



The End Time Messenger

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



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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 dies 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 Watchcare of all the Churches.

14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

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

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

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

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of 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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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People*

Sixty-Second Message

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

-W. A. Draves

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1. "Behold! I have come again to bring a Message from The Lord. He has sent me. I come from His Presence. I am he of whom it is written, 'Mine Elect' in whom The Lord delighteth. I am *The Messenger of The Covenant* and my name is John. My coming is to bring a Warning and Prepare *The Way* again before The Lord.
2. I come that *Righteousness* shall look down from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath sent me and caused me to speak. I speak His Will. The Words I speak shall bring Peace to many for *Salvation* shall be upon the earth among men. Yea, it is and now waiteth to be carried to the ends of the earth, the isles of the sea, for lo, The Lord has Spoken; The Lord that made Heaven and earth and all things that in them are. He that stretched forth Heaven above, He it is that shall confound the liars and

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

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

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

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

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

6. "Be ye comforted all that will hear, for the day shall come when as The Light Shineth from the east unto the west so shall The Coming of *The Son of Man* be. Every eye shall behold Him. Moreover, every heart shall cry and every tongue shall know and confess He is The Christ, for lo, He comes and *His Words* shall Judge both those that live and those that do not; both The Righteous and the

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

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

8. Many will help, many are Reserved for a *Great Work*, and *The Gospel* must be Preached that *The Greater Work can be done*, of the Preparing a people, and then *The Greatest Entrusted* to mankind shall be accomplished.

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

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

11. Remember Job in his trials. The Lord set *His Angel to Deliver*, so it shall be to

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

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

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

14. I gave The Warning-the conditions are coming to pass as I told you. Some have Prepared and are Comforted. Be Watchful, be ready in *The Lord's Peace*.

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

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

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

18. Thus Saith The Lord, 'Let My Servants Lacey and Garrett, be added to the Apostles. Let them always be Humble

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

19. The Lord has sent me that all might be Encouraged. Let *Peace* be in the hearts of all. Let *The Work* move on. Let all pay their Tithes that they may render to The Lord that which is His. Be at *Peace* with all men. Be Filled with *The Spirit* that its *Fruits may Rule*. *Peace* I leave with you and shall come again as *The Lord Will Direct*. Amen."

Sunday, June 27, 2010 **Independence, Mo Local**

10:00 a.m. Service **Sunday School**

Services opened with Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening song, '*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*', Sister Kristie Johnson, Chorister. Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson taught the adult class. Lesson for the day: Message 23. Many good remarks were given. We Praise The Lord for This Great Work and for The Messages given as a Warning and Instruction to the people of the earth.

Announcements were made for the day. Closing song, '*Did You Think To Pray*'. Kristie Johnson, Chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

11:00 a.m. Service Preaching

Services opened by Pastor, Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song, 'Praise Him, Praise Him'. Chorister, Sister Marianna Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Second Song a 'Special' by Kristie Johnson.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves then introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Sermon topic:

A Vision of Two Cities and The Water of Life and Waters of the wicked.

Part One

*Apostle Richard Johnson
Iowa*

I have two different groups of people called cities to tell you about today and their water. They are in opposition even as life and death is. One group of people called *New Jerusalem* are followers of Jesus who become an Eternal Congregation as The Bride of Christ because of Water that brings Eternal Life. **They are ruled by The Lamb of God in a Millennial Reign of world Peace that brings a new Heaven and earth.** The other is a great city called *Babylon* whose spiritual fornication with satan dominates this present world whose waters will dry up.

Some of you recently heard me talk about The New Heaven and earth in the symbolism of the world to come that Peter wrote about and I covered some details of The Wedding of The Bride and Bridegroom.

This work will be a continuation of it. Again I will remind you The Lord uses symbols figuratively to reveal Spiritual and Physical Truths and care must be used determining which. Since God's Creation is both Spiritual and Physical one can be a reflection or consequence of the other.

First The City of God and The Water of Life (Eternal life).

Revelation 21:2, 'And I John saw The Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for Her Husband'.

Revelation 22:1. 'And He shewed me a Pure River of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of The Throne of God and of The Lamb.'

Notice here this city is described or defined as The Lord's Bride which is *The Church of Christ*, The Lamb's Wife, The Remnant or His Jewels. It is a gathering or congregation of those He has Called-His Elect that endure to the end and overcome the tribulation of this world.-His People. In Prophecy, *Jerusalem* and *Zion* are both symbolic, and literal, of God's Future Rule on earth with His People:

Revelation 21:6-7. 'And He said unto me, **It is done. I Am Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and The End. I will give unto him that is a thirst of The Fountain of The Water of Life freely.**

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.' (I believe these sons are the man child representing The Priesthood Authority of The Son of God found in Revelation.12 and Isaiah 66.)

Revelation 2:26-27, (helps confirm it): 'And he that overcometh, and keepeth My Works unto the end, to him will I give Power over the nations: And he shall rule

them with a Rod of Iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father'. (Rod of Iron is The Word of God)

Fresh flowing Spring Water and The River from it represents The Holy Spirit and Life. The River found in this city comes from The Throne of God and The Lamb; The Fountain of Life and of all Righteousness. Consider The Throne represents The Seat of Power, Authority, and Rule of The Holy Priesthood Authority after The Order of God, after The Order of His Son. It Cleanses, Sanctifies, Clothes, Adorns and Transforms The Bride with The Righteousness of its Source. The Messenger has taught us that this Pure Flowing River of The Water of Life of The Holy Spirit comes to His People in its proper channels of Priesthood Authority and is The Pure Love of God. With it there is Power to Overcome all things--even death. We are Commanded to keep it Pure and Holy but some have not understood these things and therefore taken them lightly and went away from us making light of This Work. It was brought down from His Throne--Heaven by The Hands of The Messenger of His Covenant to Prepare His Bride, a New Jerusalem on earth where The Tabernacle and Throne of God will be found with The New Jerusalem from Heaven. The Throne is found or appears wherever God Manifests His Presence.

Message 5:5, 8, tells us The Lord will Come to a Temple built in His Name where The Cloud of His Glory will Rest upon it Sanctifying it and His people, then Heaven is made Fully Manifest on earth bringing The Fulfillment of all things given in God's Covenants to His People.

Message 86:2-3, **'Make haste. Are you ready? Will the people hear that they might**

live and have Life in The Hereafter?

This is The Closing Time, to open to The Millennium Reign of Peace, with Christ on earth ere there cometh a New Heaven and a new earth'.

Ether 13:9-11, **'And there shall be a New Heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new.**

And then cometh The New Jerusalem; and Blessed are they who dwell therein, . .

And then also cometh The Old Jerusalem; and the inhabitants thereof...'

Message 7&8:5. **' . . . Behold This House shall be The Government of God on earth; (The Temple of The Lord --both a Physical and Spiritual House where Heaven and earth come together- The Place of His Rest) from which The Law of The Lord shall go forth to all nations, even to The Jews that they also may know that God has again Spoken, and that He again shall gather Israel in their own land'.**

Revelation 21:1, **'And I saw a New Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth passed away. (the sea no longer is.)**

Isaiah 57:20, **'But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt'.**

Revelation 21:3, **'And I heard a Great Voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His People, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.'**

Lets return to the water of this city.

David wrote --'My soul thirsteth for God, for The Living God; when shall I come and appear before God?' (Psalms 42:1) He described himself as thirsting and panting

after God--even as the hart (a deer) pants after the water brooks.

David's plea indicates that his Soul will continue to thirst until he finally stands in The Fullness of God's Presence.

The analogy of thirst and hunger of our Souls for The Lord's Spirit is remarkable in the comparison with our physical bodies. When the body is hungry and thirsty there is nothing that can satisfy that hunger but food and drink. Our Souls are the same. Once a person has come under The Influence of The Spirit and its work of conforming us in The Image of Christ there is nothing else able to satisfy that longing of The Soul for The Fullness of The Savior's Love just as thirsting or panting for water. The physical body will dry up and die from lack of water and so will The Soul without God's Love--The Water of Life.

Everyone is familiar with The Record of Jesus speaking with The Samaritan Woman at Jacob's well near Shechem.

John 4:13-14, **'Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever Drinketh of The Water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but The Water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into Everlasting Life'.**

A point of interest; According to Eastern legend or tradition her name is given as Photina or Svetlana in Russian. It claims she was baptized on The Day of Pentecost in Acts believing The Gospel--Teaching and Witnessing her Faith to others that began on that day she met The Lord. She had two sons and five daughters all of whom became martyrs as well as herself. Victor and Josiah, Phota, Photida, Paraskeva and Kyriake.

They went to Carthage in Africa--arrested

there and taken to Rome in the time of the Emperor Nero and imprisoned. Nero's daughter was said to have been Converted by her. Her life on earth ended when she was thrown down a well.

John 6:35, **'And Jesus said unto them, I Am The Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that Believeth on Me shall never thirst'.**

So as Believers why do we still hunger and thirst for more of The Spirit? It is because we still are still subject to the flesh with its besieging sins that still drains us of His Spirit that must be Overcome. We need to have it replenished often in order to endure all things until the day it finishes its work. It is the desire and longing of our Souls to become Conformed and Transformed Fully to The Nature and Image of our Savior that must be replenished. It is finished and complete when the well of our Souls (a reservoir called a vessel or belly) is Filled to Overflowing by The Spirit of The Lord in us springing up to Everlasting Life and we can stand in The Presence and Glory of our Savior. A well springing up is a good picture for us of **The Lord's Spirit without measure** because a well of water refills or replenishes as we take from it as long as the source of the water remains.

Revelation 7:13-17. **'And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?'**

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And He said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in The Blood of The Lamb.

Therefore are they before The Throne of God, and Serve Him day and night in His Temple: and have washed their

robbers, and made them white in The Blood of The Lamb.

Therefore are they before The Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple: and He that Sitteth on The Throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For The Lamb which is in The Midst of The Throne shall Feed them, and shall Lead them unto Living Fountains of Waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes’.

We find these words in John 7:37-39, ‘In The Last Day, that Great Day of The Feast, Jesus Stood and Cried, saying,

If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.

He that Believeth on Me, as The Scripture hath said, out of His Belly (reservoir of our Souls) shall flow Rivers of Living Water’.

This is a description of God’s People being Filled with The Holy Spirit to overflowing.

The feast referred to here is The Feast of Tabernacles which lasts eight days and on the eighth day the people would go in a group to *The Pool of Siloam* to fill pitchers with water that they would carry back to The Temple to pour out upon the floor understanding it represented The Outpouring of The Holy Spirit spoken of by the Prophets. This gives The Words Spoken by Jesus Perfect Context and Understanding of His Divinity. The Feast of Tabernacles is a type of The Millennium—Peace, Rest, and The Glory of His Presence. You may recall I spoke on the connection of Israel and Tabernacles in the desert as a Millennial type having its Fulfillment in The Coming of The

Lord and His Kingdom on earth with The Clouds of Glory.

Having received The Gift of The Holy Spirit, we are in Communion with The Lord, (He is in us and we in Him) drawing from The Unfailing Springs of Living Water, which are in Him, and will be as what, is described with the words—‘**Out of His Belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water**’.

We can see and understand the role of The Messenger in bringing The Flow of God’s Love in its Channels of Priesthood Authority to His Ministry and People as He Foretold and Promised The Outpouring of The Spirit in The Last Days. They are The Springs of God’s Love.

Hear ye Hear ye. Message 39:7-9, ‘**Heed ye My Words even The Voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I your Lord soon Comes to Claim all that Know and Obey My Voice.**

Many things shall take place that shall cause you to know that I have Spoken. For this is a Day of Haste when much must be done--A Holy Work--A Great Work, and I Call those that will Heed My Voice, even many that are unlearned to bring about My Wise Purpose, that man may not glory in himself, for Knowledge and Wisdom shall be given . . . those that **Humble themselves before Me.**’

Floods, wars, **wisdom shall be** pestilence and plagues shall come, and many things that will cause the hearts of men to fail them. **For I send One Mighty and Strong and unto him have I given Power to utter words--Eternal Words--and Light is his covering, to set in Order My House. From his bowels gushes forth Truth, A Fountain of Truth, to speak My Words, for I have Spoken.** In Me is The Light that Shineth 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.'

John 1:6, 'There was a man sent from God', whose name was John.'

Message 2: 1, 'I am the man sent from God and my name is John'.

John 3:34, 'For he whom God hath sent speaketh The Words of God: for God giveth not The Spirit by measure unto him'.

Some will of course argue that John 3:34 is not referring to John the Baptist. I'm saying The Principle given applies to who ever is Sent by God to Speak His Words and applies to John because it is written he was a man sent from God to Speak The Words of God Preparing The Ways before Him.

Revelation 22:17, '**And The Spirit and The Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take The Water of Life freely**'.

Message 56:10. 'Yea, verily, I have plead with you, yet few arise quickly to Obedience. Blessed are all those who drink of The Water of Life freely. Lift up, ye Faithful for I Am He who Dwelleth on High. I will not leave you. Therefore, lift up in Faith and Move in The Strength I shall give, for I Am your Redeemer and I will Cause thee to Stand'.

Message 52:8, 'All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be Restored to its Former Beauty for the time will be shortened, that The Elect of The Lord may be Saved. They shall find Safety in The Lord in Obedience to His Will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be Preserved and Arrayed in Peace. But the waters of the wicked shall

be burned up and their idols shall melt away. For The Lord is God--He is God'.

2 Peter 2:17, speaking of the wicked, these are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

We can find ourselves lacking or losing the thirst for the Lords spirit if we thirst after the spirit of this world. We cannot serve man and the Lord. The presence of God is incompatible and in opposition to this. The waters of the world are muddy with sin. The pure water comes from our Lord. If you will recall the story of Lazarus and the rich man told in Luke. The soul of the rich man in hell called out and begged for Lazarus to be able to only touch his finger with water and touch his tongue because of his tormented thirst. There can be no Spiritual Water for the souls of those separated from The Living Water of The Lord's Spirit.

Matthew 5:6, '**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after Righteousness: for they shall be Filled**'.

Closing Song, '*We Have An Anchor*'. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

Opening of The Assembly 2:00 p.m. Service

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa, opened by welcoming all to *The 2010 General Assembly* then gave The Opening Prayer.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, read from Alma 26: 8, '**Blessed be The Name of our God; let us Sing to His Praise, yea, let us give Thanks to His Holy Name, for He doth work Righteousness for ever.**'

Opening Song, '*The Midnight Cry*', Chor-

ister, Sister Marianna Johnson. Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Sermon Notes

Making Choices

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Joshua 24:14-15, ‘Now therefore fear The Lord, and serve Him in Sincerity and in Truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye The Lord.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve The Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of The Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will Serve The Lord.’

God has never forced mankind to Serve Him. He always gave men the right to choose his path.

God gives us all that right! We are taught in The Scriptures that we Destine our own Destiny. We choose this day what our Rewards will be.

Message 21:16, ‘Remember The Great Controversy between Christ and satan is on. This is the time when men’s hearts will be tried. Take The Message I have given you to the people and let them choose whom they will serve; but take it in Love. Be ye Humble in your work and True to The Trust The Lord has Placed upon you. Let Righteousness and Justice follow you wherever you go.’

If you Believe that you Destine your own Destiny (Message 103:7), then your

Desire would be to Serve The Lord Only! It doesn’t seem to be too hard, but for some it is!

Why do you think that? My first thought is that some thinks to highly of themselves and God’s Way cannot fit their learning.

Message 99:10, ‘There are many blind guides: full well The Lord has been with The Word to Bless those that Learn—but when mankind’s mind chooses to further Light—The Truth will not fit their learning. They will not conform to The Full Plan of God, they come not to Deliverance, they are not convicted of their emptiness and they lose in the end. *Why do they blind themselves?* A stubborn heart and mind cannot please God.’

God has always given us His Words. He asked only that we Humble ourselves and Follow Him and His Plan.

Jesus gave us The Example that we may follow—that we may shape our lives by The Word of God!

We as Christians must make the decision to be Loyal to The Lord. To Serve Him only, if not we must choose some other god to serve. We cannot serve two Masters!

Message 75:7, ‘Speak The Truth and Justice will follow you wherever you go. Remember in The End when The Angels divide between them that Serve God and them that serve Him not—be ye among them that Serve The Lord. Though mankind may be consumed, let not The Word of The Lord be hindered from its Mission. The wicked are as chaff that the storm carried away, but The Righteous as Sweet Savor in His Mouth.’

Message 69:10, ‘Let The Servants be Humble and Prayerful and The Mysteries of The Kingdom shall unfold before you. Fear not those who depart from you—

they are as clouds without water—empty vessels—tossed about in doubt and fears. Bur fear The Lord insomuch that Obedience is your answer. Let Peace fill each heart, and in your gatherings, that The Spirit of God shall make you Free. It is Christ your Savior whom you must Serve and Obey. His Words shall Judge all in The Last Day, and Great is His Reward to The Faithful when He Comes, but dreadful to the wicked at His Appearing.'

We are told also that we cannot serve two masters. Some people simply do the easy thing and serve others and follow them—not standing up for themselves—they have no High Standards of Right Living such as those which God set for His People, but they accept someone's view—not knowing God's Will or Plan.

God wants His People to *Know* His Word, *Know* His Will and to *Know* His Plan. He tells us to Study and Show ourselves Approved. That more Light and Joy will come as we prepare (Message 71:7).

Some people seem to think they can get along without making choices. *Can they?* Take any day in your life: when you get up in the morning you choose which dress or tie to wear, you may choose whether you will eat cereal or not, and how many pieces of toast you will take. You choose how you will greet your friends, how you will do your work and what recreation you will take. Suppose you do not choose consciously, but simply follow the crowd; are you not really making a choice—the *easy choice, perhaps?*

When Joshua said that '*he and his house will Serve The Lord*', he made it clear to his people that they also must choose to what ideal and to whom they should be loyal!

Just as people today accept and go on

thinking as people before them have taught, and acting as people before them have acted, without really considering whether *This Way* is *The Highest and Best*.

Do we excuse our attitude toward people saying, 'people has always felt that way', or 'It's always been that way' or 'That's how I've always felt so it must be right'. In other words, are we really ready to bury all the old, lower ideals and loyalties?

Message 71:10, '**Teach The Whole Truth and let not man have his way, except it be The Way of The Lord . . .**'

Perhaps, instead of blindly following the thinking of the past we just as blindly accepts the attitudes and loyalties of the people around us, accepting the words of others that we associate with. *So we do things just because 'everybody does it'? Do we take a point of view toward things that we know down in our hearts are wrong, because it is the attitude of the people we know? Is this the loyalty we choose?*

Do we decide that The Highest Loyalty is Loyalty to God and His Way of Living? We must be Loyal to God even if we stand alone. We must choose The Highest Loyalty now, regardless of what others chose: 'As for me and my house, we will Serve The Lord'.

Message 71:5, (John The Baptist says), '**I come not to bruise: I come not to quench the smoking flax; but to bring Peace, and let the people choose The Way to Eternity and Life with The Lord, or go down to darkness and that awful rejection of their choice.'**

We have to know The Word of God, we have to know The Voice of God and to know His Spirit. We have to be Strong for The Lord. We have to be Firm and to Speak The Truth to be heard everywhere. If you

are not grounded in The Lord and His Ways, you will fall or let others led you astray.

Message 110:7, **‘Ye that Hear The Whispering of God’s Spirit how that it Mellows the heart of men—yea even all that Hear and Obey, great things shall Transpire before you: the sick healed, the lame walk, the blind be made to see. The Greater Power shall be given.’**

There is nothing Greater than The Peace you receive in *Knowing* that you have done The Lord’s Will through Obedience. No Greater Peace than *Knowing* you have placed your Loyalty in God and not that of man.

Message 115:8, **‘See those that have set up their own way, not believing in what I speak: their actions deny The Authority I bring. They seek prominency and their works will all be destroyed.’**

We make choices! God gave us that freedom. God has Pleaded over and over for us, *‘His Servants’* to make The Right Choice. We do that and *Know* what it is by *Studying* The Word and *Knowing* His Will, His Voice, and His Spirit.

Message 116:7-8 & 10-11, **‘. . . My Message is to all that will Hear, Listen, Open and Obey. Deliverance will come.**

. . . The Lord gives His Spirit to Lead and Hold The Faith. *Where is The Progress? Why stand ye still when there is much to cover?*

The Pattern and Form is placed before you. *Who is man to claim to have more than this?* Many of The Lord’s People will accept The Message, but remember this is a Work of Love. It will bring Life, Happiness and Peace to those that accept it, but sorrow to those that reject.

. . . The Work you do will be Recorded in Heaven . . .’

The Lord has told us to *Know* His Spirit. We are to be *Strong* in The Lord. We do not argue over Doctrine, for hurt feelings and contention can only develop. The Lord wants Peace—Peace in our Hearts—Peace in our Souls—Peace in our Work.

Satan wants to destroy all he can. That is why we must make *The Right Choices*. We can do this when we are Lead by The Holy Spirit. God Bless you all, Amen!, *‘As for me and my house, we will Serve The Lord’*

Closing Song, *‘Blessed Assurance’* Chorister, Sister Marianna Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Baptismal Service

3:00 p.m.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves, opened Services. Opening song, *‘Higher Ground’*. Chorister, Sister Marianna Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Second Song a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves welcomed all to *The Baptismal Service*. To Witness such a thing is a Great Blessing for all. It is Wonderful when one of our own comes into *The Work of The Lord*. Ethan is the son of Brother Bishop Reece Johnson and Sister Kristie Johnson of The Independence, Missouri Local, nephew of Brother Apostles Richard and Mervyn Johnson, and cousin to Brother Bishop Brad Evans.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves asked Brother Ethan Johnson the required questions from *The Record of The Nephites*, and his answer were yes to both.

Moroni 6: 2-3, ***‘Neither did they receive any unto Baptism, save they came forth***

with a Broken Heart and a Contrite Spirit, and Witnessed unto The Church that they Truly repented of all their sins,

And none were received unto Baptism, save they took upon them The Name of Christ, having a Determination to Serve Him unto the end.'

While Brother Bishop Reece Johnson and Brother Ethan Johnson prepared themselves for The Baptism, The Congregation sung the following songs: 'Just As I Am', 'Amazing Grace', 'Shall We Gather At The River', and 'The Lord's Prayer'..

Brother Bishop Reece Johnson, then took his son, Brother Ethan Johnson into The Water and did Baptize him into *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, saying, 'Ethan Edward Johnson, Having The Authority of Jesus Christ, I Baptize you in The Name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost. Amen!'*

Confirmation Service

Ethan Edward Johnson
Missouri

Brother Ethan Edward Johnson was then Confirmed a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, by Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson, assisted by Brothers Apostle Leonard Draves, Brother Apostle Richard Johnson and Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Sacrament Service
4:00 p.m.

Sacrament Service was opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Sisters Marianna Johnson and Harla Moritz sung a Special. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson read the following Messages.

Message 81:14, **'When The Saints gather for their Prayers and Humbly Seeking The Lord, in their Communion, The Lord's Supper or Sacrament, let them Partake The Bread an Emblem of The Lord's Body; The Wine, unfermented grape juice from The Fruit of The Vine, Emblem of The Blood of The Lamb of God Spilled for all mankind that the sins of The Truly Repentant that look to Him may be Forgiven and have Life and find it more Abundantly'**.

Message 119:4, **'In The Communion: Sacrament of The Lord, is Salvation to The Truly Humble and Repentant. The Lord has and will Forgive. Let your hearts be Clean and your lives Pure. Hear The Words of Comfort and Encouragement I bring.'**

Brother Donald Thompson then read from *The Record of The Nephites*, 3rd Nephi 18:1-7, **'And it came to pass that Jesus Commanded His Disciples that they should bring forth some Bread and Wine to Him.**

And while they were gone for Bread and Wine, He Commanded the multitude that they should sit themselves down upon the earth.

And when The Disciples had come with Bread and Wine, He took of The Bread, and Break and Blessed it; and He gave unto The Disciples, and Commanded that they should eat.

And when they had eat, and were filled, He Commanded that they should give unto the multitude.

And when the multitude had eaten and were filled, He Saith unto The Disciples, Behold, there shall one be Ordained among you, and to him will I give Power that he shall break Bread, and Bless it, and give it unto The People of My Church, unto all they which shall Believe and be Baptized in My Name.

And this shall ye always Observe to do, even as I have Done, even as I have Broken Bread, and Blessed it, and gave it unto you.

And this shall ye do in Remembrance of My Body, which I have Shewn unto you. And it shall be a Testimony unto The Father, that ye do always Remember Me. And if ye do always Remember Me, ye shall have My Spirit to be with you.'

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson asked The Congregation to knell in Prayer so that they may Prepare ourselves to Partake of *The Emblems*. Those that Prayed were Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, Sister Oladawn Thompson and Sister Tammy Thompson and Sister Thresa Ray.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves asked The Congregation to face *The Emblems* as much as possible as they asked The Blessings on The Bread. Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Blessed The Bread:

Moroni 4:3, 'O God, The Eternal Father, we ask Thee in The Name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, to Bless and Sanctify this Bread to The Souls of all those who Partake of it, that they may eat in Remembrance of The Body of Thy Son, and Witness unto Thee, O God, The Eternal Father, that they are Willing to

take upon them The Name of Thy Son, and always Remember Him, and keep His Commandments which He hath given them, that they may always have His Spirit to be with them, Amen!'

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves Blessed The Wine:

Moroni 5:1, 'O God, The Eternal Father, we ask Thee, in The Name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, to Bless and Sanctify this Wine to The Souls of all those who Drink of it, that they may do it in Remembrance of The Blood of Thy Son, which was Shed for them, that they may Witness unto Thee, O God, The Eternal Father, that they do always Remember Him, that they may have His Spirit to be with them, Amen!'

Porters of The Sacrament were Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (Brother Bishop Reece Johnson served his son Ethan Johnson and wife, Kristie Johnson first, then gave The Emblems back to Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves to serve The Congregation).

Testimony Service

*Apostle Donald Thompson and
Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

Leonard Draves, Missouri: It's great to be here in The House of The Lord. I am Thankful for many things. I Thank God for This Precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Three Measures of Meal means a lot to me. I Thank God for Providing us with a new Home and Headquarters Office. It feels like we belong. The Peace of God is there in every room. I Thank God for the men we have in This Church and those that are about to become Members in The Lord's Bride. I

am Thankful for The Baptism of Ethan Johnson. He is a wonderful young man and has been and is a Blessing to all of us that know him. In case you didn't realize it, but it was God speaking through Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson when he confirmed Brother Ethan. The Words Spoken to Ethan were as they were spoken to us all. God has Truly Blessed us this day. I Thank God for *This Assembly* and for all the Wonderful Blessings I have Received thus far and my Prayer is that The Lord will continue to be with us as we meet to Serve The Lord in Truth. Pray for my family. My youngest daughter, Joy Ellen, is having some health problems. I do not want to go into that at this time and I know she does not wish to talk about it now, but keep her in your Prayers that The Lord will Rule and Overrule in all things. Pray for my oldest daughter, Ruby, as she works so hard and continues to do what she can for The Work. Pray for my wife, Ellen, that God will continue Healing her and making her stronger every day. My Love to all, God Bless.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for all the Blessings Donnie and I have been given of The Lord. I am Thankful for God's Words over Brother Ethan. It has been a busy year for us, but many Blessings were given. Donnie was ill and in March had a pace maker put in as he was so weak. Two weeks later I finally had surgery that I have needed for some nine years. I didn't want to do it but I gave in. The past year I have been really sick, started coughing up blood. Just sitting hurt me to do so. X-rays showed that I had a bleeding ulcer and pulpous on a hital hernia. People's voices even made me hurt. My hospital medications made me sick. Sister Brenda

touched me on the foot when she Prayed for me. I felt much Peace. Her Prayer helped me a lot. Finally a nurse listened to me and changed my meds. During my stay in the hospital, Brother Mobuto e-mailed me and told me that the African Brothers and Sisters were Fasting and Praying for me. I was deeply Touched that people Loved me enough to do that for me, for Sacrificing themselves for me and my health. It all started with Sister Brenda's touch. I am doing well now except for some sinus problems. I am Thankful for *The Healing Power*. I spent the month of April healing. In May we had five graduations, from pre-school to college. I Thank God for The Ministry, The Handmaidens, and The Children. We all have a Work to do for The Lord. I am Thankful to God for His Spirit. Those that have not The Spirit of God in their lives must have such hardships. Tammy told me this very morning, that to reach some people, we must come to their level. *My father had such Compassion for others.* I remember one time I went to his home and he was sitting of the porch swing, crying. *'He said he was crying for The Work. That most of the men at 608 will not be with us. I feel like at times I am my own worst enemy for not being kinder or sharing The Love more.'* Dad cried much for The Work and what people had to pass through. I am Thankful for my mom's quiet Spirit which gave us all Strength. Thankful that God placed me in the family He did and for The Example He gave me to Influence my life. I Pray that I can have the kind of Love of Jesus Christ in such depths as my father had for mankind. I had a dream once that my Church Books were taken from me. That disturbed me greatly. *My Books are Living Water to me.* I cannot live without them.

They are so precious. When I am troubled, I read These Books, and Receive a Blessing from them. *I Thank God for what we have.* I want to live one day completely for The Lord, showing The Fruits of The Spirit. *Without The Pure Love of Jesus Christ, we are nothing.* So Dedicate yourself to The Lord. Truly Love One another. Pray for me. *We want The Lord to Shape us.* I Love and Respect you all. I Respect The Ministry and their Authority.

Brenda Humpert, Missouri: I have to work this week, so if I am to be here, it will be in the evening hours. *I Love you all.* You are The Best Family in the world. I Love to hear Ola Speak and Testify. I Loved Sister Pack of Kentucky. She can be longed winded at times. She always said she couldn't help it, that she had to tell you all this. I was Thankful for her Testimony, and I am Thankful for your Testimonies today. I am Thankful for my grandmother, who always Encouraged me to *Seek First The Kingdom and His Righteousness.* I am Thankful that Sister Pack and my grandmother didn't hold back. *God can't Bless you if you hold back from doing what The Spirit of God tells you to do or say.* Grandmother always said, *you can't ask God to Bless you on Monday if you weren't in Church on Sunday.* I know God Loves us all. I Thank Him for His Miracles, and His Healings. God Healed Michael from asthma. I Praise God for that. I Pray that God will Bless my sons and keep them safe. Pray for us all. God Bless.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: Praise God!, I am Thankful to be here. I Pray a lot for Joy. This year The Lord has been very good to us. My parents has caused me to Pray a lot. I am Thankful to see my father's strength coming back. My mother with her illness, I didn't realize how serious her

surgery was, and so painful. She was not herself. I hated to see her that way. She was off the wall. But God Blessed and I am Thankful she is healing well. Uncle Leonard caused us to Pray a lot also. I am Thankful that he didn't lose his foot. *Miracles does happen, God does answer Prayers.* I am Thankful also today for Ethan. What a Blessing for Reece to baptized his son. *Jesus our Father rejoices with us.* I Thank God He put The Desire of Baptism in people's hearts. Brenda gave us a CD some years ago, there were no names of songs on it, only numbers. It became my favorite CD. Song # 7 is all I know it by, but has Blessed me so much. It filled and uplifted me every time I listened to it. Thank you Brenda for giving us that CD. Your Prayers for me uplifted me and *I Pray for you all, The Ministry, This Work and for each other.* I Love you all. Have a wonderful year. I am Blessed so much today. Brother Mervyn's Prayer was of God and Blessed us all. Pray for my new three month old grand daughter. She has colic very badly. Thank you all. I Love you.

Jairus Yates, Missouri: It is good to be here. When I was young, dad drugged me to Church, I would sit in the back row and chew tobacco. I was respectful though, I wouldn't spit on the floor. *I am so Thankful he brought me to Church. I am Thankful for Baptism.* I have three step children, three foster children, and one biological child. I Hope my son will be Baptized in The Church someday. I know that Reece and Kristie are very proud and Blessed. *I want all my children to be good men and women. I want them to be quick to stand up for The Lord.* Thank you Ola for your Testimony. A man that I worked with died last week. I didn't like him very well. It goes to show

that we must speak of This Work when we can. I preach tonight, so I don't want to steal my own thunder. God Bless you all.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: *The Lord is Pleased today. I can feel His Spirit.* I thank you all for your Good Testimonies of The Lord. *I know that He is smiling on us. Pray for all. God answers Prayers.* I have seen Miracles, and they were wonderful to see. I have seen them in Mervyn and my brother. When Darrel Bellamy Prayed, the blood stopped bleeding for Mervyn. My brother in St. Louis had a whole in his lung, air was filling his body. He swelled much. When they prepared him for surgery, they found his body healed itself and there were no need of surgery. Then there was Tammy being healed of Cancer. *I am so Thankful for my family.* When Ola and I started out we didn't see how much our family would grow, but it did. I Love you all and my Prayers are for you.

Testimony Service came to a close. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (5:15 p.m.)

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. Opening song, *'Let us Pray'*. Chorister, Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Opening Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

Brother Reece Johnson speaking: 'I am most thankful for The Baptism of my son, Ethan. I tell him this is not the end of the race, just *A Stepping Stone to Higher Ground.* He must endure to the end for the race he will run in his life. I am Thankful for being here to Witness this Event in our lives.

Brother Bishop Reece Johnson intro-

duced the speaker of the hour: Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Sermon Notes

Apostle Jairus Yates
Missouri

You see that I brought my Books. I Believe in them. *Do you know why you are here?*

Message 86:69, **'The Assembly is for The People to Learn This Great Work and Follow through. The Work of The Ministry is in the hands of The Apostles—lead them a right.'**

We all must Learn of This Great Work! We must follow through. *Let us Soak Up The Word. Soak up The Spirit like a sponge.* Be Motivated and Stirred Up for The Lord.

I remember jumping out of an airplane, no matter how much I wanted to be back in the plane, gravity took over. Gravity is like *The Principles of Faith*, if you apply them, they will work for you.

John 8:32, **'And ye shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall make you free.'** We must Study The Word!

I have a little story to tell you. There was a man in prison for a crime he never committed. He decided one day he wanted to die. He thought he would jump the guard. The Guard would kill him in self defense. When he went to the door to wait for the guard, he found that the door was not locked. He held himself in bondage, because he did not know The Truth that the door was unlocked. *Truth will make you free. Put on The Whole Armor of God.* Resist the devil and he then will flee from you. *Know that Jesus is Lord!* We say that, *but do you really believe?*

I met my second wife Monica in 1996, we were married in 1997 and she died in

1998. I knew that Jesus was Lord. *No matter what happens in your life, Jesus is on The Throne.* Joseph, who was sold into slavery, did not know how things were going to work out, but he kept Trusting that Jesus was Lord. He had a Plan.

There are many people that have cancer, many on drugs, and many caught up in alcohol. Jesus is Lord! We must get this in our hearts, on fertile ground, so that it will grow.

Another story for you. There was a man with one horse and one son. One day the horse got out and ran away. His neighbor told him that *'You sure have bad luck'*. The man answered back saying, *'too early to say'*. His son went out to find the horse, which he did, but also found some wild horses. The neighbor said, *'you sure have good luck'*. The man answered, *'too early to say'*. When the son tried to tame the horses, he broke his leg. The neighbor said, *'you sure have bad luck'*. The man answered, *'too early to say'*. The next day, all the young men around that was the same age as the son were drafted into the Army and all killed. The neighbor said to the man, *'you sure have bad luck'* and the man answered *'too early to say'*.

We all have some difficulty in life and one could feel that God is mad or don't care about us, but it is *too early to say* what God has Planned for each of us.

Psalms 51: 6-8, 'Behold, thou desirest Truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear Joy and Gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.'

This implies that The Lord break bones. We are able to Rejoice, because we know The Lord has a Plan. We know that our trials are necessary. Whatever it takes, we want to be the person God wants us to be.

What do you think God means about the 'enter parts'? The 'outer parts' we know are evil. We that Desire Truth in 'the hidden parts' is in our hearts, are the things only we know about. We must Overcome our 'self will' or it will wear you out. *We need The Word of God, we need to be Sanctified and be set apart by The Holy Word.*

Genesis 2:2-3, 'And on the seventh day God ended His Work which He had made; and He Rested on the seventh day from all His Work which He had Made.

And God Blessed the seventh day, and Sanctified it: because that in it He had Rested from all His Work which God Created and Made.'

1 Timothy 4:4-5, 'For every Creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be Received with Thanksgiving:

For it is Sanctified by The Word of God and Prayer.'

Message 80:13, 'Establish Peace and Power will dwell with you. Sanctify the people in Holiness and Good Works, Obedient to The Words I bring. Let The Work of Preaching and Teaching continue everywhere and The Lord will be your Strength and Stay.'

The Lord has told us that *'The Temple Lot'* is a *Holy Spot, Sanctify* before God. God said He would Sanctify food by Prayer.

John 17:17, 'Sanctify them through thy Truth: thy Word is Truth.'

Matthew 13:3-9, 'And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by

the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.'

I believe that people pile up rocks, thorn trees, and birds around them. We learn Faith by hearing The Word. Let us chuck the rocks away, cut the torn trees and let the birds fly away, then we can hear The Word of God.

People hear The Word, but it does not register with them in their hearts as Truth because of the cares of life. Like the man 1, horse 1 and son 1, and the man in prison, they had difficulty and the cares of life came and it was hard to remain Faithful. Remember, *The Truth will set you free. God has a Plan for each of us. God wants a Holy People.* We must do the things The Lord says to do.

The time is getting late, so I will give some Scriptures for you to read: **Mark** 4:39, **Mark** 5:34—go in Peace, **Mark** 5:90—Peace with on, **Luke** 1:79, **Luke** 2:14—Glory to God, **Luke** 24:36, **Romans** 5:33—God of Peace Be with, **Romans** 16:20, **1 Corinthians** 7:13—Call us to Peace, **11 Corinthians** 14:33—Author of Peace, **Galatians** 5:22—Fruits of The Spirit, **Ephesians** 3:15, **Colossians** 1:20—Blood, **1 Thessalonians** 5:23—Sanctify your body, **Isaiah** 9:6—Prince of Peace (The Author

and Prince of Peace). **John** 14:27—God's Peace different than the world, **Matthew** 10:34—doesn't come to give Peace but a sword, **Luke** 12:51—Come to separate wheat and tares.

We must not compromise! Jesus did not compromise when He drove the money changers out of *The Temple*. I was one of those guys that compromised. *Christ did not compromised, so why should we?* I would hear people say, get into a Bible Base Church. I say '*why done you do the same*'. *My Bible says an Angel Comes!*

Here are some Scriptures that are Bible Base: **Malachi** 3:1, **Matthew** 9:11, **Mark** 1:2-4, **Malachi** 4:4-5, **Luke** 1:13-17, **Matthew** 11:11-15, **Matthew** 17:10-13

We ARE a Bible Base Church! We Believe all *The Articles of Faith and Practice.* ALL of them!

We believe this: Message 84:16, '**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**'.

Message 84 is so Powerful. We Believe that each of us has to have a *Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ.* We Believe God is Holy, and Everywhere all the time. We Believe An Angle Comes. The Messenger Comes to keep The Commandment.

Romans 10:9-10, '**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth The Lord Jesus, and shalt Believe in thine heart that God hath Raised him from the dead, thou shalt be Saved.**

For with the heart man Believeth unto Righteousness; and with the mouth con-

Confession is made unto Salvation.'

Some people gets only the first part, (confess with their mouth) and forget the last part (believe in thy heart). *We must Confess with our mouth and Believe with our hearts.* Truth in our hearts will Sanctify and Cleanse us to be Instruments in The Lord's Hands. *This is Bible Based.* It is too early to tell what God is doing in our Life. He has a Plan! God is Watching over you. I Love you all so much. It is great to be here. Amen!

Closing Song, 'Just A Closer Walk With Thee'. Chorister, Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

Monday, June 28, 2010

Priesthood Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Apostle Jairus Yates
Missouri

Services Opened by with Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates

History Of The 1925 Articles of Faith

The idea has gained some circulation that Brother T.W. Williams wrote *The Articles of Faith of The Church of Christ* in 1925. While we have no desire to detract from the credit due Brother Williams for his assistance, the facts in the case are that the position of *The Church of Christ* was well defined and established long before 1925, as its various publications and general conference enactments will show. In 1918, *The Faith and Ideals of The Church* were set forth in an *Agreement of Working Harmony*

and from time to time The Church has published *The Articles* of its belief in convenient form for distribution. By 1925, these supplies were exhausted, and it was thought wise, in printing a new supply, to make a more comprehensive statement of The Belief and Aims of The Church. For instance; wherever *The Church of Christ* has been heard of it is known that an outstanding feature of its Purpose is a Belief in the building of a *Temple* in which *The Great Endowment* Promised will be given. To guard *The Sacred Spot* has always been considered by The Church as a distinctive duty peculiar to its mission, and yet this feature was not incorporated in the old *Articles of Faith*. Other points upon which The Church has taken a decided stand were not expressed. A committee, consisting of C.L. Wheaton, A.O. Frisbey, and T.J. Sheldon set about the task of making a careful survey of The Position of *The Church Of Christ* and publishing the same to meet the many inquires that began to come in, in 1925. Brother Williams, expressing a desire to co-operate in The Work, was extended that courtesy.

No item and no statement could go into *The Articles of Faith* that was not approved by the committee. This is admitted in a statement by Brother Williams to the effect that he did not think the last four paragraphs should be incorporated in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, but after submitting a draft of the paper to Brother Sheldon and Brother Wheaton they were insistent that these points be mentioned. This shows that while the committee was disposed to be liberal, they did not permit anyone to dictate The Policy of The Church, nor deviate from the clearly defined *Principles and Aims* for which The Church has always stood. Indeed,

the committee was not at liberty to introduce any new Principle, not make any change in the long established and oft times publicly proclaimed position of The Church.

The Articles of Faith and Practice published by *The Church of Christ* in 1925 was not a new thing. They simply gave a more complete expression of The Belief of The Church than formerly published *Articles* had done.

Signed: C.L. Wheaton
A.O. Frisbey
T.J. Sheldon

Things were written before 1925 because there were those that entered into The Church by transfer. There was a need to have something more clearly on Beliefs. Brothers Wheaton and Sheldon were Ordained first Apostles in 1926. As mentioned in the above article, Brother Williams did not want the last four articles incorporated with the others.

We Believe in what we do because our Beliefs are Biblical and given in The Word. When you look at the first *Three Articles*, you will find they are geared toward *The Godhead*.

Message 84::16-19, **'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.

All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My Decrees and Obey, shall have Right to Eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ Forever.

I AM He that formed The Heavens and The Earth and all things that in them are. I AM He that placed man in The Garden and Preserved Noah over The Flood. I AM He that chose Abraham for his Great Faith. His seed is as the sands of the seashored, innumerable. I AM He that led Israel through The Red Sea and over Jordon and I Will Deliver My People today, if they will Watch and Pray and Serve Me, your Master and Lord God.'

Articles of Faith and Practice Number One

'We believe in God, The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of The Universe; Ruler and Judge of all, Unchangeable and without respect of person.'

Bible: Matthew 3:11, 12:30-32. 28:19-20, Mark 1:8, Acts 2:2-4, 8:15-18, Ephesians 1:13, Joel 2:28, Hebrews 11:3, 13:8, Isaiah 40:28, 43:10-11, Genesis 1:1-2, 11:2, John 1:1-2,10, James 2:19..

The Record Of The Nephites: 1st Nephi 12:18, 3rd Nephi 1:14, Ether 3:14-17 (All of chapter 3 and 4), Mosiah (page 251) 15:1-8.

The Word of The Lord: Message 107:4-5, Message 108:5-7, Message 59:10.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Study Class

1:00 p.m.

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Study Class was opened with Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening song, 'O Beautiful For Spacious Skies'. Chorister, Sister Kristie Johnson.

This year, The Apostles thought it would be best if Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, teacher of The Study Class, would give the same information that was discussed in The Priesthood Meeting, to The Congregation. Therefore, refer back to The Priesthood Meeting Notes for information discussed in This Study Class.

Closing song, 'Higher Ground'. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Preaching Service

2:00 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Song, 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus'. Chorister, Sister Kristie Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, 'Redemption Is Near'.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

'None of us knows what is in each others heart. The Lord wants us to be in Unity and Work together. We want the world to see this is us. I have already been Blessed by The Sermons and Testimonies I have heard. I hope you all get Blessed this Assembly.

I am not a good speaker, but with God's Love and Help, I may be able to say something that will go with you.'

Sermon Notes

Ephesians Chapter 4

Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri

The Book of Ephesians is words given from Apostle Paul to The Church at Ephesus.

Ephesians 4:1, '**I beseech you that ye walk worthy of The Vocation wherewith ye are called**' (*beseech* means 'I ask you earnestly', *to walk worthy of The Vocation* means 'Calling wherein you are Called.') So here Apostle Paul is telling those of us that are in The Ministry to Walk in The Ways God would have us to, in Ways that Honor God in all our Actions. This is also for the Members of The Church as well.

The Messenger tells The Ministry: to Lead the people aright. *By this we are to be Christ like in our Ways.* How we talk to others, treat others and how we act when situations comes up that we may not like, we are still to '*Rise Up*' above ourselves and handle things by *The Fruits of The Spirit* and The Way The Lord would have us to. Also lets read Message 80:3, '**Take hold your Peculiar Work. Lift your brethren that all may Arise to Greater Standards and the people be made Strong, Filled with The Lord's Spirit.**'

Ephesians 4:2: tells us exactly how to do this with '**Lowliness** (not headed or high minded) **and Meekness**, (patient and mild not inclined to anger or resentment) **with LONG Suffering** (being patient for a long time). **Forbearing** (to control one self) **one another in LOVE.**'

Ephesians 4:3: '**Endeavoring** (to make an earnest attempt) **to keep The Unity of The Spirit in The Bond of Peace.**'

We are *A Family of God* and should do all we can to keep Peace and God's Spirit

amongst us (when we see The Ministry or a Member act unkind or selfish then it affect all who are around us). *The Messenger is always telling us to Love one another.*

Message 114:9, **'Let your Love show forth in The Circle of The Lord, bearing Good Deeds seasoned by The Spirit of God. Be not weary in well doing. The Lord's Will and your Joy, lay it before The Lord, in The Lord all things are Possible, Seasoned by His Spirit'**.

Ephesians 4:4-7, **'There is One Body and One Spirit even as ye are Called in One Hope of your Calling;**

One Lord, One Faith, one Baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given Grace according to The Measure of The Gift of Christ'.

How beautiful this is. Everyone of us is given Grace according to The Measure of The Gift of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11, **'And He gave some Apostles and some Prophets and some Evangelists and some Pastors and Teachers'**. (The Messenger says to Ordain Teachers and Deacons as Elders in Message 102:59) *There are many Functions of Duties but One Plan of Authority.* See that all Preach and Teach the same things in THE PRECIOUS WAY OF LOVE in Haste. So The Ministry are all Elders with different Duties. An Apostle is not above a Bishop or Elder when it comes to The Authority, we all just have different Duties.

Why have a Called Ministry?

Ephesians 4:12:, **'For The Perfecting of The Saints, for The Work of The Ministry for The Edifying of The Body of Christ.'**

Ephesians 4:13-14, **'Till we all Come in The Unity of The Faith and of The**

Knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect man , unto The Measure of The Stature of The Fullness of Christ.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of Doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;'

So we are to Teach and Preach until we all come to The Knowledge of The Son of God unto a perfect man, unto The Measure of Stature of The Fullness of Christ.

So till we all are Firm and Grounded in The Work, The Lord Working in us in all our ways and we have the same Love for one another as Christ has for us, we will not come to The Fullness of Christ.

We are to Preach This Gospel to the ends of the earth and be Faithful till Christ Comes and Claims His Bride.

Ephesians 4:15; **'But Speaking The Truth in Love, may grow up into him in all things, which is The Head, even Christ.'**

Always Speaking The Truth and having LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. There is no room in The Ministry or The Church for lies or pretense. *We are to be True and Honest in everyway, always speaking The Truth, seasoned with Gods Spirit.*

Ephesians 4:16, **'From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in The Measure of every part, maketh increase of The Body unto The Edifying of itself in Love.**

Now speaking of the whole body fitly joined together, (we all have a Work to do), even the women The Lord speaks a few times in The Message saying *'Let the women help ALL they can'*.

Message 99:22, 'Let The Work continue everywhere. Let the women help where they can'.

Message 110:16, 'It is good that the women help all they can--aiding their companions and The Work, aiding in the records and translations into other languages. Let The Work spread elsewhere as much as The Way opens'.

Message 90:23, 25, 'There will be many troubles and trials within the homes, the nations and The Church UNTILL you will Rejoice to stand together.

Let Peace rule your lives--watch what you say and do and where you are. Pray The Lord of The Vineyard to send forth men of Renown and Faith to Work in This Way. Let the women help all they can. There is much to be done'.

These are just a few places where The Messenger speaks of the women's work.

Even the little children will be prompted by The Holy Spirit in the last days concerning the last days.

Acts 2:17-21, 'And it shall come to pass in The Last Days, Saith God, 'I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall Prophesy and your young men shall see Visions and your old men shall dream Dreams: and on My Servants and on My Handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall Prophesy and I will shew Wonders in Heaven above and Signs in the earth beneath; Blood and Fire and Vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that Great and Notable Day of The Lord come; and it shall come to pass that whosoever shall Call The Name of The Lord shall be Saved.'

Joel 2:28-29, 'And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall Prophesy your old men shall see Dreams, your young men shall see Visions, and also upon The Servants and upon The Handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.'

Message 87:25, 'The Work may go slow now, but young and old will be awakened --as there comes The Greater Understanding and Light will take place. Praise ye The Lord in His Wonder Working Power and Plan'. (Also in your spare time read these Scriptures, 2 Timothy, Chapter 3 and Message 86.)

Message 29:7, 'Find not fault with one another, for all have their work to do and I The Lord shall Require it at the last day'.

When a body is working together in Harmony with The Spirit of The Lord we will see that Love of Christ among us.

Ephesians 4:17-24, 'This I say therefore and Testify in The Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind.

Having the understanding darkened being alienated from The Life of God through the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their heart.

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto Lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

But ye have not so learned Christ:

If so be that ye have heard Him and have been taught by Him as The Truth is in Jesus:

That ye put off concerning the former conversation of the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

And be renewed in The spirit of your

mind:

And that ye put on the new man which after God is Created in Righteousness and True Holiness’.

So we have been Baptized, Hands laid upon us so that we might Receive The Holy Ghost, and The Ministry has been Ordained into This Work. So after all this and The Grace of God upon us our conversations should not be corrupt or deceitful, or tearing each other down because of our own thoughts. But we are to be Renewed in The Spirit of our minds

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

Jeremiah 24:7, **‘And I will give them an heart to know Me, that I AM The Lord and they shall be My People and I will be their God, for they shall return unto Me with their whole heart’.**

Ephesians 4:25, **‘Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man Truth with his neighbour for we are members one of another’.**

So we are not to lie to one another or anyone. *We serve a God of Truth, and we should have The Fruits of The Spirit in us, and Love for one another.*

Ephesians 4:26-28, **‘Be ye Angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath:**

Neither give place to the devil.

Let him that stole, steal no more; but rather let him labour working with his Hands the things which is Good, that he

may have to give to him that needeth’.

If you are angry with someone (spouse, child, neighbor, friend or brother or sister in The Church) then go to them talk it out (not yell it out) if you can’t come to an understanding of Love between each other then get on your knees together and ask God to help you heal. But if you go to bed angry it will fester within you and give satan reason to hinder you. Before long the problem is larger then it was. Instead of going to the person your upset with, you began to talk about that person to others and you spread doubts and hurt among others, and you get to feeling worst and thinking it was all them. After all you didn’t do anything! So handle these differently with others by Prayer and talking to them in kindness.

Ephesians 4:29, (Oh boy here it is: we all need to take notice of this one) **‘Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth but that which is Good to the use of EDIFYING, that it may Minister Grace unto the hearers’.**

So let your conversation be clean, and joyfully. Tearing others down only make you look bad, and can hurt the weaker in the Spirit and cause them to be hinder in their Walk with The Lord.

Ephesians 4:30, **‘And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are Sealed unto The Day of Redemption,’** (Unclean conversation grieve our Lord. *What is unclean conversation?* Its gossip, evil speaking of others, tearing each other down, swearing, boastful being unkind being angry with each other. Speaking untruth. Sin of any kind grieves our Lord).

Well lets go to verse 31 it really sums it all up:

Ephesians 4:31, **‘Let bitterness and**

wrath (intense anger, action carried out in great anger) **and anger and clamour** (loud yelling) **and evil speaking, be put away from you with all Malice'** (spite, desire to harm another).

Brothers and Sisters these things must not be within us and if you are having problems with these then go to God ask His Forgiveness and do all you can to not slip into these things. Be Administered too. Ask for Prayer.

Ola, my wife, is always saying '*Man is continually evil without The Spirit of God*', and that is Scripture! So to Overcome these things think upon The Lord and Study The Scriptures, become Closer to The Lord, speak often to The Lord. Work on bringing *The Fruits of The Spirit* into your life more completely.

Ephesians 4:32, '**And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you**'.

Lets practice these things and be Thankful we are part of one another. *Rejoice to Stand Together!*

So remember to be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you.

Now Ephesians, Chapter 5:8-10, '**For ye were sometimes darkness, But now are ye Light in The Lord: Walk as Children of Light!**

For The Fruit of The Spirit is in all Goodness and Righteousness and Truth;

Proving what is acceptable unto The Lord'.

Now I will close reading a few Scriptures in Galatians 5:14, '**For The Law is Fulfilled in one word, even in this: thou shall Love thy neighbour as thy self.**' (So consider others over yourself) .

Galatians 5:16-17, '**. . . Walk in The Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

For the flesh lusteth against The Spirit and The Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary to one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would'.

So you see sometimes we desire to do right but when we are not walking in The Spirit then we become weak and fall into things we shouldn't be doing. So be led by The Spirit and you will have Strength to Overcome the sins of the flesh.

Galatians 5:19-26, '**Now the work of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.**' (Tending to excite lust or expressing lust.)

Idolatry, (worship of Idols) **witchcraft, hatred, variance** (dispute, quarrelsome) **emulations**, (to try to equal or surpass or to imitate) **wrath**, (intense anger) **strife** (contention) **seditions**' (stirring up contention), **heresies**', (holding on to things that is not Doctrine in The Church).

Envying, (a feeling of discontent or ill will because of another advantage. or wanting something some one else has to the point it makes you feel bad.) **murders, drunkenness, revellings** (to make noisy merry making); **of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in time past that they which do such things shall not inherit The Kingdom of God.**'

But The Fruit of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith,

Meekness, (patient and mild not inclined to anger or resentment) **temperance** (self-restraint) **against such there is no law.**

And they that are Christ's have Crucified the Flesh with the affections

and lusts.

If we Live in The Spirit, let us also Walk in The Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another’.

So lets repent of our weakness’s and strive to live in The Spirit of The Lord. DEVELOP *The Fruits of Spirit* in our life, put Christ FIRST in all we say and do, so that when the world look upon us they will say ‘SEE HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER’, and that we will become the people with Clean Hands and Pure Hearts, Truly Worthy to be Called God’s Chosen.

Closing Song, ‘*Open My Eyes, That I May See*’. The Words of God are wonderful to hear every time. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

Testimony Service

Apostle Donald Thompson

Apostle Richard Johnson

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson opened The Service. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. No opening song.

Blessing of a Child

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates, and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Blessed Brodee Lee Barrett. son of Stephanie Joann Barrett.

Administrations

Brother Zack Greenwell and Sister Tammy Thompson was then Prayed for by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates, and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates spoke about how you have to be in The Word to Overcome. Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then gave a Special Prayer for Brother

Disciple Mobuto and his wife, Maggie, and their new born child.

Testimonies

Ola Thompson, Missouri: I am Thankful for being here today. We all have a reason for our Testimony. I remember dad talking about having a spot on his yellow shirt, it reminded him of sin. We try to hide it, but it is there until The Lord removes it. I am Thankful of This Authority The Lord has given unto our Ministry. *It is Pure and Holy. We are to keep it Sacred.* I was Blessed to see Brother Ethan Johnson be Baptized. It reminded me of the good things that happened to Ellen which lead her to Baptism, even The Blessed Things that lead her and Matthew to be married. I have been Blessed greatly with family and friends. Pray for us.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: I would like to play a song from a CD that Sister Brenda Humpert gave us ladies a couple years ago. It has been such a Great Blessing to me every time I played it. I do not know the name of the song, as no names were written on the CD, only numbers. This is known as Number 7. I once was addicted to smoking. It was hard giving that habit up, but through The Lord and His Love for me, I was able to Overcome. I would have to make myself get out of bed to Pray, otherwise I would fall asleep. I Praise His Name! I Love you all. Continue to Pray for me. Know that you can be forgiven!

Ola Thompson, Missouri: Read Message 115:12, ‘*The powers of evil will seek to destroy. Some you feel after would harm The Work if it did not first destroy them. Let doubts and fears be removed. Many will join in This Work and The Success of The Righteous will be Great in The Lord’s Sight.*’ We all need to repent and leave the

past behind. We can use the past to direct others, otherwise leave it in the past. Sometimes we can be our own worst enemy. **Donald Thompson, Missouri:** Sounds like she described my life. We all have done things we are ashamed of. If we Truly repent, The Lord will forgive us. We all have those besieging sins. We must repent, review our Covenant to God, and ask forgiveness and not try to sin again, and take The Sacrament, asking God to forgive us. We have a Loving God.

Jairus Yates, Missouri: Jesus is Lord! My father would say, *'start where we are, not where we want to be'*. God is Pleased when we Stand up and Testify. I saw a man in Africa when I was there with no hands, no skin on his arms to his elbows. There was nothing the doctors could do, nothing I could do. Then another man with a growth on his back. I saw some people eat mud because they had no food. I saw that the schools had no chalk boards so the children wrote their letters in the mud. We need to give Thanks to The Lord for what we have.

Leonard Draves, Missouri: I spoke to Brother Apostle Mike Greenwell just before I came in today. He was not able to get to Brother Gerald Kloss to Baptize him today, but he is planning to get back with him in the next two weeks to do so. Pray that this will happen, as Brother Gerald has waited sometime for Baptism. God Bless you all.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: I am Thanking The Lord that Jairus came Home. I Thank you for listening to God. We received a lot of comfort from the words Brother Mobuto sent us concerning our mom. Mother wanted to be Baptized but couldn't because of her problems. I know that The Lord knows her heart.

Ashley Rowlen, Missouri: I am Thankful

for being here. It is a True Blessing. Thankful for The Preaching, I have received a Great Blessing. Pray that I am a good example for my family and my husband. I Love you all. I Love The Three Books, Thank you.

Administration

Elaina Downs, daughter of Chalee Snow, Prayed for by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

Closing Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson. Closing song was song Number 9 for the CD Brenda gave to Tammy. (5:05 p.m.)

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Service opened by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Opening Song, *'The Old, Old Path'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Special sung by Sister Kristie Johnson.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves honored Sister Brenda Humpert to give her Testimony.

Brenda Humpert, Missouri: *I have really been Blessed today. I have been having a lot of chronic pain. I have been to the doctors, taken Ibuprofen and was told it was arthritis. I thought, I would have to quit. I went to work today with no pain. I have been Blessed. I Thank The Lord for answering Prayers. I just had to share this with you all. God Bless.*

Thank you Brenda for that Testimony. It is wonderful when we can see The Lord's Hand move and His Blessings in our lives.

I am very Pleased to introduce our Speaker tonight, Brother Apostle Richard

Johnson, of Iowa. Please give him your kind attention.

Sermon Notes

A Vision of Two Cities and The Water of Life and Waters of the wicked.

Part Two

*Apostle Richard Johnson
Iowa*

Now for a different Vision. When researching The Messages about *The Water of Life* there was this Message about the waters of the wicked. I began to simply match the words about it in The Messages and other supporting Scriptures.

Message 52:8, ‘. . . **the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away**’.

All evil will be destroyed and sin would have no hold on The Lord’s Elect. They will be safe and the former beauty of the earth Restored.

Revelation 16:12, ‘**And The Sixth Angel poured out his vial on the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared**’.

This ‘vial’ is one of the seven ‘*vials of The Wrath of God*’ told about in Revelation 16:1.

Physical Babylon sat on the literal river Euphrates. The city was seat of the false pagan religions and the tower. The river ran through the city giving it support and safety. In ‘*The Revelation*,’ ‘Mystery Babylon’—‘sits on many waters’ (17:1), with whom the kings of the earth has committed fornication (2nd verse) her name is written Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth (5th verse)

but these waters don’t refer to the Euphrates found in modern Iraq.

God uses a woman to represent a church, a city or nation of people. *A pure, virtuous woman (virgin) represents Christ’s True Church.* A harlot represents one or more of these that are unfaithful to Him being deceived by satan and deceiving others.

John’s Angel Messenger explained, ‘**The waters which you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues**’ (15th verse).

If the ‘waters’ represent ‘people,’ and if the vial of wrath falls on the water, then this means God’s Wrath finally being poured upon people who steadfastly continue supporting Mystery Babylon’s worldwide forces of satan and his global kingdoms. The people and the nation’s affection and support will dry up. Their illusions and confusions must come to an end.

Message 88:33, ‘. . . **The power and ways of satan and of man’s idols, and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness**’.

Message 86:34, ‘**Armageddon--the great worldly con-fusion shall come in and ere the times of mankind will come to an end**’.

It will end when Spiritual Babylon ends or falls.

Revelation 16:13-14 speaks of three *unclean spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty.*

Message 50:12 Tells us—*The three unclean spirits have gone out bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry before the Lord and it comes with man’s inventions, destructions, and war as foretold by the Prophets that brings or gathers the world to a time and a place called Armageddon in the*

Hebrew language before The Lord Comes.
It's about deliverance from satan's world-wide system of false religion and her support of people and governments with the binding of satan and The Savior's Return.

We see the consummation of the battle between Christ and The Armies or Angels of Heaven and Mystery Babylon's forces of satan in opposition to them and The Marriage Supper of The Lamb and His Bride in Revelation 19 made ready. **'Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth His Garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame'**. (Those who are not made ready for The Supper and Marriage of The Lamb. To be found naked is to not be included in The Lord's Covenant with His People and not clothed with His Righteousness.)

Message 96:5. **'The Great Supper is being set. Those that are bidden will not come'**.

When Heaven's Judgments fall on those supporting Babylon (the waters)—reality will be inescapable. They will realize they've been misled. Then they will **'hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire'**, Revelation 17:16. (Here consider this fire as The Truth of God's Word.)

Jeremiah 23:29, **'Is not My Word like as a Fire? Saith The Lord'**.

Revelation 17:18, **'And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over kings of the earth'**.

Message 52:2, **'...Men will oppose the hand that feeds them. They will mistrust their fellows because of the evil and unrest among them'**.

Message 86:42, **'There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against the government,**

picketing and much destruction of property and people, confusion and dismay, emptiness and untrust toward many people. Labor shall rise up against the hand that feeds them: unrest everywhere'.

The consummation and ending of the great powers not of God started in 1989 with the waters of The Soviet Union drying up and now other powers are loosing support.

Message 86:15-16, **'Merchants will weep and howl because their future of craft making and merchandising to get gain will be wounded and broken'** *Read all of Revelation 18 and compare.*

The churches except the charity of a few stand under rebuke and condemnation in Message 22:16, **'For there are those that have taken that which is not theirs, they have polluted the land with their unrighteousness, they have filled their hearts with vanities and unbelief. They have sought their own glory, therefore the Lord will not accept their offerings, and will not hearken unto their prayers, save it be a few who are Humble before Him. — Yet they say we love The Lord'**.

Revelation 17:16, Facing failing political and economic powers misplaced support of nations of peoples and their governments for a false adulterous religion and form of Godliness that sits upon them will be dry up and end. Spiritual Babylon's water will dry up, preparing the way for 'the kings of the east' (Revelation 16:12). The kings of the east included Cyrus. Cyrus came from 'the east' to conquer Babylon (Isaiah 44:26-28; 46:11). The word, 'east,' means 'sun rising,' and the name, 'Cyrus,' means, 'sun.' Cyrus came not to attack The Jews, but as their Deliverer. Compare with 'The Sun of Righteousness'. (Malachi 4:2). In Revelation

7:2, God's Angels come from the east, and Jesus said in Matthew 24:27, **'As the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even to the west; so shall also The Coming of The Son of Man be'**.

Ezekiel 43:2. **'And, Behold, The Glory of The God of Israel came from the way of the east'**.

Therefore just as Cyrus came from the east to deliver literal Israel from the clutches of literal Babylon Christ and The Armies of Heaven can Deliver from Spiritual Babylon and the government shall be upon His Shoulder and *His Name shall be Called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*. By the way Cyrus conquered the city Babylon by diverting The Euphrates River that protected the gates of the city and dried it up.

Message 84:39, **'He Cometh who is The Deliverer. I am His Forerunner. I am The Elias. I bring His Message of Love. The carnal mind of man cannot understand-but The Spiritual shall understand and Fold into This Way'**.

Message 86:18-19, **'Warring powers will continue to conspire and a day of decision will come when Armageddon will begin in the nineties (90's) and when it ends—few men left in battle alive. (Consider The Spiritual Battle between Christ and satan for The Souls of men in parallel with physical wars) But God will appear to The Delivering of The Righteous and Christ Places His Feet on earth—there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but Great Relief and Deliverance for The Righteous. Then The Saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.**

The binding of satan will be and A

Reign of Peace shape into place'.

Compare this with Revelation. See the fall of great wicked Babylon like a great earthquake as the mountains and islands of her power disappear before the fierceness of The Lord's Wrath.

Message 48:10, **'Yet once, it is a little while, and the great shaking of all nations and their desire for greed and spoil will be ripe and come to an end'**. (Compare with Haggai 2:6-7)

Message 52:14, **'Let all be Humble and Repentant. Grieve not The Lord in slothfulness. Let not your goings displease Him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification in evil doings and that are against The Gospel Law. Betray not one another, but Love your Brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know The Better Way, yet fail to Obey. Blessed be those that are True, for they shall Shine Forth in Brightness in Peace of God. All men must overcome besieging sins. The world in sin is retrograde to The Plan of God.'**

Message 62:2, **'I come that Righteousness shall look down from Above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath sent me and causeth me to speak. I speak His Will. The words I speak shall bring Peace to many, for Salvation shall be upon the earth among men . . .'**

Matthew 5:6, **'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after Righteousness: for they shall be Filled'**.

Closing Song, *'Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling'*. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Priesthood Meeting

10:30 a.m.

*Apostle Jairus Yates
Missouri*

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. Brothers continued studying *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

Articles of Faith and Practice

Number 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 only Leader, Witness and Commander.'

***Bible:* John 1:1,10,14-15,18, 3:34,14:6-11; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:28-35, 47; 1 Timothy 3:16; Corinthians 1:30; Revelation 1:11; Jude 1:21-25; Romans 1:20-21; Colossians 2:6-9.**

***The Record Of The Nephites:* 111 Nephi 9:15-19, 11:14-27,32,36; Mosiah 7:26-27, 15:1-4; Ester 3:5-16; 11 Nephi 11:7, 25:12, 26:12.**

***The Word Of The Lord, Brought To Mankind By An Angel:* Message 34:8; 36:3,6; 72:19; 74:3; 81:16,21; 84:2,16-17, 30,36; 86:24-25,34; 88:15; 91:1; 92:14; 97:9; 98:3,17; 110:20; 113:4; 120:6.**

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Adult Study Class

1:30 p.m.

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

Study Class was opened with Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song, 'We've A Story TO Tell'. Chorister, Sister Kristie Johnson.

This year, The Apostles thought it would be best if Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, teacher of The Study Class, would give the same information that was discussed in The Priesthood Meeting to The Congregation. Therefore, refer back to The Priesthood Meeting Notes for information discussed in This Study Class.

Closing Song 'Nearer My God To Me', Chorister: Sister Kristie Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Preaching Service

2:15 p.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song, 'Jesus Is Calling Today'. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, 'Breath On Me'.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves then introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

A Study of Isaiah 66 and Messages

Part One

*Apostle Richard Johnson
Iowa*

Isaiah 66:1, **'Thus Saith The LORD, The Heaven is My Throne, and the earth is My Footstool: where is The House that ye build unto Me? and where is The Place of My Rest?'**

There are four parts in this first verse-two are declarative and two are questions. *Heaven is My Throne, the Earth is My Footstool and where is The House that ye build unto Me and where is The Place of My Rest?* A footstool is for resting or placing your feet and you would usually find a

footstool at ones house with a place to sit.

This house must be found on the earth and should have a Throne or Seat of Power of The Lord of The House.

Message 7/8:5, ‘. . .Behold This House shall be The Government of God on earth;’

A ‘Throne’ represents ‘Seat of Power, Authority, and Rule’. It is found or appears wherever God Manifests His Presence. Consider Heaven is here representing The Habitation (The Tabernacle) of God’s Power and Rule. (*Thy Kingdom come Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*)

Earth represents its society or people. The earth contains both The Righteous and those that are not—both land and the sea and on the land you will find the mountains and rivers. Earth is man’s habitation or dwelling place. It is also the habitation of the fallen angels and of the devil

Isaiah 11:9: (Speaks of a time when) **‘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 waters cover the sea.’**

Symbolically mountains are nations and Kingdoms. Zion is The Holy Mountain and The Dwelling Place of God and His People (Joel 3:17).

Isaiah 2:2, **‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, that The Mountain of The Lord’s House shall be Established in the top of the mountains, and shall be Exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it’.**

Zion represents a nation of The People of The Lord.

Isaiah 51:16, **‘Zion, Thou art My People.’**

The People of The Lord are also His House or Household and His Church (1Tim-

othy 3:15). The Temple of The Lord is also His House (John 2:16).

Message 28:5, **‘. . . Holy, Holy is My House that shall be built, and only that which is Holy shall enter therein.’**

Message 32:4, **‘I shall Call many honest, many humble, many with knowledge and understanding, for yet My House shall be built; My Temple, a Haven of Rest, a Refuge’.** (A definition of Haven is a place of refuge or rest; a Sanctuary).

Message 39:9, **‘. . . For I send One Mighty and Strong and unto him have I given Power to utter words--Eternal Words--and Light is his covering, to set in order My House . . .’**

Message 111: 4, **‘Thus Saith The Lord, ‘Where is The House built unto Me? You live in your sealed houses—with sealed minds—established in your own man made and evil doctrines. Even establishing false teachings of how The God of Heaven, Creator of The Universe, is to speak to mankind . . .’**

Here verses 3 and 4 are addressed to the churches, the people called Restoration failure to Heed The Lord’s Instructions pertaining to The Temple, The Sanctuary and House of The Lord. The inside of their churches and minds are sealed/cieled (covered--paneled) with set traditions and false doctrines that cannot cleanse and sanctify them and that insulate them from hearing The Truth, leaving them as vessels empty of The Lord’s Authority.

Message 5:5, 12, **‘. . . The Lord God shall Sanctify The House that shall be built in His Name, and The Glory of The Lord shall Rest upon it, and The Spirit of The Lord shall fill the hearts of men, and Christ shall Come to it, and The Cloud that shall rest upon it shall Sanctify it and**

the lives of His People . . . (Remember we also are The House and Temple of The Lord.)

Great shall be The Joy of The People of The Lord, not so much because of The House, but because The Lord shall Sanctify His People. His Power will be with them and His Spirit will fill their Souls with Joy. The House shall be a Sheltering Rock to them, a Haven of Rest wherein they will find Spiritual Food and Knowledge, a School wherein they will Learn of God's Goodness'.

Isaiah 66:2, **'For all those things hath Mine Hand Made, and all those things have been, Saith The Lord : but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a Contrite Spirit, and trembleth at My Word'.**

Message 30:7, **' . . . I have placed the mountain and the ocean and planted the forest. I have beautified the earth and man through sin has sought to destroy it. How can I rely upon the untrue and the unfaithful? Their Prayers and their Tears and their efforts are not accepted of Me' (unacceptable offerings)**

Message 84:19, **'I Am He that Formed The Heavens and the earth and all things that in them are . . .'**

Message 85: 37, **'But to this man will I look,' Saith The Lord, 'who is Humble and of Contrite Spirit--I have spoken as of this day.'**

Message 95: 5, **'Who will go? Who shall I send?' Saith The Lord, 'Run, speak again to the man, even to him of a Contrite Spirit, who is Humble before Me. Israel shall be gathered and Zion redeemed and established.'**

Brother W. A. Draves was told by one of *The Three Nephites* he was that man,

that being True then it follows that this chapter in Isaiah is about us and our day and time. Of course it is--because The Time of The Lord's Rest will be in The Millennium Reign of Peace.

Psalm 132:13-14, **'For The Lord hath Chosen Zion; He hath Desired it for His Habitation.**

This is My Rest for ever: here will I Dwell; for I have Desired it'.

Isaiah 66:3, **'He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their Soul delighteth in their abominations'.**

This verse is about unacceptable offerings to The Lord and those that chose their own way of worship.

Message 115:8, **'See those that set up their own way not Believing in what I speak; their Actions deny The Authority I bring. They seek prominency and their works will be destroyed'.**

Proverbs 15:8, **'The Sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to The LORD'.**

God does not accept unclean offerings in unclean vessels. They are an abomination.

Message 12:4, **'Behold, The Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from The Word of The Lord and have become an abomination in His Sight. Therefore, let those that come to *The Church of Christ* be Baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; Preparing themselves, that they may be Fit and Worthy for The Spirit and Power of The Holy Ghost . . .'**

Isaiah 66:4, **'I also will choose their**

delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I Called, none did answer; when I Spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine Eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not’.

Message 91: 7, ‘**God worketh not in subtle manners; nor in evil ways, nor in delusions, such as satan and man doeth’.**

Message 96:5. ‘**The Great Supper is being set. Those that are bidden will not come.**’ (The Messages are full of those bidden—where are they?)

Message 108:16. ‘**The works and follies of men destroys Hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to Doctrine and This Work. I have relayed The Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws’.**

Isaiah 66:5, ‘**Hear The Word of The LORD, ye that tremble at His Word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My Name's Sake, said, Let The LORD be Glorified: but He shall Appear to your Joy, and they shall be ashamed.**’

Message 55:5, ‘**. . . Hate in the heart of man has destroyed many. There are those that hate you and The Message I bring . . .**’

Message 118:2-3,9, ‘**Fret not nor worry not, this is The Lord’s Work, Mankind cannot run it his way. I come to you to give Encouragement. The Authority and Trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you.**

Some let satan drive them into bitterness and evil acts against you.

Take your place as an Apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep The Records

as he has been told to do and other works instructed in The Office.

Isaiah 66:6, ‘**A voice of noise from the city, a voice from The Temple, a Voice of The LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.**’

This verse is about the noise of the commotion and troubles these acts brought upon The Church and of those fighting against The Word of The Lord and The Lord’s Response. Recompense means returning that which is equal.

Message 76:2, ‘**. . . The Faithful Ones never waver and some who could help you have been as bitter enemies--to destroy’.**

Message 118:10, ‘**Mankind cannot do The Lord’s Work his way, it must be The Way of The Lord, or therefore their own destruction’.**

Isaiah 66:7, (This verse continues to answer the questions of the first verse). ‘**Before She travailed, She brought forth; before Her pain came, She was delivered of a man child’.**

I want you to see a couple of things in this verse. Who she is that will travail and be delivered is answered in the next verse. A time of travail is a time of pain and labor that brings forth additional members of a family or household in its likeness but notice before that happens she was delivered of a man child. I want you to make a careful comparison of this Man Child with the account of The Woman and Man Child of The 12th Chapter of Revelation. There The Man Child is brought forth following when She is in Birth and Pained to be Delivered. The Man Child was to Rule all Nations with *A Rod of Iron* but satan was prepared to devour them both. The Child is Caught up into Heaven and The Woman flees into The

Wilderness and satan pursues The Remnant of Her Seed. You will see that does not happen in Isaiah 66. While much of the world, but not all believes, The Man Child is Christ. I Believe it to be His Ministry and The Priesthood Authority of The Son of God.

The Rod of Iron to Rule The Nations is The Authority and Power of The Word of God.

1 Nephi 11:25, **‘And it came to pass that I Beheld that *The Rod of Iron* which my father had seen, was The Word of God,’** (The Messages are also The Word of God).

Message 41: 3. **‘I speak The Words of The Lord . . .’**

Message 49:6, **‘I have sent My Messenger and he speaks My Words . . .’**

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

He is telling us here it is The Church that brings in Zion.

Revelation 2:26-27, **‘And he that Overcometh, and Keepeth My Works unto the end, to him will I give Power over the nations:**

And he shall rule them with a *Rod of Iron*; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father’. (Referring to The Lord and His Anointed that breaks the empty vessels

of dishonor with His Word--Those empty of His Authority).

Romans 8:19, **‘For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for The Manifestation of The Sons of God’.**

Remember God gives The Manifest Sons His Power and Authority to bring about the binding of satan each in their Place and Calling,--Ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists.

The following Message verses show us that when The Church is Fully Prepared as The Bride that Zion is brought in with The Lord’s Reign of Peace.

Message 54:6, **‘. . . *The Church of Christ* shall never again be destroyed. The evil shall not prevail against Her for She shall be Adorned with a Crown of Twelve Bright Stars and Garments of Righteousness’.** (The Image is set in Place and will not flee again into The Wilderness.)

Message 113:5, **‘I bring The Authority that His Bride, *The Church of Christ*, shall be Fully Established and Prepared to bring in The Zion of The Lord, The Way of Eternal Peace’.**

Isaiah 66:8, **‘*Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion Travailed, She brought forth Her Children’.***

Now we know that The Woman is Zion and Bears The Image of The Lord’s Bride.

Message 63:10, **‘. . . Let Zion Arise out of The Wilderness and a people Awaken from the desolation and slumberings, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit . . .’**

Wilderness is a symbol of dry places without God. In Chapter 12 of Revelation, The Woman fled to The Wilderness and

now She is Called out of it. She was separated from The Man Child who was taken to Heaven now Restored.

Isaiah 50:2, *'Wherefore, when I Came, was there no man? when I Called, was there none to answer? Is My Hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no Power to Deliver? Behold, at My Rebuke I dry up the sea; I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.'* (Empty of True Authority and the crystal clear water of life).

Isaiah 64:10, *'Thy Holy Cities are a Wilderness, Zion is a Wilderness, Jerusalem a Desolation.'* (The New Jerusalem with the river of The Water of Life is needed as a Bride Prepared for Her Groom.)

Message 22:15, *'And this nation shall be cleansed, and then shall it be Zion. . .'*

Message 43:8, *' . . . My Zion shall be a Place of Peace, A Nation of Righteousness, where, in Obedience to My Gospel, Salvation shall be found'.*

Message 45:41, *' . . . He Said, 'By The Elect shall The Cause be done.'* (I knew He meant the preparing of a Nation in Righteousness).

Message 63:6, *'Yea, the day comes when all men will come to Worship The Lord, lest His Arm will Shorten and they Perish in their sin'.* He who is Master of men will extend Peace like a river and The Glory of The Faithful like a flowing stream; so will The Lord Comfort. The Lord's Hand is known toward His Own and His Indignation towards the enemies. He shall Appear to your Joy and the nations shall come together to work Peace among them, for The Lord shall Roar from Zion and The Standard shall be Established in Peace for

all shall learn—and speak that language, Loving all men. Moreover, in a day and at once--for Zion Travailleth and shall bring forth Her Children.

Closing Song, *'Trust And Obey'*: Kristie Johnson, Chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Testimony Service

3:00 p.m.

Apostle Donald Thompson

Apostle Richard Johnson

Service opened with Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. *'Because you are Blessed, we shall be Blessed.'* Opening Song *'Blessed Assurance'*.

Testimonies

Richard Johnson, Iowa: It is a Blessing for me to be here and to worship The Lord with you. I do so everyday at home. My family and I give Thanks together to The Lord. I Hope my Witness will bring things to pass. We sow, water when we can, and Hope for the best. We can help and lift each other up around us. None can Save but themselves. I give The Lord Honor at all times. Do things for The Lord while you are still young. I was Baptized in a pond at the same age as my nephew Ethan is. I would say about eleven years old. The Spirit of The Lord ministered to me at a young age. I made a Promises to The Lord, and He expects me to keep them. I made many Promises to The Lord, and I weakened them because of my youth, work, and family. I renewed them and strengthen them as I grew older. I Love This Work and you all.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri: Crystal's car engine blew out Saturday. She was upset

that she couldn't make *The Assembly* due to no transportation. She needs your Prayers. She has no credit. She received a check in the mail for \$1400.00. It was back money from Kyson's father. It came just in time as it gave her a down payment on a different car. I am Blessed to be here today.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: Please Pray for Colton's daughter Chesnee. She asked for Baptism.

Oladawn Thompson, Missouri: I want to give God Honor and Praise. Leonard was Baptized at a very young age. I was around ten when I was Baptized by Brother Author Morse. I was Baptized again when my boy friend got Baptized. It wasn't until after my second daughter was born that I felt The Lord so Strong and Belief in The Work more Strongly that I dedicated my life 100% to The Lord. I know that Sacrament will do that! I didn't get this Commitment with my earlier Baptisms. I was then Baptized on Mother's Day, Carrie was two months old. I was really Blessed. Dad said, *'I think you got it'*. I want to Walk in The Spirit. My Heart rejoices for Sister Maggie, the baby and for Brother Mobuto. Sister Maggie has been in the hospital since June 6th. I Thank God for The Spirit of Discernment. I Love you men. Dad was told to Lead the people aright. *Our Actions must be Christ like.* We were told not to misbehave, as people are watching our actions. I do not want to hinder This Gospel by my actions. All my Blessings and Prayers are for you all and for The Work in Africa, and else where. God Bless.

Leonard Draves, Missouri: I was young when I was Baptized. I remember that I had to beg my father to let me be Baptized. He questioned me a lot about it before he would let me do so. Dad always told us, that every One knows the time they should be Baptized

God Works with everyone in their own time. *I Believe this to be True in my heart.* I also remember how upset my father was with Sister Veach of Iowa. He was visiting the family there on a Missionary Trip. Sister Veach had several young boys, and they all wanted to be Baptized. I believe their ages were from 9 to 14. Dad said they all were ready for Baptism, but she would not allow them to be Baptized, and to this day they are not part of The Work. We hear nothing from them. Dad also believed that we should Baptize those when they ask and are ready to do so. *I have never regretted being Baptized. I Love This Work with all my heart and soul. It is my life!* I want nothing more than this and to be a Good Servant of The Lord and to be in His Will. I Love Working in The Office for The Lord. Please Pray for me and my precious family. I Love you all.

Closing Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves. (4:25 p.m.)

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Service opened with some remarks from Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Song, *'Have Thine Own Way Lord'* Sister Kristie Johnson, Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, *'Jesus, I Have Promise'*.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

'It is a Blessed Experience to be here in our own New Home. This has been a Blessed week for me. My heart still is enlarged by my son being Baptized, just about every other minute.

Richard's Sermon on being about 'Zion,

The Plan' got me thinking about The Church And 'Her Mission'. There is a Plan and a Pattern, The Lord needs His Bride and This Church and it is a big part of The Plan.

Sermon Notes

*Bishop Reece Johnson
Missouri*

I have been thinking about The Church , its Mission and the things we are facing as a people. I want to start out with the 28th Message, verses 1-4, **'Thus Saith The Lord your God, 'Hearken ye nations and hear ye inhabitants of the earth! Your sins have come up before Me; you have rejected My Laws and My Commandments that I have given you, and instead you have heaped unto yourselves the traditions and commandments of men. Your hearts are filled with selfishness and murder, and divers kinds of sins. Satan has filled your hearts with doubts and unbelief, and he holds full sway in your hearts. Therefore, the whole earth is in commotion, and The Honest in Heart must suffer because of the unjust'**

Therefore, thus Saith The Lord your God to The Humble, The Honest in Heart, those that seek for Truth and Righteousness: (Here is the Key.)'Come out of her lest ye suffer with the ungodly, and partake of her punishment; for My Wrath is against the ungodly, against the liars and hypocrites and those that count My Commandments as naught. I have sent the destroyer and devourer in the land, and I will punish the nations and the inhabitants of the earth, that they may become Humble and inquire about Me and My Commandments.

I Am God, I change not. My Laws are

to all nations and all people, and My Words to all generations. Therefore have I given My Gospel to be Preached, that people might repent and come unto Me, and I am again Establishing My Church as in the days of old, and My Kingdom shall never be destroyed.

Come out of her ye that seek Truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will Come to His Own, and His Church, that is again being Established as in the days of old. There is no other Way than Christ's Way; there is no church but His Church; all others are the works of men.'

In these three or four verses, God is speaking about *coming out of her*. I know that most of you know who we are talking about when it is said '*her*', and I will talk about that a little bit. I don't want to assume anything. If you go into Revelations 17, talks a little about who the '*her*' is. I want to read a little about that so that we can identify this place that we are suppose to *come out* of in our lives.

Another interesting tip that I am going to read here in Revelation 17, has been talked about '*coming out of her*' in several different Messages. This particular Message, The Lord is speaking about *coming out of her*.

Revelation also talks about a *marker in time, when this Voice is heard from Heaven also, saying to come out of her*. This marker today, (but that is another sermon), if you are studying, this is a really good marker, because the Messenger has said to *come out of her* and also The Lord said to *come out of her* and it is The Lord speaking. You know this is a marker in time that happens just before the great tribulation and the building of The Temple and The Lord's Coming. We

are really close here, but no one really knows the exact time line. The 17th Chapter of Revelation explains who 'she' is that we must *come out of*. The whole chapter explains this. (Reading verse 1 through 7),

'And there came on of the seven Angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: (now John the Beloved has just seen a vision and this Angel of The Lord came to tell him some about what he just seen.)

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

So he carried me away in The Spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (So now we see a women sitting on this beast in this Revelation and this women described here is the women The Messenger is telling us *to come out of*.)

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (This is John the Beloved speaking here and He saw her sitting on this red colored beast

and he is impressed.)

And The Angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Now the next several verses are telling about the beast itself, I am more interested in the woman so I am going to skip those verses.

Verse 15, **'And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.** (So this woman sits on many waters, and basically the whole earth, has great dominion across the world. She sits on all kinds of nations, across different languages and tongues.)

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. (This will happen in some period of time in the future),

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.'

So we have a woman here described that is enticing to look at. So when I think about this women, I think of her in general as the church of satan, and the power of satan in the world.

So in general, for this conversation, this is what this woman represent. There will be only two churches in the world, there will be *The Church of Christ* and the church of satan. You will be in one or the other, there is no middle ground even though some people sits the fence a little. The Lord tells us even then that sitting on the fence is not a good position to be in because He will spit you out for being luke warm. So you are

either in *The Church of Christ*, or the church of satan. There is no middle ground!

As I read earlier in these verses, The Lord is compelling us *to come out of* the woman. We are involved in this woman and all these abominations described in the first few verses I read, are really the enticing of the world that is all around us, it is in the music, televisions, and media daily.

It is really an amazing time we are living in, but this woman has tons of power. The Lord said in the last days that knowledge will be increased and satan will have great power.

The media we have today gives us a disadvantage compared to our forefathers. It is amazing if you go back a hundred years and see how people lived then as compared to how we live now. Much of what we have today, can be used for good or bad.

The Lord says nothing is evil of itself, it is the mind of man that does those things. It is an amazing time we live in, but it also allows satan greater power to reach each of us all the time with things we think are okay, but if you read The Scriptures and compare your live and activities, a lot of the times you realize that you are a little bit off base and not matching up with what The Scriptures will have.

So again, this woman is the church of satan. She surely is very attractive, verse seven tells us she marvelous, and John marveled at her and wondered. So there is the possibility that we can *come out of her* and fall right back into her. That's the daily battle that each of us fights as members of *The Church of Christ*.

So, when we *come out of her*, the only place to go is *The Church of Christ*. Some people may be involved with this other church to some degrees, but the ultimate

goal is to be in *The Church of Christ* and to have that safety that we all look for.

So when we do find our way *out of* this abominable church The Lord talks about, the way we put on This Armor of God to keep ourselves from falling back into that, there probably is a hundred references in *The Word of The Lord* I could quote to you, but I won't do that to you, is basically to shape your lives by the words The Messenger brings. This is how we are going to put on this Armor The Lord talks about. Keeping ourselves from slipping back in to those bad habits, the things we shouldn't be doing in our lives.

I have found many verses that The Lord has given us about shaping our lives by the words The Messenger brings.

'Take The Message of The Lord to the people, many will receive it and those that will *shape their lives by it* will receive their reward, those that will not heed it will suffer thereby yet in the end they will see and they will yet know that God has spoken.'

Message 57: **'Let The Faithful be True that The Spirit of Peace will be upon you. Watch against the days to come wherein many will suffer. But *shape your lives by the words* I bring and it will be well with you.'**

Message 41:7, **'Blessed are The Servants that will defend This Cause for Truth shall live and bring to naught all error. Many are Called for a Special Work: *shape your lives by the words* I bring you and it will be well with you.'**

So clearly, it is very important, if you go through The Messages that we need to shape our lives by the words The Messenger brings. And that is why I am sorta nervous by being up here. A lot of times I feel like,

what can possibly be any better than what John the Baptist has brought from The Lord. I know we all feel that, as this is a Unique Church, that we have this wonderful Revelation, straight from God and then you get up here and you think how can I do any better than what The Messenger has said?

I guess, I better summarize some of this stuff so that it would easier for you, as you can read The Messages yourself.

Today, when I was studying, going through the verses I'm going to read, I felt The Lord's Spirit and Peace. You know, like what you get at times when laying in bed at night. It just came to my mind again, *how possibility could I do any better than The Messages.* We do have a Great Blessing in that as we read and study, we will have that same Filling of The Spirit in our Souls.

Message 41 talks a little more of some of the things we need to do as we *come out of* this church, or life style, if you want to put it that way. (verse 8-11,13) **'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; for the nations shall yet know His Voice and from them shall come those that shall be His Bride in very Deed. They shall be a Pure People.**

Verily, thus Saith The Lord,' I have sent My Messenger for the Pruning of My Vineyard for the last time. Of this day The Prophets of old have spoken that Zion shall be redeemed. Thus The Righteous shall come forth and take their place for they shall inherit among The Favored of The Lord.' (As I go through here, this is the room full of people The Lord is talking about here.)

Yea, as I have led The Children of Israel in days of old, so will I Lead My People now as you come near unto Me and Harken to The Words that I send for Instructions, for Directions, for your Cleansing and Comfort from time to time. For I Am your God and I change not.

Verily, verily, I Plead with you that you stand not in jeopardy. Come unto Me and I will give unto you The Water of Life freely. (This is that Water of Life that Brother Richard has been talking about.) **Lift up your heads all ye Faithful and Rejoice for I Am He that Dwelleth on High and have Great Power. My Power shall be more Greatly Manifested in the future among ye that Believe than has been in the past. Therefore, I say unto you. Lift up in Faith and be Glad in The Strength I shall give. For I Am your Redeemer and I shall Cause thee to stand . . .**

Blessed art thou that seeketh to bring forth My Zion, for it shall be and The Righteous shall have Victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send The Warning, even by My Messenger in The Spirit and Power of Elias, that ye walk Humbly before Me, even all, teaching My Law that mankind must come with Full Purpose of heart. Cleave unto Me and I shall cleave unto you. 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 Sacrifice of a Broken Heart; repent in a Contrite Spirit.'

So these are some of the things that we worked with Ethan on his baptism about the

way into The Lord's Church, and the things we need to do, even after we enter by way of Baptism. He said, **'enter in at The Strait Gate, Abide in The Way which is Narrow** (so you come in by Baptism and then God says to Abide in The Way that is Narrow and you have to Endure to the end.) **and Endure unto the end that ye may obtain Eternal Life.'** (This is a whole another sermon on our Salvation and how that happens.)

When we begin to read these words and let it happens in our lives, The Lord's Spirit will begin to fill our hearts. It's the Vessel that Brother Richard spoke of, even to an overflowing. When we have this in our lives, we begin to feel that great Love of God and it grows in us. That growth The Lord talks about turns into Charity and things we want to do with help to our Loved ones and family. So as we begin to be filled with The Spirit of The Lord, we began to gain this Charity in our hearts. Some dictionary list Charity as Christian Love.

The Lord said **'to be thy clean that bears The Vessel of The Lord. Let your conversations be clean, Let realness of Charity Rule your lives, Lift up a Standard. Man sins will find him out and be his sorrow, how great of grief they bring.'**

So as we come into The Work, and take hold, we want to continue to work on Charity in our lives, this is The Love of God that we feel towards our Brothers and Sisters.

Briefly, a few definitions of Charity: a generous action, or donation to aid those in need, or something given to a person or person in need, leniency in judging others.

We talked a little about this Sunday morning. The Lord says to see one another

with Loving Eyes. Brother Mervyn spoke of having this Great Overwhelming Love towards his fellowman, and he was able to see people as God sees people and it was a touching experience for him. This would be something we all would Love to have daily in our lives, having that brief touch of The Lord's Love for everyone.

To speak a little more about this *Charity* in our hearts, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, (the Apostle Paul speaking), **'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.**

And though I have The Gift of Prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all Faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind: Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

Doeth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provokied, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in The Truth;

Beareth all things, Believeth all things, Hopeth all things, Endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be Prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be Tongues, they shall cease; whether there be Knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we Prophecy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done

away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now Abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the Greatest of these is Charity.' (This was Paul's view and understanding of Charity.)

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

So those that do this, it says their works will stand The Test. Charity is a KEY part of our walk with The Lord.

You all know that I am a Bishop and I like to talk a little bit about Tithing as it pertains to Charity and our walk with The Lord, our Charitable Walk with Him.

There are verses in The Messages that describe our need to pay our Tithing and be Charitable towards The Lord's Bride, His Church. So I wanted to ask a few questions as food for thought. You all know that recently The Church moved in here and it has been a little financial strain, but we have a Home here that we don't have to worry about loud neighbors.

As I was speaking earlier about the two churches, just like the church of satan is a well funded organization, they have people that are trying to change our Righteous Rights in this country that was set up on Righteous Standards.

The Lord is setting up His Kingdom on

the earth, it is a Spiritual Thing but it is also a temporal thing. The Lord's Kingdom requires us to give to It. This Bride needs to be Clothed and taken care of. We make up that Bride, but it still requires Charity from us to keep Her going. This Woman, the Bride of Christ, can not generate Her own money. She can't go out and find Her own money. We are the ones that are responsible in taking care of Her. This Building, the Missionary effort we have and other works that need to be done. We have the obligation as we want to see The Church grow, we want to see the good things happen, like this Home we have to worship, it does take funding. So I want to read a few verses about that and talk about this Charitable act we need to show. We Love The Church and we are a big family and we want to contribute to help The Work grow.

Message 82: 21, 'Pay your Tithes and Oblations that The Faithful may carry on. Let the hindering causes be removed that The Work may roll on. The Wheels of Justice are turning. The Purging and Cleansing is on. Man cannot glory in himself.'

Message 83:32, 'Pay your Tithes and Oblations that The Work may continue on.'

Message 91:28, 'Let the Tithes come in, that The Churches may stay alive and build themselves up. For Great is The Call to be Ready when men look for Standards and find it not elsewhere. Let it be found in *The Church of Christ* With The Words I bring that God's Plan may be understood.'

Message 62:19, 'The Lord has sent me that all might be Encouraged. Let Peace be in The Hearts of all. Let The Work move on. Let all pay their Tithes that they

may render to The Lord that which is His ...?

So keep in mind these questions, that I am going to read about. *Do you feel it is possible to be Charitable and a thief at the same time? Have you ever thought about this in your mind? Do the two mesh? Can you be a robber in one hand and be Charitable in the other hand?* So think about this as I read these verses.

If you received a gift from someone and later you found out that it was bought with stolen money, *how would you feel about that gift? How would you feel about the person that gave it to you?* Something else to think about.

When we talk about gifts, for something to be a good gift or an acceptable gift, if you haven't paid any Tithing, *who is paying for the gift?* To keep it simple, I am using money here, as we know there are many gifts, our Time, our Love and Compassion, etc. For us to actually give an oblation to The Lord and we haven't paid our Tithes, then *where did the money come from?* The Lord said for us to give ten percent. *So can we robe and be Charitable at the same time?* That is something The Lord wants us to work on and overcome in our lives and follow The Commandment and then when we follow that Commandment, then when we give a gift, it comes from us, it something we own, or is it like the guy that stole the gift and gave it to his family and it is found out and that takes away from the gift. This goes back to what Brother Richard was talking about acceptable offerings, which we have to attain to, so it would really be an acceptable offering.

Tithing is not an offering, it is not a sacrifice we give Him, it is a Commandment we follow and then we want to get into

oblations to show The Lord after that, these are the gifts that we are trying to give The Lord. These are things over and above The Commandment we are trying to do for The Lord. That is when The Lord can really feel your Love and that you are attempting to give Him something more than just following all The Commandments.

The Lord wants us to give Oblations to Him over and above just the check box. That's another sermon on Obligations.

Message 22:19, **'There are those that have robbed The Lord of one tenth of that which was The Lord's. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts, 'This is mine'. Hearken unto Me, says The Lord your God, all that thou hast I have given thee, and I shall require one tenth thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed; that The Gospel might be Preached, and The Kingdom of God might be Established on earth in its Fullness, and The Church set in Order in its Completeness.'**

If we are thinking about Tithing, we often think about it as money we have to give to The Church. We need to think about this at a deeper level.

A few of the keys that I read in verse 19: The Messenger points out four things that cannot be accomplished without Tithing and they are pretty big. They come at the end of this verse: 1), the poor indeed cannot be feed, 2) The Gospel cannot be Preached in all the world that we are suppose to be doing, it requires Tithes, 3) The Kingdom of God cannot be Established in its Fullness without Tithes, and finally, 4) The Church cannot be set in Order and in its Completeness. These are all things The Lord said could be made possible, through His

Requirement of one tenth. Again The Church is an Organization established on earth and it cannot be done without money and I know this is unfortunate in this world. This Church is mostly a Spiritual Work, but you cannot go on Spiritual Works alone, The Lord has to have a Physical and Kingdom and Foundation here on earth.

These are important things to keep in mind, as we have been learning this week in The Assembly our Mission to Establish Zion. These are pretty big items here that we cannot do without Tithing money. We certainly can't Preach The Gospel, or set up The Kingdom of God here on earth without it. I know that it seems like this little group here has a lot of things to accomplish, but we can do it. It has to start a little bit at a time. We talked about going out to do some Missionary Work, and it may be by sacrificing. Right now we don't have the money to do it, so it will have to be done by Sacrifice.

We do have it between us and among us if we all contribute a little bit the money The Lord has asked of us to really make a big difference in helping This Work to grow.

This last verse I would like to read is Message 48, verse 8, **'Thus Saith The Lord, 'Those that have robbed the widow and the fatherless have robbed me, and many suffer in darkness, not knowing My Will, because there are those that shorten their hand, not rendering that which I require of them.'**

This verse is really important, but now The Lord is telling us that many suffer in darkness because of our shorten of hand, which means that we cannot Preach The Gospel to reach these people, so they suffer in darkness. We are able to Establish The Kingdom and set The Church in Complete

Order so even those we have not yet reached are suffering in darkness. We want to make sure that we are not lacking in reaching people from something as simple as money. It takes a lot of other things to do this in reaching people.

Money is a hard thing to give up, but at the same time is pretty simple. It's not about how am I going to get off work, or how am I going to feed my family and things like that. If we have the Tithing, it makes things that much easier to go out into The Field when we know that we can help support the family. Of course we must be within reason and be responsible with The Lord's money.

The Lord wants His Bride to be arrayed in a Beautiful Way and we have a beautiful Home here. There has been a lot of work and effort from those here in this room and out of this room that really helped out to make this Home nice. You can see that we are getting pretty close here even with our size here today. We have the ability here to add on, or even maybe we need to find a larger building if our Missionary Efforts are favorable with The Lord. Even this small building we have here, it is very close for us with our money. So as I told the Local here several weeks ago, if you feel that you don't have much to give, give it, as it really will help.

Some of the things I would recommend with Tithing is just like quitting a bad habit, stopping cold turkey doesn't work. So start with one or two percent and work your way up so that you don't blow your budget and things start falling a part for you and then you can't do anything.

That is my own personal Testimony about five or six years ago, as for years I didn't pay Tithing. Kristie and I started out paying one or two percent, then three or four

percent, and we worked our way up gradually and that seemed to help us. The other thing that helped us was direct deposit. The Church has a routing number, and an account number and if your employer have that ability to direct deposit for you it would be helpful. As for me, it is better not to see that money in my hand, as I am submitted to the flesh like everybody else and it tends to slip right out. For those of you that can, there is always that option. Those are some little tips that may help you if you are trying to get started and to make that change.

I realized that my life was going in the wrong direction, so I moved here. The Lord said to put Him first in all things, so I took Him for His Word, and I put Him First and moved here. I forgot all about my college degrees and stuff. I just wanted to Serve The Lord and let Him Led me where He wanted me to go and The Lord really worked with me. I paid my Tithing early on and He Blessed me with a good job. I found my wife from that job, and lots of Blessings came from that.

There was a time in my life that I thought I couldn't pay Tithing and when I started to pay, The Blessings came, and by the time I was able to give my ten percent, The Lord increased my pay thirty percent. And by now, He has increased my pay by seventy five percent. So my Testimony to you is that if you think you cannot afford to pay Tithes, I would say you can't afford NOT to pay Tithes because there are so many things The Lord will open up. Things you can't even see. The Lord will Reward you two or three folds. That's my Testimony to you.

I would encourage you all to do that, not only for the sake of The Work or The Local, or even to have a Place to Worship, these are all good things, but there is a Blessing that

comes from paying your Tithes. Specially in This Work, as we are trying to set up The Bride of Christ, and make ourselves ready to receive The Lord when He Comes and have His Bride arrayed in Righteousness, and arrayed in fine Clothing and Beautiful. (That is our Spiritual side too), but we don't want to be a hindrance to anybody because we are meeting in a tool shed somewhere and people don't want to come visit us. We have this to think about. I know we think that these things shouldn't matter how we meet or where we meet, but they do matter. The Lord wants us to tidy our lives and He wants His Bride to be tidy and to have a place for people to come to worship and be comfortable and things like that.

I just want to encourage every body as I close tonight, to contribute what you can. Not trying to bribe you into anything, and its not that we can't get by with what we have, but it sure would be nice to have a little cushion, right now when we pay our bills it is pretty close.

I want you all to experience the Blessings that comes from paying Tithes in your life.

This is The Lord's Church and we want to contribute our time and money to this Church. It is not going to grow stricking on Faith. The Lord would not of given this Commandment if He thought He could build His entire Kingdom on thin air, on Faith alone. Part of Faith is paying Tithes. If we pay, The Lord will Bless. There is another church out there that does not belong to The Lord and they are doing all they can to destroy The Lord's Church and His Gospel.

Just keep these things in mind. I haven't talked a lot before on Preaching The Tithing Law but felt the need this evening. God Bless you all.

Closing Song, 'How Great Thy Art'.
Chorister, Sister Kristie Johnson. Closing
Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.
(8:10 p.m.)

Study Class 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 Priesthood Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Service opened with Prayer by Brother
Apostle Leonard Draves.

Continuing on with The Articles of
Faith and Practice, number 3.

**'We Believe in The Holy Ghost, The
Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which
searcheth the deep things of God, brings
to minds things which are past, reveals
things to come and in the medium by
which we receive The Revelation of Jesus
Christ.'**

**Bible: John 14:16-17,26; 15:26;
Hebrews 6:1-7; Luke 2:26,12:12; Acts 1:5-
8, 2:1-6, 4:31; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Hebrew
10:15-16.**

**The Record Of The Nephites: 1 Nephi
32:1-6; 11 Nephi 31, 32:5; Alma 8:30;
Moroni 10:4-7.**

**The Word Of The Lord, Brought To
Mankind By An Angel: Messages 37:7,
49:8, 99:12.**

Power of The Holy Ghost:

**The Word Of The Lord Brought To
Mankind By An Angel: Messages 12:1,4;
49:19; 81:5; 87:23; 94:6; 107:8.**

Sin Against The Holy Ghost;

**Bible: Matthew 12:30-32; Mark 3:29;
Luke 12:10.**

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle
Leonard H. Draves.

Services opened with Prayer by Brother
Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song,
'Precious Lord'.

Study Class was once again going over
the references given in The Priesthood
Meeting this morning.

Other references given were by Sister
Ola Thompson: **Message 110:20** (Called by
Spirit), **1 Timothy 3:16**. Brother Leonard
Draves mentioned **Message 117:10**.

Closing Prayer by Sister Tammy
Thompson.

Preaching Service 2:00 p.m.

Services Opened by Brother Apostle
Leonard H. Draves. Opening Song, '*I
Belong To The King*'. Brother Leonard
Draves, Chorister. Opening Prayer by
Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves
introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother
Apostle Donald Thompson.

*'It is always Good to Stand up for The
Lord. We all have had many Blessings from
The Lord. God can change the hearts of
people.*

*I wish that Brother Apostle Mervyn
Johnson and Brother Apostle Michael
Greenwell could be with us today. I miss
Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson's Sermons.*

*We need to Praise God as much as
possible, 'How Great Thy Art' a beautiful
song.*

*I found an Article written by Brother
Apostle William A. Draves, that I would like
to talk about this afternoon. I knew this man*

and what kind of man he was. He was a Good Man.

Have Faith in The Lord. I know that God Answers Prayers. I've seen Prayers Answered with Brother Disciple Mobuto, my family, and with my niece Joy.

Sermon Notes

*Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri*

*(Taken from W.A. Draves Article in
September, 1973)*

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.'

Ezekiel 14:1-8, (Idols hindrances to Prayer) 'Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

And The Word of The Lord came unto me, saying,

Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus Saith The Lord God: Every man of The House of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the Prophet; I The Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

That I may take The House of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.

Therefore say into The House of Israel, Thus Saith The Lord God; Repent, and

turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all you abominations.

For every one of The House of Israel, or of the stranger that so-journeth in Israel, which separateth himself from Me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a Prophet to enquire of him concerning Me; I The Lord will answer him by Myself:

And I will set My Face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb and I will cut him off from The Midst of My People; and ye shall know that I Am The Lord.'

These men have set up idols in their heart. 'Should I be inquired of at all by them?' (Ezekiel 14:3).

It is understood that by reading God's Word that when men set up idols in their hearts, they not only hinder their own Prayer --Life but also clog the channel of His Reply. He Points out the inconsistency of seeking the benefits of His Blessing while clinging tenaciously to pet sins. Those who practice such hypocrisy are presumptuous to think that they still have a right to receive His Divine Help and Attention. The Psalmist underscores this Warning when he exclaims 'if I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me.'

Anything that hinders our Service and Full Obedience to God is also an idol. Seeking social status or engaging in the breathless pursuit of worldly pleasure can become obstacles to Prayer. Even a tobacco smoker, builds a canopy over his head. Close introspection may reveal that we are even guilty of worshipping at the shrine of our own selfish ego. Materialism and covetousness, two of the great sins of our

age, are definitely set forth in The Scriptures as another form of 'Idolatry' (Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5).

The Solemn Warnings in Ezekiel 14 should therefore make us take careful inventory lest our Prayer Life be rendered fruitless by the restricting influence of Spiritual Infidelity.

IDOLS, or Ideals in this life, block Blessings for The Lord.

When Mahmud of Ghazni invaded India, his conquering forces entered a celebrated Temple to destroy it. He was entreated by the priest to spare a certain idol but refused. Instead, he rained repeated blows upon it. Suddenly the image burst open and a stream of Precious Stones cascaded from its hollow interior. So, too, for each IDOL the Christian destroys in his life. He gains more than he loses! Every one that is demolished brings him new Treasures of Grace and removes another hindrance to a productive Life of Prayer.

God Created us Eternally

Believe in God. *What are some of the practical problems that we face?* The most basic of all life's choice is your decision about God. *Could we help you?*

You may question this statement, because you think you have many problems far more pressing and immediate.

After all, you aren't really expecting to die-- not yet, at least. Odds are that you still have many years of living to do. Right now you need help with some of your courses in school, or to find a job, or just something to do. Some children wonder how to get along with their parents. Their friends are pressuring them to use drugs and may question how far they can go along with the crowd that thinks it is cool to experiment with them. You have sexual drives and you

wish someone would tell you how to respond to your desire to Love and to be Loved. These problems that confront many young folks every day are really difficult and we certainly would not minimize the stress and tension under which they are living.

The Truth is, however, that you can never make good decisions about the problems facing you until you have the right philosophy of life. If you Believe in God, your choices will be different from those of people who deny or ignore His Existence. For example, anybody who says there is no God must conclude that human beings are the products of blind evolution and that life is completely without meaning. The people who take this view would do well to feel sorry for themselves and envy the animals.

After all, animals do not have the worries and cares humans do and yet they are just as well off in the end, or *are they?* According to the naturalist, man's problem is that he thinks about it. In fact, some secular writers refer to man as 'garbage', implying that the more one understands his real situation as 'thinking animal' the more miserable he becomes.

This concept of mans foolishness has made its mark in our society. You have seen it around you in the people who wear dirty clothes, seldom bath, and do not even comb their hair. Tragically, most of them really do not know why they dress and act the way they do. They do not realize that they are expressing the philosophy of hopeless despair that has become so common today. *Why should one dress up or keep clean when he is nothing but worthless garbage?*

The Drug Culture

The drug culture is another outgrowth of the idea that human beings are merely un-

fortunate accidents. Thousands of young people feel unwanted and alone and are experimenting with dangerous drugs even though they know this practice will cut down their life expectancy. Perhaps unwittingly they have adopted a philosophy of life which says it is better to escape reality through drug--induced trips and die young than to face The Truth as it is and live to a ripe old age. Now, this attitude might make sense to the person who believes that he is only an accidental product of the evolutionary process, but when one recognizes The Existence of God and Believes the human beings have been placed upon this earth for a purpose, he certainly cannot agree with such a despairing outlook.

Two Choices

It should be clear that you have only two alternatives, and your choice makes all the difference in the world. *Either you will Believe in God or you will accept the idea that you are a meaningless accident, a programmed machine, foolish in a world doomed to oblivion, a creature for whom death is only release from the tragedy of existence. You have no other option. I repeat, you must either accept the philosophy of naturalistic evolution or Believe in God. What choice will you make? Are you going to consider yourself to be nothing more than garbage? Or will you view yourself as an intelligent and responsible moral creature, created in The Image of God and for His Glory? Ponder over this: 'The fear of The Lord is the beginning of Wisdom and the Knowledge of The Holy One is Understanding' (Proverbs 9:10).*

2 Nephi 2:25-26, **'Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have Joy.'**

And The Messiah cometh in The Fullness of Time, that He may Redeem the children of men from the fall, and because that they are redeemed from the fall they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; to act for themselves and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the law at the great and last day, according to The Commandments which God hath given.' (verse 23), **'And they would have had no children; wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having Joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin.'**

2 Nephi 9:18, **'But Behold, The Righteous, The Saints of The Holy One of Israel, they who have Believed in The Holy One of Israel, they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit The Kingdom of God, which was Prepared for them from The Foundation of the world, and their JOY shall be full forever'.**

2 Nephi 27:30, **'And The Meek also shall increase, and their Joy shall be in The Lord, and the poor among men shall Rejoice in The Holy One of Israel'**

A Reverent and Sincere Belief in God, therefore, is the first step toward a life that is good, worth while, and filled with Joy.

Let us Pray

Never in all the world's history has there been a time like this day. While science moves forward to unbelievable goals and technology accomplishes what was impossible only a few years ago, we stand on the verge of world or global disaster.

Human society as a whole, rather than bettering itself, has been lowered to new depths of depravity. A brief look at any

daily newspaper tells us the unrest in all strata of society is a stark reality. The future does not look good. Scientist now admit to failure in their attempt to produce a world free of destruction. New worlds have appeared to define our plight. 'Global cremation' and 'total extinction' are phrases that describe tomorrow.

But Disaster is not necessarily inevitable. In face I am excited about the possibilities of this day. Perhaps, out of darkness of this sinful age, we may be able to hold forth a brighter light. Paul said, '**where sin abounded, grace did much more abound**' (Romans 5:20).

To The Praying man, those that know how to utter Fervent Prayers, and whose Faith has not floundered, there is a Blessed Hope. Those who Pray have Hope through Jesus Christ. In the future, only God knows what is in store. This as a challenge, but with a deep Faith in God we can approach each new year confidently and eagerly. This eagerness and confidence, however, can only be born in Prayer. It is the necessary ingredient to our *Journey with God*.

Man often feels superior in his own abilities, even in his search for God. Christians also can take on this self-reliant attitude, feeling secure in their future, yet failing to stake that security upon God's Help and Guidance, his last call, The Word of The Lord. But we must remind ourselves that without Faith in God, it is impossible to please Him, mankind cannot unravel life--not even its most simple mysteries. Man is an Eternal Soul. He cannot be divorced from his allegiance to The Creator. There is a Power stronger than ourselves, and it is to this Power that we must appeal. For The Believing Saints to avail themselves of The Power, God has Provided The Avenue of

PRAYER.

No special license is required, nor is there any limit to the resource. The future will be exciting or disappointing, depending on our concept of and Action in Prayer. Our Lord Commanded us to Pray.

In Psalms 122:6, we are told to Pray for The Peace of Jerusalem. This Command is given only once in Scriptures, but it must have been important. Though The Command was issued hundreds of years ago, it still stands today. In the meantime Jerusalem has been destroyed at least five times and has changed hands no less than twenty-six times. From a view point of history, therefore, it seems rather futile to Pray for Jerusalem's Peace. Yet it must be remembered when we make up our Prayer list.

Scripture also admonishes us to Pray for one another. (James 5:16). The night is coming when no man can work. While it is yet day, we must uphold each other in Prayer.

Prayer is indispensable to The Child of God. The Child of God has the right to be heard in Prayer and to Receive Help and Deliverance from distress. Prayer gives us Entrance to The Throne Room of God. Let us Pray.

Wise is the man who writes his name in Kindness and in Love and in Mercy on the hearts of the people whom he comes in daily contact. That name will never be forgotten, for it will live as a MONUMENT of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy.

Closing Song, '*It Is Well With My Soul*'.
Chorister, Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.
Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves

Music And Praise Service

3:15 p.m.

Apostle Donald Thompson
Missouri

Brother Donald Thompson opened this Music Session with Prayer. Songs that were Requested are:

Sister Ashley Rowlen; *'Stepping In The Light'*. Sister Nawassa Greenwell, *'Precious Lord Take My Hand'*. Tammy Thompson, *'Amazing Grace'*. Ola Thompson, *'Shall We Gather At The River'*.

Testimonies:

Ola Thompson, Missouri: I want to Testify about Matthew. He had this plaque that we have on our new pulpit. He knew that it would fit nicely and it is so beautiful. Brother Matthew done much work on The Church, fixing and cleaning up, even in the heat of the day. His desire is to do all he can for The Independence Local. As he worked, his hand hurt from time to time. He notice it didn't hurt as it did and he could use it. Matthew and Ellen did much for The Church, even though Matt did not have a job, he continued to send rent money each month to Africa even though things looked bad for them. We all knew that Matt would be Blessed and the past several weeks God has Blessed him in many ways. I Thank God for this new carpet we have for The Church. God has Blessed us. When Brother Reece Baptized his son, Ethan, I thought of the song, *'My Shadow'*. (Donnie played *'My Shadow'*)

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri: Please Pray for Chenee, she wants to be Baptized. She would like to be Administered too today, that she will be ready for Baptism. Pray for Colton financially, for Candace and her husband, Ashley and Justin and the new baby she's carrying. Pray for myself and my

family. Pray for Zack and Stephanie.

Donald Thompson, Missouri: The Lord has placed 24 hours in a day, and He only requires little of our time. I would like to read *Alma, 37:33-37*, **'Preach unto them Repentance and Faith on The Lord Jesus Christ; teach them to Humble themselves, and to be Meek and Lowly in heart; teach them to Withstand every temptation of the devil, with their Faith on The Lord Jesus Christ;**

Teach them to never be weary of Good Works, but to be Meek and Lowly in heart: for such shall find Rest to their Souls.

O remember, my son, and learn Wisdom in thy youth: yea, learn in thy youth to keep The Commandments of God;

Yea, and Cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto The Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in The Lord: yea, let thy thoughts be Directed unto The Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon The Lord for ever;

Counsel The Lord in all thy doings, and He will Direct thee for Good; yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto The Lord, that He may Watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning, let thy heart be full of Thanks unto God: and if ye do these things, ye shall be Lifted up at the last day.'

Donald played *'The Healing Touch'*. Dear Lord please give Joy a Healing Touch!

Ashley Rowlen Prayed that Joy Ellen will be okay.

Played a song from the CD Brenda gave The Handmaidens, *'Come Home By The Blood of Jesus'*.

Donald Thompson, Missouri; I Thank The Lord for *The Assembly*, our *Church Family*, my life and my family, I Praise The Lord and His Glory. How great He is. I feel His Spirit. I thank everyone for being here. I have heard Good Sermons this year. I want to Thank God for making life possible.

Ashley Rowlen, Missouri; I Thank God for all The Books. I Thank God I was able to stay as I was going home a couple of days ago, but glad I stayed. I Thank The Lord also for all The Sermons. They all were a Blessing to me.

Leonard Draves, Missouri; I would like to give you all a small art lesson today on this wonderful picture we have hanging in our Sanctuary of *The Last Supper*. You can always tell if it is of Leonardo Da Vinci if you see one of The Disciples holding a finger up toward the ceiling. The Roman Catholic church had build many large structures to worship in but they did not have a lot of people to attend church. It was cold, all concrete and rock and very unattractive. They decided that they needed to make these buildings more beautiful so that people would feel more welcomed, so the church decided that if you were an artist that was a Gift given of God, and the church needed to control that Gift. So they made a law that if you were an artist, you would have to join their 'artistic priesthood' or be excommunicated or imprisoned. Many artist join said 'artistic priesthood' to maintain a living. Leonardo Da Vinci was commissioned to paint a picture of The Last Supper to illustrate the trinity godhead which the church believed at the time. Because of the history that came forth from this picture, it was known that Leonardo was not a believer in the trinity godhead, but *he painted the picture to Represent his One God Belief*, yet

satisfied the catholic church and their belief of the trinity godhead. I personally Believe that this man must have been a *Church of Christ* member and Believer because of how he painted this wonderful picture. First point I want to make is that the room is drawn in one point perspective with the vanishing point directly above Jesus' Head. This represent every thing comes from The Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is in a triangle shape, meaning that The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is One, The catholic church only saw three in the triangle representing to them the trinity. All The Disciples are group in three, items on the table are grouped in three, All men are looking or pointing to Jesus and if they are not they are looking into another's brother eyes that are looking toward Jesus. All representing again three in one, which is Jesus Christ. Judas is sitting in an opposing triangle to Jesus, representing his betrayal of our Lord Jesus. The Disciple next to Jesus has one finger pointed to the ceiling, meaning *that all this is only one*, and that is Jesus Christ being One with The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This picture represent The One God Head and not a trinity as the catholic church wanted. But they saw what they wanted and felt the picture did represent what they wanted and allowed the picture to remain. I am so Thankful that it did remain for all of us to Enjoy and Love. I like the other picture of Jesus at The Door knocking for entrance in. I plan to Preach on this on my next Sermon. Thank you for listening to me. God Bless.

Tammy Thompson, Missouri; When Krystal was little, she was telling her little sister that the men on the right hand, was telling the other two that this middle man was Jesus. Requested the song, '*I Believe*'.

Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri; I received a

text from Michael. I told him about Joy Ellen illness. Mike said, 'All of us need to draw ourselves closer to The Lord, then The Miracles we need will come more as our Prayers grow in The Power of The Holy Spirit.'

Leonard requested the song, 'Mary Did You Know'. Tammy requested, 'Here I Am To Worship' Ola requested 'Heart Of Worship'.

Administration

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, Prayed for Chenee Greenwell and Elektra Thorpe.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Service Opened by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. 'It is good to see everyone here tonight.' Opening Song, 'Tell Me The Story Of Jesus'. Opening Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, 'Our Father Which Art In Heaven'. Brother Bishop Reece Johnson then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Sermon Notes

(Messages 72 and 115)

Let No One Speak Evil Of The Lord' Work

Apostle Leonard H. Draves
Missouri

Message 72:13, '... The Lord knoweth His Servants, and there are those that know His Will and Seek to Establish The Word ...'

We are involved today in spreading The Gospel of Jesus Christ. To bring to the world 'The Assured Way of The Lord'. Our Mission is one of Righteousness and Love. Unified in The Knowledge that This Gospel must reach into all nations. When so done, our Lord will Return to Claim His Jewels.

The Lord has send John The Baptist today with Words of Salvation and Life to all those will Hear and Obey.

The Greater your Love, The Greater your Joy shall be. This is The Way that Leadeth to Eternity and to Godward. God has given His Gospel and *The Assured Way*. For us, that knows this, '**there is no turning back**' (Message 72:6).

The Elijah Message Establish God's Kingdom on earth today, to prepare a People to be His Bride, *The Church of Christ*; to Refine and cause mankind to become Pure: to Instruct The Way of The Lord. God has Planned The Way, and it shall reach forth out of the earth from one end to the other.

This Truth and Plan that God has Established is so Great, so Precious, so Sacred, that no man shall treat Lightly The Way of The Lord. When they stir contentions and maketh confusion they are of the evil and shall have no part of This Work.

We as Followers of The Household of Faith must keep Sweet and Comity in Gentleness, and Meekness shall make us a Blessed--Delightsome People (Message 72:7).

We must Stand for The Lord and against evil. We must hate evil and not allow it among us. God has told us to Arise, Act in our Calling, and put evil from our mist.

Message 72:11, '**For unto those who Qualify is given Power over unclean and unholy spirits—those whom The Lord Calls and are Touched with His Spirit.**

The Hand of Power and Trust are his. He giveth as mankind Prepares.'

Satan will try to cause people to lose confidence in The Church and Her Leadership. In so doing he will try to raise himself to be something great. His message is one of revenge and hatred. There is no love to be found. Just as God has thrown satan and his angels out of Heaven, we too must come against them. The Lord has told us not to associate with those that hinder and cause contention, that are not clean, and obey not their Calling, but in doubt and sin spread disbelief in The Words I bring (Message 72:17). We must remove them when they come against The Lord and His Gospel.

Many people are Blest because they see This Way and The God of The Living, The God of Heaven and earth that Stretched forth His Wise Design.

We must keep Sacred The Trust, and Holy The Work, and The Way of Peace in your hearts and homes.

People must Learn The Better Way at this Closing Time, The Time The Vineyard shall be Cleansed and Pruned, this, The Last Time, and The Reign of Peace breaks forth.

We have experienced The Lord Cleansing The Vineyard and it will continue until the wicked, unclean, and unholy are gone. For Righteousness will only be found in God's Kingdom.

Message 72:8-10, **'Behold! The Lord Knoweth all those who stir against This Work and those whose hearts are full of revenge and subtlety, in evils suavity, planning evil in the far reaching, to accomplish their envious gain. Lo, they cannot destroy The Lord's Work. Their end will be sad. Their faces shall turn about with darkness, doubt and mistrust**

shall overtake them.

Turn away from those adulterous and evil minds. They shall not have part in This Work. Authority and Trust they deny, and it shall not be with them.

Choose The Clean, Upright and The Faithful, that The Sacred Work will not be defiled.'

There are many that satan uses to defile This Sacred Work. We must be grounded firmly in The Gospel Doctrine of Jesus Christ to stand. We that Believe and Know The Messages are True and This Gospel is *'The Assured Way of The Lord'*, are *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord,* The True Household of Faith.

There are some that claim to have The Authority, and by their actions has gone from The Truth found in The Messages and seek self power. We have seen them come and go throughout the years. They continue to divide and turn against anyone that does not follow their views or understanding.

Message 115:8, **'See those that have set up their own way, not believing in what I speak; their actions deny The Authority I bring. They seek prominency and their works will all be destroyed.'**

Because men cannot adjust their lives and ways to The Message, they claim they are false, or the men are false. Then they can continue to do their evil and speak lightly of The Work.

Message 72:19, **'Thus Saith The Lord; I Plead with mankind that he may know I have Spoken. I have sent My Messenger. I have not Spoken in Secret, I have Spoken in Power and Given The Plan. Will My Israel be delivered and come unto Me, your Lord and God, moreover, The Christ, for I Am He who Speaketh. Lo, as**

The Light shineth from the east unto the west, so, shall My Coming be, and at an instant, suddenly shall a nation be born at once. Every heart shall Cry and every tongue Confess I Am their Christ. So, shall The Joy of The Faithful be even in My Glory. But woe, woe unto the wicked and those that count My Commandments as naught. My Words shall judge all men, both those that live and those that do not; both The Righteous and the wicked; those in Peace and those that are not. Yea, I have Spoken and My Words shall have their Place. My Messenger has come as I have sent him. He is My Choice, and The Faithful are Mine Election, Saith your Lord'

Truly, John The Baptist is God's Choice. He speaks God's Words. To say he speaks of his own mind, or Leonard's mind, or W. A. Draves mind is silly and somewhat stupid. Man in doubt says foolish things at times, hoping others will follow.

Message 115:5, **'When mankind awakens to The Program and Plan of God, Adjusting their lives to The Way of Life, letting The Holy Spirit Ring in their lives, and Walk The Ways of Righteousness, then Salvation will bring them Deliverance. Behold The Glory of God in Jesus Christ, The Redeemer; Resurrected to Break The Bands of death. My Message is one of Hope in The Eternity with God; a Message of Conviction, a Message of Deliverance. Will mankind hear it and follow through?'**

This question still remains first and foremost in The Faithful minds, **'Will mankind hear and follow through?'** The Lord's Message comes first to The Church before it is given to the world. *Could there be some in The Church that won't hear and follow*

through? It was the case when Message 118, 119, and 120 came. Some says they are false. Some have studied The Scriptures and still reject the last three Messages. *When will they Awaken to The Program and Plan of God as asked in Message 115?* Some write letters to destroy Hope and Confidence in The Leaders of The Church. Such things are not of God. Some travel to foreign lands and hope to destroy The Work of The Church and to bring others to their way of thinking, yet they say they love The Lord and The Church. They have become men of deceit.

Let no one tell you The Messages are false—that Brother Oley fell in his last days. People that fight The Work has lost The Way, The Spirit of The Lord has been pressed out of their lives. They become empty vessels. Their efforts fade away and come to a sad end (Message 115:6).

Let no one plant seeds of doubt and fear in your heart. Know The Word and come against the evil that seeks to destroy. The Lord Spoke in Message 115:12,23; **'The Powers of evil will seek to destroy. Some you feel after would harm The Work if it did not first destroy them. Let doubts and fear be removed. Many will join in This Work and The Success of The Righteous will be Great in The Lord's Sight . . .**

Study deeply The Messages I bring. Illuminate your minds with this Power of Deliverance—Victory in The Lord.'

This is The Way of Peace! This is The Lord's Anointing and Appointed! This is The Assured Way of The Lord! Let no man or group of men tell you different. Come against that evil and put it from you. Look To God and His Words. Be Humble in all your thoughts and Peacefully Worship before God and your fellowmen (Message 115:4).

Message 116:6, **‘The Image of The Church is set in pace. The Authority Established, The Power given. Let it develop and progress The Lord’s Way. He will Provide and show His Hand.’**

So, dear Ones, let no man plant seeds of evil in your mind. Because of bitterness and evil acts they will try to come between you and The Truth (Message 118:3).

Message 120 2,6-7, **‘Keep The Standard and The Work will not suffer . . .**

The Lord Jesus is The Christ and He Changes not. He is The Light of Salvation to all that hear His Voice.

. . . The Lord will Bless and Bring Success by His Spirit’.

So, to all those that hear His Voice, I give you God’s Speed. Amen!

Closing Of The Assembly Sacrament Service 8:00 p.m.

Services Opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves told The Congregation that it has been a Wonderful Time in The Lord being here together this week. Testimonies, Prayers, and Sermons all have been a great Blessing to my Soul.

I would like to read some words about The Sacrament, **‘Wherefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Wine of The Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of The Body and Blood of The Lord.**

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup. For he that eateth and drinketh

unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning The Lord’s Body’ (1 Corinthians 11:23-29). For this reason, we serve The Bread and Wine only to those who are members of This Church, *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord.*

If you all would kneel as much as possible we will Bless The Bread and The Wine.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Blessed The Bread, and Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves Blessed The Wine. Porter of The Emblems was Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves speaking, *‘I would like to read to you out of Moroni, chapter 6, verse 4. These are words that we each should remember. I even like to site these words when I ordain someone in to This Ministry. ‘And after that they had been Received unto Baptism, and were wrought upon and Cleansed by The Power of The Holy Ghost, they were numbered among The People of The Church of Christ, and their names were taken, that they might be remembered and nourished by The Good Word of God, to keep them in The Right Way, to keep them Continually Watchful unto Prayer, relying alone upon The Merits of Christ, who was The Author and The Finisher of their Faith.’*

It has been a Wonderful Assembly and God has Blessed us all very much. I would like to wish all for the oncoming year God’s Speed and that Our Lord will Rule and Overrule in all things in the Lives of each of us. God Bless!

Closing Song of *The Assembly*, **‘God Be With You Till We Meet Again’**. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H.

Draves.

Handmaidens Of The Lord Meetings

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

Monday: Study on *'Does Rapture Exit'*

By Sister Thresa Ray.

Each also received a *'Prayer Rock'* to remind us to Pray daily.

Tuesday: Study on *'Angels'*

By Sister Ruby Draves.

Each then made a *'Kitchen Angel'* out of a dishtowel set.

Wednesday: Study on *'Those That Never Met Death'*

By Sister Thresa Ray.

Each received a *'Bookmark'* with a picture of Christ's Return.

It was a Joy to Study and Fellowship with our Sisters in Christ. If you would like a copy of *The Studies*, contact Sister Thresa Ray through The Church Headquarter Office.

Youth Classes

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

The Youth met together on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. The Monday and Tuesday time period was filled with a lesson, crafts, and snacks. On Wednesday all Classes met together for a study on *'The Temple of The Lord'*. We then went to 'The Temple Lot' to see where The Temple will be build and had Prayer there. Following our lesson and 'Temple Lot' visit, we took the youth to the local

Independence Square Pharoah Theater to see a movie followed by refreshing ice cream at Clintons.

Teen Classes: 11 years and up

The Teen Class study included the following lessons: 'Does Rapture Exist', 'End Time Study', 'God's Wrath-God's Love', 'Who is The Angel That Comes?' and 'The Temple of The Lord'.

Junior Classes: Age 7 through 10

Sister Ruby Draves and Sister Joy Draves taught The Junior Class. Their Lesson Book was an in-depth study on 'An Introduction to The Record of The Nephites'.

Primary Classes: Age 3 through 6

Sister Thresa Ray taught The Primary Class. Lessons included studies titled 'JOY -meaning Jesus, Others, and You. This included lessons on 'The First and Second Greatest Commandments', 'The Ten Commandments', 'The Good Samaritan', 'The Sermon on The Mount', 'The Golden Rule', 'The Lord's Prayer', 'Jesus' Death and His Resurrection', 'Jesus and The Children with The Israelites', 'The Nephites', Jesus Return' and 'The Temple of The Lord'.

We also learned songs to go with the stories.

All The Youth Classes were a Blessing (all ages) and for the teachers. If you would like a copy of The Children's Lessons, please contact Sister Thresa Ray through The Church Headquarter Office.

NOTICE

The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate this Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Shirley Green of Alabama.

We send you, our Love, Cares, and Prayers this day and always.

Obituary

Maggy Mulende Mobutu

January 14, 1967-September 22, 2010

The body of Sister Maggy left Katanga General Hospital Mortuary at 10:00 a.m., September 22, 2010, and at 3:00 p.m. arrived at Kasenga Local of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. The general public was able to view the body at 4:00 p.m., followed by an all night Prayer Service.

On Sunday, September 26, 2010, guest started arriving at 8:00 a.m. for Church Services at 9:00 a.m. Opening Song, Prayers and Speeches were given during The Service. Burial Service were held at 11:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m., announcements and vote of thanks given while body was laid to rest.

Procession Hymn

Processional Hymn was lead by Mbele Ninaendelea, 'I'm Pressing on The Upward Way' and 'Abide With Me'. A Prayer was given along with Teachings of The Word and songs from the Choirs. The Children gave a tribute in songs.

Speeches

There were several speeches given by family and friends. Those being: Family members, Uncles, Aunt, Maggy's Doctor, Friends and Colleagues, Neighbors, Church Representatives, Husband, Funeral Committee, Handmaidens Representative, Ministry of Gender Sport Culture and Social Services, and Administration.

Eulogy

Maggy was born January 14, 1967 at

Malembankulu Hospital and died September 22, 2010. Born of the former Minister Michelle Kapenya and Sister Wamilimo, into a family of ten; five brothers and five sisters. She was the second born into the family. She was dedicated to Christ when she was a child of two months. She grew up a healthy baby, cheerful and gifted talented Gospel Singer. She was a God Fearing Child as she grew up. At the tender age of 13, she was Baptized by Immersion, the Hands were laid upon her the same day for Confirmation and for The Gift of The Holy Ghost, and she received Jesus Christ as her Personal Savior. (Her Testimony).

Education

Maggy started her education in 1973 at Malembankulu Primary School where she completed six years, then Secondary Education where she qualified in 1985 for National Examination. Form 6; then she joined Kalemy Teachers. Training College where she graduated as a PC Teacher in 1988. She taught at Kawele Girl Boarding School in 1989 where she taught home Science classes.

Marriage

Maggy met and wedded her Loving husband, Disciple/Bishop Gloire Bama WA Mobutu on July 30, 1990. Joined in marriage by Disciple Gerard Mukobel Wa Bin Kyalumba of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message*. She was Blessed with six wonderful girls; the last one of two months and two weeks.

Service To Church

As dedicated Child of God, Maggy came to The Church by The Door, through Baptism by Immersion in 1980 by Elder Naftal, assisted by Elder Kamenge. She was Confirmed the same day and date a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah*

Message, as the Hands was laid upon her head for The Gift of The Holy Ghost.

She served in different auxiliaries Callings of The Church. She fellowshipped as a Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Praise and Worship Leader of The Handmaidens of The Lord (MDZ), Church Office Clerk, Director of Finance, Secretary of The Handmaidens of The Lord, Missionary Companion, Chorister, Youth Counselor, Church Employment Specialist Leader, Church Charity Program Leader, Church Humanitarian Program, Primary, Young Women Leader, Junior Department Leader, Church Education System and Handmaiden Committee Counselor till her demise.

She was Dedicated, full time and committed to the Chores and Duties in The Handmaiden of The Lord, fully attended with Commitment to all locals, National, International Conferences and General Assemblies, including all Church with unflinching Love for Christ and His Church, Dedication and Commitment. She was the best companion of her husband in Missionary Work in different countries. She helped to organize The East African Office of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, from 2005 in Mairobe, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia etc. She helped a lot to organize The West African Headquarters of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* in The Democratic Republic of Congo. Maggy found no loss to Sacrifice herself in Serving the Community, and The Church at all time without failing in her duties. She remained Faithful to *The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord, and The Holy Bible.*

Community Service and Development

As an active lady in 1993, she served as a

Secretary of Women Development to date. In 1994, she helped to feed five hundred refugees from Rwanda who fled from Zaire. In 1995, she was a Founder of the Home Craft Training Center of Woman. June 1995, she was selected among others to go further training in community development in Switzerland. She attended Switzerland University in 1998. She attended a seminar on social change East and Central African at Dar Es Salam University and was selected to go for training course at Kenya Institute of Administration. In 1999 she attended Management Course. She was promoted and served as Provincial Director Social Service for Bandundu Province in Congo. In 2000 she resigned and joined her husband to spend all the rest of their lives in Missionary Work, to Serve only The Lord Jesus Christ, and to Preach His Gospel Worldwide. From 2001, she was actively in the forefront in advocating and sensitizing HIV-AIDS Awareness for the Community, together with Women Fighting Aids Group (WOFAG). She was in forefront in advocating anti corruption in the Community level, where she served as a Facilitator till her untimely and painful death.

Personal

On Wednesday, September 22, 2010, after a long sickness that started from Wednesday, June, 2010, at her home. She was seven months pregnant. She remained at home taking some painkillers, thinking that it was a common weakness of pregnancy until, June 8th, 2010, where she was admitted at The General Hospital. She gave birth miraculously after many Prayers of our Church Members and Priesthood Leaders, Anointed and Administered to with Anointed Oil, even after the Strongest Faith of her

husband. On September 22, 2010, when they wanted to take her a different hospital outside of the country, when the doctors suspected late that she was poisoned, as after hecography they found that her lung and heart even intestines were already damaged and destroyed byu the poison. One claimed, confessed and repented that he poisoned her and her husband while serving their Missionary Work in East Africa Region for *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. According to him the poison was supposed to kill them after a week but in vain. That was March, 2008. Through their Faith they rejected, and ignored that declaration and putting their Faith only in God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Encouraged by Scriptures and The Word of Jesus Christ that **‘even if you will drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt you’**, Mark 16:18; Mark 16:15-18.

Maggy will be dearly missed by her Loving husband, Brother Disciple/Bishop Gloire Bama wa Mobutu, children, parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, friends, Church and entire Conglolese Community that she laid down her life for. Out of soil she was made and now she returns. *‘God gives and God takes, Blessed be The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.’*

We dearly MISS our ‘Baby’ Maggy, may The Almighty God rest your Soul in Eternal and Everlasting Peace till we meet again.

Revelation 14:13, **‘And I heard a Voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in The Lord from hence forth: yea, Saith, The Spirit that they may Rest from their Labours; and their Works do follow them.’**

Notice

Dearest Brothers and Sisters;

We Thank you for your Prayers and all your Assistance for The Church and this family, even to Sister Maggy when she was in the hospital.

We Thank and send our Love to The Handmaidens of The Lord, and all The Joint Quorums of Apostles and Bishops, Disciples and Vice Bishops.

If you can be of any assistance for funeral arrangements you are welcome to Contact our General Church Office, Bishop Reece Johnson or Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

Yours in The Lord for The Church and the family.

Disciple Gilbert

Disciple Eugene

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We Shall Miss Sister Maggy!

God Bless The Family!

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