

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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### *Luke 2:11-14*

*'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward me.'*

## *Merry Christmas*



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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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everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

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

Secretary For The Twelve  
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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## THE MESSAGE OF

# CHRIST TODAY

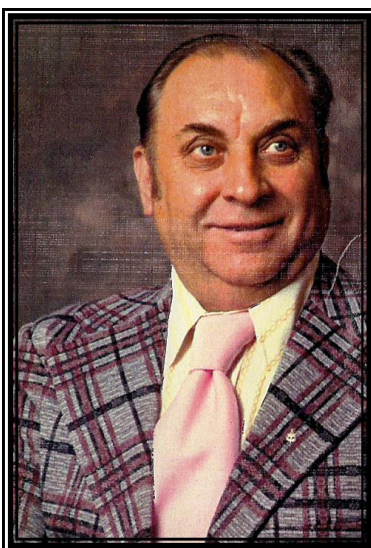
## To All People

### Ninety-Second Message

*The Angel Messenger of The Lord came to me at 4:45 a.m. July 4, 1973, in my home at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. The room was filled with Light. He spoke calmly and slowly, as I wrote the words he gave. He left at five o'clock.*

*W. A. Draves*

**1. 'Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise**



**and Write the words I shall give you. I am John The Baptist, a Resurrected Being. I am The Elias. My Mission is one of Love and Peace. The powers of the adversary<sup>1</sup> cannot hinder my Work.**

**2. I come from The Lord's Presence. Look to The Lord, this is His Work. I**

**bring a Message from His Voice and His Will.**

**3. The Lord's People have seen trials and afflictions but let all Arise to a Closer Walk with The Lord. Come away from contentions and bring Love and Obedience in you Lives. Continue in Good Works. The Lord has Heard the Prayers that are of the Heart, and this Assembly. And I bring Peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.**

**4. There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short.**

**5. Where is that Great Love and The**

**Spirit that Mellows the Heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do Greater Work. Qualify to be Leaders of men. Do Good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not our Mission.**

**6. He that Loveth the brethren, Loveth God also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a Blessing**

**7. Follow The Pattern. Let all that come This Way be Baptized into One Spirit. Teach and Preach the same things in The Way I have given you and it will be well.**

**8. The Church of Christ will never again be destroyed but will move on Her Mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins-and The Lord come. The Kingdom and The Dominion shall be for The Saints of The Most High<sup>3</sup>.**

**9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so-making The Authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.**

**10. There Is no Greater Authority or Gift, or Gifts given to man than that which I bring of The Lord God, after The Order of His Son.**

**11. Who is mankind to claim more than This? He that will not recognize The Authority and Power I bring. Faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.**



12. There will come a day when a True Gift will be given. With Great Wisdom will it work a Work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in Measures of Saving Grace.

13. Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord Knoweth the hearts and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of This Work.

14. I have brought and bring a Message for mankind-that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of The Lamb's Bride when He comes to make up His Jewels. I speak to fulfill The Word of God, to bring all The Faithful in Christendom together to One Fold<sup>4</sup>, One Shepherd, One Spirit of God, One Baptism<sup>5</sup> with Power for Remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15. The Lord will Call many into This Way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold The Peace and your reward will be sure.

17. In time The Quorum of Twelve Apostles will be filled. There are those in The Lord's Preserve. Some will fail, others will take their Calling when The Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and The Church. Lift your Faith-The Way of The Lord is Sure. I will come again. Amen!

1. 1 Peter 5:8

3. Daniel 7:22

2. Psalms 14:1-3  
Romans 3:23

4. 1 Nephi 22:25 (RN)

5. Ephesians 4:25

## From The Editor

### *Word of Encouragement*

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*



We know that every Tree The Lord did not Plant, will be rooted up. We do not have to worry about that, as The Lord has Called us from out of the world into His Kingdom and Holy Gospel and Placed us in His Church. What a Wonderful Blessing that is. To be a Member of Christ's Church to enjoy The Full Gospel. No other generation on earth has been Blessed with The Fullness of The Gospel as we have.

This Message will bring us Peace and Joy as we shape our lives by the Words The Messenger brings for our Lord to mankind. Nothing will destroy our Faith and Good Works, as long as we remain The Lord's Humble Servants. Deliverance will come-Reach out to The Lord and His Word.

The Way of Deliverance has come, and it is Prepared for Greater Outpouring of The Spirit and Mighty Things will be Revealed, as we Humble ourselves before The Lord. We know that many more people will come. Many Miracles will come, Healings and a Better Way of Life.

There is no other way that mankind can be Saved except through The Lord Jesus Christ. How easy Salvation can be if mankind would listen to The Instructions and Warnings of The Lord, Believing in The Words of The Messenger.

It was said by Christ, that John would come not eating nor drinking and men would say he had a devil-but it is they wherein is the devil. John comes to bring Peace, Love, and The Truth. In Ancient Times, it has been told of John's coming in this day and time, The End Time, The Closing Time, The Mid-night Cry, The

Time of Purifying The Ministry, Leading all Christendom into One Fold, wherein is One Shepherd, The Christ Jesus who shall Rule all nations and Peace shall be from one end to the other of this world. (Message 90:12)

It is Good that we Shapes our Lives by The Lord's Instructions in The Written Gospel of Jesus Christ. Revelation says That John will Come with The Everlasting Gospel, Preaching to them that dwell upon the earth. Men may claim they have more, but they are wrong and works for self and not of God. Don't be deceived by them. As satan controls them. Know The Gospel and The Word so that you will not be deceived.

You are a Blessed Person. You have Heard The Call of God. You have thrust in the sickle and reap when The Call of God comes upon you. Continue to endure Sound Doctrine and show True Repentance to The Lord. Stay Close to The Lord and always remain Humble before The Lord.

The Lord wants us to remain Peaceful with all men as it lays in your power. Don't worry or fret over things you have no control. Be Calm in all things. Command Peace in your life.

The Lord has Given us mush Encouragement! Continue to Hear and Obey The Words of The Lord. Seek Him, and Walk Righteously before Him. Heed His Voice and Great shall be your Blessings. Remember The Lord and Master who Drank of The Bitter cup-all must drink of The Cup of Trial to know what The Lord has Suffered for us. He has asked us to Hold High our Banner, Hold Firmly to The Iron Rod. Give a Righteous Call unto Him and His Countenance will Shine upon you.

There are those that will tremble in His

Sight, and at His Word. But if they would Seek Him and Walk Righteously before Him, Heeding His Voice, they also can enjoy The Great Blessings The Lord would give.

I Pray that you would draw yourself out of the world and not take part in contentions and dark sayings.

When plagues and floods sweep the nation, and famines take their place, and war has its effect on the nation, many will be taken to The Beyond not knowing The Love of God nor what The End shall be. Therefore it is important that we step up and take Hold of The Rod of Iron and Cry to the people that there is a Better Way. The

Honest shall hear and come to The Lord. We must not fail in our Callings, but Lift up our Voice and Carry Burdens to The Lord, and God shall Hear.

If we be Faithful, The Lord will Stand us in Holy Places when The Great Destructions shall come. His Vengeance will not come to us, but we shall be numbered among His Jewels. Then Great shall be our Joy. Out of weakness many shall be made Strong.

We shall Rise up and go forth in The Strength of The Lord, for Love is our work. Be Faithful to The Lord. Bear The Fruits of The Spirit when people look for a Better Way and Higher Standards. We shall take The Gospel of Love to govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer. We want none to be lost!

Seek to be Just in all things. Continue to practice The Law of Love in your homes, for in your Hearts His Law shall be Written. The Lord's Work will be accomplished by Pure Hearts and **Clean** Hands, His House shall be Built. The Gospel will be



Preached in all the world. The Glad Tidings must go forth, and Great shall be our Joy in the end.

Dear Ones, these Words are not my words, but God's Words.

I know that you want to be part of carrying The Words of Salvation to all the world. Christ's Coming is near at hand. This Warning must go out and The Gospel of The Kingdom Preached, then shall The Lord Come in The Clouds of Glory. For The Righteous, Great shall be our Joy, but to those that know Him not and that Obey not The Gospel, The Lord of Salvation shall take Vengeance on them. It is sad, but it is out of our control. All we can do is to Obey The Lord's Command in getting out This Word and the rest is up to them.

We must Hear The Voice of God at all times for The Lord is Speaking today as in the days of old. It will be by His Spirit that we will Hear His Voice and when we Call on Him, He Will Answer to our Prayers. His Message is one of Love.

Many will Rejoice with us if they are Humble, and True to The Covenant they have made to God and as we all do this, God will be with us to the end. For God is The First and The Last, The Beginning and The End.

We have a Testimony of This Work and of The Words that come from our Fellow Servant, John The Baptist from The Presence of God Himself. He is The Lord's Choosing! It is True that no one will Understand except through The Lord's Spirit. Let us all be up and doing in The Lord's Work. If nothing else, we can Pray for The Work and for those that can do Missionary Work.

May God Continue to Bless you. It is my Prayer that God will Protect you and

place a Hedge around you from the evils, dangers, illnesses of this world and from anyone that would seek to bring you harm. I Pray for your Loved Ones and your Homes. Be Encouraged in The Lord, for His Hand is Moving and The Work is Strong.

## From The Apostles Trees

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Today I am going to talk with you about trees. Let's begin with.

Message. 41:13, **'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'**.

This verse tells me that there is access to The Tree of Life and its Fruit today if we find The Narrow Path Jesus spoke of in Matthew 7:13-14.

This then would lift the curse of the spiritual death of our Souls that separates us from The Tree. If we partake of its Fruit today and continue to Endure until the end we will have Eternal Life and not lose our access to The Tree with a second death but shall Live and Dwell with God forever.

The Tree of Life is first found in *The Bible* with others in:

Genesis 2:9, **'And out of the ground made The Lord God to grow every Tree, that is pleasant to the site, and Good for food; The Tree of Life also in the mist of the Garden, and the tree of Knowledge of good and evil.'**

Then we also find it at the beginning of *The Record of The Nephites* in:

1 Nephi 11:1, where Nephi desired to see The Dream or Vision that his father **Lehi** had previously received of The Tree of Life. Nephi said that **‘as I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away The Spirit of The heart I was caught away in The Spirit of The Lord, yea, into an exceedingly high mountain.’**

1 Nephi 11:22, **‘Nephi responded ‘it is The Love of God’**

**‘Lehi and Nephi were both visionary men who received Dreams and Visions from God. Nephi was told that a Sign would be given him (1 Nephi 11:7). After he saw The Tree which bore The Fruit, he would then Behold a man Descending out of Heaven, of whom he was to Bear Witness that he was The Son of God. He was then shown The Tree that his father had seen as well as a Virgin who was carried away in The Spirit and reappeared bearing a Child whom The Spirit identified as ‘The Lamb of God, yea, even The Eternal Father!’ The Spirit then asked, ‘Knowest thou the meaning of The Tree which thy father saw?’**

Nephi also was shown that The Rod of Iron his father had seen was The Word of God, which led to The Fountain of Living Waters, or to The Tree of Life; which waters are also a representation of The Love of God; as was The Tree of Life a representation of God’s Love.

1 Nephi 11:25, **‘Lehi had seen that: The Fruit of The Tree was desirable to make one happy and was white, to exceed all the whiteness that he had ever seen’.** (1 Nephi 8:10-11) White represents Righteous, Pure-ness or without sin.

Nephi also saw that The Fruit is desirable above all other Fruits and is The Greatest of all The Gifts of God. And that it filled his Soul with Great Joy. (1 Nephi 15:36)

2 Nephi 11:4: Nephi wrote: **‘My Soul Delighteth in proving unto my people The Truth of The Coming of Christ, . . . and all things which have been Given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of Him’**

The Vision that was given to Nephi Reveals to us that The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ. This is also shown in John 1:29 in *The Bible*. John The Baptist seeth Jesus Coming unto him, and Saith, **‘Behold The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’**

Though the reference in Nephi is not explicit, it may be concluded that it is The Fruit of The Tree that personifies The Lamb of God as both are introduced together in the text with The Son of God who is The Eternal Father Manifested in The Flesh. The Vision brings together The Love of God that is The Tree and The Fruit of Tree that is The Atonement of The Lamb’s Flesh and Blood that we are partakers of.

John 6:54,57 **‘Whoso eateth My Flesh and Drinketh My Blood, hath Eternal Life; and I will Raise him up in the last day . . .**

**As The Living Father hath sent Me, and I Live by The Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall Live by Me’.** (see 1 Cor.10:16)

Message 88:3, **‘. . . only through His Atoning Blood can mankind be Saved.** 1 John 4:7–16, is further evidence that helps to Reveal The Fruit of The Tree represents Christ with The Influence of

God's Love through The Indwelling of His Spirit in ourselves.

1 John 4:8-9,12-13, **'He that Loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love.**

**In this was Manifested The Love of God toward us, because that God Sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, that we might Live through Him . . .**

**If we love one another, God Dwelleth in us, and His Love is Perfected in us.**

Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.

God is Love and is Represented by The Tree and The Fruit is Produced by and is part of The Tree or is one Tree and carries its Seed that is Planted in your Heart.

Message 52:9, **'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'**. (His Love is Perfected in us when our Love is as He is in this world. 1 John 4:17)

In The 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter Nephi is told by The Angel that The Apostle John would also write about these things and also concerning The End of The World. So **let's now turn to His words about The End Times and The Tree of Life.**

Revelation 2:7, **'He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit Saith unto The Churches; To him that Overcometh will I give to Eat of The Tree of Life, which is in The Midst of The Paradise of God'**.

The Angel's Words explain this in Message 49:2, **' . . . All that will Obtain The Words of The Lord and His Will Obey, shall have Right to The Tree of Life'**.

Revelation 14:6, **'And I saw another Angel fly in The Midst of Heaven, having The Everlasting Gospel to Preach unto**

**them that dwell on earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people'**.

Knowing that God would send His Angel in that day, we should be looking for His Words and Commandments to be Obtained and Obeyed giving Right to Eat of The Tree of Life as He told The Former Churches.

Revelation, Chapter 21:1-2 pictures for us The Creation of a New Heaven and earth and a New Jerusalem Prepared as a Bride Adorned for Her Husband by God that Comes to earth from Heaven.

Revelation 20:7-10 describes The Bride made ready for The Marriage Supper and Marriage of The Lamb.

Here is The New Jerusalem as defined by a couple of well known *Bible Commentaries*.

A. Jerusalem was The Place where God was Worshipped, and hence, it became synonymous with the word Church, or is used to represent The People of God.

B. It signifies *The Church of Christ*, the metropolis of Christianity, or rather the state of liberty into which all True Believers are brought.

C. Hebrews 12:22 reads: **'ye are Come unto Mount Zion, and unto The City of The Living God, The Heavenly Jerusalem'** Here it is used to denote The Church, as being of Heavenly Origin.

D. Hebrews 11:10, Abraham looked for or was waiting on a City which has Foundations, whose Builder is God.

Message 85:41, **' . . . Know This Work is True and from The Courts Above'**.

See Message 91:3-4, **(My Mission is to Fully Prepare The Church for The Lord's Coming – to Prepare a People–**

The Lord's Bride—The Church and Zion bringing God's Love and Deliverance).

'God will Dwell with His People on earth. Former things pass away becoming New and is The Inheritance of those that Over-come having Right to The Fountain and Tree of Life.

And God shall Wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away'.

Two of the later Messages Reveal to us that The Authority or Power of God is also His Pure Love Coming down from The Throne and Fountain of Life in Heaven His Righteousness.

Alma said 5:62, 'Come and be Baptized unto Repentance, that you also may be Partakers of The Tree of Life'.

Message 107: 8, 'Let all that Come into This Work be Baptized of Water under This Authority I give and Receive The Laying on of Hands for The Holy Unction and Power to do The Work in This Closing Time; to Bring in The Reign of Christ on earth, Folding in The Millennium, The Reign of Peace, ere there Cometh A New Heaven and a new earth, when Former Things will Pass away and all Things be made New in The Eternities'.

Revelation 21:24, 'And the nations of them which are Saved shall Walk in The Light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it'. (See Message. 71:2)

See Revelation 22:1-2, In this New Jerusalem (Church of Christ) is Found God's Throne and Water and River of Life Proceeding from it.

'In the midst of its street, and on either side of The River, was The Tree of Life, which bare Twelve manner of Fruits, and yielded her fruit each Tree yielding its Fruit every month: and the leaves of The Tree were for The Healing of the nations'.

The proper Translation is said to be, 'Producing Twelve Fruits, yielding or Rendering its Fruit in each month' as in twelve crops of Fruit The Tree would be Producing or in season continuously.

Access to The Pure Love of God that is The Tree and its Fruit is Found in *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord.*

Revelation 22:3, 'There shall be no more curse; but The Throne of God and The Lamb shall be in it; and His Servants shall Serve Him'.

In John's Coming, the curse is Lifted by Belief and Obedience to The Lord's Word's with The Instructions for Deliverance and Victory in gaining Salvation, he brings in The Elijah Message. (Messages 85:29, 89:6, 97:2)

Now turn to The Book of Ezekiel: Keep in mind that man is also signified by a Tree in The Scriptures and The Corresponding things in man; as by The Branches, Leaves, Flowers, Fruits, and Seeds.

Ezekiel 47:1,7,12, 'The man brought me back to The Entrance of The House (Temple), and I saw Water coming out from under The Threshold of The Temple (a River) toward the east (for The Temple faced east) . . .

When I arrived there, I saw a Great number of Trees on each side of The River . . .

**Fruit Trees of all kinds will Grow on both banks of The River. Their Leaves will not wither, nor will their Fruit fail. Every month they will Bear, because The Water from The Sanctuary Flows to them. Their Fruit will Serve for Food and their Leaves for Healing.'**

*What does The Temple Represent in Prophecy?* It usually Represents God's People or Christ as His Temple or Tabernacle. Jesus who Offered up Himself as our Sacrifice, Identified Himself with The Temple of God, and The Spirit was Given to Him beyond Measure.

(John 2:9) Speaking of Himself, He said destroy This Temple and He would Raise it again in three days. A Temple is where people Offer Spiritual Sacrifices to God.

See (Ephesians 2:20-22), The Sacrifices Offered in Ezekiel's Temple must be Types and Figures of these Spiritual Offerings. Peter said, **'Ye also, as lively stones, are Built up**

**a Spiritual House, A Holy Priesthood, to Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.'** (1 Peter 2:5) Example: Clean Hands and A Pure Heart through Repentance.

*Do you see the similarity to John's Vision that The Authority or Power of God is also in The Revelation?* John, like Ezekiel, sees a River with a Tree or Trees on either side. In Ezekiel's Vision God's People once again have Access to The Tree of Life. And, they have Access to The River of The Water of Life. The point is that from The River and The Tree there is Abundant Life, Refreshment, and Nourishment for God's People.

Everything Ezekiel's River touches is suddenly brought to Life. The Dead Sea, for instance, in which no Life can be sus-

tained because of all the salt and minerals, is turned into Fresh Water when The River Flows into it—Fresh Water that supports fish and plants and animals and birds.

In his Vision Fruit Trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of The River. Their Leaves will not wither, nor will their Fruit fail. Every month they will Bear, because The Water from The Sanctuary Flows to them. Their Fruit will also Serve for Food and their Leaves for Healing. If His Love is Perfected in us it will become A Tree of Life Springing up unto Eternal Life.

It is like the description of Alma. As Alma taught about Faith, he compared 'The Word unto a Seed.' He continued that if the individual has the desire and will plant the 'True Seed' in his Heart, 'it shall be A Tree (A Tree of Life) Springing up unto Everlasting Life'.

See (Alma 32:41). Christ is The True Seed. This Tree, if Nourished, will bring forth Fruit

'which is most Precious, which is Sweet above all that is Sweet, and which is White above all that is White, yea, and Pure above all that is Pure; and ye (The Righteous) shall feast upon this Fruit even until ye are Filled'. (Alma 32:42).

I wonder if perhaps The Leaves may Represent The Righteousness of God's Laws and Works. A Tree that is planted and grows from The Seed found in The Fruit of The Tree of Life whose Leaves are exposed to The Sunlight of Righteousness with its Roots in Good Ground by The River of Water from The Fountain that are found in God's New Jerusalem and *The Church of Christ* will Produce its Fruit with its Seeds and God's Laws and Works can Heal the nations.

That which was Sowed in The Good Ground is he that Heareth The Word, and Attendeth, and Beareth Fruit (Matthew 13:23)

If you understood my Testimony about Vine Ripened Pineapple at Assembly, I was expressing what I had Received and Tasted of God's Love and of its Sweetness when He sent His Messenger to Brother Draves with God's Words and Spirit.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8, **'Blessed is The Man that Trusteth in The Lord (Jehovah); he shall be like A Tree Planted by The Waters; and that spreaded out her roots by the river-and shall not see when the heat cometh but her leaf shall be green and shall not be careful in the year of drought neither shall Cease from Yielding Fruit.'**

Psalms 1:1-3, **'Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his Delight is in The Law of The Lord; and in His Law Doth he Meditate day and night. And he shall be like A Tree planted by The Rivers of Water, that bringeth forth his Fruit in his Season; his Leaf also shall not Wither; and whatsoever he Doeth shall Prosper.**

**'Every Branch in me that Beareth not Fruit He taketh away: and every Branch that Beareth Fruit, He Purgeth it, that it may bring forth more Fruit... Abideth in Me, and I in you... the same Bringeth Forth much Fruit...'** (John 15:2, 4, 6).

Matthew 15:13, **'But Jesus Answered and Said, Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be Rooted up'**.

Message 90:7, **'Every Tree, The**

**Churches, The Lord has not Planted shall be Rooted up. There are many false claims and proclaims that is of the evil one to get gain and make merchandise of The Word of God'**.

Go back and see what The Angel said to The Churches in Revelation 2:7 "...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life..." Compare it with what The Same Angel has said to The Churches today.

It is a matter of Scripture and History that there came a falling away of The Churches from The Tree and River of The Pure Water of Life Proceeding from it. There was a war against *The Church of Christ* and His Apostles.

Look at the rest of Lehi's dream of those that made it to The Tree of Life and The Fountain of Living Waters by Holding to The Rod of Iron and then fell away and became lost in the torrents of the polluted river with the mists of darkness and of a great and spacious building depicting the pride of the world. (See Message 99:10-12 and Revelation 22:14-17).

If The Churches on earth were Prepared as Bride or Pure enough so they could be Prepared as The Bride - *A Church of Christ* or New Jerusalem from Heaven would not have to Come down to earth again.

In 1 Nephi 14:14 it is a Time that The Power of The Lamb of God Descends upon The Saints of The Church of The Lamb and upon His Covenant People that are scattered upon the earth with His Righteousness

Message 62:2, **'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 Causeth 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. (see Psalms 85:10-11).

Message 24:9, ‘Behold, I am again Establishing My Church and My Kingdom upon the earth.’

Message 28:3, ‘My Kingdom shall never be destroyed’.

Message 13:6, ‘...*The Church of Christ* (New Jerusalem) shall never again be destroyed’.

In Lehi’s dream there is a final time when the people that obtained The Fruit of The Tree of Life no longer heeded those in the spacious building in 1 Nephi 8:33 and would not fall away as recorded in 1 Nephi 14:7: ‘For the time cometh, Saith The Lamb of God, that I will Work a Great and a Marvelous Work among the children of men; a Work which shall be Everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other; either unto the convincing them unto Peace and Life Eternal, or unto The Deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also unto destruction, both temporally and Spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken’.

What kind of Trees are we? Jesus said to The Disciples, ‘I have Chosen you, that ye should Bear Fruit, and that your Fruit should remain’ (John 15:16).

Proverbs 11:30, ‘The Fruit of The Righteous is a Tree of Life; and he that winneth Souls is wise’.

Message 41:13, ‘...Teach men to come partake of The Tree of Life’.

## From The Bishops Serving The Lord Today

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Let us all make today the day we start serving Christ with all our heart. Let us be True Servants unto The Lord by being up and doing works for The Lord and obeying His Commandments.

Let us not put off things until tomorrow when we can do them to-

day. That is what satan wants us to do so he has more time to put doubts and confusion in man’s mind. The Lord wants us to apply His Gospel to all our lives not just read it, but live it. If we do this then The Lord will Bless us and satan will have no power over us when we are walking in The Lord’s Spirit. Man is continually evil without The Lord’s Spirit.

Let us take time to be Holy and ponder and mediate on the things of Christ and His Word. His Love for each of us will show through. Take time out of your day to just think and pray and let The Lord fill your heart with His Love, so you can have Peace and Joy in your life.

I know some times it is hard to find the time in our busy schedules, but we all have little breaks in the day or chores we do at home, when we can use some of that time to pray and ponder on the things of Christ.

Another way to serve The Lord is for all of us to work together to promote The Lord’s Gospel. To Love one another and help each other out when we can.

Message 57:11, ‘Thus Saith The Lord your God, Let all be Established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye One in Purpose. For I have Designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to

**be Messengers of Peace among My People. My Love is unto you and I would have you Love one another. Help ye one another and I will send Deliverance unto You. My Spirit shall Bless you if you will open your Hearts to Me. Bring My Sheep into The Fold, for I shall be their King and all mankind shall know I have spoken. The Words I speak, even by My Messenger, must be obeyed. Hear My Voice today.'**

We must hear His Voice TODAY, not tomorrow!

So The Lord is telling us to be a people of One Purpose and to not be divided. We will not be divided, if we are grounded firmly The Lord's Gospel and Church. Division comes when man starts thinking he knows more than The Lord and does not let The Lord Guide him in All Things and does not stick to The Written Word.

Message 57:12, **'The Lord will Comfort all that Come unto Him, therefore be not troubled, but Lift up and Rejoice, even all. Fail not lest The Lord turn to others. Be Overcomers in all things for satan seeks to set thee at variance one with another. Let it not be so.'**

The Lord is telling us He will give us comfort if we come to Him. He is telling us that satan wants to cause contention between the people of The Lord. If we stand together in The Lord's Ways then this cannot happen because we will be able to overcome all things with The Lord.

When we are trying to live our life for Christ, that is when satan really goes to work on us trying his hardest to destroy us. That is why we must pray, study, and stay close to The Lord at all times, so these things will not happen. The Lord wants people who are willing to be True Servants

unto Him. That is why He gives us our free will to serve Him or satan. He tells us if we Love Him, then to answer by our Actions! Words mean nothing unless they are backed up by ACTION.

Another way to serve The Lord is to have Positive Faith in The Lord. Knowing The Lord can do all things. If we pray and believe with all our heart and soul that The Lord will watch over us, our prayers will be answered!

But if we have a negative Faith, then The Lord knows we do not believe, so we will not receive a Blessing.

We must remember that The Lord can do ALL THINGS. Man may not be able to change another person's way of thinking, but The Lord can if He chooses to do so. That depends on how much one study. We must Trust in The Lord, and not worry about things we can not control. What we can control is ourselves, our homes, doing more for The Lord's Church so The Work moves forward and paying our tithes.

We all know ourselves and we know if we are doing all that we can for The Lord. Let us each ask ourselves *'What can I change in my life that I know is not of The Lord'?* and be True to yourself and The Lord. Let us not look at others faults but our own and try to work on them so we can be more Christ like.

Let us put all our energy and efforts into things that we can change in order to be better Servants for Christ. Let us start doing these things today! Let us listen to The Lord and pray to Him. Ask Him to help us to change the things that are not of Him and to pray for others that they may overcome their weakness also.

TODAY is the day to serve The Lord. We should all be willing to serve The Lord

with all our heart and Soul. The Lord says 'Many are Called, but few are chosen' (Read Message 55:8-9). We all have a duty to do for The Lord.

The Lord Called us into His Work because He wants us to be Servants unto Him. The Lord knows what He is doing. It is His Plan, it is His Way, but there are those that question His Words.

Why does The Lord Call men so young? Why would He speak to that man? The answer is, *'The Lord knows what He is doing, it does not matter how old or young you are'*, if your heart is willing to serve God and you Trust in Him, then Today is that day!

If you know in you heart that this is The Lord's Church and you want to live your life for Christ, and be able to receive all the wonderful things The Lord Promised, and if you want to endure to the end, then NOW is the TIME to be Baptized into The Lord's Church.

Time is short. We must not waste it. Let us take up our Calling, Trusting in The Lord. Let The Work move forward. Let us help one another out and show Love to our fellow man. When our hands are clean and we have a pure heart, we can help set up His Kingdom here on earth. Then we may help build The Lord's Temple.

Message 88:26, **'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.'**

Message 89:4-5, **'The Lord has seen your gatherings and your Assembly. He will continue to be with you.'**

**Read and study The Words I bring. Shape your Lives by'**

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 93:32, **'Let the young people Prepare-for The Lord will Call a Band of Elders that will Prepare in Great Love to help swing wide The Gate and bring Souls unto The Lord.'**

Message 101:8, **'The Work may move slowly. The young and old will be Awakened to The Greater Light'**

## From The Handmaidens

### Self Worth

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*The Bible* teaches us in Romans 5:5, that God Love has been poured out in our Hearts through The Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Are we feeling unworthy of God's Love and rejecting it? Are we sharing it with others?* We first have to Realize that we are worthy of His Love. We have to Receive His Love by Faith and Believe that He is Greater than our failures and weaknesses. We should Love ourselves--not in a selfish, self centered way, but in a way that simply affirms that God's Creation, (You), are good. He wants us to Receive His Love, Love ourselves in a Godly Way, generously Love Him in return and finally show Love to all the people who come into your Live, The Way God Loves you!



Most of us need some sort of an emotional healing. You must realize that Healing is a process. Allow The Lord to Deal with you and your problems in His Way and in His Time. Your part is to cooperate with Him, allowing Him to be in Charge. In our modern, 'want it now' society we expect everything to be quick and easy. The Lord will do it in His Time. You cannot rush The Lord! *There is Victory in The Lord!* Have Patience and let His Will be done.

God tells us over and over to Study and get in The Word! This means more than just Studying at Sunday School or Listening to The Word on Sunday Morning Service. Do not get me wrong, He wants you to do both those things, and we will be Blessed by them, but He wants us to Study everyday to build a Relationship with The Lord through His Words, to know what Plan He has for His People and so that you will not be swayed in any way from words not of His Precious Plan, or not in The Three Books, *The Word of The Lord, The Holy Bible and The Record of The Nephites*, but we must Study to know if something is not of The Lord.

To Receive what God Promised us in His Word, we must Obey The Word, We must become doers of The Word and not just hearers of it. Obeying The Word Requires consistency and diligence. It can not be hit and miss. We cannot just Obey when it works for or suites us, we have to do it all the time! There must be Dedication and Commitment to Obey The Lord whatever the outcome. God Knows what is best for us.

James 1:22, '**But be ye Doers of The Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**'

Jeremiah 7: 23, '**But this thing Comanded I them saying. Obey My Voice and I Will Be your God and you shall be My People and Walk ye in all The Ways that I have Comanded you that it may be Well unto you.'**

## Thank You for Your Prayers

**Leonard Draves**

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As many of you may have heard, Brother Leonard Draves has been in the hospital since the week prior to Thanksgiving. He has faced many challenges and has a long road ahead of him. With the Lord's help, we pray that he will continue to improve. We want to thank all of you for your prayers and heartfelt thoughts.

Psalm 66:20, "**Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.**"

**Our Prayers are with ALL of You as we End another Year.**

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**May God Bless You in the Upcoming One!**