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The End Time Messenger

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Blessed Fall!

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*The Church is not
a Hospital for The
Righteous, but one
for the sinners.*

Matthew 9:12-13

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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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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.

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FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People* Fiftieth Message

The Messenger of The Lord appeared at 2:30 a.m., March 23, 1941, at my bedside while at the home of James R. Orris, Denver, Colorado. The room was filled with Light, and it remained for sometime after he left. He spoke with Authority, slowly and distinctly. I wrote as he gave The Message, after which we visited a few minutes as two men on many things of The Kingdom. He left at 3:45 a.m.,

-W.A. Draves

1. 'Arise and write *The Message* will give you.
2. Behold, I come again with a Message from The Lord. I am sent of The Lord to you at this place and at this time. I am *The Messenger to bring The Warning*. I come from *The Presence of The Lord*. I am The Elias, and my name is John. *My Message* is one of *Love and Deliverance* to those that Heed and Obey it.
3. The Lord has Designed *His Decree*, and it shall Come to Pass that all who will learn *His Will*, Obey *His Law*, and *Endure*, shall be Counted *His Bride* at *His Appearing*.
4. The greatest peril is on, and destruction upon destruction, suffering and evil, are everywhere, but The Lord shall be Jealous for *His People*, for Israel shall be Delivered and be made His Elect through The Knowledge of The Lord's choosing,

in their Faith.

5. The plagues have been let; and to destroy with fury; until the people Cry unto The Lord.
6. Arise, ye Ancient Chosen of The Lord-The Lord is your Deliverer. The Vision has been; and many will yet Know I have Come of The Lord, and that *This Work of The Lord is True*. Few have Heeded, but many are Seeking. Take to them *The Message of Life*. Let *The Glad Tidings* Ring Forth and *The Words of Deliverance* Sound, even unto other nations. Hasten! The Lord has Spoken! Let The Servants be Swift to *His Command*. Remember Job; his trials did not destroy his Faith. *Yet lacked he anything?* He Endured and Found Peace with God.
7. You have seen the weakness of man. You have seen the evil plan to destroy. You have seen darkness cloud the minds of those who doubt and opposed *The Work of The Lord*. Be not moved; be *True*; some have heeded the whisperings of satan, and he has led them astray: let it not be so with you. As I say to you, so say I to all. For this is *The Day of The Lord*, and *His Will* must be Done. *Deliverance* will Come to *The Faithful*.
8. The Lord has Spoken in times past, but few have Heeded, for in their Hearts they have heaped decrees unto themselves, and *The Will of The Lord* they have forgotten. Again The Lord speaks-I Come to bring *His Words*. Let This Message be taken to all parts of this nation, Alaska and Canada. Let *The Message* be taken to Australia. The Lord sees The Efforts of *His Servants*. It is *His Will*, and it shall Come to Pass. *The Great Awakening* is on.
9. *The Harvest* is on, the wheat and the tares have grown together. *The Cleansing*

Time has Come. Heed *The Instructions* I bring from The Lord. I have Come that man may Know *The Lord* has Spoken and that Christ's Coming is near at hand. Study *The Word of The Lord* for *The Instruction* is sent. Obey, and it will be well with you. Heed ye, you that are afar off! The Lord will Deliver. Let more be sent into *The Harvest Field*. The Time is Ripe. Let those that hinder have no part in *This Work*, The Lord Calls others to Carry *The Work* on. The *Authority and Trust* that was Place on some, they have denied; some have opposed; and doubt has caused them to sin in not defending *The Truth and The Word of The Lord*.

10. I come to bring Courage. Be not moved at the evil, nor the snare that is laid for you. There are those that have been and will be *True*. Their Reward is Sure. Those that are traitors will not be Called *His Jewels* at *The Last Day*. Remember *The Lord*. He is your *Strength*. Let *Peace* follow you wherever you go.

11. Let all Heed *The Will of The Lord*. The *Faith* of many shall be tried. Many will fall by *The Way*. Many are *Called* but few *Chosen*. Few are *Faithful*. They that be with Him when He Comes shall be *Called, Chosen, and Faithful*. Some will be *Called* to take *The Message* afar, for many are *Honest of Heart* and *Seeking for Light*. *His Glorious Voice* shall be Heard, for, in *The Lightning*, the indignation of *His Anger*, and in *The Flame*, Assyria shall be tried, scattered, beaten, and shall fall.

12. The three unclean spirits, have gone out bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry. They deceive and they are not *The Justice of The Lord*. This generation of mankind shall not all pass away for *The Son of Man* shall come in *His Glory*.

This is The Time *The Prophets* spoke of, in man's inventions, destruction, and war. Like clouds the enemy has gone over, and in noise they destroy: but Israel shall be Delivered and brought to the land *The Lord God* has Decreed her boundary. *The Lord of lords* shall be their *King*, and *The Gospel*, their *Law* forever. For He shall *Rule* from sea to sea and all nations will Obey Him.

13. Storms and earthquakes shall come and the nations must know *The Lord is God*.

14. Be Pleasant in your work; be of Good Cheer. Let your Hearts be glad. Trust not in the arm of flesh. And to you *My Fellow Servant*, write your letters of kindness, in Love that others may be Encouraged; for this is your work. Let *The Lord* Direct by *His Spirit*. He will Lead you. Worry not what man may say of you. *The Call* goes out and *The Honest in Heart* will Hear. Nothing is Impossible with God and so all *The Faithful* shall Learn *His Law*, and *Obedience* shall bring them Rest.

15. I will Come as *The Lord* Directs. Send *This Message* to The Brethren, and *The Church*, for many have Prayed to Know I have Come. Let not man deceive himself for *The Lord has Spoken*. I leave Peace with you.'

From The Editor The Bible-A Book To Be Enjoyed

*Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

That *Bible* on your living room table is The Most Important Book in the house. It is really a whole library of books that took over a thousand years to write. The Best and

Wisest Records of man's Search for God are in its pages- the noblest poetry, the most thrilling stories, nuggets of the world's wisdom, the biographies of the world's greatest characters.

But it does look a little forbidding, does it not, with its somber black cover, its archaic language, its thin pages and small print. Little wonder it is not opened often enough.

What if that Book should suddenly come to Life? What would Amos have to say about the headlines of the newspaper lying near by? How would Jeremiah react to the latest announcement over the radio? What would Paul's reaction be to the program the family watches over television? Or, most important of all, what would The Gracious Master of Galilee think of the words, spoken and unspoken, by the members of the family?

What if The Bible were more than respected? or read? Would it make a difference in your home if The Bible became as much a part of family life as the morning cup of coffee, or Saturday baseball game, or the evening newscast? What if it were as Truly Enjoyed? It would change things, wouldn't it? In a new way The Bible would become 'A Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our Paths.'

The Power in its pages would be Released with an Upsurge of Vitality for the commonplace daily requirements that makes us what we are. For it is in the ordinary air of everyday Life that character is nurtured and grown.

In this modern, secular world of ours, *The Bible* cannot Release its Inspiration to our Lives till we find outlets for making use of its Power. The walls of your house may be fully wired for electricity. Lamps may be plugged into the sockets. But the room in

which you are standing will remain in darkness until you switch on the electric current and release its power into the room. Just so, until we find methods of using The Inspiration of *The Bible* at the point of our need its Spiritual Power will remain unutilized on the living room table and Spiritual darkness. Furthermore, until *The Bible* is Truly Enjoyed it cannot Bless our homes with its Gracious Spirit.

Until we expose ourselves as frequently to its Truths as we do to the latest flash in the daily newspaper, *can we wonder that the present- with its confusion of standards and its mixed morals- seems real, and The Truths of the Bible distant and unattainable?* Till its use, too, becomes a daily habit in our homes, The Eyes with which we look upon our world will remain Spiritually out-of-focus- grossly nearsighted. We shall lack the depth of perspective which gives Greater Reality to Life.

The purpose of This Article is to suggest a few ways in which some families have found Power, Inspiration-yes, Delight and Joy- in its pages.

Some of these methods may help it to come Alive in your home. Do not expect them all to work. Or do not expect one method to work all the time. Family Life is not static. It is a growing, progressive experience, and the needs and requirements of the family today will be different-maybe radically, probably imperceptibly different-from what they were yesterday.

Families have a way of growing up. Just a little every day-enough so that John's pants are an inch higher on his ankles this morning than they were two months ago, and Susan's winter coat is suddenly too short for next winter. So *The Bible* story Book that Charmed the seven year old a year

ago may become 'old stuff' to the eight year old.

These are methods some families have used successfully under some circumstances. They are offered in The Hope that they will Stimulate you to Discover New and Better Ways of giving The Book of Books a New Reality in your home-that its Truths may become flesh in your daily life.

However, if this Article is to Accomplish its Purpose in your home, you cannot come to it with empty hands. First, you must bring a *Desire for The Message of The Bible*. That *Bible* on the table will not open its cover and shout out Truths at you as you dust the room or read the evening paper. No matter how much you may need its Guidance, no matter what a mess you make of your family Life without its resources, it will not intrude upon the privacy of your home until you welcome it. You must open its pages and you must be Ready to Receive it.

'If with all your Heart you Truly Seek Me, ye shall Surely ever find Me, thus Saith The Lord,'

'It is the one who Asks who Receives; the one who Searches who Finds; and the one who Knocks to whom The Door Opens,'

Jesus told His Followers two thousand years ago. His Words are as True now as they were then.

The second thing you must bring is *Time*. You cannot even collect stamps or grow roses without spending time on your interest. True, some wise words from *The Book of Books* may stare at you from the trolley car cards among the patent drug and liquor ads as you ride to work, but they are there only to wet your appetite. In that Book are Awaiting Facets of Enjoyment far be-

yond your imagining-if you will give it time to speak. And if you will go exploring in its pages you will find Spiritual Treasures hidden there waiting for your family alone to discover. For you bring to it your own individual requirements and particular concerns. The tune of a phase, a singing word, a Majestic Truth will shout across the ages to you for today's particular need, and perhaps to you, alone.

The need for time is twofold. You will need to set aside time for The Spiritual Nurture of your children-hours for family activities that will make *The Bible* Come Alive to them in their own level of understanding and interest.

Because we cannot guide growing persons unless we, too, are growing, our greater need is for time to explore The Riches of *The Bible* to Fill our Spiritual Poverty as adults. A fifth grade literature teacher whose own reading has never progressed beyond the books she assigns to her ten year old pupils to read would hardly Inspire your child with a Love of great literature. A mother whose own cooking skills are limited to the baking powder biscuit and boiled potato level would hardly train her daughter to be a good cook. But some parents seem to think they can stop growing in their Knowledge and Appreciation of The Great Spiritual Treasure of the ages at the junior high level, and still meet the requirements of their growing children.

There are many resources available to the adult who would grow in his understanding of *The Bible*. Seek them out. But remember: none of these tools can be substituted for *The Book* itself. There The Treasure lies.

Finally, bring with you your imagination. For imagination is that Gift of God that helps us use The Wisdom and Failures of the

past, and The Visions of the future for the daily requirements of the present.

With imagination, Amos shouts not only to The Bethel Populace of long ago, but to the politicians in our houses of government and the lawyers in our courtroom:

Amos 5:21,24, **‘I hate, I despise your feasts days, And I will not smell in your solemn assemblies . . .**

Let Judgment run down as waters, And Righteousness as a mighty stream’.

Paul writes his Words of Faith and Courage, not only to the bickering, confused little churches of the first century, but to your home and your church.

Desire, Time, Imagination: these are The Tools that you must bring if you would go exploring for The Riches of *The Bible* and carry them home with you.

There is much to say about *The Bible* and it’s Truths and how one can find The Joys that lies within.

May God Bless you all and your families as you Learn more on how to use *The Bible* as a daily tool in your Life. God Bless you all!

From The Apostles

Man Of Faith

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

Listen to The Words The Prophet Jeremiah uses to Describe you. ***‘Blessed is the man that Trusted in The Lord, and***

whose Hope The Lord is. For he shall be as a Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river . . .’ (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

On a Tree Jesus gave His Life for each of us. In turn, He Gives all The Faith-Filled a Blessed Life.

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

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

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

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

John 6:38-40, **‘I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but**

The Will of Him that Sent Me.

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

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

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

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

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

Titus 1: 1-2, & 3:3-7 'Paul, a Servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, According to The Faith of God's Elect, and The Acknowledging of The Truth which is after Godliness;

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

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after that The Kindness and Love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

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

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

That being Justified by His Grace, we

should be made Heirs According to The Hope of Eternal Life.'

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

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

Reject not My Words, Quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring Repent. Teach men to come Partake of The Tree of Life. Enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow and Endure unto the end that ye may Obtain Eternal Life, Saith your Lord. For I Am He who Speaketh. Bring your Sacrifices of a Broken Heart. Repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

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

Message 49:3, 'Behold, Saith The Lord, The Field is White already and The Harvest is Ripe. Let those that will, Come unto Me that they all 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.'

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

end, for I Am The Eternal One!’

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

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

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

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

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

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

Message 85: 9, 14, ‘Miracles are for Witness and Proof of God’s Power. Yet it is Only God’s Flow and Power to His Own and all that will be His of all nations,

color and kind through The Gospel of Salvation of Christ Jesus, The Everlasting and Eternal One .

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

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

Message 97:3, ‘The Authority is Given that This Work Move on and Salvation be Preached in and through The Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Eternal Living: His Coming again to Reign with mankind.’

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

Let that therefore Abide in you, which ye have Heard from The Beginning. If that which ye have Heard from The Beginning shall Remain in you, ye also shall Continue in The Son, and in The Father.

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

Message 59: 10-11,18, ‘The Lord is The Resurrection and The Life. He that Believeth on Him and Obeys His Will shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity, and in them shall be Seen The Glory of God. For Christ Came to Redeem and to Provide The Way. Therefore, I Come to Point The Way and that

The Church of Christ, The Lamb's Bride, may be Prepared to meet Him when He Comes, when all men will Live to Serve The Lord, that The Millennium Reign shall be. And The Great Day of The Lord shall Come, when all the earth shall Rejoice and be Glad for a New Heaven and a new earth shall be in The Lord's Planning.

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

This is The Lord's Work and I am His Messenger Sent to bring The Warning. Will mankind Heed it that their Feet may be Guided in The Way of Peace and away from The Shadow of Death out of Confusion and Darkness into Life Eternal?'

So God tells us if we Believeth on Him and Obey His Will, we shall have Right to The Tree of Life and to Eternity.

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

From The Bishops

Submitted by the Editor

Genesis 28:22, 'And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'

Leviticus 27:30, 'And all The Tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is The Lord's: it is Holy unto The Lord.'

Numbers 18:21, 'And, Behold, I have given the children of Levi all The Tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even The Service of The Tabernacle of the

congregation.'

Malachi 3: 10; '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 you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it.'

Luke 18:12; 'I fast twice in the week, I give Tithes of all that I possess.'

Hebrews 7:4, 'Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave The Tenth of the spoils.'

Let Us Study Together

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Millennium

Millennium is the term Applied to the period of a thousand years referred to in Revelation. Satan will be bound for a thousand years and Christ's Second Coming will be accompanied by The Resurrection of The Saints, who will Reign with Him on earth for a thousand years.

All Israel Saved and Justified:

Isaiah 45:17, 'But Israel shall be Saved in The Lord with an Everlasting Salvation: ye _____ ashamed nor confounded world without end.'

Romans 11:26, 'And so all Israel shall be Saved: as it is Written, There shall Come out of Sion _____, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:'

A Covenant with the beasts:

Hosea 2:18, 'And in that day will I make a Covenant for them with the beasts

of the field and with _____, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.'

Isaiah 11:6-9, I Nephi 21: 6-9, II Nephi 30:12-15, 'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, _____ shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and _____ feed; there young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And _____ shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the earth shall be Full of The Knowledge of The Lord, as _____ the sea.'

Isaiah 65:25, 'The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the _____. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain, Saith The Lord.'

Message 7-8:5, '. . . Then shall be Fulfilled what The Prophets have Spoken of when the lamb and _____ shall lie down together and all men shall be equal and shall Love one another and shall Serve God with _____.'

Ezekiel 34:25-28, 'And I will make with them a Covenant of Peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease _____: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will _____ the places round about My Hill a Blessing; and I will cause the shower come _____ season; there shall be Showers of Blessings. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and

the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know _____ The Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and Delivered themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the _____ devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.'

Satan Bound:

Revelation 20:2-3, 'And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and _____, and set a Seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years _____ Fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.'

I Nephi 22:26, 'And because of The Righteousness of his people, satan hath no power; wherefore, _____ loosed for the space of many years; for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in Righteousness, and The Holy One of Israel Reigneth.'

II Nephi 30:18, 'Wherefore, all things which have been Revealed unto the _____, shall at that day be Revealed; and satan shall have power over the Hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time. And now, My Beloved Brethren. I _____ of My Savings'

I Nephi 22:26, 'And because of The Righteousness of his people, satan hath no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space _____; for he hath no power over the Hearts of the people, for they Dwell in Righteousness, and The Holy One of Israel Reigneth.'

Message 88:35, 'Satan's power shall be bound and he shall have no more temptation _____ The Reign of Peace, The Millennium, shall be over.'

State of Being Material

Isaiah 54: 'Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for _____ children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, Saith The LORD. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: _____, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For _____ forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit The Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be _____ neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy _____ For thy Maker is thine husband; The LORD of Hosts is His Name; and Thy Redeemer The Holy One of Israel; _____ the whole earth shall He be Called. For The LORD hath Called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in Spirit, _____ of youth, when thou wast refused, Saith Thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My Face from thee for a moment; _____ Kindness will I have Mercy on thee, Saith The LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of _____ no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor

rebuke thee. For _____ shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My Kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall The Covenant of My Peace be removed, Saith _____ that hath Mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, Behold, I will lay _____ fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, _____ borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children _____ of The LORD; and Great shall be The Peace of thy children. In Righteousness shalt thou be Established: thou shalt be far from oppression; _____ not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. ⁵Behold, they shall surely gather together, _____: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the _____ fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed _____ against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is The Heritage of The Servants of The LORD, and _____ is of Me, Saith The LORD,'

Isaiah 60: 'Arise, shine; for thy Light is Come, and The Glory of The LORD is Risen _____ For, Behold, the darkness shall _____, and gross darkness the people: but The LORD shall Arise upon thee, and His Glory shall be seen upon thee. And The Gentiles shall come _____, and kings to the Brightness of thy Rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather

themselves together, they ____ __ ____:
 thy sons shall come from far, and thy
 daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
 Then thou ____ ____, and flow together,
 and thine Heart shall fear, and be
 enlarged; because the abundance of the
 sea shall be _____ ____, the
 forces of The Gentiles shall come unto
 thee. The multitude of camels shall cover
 thee, the dromedaries of Midian and
 Ephah; ____ ____, Sheba shall come:
 they shall bring Gold and Incense; and
 they shall shew forth The Praises of The
 LORD. All ____ ____, Kedar shall be
 gathered together unto thee, the rams of
 Nebaioth shall Minister unto thee: they
 shall come up with acceptance on mine
 Altar, ____ ____, The House of
 My Glory. *Who are these that fly as a
 cloud, and as the doves to their windows?*
 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the
 ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons
 from far, _____ their Gold
 with them, unto The Name of The LORD
 thy God, and to The Holy One of Israel,
 because ____ ____, Glorified thee. And the
 sons of strangers shall build up thy walls,
 and their kings shall minister unto thee:
 for in My Wrath _____, but in My
 Favour have I had Mercy on thee.
 Therefore thy gates shall be open
 continually; they shall not be shut day nor
 night; that ____ ____, unto thee the
 forces of The Gentiles, and that their
 kings may be brought. For the nation and
 kingdom that ____ ____, thee shall
 perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly
 wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come
 unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and
 the box together, to _____ of
 My Sanctuary; and I will make The Place
 of My Feet Glorious. The sons also of

them that afflicted thee shall come
 bending unto thee; and all they that
 despised thee _____ themselves down
 at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call
 thee; *The City of The LORD, The Zion of
 The Holy One of Israel.* Whereas thou has
 been forsaken and hated, ____ ____,
 went through thee, I will make thee an
 Eternal Excellency, a Joy of many
 generations. Thou shalt also suck the
 milk of The Gentiles, ____ ____, the
 breast of kings: and thou shalt know that
 I The LORD am thy Saviour and thy
 Redeemer, The Mighty One of Jacob.
 For brass _____, and for iron
 I will bring Silver, and for wood brass,
 and for stones iron: I will also make thy
 officers Peace, and thine exactors
 Righteousness. Violence shall no more be
 heard in thy land, _____
 destruction within thy borders; but thou
 shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy
 gates Praise. The ____ ____, more
 thy light by day; neither for brightness
 shall the moon give light unto thee: but
 The LORD shall be unto thee an
 Everlasting Light, and thy God thy
 Glory. Thy sun _____ down;
 neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:
 for the LORD shall be thine Everlasting
 Light, and ____ ____, mourning
 shall be ended. Thy people also shall be
 all Righteous: they shall inherit the land
 for ever, the branch of _____, the
 work of my hands, that I may be
 Glorified. A little one shall become a
 thousand, and ____ ____, a strong
 nation: I The LORD will hasten it in His
 Time.'

Ezekiel 28:26, 'And they shall dwell
 safely therein, and shall _____, and
 plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with

confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise _____ them; and they shall know that I am The Lord their God.'

Ezekiel 34:27, 'And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, _____ shall her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am The Lord, when _____ the bands of their yoke, and Delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.'

Jeremiah 32: 43-44, 'And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the _____ Chaldeans. Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and Seal them and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the _____ Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities _____: for I will cause their captivity to return, Saith The Lord.'

Isaiah 65:20, 'There shall be no more thence an infant of days, _____ man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner _____ hundred years old shall be accursed.'

Amos 9:14, 'And I will bring again the captivity of my _____, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, _____ thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruits of them.'

Message 24:12, 'I am again Establishing My Church in its Fullness, with Twelve Apostles _____ as in the days of old. And Mine Elders shall

Preach The Gospel _____ the people as in former days. I will Bless those that shall take The Message I have sent and Warn _____, and I will again Manifest My Power in Healing, and My Spirit shall Comfort their Hearts.'

Micah 4:4, 'But they shall sit every man under his vine and _____ tree; and none shall make them afraid: for The Mouth of The Lord _____ hath Spoken it.'

State of Being Spiritual

Jeremiah 32:39, 'And I will give them One Heart, and One Way, _____ may fear Me forever, for The Good of them, and of their children after them.'

Isaiah 11:9, 'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the earth shall be _____ Knowledge of The Lord, as the waters cover the sea.'

Psalms 22:27, 'All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto The Lord: and all the kindred _____ shall Worship before thee.'

Message 24:9, 'Behold, I am again Establishing My Church and My Kingdom upon earth, and My Gospel shall again be Preached in its Fullness as in former years, _____ Obey My Law and Keep My Commandments shall be My People and I will be their God, and they shall not be in want, for I will Bless their land and their flocks and will Lead _____ days of old, for I will Walk and Talk with them, and they will weep no more, for sin shall not be there.'

Message 37:5, 'Ye that are Called to Edify My Bride, Saith your Lord, keep ye My Sayings _____ of Righteousness in your Hearts. Sin not,

but be ye Holy Vessels, and lo, I will Quicken your Understanding. Keep the thoughts of Kindness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My body. Hold _____ Banner of Righteousness, and Zion's Cause shall be The Millennium Reign.'

Message 44:1, 'I have Come to you from time to time as The Lord your God has Designed, to Direct in This Work that it might be set up _____, for so have I been Commanded of The Lord. I am sent to bring a Message. I Come from The Presence of The Lord God. The words I speak are His Words, and _____ their Place among those that shall be The Lord's Bride in very Deed. For The Lord God has Turned to His Little Ones that He might bring about His Wise Purpose. His Kingdom shall roll forth _____ the whole earth and Righteousness shall Prevail and The Voice of Joy shall be Heard, for then shall it be that Zion is Redeemed and The Millennium breaks forth with _____.'

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

Lord's Planning.'

Message 72:21, 'The Millennium is to be The Lord's Reign and all men Obey The Lord's Will from sea to sea, from shore to shore, _____ to south, from far and wide of the earth and the isles of the seas.'

Message 74:6, 'Fear not those who speak light of my Coming for I Come as The Lord Commands. In _____, there were those who said The Lord Spoke not through Moses, through The Prophets through The Christ who Walked among men. Nevertheless, The Lord has Spoken, and Speaks now as I Come _____ is Set up among men. It shall Continue on to Prepare The Bride until The Lord Comes to Reign on earth, when the powers of satan are cast out and subdued, for The Millennium Reign of _____ mankind. All of those that doubt and reject will not be there.'

Message 86:34, 'In the late nineties (90's) contentions shall again grow worse. The Great wars will be so bitter—the great worldly confusion—Armageddon shall come in _____ of mankind shall be six thousand years The Millennium shall break forth. Then all that Serve The Christ shall be One People—Delightful in The Lord—if they Obey _____ Very Eternal God The Father, who is Jesus Christ The Savior and Redeemer of mankind.'

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 _____ Holy Unction and Power to do The Work in this Closing Time; to bring in The Reign of Christ on earth, folding in The Millen-

nium, The Reign of Peace, ere there Cometh a New _____ a new earth, when former things will pass away and all things be made New in The Eternities.'

Message 117:3, The Millennium is to be The Lord's Reign _____ will Obey His Will the world over, and The Church _____ The Saints of Most High.'

Food For Thought

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May We Come Unto His Presence

I remember a time when our dear Brother Oley Draves was deeply concerned about some of the types of attire the young ladies and men were wearing to Church Services and school, etc.; and he would talk a bit about it from time to time, but then The Messenger came and gave these words.

Message 85:12-13, 'Turn away from the secular and claimed Peculiar, but be ye a Righteous People.

The Lord's People are Peculiar, but not ridiculous or sordid in fashions and styles-or conspicuous in attractions-not of Good Works. These will lead astray'.

The Lord was not trying to offend anyone, but rather it is far more important that we not offend Him.

It is a matter of showing the utmost Honor, Respect and Reverence before our God. We all Desire to be Honorable and Respectful before our Savior when we Come into His Presence. I looked up the words the Lord gave in The 85th Message.

Secular means Worldly things, not regarded as Religious, Spiritual. Meaning

The Lord Looks for His People to not be the same as the world would do or is doing.

We are an Example for the world and if they see us doing or acting the same as others, *then how are we different to them?*

Peculiar means Characteristic of a group or thing, different from The Usual or Normal, Attracting attention, Noticeable, Obvious, Unusual.

If we are being Noticed, then it should be in a 'Spiritual Way', known for our Devotion, Love, Loyalty, Ways in which we conduct ourselves, Ways in which we show Respect and Honor to The Lord and Ways we set that Righteous Example unto others.

Ridiculous means Arousing or deserving ridicule, preposterous, foolish, absurd, unreasonable.

See The Lord is trying to give us Understanding of what He Expects and how He Desires for us to Act, Say, Do and Dress.

Sordid means Selfish, self seeking, dirty or filthy, wretched, covetous, grossness, morally degrading, bad, low, vulgar.

Morally God wants His People to Rise to a High Standard and not be the same as the world. But to give Him our Deepest Respect and Reverence before Him in everything we Do, Say and Are.

Sordid fashions means these are going to be clothing that is inappropriate for a Christian to wear, Especially in God's House. God Expects us to Come to Worship Him in The Beauty of Holiness, and to Come before Him in Honor. He Deserves our utmost Respect and turning away from the things of the world is giving Him The Respect He so Deserves.

Conspicuous means Obvious to the eye or mind, attracting attention, noticeable, obvious, unusual.

Conspicuous in Attractions means these

would be clothing or garments that are attracting attention by others, while people won't think a thing about it at the mall, it could be distracting if it done within the Lord's House.

The Lord was trying to make a Point for His People to turn away from all these things, as they do hinder, lead astray and no Good can come from them. God does Care and that is why He Brought it to our attention in Message 85.

He Wants us to be Reverend, Respectful, Honorable and Righteous in His Sight.

What we do does Affect others! He gave us a Commandment on what is not Acceptable to Him and I Pray we might Abide by this Commandment. The Lord Spoke out on it because it is Important to Him and He Loves us enough to help us have Understanding of what He Expects of His People.

Isn't it Wonderful that The Lord Spoke out on this to give us Enlightenment and Knowledge of His Desires for us. Not only in these areas but in many ways throughout His word?

Let us give of our Best to The Master, give Him The Best that we have.

Testimonies Of The Past

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri; I am Thankful for this day The Lord has made and being here with you all. We have not because we ask not! The Lord showed me, if we ask and have Faith, it will be done. I Thank God He Anoints us in spite of what we are. I have nothing to offer this world but God's Words- all 120 Messages. I Praise His Name! Since I have been a small girl, I have felt God's Presence around me. I am evil without The Spirit of God. We have trials,

but after awhile God Touches us, and we Know if we Stand Firm and His Spirit within, that is where The Blessings are. I appreciate what God has given .

I Praise The Lord for being Blessed in The Spirit. I am remembering what Daddy said. We must turn our thoughts around. My child asked to be Baptized. I said , *'no, you are without sin. You do not need Baptism.'* The child said to me, *'Oh, you mean I have to sin first to be Baptized?'* I said, *'no, you need to Learn more!'* The child asked, *'Do you know everything?'* The child was Baptized a year later. Daddy always said, *'Review your Covenant'* not *'renewed'*, concerning The Sacrament. I know to overcome self you need The Spirit of God. We will have The Victory and Walk in it with Greater Understanding. The Shield of Faith will Protect! Hold the men up in your Prayers. God will Fill them with His Holy Spirit. But we need to Uphold them. When daddy was ill, I was talking care of him. He was so weak and we had to help him in every way. He had a muscle disease and was so weak. During the night, I awoke to find him sitting straight up in bed. He never had the strength to do that. He said to *me 'he was going home'*. I asked him if he was okay? He sighed, and I knew I had interfered. He saw John The Baptist and Angels. They had Come to take him home. The day he died, Dad had such a Great Peace. It was felt everywhere. Even the nurse that took care of him realized this and commented on it. He always had Peace, because he was a Man of God, a Spiritual Leader! The Witness of The Truthfulness of This Work was there with Daddy, even in his death. Trust in The Spirit of God!

I was told by one of two brothers that left The Work that he Loved us and Believed as

he always did. I told him I was sorry. Sorry he did not Love Jesus and us enough. I told him to Come Home through The Door. He asked me if I Believed this little group had The Authority. I told Him YES! YES! YES! This brother could not look me in the eyes to talk. He looked away. I can tell the younger brother with him was hurting. He is really hurting! But he is bound. I Pray he will come out of it. They stopped growing. I Thank God for each of you. You have Truly been a Blessing to me. I will leave here a better person.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for being here today. The Uplifting Sermons I heard were Great. I stand to Thank God for all His Blessings in Life and for you all. I have done a lot of things in my Life that was not Pleasing to The Lord. I am Thankful for my family. My family is so large, I think at times that I will need name tags. I am a grandpa and great grandpa. I lost a lot of time with my children when I was working full time. Time that I wish now that I had taken to be with them. I Thank God for This Church and This Gospel and for you all. I do Hope that you will Receive a Blessing this Assembly that we can take with us. Remember to put God First in your Life. My daughter asked The Lord to Bless the young people in her Prayer. I want to say to them also to keep The Lord in your Life. He will Protect you and be there for you always. God Bless you all.

James Naslund, Missouri: The Lord does not know sin. Learn to Know The Lord, what He is and what He does. Know The Lord! When He Comes we shall see what He is. Only Holy men and women can enter into His Kingdom. Do His Will! Eternity are for those who Seek to do Right and Walk with The Lord. Great and Wonderful is This

Work. Praise The Lord for what He has Done. The Lord answers Prayers! I Stand for This Church, The Message Church. It is all TRUE!

River Thompson, Missouri (age 5): Dear Jesus Bless us all and send John The Baptist again. Bless the people in Africa, the poor and the needy. Keep us safe in Jesus Name, Amen!

Brenda Humpert, Missouri: I want to Thank The Lord for being here. I am Blessed to be here. The Sermons are so Good, they Fill my Soul. Thresa and I was walking and we met a man and his son. He had been drinking, but we had a Good talk about The Lord. We Witnessed to him and it felt Good to have something to give people. We have answers. Pray for him and his family, that The Lord will Bless them. He had been asking God, *Do you know that I am here?* before we told him of This Gospel. God Bless you all.

Richard Segal, California: I Thank The Lord for my Blessings. My mother died in 2005. I went home to take care of her. It was hard. I couldn't come to The Assembly for seven years, but I made sure that I paid my Tithes, then my bills. I wasn't sure that we could come this year, but my daughter found round way tickets that we could afford. That was a Miracle to me. So here we are. Praise The Lord He Came through. I Know that The Lord had His Hand in that. I am Hopeful that we can come every year now. I have no problems at work, I asked to go and they agreed. I work for a Bank Card Center. My wife works for a Library in a very nice part of town. That is a Blessing for us both. God gave us a house to live in. It was part of my mother's estate, but I managed to keep it. It was the home that I grew up in. I want to do for The Lord. The world is dying.

Don't put your Heart in worldly things. This is God's Church. God got me out of the entertainment business and the world. I am really Thankful. I am not here because of Betty, my wife, or The Draves', I am here because The Work is True! Aunt Florence knew Brother Otto Fetting, that's nice, but I am here because The Word is True! Something richer than what I had. This is where The Gold is! Can't get any Richer than this. I asked The Lord years ago, *where is The Church?* The churches that I have gone to only deceives you. They lie to you and things didn't make sense. I am Thankful The Lord is with me. I Love Him. I am Thankful for my wife and that we are together. It has been 21 years now. I was here last in 2001. I could tell then that something was wrong with some of the brothers. When The Revelation came in 2003, I Rejoiced. The Lord Filled His Quorum. We now will have a Full House. Then they did what they did. If your Heart is not right with The Lord, He cannot tell you anything. We are more Blessed than those other churches. Stay Humble! Stay with The Lord and always put Him First. God Bless you all.

Leora Naslund, Missouri: I am Thankful to be here. The Lord has always been here with us. He has Blessed me so much in my Life. I see many people that don't have The Lord in their Life. They have many trials in their Lives. The Lord is here, just ask for Him. Thank you all for your Prayers. I Love you all.

Something To Think About

Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri

Some References on Prayer

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(The Record Of The Nephites) Alma 34: 19-27, 111 Nephi 27: 1-2.

(The Word Of The Lord) Message 94:11, Message 95:2, & Message 102: 11.

There are many more Scriptures on 'Prayer', but that is all I have at this time. Hopefully, I Hope I have brought out something that will benefit you Spiritually. 'Keep Sweet' and 'God Bless'.

ARTICLES From The Vineyard

Restoration: The End Time

Elder Richard Segal
California

I am Thankful to be here and Thankful that I am part of This Great Work and God's Church.

I was sitting in a church and I knew it was not God's Church. Once in a while they would comment on an office or something, but weren't giving me The Truth.

I asked, *Where is Zion?* I knew that The Lord was Leading me. I wanted The Truth.

In *The Bible* it tells us of The Garden of Eden. That The Lord gave Adam a companion, Eve. It tells us about The Tree of Life and the fall of Adam and Eve. They had to fall to be Restored. In Revelation,

The Lord Restored the earth, both sides of The River, The Tree of Life.

He is Healing the nations today. He gave us Twelve Apostles to Feed The Flock. When Adam and Eve fell, that was the sin of flesh. We wouldn't be here today if this did not happen. The Lord Allowed this to happen so we could be Restored within us.

There had to be a fallen away. The Church was taken by force and returned to Heaven. It was Restored again, by The Touch of The Heavenly Messenger, sent by God. It is being Pruned for the last time.

Revelation 22:10, **'And He Saith unto me, 'Seal not The Sayings of The Prophecy of This Book: for the time is at hand.'**

God is going to Restore all things. Nephi, not in *The Bible*, had to have his own Record, *The Record of The Nephites*. It also Speaks of a Restoration of all things.

Matthew 17:9, **'And as they came down from the mountain. Jesus Charged them, Saying, Tell the vision to no man until The Son of man be Risen again from the dead.'**

Christ Died on The Cross, this is a Form of Restoration, from the fall to The Rise of Jesus Christ. He will give us a New Heaven and a New earth, filled of The Knowledge of The Lord.

Where is the rapture at? The rapture is not in *The Bible*. Resurrection Yes!, rapture No! The Lord will Come in the clouds, and we will be caught up to meet Him, but then we will RETURN to earth and REMAIN here. They that Believe in the rapture does not believe this. They are teaching a lie.

Reformation is a Ttype of Restoration. Message 26:1-4, **'I have delayed my coming with this Message, for The lord Knows your suffering, and your Strength.'**

The Lord Sent me to you and not another, for He Knows your Heart, and your Life, and from childhood has Watched over you, to do This Work, which is very Great. For no Greater Responsibility was ever Placed upon man than Taking The Gospel to the nations of the earth in its Purity; therefore, be True until your work is done. For God will be with you to Finish your Work if you will remain Humble before Him. Seek not to please man, nor fear man, for The Lord is your Strength.

God has Chosen you and your Brethren as Apostles in *The Church of Christ*. The Work has been Committed to you men to take it to the nations of the earth, to Establish Churches in all nations, and to Direct in all things as The Lord will Direct you.

Remember, this is God's Work and He will Help you in your work, that The Gospel may be Preached and The Message of Warning of Christ's Coming may go to all people. Let The Message I have brought to you be Translated and Printed in all languages, that all may Read and Know that The Lord has Sent me, and that no one will have an Excuse at The Judgment Day. let this be Done as fast as you can. But see that it is Translated correctly, for this The Lord has Entrusted in your care.

Let no one treat lightly The Message of The Lord, for His Eyes are upon you and your work, and your thoughts cannot be hid. Let your work be done in Soberness and Firmness, but in Humility and Love.'

There is much to be done, and The Lord will meet our needs if we are Faithful in paying our Tithes. He wants to Purify us, but we have to follow His Commandments.

1 Nephi 13:39, ‘And after it had Come forth unto them, I Beheld other Books, which Came Forth by The Power of The Lamb, from The Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of The Gentiles, and The Remnant of The Seed of my Brethren, and also to The Jews, which are scattered upon all the face of the earth, that The Records of The Prophets and of The Twelve Apostles of The Lamb are True.’

There are Twelve Apostles over the land, and One God over all The Work.

2 Nephi 28:3-4, ‘For it shall Come to pass in that day, that the churches which are built up, and not unto The Lord, when the one shall say unto the other, Behold I, I am The Lord’s; and the other shall say, I, I am The Lord’s. And thus shall every one say that hath built up churches, and not unto The Lord;

And they shall contend one with another; and their priests shall contend one with another, and they shall teach with their learning, and deny The Holy Ghost, which giveth Utterance.’

People needs to be grafted into The Work. Come Clean and Learn of The Lord’s Way and Church. They continue to Believe in the lies they are told and not Seek The Truth for themselves.

I want The Messenger to Come. We all get weary, The Church is few in numbers, but we are The Remnant of The Lord. We are poor and we do not have a building for now. We will hang in there and do what The Lord wants us to do and we will be Blessed.

I know that Brother W.A. Draves went through a lot of suffering over The Work. I wouldn’t want to go through what he did. I am going through enough now, without having to go through what he did.

I Pray that we all will be Humble in The

Lord. Be Patient. The Lord will Pull us out of the world. He is Working with us. Hang in for The Lord as He will Provide Hope, we will Endure.

This Work is Worth It! We are in this to The End. I miss Brother Draves senior and others very much. I know you do as well. God Bless you all. Continue to Pray for me and my family.

ARE YOU JESUS?

David W. Wilson, Jr.

Submitted by Ellen Draves

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled

about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, 'Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. *Are you okay?*'

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, '*I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.*'

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, 'Mister', He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes.

She continued, '*Are you Jesus?*' He stopped in mid-stride and he wondered.

He gently went back and said, '*No, I am nothing like Jesus-He is Good, Kind, Caring, Loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.*'

The girl gently nodded: '*I only asked because I Prayed for Jesus to Help me gather the apples. He Sent you to Help me, so you are like Him-only He Knows who will do His Will. Thank you for Hearing His Call, Mister.*'

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his Soul: '*Are you Jesus?*'

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our Destiny, is it not?

To be so much Like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we Live and Interact with a world that is blind to His Love, Life and Grace.

If we claim to Know Him, we should

Live, Walk and Act *as* He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to Church. It's *actually Living The Word as Life unfolds day today.*

You are *The apple of His Eye* even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He Stopped what He was Doing and Picked up you and me on a Hill Called 'Calvary' and Paid in Full for our Damaged Fruit.

92 YEAR OLD PREACHER

Submitted by Editor

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to Church, I watched a church in Atlanta Honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to Preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to The Podium.

Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on The Pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak . . .

'When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of Preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most Difference in my Life and Sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and Heart break and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me. The only thing that would comfort was this verse, '*Jesus Loves me this I Know. For The Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him Belong, we are weak but*

He is Strong Yes, Jesus Love me, This I Know. The Bible tells me so.'

The old pastor stated, 'I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn '**Jesus Loves Me**' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they Knew it The Best.'

'Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me':

JESUS LOVES ME Jesus Loves me, this I Know, Though my hair is white as snow Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me Trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME. YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His. I'll go On through Life, let come what may, He'll be there to Lead The Way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my Heart He puts a song, Telling me in words so clear, 'Have no fear, for I Am Near.

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And Life's Victories have been on. He will take me Home above, Then I'll understand His Love.

(CHORUS)

I Love Jesus, does He Know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus Loves to Hear me say, That I Love Him everyday.

(CHORUS)

My Message to you this day, 'reach out and touch' a friend or a Loved one God Bless Us All!

Article From The Past

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

Bishop Leonard Johnson

Iowa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turning to Message 3:9, we find the words; **'Go in Faith, your Mission is one of Love.'**

Then in Message 5:4, **'... And if you men and brethren will work in Peace with The Love of God in your Hearts, then God will Bless you, and also The Church for your Sake, and God will Love you, and will Bless you and the people and your work.'**

Also in Message 5:11, **'... and if you will Present your Message in Love, you will win your Brethren and many will Help.'**

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

Now, getting back to our subject matter, 'Light'; we find in Message 18:17 in speaking to Brother Fetting, the words, **'... I Come to you in Light.'**

Then pursuing the subject in Message 19:14, we find a Promise being given with a condition attached, **'To all those that will Repent and be Baptized and PREPARE themselves and Walk HUMBLY, The Promise is that they shall Receive The Greater Light and Power to Carry on The Work of The Lord.'**

In Message 20:8 the same qualification is mentioned again, **'... Let The Hands be Laid upon those that I have told you, that The Light and Power of God may Come to them to The EXTENT that they will Humble themselves, that Light may Come to them.'**

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

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

Just what is The Messenger's Coming in Light bringing to pass in the world at this time? It is bringing to pass The Midnight Cry, also The Parable of The Great Supper and The Parable of The Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins.

There are many of the people of the world today wandering and blindly groping

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

In *The Bible* in Jeremiah 6:16 there are some Instructions and Advice about the matter, **‘Thus Saith The Lord, Stand ye in The Ways, and See, and Ask for The Old Paths, where is The Good Way, and Walk therein, and ye shall find Rest for your Souls . . .’**

In Message 37:7 we find the much needed thing to help them find The Old, Old path, **‘The Light that I, your Lord, will Send shall Point The Way. He that Cometh to Me through The Door will I Baptize with Fire and The Holy Ghost.’**

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

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

To give Knowledge of Salvation unto His People by The Remission of their sins,

Through The Tender Mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on High hath visited us,

To give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to Guide our feet in The Way of Peace.’

These words, if we understand them, give us a beautiful comparison between The

Light of The Messenger and the dayspring. *What does dayspring mean and what is it?* Dayspring means dawn, the dawn of a new day, those few minutes in the early morning, when The First Light begins to emerge through the morning mists and soon driving them away.

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

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

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

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

Message 46:3 says, **‘To all those that Repent of sins and be Baptized, Preparing themselves in Deep Humility, yea, The Lord Promises that they shall Receive**

The Greater Light and Power that they might be Able to Carry on The Work of The Lord.'

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

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

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

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

In Message 52:13 there is a Special Warning to His Servants; **'Unto The Servants of The Lord: except you make Ready and Quickly Prepare your Hearts before The Lord The Greater Light will not come to you.'**

In Message 53:10 we find another; **'Yea,**

I have brought a Warning and few Prepare for The Greater Light, but be thou Faithful even all who Hear, for The Lord's Will Shall be Fulfilled in all things.'

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

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

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

If the foregoing Words and Quotations have Aroused your Curiosity concerning This Great and New Light, well and Good.

Going back one year to Message 48:12, The Lord gave us a Clue in one Very Positive Statement that takes in the whole earth, **'I will make Known to all the earth that I Am God, and there is none else, Saith your Lord.'**

Just four months after The New Light was Promised, we find another statement of similar meaning in Message 52:4. **'But, to The Faithful, thus Saith The Lord,**

Hearken! Ye, My Servants; Arise to your Calling. Oh, I have Plead! Few have Heard. If you Believe in God Believe also in Me, for it is My Words that shall Judge you in the end, for I Am The Eternal One!'

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

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

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

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

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

These Great Truths have been couched in The Sacred Records all these many years, but because our minds have been clouded by the ideas and traditions of men, they have been hid from us; but now The Lord is Sending The Light to Drive away the clouds

and Illuminate our minds, if we will but Heed His Advice and Instructions and Listen to The Still Small Voice that is Whispering to us at this time to Come all The Way.

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

For twenty-seven years God has Pleased with His People and Ministry to Arise and Prepare for This Greater Light and Power.

Message 39:2, in 1939 gave the following, **'The Greater Light and Power shall Come as My People Prepare for it.'** Furthermore, it has been 40 years to the present time.

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

'I Am He that is Called I AM. I Am The Great White Spirit. I Am He that is Called Shiloh. I Am All in All. I Am The Only Living God, Creator of The Universe, Ruler and Judge of all. I Am The Chief Corner Stone. I Am The Stone the builders rejected. I Am The Christ, The Son of man.'

I Am God, I Change not. I Am He that was Called Jehovah. I Am Jesus Christ. I Am The Beginning and The End. I Am Alpha and Omega, The First and The Last. I Am The Lord. I Am He that was Manifested in The Flesh, in The Flesh Death and Resurrection. I Am He that is Risen. I Am The Lord God.'

Now going to paragraph 36 of Message 84 we have *The Sum Total* of it all, **'THIS IS LIGHT AND TRUTH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THE ETERNAL GOD.'** For another Witness to the above, in The

Restored Palmyra Edition of *The Record Of The Nephites* in The Book of Mosiah we find in Chapters 15 and 17 that The Prophet Abinadi gave his Life at the stake for this, The True and Full Doctrine of The Godhead; also another Witness is in The Book of Ether Chapter 3.

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

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

Primary Department

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We all know that Halloween can be a scary time. *But why is it so scary? Is it because it's nothing to see a monster here and a goblin over there? Maybe, but is there really any reason to be scared? NO!*

God loves us and Protects us from the scary things in life! He Says we are Precious to Him and because of that, He will Protect us just like He Always has with His People.

Just look at Isaiah 43:1-5, **'But now thus Saith The LORD that Created thee, O Jacob, and He that Formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have Redeemed thee, I have Called thee by thy name; thou art Mine.**

For I Am The LORD thy God, The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy Ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Since thou wast Precious in My Sight, thou hast been Honourable, and I have Loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Fear not: for I am with thee: I will Bring thy Seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;'

See? God Tells us He will Protect us. He even Says that He will Be by our Side when we have to go through scary things. So next time you are scared, remember that you are not alone; God is With you. And he will protect you.

Junior Department

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Choosing God!

Dear Ones;

God Gave Moses The Ten Commandments to give us Instructions on The Laws He wants us to Obey. They are:

- 1. Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me.**
- 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.**
- 3. Thou shalt not take The Name of The Lord Thy God in Vain.**
- 4. Remember The Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy.**
- 5. Honor thy father and thy mother.**
- 6. Thou shalt not kill.**
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery (be unfaithful to your companion.**
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.**
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness (lie) against thy neighbor.**
- 10. Thou shalt not covet. (Exodus 20:3-17)**

Matthew 22:35-40, Jesus tells us about The TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS:

‘Then one of them, which was a lawyer asked Him (Jesus) a question, tempting (testing) Him and saying, Master, which is The Greatest Commandment in The Law?’

Jesus said unto him, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY

GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND.

This is The First and Great Commandment.

And the second is like unto it, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

On these Two Commandments hang all The Law and The Prophets’.

If everyone totally Obeyed these Two Commandments the world would be at Peace. There would be no evil things done because everyone would Love their neighbor as themselves—they would do only Good and no evil. *Wouldn’t that be wonderful?* I do believe the only time we will see a world like that will be during The Millennium. That is when Jesus will Reign for one thousand years. At that time satan will be bound and he will not be able to influence anyone.

There are specific verses in *The Holy Bible* that talk about children.

Children are God’s Gift: Psalm 127:3-5,

‘Lo, children are an Heritage of The Lord and The Fruit of The Womb is His Reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them . . .’

God Loves children so very much and wants everyone to be innocent of wrong doing and have a Loving Pure heart like a child to get into The Kingdom of Heaven.

Mark 10:13-16, **‘And they brought young children to Him (Jesus), that He should Touch them: and His Disciples rebuked those that brought them.**

But when Jesus saw it, He was much Displeased, and said unto them, ‘Suffer The Little Children to Come unto Me and forbid them not: for of such is The Kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive The Kingdom of God as a Little Child, he shall not enter therein.’

And He took them up in His Arms, put His Hands upon them, and Blessed them.’

The Bible tells children to Obey their parents and even gives you a Promise/Reward for doing so.

Ephesians 6:1-3, **‘Children, Obey your parents in The Lord, for this is Right.**

Honor thy father and thy mother which is The First Commandment with Promise.

That it may be Well with thee, and thou mayest Live long on the earth.’

Children need to show Respect to adults.

I Peter 5:5, **‘Likewise, ye younger, submit yourself unto The Elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with Humility, for God Resisteth the proud, and giveth Grace to The Humble.’**

The Bible tells children to care for their parents:

I Timothy 5:4, **‘But if any widow have children or nephews, let them Learn first to shew piety (Reverence to God) at home, and to Requite (payback, reward, Care for) their parents for that is Good**

It is very important for children to Obey God.

Deuteronomy 30:2, **‘And Shalt return unto The Lord thy God, and Shalt Obey His Voice According unto all that I Command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine Heart and with all thy Soul.’**

God wants you to always remember Him:

Ecclesiastes 12:1, **‘Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . .’**

No matter what you are doing, it is important to remember God. When you have choices to make, ask yourself, *‘What would Jesus do?’* If you think about that when you have decisions to make, then you will make The Right Choices. Jesus Showed us, by Example, how we should Live and Act. If we put God First in all things everyday then all things will fall into place for you.

In Matthew, Chapter 6, Jesus was Teaching that we don’t need to worry about what we will Eat, or Wear, or where we will Live if we put God First and Seek Him, He will Bless us and Provide for us.

6:33, **‘But Seek ye First, The Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.’**

Now, even as you grow older, if you Love God with all your Heart and put Him First in all you do—try to Please Him in all you do, then God will always be with you. He will Bless and Provide for you in Ways that you could not even imagine.

God Loves you so much, but He does not force anyone to Follow Him. He lets us make our own Choices. We must Choose God; Choose to Love and Follow Him. In that Choice, we will be very Blessed and know much Peace, Love and Joy!

So Choose God! Choose to Seek His

Kingdom and to Live a Righteous Life. The Joy and Inner Peace you will feel is so much more Fulfilling than Joy you can Receive from world things.

Love in Christ,

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Prayer and how we must Pray to The Lord. Prayer is our Communication with our Lord. We should Pray to Him everyday. He wants us to Pray to Him Continually and Sustain a Strong Relationship with Him. First, we need to ask ourselves *what is Prayer and what does it mean?*

In the Webster Dictionary Prayer is defined as the following: 1.) An address (as a petition) to God in word or thought. 2.) An earnest request or wish.

2 Nephi 32:8-9 says, **‘And now, my Beloved Brethren, I perceive that ye ponder still in your Hearts; and it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing, For if ye would Harken unto The Spirit which Teacheth a man to Pray, ye would know that ye must Pray: for the evil spirit teacheth not a man to Pray, but teacheth him that he must not Pray. But Behold, I say unto you, that ye must Pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform anything unto The Lord, save in the first place ye shall Pray unto The Father in The Name of Christ, that He will Consecrate thy Performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy Soul.’**

The Lord wants us to Pray always to Him but satan does not. Message 94:11 says, **‘Be very watchful unto Prayer that evil will**

not succeed as wolves in sheeps clothing.'

Satan is very clever and deceiving unto The Children of The Lord. This Message verse Warns us about him and tells us to be Careful.

3 Nephi 18:15 says, '**Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Ye must Watch and Pray always, lest ye be tempted by the devil, and ye are led away captive by him.'**

Message 88:36 says, '**Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in hope, and hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I Bring and he will not have power over you.'**

This Message is so Powerful because The Lord Promises us that if we are Watchful and Pray then we will be Protected against satan. He will NOT have any power over us. We need to have The Strength of Prayer like The Prophets of old. We had many that showed us Great Examples of Prayer and what it is to Pray from The Heart. We had Nephi, Alma, Mosiah, Enos, Jacob and many more others to follow in their example.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 says, '**Pray without Ceasing. In every thing give Thanks; for this is The Will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning you.'**

Luke 21:36 says, '**Watch ye therefore, and Pray always, that ye may be Accounted Worthy to escape all these things that shall Come to Pass, and Stand before The Son of man,'**

Message 39:16 says, '**Be Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you**

Are. You will see evil and deception. While The Good is at work the powers from beneath will be there also, but Watch and Pray, for the time Comes when they shall not hurt nor destroy in all The Lord's Holy Mount. Righteousness and Justice shall Rule.'

When we Pray we need to Pray from The Heart. The Lord Hears our Prayers when we Pray from The Heart. He tells us that He will not Listen to Prayers that are not Honest in Heart.

He Lord Tells us to '**Meet in your Assembly and Cry Mightily unto Me. If your Prayer is of The Heart, I Will Hear you. I will not Accept the vain babblings and sputterings of the lips of man whose Prayer is not Sincere . . .'**

Message 51:3 says, '**The Lord God Hears The Prayers of those that Seek Him. He has Heard The Prayers of His Servants and The Plea of His People.'**

Message 80:12 says, '**Meet in The Assembly, let your Prayers be Solemn and from The Heart.'**

Message 82:23 says, '**He Hears The Prayers of The Faithful and Humble. He will yet Hear and Answer to The Joy of The Righteous.'**

The Lord does Hear and Answer our Prayers when they are Sincere and from The Heart. When we Pray in vain to God then He has told us that He does not Hear our Prayers. When we Pray we need to remember these Message verses and Apply them in our daily Prayers.

The Lord also tells us to Pray often. In Message 23:2 says, '**Therefore, let your Hearts be Filled with Love. Pray Often that your Humility may be Seen and Felt by all men, and Fit yourselves for The Great Work that is before you, that God**

may Use you to His Glory and Help bring others to The Light.'

When we Pray not only are we Pleasing The Lord but we are also setting an Example for others to follow.

The Lord tells us that we need to Pray over everything in our Lives. This is expressed in Alma 34:19-27 which reads, **'Yea, Humble yourselves, and Continue in Prayer unto Him; Cry unto Him when ye are in your fields; yea over all your flocks; Cry unto Him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening; Yea, Cry unto Him against the power of your enemies; Yea, Cry unto Him against the devil, which is an enemy to all Righteousness. Cry unto Him over the crops of your fields, that they may Increase. But this is not all, ye must Pour out your Souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness. Yea, and when you do not Cry unto The Lord, let your Hearts be Full, Drawn out in Prayer unto Him Continually for your Welfare, and also for The Welfare of those which are around you.'**

3 Nephi 18:20 says, **'And whatsoever ye shall Ask The Father in My Name, which is Right, Believing that ye shall Receive and Behold it shall be Given unto you.'**

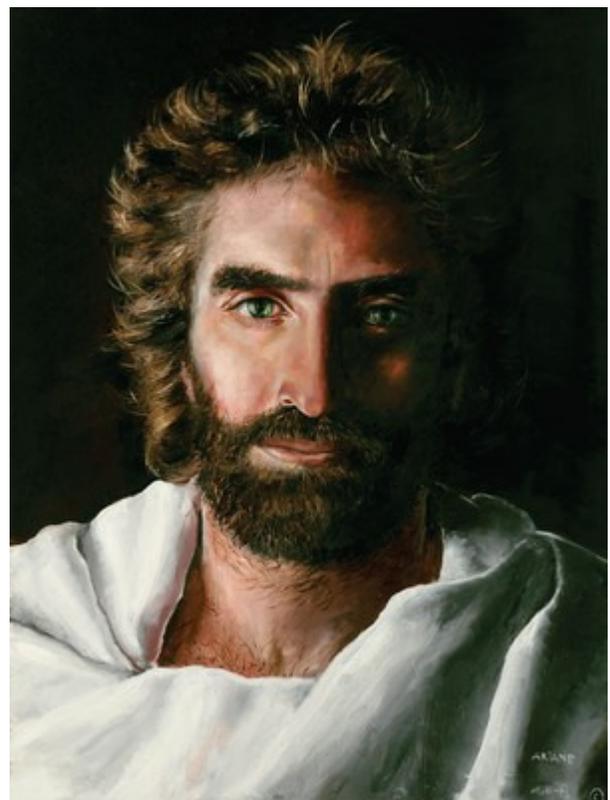
The Lord is telling us that if we have Faith when we Pray then He will Answer our Prayers. He will Bless us with the things that is in our Hearts and our Righteous Desires. I know that The Lord Answers Prayers because He has Answered many of mine.

In closing I would like to end with **Moroni 7:48** which says, **'Wherefore, my Beloved Brethren, Pray unto The Father with all The Energy of Heart, that ye may be Filled with This Love, which He has**

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.'

God Bless and remember to Pray for one another!

Prince of Peace



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***God Bless Our
Military Women
And Men.***

Special Notices

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to

our Dear Sister Karla Gentry and family of California. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you all. May God Bless!

The Editor

The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.

The Record Of The Nephites

The Record of The Nephites is one of the easiest of The Standard Works to read and understand. Even so, the historical narratives, doctrinal expositions, and geographical relationships occasionally become hard to follow. The purpose of this student manual is to provide The Companionship of Experienced Guides as you travel. These Guides are Trusted and Inspired Leaders of The Church and Devoted Students to The Record of The Nephites. They will give you Insights to broaden your understanding of The Record of The Nephites and its more difficult terms and passages.

Study The Record of The Nephites to Feel Its Power and Know Its Divinity

Parley P. Pratt spoke of The Record of The Nephites as The Principal Means in directing the entire course of his life. In describing his first reading of The Record he said: 'I opened it with Eagerness, and read its title page. I then read The Testimony of several witnesses in relation to the manner of its being found and translated. After this I commenced its contents by course. I read all day; eating was a burden, I had no desire

for food; sleep was a burden when the night came, for I preferred reading to sleep.

As I read, The Spirit of The Lord was upon me, and I Knew and Comprehended that The Record was True" (Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt, p. 20).

Elder Spencer W. Kimball had a similar experience and spoke of his 'adventure' with *The Record of The Nephites*, 'May I tell you of a Great Adventure?' As I traveled to a weekend assignment, I took with me an unusual Book which was my constant companion. I could lay it down only to sleep, eat, and change trains. It fascinated me, captivated me, and held me spellbound with its irresistible charm and engaging interest. I have read it many times. 'As I finished it, I closed The Book and sat back, absorbed as I relived its contents. Its pages held me, bound me, and my eyes were riveted to them. I knew The Book was Factual, but as has been said, 'Truth is stranger than fiction . . . found in it life at its best and at its worst, in ever changing patterns. I hardly recovered from one great crisis until another engulfed me . . . This dramatic story is one of The Greatest ever played by man . . . Its story has a Vital Message to all people . . . Archaeologists may be excited as they read of ruins of ancient cities, highways, and building . . . Journalists will find in This Book crisis after crisis, presenting rich material for limitless climactic stories . . . This Unparalleled Book should intrigue navigator . . . The student of economics will find in this Unusual Book the disintegration of nations through pride, soft living, and luxuries, terminating finally in hunger and fetters . . . The astronomer and geologist here may see signs in The Heavens and new stars come into focus, three days without sun . . . nights without darkness . . .

and a vapor of darkness so impenetrable that no glimmer, nor candles, nor torches, nor fire could give any light . . . Engineers will learn . . . that centuries ago, men erected buildings, Temples, and highways with cement . . . The psychologists may find studies in human behavior and the workings of the human mind and the rationalizing processes where men convince themselves that ‘good is bad, and that bad is good . . . The educator will find treasures of literature and poetry . . . This Comprehensive Book should be studied by politicians, government leaders, kings, presidents, and premiers to see the rise and fall of empires, and the difference between statesmanship and demagoguery . . . Scientists will read of unusual instruments never patented or remade or duplicated, of elements which, without recharging, illuminate dark spaces indefinitely . . . Military men may learn much in strategy, intrigue, in movements, in morale . . . But after all, it is not The Book’s dramatic crises its history, its narrative that are so important, but its Power to transform men into Christ Like Beings worthy of exaltation.’

‘It is The Word of God. It is a Powerful. Second, Witness of Christ. And, certainly, all True Believers who Love The Redeemer will welcome additional evidence of His Divinity. . . .

‘My beloved friends, I give to you *The Record of The Nephites*. May you read it Prayerfully, study it Carefully, and Receive for yourselves The Testimony of its Divinity’. (A Conference Report, April, 1963, pp. 62–65, 67–68).

Words From God By A Heavenly Being

Message 26:17, *‘Remember the things I have told you. Read The Messages. Study them, that you may know The Will of The Lord, and Save yourselves from the things that are coming to pass. Let no one be idle, that all may Assist in The Lord’s Work.’*

Message 44:8, *‘. . . Study The Words I bring, Teach them. Study The Full Word of God and you shall know The Truth. Follow The Instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all.’*

Message 73:6-7, *‘The Lord Knoweth the Hears of mankind and wherein they desire to Learn and do His Will, it shall be like Precious Ointment poured upon The Faithful to Dwell in This Light of Life and Salvation. For unto them, shall be Great Joy, that which the mind of man has not yet Attained to.’*

Be not contentious. Speak The Truth and be Firm. A Great Light has been given but few there be that Perceive it. Because of the precepts and commandments of men; which blind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, The Greater your Study and Illuminating of your minds with The Words and Will of The Lord, The Greater your Understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and his powers; making you a Blessing among mankind.’

Save Yourself from the things that are Coming to Pass!

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