grip The Church and has long had its effect-eating out Her Soul. When it is removed She will put on *Her Brighter Garments* and many of Her Children will come unto Her.

The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is **THAT PROPHET** like unto Moses when it is I, John The Baptist, The Forerunner – The Messenger called The Elias which was for to come.

A Prophet Represent, and Christ is God Himself. I Represent Him . .

. God has set in Pace and given *The Authority and Trust*, but man through weakness and seeking prominency has hindered The Work. Yet they say they love the Lord . . .

Some you have Trusted will walk no more with you but many more will Come . . .

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

Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully Dedicate their lives to His Service—they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord face to face and Repent of their error they Will not fully find peace . . .

Let not The Work be frustrated by the way of man.'

111 Nephi 21:8-9, 'And when that day shall Come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

For in that day, for my sake shall The Father Work a Work which shall be Great and Marvelous Work among them; and there shall be among them which will not Believe it, although a man shall Declare it unto them.' See also Acts 13:41.

111 Nephi 20:43-45, 'Behold, My

Servant shall Deal Prudently, he shall be Exalted and Extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; (His visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men) (John The Baptist was beheaded. W.A.D.)

So shall he sprinkle many nations the kings shall shut their mouths at Him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.'

111 Nephi 21:11, 'Therefore, it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not Believe in My Words, which Am Jesus Christ, which The Father (Power of God) shall cause him (John The Baptist, The Word of The Lord, brought to mankind by an Angel) to bring forth unto The Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people which are of The Covenant.' (Restoration— W.A.D.)

Acts 13:41, 'Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise Believe, though a man Declare it unto you.'

1 Nephi 22:21, 'And now I, Nephi, Declare unto you, that this Prophet of whom Moses spake, was The Holy One of Israel . . .'

1 Nephi 22:20, 'And The Lord will surely Prepare a *Way* for His People, unto The Fulfilling of The Words of Moses, which he spake saying: A Prophet shall The Lord God Raise up into you, like unto me, Him shall ye Hear in all things, whatsoever He shall unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will Hear That Prophet shall be cut off from among the people (of God-W.A.D.).

Thus, this is speaking of an Inspiring God— a Prophet like unto me (Moses) born from among the brethren-(carnal parents).

Jesus said, **‘No man gave Him His Life, and no man can take it from Him, nor they that set themselves up.’** (This is the ones having a fixed way.)

Fixed way in what? In doctrine and systems in teachings, imagine authority-false doctrine, probation after death, baptism for the dead, water in place of wine in the Communion, two priesthoods. Three beings in the Godhead, and a mother there???? and much more.

This same Nephi—who said he declared spoke of seeing That Prophet baptize The Lamb of God, The Messiah, The Holy One of Israel. *How could That Prophet Baptize Himself?* This is two personages. Get it straight—he first made a mistake and did not correct it.

Again, when it was said The Lord would Raise up a Prophet, even a Messiah, again two personage. It is the mind of man that likens them to be one person and the same. It is the mind of man that makes a mistake—unlearned-lack of full knowledge.

11 Nephi 31:4, **‘Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you concerning That Prophet which The Lord showed unto, that should Baptize The Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world.’**

111 Nephi 27:25-26, **‘For Behold, out of books which have been written, and which shall be written, shall this people be judged for by them shall their works be known unto men.’**

And Behold, all things are Written by The Father; (Power of God) therefore out of the books which shall be written, shall

the world be Judged.’

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost.

The Law and The Prophets spoke until John comes—now he speaks for The Lord.

John was The Greatest Prophet born of woman. None Greater that has Risen. Hear ye him!

Ether 4:16,19, **‘And then shall My Revelation which I have caused to be Written by My Servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be manifest in every deed . . .**

And Blessed is he that is found Faithful unto My Name, at the last day for they shall be lifted up to Dwell in The Kingdom prepared for them from The Foundation of the world. And Behold it is I (The Lord) that hath Spoken it. Amen!’

Special Notices

The staff of ‘The Greater Light’ would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Elder Jerry Kloss of Pennsylvania. We send you our Love, Cares, and Prayers

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