

## The End Time Messenger

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### Message 91:32-33,35

*'I bring a Message of Love, of Hope of Salvation and Deliverance. I come from The Lord's Presence. I speak The Truth . . .*

*There are ways that seemeth right to mankind but the end thereof separates them from God.*

*My Work is to bring all Christendom together into One Fold, to One Shepherd and Plan of Eternity with God . . .'*

### Message 97: 5.

*'Come, now all ye Honest of Heart; Come all The Way: do This Work and it will be Well with you. You shall be Free indeed and Live with God in Eternity'.*

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# Articles of Faith and Practice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## FOREWORD

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

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

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

*The Messages* so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work

given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *THE CHURCH OF CHRIST* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

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

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

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

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

-W.A. Draves

1. **'Arise and write *The Message* I will give you.**
2. **Behold, I come again with a Message from The Lord to you at this place and at**

this time. I am *The Messenger to bring The Warning*. I come from *The Presence of The Lord*. I am The Elias, and my name is John. My Message is one of *Love and Deliverance* to those that Heed and Obey it.

3. The Lord has designed *His Decree*, and it shall come to pass that all who will learn *His Will*, obey *His Law*, and *Endure*, shall be counted *His Bride* at *His Appearing*.

4. The greatest peril is on, and destruction upon destruction, suffering and evil, are everywhere, but The Lord shall be jealous for *His People*, for Israel shall be Delivered and be made His Elect through The Knowledge of The Lord's Choosing, in their Faith.

5. The plagues have been let; and to destroy with fury; until the people cry unto The Lord.

6. Arise, ye Ancient Chosen of The Lord-The Lord is your Deliverer. The Vision has been; and many will yet know I have come of The Lord, and that *This Work of The Lord is True*. Few have Heeded, but many are Seeking. Take to them *The Message of Life*. Let *The Glad Tidings* Ring forth and *The Words of Deliverance* Sound, even unto other nations. Hasten! The Lord has Spoken! Let The Servants be swift to *His Command*. Remember Job; his trials did not destroy his Faith. *Yet lacked he anything?* He endured and found *Peace* with God.

7. You have seen the weakness of man. You have seen the evil plan to destroy. You have seen darkness cloud the minds of those who doubt and opposed *The Work of The Lord*. Be not moved; be *True*; some have heeded the whisperings

of satan, and he has led them astray: let it not be so with you. As I say to you, so say I to all. For this is *The Day of The Lord*, and *His Will* must be done. *Deliverance* will come to *The Faithful*.

8. The Lord has Spoken in times past, but few have Heeded, for in their hearts they have heaped decrees unto themselves, and *The Will of The Lord* they have forgotten. Again The Lord Speaks-I come to bring *His Words*. Let This Message be taken to all parts of this nation, Alaska and Canada. Let *The Message* be taken to Australia. The Lord Sees the efforts of *His Servants*. It is *His Will*, and it shall come to pass. *The Great Awakening* is on.

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

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

Let *Peace* follow you wherever you go.

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

12. The three unclean spirits, have gone out bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry. They deceive and they are not *The Justice of The Lord*. This generation of mankind shall not all pass away for *The Son of Man* shall Come in *His Glory*. This is the time *The Prophets* spoke of, in man's inventions, destruction, and war. Like clouds the enemy has gone over, and in noise they destroy: but Israel shall be *Delivered* and brought to the land *The Lord God* has Decreed her boundary. *The Lord of lords* shall be their *King*, and *The Gospel*, their *Law* forever. For He shall *Rule* from sea to sea and all nations will Obey Him.

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

14. Be pleasant in your work; be of Good Cheer. Let your hearts be glad. Trust not in the arm of flesh. And to you *My Fellow Servant*, write your letters of kindness, in Love that others may be Encouraged; for this is your work. Let *The Lord* Direct by *His Spirit*. He will Lead you. Worry not what man may say of you. *The Call* goes out and *The Honest in Heart* will Hear.

Nothing is Impossible with God and so all *The Faithful* shall Learn *His Law*, and *Obedience* shall bring them Rest.

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

## Independence, MO Local Sunday, June 26, 2011 Sunday School Service 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Missouri

Services opened with Apostle Mervyn Johnson, Sunday School Superintendent in charge. Opening song was played by Brother Mervyn Johnson called '*Hymns of Zion*', a melody of songs to pre-reference Brother Mervyn's Sermon for Church. Truly a Blessing of Beautiful Songs.

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 Doeth Work Righteousness forever . . .*'

Opening Prayer by Brother Mervyn Johnson.

### *Study Notes*

Brother Apostle Mervyn started The Study by reading The 53<sup>rd</sup> Message in parts. Many good comments and references.

Closing Prayer by Brother Mervyn Johnson.

## Church Service 11:00 a.m.

Brother Leonard Draves, Pastor, opened Services. Brother Leonard welcomed all to The Independence, MO Local. Praying that all in attendance would be Blessed of The Lord. This is a Time to Rejoice that we can come together to Worship our Lord and King. We give all Praise and Honor to our Lord God, Creator of all that was, all that is and all that will ever be. Blessed be His Holy Name.

Brother Mervyn Johnson played the Opening Song on the organ. Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves. Brother Leonard Draves, then introduced the Speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson.

## Sermon Notes

*There Shall be Deliverance in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and with The Remnant whom God shall Call,*

### The Nation, Church, and Zion

*Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Missouri*

The only Prophecy that is given almost word for word by two different Prophets concerning The Nation, and The Church to which Christ shall come: The Zion of our God found in *Isaiah, Chapter 2 and Micah, Chapter 4.*

*Isaiah 2:2-4, '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 it shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow unto.*

*And many people shall go and say, 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain*

*of The Lord, and to The House of The God of Jacob: and He will Teach us of His Ways, and we will Walk in His Paths: for out of Zion shall go Forth The Law, and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem.*

*And He shall Judge among the nations and shall Rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'*

*Micah 4:4,6-8, 'But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for The Mouth of The Lord of Hosts hath Spoken it..*

*In that day, Saith The Lord, Will I Assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;*

*And I will make her that halted a Remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and The Lord shall Reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even forever.*

*And thou, O Tower of The Flock, The Stronghold of The Daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even The First Dominion; The Kingdom shall come to The Daughter of Jerusalem.'*

Mountain in Prophet represents nation or kingdom as in *Jeremiah 17:3 and Daniel 2:35.*

'The Mountain of The House of The Lord', would therefore be the nation in which The House or Church and Zion of The Lord would be Established.

The nation was to be Established in The Last Days and would reach an eminence equal to The Greatest Nations (in the top of

the mountains) and above the smaller nations (hills) what nation has done this, arising the chief of the nations? One nation only: The United States of America and how was it formed? *'People shall flow unto it'*. It is called *'The Great Melting Pot of the world'* because it is a nation made up of people flowing to it from all nations and becoming One Great Nation.

The nation is the place where *'The House of The Lord'* is to be found, His Church and Zion, and to it The Lord shall Come and many nations shall come, and say, come, and let us go up to *The Mountain of The Lord* (the nation) and to *The House of The God of Jacob* (The Church) and He (Christ) will Teach us of His Ways. For to Zion shall Come *'The First Dominion'* of our Lord when He Comes, but at a later date shall Sit on David's Throne at Jerusalem: therefore, *'The Kingdom shall Come to The Daughter of Jerusalem.'*

But The United States must first be cleansed, Zephaniah describes this cleansing of the nation beyond the rivers of Ethiopia and then he says, (Zephaniah 3:14-15). *'Sing, Daughter of Zion . . . The King of Israel, even The Lord, is in The Midst of thee . . .'*

Before The Lord Returns, a people shall be brought into His Fold through *The Preaching of The True Gospel* into one place under The Guidance and Tutelage of Christ's Forerunner of which The Scriptures Prophecy. This Prophet was to be described under various names, but one and the same person. His description is found in *'The Three Measures of Meal'*: **The Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel**, also in Latter Day Revelation. I will

list a few to be helpful—*Matthew 11:10; 17:11-13, Luke 1:76; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Matthew 11:14; Revelation 14:6; 18:1; Daniel 7:9, 13; Zechariah 6: 12-15; Doctrine and Covenants 83:8; Church History (RLDS) Volume 1, page 260.*

Here we have the whole setting described in Daniel 7:9-10,13-14,27. The Ancient of Days, or Messenger, John The Baptist completing his work of Preparing a People for Christ and so well are they Prepared that they can Endure The Glory of God which appears like Flaming Fire. They are gather together around Him receiving the finishing Power of Preparation before The Lord Comes. And when all things were ready, *'The Son of Man came with The Clouds of Heaven and came to The Ancient of Days,'* And to that gathered people who are with Him.

*Where shall they gather? Psalm 48:2-3, 8-13, 'Beautiful for situation, The Joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The City of The Great King,*

*God is known in her palaces for a Refuge . . .*

*As we have heard, so have we seen in The City of The Lord of Hosts, in The City of our God: God will Establish it Forever*

*We have thought of Thy Loving Kindness, O God, so is Thy Praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy Right Hand is Full of Righteousness.*

*Let Mount Zion Rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy Judgments.*

*Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*

*Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces that ye may tell it to the generation*

*following.'*

Here is a description of *The City of God* to be built in The Last Days on the sides of the north at the ends of the earth from Jerusalem where The Prophet stood, which is no other than America, North America at that, The Temple is to be there and it is to be a *Place of Refuge* for God's People while His Judgments are Abroad. It will be Built at a time when The Daughters of Judah will be Rejoicing.

Psalm 46:4-9, records this, *'There is a River, the streams* (Mississippi and its tributaries) *wherefore shall make glad The City of God, The Holy Place of The Tabernacles of The Most High.*

*God is in The Midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.*

*The heathen raged, The Kingdoms were moved: He uttered His Voice, the earth melted.*

*The Lord of Hosts is with us: The God of Jacob is our Refuge.*

*Come, Behold The Works of The Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth . . . Again we see The City of God with its Tabernacles (Temple), a Place of Refuge for His People with The Lord in her midst at the end of the earth where He has caused wars to cease, while desolations are going on elsewhere.'*

Psalm 50:2-5 records this: *'Out of Zion, The Perfection of Beauty, God hath Shinned.*

*Our God shall Come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.*

*He shall Call to The Heavens from Above, and to the earth, that He may*

*Nudge His People.*

*Gather My Saints together unto Me: those that have made a Covenant with Me by Sacrifice.'*

Some have thought that Zion in Prophecy refers to the little City of Zion near Jerusalem which David built. But The Scriptures do not bear this out. Zion and Jerusalem according to Prophecy are to be *Two Great Cities of Safety and Peace* for God's People in The Last Days. Zion on The American Continent is the west, for Spiritual Israel—those who Obey The Gospel; and Jerusalem in the east for the literal descendants of Jacob.

Isaiah 59:19-20, *'So shall they Fear The Name of The Lord from the west, and His Glory from The Rising of The Sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, The Spirit of The Lord shall Lift up a Standard against Him.*

*And The Redeemer shall Come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, Saith The Lord.'*

In Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be Deliverance and in The Remnant whom The Lord shall Call. Joel 2:32; Message 1-2:42; Message 96:9; Message 106:26; Message 81:5-6.

Isaiah 46:13, *'I will place Salvation in Zion for Israel My Glory.*

Psalm 53:6, *'Oh that The Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion . . .'*

Romans 11:26, *'There shall come out of Zion The Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:'*

Psalm 87:1-3,5,7; *'His Foundation is in The Holy Mountains.*

*The Lord Loveth The Gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

*Glorious Things are spoken of thee, City*

of God . . .

. . . *The Highest Himself shall Establish her.*

. . . *All my springs are in thee.*'

Surely *The Foundation of His Work is in The Holy Mountains* where Zion is; and why should He not Love The Gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob? For there His Obedient Children shall gather to Him but; Jacob' is Beloved for their father's sake. How True that '*all my springs are in thee*'. *It is The Fountain Head of all His Work in The Last Days.*

There The Angel Came to Joseph Smith and Restored The Holy Priesthood and Gospel with The True Authority. There *The Record of The Nephites* came forth to Bless the world. There *The True Church of Christ* was Organized and The Fullness of The Gospel sent to all the world.

There The Angel, '*One Mighty and Strong*' came to Otto Fetting to Cleanse and Purify The Church.

There *The Church of Christ* was *Established Anew in 1929*. There the same Angel, John The Baptist, '*That Prophet*', continued His work of Preparing The People in and though The Lord's Scribe W. A. Draves.

There The Temple will be Built into which Christ shall Come. There The Gathering of The Righteous will be. There Zion will be. There *Christ shall Come to Claim His Bride, The Faithful, His Elect Ones, His Jewels.*

There His '*First Dominion*' on earth shall be when He Comes again. Surely, all thy springs are in Thee,

Isaiah 4:5-6, '*And The Lord will Create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a Cloud and*

*Smoke by day, and The Shining of a Flaming Fire by night: for upon all The Glory shall be a Defense.*

*And there shall be a Tabernacle (Temple) for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and, for a place of Refuge, and for a Covert from storm and from rain.'*

Obadiah 1:17, '*But upon Mount Zion shall be Deliverance, and there shall be Holiness; and The House of Jacob shall possess their possessions.'*

Psalm 102:13-14, 16, '*Thou shalt Arise, and have Mercy upon Zion: for The Time to Favor her, yea, the set time, is Come.*

*For Thy Servants take Pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof . . .*

*When The Lord shall Build up Zion, He shall Appear in His Glory.'*

This could not be said of Jerusalem—Jerusalem is of old. Zion is yet to be. When it is Built up, Christ will Come.

All The Scriptures show *The Coming of Christ to His Own People*, already Waiting and Prepared to meet Him when He suddenly Comes to His Temple they have reared and The City they have Built Called Zion and Dwells there with them and rebukes strong nations afar off who are still engaged in war.

These Scriptures and others show us that The Coming of Christ to Zion to His Temple, which is the sear of *The Government of God* on earth from whence shall go forth His Law to the nations, is also the scene of The First Resurrection, and that they who are Raised shall be caught up with The Living Saints whose shall be Changed in the twinkling of an eye, to *meet* The Lord in the air as He Comes to Dwell with them in Zion.

The rest of the world shall either come to

acknowledge Him as their King and Unite with Him or go on in wickedness until their cup of iniquity is full and they rush to war, making their last stand around Jerusalem. When the city is taken, and once again the Jews are about to be carried into captivity, The Lord shall come out of Zion and all His Saints with Him and shall Deliver the city and the people out of the hands of the enemy, and *The Millennium* will be on.

Message 98:4, Message 102:42, Message 104:9, Message 106:26, Message 110:6, Message 112:5, Message 113:5, Message 114:7 (as in the days of Noah—the closing of the door in the Ark), Message 115:12-21.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates of Missouri.

## **General Assembly**

### **Sunday, June 26, 2011**

#### **2:00 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa. Opening song, *'The Old, Old Path'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson. Second Song a Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, *'I Can Hear My Savior Calling'*.

Brother Richard Johnson welcomed all to *The General Assembly of 2011*. It is a Pleasure to be in *The House of The Lord* with those of like Faith. Here we shall learn *The Truth of God's Gospel* and *Fellowship with The Saints of God*. It is a Blessing to be here.

### **Sermon Notes**

The Messenger and The Faithful are The Lord's Election-His Choice.

Message 72:19, *'... My Messenger has come as I have sent him. He is My Choice,*

*and The Faithful are Mine Election,' Saith your Lord.*

Ephesians 1:4-5: *'According as He hath Chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before Him in Love: Having predestinated us unto The Adoption of Children by Jesus Christ to Himself, According to The Good Pleasure of His Will,'*

Matthew 25:34: *'Then shall The King say unto them on His Right Hand, Come, ye Blessed of My Father, Inherit The Kingdom Prepared for you from the foundation of the world:'*

Predestinate can be defined as the act of God foreordaining or determining events from Eternity with reference to His Plan or Purpose of Salvation. The Greek word rendered 'predestinate' is found only in these six passages in *The Bible*, **Acts 4:28; Rom. 8:29, 30; 1 Cor 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11;**

I do not intend to teach Calvinism. My intent is to present to you Scriptures pertaining to The Decrees of The Lord as they relate to His Plan of Salvation.

Alma, *'Now, The Decrees of God are Unalterable; therefore The Way is Prepared, that whosoever will, may Walk therein and be Saved.*

A theology definition of Decree is the authoritative Eternal Purposes of God by which events are foreordained.

Ether 3:14, *'Behold, I Am He which was Prepared from the foundation of the world to Redeem My People, I Am Jesus Christ. I Am The Father and The Son. In Me shall all mankind have Light, and that Eternally, even they which shall Believe on My Name; and they shall become My Sons and My Daughters.'*

Paul wrote in Titus 1:2-3 that *'We live in The Hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, Promised before the world began but hath in due times Manifested His Word through Preaching; which is Committed unto Me According to The Commandment of God our Savior;'*

### Jesus said in

Matthew 23:34: *'Wherefore, Behold, I send unto you Prophets, and Wise Men, and Scribes:'*

In Romans 10:15 it says. *'How shall they Preach unless they be Sent'* and in Luke 9:2, *He Called The Disciples that Believe on Him together and sent them to Preach The Kingdom of God* and in John 15:16 Jesus told them; *'You have not chosen Me, but I have Chosen you and Ordained you . . .'*

In God's Foreknowledge He not only Prepared to Come in *The Fullness of Time* in The Flesh to Redeem those who would Believe but He has Chosen *Those of Faith to Witness His Word* that all might Believe on Him and be Saved as pointed out in *Hebrews Chapters one and two.*

Alma Chapter 13 explains this *Holy Priesthood or Holy Order of God after The Order of His Son was from The Foundation or Creation of the World, being without beginning of days or end of years, being Prepared from Eternity to all Eternity, According to God's Foreknowledge of all things.*

This Holy Calling being on account of some exercising their Faith having Chosen Good over evil while others would reject The Spirit of God on account of the hardness of their hearts and blindness of their minds.

It is the same today as from the beginning,

Message 106:10, *'He that hardenth his heart receives the lesser portion of The Word, but he that will not harden his heart, to him is given The Greater Portion of The Word and Knowledge of The Work in God's Plan, until it is given unto him to know The Mysteries of God, until he knoweth them in full.'*

Jesus said He Loved those given Him by The Father. *Who is man to reject or hate those The Lord Loves?.*

The Messenger told W.A Draves in Message 96:11, *'Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you. You were Born for This Cause. Many will follow in This Way. Deliverance will be for The Faithful.'*

As I consider The Church today I see The Lord's Foreknowledge still at work in His Choosing Brother Leonard's work in The Office. I see and give Thanks each time I receive a letter from Him helping with God's Plan to Preserve those who do not harden their hearts against His Word. *Who among us could write such Good Letters to Preserve The Work?*

Just a few of the ones God has Chosen include Noah sent to Warn and Preserve those over the flood and Jonah to Warn Nineveh and:

### God Chose Abraham

Nehemiah 9:7, *'Thou art The LORD The God, who didst Choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of The Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;'*

God Chose Jacob before He was Born.

Romans 9:11, *'For the children being not yet born, neither having done any Good or evil, that The Purpose of God According*

*to Election might stand, not of works, but of him that Calleth; God Sanctified and Ordained Jeremiah before he was Born.'*

(*Jer.1:5 and 29:11*) explains God's Plan is for all but whether we follow it is up to us. God in His Foreknowledge knew Esau would not move His Plan of Salvation forward.

## God has Chosen Israel

Psalm 105:6, *'O ye seed of Abraham His Servant, ye children of Jacob His Chosen.'*

Isaiah 41:8, *'But thou, Israel, art My Servant, Jacob whom I have Chosen, the seed of Abraham My Friend.'*

Psalm 33:12, *'Blessed is the nation whose God is The LORD; and The People whom He hath Chosen for His Own Inheritance'*.

In referring to God's Love of Jacob over Esau, Paul is quoting *Malachi 1:1-3* where The Prophet is using the word Jacob to refer to The Chosen or Elect of the nation Israel and their role in God's Destined Plan of Redemption. Esau on the other hand is the nation of Edomites. God Calls Jacob by Israel and Esau by Edom. God Changed Esau's name to Edom after he sold his birthright. (*Gen. 25:30*). Esau married a Canaanite woman (*Gen. 36:2*) and moved south to a place God Called Edom or *Idumea*. Herod that had the babies killed trying to kill Jesus and beheaded John was an Edomite. *Isaiah 34:5-8 and 61:2* brings us to the conclusion of our journey through the ages with the acceptable year of The Lord and The Day of God's Vengeance and *Matthew 25:31-34* gives The Kingdom and judgment parable with The Sheep set on His Right Hand and The Goats on the left.

Message 84:37. *'For The Faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the gentile times are closing in. The day comes when it will be said, 'The People of The Lord' and them that serve Him not.'* (*Malachi 3:14-18*)

Message 22:8-9, *'Some will say, 'How shall I know that this is of God?' Have you not read The Prophets of Old? Did Jesus not tell you of these times that you see? For The Lord has Spoken and sent me with The Message as in the days of Noah. Will you Heed His Words? Or will you reject it as in the days of old?'*

*Verily, verily, The Lord has Spoken, and it shall come to pass. It will be well with him that will follow His Words in time of trouble; but sad will be the hearts that will follow their own way, and will say in their hearts, 'These things will never come to pass.'*

Message. 55:8, *'Fret not because of those who Heed not their Call, some will fail, some will Repent. The day will come when in sorrow and regret some will Learn Obedience; others will go to destruction for The Lord will be slow to hear. Many are Called; few are Chosen few are Faithful to the end.'*

Let us and all those that will see and hear be found among The Faithful whom God has Called and Chosen. The Way is Prepared for all that will Hear His Word.

Brother Thornton often opened The Assembly. He always Defend Brother W.A. Draves and Encouraged all to do the same.

Thinking about Salvation, The Old Paths being mindful of what was *is* the same today.

It is time for Brother Leonard Draves to say a few words. Please give him your

attention.

## Preaching Service 3:00 p.m.

It is a Pleasure to speak to you this afternoon. God has Blessed us tremendously thus far during The Assembly. I appreciate all the words already given to help Teach us The Gospel Plan. My Brothers are so knowledgeable of God's Word, they fill my heart to overflowing with Joy.

I would like to speak today about 'The Laws of God'.

### Sermon Notes

## Know The Lord and His Laws.

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

Message 31:8, *'Much is folly before Me, and man is nothing of good when he Heeds not My Voice. Know ye The Witness of My Spirit, how that is caused the hearts of men to mellow before Me. Is this Spirit still with you? Heed ye The Still Small Voice and the Promptings of The Divine Spirit. Be not conformed to the works of darkness nor the ways of the world. Work with a Single Eye to My Glory; when I Speak answer by your actions; Abide in My Doctrine, let your words and deeds be that to My Honor and Glory. Return your Love and Service to Me that your works may show your Faith.'*

If we are to be anything for God, we must Hear and Obey The Voice of God, we must Abide in His Doctrine. We must be Willing to Obey His Laws.

A great man once said, 'Law is The Wisdom of all Ages'.

We have The Laws of God, the laws of our country. *What kind of world would this be if everyone disregarded all these laws?* On the other hand, picture the kind of world it would be if everyone Obeyed all these Laws. *In which world would you prefer to live?*

Laws are rules and guidelines for the right and best way of living. Without laws everything would be chaos and confusion. Laws restrict one's personal actions at times, keep him from doing wrong. Laws make it possible for people to live together happily.

We need laws. Wise people Obey laws, even when it is inconvenient to do so.

God wants us to Obey His Laws, to Follow His Doctrine taught in The Scriptures. God wants us to Teach and Preach the same things, and not wander off in strange doctrines that would not Save you. (Message 42:3) God would have us to Abide in Him, to Establish His Doctrine in our lives (56:3) that we might Receive that Greater Light.

God wants us to take up our Calling, to know His Doctrine so we will know what to Proclaim (Message 97:16).

God wants a Restoration among those that are Humble and Repentant and that would Obey The True Doctrine of The Church and of The Message of The Faithful, keeping His Holy Rites Sacred (Message 102:41).

God wants us to rid ourselves of sins and traditions of man made doctrines wherein satan has deceived and befuddled The Work of God.

God wants us to Rise above man's idealisms and bring to pass His Great Plan. He wants us to Build ourselves into 'The Circle of The Lord'. In so doing we will Realize and Know that ***Jesus Christ is The***

***Truth, The Way of Life and Salvation—Deliverance from all sin*** (Message 106:6).

Without God's Spirit and Laws, men destroys Hope, and brings doubt and mistrust (Message 108:16). They harden their hearts and will not conform to Doctrine and This Work.

God has Relayed His Authority upon us that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing—setting his own laws.

We must see that all come to The Church's Teaching and that The Program and Pattern given is followed through.

These are all Laws we must live by! To Know and Learn them means that one must Study The Gospels and Know the things God wants from us. *We must Hear and obey His Voice.*

God Delivered The Israelites from bondage of Egypt. They were no longer slaves. Instead, they were free. As slaves they were allowed to have no will of their own. The Egyptians ruled their lives and actions. How happy they must have felt in their new found freedom!

But freedom to do as one pleases can work only if you are alone on some deserted island. There were thousands of Israelites. *They needed Laws for Guidance.* They were not wise enough to make their own laws, so God gave them His Laws, '*The Ten Commandments*' They were God's Laws for basic Christian Living. (Exodus 20:1-17).

Message 21:8, '*. . . seek not to please man, but Keep The Commandments of God . . .*'

So God gave His Law to The Israelites, He continues to give His Laws today. What was for them are for us today and for all Eternity.

Message 32:4, '*My Ministry must Seek Me much and be very Humble, eliminate selfishness, do My Bidding, that which is Just and Right, for My Kingdom Children's Sake. Be not conceited but give ye as cheerful givers. Take Courage, all ye that are weary, fail not to show your Affection for Me, your Lord and God. My Love is for you one and all. Hold fast to My Truths which shall stand even through darkness. I will not Leave thee alone, I shall give Testimonies of Great Truths to you and to many. 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. Oh ye one and all, My Servants, Seek to Please Me and not man. Humbly come ye together.'*

When you read The Messages, you Realize that God has given us many Commandments and Laws. But as I said, we are nothing without God and His Spirit. *We must Hear and Obey His Voice.* We must Abide in His Doctrine. We must be Willing to Obey His Laws. May God Bless you one and all. (2 Nephtes 9:27, page 109) Amen!

Closing Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson.

## **Sacrament and Testimony Service 4:00 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening song a Special by Sisters Marianna Johnson and Kristie Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson. Second Special by Sister Marianna Johnson and Brother Leonard Draves, '*I Gave Myself to Thee*'.

Brother Thompson asked 'Why are we here today?' We are here for The Lord. To Worship Him. My Prayer is that all will Receive a Blessing from The Lord. We Belong to The Lord. Thank The Lord for His Blessings. He is The Only One to give Life. Remember Him in all things.

Message 18:5, *'Take The Message as I told you, from house to house; many will be Glad to Heed it. Preach Repentance and Faith, for all must have Faith in God and His Work. All must Repent and be Baptized for The Remission of sin, The Hands must be laid upon all, that The Spirit of God might come to the children of men in Greater Power, and it will to those that are Humble and Full of Love and have Great Faith in God.'*

## Season of Prayers

A Season of Prayers were given. Those that Prayed were: Apostle Donald Thompson, Sister Tammy Thompson, Apostle Jairus Yates, Apostle Leonard Draves, Sister Thresa Ray, Bishop Matthew Thompson, and Elder Richard Segal.

## Emblems Blessed

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson Blessed The Bread and The Wine. Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson passed The Emblems.

## Administrations

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson Administered to Brother Robert Kysen, Sister Ellen Thompson, both from The Northwest Regional Local of Missouri and Brother Elder Richard Segal of California.

## Testimonies

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful in my heart for all. I am Thankful for your Prayers. Let us keep one another in our Prayers. I have felt Prayers for me. Let us keep Satan away and keep The Lord in our minds. Pray in the morning and at bedtime. I feel The Lord Hears me the best at those times. We want to make sure we are with The Lord when the end comes.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** Praise The Lord. My year starts from Assembly to Assembly. The Lord has Lifted me up through my trials. Thankful for The Lord's Spirit. I am nothing without The Lord's Spirit. *'I can do all things through Christ which Strengthen me'*. It breaks my heart to see these things that happen, like Joplin, where people have lost everything but they are still Praising The Lord. I wonder if I could be that *Strong* when something little upsets me. I was raised in a home where The Spirit of God was there. A Blessed, Spiritual family and Love of Jesus Christ. The Lord has given me several Dreams this year. One thing I know that The Lord Chastise us when we disobey.

**Leonard Draves, Missouri:** I am Thankful for my Precious Family. They bring me much Joy. I Thank The Lord everyday for them. I Love being with my Church Family also. To be with those of like Faith is a Real Blessing in The Lord. I Love working in The Church Office. I feel Close to The Lord when I am there. My youngest daughter needs your Prayers. She is having some health problems. I know that Healing comes with Prayers. (NOTE: Since the time of this Testimony and today's day, we have learned that Joy Ellen was Heal from cancer. It is 100 % gone. Continue your Prayers. Praising The Lord).

**Ellen Thompson, Missouri:** I Love you all. Let us all Pray for one another. Pray for the youths.

**River Thompson, Missouri:** Played on the piano, 'Just As I Am'. (age 9) Beautiful Job!

**Matthew Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful to be here today. I do Pray a lot for the youths. They are a Blessing in my life. I enjoy talking with them and teaching our young in Hopes that they won't do the things I did. I don't want them to waste time with things of the world but to Study The Word of God. You can see the difference in our new Brother Ethan since he was Baptized. He shows *The Joy of The Lord*. I Pray that he keeps that Zeal. I want to teach my son right from wrong and to stay away from the things of the world and to keep The Lord First in his life. The Lord has Blessed me and my family. Ellen turned me around, then my son. I knew she was God's Choice for me. I am Thankful for you all. You have been an Encouragement to me. I Pray that the youth will Listen and Learn This Way. Ask the Elders when you don't understand something. I have also learned a lot from the youths. This Work is True! I am Thankful for my Calling. It is from God. I cannot deny it. Continue to Pray for me and my family. The Lord is Going to Bless us. He is The One that will see us through. Call on Him daily. It is good to hear The Prayers and Testimonies. Pray for all those that has lost there homes from storms and floods. Pray for our Military and for our Church.

**Thresa Ray, Missouri:** Jessie and Ryan is going to have a baby soon. They married a year ago. BJ and Randy married recently. Randy has a small boy. Jake and Rachael had their second child. Jake got a new job full time and doesn't have to work two jobs

now. Gary got a job driving a school bus. These are all Great Blessings to me and our family. I am Thankful for The True Gospel and for The Three Books.

**Tammy Thompson, Missouri:** I am Thankful to be here. Krystal got married and is going to have a baby. Her Husband was Baptized. He is a Blessings to us all. His family didn't go to Church. Lets us keep Praying for them. Ashley moved back to Cameron. Robert got Baptized. More Blessings. I have worked two jobs for a long time, but this year I went full time at Wal-mart. Things will be tight, but The Lord will Bless. We started up Northwest Regional Local again. We are meeting at this time in my home. It has been hard to travel to Independence due to the gas cost. Matthew helps me a lot. He is such a Blessing, Dad always help me. Words aren't there to Praise The Lord for him. Chalee lives with me now. She and the girls are such a Blessing. I can see Jesus in them. I have so many Blessings, my mother and father, God, a good family. I remember that my parents made me go to Church after a late night on Saturday from dating. *Having a mean mother was really a Blessing!*

**Leonard Draves, Missouri:** During one of our Sacrament Services in Independence Local, I was speaking about The Risen Bread that we use as one of The Emblems, but I used the past term and called The Bread, Raisin Bread. I didn't realize what I said until my daughter told me. I was somewhat embarrassed. I remember an article I read once about a young man telling people he was drugged by his parents when he was a child. Well of course people thought the worst. He later informed them that he was drugged by his parents to

Church every Sunday and Wednesdays. They dragged him to family reunions and everywhere. He too was Thankful for mean parents.

**Mervyn Johnson, Missouri:** I am Thankful for being here. I Love This Work. I Love This Gospel. I was never a speaker. I would like to read the words of the song, '*My Eyes Are On The Sparrow*'. I don't know what brings tomorrow. Let us keep our Faith in Jesus.

**Richard Segal, California:** The Lord Protected me at work. I worked Security three days a week. When my mother-in-law passed away, I took two weeks off. When I returned to work I was moved out of my post and was put in a job changing lights in a bad area, two blocks from Hollywood. I worked outside a facility on the sidewalk, where someone tried to stab a guy in the neck. I was moved into a gated yard. I Thank The Lord for His Protection. I work now north of Burbanks where it is very nice. Large walls around us, very safe. I am Thankful that The Lord has kept me working. My wife, Betty, was recently in a car accident. She is fine but the car was destroyed. The Lord has watched over us. I am Thankful for you all.

**Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri:** My grandson fell into a fire while camping with his father. He was taken to Saint John's Hospital where he had some skin graphs on his arm. Please Pray for his healing. Mike's truck burnt, so he will be home soon. He has some health issues with his arm. We have lots of trials. Many adjustments to make. I am Thankful and excited for The Lord takes care of us all. It is a Blessing to be with you all.

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson told

The Congregation that he has enjoyed the Testimonies. We will have more later in the week.

Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. (5:55 p.m.)

## Preaching Service 7:00 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Reece Johnson. Special by Sister Harla Mortz, '*Love Makes Me Whole*'.

Brother Reece Johnson then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

## Sermon Notes

*(No Notes Submitted, therefore Notes are in parts)*

Praise The Lord. It has been good to be here. *Does anyone have chickens?* I have eighteen. I Love them all. I like to watch them when they are all over the chicken feed. It is like us eating up The Word.

*The Word made Flesh and Dwelled among us.* We must have a Meaningful Relationship with The Lord. We must have a Meaningful Relationship with The Work. We must Pray and Fast to get to another Level.

To help others in The Word, you must help yourself. Satan wants to hinder me. Pray for me! We all have weaknesses, but we cannot fight against each other.

11 Corinthians 2: 11, '*Lest satan should get advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*'

When we are ignorant of satan's voice, he takes advantage of us. This can cause one to work against one another. Satan doesn't care if a Message ever comes again, as long

as he can cause us to fight against each other.

1 Peter 5:8, *'Be sober be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.'*

We must be alert and watchful! We cannot sleep on the job. We must be Watchmen. A lion puts fear on us and when teeth is shown, we have more fear.

11 Timothy 1:7, *'For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of Power, and of Love, and of a Sound Mind.'*

Isaiah 58:6, *'Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a Fast, and an Acceptable Day to The Lord?'*

Bands of wickedness has held on our people, good people. We must seek Fasting. Seek The Lord in Fasting. Good Christians, going to Church, should Pray and Fast for one another. Brother Mike Greenwell and I are Prayer Partners. We link up with each other.

Isaiah 59:16, *'And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His Arm brought Salvation unto him; and His Righteousness, it sustained him.'*

Paul identified Jesus as The Captain of our Salvation. A Captain in the Military stays on the front line and fight for you. He picks up and brings you to safety.

Message 88:36-38, *'Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in Pride and he will discourage in Hope, and*

*Hinder The Faith of many if you do not Watch and Pray. Have Faith in The Words of The Prophets and The Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you.*

*Therefore come against him, break his yoke by True Belief and Study The Word—Obey The Lord's Spirit and make Ready.*

*There will come trials, but they cannot destroy. Yea, read these Words and follow through, find Worship and Deliverance.'*

We can break satan's yoke by studying The Word. Proverb 15:10 tells us that *contentions comes by pride.* If you have pride, you need to be Humble, so Humble yourself or God will do it for you.

Matthew 16:13-18, *'When Jesus came unto the coast of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, The Son of man Am?'*

*And they said, Some say that thou art John The Baptist: some, Elias, and others, Jeremias, or one of The Prophets.*

*He Saith unto them, But whom say ye that I Am?'*

*And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art The Christ, The Son of The Living God.*

*And Jesus Answered and Said unto him. Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not Revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven.*

*And I say also unto thee, that thou are Peter, and upon this rock I will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'*

*We have a Direct Link! Think about Biblical Times, where a gate is a defensive against the enemies. Satan wants his kingdom protected. When Jesus Died, He Died for our sins, and so we can talk to Him. Jesus Armed us a Defense against satan.*

Just as The Messenger has been delayed, Paul was delayed by satan. Maybe The Messenger is delayed today because we are not at Work like we should.

Message 86;54-56, *'I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and Ordained them to The Holy Priesthood after The Order of God, after The Order of His Son. This has been Preserve and Reserved to this day and time.*

*Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting and gave him Special Help to The work in his day. That Holy Unction is up The Servants today.*

*He arose again from the chair near me, while I sat on the foot of my bed writing The Message on the table, then he said;*

*Now again, I lay my hands on you to Bless you in your work that you are to do—that lies before you. That you may have The Gift Enlarged and Power to Accomplish The Work and to Bless others with This Holy Unction Renewed, and help in completing The Great Plan in your day and time. I Bless you that you may Bless others. Amen.'*

This Unction will keep us Stirred Up. I've been Blessed! If you need to know what weapons we have, we have a Renewed Unction. One can not go to 7-11 to get it. No where else can you Receive it.

We have too many things in the way to keep us getting busy for The Lord. *This Holy Unction should keep us Stirred for The Lord.*

John 15:1-5, *'I Am The True Vine, and My Father is The Husbandman.*

*Every Branch in Me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every Branch that Beareth Fruit, He Purgeth it, that it may bring forth more Fruit.*

*Now ye are Clean through The Word which I have Spoken unto you.*

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As The Branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it Abide in The Vine; no more can ye, except ye Abide in Me.'*

*I Am The Vine, ye are the branches: He that Abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much Fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.*

We need to wait on The Lord. I have a kitchen sign that says, 'Abide in Me'. Some are confused and ask, 'Why is this happening to me?' I can only say that it is to cause us to produce more Fruits.

*How many takes a bath? Don't answer that, as we can tell. How many of you sits in water or takes a shower and uses no soap? You need soap to get clean! We must all clean up our lives and get into The Word. Without God, we can do nothing. I thought I was doing right for seventeen years. I wasn't! Christians can get off track. God knows this and that is why He is always telling us to Study The Gospel, Study The Messages, Shape your lives by The Words John brings.*

Matthew 7:7, *'Ask, and it shall be given you, Seek, and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be Opened unto you.'*

John 15:6, *'If a man Abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.'*

Isn't God Great! We must Study to show ourselves approved. We claim a lot! An Angle comes! We have the True Authority and Special Unction. Yet sometimes we don't produce. We must walk with The Lord. Make time to study The Word.

Message 88:20, *'I bring The Assured*

Way, The Way of The Lord, to give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, by My Words Cleaning out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrine and traditions of men.'

Hear these words! You cannot be a Faithful Witness if you are not in The Word. This Gospel is Power unto Salvation.

I am Thankful to be here. Remember we are at war. The Battle is fierce. Let principalities and evil in high places be somewhere else, not with each other.

Pray for my wife, for Zack, Wyatt, Mike, Andrew, Nick, and Colton. Be in The Word. Take baths with soap and water and put up a sign 'Abide in Me'. Get The Word out anyway you can. Keep The Scriptures in your pocket. God Bless.

Closing song, 'Our Father In Heaven'. Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. (8:40 p.m.)

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

**Priesthood Meeting**

**10:30 a.m.**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

**Thoughts On Gospel**

**Doctrine**

**Isaiah In 'The Record Of The Nephites'**

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves*

Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves. Topic for the morning, Isaiah in 'The Record of The Nephites.' Brother Leonard passed out study booklets to The Elders that were present.

Isaiah completed his Prophetic Ministry almost one century before Lehi's family left

Jerusalem. To understand Isaiah's teaching in *The Record of The Nephites*, one should appreciate both The Religious Environment as well as The Scriptural Foundation that Lehi and his family experienced as they left Jerusalem. Arrogance and wickedness characterized The Religious Climate. In many ways, the wickedness in the kingdom of Judah during the 600s B.C. was similar to the earlier wickedness in the kingdom of Israel during the 800s B.C. Whereas The Spiritual downfall of Israel was attributed to the wickedness of King Ahab and his pagan Queen Jezebel. Judah's downfall is attributed to the wicked reign of King Manasseh, the supposed grandson of Isaiah who had The Prophet put to death by having him sawn through the abdomen with a wooden saw. (*Isaiah did this wicked ways by keeping The Prophet around for his Words and then killed The Prophet once he used him for what he needed.*)

A period of Judean apostasy was followed by a partial Restoration in the century between Isaiah's death and Lehi's departure from Jerusalem. After Isaiah's death, King Manasseh and his son, King Amon, continued their wicked leadership and evil ways by practicing idolatrous worship in The Jerusalem Temple, commanding human sacrifices to the pagan god Molech, and ordering the destruction of Scriptural Records.

1. By the time Jeremiah (*Recorded in The Bible*) was reaching adulthood and Lehi was a child in the regions near Jerusalem, the devout followers of Jehovah in Judah had undergone decades of evil rule and persecution. After more than half a century of wicked, idolatrous rule, a young, devout King Josiah came on the throne in 640 B.C.

and immediately instituted many Religious Reforms. With The Encouragement of The Prophet Jeremiah, he ordered The Cleansing and Repairing of The Temple. He reinstated The Mosaic Law and Religious Holidays, and he oversaw The Recovery of Scriptural Religious Holidays, and he oversaw the Recovery of Scriptural Records and the making of new copies of The Scriptures.

2. It was probably during this period of Religious Reformation and the replacement of destroyed copies of The Scriptures that The Brass Plate Edition of Religious Writings was made and then Acquired Laban in Jerusalem.

The main source of Scriptures available to The Lehite community came from The Brass Plates of Laban, which contained Old Testament and other Records down to the time of The Prophet Jeremiah, an older Prophet contemporary with Lehi (Nephi 5:10-22; 13:23).

Nephi, Mosiah, King Benjamin, and other used The Brass Plates to reach their families and various groups. For example, Nephi taught his brothers from The Brass Plates soon after they arrived in their new land (1 Nephi 19:22; 22:30). Mosiah, the first Nephite king over the land of Zarahemla, apparently used The Brass Plates to reach the people of Zarahemla (Omni 1:7-17). Mosiah's son, King Benjamin, was also familiar with The Old Testament Writings of Isaiah because he taught his sons directly from The Brass Plates (Mosiah 1:3).

Alma understood the historical significance of The Brass Plates and their teachings, which helped with Missionary Work among The Lamanites. He also appreciated their Prophetic future to serve as a lasting witness, as he carefully instructed

his son, Helaman, prior to delivering these Records into his hands (Alma 37:3-12). Of all The Prophetic Writings available on The Brass Plates, Isaiah was the major resource quoted throughout *The Record of The Nephites*. As will be seen in later chapters, Nephi, Jacob, Abinadi, and The Saviour Cited important Passages from Isaiah as they taught *The Record of The Nephites* peoples.

*(To be continued)*

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa

## Study Class

*Apostles Richard Johnson: Iowa*

*Leonard Draves: Missouri*

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson opened the meeting. Opening song, a Special by Sister Brenda Humpert of Missouri, 'Grandmother's Rocking Chair'. Sister Brenda Testified that this song means a lot to her as it was her own grandmother that taught her about This Work that she Loves so dearly. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

Brother Richard and Brother Leonard taught The Congregation the same lesson that Brother Leonard taught The Elders in this morning 'Priesthood Meeting'.

*(Booklets were handed out to the congregation to help study. If you would like a Booklet, write The Church Headquarters and request one).*

Closing Prayer by Brother Leonard H. Draves

## Preaching Service

**2:00 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening song, a Special

by Sister Marianna Johnson and Sister Kristie Johnson, 'In These Latter Days'. Opening Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson.

Brother Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the hour, his brother, Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson of Missouri.

Good Afternoon, it is a pleasure to be here with you. I hope that what I have to say will be some interest to you. My Sermon is on 'The Lord's Messenger'.

## Sermon Notes

### The Lord's Messenger

Apostle Mervyn Johnson  
Missouri

The man who is called—'One Crying in the Wilderness' is The Prophet whom The Lord Speaks as 'His Messenger'. See *Malachi 3:1-5*, where The Lord says: '**Behold, I will send My Messenger, and he shall Prepare The Way before Me; and The Lord, whom ye Seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple, even The Messenger of The Covenant, whom ye Delight in: Behold he shall come, Saith The Lord of Host.**

**But who may Abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he Appeareth? For he is like A Refiner's Fire, and like Fuller's Soap.**

**And he shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver: and he shall Purify The Sons of Levi, and Purge them as Gold and Silver, that they may offer unto The Lord an Offering of Righteousness.**

**Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be Pleasant unto The Lord, as in The Days of Old, and as in Former Years.**

**And I Will Come near to you in Judgment; and I Will be a Swift Witness**

**against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'**

This Messenger was to *Prepare The Way of The Lord*, and then He (*The Lord*) is to suddenly Come to 'His Temple'. The Lord Jesus did not suddenly Come to His Temple at His First Coming. Now here is what I Believe—that most students and writers have focused on the wrong person in The Scripture. I Believe where it says, '**Even The Messenger of The Covenant, whom ye Delight in: Behold, he shall come, Saith The Lord of Hosts. But who may Abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he Appeareth?**' And so on. The point I want to make here is that this is describing The Messenger's Work, not The Lord's Coming—The Messenger and his work of setting up Christ's Church, and all related aspects or conditions, and Purifying The Ministry, and most important, *The Restoring of The True Authority, and Persevring and keeping it Sacred* from its pollution and error in the days of Joseph Smith. I also want to impress the fact that this Messenger has Re-established Christ's Church and Authority through The Lord's Servants Otto Fetting and W. A. Draves and is Reserving and Preserving it through The Remnant The Lord has and is Calling in The End Time Purified Ministry. This is all being done by this End Time Messenger, John The Baptist.

Concerning The Prophecies Recorded in Mark, Luke and Isaiah about The Voice of One Crying in The Wilderness and The Lord's Messenger John The Baptist, only a

small part of his work happened then. The rest of his work has and is being Fulfilled in The End Time Prophecies spoken in Malachi and Isaiah. An in-depth and close reading of those aforementioned Scriptures show that John was Ordained to Prepare The Way of The Lord at His Second Coming. *If it was necessary at His First Coming, is it not more necessary before His Second Coming? Is it reasonable to suppose that He (The Lord) would come in The Flaming Fire to destroy all the wicked without first sending a Prophet to warn them?*

When The Savior read from The Book of The Prophet Isaiah as He was standing in The Synagogue on The Sabbath Day. He said that the part that He read was Fulfilled that day in their ears and closed The Book and sat down. In Luke 4:17-21, the part that He read was in Isaiah 61:1-3. Thus, The Savior Closed *The Book* when He had read only that part of The Scripture which was Fulfilled in their ears. If He had read anymore of it He could not have said that. He was Anointed to Preach as He had read. He did not proclaim *'The Day of Vengeance of our God'*. For that day is the day Prophesied by Isaiah who says, *'The Indignation of The Lord is upon all nations, and His Fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them. He hath Delivered them to the slaughter . . . It is The Day of The Lord's Vengeance, and the year of Recompences for the controversy of Zion.'* (Isaiah 34:2,4,6,8). This is the day which a Prophet of The Lord was to be Anointed to Proclaim. This is the day which is Spoken of in the next Chapter Isaiah 35:4 where Isaiah says. *' . . . Behold, your God will Come with Vengeance, even God with a Recompense; He Will Come and Save you.'*

In the conclusion of the description of the events of that day, in that Chapter, Isaiah says, *' . . . The Ransomed of The Lord shall return, and come to Zion with Songs and Everlasting Joy upon their heads: they shall obtain Joy and Gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.'* This Prophecy coincides with the description of The Work which The Lord's Anointed was to perform. He was Foreordained.

Isaiah 61:2-3, *'To Proclaim The Acceptable Year of The Lord, and The Day of Vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourn;*

*To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, The Oil of Joy for mourning, The Garment of Praise for The Spirit of Heaviness; that they might be Called Trees of Righteousness, The Planting of The Lord, that He might be Glorified.'*

Isaiah 62:10-12, *'Go through, go through The Gates; Prepare ye The Way of The People; cast up, cast up the highway gather out the stones; lift up a Standard for The People.*

*Behold, The Lord hath Proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to The Daughter of Zion, Behold, thy Salvation Cometh; Behold, His Reward is with Him, and His Work before Him.*

*And they shall Call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of The Lord: and thou shalt be Called, Sought out, A city not forsaken'.*

Turning to Isaiah 35:8, we read, *'And a Highway shall be there, and a Way, and it shall be Called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it . . . but The Redeemed shall walk there'.*

And The Ransomed, note Isaiah 35:10,

*'Of The Lord shall return, and Come to Zion with songs and Everlasting Joy upon their heads: They shall obtain Joy and Gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.'*

## **Ransom From The Fall For A Price**

Message 47:4; Message 85:14; Mark 10:45; Hosea 13:14, Message 13:11; Message 39 (*Fountain of Truth*); Message 94:19;

## **Resurrection**

Message 91:2, 10-11; Message 97:21.

## **The Coming of This Way**

Message 93:3; Message 84:2-3.

## **Zion**

Message 34:4; Message 36:3

Closing song, *'Savior Knocking At Your Door'*. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

## **Preaching Service 3:00 p.m.**

Services opened by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening song, a Special by Brother Elder Richard Sega from California, on the guitar. Opening Prayer by Brother Richard Johnson. Brother Richard then introduced the Speaker, Brother Elder Richard Sega of California.

## **Sermon Notes**

*(No notes submitted, so notes are in parts.)*

It is good to be here speaking to you. I was touched by Brother Jairus and Brother

Mervyn Sermons. We have to be ready. The Lord tells us all the time to get away from the ways of the world. We need to rid ourselves of all the lust of flesh.

*Jesus Preached Authority.* He tells us that every tree that does not bear Fruits will be burned. There is no Authority there.

The Revelation that came to Brother Mervyn, The Lord told me was True. It was Full of Power.

Message 92:10. *'There is no Greater Authority or Gift, or Gifts given to man than that which I bring of The Lord God, after The Order of His Son.'*

The Lord changed my attitude. The Lord forgave me. I started to give God's Word to those on the street.

Brother Vince Yates said to *'stick around, that I would get a refinement'*. I Loved him dearly. I am Thankful to The Lord for this Love. I felt Anointed. Thankful for his nice and good family. They had been good to me. I Love them all.

I am sorry that I don't have more to say. I forgot my Books when I left home this year. I feel lost without them. Stay Strong in The Work. *This is Real!*

Closing Pray by Brother Richard Johnson.

## **Testimony Service 3:30 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Brother Richard spoke first then gave time to The Congregation to Testify if they wished.

**Richard Johnson, Iowa;** I am Blessed to be here. The Lord has Blessed me many times throughout the many years. The Lord has always been by my side. God has Preserved

me throughout my life. He has Loved me and my family. He is a Wonderful Savior. This is a wonderful Way to Worship The Lord.

**Marianna Johnson, Missouri:** sang song, *'He Hideth My Soul'*.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri;** Praise The Lord for The Sweet Spirit that is here today. I feel The Lord's Spirit today, it fills me with Joy. I am Thankful for all *The Miracles* I have seen and for *The Fullness of The Gospel*. My father always told us kids to *'listen, and if we would let a man talk long enough, you will know where his heart is'*. I am Thankful for The Anointed Ministry, Special Agents for The Lord. They must give their all to The Lord. I Praise The Lord to be part of a Special Relationship with God, my whole life. The Encouragement I Received from my father helped me to Endure. It has been so Special to me. I realize that sometimes I get in my own way, but I know that I must Obey The Lord. It is wonderful to be here today.

**Richard Johnson, Iowa;** I just went over Leonard's papers together, you will find a theme in them. I have already seen it in This Assembly. The Lord has had His Hands in this.

**Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri:** Zack is not here today. He just told me that God will not leave him alone, so he will be here tomorrow. Colton is closed mouth to me, so Pray for him please. Requested song, *'Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow'*.

**Tammy Thompson, Missouri:** This is a Blessed Assembly. Nothing happens to us that Jesus cannot Understand. Pray Mighty for each other. I feel I have to Pray for someone. I feel The Lord's Encouragement.

Go to The Lord with anything. God will

help you.

**Betty Sega, California:** I am Thankful to be here. The Lord Protected me when I was in a car accident a few weeks ago. The Lord Protected us on our trip here. I Love The Lord.

**Harla Mortz, Missouri:** I heard a Preacher say that we must be *'Bold'* in The Lord. I want to be *Bold* and be found doing so. I heard Jesus say to me to write Scriptures on the wall, so I did. It is there for me to see and read everyday. When my son came home and saw The Scripture on the wall. He said that he felt God pulling him. It gave my son strength. Do what The Lord tells you to do.

**Richard Sega, California:** There was nothing rehearsed about my Sermon, I spoke as The Lord gave me His Spirit. The Spirit of The Lord Leads us. In some Churches, everything is planned out and spoken. They are void of The Lord's Spirit.

**Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri:** My son Colton was working under a car. He heard someone tell him to move, so he did and the car fell off the jack. He was almost drowned when he was two. If you are right with God, your problems will not be so great. My sons could be a great strength to each other. They need your Prayers. Both of my daughters are with child. Pray for them also. It is a Blessing to be here today.

Closing song, *'Love Lifted Me'*. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson of Missouri.

## Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Mervyn Johnson. Opening song, *'In The Light'*.

Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson. Brother Mervyn then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa.

## Sermon Notes

### The Truth Will Make You Free

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Iowa*

John 17:17, ***'Thy Word is Truth; and The Truth will make you Free.'***

John 8:32, ***'Sanctify them through Thou Truth: Thy Word is Truth.'***

'Truth' defined is *The True or actual state of a matter:* It is the agreement with a standard or original fact, proposition or principal. The descriptive words defining Truth will be found through out my Sermon.

Also a 'Standard' defined is *an authoritative principle or rule that usually implies a model or pattern for guidance, by comparison with which the quality, excellence, correctness, etc., of other things may be determined.* For ***The Church of Christ*** that Standard includes The Decrees of God found in *The Bible, The Record of The Nephites, and The Book-The Word of The Lord*. An outline is given in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*.

They are a 'Standard of Truth' God has Set and Revealed to mankind by Angels, Prophets, Scribes, Jesus, in these last days, His Promised Angel Messenger.

In Message 77:1, The Messenger said: ***'I am sent from God and I bring a Message of Light, that The Standard may be completely set and The Words of The Prophecies be Fulfilled'***.

Message 42:7, ***'... in Principle, Justice***

***and Righteousness shall ye consider The Way'***.

This sermon will do that.

The Work of The Lord through His Messenger and Ministry is to keep a 'Standard of Truth' FIRM as a 'Model and Pattern' even as His Servant Paul spoke about and taught in his day so all might consider and determine The Correctness of their Doctrine and be Guided to The Truth. But still even today evil has great power over people as pointed out in;

Message 107:3, ***'The power of the adversary has enthroned his influence in the minds of many, ruining the lives of those that will not learn Truth and come to Doctrine'***.

The Messengers Words help keep us focused on The Real Truth.

Message 106:8, ***'Remember The Lord Jesus Christ is The Truth, The Way of Life and Salvation-Deliverance from all sin. No other Way can mankind be Saved in the life of the flesh, this life of Probation only. Thus mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter-in The Resurrection'***. (2Cor. 5:21, 6:1-2. Alma 42:4. John 15:6).

Message 97:4-5, ***'Know you this, The Way is Prepared that mankind may Walk therein and be Saved; will they Hear it?***

***Come, now all ye Honest of Heart; Come all The Way: do This Work and it will be Well with you. You shall be Free indeed and Live with God in Eternity'***.

To be clear, this Freedom he is speaking about, is The Deliverance from being a servant of sin by our human nature and the bondage of sin and death that is the works of the devil that Jesus spoke of in:

John 8:30-32,36; ***'Verily, verily, (most***

assuredly) *I say unto you whosoever comitteth sin is the servant of sin.*

*Then said Jesus to those Jews which Believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word (Abide, Remain, Endure), then are ye My Disciples indeed;*

*And ye shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall make you Free . . .*

*If The Son therefore shall make you Free, ye shall be Free indeed. (By His Spirit) Now because the hardness and bondage of their hearts and false traditions they sought to kill Him.'*

In the following Messages are examples of **The Proposition and Principles that are in agreement with their origin** found in *The Bible* and *The Record of The Nephites*.

Message, 39:10, '*. . . Obtain My Word and it shall make you Free and My Spirit shall give you Light unto all that will Walk Humbly before Me, and Love, that they might also be Loved of Me*'.

Message 71:12, '*I speak Light to the world, and my mission is Designed of The Lord and shall have its Effect, for The Word shall Fill the whole earth and men will know The Truth and be Abundantly Free. Satan has bound mankind with soothing ways and words and enticed in sin, until The Spirit of The Lord cannot Work with them, except they Repent. Let Repentance be Taught. Faith in God's Word must be Heard and The Baptisms, that men be Born again of The Water and Holy Spirit, with Fire from The Lord-and Peace will Rule and satan have no power on those who Heed and Obey, having Strong Faith*'.

Message 85:14, '*The Lord Rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought about The Plan of God-Redemp-*

*tion and The Resurrection through the death of the human and The Resurrection of Himself to an Example of Life Eternal. For all mankind, Resurrection, but to many a Ransom to all that Hear and Obey-Enduring to The End that they might be Saved*'. (Confirmed by Jesus in Matthew 20:28 and Paul in 1Timothy 2:4-6)

Even so the great debate continues about who will be Saved. We continue to hear that it would be unjust or unfair if Mercy and Salvation is Received by some and not all making God unrighteous. Collective Salvation proclaiming unless all are Saved none can be Saved is being Preached from some pulpits these days.

In Romans Chapter Nine Paul anticipates this rhetorical question about God: *Is there unrighteousness or iniquity in God and is He unjust in the example of His Election of Jacob over Esau?* His unequivocal answer is God Forbid as in by no means or may it never be.

Proverbs 16:25, '*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*'.

The Messenger also refers to This Scripture.

Message 91:32-35, '*I bring a Message of Love, of Hope of Salvation and Deliverance. I come from The Lord's Presence. I speak The Truth . . . There are ways that seemeth right to mankind but the end thereof separates them from God. My Work is to bring all Christendom together into One Fold, to One Shepherd and Plan of Eternity with God*'.

In John 8:47: Jesus said again to the unbelievers: '*He that is of God Heareth God's Words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God*'.

If you do Hear and do Believe His Word you will Believe He is The Sovereign Creator God of all things and Trust in Him. To Believe is to Trust as 'Trust and Faith' are synonyms.

So let's use some logic then to Establish God's Sovereignty. *What is Sovereignty? Sovereignty is dominion, power, or authority.* Listen closely now and let The Mind of Christ give you Understanding as The Lord's Apostle Directed.

Those that Believe in a Supreme or Sovereign Being are called Theists and Believe in a God or Gods. Those that don't are atheists. In the Greek the (a) establishes a negative of the root word. It is logical that those that do Believe in God should recognize His Authority. He is The Creator of *All Things* making Him Sovereign over Heaven and earth, including His Laws, Grace and Mercy.

Paul again reminds us that God is over All His Creation and therefore He can Legislate over His Creatures. (You shall or you shall not and therefore all are under His Law and its Justice that are accountable and exposed to His Word). Dr. Phil would say: *How has that been working out for you? Bottom line: If God is not Sovereign He is not God and therefore no God or Christ. Nephi summed it up well saying: 'For if there be no Christ, there be no God; and if there be no God, we are not, for there could have been no Creation, but there is a God and He is Christ'.*

Unbelievers (atheists) would have you believe Creation just happened but that of course is not logical. Only God could Create All Things from an empty void. The Messenger is also clear saying: *'This is Light and Truth that Jesus is The Christ,*

### *The Eternal God'.*

Here is my understanding of This Light and Truth.

Christ is The Image of The Invisible God and The Word (expression) of His Power. (Christ is what we can See and Hear and Feel of God's Power when Manifested to us in the flesh or in Spirit)

For by Him were All Things Created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were Created by Him, and for Him. (Col 1:16 and Phil 2:5-11).

And the following helps explain it for me.

Stephen being Full of The Holy Ghost looked up into Heaven, and saw **The Glory of God,** and Jesus standing on **The Right Hand of God.** *Sounds like two persons doesn't it?*, but this also is Spoken of as The Right Hand of **The Power of God,** The **Right Hand of The Throne of God,** and as upholding all things by **The Word of His Power (Christ)** sat down on **The Right Hand of The Majesty on High.** Remember now that Sovereignty Establishes Power and Authority and we understand that to be The Pure Love of God because God is Love and God is Spirit and is Truth and God is Light and that is **The Power of His Word** (or *The Power of The Spirit of God*), (*The Word of God is Truth and The Spirit is Truth*)

The Word then is God Revealing or Manifesting Himself Bodily and Audibly and Spiritually and is One and we are Created in His Image and there is no other God. The Apostle Jude gave praise *'To The Only Wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever'.* 'Glory,' was used in Biblical Writing to translate a Hebrew word which

had a sense of 'brightness, splendor, magnificence, majesty,' so He is The Light Shining in the darkness and The Light of Life, The Father of Glory. Acts 7:56, Hebrew 1:1-3, 8:1, 12:2, Luke 4:32, 22:69, 1 John 4:8,16, 5:6,7, John 1:5, 4:24, 17:17, Ether 3:9-16, Jude 1:25. Ephesians. 1:17.

Following His Resurrection Jesus told The Disciples all Power was given Him in Heaven and in earth. Before that He like ourselves relied upon The Father or The Power of His Word in Heaven as an example for us. (*Our Father which is in Heaven*) He was The Son of God because He took upon Himself flesh and was Conceived by The Power of His Word (*Holy Spirit*), making Him Father and Son and The Father and Creator of All Things in Heaven and in earth. ***'In the beginning was The Word and The Word was with God and The Word was God and The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'*** (and they Beheld His Glory).

Jesus said ***'I and My Father are One'***. John 10:30.

When Christ shall Come in His Glory He will Sit upon The Throne of His Glory and Divide His Sheep from the goats. He shall set His Sheep on His Right Hand to Inherit The Kingdom Prepared from The Foundation of the world, but goats on the left. (*Matthew 25:31-46; John 10:27*). So you see it is The Kingdom of Heaven that is on The Right Hand of His Glory where He Sits.

On The Left Hand of God by The Justice of His Word and on The Right Hand by The Mercy of His Word with our Christ Jesus in The Kingdom of God Prepared from The Foundation of the world. (*Matthew 25:41, 2 Corinthians 6:7*)

John 12:48, ***'He that rejecteth Me, and***

***receiveth not My Words, hath one that judgeth him: The Word that I have Spoken, the same shall Judge him in the last day'.***

Now think about it- without Mercy and left exposed to Justice we would all be some place else in Eternity other than Dwelling with God.

Justice defined is the administering of deserved punishment or reward for actions or inaction according to our free will.

Inherent in Justice is the demand that it be Fulfilled. In the case of God it is without fail because His Word cannot return to Him Void or Unfulfilled making the necessity that first an Atonement be made for our sins in Order for God to Extend us His Mercy. It is accomplished by His Shed Blood Satisfying the demands of Justice and breaking The Bands of Death upon all men with The Power of His Resurrection. By this Ransom paid the demands of Justice is Fulfilled and He is able to Extend Mercy to those that Love Him through our Faith or Trust in Him as Witnessed to Him by our Repentance.

2 Peter 3:9, ***'The Lord is Long Suffering to ward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should Come to Repentance'***.

These are those who Dwell with Him for Eternity Free from death and sin because of His Righteousness and none of our own but through His Mercy.

His Atonement for sin Overpowers, Satisfies or Fulfills Justice and Establishes The Executive Privilege of God over Extending Mercy. In other words Mercy is not owed to all or at all but is Freely given to His Election. I can hear the cry now of some interviewer on television shouting at a Believer: But **that's not fair!** You haven't

heard me say that Free will Overcomes God's Sovereignty.

In Romans 9:15, (Paul quotes The Lord's Word's to Moses from Exodus): ***'I will have Mercy on whom I will have Mercy and I will have Compassion on whom I will have Compassion'***. So then Paul said it is not of him that willeth nor him that runneth, but of God that sheweth Mercy. It depends not upon a person's will or exertion, but on God who Extends His Mercy to us, See the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> verses of Paul's words.

It also says in addition to having Mercy on whom He will, He also will harden the hearts of whom he will. That stumped me for a little while. Consider two people hearing The Word of The Lord Messages or other Scriptures. If one is Humble and open to Truth his heart will be softened and The Lord's Spirit will bear Witness. If the other finds or seeks his own reasons whatever they might be to reject or kick against them making excuses for not Believing and doing them. The Words will harden His heart.

I can say to you I have Witnessed this many times. When I see that hardness of a heart becoming evident I have come to realize that it is our free will at work. You see each time when Moses gave God's Words to Pharaoh of *'Let my people go'* Pharaoh could not humble himself to Trust and Obey but found excuses not too and each time his heart got more hardened in his unbelief. In finding fault and not believing Moses and God. He was hardened against God's Will.

The Potter (*Christ The Word*) has Power over the clay to make a Vessel of Honor or dishonor. *The Sunshine of Righteousness* will soften hearts or harden them or as Jesus

said The Rain (*His Spirit*) falls on the just and the unjust alike.

If we Believe God's Word our Love and Trust with Repentance allows Mercy a claim on us and forgiveness of sin under The Wise Plan of God.

Mercy is 'an act of kindness', compassion, or favor; forgiveness. So you see to Receive it there should be Repentance and like The Scripture Teaches only The Truly Repentant are Saved.

Mosiah 2:39, ***'Mercy hath no claim on the man that does not Repent and dies an enemy to God'***.

In the final analysis God's Mercy Saves and with out it we are subject to Justice.

Mosiah 2:38, ***'Without Repentance and Remission of sin the demands of Divine Justice doth Awaken the immortal Soul to a lively sense of his own guilt, which causes him to shrink from The Presence of The Lord, and doth fill his breast with guilt, and pain, and anguish, which is like an unquenchable fire, whose flame ascendeth up for ever and ever'***. (naked or without protection from Justice by The Lord's Righteousness.)

Notice here it is our own quilt when our sins are confronted by His Love and Justice that separates us from Him-not because He is an angry mean God that some use to excuse their unbelief. So like The Scripture says we do *Destine our own Destiny* under His *Plan of Salvation*. There is one man--Christ between God and men and through Him we come to The Father.

Message 95:15, ***'He is The Father of our Spirits and The Savior of our Souls, The Redeemer of mankind that was lost to an Eternal Hope and The Eternal King over all'***

Message 52:1, *'I come from The Lord God for He is Over All, even all His Wise Design. Yea, those that are Faithful unto The Instructions I bring shall no more be confounded'*.

In 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, Paul urgently appealed to The Church at Corinth to not have Received The Grace of God in vain after He had heard their Repentance in The Accepted Day and Time of Salvation by returning to the ways of sin and death.

Revelation 3:5, *'He that Overcometh, the same shall be clothed in White Raiment (The Righteousness of Christ); and I will not blot out his name out of The Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His Angels'*. (See Alma 5:57-58).

Revelation 21:27, *'And there shall in no wise enter into it (New Jerusalem) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are Written in The Lamb's Book of Life'* (God's Church).

And in conclusion: Message 41:8, *'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'*.

Closing song, a Special by Sister Harla Mortz. Closing Prayer by Brother Donald Thompson. (7:55 p.m.)

## **Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

### **Priesthood Meeting**

### **10:00 a.m.**

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves opened meeting. Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard. Teacher: Leonard H. Draves.

## **Study Notes**

### **Isaiah: The Prophet For All The House of Israel**

Isaiah was the last major *Old Testament* Prophet to speak to all The Israelite Tribes while they were still concentrated in their ancestral lands of inheritance. In 722-21 B.C., about halfway through Isaiah's Ministry, the northern kingdom of Israel was attacked and destroyed by The Assyrians, and tens of thousands of Israelites were relocated to the northeastern and other regions of The Assyrian Empire (2 Kings 15:29, 16:27-29; 17:1-6; 18:9-12). Facing this invasion, some Israelites fled south to the kingdom of Judah, where King Hezekiah built refugee settlements for them. (*This migration of Israelites south to Judah may explain how Lehi and Ishmael ended up in The Jerusalem area even though their ancestry originally lived in The Manasseh-Ephraim Tribal areas in central Israel.*) Other Israelites remained in their original Tribal homelands and inter-married with various foreigners imported by The Assyrians. This mixture of Israelites and foreigners became the ancestors of The Samaritans. Thus, by the time Lehi and Ishmael and their families left Jerusalem around 600 B.C., distant relatives and members of their Manassehite and Ephraimites Tribes were already scattered through our western and central Asian to at least four other segments.

1. Israelite groups living in various areas of The Assyrian Empire.
2. Members of The Ten Tribes who had already migrated northward

- into Central Asia.
3. The northern Israelites and foreigners developing into The Samaritan Community in The Israelite homelands.
  4. The Israelites then living as citizens of the kingdom of Judah.

The migration of Lehi's Israelite Community to The New World expanded The Israelite scattering into more distant areas of the world.

## Isaiah Passages Cited in The Records of The Nephites

Soon after Lehi's family settled in their new lands, they received instruction from Nephi, who quoted important Passages from Isaiah's Writings on The Brass Plates. In later *The Record of The Nephites* times, Hacob, Abinadi, and The Resurrected Savior also quoted Portions of Isaiah's Writings. Approximately one-third of Isaiah's Sixty-Six Chapters are found in *The Record of The Nephites*. Two large blocks of these Writings (Chapter 2-14 and 48-54) are scattered among four Books in *The Record of The Nephites* (1 Nephi, 2 Nephi, Mosiah, and 3 Nephi). In additions, Isaiah 29 is quoted in 2 Nephi. The following chart shows where these Twenty-One Isaiah Chapters are found in *The Record of The Nephites*.

Isaiah 2-14 in 2 Nephi 12-24, 13<sup>th</sup>  
Chapters

Isaiah 29 in 2 Nephi 27, 1st Chapter

Isaiah 48-49 in 1 Nephi 20-21-22nd  
Chapters

Isaiah 50-51 in 2 Nephi 20, 2nd Chapters

Isaiah 52 in 3 Nephi 20, 1<sup>st</sup> Chapters

Isaiah 53 in Mosiah 14, 1st Chapters  
Isaiah 54 in 3 Nephi 22, 1st Chapters

There are many more additional Isaiah verses, mostly from the same Chapters that are scattered throughout *The Record of The Nephites* (some are paraphrased).

*The Record of The Nephites* serves as a helpful tool to better understand Isaiah's Writings. As already mentioned, its Isaiah Passages come from an earlier copy of Isaiah's Words. In addition, *The Record of The Nephites* Prophets not only quote Isaiah but they also often give Inspired Commentary on why Isaiah's Prophecies are important and how Isaiah's Words will be Fulfilled in The Latter Days. The important areas of Isaiah's

## Purposes for Quoting Isaiah in *The Record of The Nephites*

The Prophets Nephi, Jacob, and Abinadi and The Resurrected Saviour all cite Isaiah's Words as they Teach in *The Record of The Nephites*. Their primary use of The Isaiah Passages is threefold.

1. To instruct The House of Israel about her Covenant Promises and their Fulfillment.
2. To emphasize key events and Prophecies relating to The Latter Days.
3. To highlight significant Messianic Prophecies of Isaiah.

The First Primary Purpose of *The Record of The Nephites* is to Teach The Remnants of Israel 'that they may know The Covenants of The Lord, that they are not

*cast off forever*' (Title page, second paragraph). Isaiah's Passages especially Fulfill this purpose by Teaching Israel about her Covenants and Prophecies. As examples of Covenant Contract, and Isaiah 49 includes major Covenant Promises for The House of Israel. Nephi cited these Chapters shortly after his people arrived in The New World, Teaching his family about their significant Covenant Promises (1 Nephi 22:7-12). Later, after Jacob had quoted Isaiah 50 and 51, he stated that he had read these things that they '*might know concerning The Covenants of The Lord that He has Covenanted with all The House of Israel*' (2 Nephi 9:1). Centuries later, The Resurrected Saviour used Isaiah 52 and 54 as He Delivered His Law and Covenant Teachings (3 Nephi 15-16) and His Covenant People discourse (3 Nephi 20-22). Jesus Promised that as The Words of Isaiah are Fulfilled, '*then is The Fulfilling of The Covenant*' (3 Nephi 20:12; compare v. 46). Thus, Isaiah's Writings also record notable Prophecies associated with God's Kingdom in The Last Days. The significance of Temples and Priesthood Leadership (2 Nephi 12/Isaiah 2), God's Judgments of His Children in Zion 92 Nephi 13-15/Isaiah 3-5). The Apocalyptic invasion of armies from the north toward Jerusalem (2 Nephi 20/Isaiah 19), the impact of key Servants and Prophets (2 Nephi 21/Isaiah 11), the downfall of Spiritual Babylon (2 Nephi 27/Isaiah 29) are all quoted by Nephi before he provides additional, Inspired Commentary about The Last Days in 2 Nephi 25-33. These Prophecies of Isaiah highlight many significant events that have occurred or will occur in different parts of the world. With Nephi's insights, these Prophecies and

Promises help us to understand The Fulfillment of God's Work in The Latter Days so we can know that God has not Forgotten.

After Teaching Israel about Covenants and Prophecies, another major purpose of *The Record of The Nephites* is '*to the Convincing of The Jew and Gentile that Jesus is The Eternal Father*', Abinadi and Nephi quoted Isaiah as they Delivered their important Witnesses of Christ and His Atonement. The most Powerful Messianic Passage of Isaiah is '*The Suffering Servant Song*' of Chapter 53. The Prophet Abinadi cited this Chapter as he taught King Noah and his priests (Mosiah 14). Abinadi's Inspired Commentary helps us understand how Christ can make Intercession for His Followers, as Promised by Isaiah (Mosiah 15). Additional Messianic Prophecies of Isaiah, Chapters 6-9, were quoted by Nephi as a prelude to his Great Testimony about Christ (2 Nephi 16-19, 25, 31-33. Isaiah is used as a Powerful Tool to Strengthen Prophetic Witnesses about Christ in *The Record of The Nephites*.

### **Studying Isaiah in *The Record of The Nephites* Perspective**

As mentioned above, *The Record of The Nephites* has two major Purposes: *To Teach and to Testify*. *The Record of The Nephites* is first intended to Teach God's Chosen People about their History, Covenants, and Prophecies. And second, building on that Foundation, it is to Testify to Jew and Gentile that *Jesus is The Christ, The Eternal God*, who Manifests Himself to the whole world. In *The Record of The Nephites* various Prophets and The Saviour not only Teach about different Covenant

Relationships, but they also highlight Special Covenant Prophecies to be Fulfilled in The Last Days.

In a variety of settings, *The Record of The Nephites* Prophets also provide Prophetic Insights into The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ. In conjunction with these Covenant Teachings, Prophecies, and Messianic Witnesses, Passages from Isaiah are often quoted. Thus, to better appreciate The value and meaning of Isaiah Passages in *The Record of The Nephites*, the reader should ask this question: ‘*What can I learn from this Isaiah Passage that will help me better understand three essential Doctrines?*’ The Doctrines are:

1. God’s Covenants with The House of Isaiah.
2. Prophecies of The Last Days
3. The Saviour’s Calling and Mission

As will be seen when the specific Isaiah Chapters are discussed, one or more of these Purposes will connect to each Chapter. In addition, a variety of other Valuable Purposes and Teachings can be Gleaned from The Isaiah Passages. Some of them may be discovered by you, as you Diligently Study and Ponder The Words of Isaiah. *I would like to give you five suggestions to help in this Studying, Pondering, and Learning from The Scriptures.*

1. ***Place the material in a historical context.*** Always remember to Study Isaiah within its unique *Record of The Nephites* setting. Be sure to read at least the preceding verses, if not the whole preceding Chapter, to appreciate what event led up to The Isaiah Material being quoted. Read the Chapter’s heading of *The Record of The Nephites* Chapters to be Studied. Then read The

Isaiah Material. Study The Isaiah Material in smaller units, usually as clusters of verses or individual Chapters or, at most, a small group of Chapters. Finally be sure to read the verses (and sometimes The Chapters) immediately following The Isaiah Passages where Prophetic Commentary is often given!

Both Jesus, in His Simple Parables, and Isaiah, in his symbolic poetry, carefully hide the principal Spiritual Meaning. To open up that Spiritual Meaning, it is helpful to appreciate the historical context in which The Message was originally given. As you read The Isaiah Passages in *The Record of The Nephites*, try to understand not just what was said, but also why and in what context it was said.

2. ***Review the major or important ideas in your mind.*** After you have read The Isaiah Passage, Ponder about what for you, at this time, are the significant concepts that you remember from this material. Ask yourself, ‘*What is The Lord saying to us in this Isaiah Passage?*’ Identify the particular Message of Greatest Value for you. See if you can connect parts of The Passage to any of the three major purposes (Covenants, Prophecies, Christ) described earlier. Or, ask if there is something of personal value to you in this Passage. *Can you ‘liken’ any of The Messages unto yourself?* (1 Nephi 19:23-24). *Can you sense The Hand of God or His Feelings toward you or others of His Children in this Passage?* in These are the essential questions you must ask yourself if you really want to Glean God’s Relevant Messages out of The Isaiah Passages *The Record of The Nephites.*

3. ***Study one small section of the material, just a few verses at a time.*** This is

where you go back and not just *Re-read but also Study some key verses*. These could be those verses highlighting the major Message for you. It could be the least understood portion of the reading, or just a portion that you feel you want to Study greater depth. Re-read those verses in their context and then us the footnotes at the bottom of the page. Note, any Hebrew (Heb.) clarification. Read all the verses, cross-referenced in the footnotes in their own Scriptural Context. Look up the topical guide (TG) entries, and see if any other Isaiah Passages deal with the same theme; then read those Passages. Skim through the other listings in that TG entry and see of other Passages in the standard works provide key insights for that concept. Re-read the verses and consider if there might be any terms or names that might be in *The Holy Bible*, Dictionary; see if any of them are listed. Prepare a brief outline of the key ideas (or words) within that section of verses. Try to identify any poetic patterns or parallelisms. Re-read the section and ponder how it fits only within *The Record of The Nephites* context but also in a Latter-Day Setting. Review and Ponder how these additional insights into The Isaiah Passage help enrich your Understanding of God's Word and its Application to you.

**4. Highlight a Message or Lesson from The Passage.** Identify at least one Message or Lesson that you can draw from this Isaiah Passage. It may be something you have learned or a connection you have made to other Scriptures. It can be a perspective or moral objective that you could share with family or friends. Using the oft-quoted Words of Mormon, you could summarize the material starting with the phrase, '*and thus we see.*' Finish that phrase by adding a

Lesson that you have Gleaned from The Passage. *Glenn valuable insights and Spiritual Treasures from The Isaiah Passage that will help you (and others) with increased Faith and Commitment.*

**5.** Finally, during this whole process, ***follow Moroni's important fourfold admonition*** of how to Study The Scriptures: as you read the material, remember God's Words and Works, Ponder these things and how they relate to you, and *Pray with Real Faith and Sincerity!* (Moroni 10:3-5). As you apply these suggestions, you will be pleasantly surprised at how much you will Learn in your Studies of Isaiah in *The Record of The Nephites*.

#### Notes:

1. 2 Kings 21:1-22' 2 Chronicles 33:1-10. 21-24; Ginberg, '*Legends of The Jews*' 4: 279-81.
2. 2 Kings 22:-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35; Ginsberg, '*Legends of The Jews*' 4 :281-83

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. (11:30 a.m.)

## Study Class

**1:30 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. Opening song, a Special by Kristie Johnson, '*Our Father Which Art In Heaven*'. Opening Prayer by Brother Jairus. A Special by Sister Harla Mortz, '*Time After Time*'.

## Study Notes

### Prayer

Apostle Jairus Yates  
Missouri

*(No Notes Submitted, therefore notes in part)*

We are at war. As we fellowship we must lift each other up. Let us put satan under our feet. The most Powerful weapon we have is that of Prayers.

Unless we have a Vision, the people will parish.

Philippians 4:4-6, ***'Rejoice in The Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.***

***Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at Hand.***

***Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'***

Supplication is deeper than mere Prayer.

11 Corinthians 10:3-5, ***'For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh;***

***(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but Mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)***

***Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against The Knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to The Obedience of Christ;'***

Our mind and heart is somewhat like a well with water. We get the water up from a bucket, but what is in your heart and mind is what people get. We must Study and Show ourselves Approved.

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

***and he will not have power over you.'***

Isaiah 59:1-2, ***'Behold, The Lord's Hand is not shortened, that it cannot Save; neither His Ear heavy, that it cannot hear:***

***But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His Face from you, that He will not hear.'***

Psalms 66:16, ***'Come and Hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my Soul.'***

1 John 3:21, ***'Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.'***

John 9:31, ***'Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a Worshipper of God, and doeth His Will, him He Heareth.'***

When a baby cries, the child have a need that needs to be fulfilled. It's the same for us as well. Make time to each day so spend more time to talk to The Lord. If you have to go to your secret place do so. Find a Prayer Partner. Its important that you do.

Know the Three E's: **Exalt The Saviour, Equip The Saints, and Evangelize the sinners.**

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa.

## **Preaching Services**

### **2:30 p.m.**

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves opened Services. Opening song, *'Higher Ground'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard. Second song a Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, *'Hallhuela'* Brother Leonard then introduced the speaker of the hour, Brother Apostle Donald Thompson of Missouri.

Thank you. That was a beautiful song.

I know The Lord Hears and Appreciate it also. Sometime you get to thinking you are growing in The Lord, and something knocks you down, and you find you're not doing so well.

We all have a long way to go. I know I do. I was Called out of the world to Represent The Lord.

I know that '*Freedom*' is a two way road: *Faith and Everlasting Gospel*. We are all here to Worship The Lord. I know we are Thankful for each other.

## Sermon Notes

### The Everlasting Gospel

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Missouri*

Revelation 14:6-7, *'And I saw another Angel fly in The Midst of Heaven, having The Everlasting Gospel to Preach to them that dwell on earth, and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people.*

*Saying with a loud voice, fear God and give Glory to Him; for The Hour of His Judgment has come and worship Him that made Heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters.'*

Message 90:19, *'Does not The Revelation say that I come with The Everlasting Gospel, to Preach to them that dwell upon the earth. Who is man that claimeth to have more than this?'* There are many forms of Religious Teachings and the doctrines of many churches, I ask the same questions as our Fellow Servant John The Baptist, the one who brought The 90<sup>th</sup> Message as well as The 89<sup>th</sup> that preceded it. *Who is man what is Preaching or Teaching in these Latter Days, that can claim to have a Greater Message than the*

*one who comes flying through The Midst of Heaven (from the present of God)?*

This does not belittle The Gospel of Truth that is being Preached today, but it does indicate that the preachers of today should know more about The Fulfillment of Scripture that is taking place today instead of always looking to the future for many of these Wonderful Prophecies to take place.

In many of The Prophecies certain statements seem misleading, such as the above statement where it says, 'saying with a loud voice'. Naturally we look for an Angel flying in The Midst of Heaven proclaiming with a loud voice The Message that he has to give us, without setting his feet on the earth but it does not take place that way. Instead, The Messenger or Angel brings The Everlasting Gospel to the ones that God has Chosen to Receive The Messages sent from The Lord.

The thing that stands out so loud and clear is The Authority with which this Angel Man of God speaks and The Messages have a Familiar Spirit that The Messages that has come through so many Prophets down through the ages and The Words that were Spoken by Christ and His Disciples.

The man, Messenger or Angel is none other than John The Baptist, for Christ said (Matthew 17) *'Elias Truly shall first Come and Restore all things.'* Then The Disciples Understood that He Spake unto them of John The Baptist.

The Everlasting Gospel is a Continuing Message. As far as we know it has no beginning or end, as The Word says it is an Everlasting Gospel. Who can designate the time when God said; *'Let us make man in our own image.'* Why Resurrected Beings are referred to as Angels, I don't know. Most

Angels as we understand them have never lived in the flesh.

The Messenger (John The Baptist) brought back to earth *The Authority of The Priesthood*, which was taken from the earth when The Church became an Apostate Church and the world entered into a period known as The Dark Ages. *This Authority is necessary to Establish The Kingdom of Heaven on the earth and Baptize people into it, it is necessary to perform The Rituals of The Church.*

From the days of John The Baptist, The Church suffered violence and the violent took it by force. Now this same John The Baptist comes to Restore all things, including The Church, Kingdom and Judgment on the earth. The Church is The Nucleus of The Kingdom and Judgment comes with Righteousness and when Righteousness fills the earth then we have *The Millennium* and when *The Millennium* is Established, then Christ will Come to Reign for a thousand years.

*Who is man that claimeth to have more than this? What man has The Gospel of The Kingdom other than The Messenger?.*

This is The Midnight Cry, The Cry preceding the dawn of *The Millennium*. It could not come before or after The Midnight Hour.

We may not know the hour The Lord will come but we do know that we are getting near The End of The Midnight Hour and we do not have to do any figuring or guessing to know this because it is actually happening even though the powers do not recognize it.

There is Truth in the old saying: you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make it drink. We can give out The Messages but we can not make the people Believe what

they say. The horse can stop at the next trough and drink but those who reject The Message The Lord is Sending will never enter into The Kingdom. *What other man, other than The Messenger, has The Authority to Establish The Kingdom of God on the earth?* No wonder The Messenger says, ***'shape your life by the words I bring'***.

Of course most of The Jews Believe it is Elijah The Prophet who lived in the days of King Ahab who will precede The Coming of Christ because they do not Believe in *The New Testament*. But we who are Believer in *The New Testament*, Believe that it is John The Baptist coming in The Power of Elias who will Prepare The Way before The Second Coming of Christ and Restore all things. John The Baptist is The Prophet of The Highest. John was in the flesh when he Prepared The Way before Christ who was also in the flesh. *What is more befitting than God should choose The Resurrected John The Baptist to Prepare The Way before our Resurrected Lord and Saviour?*

*Why should it be hard for people to Believe in a Resurrected Person coming to Prepare the people to receive a Resurrected Lord?* The Message that The Prophet of The Highest is bringing, are The Greatest Sermons mankind is Receiving today.

***'Ye shall know The Truth and The Truth shall make you Free'*** (John 8:32).

Now I wish to speak a bit on Faith (*the essence of things not seen.*) Faith is a Power! It cannot be seen or felt but it is a Great Spiritual Power that we understand very little about. It is a Power that Motivates the universe.

Through Faith all things are made. It paves The Way for our Spiritual Contact with God. The Greater our Faith, the more

Greater things we can do.

When we come into this world we can do very little and look to our parents for help or to those who are in charge of us. As time goes on and we develop, we see our own limitations as well as those we are in contact with and the more knowledge we get. The more knowledge we have, we realize we need more knowledge.

We know how to walk but we don't know what gives us our sense of balance. We know a cow eats green grass but we don't know what makes it green or why the cow gives white milk. We know some things crawl, some walk, some swim and some fly. We feel the wind blow, we see the rain fall, we see the flowers bloom and see the grain grow and we soon begin asking questions that cannot be answered. We are told that God Causes these wonderful things to take place.

One of the early questions in a child's mind is, *Where did I come from?* This question has been answered in various ways by different parents, because they do not want to explain what they understand about the matter. Mankind does not know the full answer to this question but do know this that male and female have been given the power to reproduce but not to give life and or personality.

God gives Life and Identity. *Who is God?* This question is asked and answered by most people that have or do live on the earth to those of us who Believe The Teachings of *The Bible*. We find many answers to the questions in our minds as to who God is.

A lot of people do not like to accept things by Faith. They say, seeing is Believing. In so doing they pass up many of The

Blessings God has for mankind.

When Adam and Eve were placed in The Garden of Eden, they were told that The Souls that sinneth shall die. Evidently they had doubts about this statement because they took a chance and sinned and mankind has been dying ever since because we all sin.

We don't have to have Faith that man dies because we are living in the midst of death. God did not intend for man to die, death is The penalty of sin. When Eve and Adam sinned they got sinful desires and all mankind has inherited those sinful desires more or less.

God knew that there was or is only one way of escape and He knew He was The Only One who could Provide *The Way Of Escape*. Evidently *God is The Only One who has lived without sin.* Therefore He has to take upon Himself flesh and come down and dwell amongst mankind, give His Body into the power of satan to be offered up as a Sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. *Christ is The Manifestation of God in the flesh.*

Christ made us all a Promise if we have Faith in this Sacrifice and Obey His Commandments. We shall be Saved for the penalty of our sins. Now some people may say I have nothing to lose and maybe much to gain. I will Believe and Hope for the best. This is not sufficient.

There are Six Principles in The Gospel of Salvation: Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Laying on of Hands, The Resurrection and Eternal Life.

Faith is The Motivating Power of Salvation in our lives. Faith is what makes everything operate. *Faith is The Power that gives us The Assurance that those Principles are True.* *Faith is a Living Power that takes the sting out of death*

*Faith is The Strength of our Spiritual Life. Through Faith we continue on from this life to the next. The Greater our Faith, The Greater our Works. As we read about Gods Dealing with mankind we read about The Wonderful Power of Faith demonstrated through mankind.*

*By Faith I Believe that God has sent a Messenger from His Heavenly Presence with Messages of Instruction to all whose who receive them. By Faith I Believe that The Church and Kingdom is being Established on earth for the last time and that they will Grow until they fill the whole earth. By Faith we Believe that Christ is our Creator and Saviour.*

*We know we are sinners because we see and feel the effects of sin in our life and the lives of others: it is a reality throughout the length and breadth of the world. Those who live under The Law are Condemned by The Law. By Faith we look to Christ for our Salvation.*

*No wonder The Messenger says, 'read The 11th Chapter of Hebrews and read it often'. He knows The Great Power of Faith, how it is necessary to have Great Faith to bring us through The Six Principles of The Gospel of Salvation. He has gone all the way to receive Eternal Life and now he is being used to Establish The Righteousness on the earth, with Faith our Belief in Salvation is of non-effect, the same as Cain's offering was not acceptable. It was because of Enoch's Great Faith that he was Translated and did not see death. It was by Faith Noah built The Ark in preparation for The Flood.*

*It is lack of Faith that withholds The Power of God from us. By Faith we receive Inspiration; Faith overcomes fear; by Faith we Obey The Instructions that are given to*

*us. It takes Faith to know a person is going to be Healed before or while being Prayed for. By Faith we Preach The Living Words. By Faith we know whether we are Saved. Faith brings The Power of Salvation in our lives. Without The Knowledge of Salvation we do not enjoy The Peace and Happiness Salvation brings.*

*If we have Faith in a person then we Trust that person. If he tells us he is going to give us \$1,000 at the end of the year, our Assurance of Receiving the money is measured by The Faith we have in that person.*

*Man has limitations which weakens The Faith. God has no Limitation to weaken our Faith in Him. Our Assurance of Salvation is just as sure as our Faith. Doubt is caused by lack of Faith.*

*If a person who has made their Covenant with God in The Church of Christ with The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord. They know they are Saved but must Endure unto The End as The Scripture says. You are not Saved until you Endure to The End. We have Hope of Enduring and we know our Salvation lies with The Lord Jesus Christ through Repentance and Obedience. Doubt is caused by lack of Faith.*

*We cannot lose that which we do not have. God is trying to Rise up a people that have Great Faith. *Faith will build The Kingdom of God on earth.* The Greater our Faith, The Greater our Zeal will be. Sometimes our faith can be misguided by following The Prophecy and advice of man; this is where we need *True Discernment.* In all things as we read The Scriptures as well and we must follow them as stated in The Scriptures as well as our *Articles of Faith**

and Practice.

We must have Faith in each other and be able to work together by the motivation Power of our Faith in God and The Written Word and whatsoever we desire to accomplish should be according to The Will of God.

If The Messenger is going to Restore all things then The Instructions that we Receive from The Messenger should have pre-eminence over Prophecies that come through man or mans opinions or ideas. It was just preceding The Establishing The Church Anew that God told us to read The 11th Chapter of Hebrew often. He knew it would take Faith for us to go to the land, to Prepare a People, to separate ourselves from the lust of the world, to be a Living Testimony as to how a people should live to be a Blessing to God, to be a people with Clean Hands and Pure Hearts to build The Temple of The Lord and to Build The Kingdom. Lets Shape our Lives by The Words our Fellow Servant John The Baptist brings.

*(some quotations in this Sermon was taken from our past Brother Sykes writing's)*

## Love Your God

Love your God with all your Heart  
and all your Mind and Soul,  
and He will Lead you to find  
your long sough cherished goal.

Have Faith in Him when things go wrong  
and He will lead The Way,  
to drive away the clouds of Gloom  
and brighten each new day.

Do not Believe Prayer is in vain  
For this is far from True.  
They will be answered from Above  
to Guide and Strengthen you.

*Written by Harold F. Mohn*

*Submitted by Ola Thompson*

Closing song, 'Look For The Beautiful'. Closing Prayer by Brother Leonard Draves.

## Testimony Service

3:30 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening song, 'Where He Leads, I'll Follow'. Opening Prayer by Brother Thompson. Second song, a Special by Sister Kristie Johnson: 'I Heard The Voice of Jesus'.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** The Lord gives us all identity. *I wonder why He didn't give us all a beautiful singing voice?* I want to Thank The Lord for my home, my family, and for my life. I want to do what The Lord wants me to do. *When The Lord Comes, I want to be in that number.* I am glad to be here. Many Blessings and good Sermons. I enjoyed Brother Richard Johnson and Brother Jairus Yates Sermons. Let us all talk to The Lord, and Repent if necessary. Try a Closer Walk with The Lord. I know it is easy to get caught up in the ways of the world. *Be Strong! Let The Lord Rule.*

**Kristie Johnson, Missouri:** I talked to Sister Brenda a few weeks ago that refresh my Walk with The Lord. *It is always a Blessing to come to Church.* I was born into the RLDS church, third generation. My father was a Priest. He was very out spoken and went on his own beaten path. I Thank The Lord for that. I married Reece (Johnson) after meeting him at a conference table. Reece talked to me about The Church which I knew about from my father. My father was later silenced by the RLDS church. My

father sat me down and we corrected our Book of Mormon to read like *The Record of The Nephites*. Reece told me about *The Record of The Nephites*, and BINGO, it jelled with me. I already knew about it. It just seemed natural to me. I then got a Message Book. Everything seemed right to me. When I met Brother Mervyn (Johnson) I learned about the historical background of The Work. I can't imagine being without This Work! I asked to be Baptized after Brother W. A. Draves' death, but before Sister Florence (Johnson) death. I was Baptized in a pond at Brother Mervyn's farm. It was covered with green allege. Only The Lord could of done this! I know in my heart this is Home! My parents are not very happy with me. Being born into the RLDS, wasn't normal for me to stay home on Sunday or Wednesday's night. We went to all the Services. So you see my family had issues with me joining This Church. The Lord worked it all out.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** I remember Mervyn's farm home. I fell through the floor.

**Leonard Draves, Missouri:** I remember the day I met Kristie. Reece brought her to Church. We sat together. I had thoughts of Reece and my daughter Ruby being together, but when I met Kristie, I knew that would never be. Kristie is a wonderful, Loving person. I Love her dearly. She is family! I remember Mervyn's farm home also. There was a 1929 license plate nailed to the wall, next to the front door. Since I collected plates, I wanted it because it was 1929. *A memorable date in our Church*. I never got it of course. I Love This Work, it is my life. I Thank The Lord for all His Blessings and Mercies. He is my best friend!

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** I enjoy hearing how people learned about The Work. Dad sat me on the table when he wrote his letters. I knew how Great The Three Books were. Dad was my best friend, my Prayer Partner. We all need to get past our wants and Walk in The Lord. The Lord cannot Bless you if you have no trials. I felt lifted up as a young mother. I knew I was to be an example for my family. I wanted to be a Gospel Singer. I remember often, and I know I have told this before, but when I was in the fourth grade at Moffat, Colorado, I was going to the store. There was a single path crossing a field to the store. I saw Jesus in the middle of the path. He said, '*come and go with me.*' I told Him I needed to get mom and dad and my family. He said, '*No, This is a Walk you must go alone.*' *You can not go to the left or right.* I wanted to go to bed early that night, as I wanted to see Jesus again. Stay firm. Meet The Lord face to face. Stay on The Path. Digest The Three Books. Know God's People. Be part of The Kingdom of God. Be a people with Clean Hands and a Pure Heart. Be Worthy of The Inheritance you Received when Baptized. Endure to The End. I saw my father on his porch swing crying in 1993. His heart was broken indeed. He told me that his heart was grieved of those that will no longer be with us and he pointed toward The Church at 608 Lacy. Later, I knew I could not let this harden my heart. The Lord says to put the bitterness behind. Pray that The Honest of Heart will return and come Home. I realize that God died for us all. It doesn't matter what people think or say of me, our actions must bring them back. Let your Love Shine, do not judge. The Greater Power is here for those that prepare for it. Remember The

Holy Oil, use it. Dedicate your life to The Lord. Tell satan you are done with him. Walk with The Lord. Serve Him and Be Blessed. The Lord will last through Eternity.

**Jairus Yates, Missouri:** Hearing Ola gets me worked up. As a teenager I spent some time in jail, a long list of drugs. I am not proud of this. My parents would Pray for me. People you think are afar off, can come to The Lord through The Power of God. I got my life straighten out and then came the division in 1994 and I went away. People continued to Pray for me and you see, I am back Home. Loved ones are not unreachable. Some are scared to do what they want to do. Be Encouraged. Keep Praying for your Loved ones. Don't give up. Keep Blessing them and bring them in.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** You all heard my wife talk. I heard a lot of it several times. I was a worldly person went we both started out. My mother would read *The Bible* to us kids, but we didn't go to church much. If it hadn't been for Ola and her brother and father, I wouldn't have realize that I needed to turn my life around. I knew if I continued as I was going, I would be a lost Soul. Ola and I have been together for 47 years now. We have had some struggles. I Thank The Lord I am here today. I Love hearing The Testimonies.

**Carry Ramey, Missouri:** Satan wants to take our kids from us. Pray for me, my girls and for my husband. Pray for Nicole. This is the first year she had not been here. I don't want it to be a pattern. I know we all have to have a Relationship with God. We must get into The Word. I would appreciate being administer too.

## Administrations

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Apostle Jairus Yates Administered to *Sister Carrie Ramey* and *Sister Tammy Thompson*.

Closing song, '*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.*' Closing Prayer by Brother Donald Thompson.

## Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening song, '*In My Heart Sings A Melody*'. Brother Leonard Draves Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Thompson. Second and third songs, Specials by Sister Harla Mortz, '*Sheltered In The Arms Of Jesus*', and '*Time after Time*'.

Brother Donald Thompson then introduced the speaker of the evening, his son, Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

It is good to be here. I work nights and so I miss some of the meetings, but what I have heard of The Sermons and Testimonies I have been Blessed.

## Sermon Notes

*(No notes submitted, so notes are in parts.)*

## Pushing Forward

*Bishop Matthew Thompson  
Missouri*

The most important thing to remember is to '*Hang onto The Rod of Iron.*' I remember a dream that my grandfather, W.A. Draves was looking over me shaking his head. I knew that I had to do something about my life.

When I was four or five years old, I had a dream that The Lord showed Himself to me on my wall. I was scared at first, then The

Peace of The Lord covered me. It stayed with me a long time. It was REAL! I knew The Lord had something for me. Grandfather said The Lord had a Work for me.

I don't want to lose my son to the world. My mother tells me to leave everything in The Lord's Hands. I know that I don't miss the worldly things I was into. My life is much better. I have fun in doing the right things. I enjoy my life, it is a Good Life and Walk with The Lord.

It is hard at times, I feel weak. I ask God for Strength I want to do Good, and to Endure to The End. The Lord says our Work is Pecuriliar and Strange.

As people come into The Work, we need to be able to Serve them. God's Words are TRUE! Let us all be Obedient to them. We do not want to cause confusion in the world. If I don't know the answer to something, then I tell people '*I don't know*'. We need to Pray for one another.

2 Nephi 32:8, '*And now, my beloved brethren, I perceive that ye Ponder still in your hearts; and it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing. For if ye would Hearken unto The Spirit which teacheth a man to Pray, ye would know that ye must Pray: for the evil spirit teacheth not a man to Pray, but teacheth him that he must not Pray.*'

We are Blessed in having The Fullness of The Gospel. Our Mission is to bring people to The Lord The Right Way. We must Push Forward!

We must be in Season at all time. We must fight '*The Good Fight*'. My Grandfather fought '*The Good Fight*'.

Be about The Father's Business. Pray for those that are not part of This Work. Pray for The Military, those that have lost their

homes from the storms of the world, and for our Loved Ones. We will see The Lord's Hand Move!

Closing song, '*Count Your Blessings*'  
Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (8:15 p.m.)

**Wednesday, June 29, 2011**

**Priesthood Meeting**

**10:30 a.m.**

*(No Notes Submitted)*

**Study Class**

**1:00 p.m.**

*(No notes submitted, note are in parts.)*

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates opened the meeting. Opening Song, '*Just A Closer Walk With Thee.*' Opening Prayer by Brother Jairus.

Brother Jairus announced to The Congregation that Brother Wolfgang Trambowsky of Germany passed away on June 17, 2011, after a period of time in the hospital.

1 Peter 4:12-13, '*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you;*

*But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Chris's Sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be Revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding Joy.*'

It is True, that we are needful of Greater Understanding. I remember my father Vin, would tell me, '*it is to early to quit*'. Sometimes we are so low, we have to reach up to touch the sidewalk.

Sometimes we think we did something wrong, or I am not good enough. Be ready

to be Blessed.

Message 79:7, *'Trials will come and burdens heavy, but The Lord is your Yoke and Peace and it shall flow like a River of Light and Life.'*

We know that Trials will come. God has sent John The Baptist to re-ensure us that God IS our Yoke and Peace.

Psalms 34:14-15, *'Depart from evil, and do Good; Seek Peace and Pursue it.'*

*The Eyes of The Lord are upon The Righteous, and His Ears are open unto their Cry.'*

Deliverance is Coming! God said so! It is always the darkest before the dawn.

Psalms 107:20, *'He sent His Word, and Healed them, and Delivered them from their destructions.'*

Job 23:10, *'But He knoweth The Way that shall come forth as gold.'*

There are many Called, but few Chosen. We must shape our lives by God's Word. We must be the best that we can.

Romans 8:31, *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?'*

Isaiah 54:16, *'Behold, I have Created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have Created the waster to destroy.'*

The waster is the devil. His work is to destroy. If you get discouraged, read *The Word*. You need to know how God and the devil works. The heat is on us to make us God's Instrument.

Isaiah 45:7, *'I form The Light, and create darkness; I make Peace, and create evil: I The Lord do all these things.'*

Roman 8:28, *'And we know that all things work together for Good to them that*

*Love God, to them who are The Called According to His Purpose.'*

God is Full of Wisdom and Love. Don't let anything harm you. All things (trials, etc,) work for our Good.

2 Corinthians 4:17, *'For our Light affliction, which is but for a moment, Worketh for us a far more Exceeding and Eternal weight of Glory;'*

2 Corinthians 12:7-10, *'And lest I should be Exalted above Measure through The Abundance of The Revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of satan to buffet me, lest I should be Exalted above measure.'*

*For this thing I besought The Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.*

*And He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness Most gladly therefore will I rather Glory in my infirmities, that The Power of Christ may rest upon me.*

*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, the reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distressees for Christ's Sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.'*

Any kind of trial is a thorn in the flesh. By His Grace, He allows us to have Peace. If you work against God, whom is working for you, you will get no Blessings.

James 1:2-4, *My brethren, count it all Joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

*Knowing this, that the trying of your Faith worketh Patience.*

*But let Patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.'*

If your heart is right, there is no need of temptations, you got it all.

Romans 5:1-4, *'Therefore being Justified by Faith, we have Peace with God*

*through our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*By whom also we have Access by Faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and Rejoice in Hope of The Glory of God.*

*And not only so, but we Glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh Patience;*

*And Patience, Experience; and Experience, Hope.'*

We all have to have Hope! Satan is a liar. He will steal Hope and eventually kill you.

John 10:10, *'The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am Come that they might have Life and that they might have it more Abundantly.'*

Roman 8:18, *'For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with The Glory which shall be Revealed in us.'*

It is exciting to Believe in Greater Things to come. It is encouragement.

1 Peter 1:6-7, *Wherein ye greatly Rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;*

*That the trial of your Faith, being much more Precious than of Gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto Praise and Honour and Glory at The Appearing of Jesus Christ;'*

Humble yourself, or God will Humble you. Endure and Overcome your trials. Be Clean inside and out. Take care of yourself. Don't wine about your trials. Pray for Strength to Overcome. God has a Plan.

There are divisions in the home, discord in our nations and splits in our Church. But God's Plan is to gather The Remnant. His Word will not return unto Him Void.

Message 62:11, *'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.'*

God will keep going until He finds people He can work with. In 1994, God shook things up. He is going to Purge His People, His Ministry.

Message 90:23, *'There will be many troubles and trials within the homes, the nations and The Church, until you will Rejoice to stand together. Let Peace Rule you lives—watch what you say and do, and where you are.'*

God wants a People with Clean Hands and Pure Hearts. If you are doing wrong, turn away from incorrect decisions. Build your Faith until you can keep it. Wake up!

When you wake up, keep yourself in The Word. Keep His Commandments. Pay your Tithes and help Build The Church up. God Bless!

## **Music, Praise and Testimony Service 3:45 p.m.**

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson opened the meeting. Opening song, 'Amazing Grace'. Opening Prayer by Brother Donald Thompson. Second song, 'Shall We Gather At The River'

**Harla Mortz, Missouri:** This past Thursday while I was saying my Prayers, I noticed a pain in my breast. It hurt when I breathed deeply. Then I started having some pain when breathing normally. Then came

some numbness in my lips, arms, and side of my face. I couldn't Pray myself out of it. The longer I sat, the worst it got. By Praying, I started to feel better. Then a pain came in my chest all the way through to my back.

My daughter called 911. My anxiety got worst. I felt like I was going to die. I couldn't think, felt confused and I was becoming upset. I thought I was having a heart attack. Getting some oxygen helped a little.

I got some blood, and some iron. Elders came and Prayed for me. I was Anointed with The Holy Oil. I felt Joy. Five days later I received some more blood with Prayers still being said for me.

I wanted to be a Bold Christian, no longer being a secret Christian. Everyday I was giving or receiving blood. The nurses said it was a pleasure treating me. I had The Joy of Jesus in my heart.

Sister Ola and Brother Leonard called me. I got cards and more Prayers. The day I was released from the hospital, nurses came to say good bye. God Healed me!

When I was eighteen, the doctors found a hole in my heart. Three years ago I had a mini stroke. I asked about my heart and was told that I did not have an enlarge heart and they could not see a hole in my heart. I know that God Healed me Spiritual as well as physical. I don't feel sorry for myself. I want to tell everyone to go to God, there is no such thing as un-answered Prayers.

**Carrie Ramey, Missouri:** Harla, you have a Wonderful Spirit. Maybe you should go to the hospital more often.

I feel that I am a hindrance to my husband. I need answers to give him. I need to Study The Word more so I can explain

things to him. Pray for us.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** Brian knows This Message Gospel is True. He has a Testimony. He is weak because of his family. Pray with him when he thinks about This Work. He needs an open heart and mind to let The Truth come in. He is running now. You have to have your own heart Believing in The Work. Believe, Repent and be Baptized.

**Ryan Wetzel, Missouri:** I will talk to Brian. I feel better now that I got Baptized. It's better between me and my wife. I am Thankful for my wife. I am Thankful to marry such a beautiful woman. Now, she is having my child. Once I let The Lord in all good things came to me. God forgave the bad things I have done. Pray we have a healthy baby. I need your Prayers to quit smoking. I know I must Study more. I Pray every night.

**Kristie Johnson, Missouri:** I couldn't stop thinking about last night Services. Jairus talked about trials. I wasn't feeling worthy of all my Blessings. We got to do Good. We cannot sit on the fence. My husband have had some health problems that caused him some issues with his stomach. I know that Reece has a Work to do. The Lord has shown it to me. We were kids when we got married, just eighteen and nineteen. I have nothing to wine about. I almost died while giving birth to both my children. I almost died when I had bypass surgery. The Lord could of taken me so many times. My son Ethan tells me things that usually a thirteen year old boy doesn't tell his mother. He started crying saying he hasn't done anything good. I am just a dumb jock. He felt he was so prideful. The Lord is working with him. My largest fear is that my children

won't Love and Serve The Lord. Ethan knows The Lord has a Work for him. Reece has a Work to do for The Lord. We have to be Responsible for our lives. Only God can Save! I don't want anyone to be slothful. I know that I am a control freak. I want only to do what God wants. I know I must Study and Fast more. I am so Thankful that God brought me into This Work.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** Thankful for Ryan's Testimony. I have been Blessed by Baptizing him. God Loves us all. When we get The Lord in our hearts, we feel better. During our Easter Sermon, I felt The Lord dealing with Brian. He felt so Blessed. He then talked to Matt about Baptism. He was ready then. I know he Believes This Church is True.

**Jarius Yates, Missouri:** I have been married three times. My first wife was a Baptist. That marriage didn't last. My second wife Believed in The Work, but passed away. My present wife doesn't accept This Work and thinks I am in the wrong Church. If you ask a woman to marry you, ask questions first. I know The Lord has an Appointed Time for everyone. It is a matter of Prayer. I know that Ryan has a Calling in This Work. I visited Brother Draves gravesite. It was nice to see The Lords Words inscribed in his stone. I am Thankful for your Testimonies, Prayers and Love for This Work.

**Oladawn Thompson, Missouri:** May we have a Season of Prayers for our Loved ones?

## Season Of Prayers

Those that Prayed were, Leonard Draves, Oladawn Thompson, Carrie Thompson and Donald Thompson.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** Let us keep a Prayer in our hearts. We seek Eternal Life with our Lord God.

**Leonard Draves, Missouri:** I was Blessed in designing my father's head stone. I miss him greatly, as you all do. He was Truly a Servant of The Lord, Faithful to the very end. I am Blessed in being his son and Brother in The Work of our Lord. It was Great living and growing up in his home. Being there when The Messenger visit was also a Great Blessing. Being in *The Light of The Messenger and feeling The Lord's Spirit will always be with me.* Brother Turland's gravesite is not far from my parents grave. Sister Jesse Dixon and my wife and I bought his head stone. That is why it is the same style as my parents. The Savages, Winans and Parkers are close to my parents grave as well.

I remember dad telling me of a family in Iowa that had three sons. They all asked for Baptism, and their mother refused to let them. All three of them were teenagers, and dad said they all were good boys and ready for The Water. Well because of their mother's ideas of there worthiness, they are not part of The Church today. When someone ask for Baptism, talk with them to know, but Baptize them. I was Baptized at the age of six. I have never regret it, nor has The Lord. It was Real and Lasting. I am now 61. I Love The Lord, This Work and This Gospel. Like The Message says, *'There is NO TURNING BACK!'*

Closing song, *'Never Be Discouraged'*. Sister Kristie Johnson, Chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Donald Thompson.

## Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson opened Services. Opening song, 'We Thank Thee O God' Opening Prayer by Brother Mervyn. Second song a Special by Sister Harla Mortz. Brother Mervyn then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

I am Thankful to be here to speak to you once again. It is such a Blessing to attend The General Assembly of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. I know that this is The True Gospel of Jesus Christ and that this is The True Church of Christ. We are so Blessed to be part of this Great Work.

Before I forget, I want to send all my Love and Prayers to all my Brothers and Sisters that were not able to attend this General Assembly. I Pray that a portion of God's Spirit will be with them and He has been with us these past days.

If The Independence Local will forgive me, I want to read some of my favorite verses out of The Book of Alma that has always touched my heart.

I would like to read from *The Record of The Nephites*, words of Encouragement that has always given me a boost in times of trials. I want to share those Words will all tonight. Turn to The Book of Alma, Chapter 26, reading from verses 8, 12, 16-17, 22, 35 and 37.

***'Blessed be The Name of our God; let us Sing to His Praise, yea let us give Thanks to His Holy Name, for He doth work Righteousness forever . . .***

***Yea, I know that I am nothing. As to my strength I am weak therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for in His Strength I can do all things; yea Behold, many Mighty Miracles we have***

***wrought in this land, for which we will Praise His Name forever.***

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

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

***Yea, he that repenteth and excersiseth Faith,, and bringeth forth Good Works, and Prayeth Continually without Ceasing: unto such it is given to know The Mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to Reveal things which never have been Revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of Souls to Repentance, even as it hath been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance . . .***

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

***Now my brethren, we see that God is Mindful of every people, in whatsoever land they may be in; yea, He numbereth His People, and His Bowels of Mercy is over all the earth. Now this is my Joy, and***

*my Great Thanksgiving; yea, and I will give Thanks unto my God forever. Amen'*

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

## Sermon Notes

### A Light Unto The World

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

Before I get started, I would like to read several verses.

Matthew 5:13-16, *'Ye are the Salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

*Ye are The Light of The World. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

*Neither do me Light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth Light unto all that are in the house.*

*Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.'*

Mark 12:13-17, *'And they sent unto Him certain of the Pharisees and of The Herodians, to catch Him in His Words.*

*And when they were come, they say unto Him, Master, we know that thou are True, and Carest for no men; for Thou regardest not the person of men, but Teachest The Way of God in Truth; Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?*

*Shall we give or shall we not give? But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them. Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.*

*And they brought it. And He Saith unto them, whose is this image and super-*

*scription? And they said unto Him, Caesars,*

*And Jesus answering said to them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesars', and to God the things that are Gods'. And they marveled at Him.*

1 Peter 2:13-17, *'Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for The Lord's Sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;*

*Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for The Praise of them that do well.*

*For so is The Will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ingnorance of foolish men:*

*As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as The Servants of God.*

*Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour The King.'*

Our Church is very Unique! It is the only Church who's Authority is set by God through The Hands of An Angel. No other Church can claim this Uniqueness.

In many ways it is different from every other organization in the world.

We have *The Fullness of The Gospel*. Given in Measures of Three Meals, *'The Holy Bible'*, *'The Record of The Nephites'* and *'The Word of The Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel.'*

Of course, we know that The Church is Unique, and would necessarily be different because of its Great Commission to *'Be Witnesses unto Christ both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.'*

There is no other Church could be likened to *'The Body of Christ'* working in

the world.

I like the words given in Message 88:22-23, *'The Law and The Prophets spoke until I come. Now all mankind, all churches, all creeds and factions must hear my Words and know what I have spoken and will yet speak.'*

*'Without me and The Words of The Lord I bring, they build upon the sand where the storms of life and the doctrines of men will sweep them away and their works come to naught.'*

Did you notice that John The Baptist said, *'Without me and The Words of The Lord I bring . . . that their works come to naught'?*

Yes, there are ways to Christ, but there in ONLY ONE ASSURED WAY OF THE LORD and this is it!

People, no matter what age, sex, and nationality you are, you must be gathered unto This Great world-wide Fellowship of God.

Message 88:25-26, *'Be Glad and Rejoice ye wise men, ye that claim to be Leaders, Obey and your works will come Higher in Greatness if you Heed what I have to say.'*

*'Little Flock, be not discouraged, for Greater Things are yet to come for you in your Hope and Salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is Hope for Eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.'*

What a Blessed and Wonderful Promise from our Lord.

The members of This Church join for reasons unlike those for which one joining other organization or churches.

The Lord tells is in Message 88:16, *'then turn and discern them that be The Lord's or them that serve Him not. They that*

*Serve Him shall have Right to The Tree of Life.'*

Another reason we are different than other churches, is that in voluntary contributions are made by its members. There are no fees for joining, or dues to be collected each month. Paying Tithes is not a Sacrifice, but a Commandment of The Lord—and that's between each of us and our Lord.

Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus tells His Followers that they are to be like two things, First *'The Salt of the earth'*, and second, *'The Light of the world.'* What so you think Jesus meant by this?

*'Ye are The Salt of the earth'*, It would be hard to over-estimate the value of salt to mankind. Salt makes food palatable.

Salt makes food enjoyable. It brings out the flavor. Would you enjoy eating food if all the salt is left out?

Would you be willing to live in a world without Jesus? I would hate to even imagine a world like that.

Salt is a preservative. It is put into food to keep it from spoiling. Jesus wanted His Followers to be a Purifying Influence in society in which they found themselves. They were to preserve and keep all that was finest and best.

Without The Work of The Lord, how long do you think it would be before all civilization would disappear?

If The Lord was removed, the world would soon be filled with lawlessness, poverty and vice.

Cities or communities in which we find most of deplorable conditions are those places where The Lord's Influence is the weakest because of men of no Faith, no Hope of The Lord.

*Are we like the Salt of the earth? Are we*

trying to preserve and keep Pure and Good the atmosphere about us? Are we sanctifying ourselves to be fit and worthy of The Lord's Blessings and Mercies?

Jesus recognize that we lose power! He warned us against this when He said, ***'If the salt lost his savor . . . it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.'***

Jesus was speaking of real salt in those words, but at the same time was pointing out that people could lose their value to The Work of The Kingdom.

In John 8:12, Jesus said, ***'I Am The Light of the world'***. We know that Jesus is The Light of the world. John even says that He come to Point The Way to that Light.

We, His Followers, are to Reflect His Light, and thus in turn brings Brightness and Warmth into the world.

Jesus tells us to answer by our actions. To watch where we go, what we say, and where we are.

Our Light must Shine for The Lord, His Words and His Kingdom.

We must Raise The Standard of Living by showing that God wants us to live, happy and busy lives for Him as examples of The Kingdom.

This Church brings a Message of Hope to people that lifts them to new endeavors.

We must lift a Standard for the world to see. We must Serve to make Jesus known to all, and also to present The Way of Life which Jesus taught.

Jesus Ways gives Life to all. A fair chance to live under conditions which enables us to Serve Christ, and to lead a Full, Abundant Life.

May we all become The Salt of the earth, and a Light that points The Way to Christ

Jesus, our only Living God. Amen!

Brother Apostle Mervyn Johnson spoke, *'Sometime ago I was thinking of The Church and various people in it. My mind fell on Brenda and Ken Humpert. I know that Ken has a Calling in This Priesthood. Consider this and Seek The Lord in Prayer. The Lord needs you!'*

Closing song, *'Trust In Jesus'*. Chorister: Sister Marianna Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Mervyn Johnson. (8:15 p.m.)

## **Sacrament Service**

### **Closing of The Assembly**

Service opened with Brother Leonard Draves. A Special by Sister Kristie Johnson, *'Breathe on me Breath of God'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Leonard.

### **Blessing of The Emblems**

The Emblems were Blessed by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, touching The Emblem while Praying.

The Bread was Blessed by Brother Leonard Draves; ***'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 t be with them. Amen!'***

*(Emblem Passed)*

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, then Blessed The Wine, touching The Emblem while Praying.

***‘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 of 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!’ (Emblem Passed)***

The Emblems were Passed by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson, and Brother Bishop Matthew Thompson.

## **Administration**

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson then Administered to Sister Nawassa Greenwell of Missouri.

Closing words by Brother Leonard Draves. *‘It has been a Great Blessing in The Lord to be here in The Assembly of 2011. Sharing this time with those of like Faith is Truly a Blessing of The Lord. I think of all those that wish to be here and for some reason or the other could not make it. I know their Prayers have been with us and I want to Thank them in The Lord for their support. Our Prayers are for you as well.*

*It was told in Ancient Times of The Coming of John The Baptist this day and time: The End Time, The Closing Time, The Mid-night Cry, The Time of Purifying The Ministry, Leading all Christendom into One Fold, wherein is One Shepherd, The Christ Jesus who shall Rule all Nations and Peace*

*shall be from one end to the other of this world.*

*Press on, Greater things await us and The Church. Let nothing destroy your Faith and Good Works. Deliverance has come—all we need do is to reach out. The Way is Prepared of Greater outpouring of The Spirit and Mighty things will be Revealed, but only to The Humble.*

*Go in Peace and plan to be with us next year. I Love you and God Loves you.’*

Closing song, *‘Until We Meet Again’*  
Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

## **Children’s Program**

### **Ages 7 to 10**

*Program Creator: Sister Ruby Draves  
Missouri*

## **‘Building Up God’s Church’**

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday**

- Session 1, ***‘God’s House, The Church and What’s in A Name’***
- Session 2, ***‘Architect and Builder and God’s House’***

#### **Tuesday**

- Session 3, ***‘Structural Components’***
- Session 4, ***‘Under Construction’***

#### **Wednesday**

- Session 5. ***‘The Temple of The Lord’***

If you would like a copy of ***The Children’s Lesson Program***, please write to The Church Headquarters: address in front of Paper.

## The Temple of The Lord

*'Hearken, O ye Elders of My Church, Saith The Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to My Commandments, in this land which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have Appointed and Consecrated for the gathering of The Saints; wherefore, this is The Land of Promise, and The Place for The City of Zion. And thus Saith The Lord your God, If you will Receive Wisdom here is Wisdom. Behold, The Place which is now called Independence, is The Center Place, and The Spot for The Temple is lying westward upon a Lot which is not far from the courthouse; wherefore it is Wisdom that The Land should be purchased by The Saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile. And also every tract bordering by the prairies, inasmuch as My Disciples are enabled to buy lands. Behold, this is Wisdom, that they may obtain it for an Everlasting Inheritance.'*

*(Revelation given July 1831 in Independence, Missouri.)*

## The Purpose of The Temple

*Isaiah 2:2-3, '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.*

*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up To The*

*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up To The Mountain of The Lord, to The House of The God of Jacob; and He will Teach us of His Ways, and we will Walk in His Paths; for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem.'*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 14:5-6, 'And The Lord will Create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon Her Assemblies, a Cloud and Smoke by day, and The Shining of a Flaming Fire by night; for upon all The Glory shall be a Defense.*

*And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a Place of Refuge, and for a Covert from storm and from rain.'* (Isaiah 4:5-6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 14:5-6)

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*Message 5:7, ' . . . Let the basement or first floor be finished, that The Lord's People in Independence may gather there for their Services. Let the main floor be used when The Lord's People gather for their General Assemblies from time to time at which time The Lord's Spirit will Rest upon them in Great Power, and will Direct them in their work that The Gospel may be Preached to all nations in Power, for Behold your Message shall be a Message of Love, and this Power shall come to The Servants of The Lord and His People;'*

*Message 5:8, ' . . . The people that will*

*gather here at times will be many, for Great will be The Desire of The People to come to The Lord's House, and The Lord will Meet them in the hour of their great need, when they Confess their sins unto Him, and the weak shall be made strong.'*

Message 5:12, '*. . . 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.'*

Message 6:2, '*. . . so that the lower rooms may be dry; for The People shall gather there for their Prayers and Fasting unto The Lord . . .*

Message 6:7, '*Yea, verily I say unto you, I Gave you a Commandment that you should Build a House, in which House I Design to Endow those whom I have Chosen with Power from on High, for this is The Promise of The Father unto you; therefore, I Command you to tarry, even as Mine Apostles at Jerusalem . . .*

Message 6:8, '*. . . and let the lower part of the inner court be Dedicated unto Me for your Sacrament Offerings, and for your Preaching, and your Fasting, and your Praying, and The Offering up of your most Holy Desires unto Me, 'Saith your Lord. For thus Spoke He unto Joseph Smith who Heeded not His Words.'*

Message 6:9, '*But let This House be Built, for 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.'*

Message 7/8:5, '*. . . Behold this House shall be The Government of God on earth; from which The Law of God shall go forth to all nations, even to The Jews that they also may know that God had again Spoken, and that He again shall gather Israel in their own land'*

Message 12:1, '*I have come to you from time to time, to Instruct you as to The Work of Building The Temple, and The Organization of The Church of Christ, and Re-establishing it again in its Fullness, that The Church may again Receive The Power and Holy Ghost as in days of old, and that as on The Day of Pentecost, The Servants of The Lord may be Filled with The Spirit of God, that they may take The Message of The Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth . . .*

Message 23:21, '*I will come to you from time to time until The Church is Established in it's Fullness and The Temple of The Lord is Build, from which this Law shall go to all nations . . .*

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 . . .*

Message 43:27, '*If the people will continue to Humble themselves and be True and Faithful many shall Assist in The Building of The Temple of The Lord. Great shall be The Joy of The People of The Lord because of The House wherein they shall find Spiritual Food and Knowledge, and The Goodness of God shall be their portion . . .*

Message 53:10, '*. . . All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord*

*shall Breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their Love toward the brethren . . .*

## Location of The Temple

Isaiah 2:2-3 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 12:2-3, *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, that The Mountain (nation) of The Lord's House (Temple) shall be Established in the top of The Mountains (greatest of all nations), and shall be Exalted above the hills (smaller nations); and all nations shall flow unto it.*

*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to The Mountain (nation) of The Lord, to The House (Temple) of The God of Jacob; and He will Teach us of His Ways, and we will Walk in His Paths; for out of Zion shall go forth The Law, and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem.'*

Isaiah 4:5-6; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 14:5-6, *'And The Lord will Create upon every Dwelling Place of Mount Zion, and upon Her Assemblies, a Cloud and Smoke by day, and The Shining of a Flaming Fire by night; for upon all The Glory shall be a Defence.*

*And there shall be a Tabernacle (Temple) for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a Place of Refuge, and for a Covert from storm and from rain.'*

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?'*

Psalms 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.'*

Ether 13:2-4, *' . . . and how that after the*

*waters had receded from off the face of this land, it became a Choice Land above all other lands, a Chosen Land of The Lord; wherefore The Lord would have that all men should Serve Him which Dwelleth upon the face thereof;*

*And that it was The Place of The New Jerusalem, which should come down out of Heaven, and The Holy Sanctuary\* of The Lord.*

*. . . and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.'*

Message 106:15, *'\* . . . They have kept Sacred The Special Spot for The Temple, The Holy Sanctuary of My Planning,' Saith The Lord'*

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Message 10:2, *'The Building that you have staked is ten feet too far to the east and if you will move the staked then it shall stand upon The Place that has been Pointed Out by The Finger of God . . .'*

Message 22:15, *'And this nation shall be Cleansed, and then shall it be Zion, for The Lord will Bless this land and the people that will keep His Commandments and Walk in Humility before Him . . .'*

Message 45:37, 39, *'The Messenger said, 'Look,' and I turned with him to look to the west and saw America, seemingly Raised up, so I could see the whole continent lifted out of the great waters . . .*

*I saw The Temple in the distance and*

*we floated gently toward it. As we neared, I read these words over The Door, 'THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.'*”

Message 80:10, *'Fear not and worry not about The Temple of The Lord, for The Lord can Choose The Place, the time to Build, and Direct in His work when He Desired His Temple to be Built . . .'*

Message 102:20, *'Zion shall not be moved from Her Place nor The Temple from The Spot Pointed out by The Hand and Voice of God.'*

Message 106:5, *'As was my coming Anew to The Remnant on The Temple Lot,*

Message 106:3, *'Many are Praying to know The Truth and The Will of The Lord. The Authority and Trust is upon you and your brethren. Keep it Sacred.'*

Message 106:22, *'These are My People. They have kept Sacred The Special Spot for The Temple, The Holy Sanctuary of My Planning,' Saith The Lord.'*

## When to Build the Temple

Zechariah 8:9-10, *'Thus Saith The Lord of Hosts; let your hands be strong, ye that Hear in these days these words by The Mouth of The Prophets; which were in the day that The Foundation of The House of The Lord of Hosts was laid, that The Temple might be Built.'*

*For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any Peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbor.'*

Message 6:6-8, *'Verily, thus Saith The Lord unto you, whom I Love, and whom I Love, I also chasten, that their sins may be forgiven, for with The Chastisement I Prepare a Way for their Deliverance, I n all*

*things, out of temptation; and I have Loved you; wherefore you must needs be chastened, and stand rebuked before My Face, for ye have sinned against Me a very grievous sin, in that ye have not considered The Great Commandment in all things, that I have given unto you, concerning the Building of Mine House, for the preparation wherewith I Design to Prepare Mine Apostles to Prune My Vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass My Strange Act, that I may Pour out My Spirit upon all flesh . . .*

*Yea, verily I say unto you, I Gave you a Commandment, that you should Build a House, in which House I Design to endow those whom I have Chosen with Power from on High for this is The Promise of The Father unto you; therefore, I Command you to Tarry, even as Mine Apostles at Jerusalem; nevertheless My Servants sinned a very grievous sin.*

*Verily, I say unto you it is My Will that you should Build a House; if you keep My Commandments, you shall have Power to Build it; if you keep not My Commandments, The Love of The Father shall not continue with you; therefore, you shall walk in darkness . . . For thus spoke He unto Joseph Smith who Heeded not His Words.'*

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Message 1:1-2, *'Don't change The*

*Articles of Faith and Practice, because The Lord Inspired the men that wrote them, See to it that they are not changed.*

*The Revelation that was given for The Building of The Temple was True and The Temple soon will be started.'*

Message 2:7, 'Then The Messenger said, 'Look!' and I looked up and saw the ground had also Raised and I could see The Woman again, but this time in a better dress, She looked up with a smile, Her clothes were white, Her hat was very fine and becoming in shape of a Crown with Twelve Bright Stars. Her children were coming to Her from every clime, even from the valley, the mist had raised. They were slowly Building on The Temple, to the west, the east, north and the south, in the sky stood the figures in large letters '1929.'

Message 3:3, 'Behold The Church has Slept and Slumbered but now let The Wise trim their lamps, that The Spirit of God may be as Oil to their Lamps, for Behold, The Bridegroom is Coming. Behold, The Temple must be Built.'

Message 5:5, 'You men, with others, shall Assist in The Building of The Temple, The House of The Lord which shall be started in 1929. The Lord will give you seven years in which to complete The Work ...'

Message 5:11, 'Do not be harsh with your brethren who also Believe in The Coming of Christ and The Building of The Temple, and if you will Present your Message in Love you will win your brethren, and many will help. Yea, let you Message go to them first, for many have looked for this day when they could help; nevertheless you shall start your preparation for The Temple now, and in 1929

your weak efforts shall start in Faith to begin The Work which shall be Great when Finished.'

Message 6:1-2.9, 'I am John, The Servant of The Lord, a Messenger sent from God, a co-laborer with you to Prepare a People for Christ when He shall come again, which will not be long; but before that time many things will come to pass, as it is Written, The Temple must be Built, but it will be Built through great tribulation, when trying times will be on the Earth; and because of the iniquity that shall be in the hearts of men, many shall have no Faith in The Gospel of Christ . . .

Joseph Smith did a Great Work in his day; yet he sinned before The Lord in many things by not keeping The Commandments that were given to him, and in not Building The House of The Lord; yet he repented, and in the end he will be numbered with The Prophets of old. Be ye not like him, but Build ye The House According to The Pattern that shall be given to you . . .

But let This House be Built, for 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 . . .'

Message 7/8:7, 'Therefore, let The Temple of The Lord be Built. Shout The Tidings to the nations of The Earth. The Lord God has Spoken and has again sent His Messenger that Peace may come and Salvation to all people . . .'

Message 12:7-8, 'Behold, The Lord changes not, again He has Sent me to Instruct the children of men as to The Building of The Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the

*construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the Building of The Temple, the material it shall be Built of, and I will come from time to time to Instruct you, for thus was I Commanded to Instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not True to The Trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been Instructed with This Work, therefore be Humble that you fail not in your work.*

*. . . The Lord will Reveal to you from time to time the things Pertaining to The Building of The Temple and The Work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that The People of The Lord might be Instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.*

*Message 80:10, 'Fear not and worry not about The Temple of The Lord, for The Lord can choose The Place, The Time to Build, and Direct in His Work when He Desires His Temple to be Built . . .'*

## **Only Those Who Qualify**

*Zechariah 6:12-13, 15, 'And speak unto him, saying, Thus Speaketh The Lord of Hosts, saying, Behold the man whose Name is The BRANCH;\* and He shall Grow up out of His Place, and shall Build The Temple of The Lord:*

*Even He shall Build The Temple of The Lord; and He shall Bear The Glory, and shall Sit and Rule upon His Throne; and He shall be a Priest upon His Throne and The Counsel of Peace shall be between them Both.*

*And they that are far off shall Come and Build in The Temple of The Lord, and ye shall know that The Lord of Hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to*

*pass, if ye will Diligently Obey The Voice of The Lord your God.'*

*Message 73:3, '\* I am John The Baptist, The Elias, which was for to come, I Come at The Lord's Appointing, I am The Branch, he that shall Prune, Refine and Purify all that may Dwell in The Presence of The Lord and King of kings.'*

*Matthew 24:45-47, 'Who then is a Faithful and Wise Servant, whom his Lord hath made Ruler over his household, to give them their Meat in Due Season?*

*Blessed is that Servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*

*Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him Ruler over all his goods.'*

*Psalm 127:1, 'Except The Lord Build The House, they labour in vain that build it: except The Lord keep the city, the Watchman waketh but in vain.'*

*Amos 9:11, 'In that day will I Raise up The Tabernacle of David that is fallen, \*and close up the breaches thereof; and I will Raise up his ruins, and I will Build it as in the days of old:'*

*Message 106:21, '\*Thus Saith The Lord, 'If you will Hear and Obey I will Lift that which has befallen and will close up The Breach thereof. I will Cleanse the ruins and it shall be Built as in the days of old, even The Temple of The Lord.'*

*Message 1:4, 'The Temple will be Built, if not by The People in charge, The Lord will Raise up a People that will Build it.'*

*Message 2:4-6, 'The Messenger said, 'Come with me and I will show you another vision.' He took me to the northeast corner of The Temple Lot and he said, 'Look!' Here I could see men coming with their tools going to the middle of The Temple Lot laying their tools down. Some*

put on mason's clothes; others carpenter's aprons; but all were Solemn and Quiet, and slowly they started to Work on The Temple.

The Work started very slowly but it began to grow. Then I could see people come every direction, but when they got to The Temple Lot they would take off their hats, walk over to where they were at work, and a man stood there with a Treasury, and they would put something in and walk away, but would keep their hats off until they were off The Temple Lot.

They were all colors and kinds, old and young, but they all acted alike.'

Message 5:5, 11, 'You men, with others, shall Assist in The Building of The Temple, The House of The Lord, which shall be started in 1929. The Lord will give you seven years in which to complete The Work. While it may be slow in the beginning, The Lord will Open The Way and many will help . . . Think not that The Work can be done without The Help of The Lord. He will Send His Spirit and His Messenger from time to time, for This House shall not be Built by Promises, but by Sacrifice . . .

Do not be harsh with your brethren who also Believe in The Coming of Christ and The Building of The Temple, and if you will Present your Message in Love you will win your brethren, and many will help. Yea, let your Message go to them first, for many have looked for this day when they could help; nevertheless, you shall start you Preparations for The Temple now, and in 1929 your weak efforts shall start in Faith to begin The Work which shall be Great when Finished.'

Message 6:3, 'Pray often; Heed not the

advice of men, for God will Direct in The Building of His House . . .'

Message 9:4-6, 'But remember, This Work is Sacred, The Work that you shall do. Therefore, be Humble in all that you do and say, for God Looks upon The Heart, and only The Pure in Heart are Acceptable to Him . . .

Be not discouraged by what people will say. This Work is not your work but The Lord's Work. He will Provide, and will Direct . . .

Dig the basement, and dig the trenches to the rock, and from there start to fabricate and construct and get your measurements for the steel, and floors, and heights. Begin at the bottom and work up, and as you do so, I will give you Instructions as you shall need it . . .'

Message 10:3, 'Fear not, for The Lord has Reserved unto Himself men that shall help in The Construction and The Erection of This Building, that shall be a Glory to God . . .'

Message 11:10-12, 'The Temple will be Built. There will be changes in the men that will help. Those that hinder let them be removed, that The Lord's House might be Built. Let The People Rule whose Hearts are Pure, but those whose hearts are selfish will come to naught . . .

Many will Assist in The Work that is before you now . . .

I am The Messenger of The Lord to Direct in Building The Temple, and I shall be with Christ when He shall Come to His Temple . . .'

Message 12:1, 7-8, 'I have come to you from time to time, to Instruct you as to The Work of Building The Temple . . .

'Behold, The Lord Changes not,

again He has sent me to Instruct The Children of Men as to The Building of The Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of The Building, the time to begin work, the time to complete The Building of The Temple, the material it shall be Built of, and I will come from time to time to Instruct you, for thus was I Commanded to Instruct Joseph Smith . . .

The Lord will Reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to The Building of The Temple . . .’ ”

Message 13:7, ‘. . . Remember, The Temple will be Built as I have told you: if not by this people, by another people which God will Raise up, for thousands are ready to Receive The Message that I shall bring from time to time, and will Accept it.’

Message 16:3, 5, ‘. . . Preach The Gospel, Teach the people Repentance, that they may live in all Righteousness before God, and that The Temple must be Built by people whose Hearts are Filled with Love, and whose Hearts are Pure and their Hands Clean. God will not Accept The Work of men who are filled with evil, selfishness, and strife; this is an abomination before Him.

. . . The Temple will be Built by a people that are Prepared; some will try to Build it, but it will come to naught.’

Message 19:8, ‘The Temple will be Built by a people whose Hearts are Pure. God will not Accept any unclean thing; nor The Work from men that will not follow The Instructions given by His Servant that He has Sent.’

Message 28:5, ‘My Temple will be Built by those who Prepare themselves in Righteousness and in Humility, for none shall be

Accepted by Me whose Hearts are filled with unrighteousness, 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 . . .’

Message 36:7, ‘Behold, The Lord soon Comes and I shall be with Him when He Comes to His Temple that shall be Built by a People of Clean Hands and Pure Hearts.’

Message 43:27, ‘If the people will continue to Humble themselves and be True and Faithful many shall Assist in The Building of The Temple of The Lord.’

Message 48:16, ‘. . . The Signet One (John The Baptist) shall Rise up and Disperse Confusion and Cause to be brought together many that will Obey The Will of The Lord, and that a People will be Raised up to Build The Temple of The Lord.’

Message 106:19-21, ‘The Law and The Prophets Spoke until I come- now I Speak for The Lord, that The Work and Plans of God will be Carried through and accomplished and The Holy Sanctuary be made possible, The Temple of The Lord.

Why is the rejection and contention of The Lord’s People? Will you Accept this Baptism I bring? Rid your minds of the sins, traditions and doctrines of men.

Thus Saith The Lord ‘If you will Hear and Obey I will Lift that which has befallen and will close up The Breach thereof. I will Cleanse the ruins and it shall be Built in the days of old, even The Temple of The Lord.’

## The Plans of The Temple

Message 1:2, 11, *'The Revelation that was given for The Building of The Temple was True and The Temple soon will be started.'*

*Be Humble; if you want your Work Accepted of men and God, it will be by The Spirit of Humility. You will win Favor with God and man and your success is in telling The Truth in Humility.'*

Message 5:5, *'You men, with others, shall Assist in The Building of The Temple, The House of The Lord, which shall be started in 1929. The Lord will give you seven years in which to complete The Work. While it may be slow in the beginning, The Lord will Open The Way and many will help. Let The Work be well done and as The Lord will Open The Way, and Direct from time to time. As you stand in need, He will Direct and Send you help. Think not that The Work can be done without The Help of The Lord. He will send His Spirit and His Messengers from time to time, for This House shall not be Built by Promises, but by Sacrifice . . .'*

Message 6: 2-3, 8, *'Joseph Smith did a Great Work in his day; yet he sinned before The Lord in many things by not keeping The Commandments that were given to him, and in not Building The House of The Lord; yet he repented, and in the end he will be numbered with The Prophets of old. Be ye not like him, but build ye The House According to The Pattern that shall be given to you. Let The Temple be . . . that The Building may be Strong; for trying times will come; for Heaven and earth shall be shaken, and men's Hearts will be Filled with fear; but to you who are*

*Faithful, The Lord shall be with you; nevertheless, your Faith shall be tried and many shall wax cold.*

*I will come to you from time to time to give you The Plans of The House of The Lord; but remember, inasmuch as you and your brethren shall be Humble before The Lord, and shall do His Will, I shall come to you; but if you are not True, your minds will be darkened, and these Plans shall be withheld from you. Pray often; Heed not the advice of men, for God will Direct in The Building of His House . . .*

*Verily, I say unto you, it is My Will that you should Build a House; if you keep My Commandments, you shall have Power to Build it; if you keep not My Commandments, The Love of The Father shall not continue with you; therefore, you shall walk in darkness. Now here is Wisdom and The Mind of The Lord; let The House be Built after the manner which I shall show unto three of you, whom ye shall Appoint and Ordain unto this Power . . . Saith your Lord. For thus Spoke He unto Joseph Smith who Heeded not His Words.'*

Message 7/8:1-5, *'On October 30<sup>th</sup> I came to you and told you about the basement floor, how it should be eighteen inches thick and reinforced with steel, and that heavy ties of steel should bind The Whole Building together at that place. I told you that the main wall and steel should go to the rock and the concrete should be two and a half feet thick, and that it should be reinforced and tied with angle steel. The basement floor should be dovetailed and tied in the main wall and that the steel should be heavy; also the tile under the floor should be perfect and the outer drain*

should have an opening every twenty feet. This is very important to have done.

I said that each Stone should be fitted to hug The Building and that the mortar coming to the outside should be very thin.

You did not write this down, While this may be plain in you mind, your brethren do not know this, therefore write this. Withhold nothing from them that they may know all the things I have told you. Also your brethren of The Twelve must know these things . . . as you all shall have to give an Account of your Work.

The Lord Requires This Work to be done after The Pattern that He shall give you from time to time. It is well that you choose a Wise Man who Fears God and who is no Mocker, but one who will follow The Instructions that God shall give concerning The Building of This House. He may draw The Plans, and if he will give Heed to The Voice of The Spirit and The Instructions that I shall Deliver to you let him draw The Prints and Plans.

You have been Appointed to Inquire of The Lord. If you will do so in Prayer and Fasting your Vision shall be Opened and nothing shall be withheld from you. I shall come from time to time to Instruct you in all things as to The Building of The House of The Lord, and your Work concerning Zion . . .

I will give you more of The Plans of The Temple, but be not slothful in carrying out The Plans that I have given you. Yet, as I have told you, a Wise Man whose Heart is Filled with The Spirit of God who is no Mocker. Let him draw The Plans and Prints of The Building as far as he can, for Behold, This House is not Built after the wisdom of men; for it shall yet be shown to

many who doubt and question The Wisdom of This House that The Lord has Directed, and that it was not the wisdom of men.'

Message 10:1-2, 6, 'I have come to you again that I might Instruct you, for This Purpose have I been sent, inasmuch as you have met that you might Inquire of God as to The Plans and Pattern that shall be given to you. I shall come from time to time to give you such Instructions as you shall stand in need of.

The Building that you have staked is set ten feet too far to the east and if you will move the stakes then it shall stand upon The Place that has been Pointed out by The Finger of God . . . that the walls may be strong for storms shall come that shall test the workmanship that you shall do.

The Lord has given you seven years to complete This Building, and I will give you The Plans from time to time as you shall stand in need. Be not slothful in carrying out that which I have given you . . .'

Message 11:11, 'Many will Assist in The Work that is before you now . . . Worry not about The Plans of The Temple, for The Lord will Direct from time to time.'

Message 12:3, 5, 7-8, 'The Plans as drawn by your brethren are correct as to the foundation, that is, as to size, but let . . . Let your fabricating be done, so you're your Work may continue from there, for Behold, many important things shall come to pass, and many things shall yet be given but I will come from time to time to Instruct you, that The Work will not be delayed.

Let not The Building of The Temple hinder The Preaching of The Gospel, but let those that have been Appointed and set

apart from The Temple Work, see that all things be done after The Pattern that I shall give . . .

Behold, The Lord Changes not, again He has sent me to Instruct the children of men as to The Building of The Temple. The size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the Building, the time to begin work, the time to complete The Building of The Temple, the material it shall be Built of, and I will come from time to time to Instruct you, for thus, was I Commanded to Instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not True to The Trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been In-trusted with This Work, therefore be Humble that you fail not in your work.

. . . Therefore, see that all things are done after The Pattern I will give you, that in all things you may Please The Lord your God. Be True to The Trust that has been placed upon you and your brethren, each one in his Place and Calling, for The Lord will Hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will Require it at their hands in the last day . . . The Lord will Reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to The Building of The Temple and The Work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that The People of The Lord might be Instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.'

Message 15 (Fetting's words), 'Then he told me to keep The Plans of The Temple, and not give them to the world . . .'

Message 16 (Fetting's words), 'The Plans on The Temple, that were here given, we were Commanded to leave out.'

Message 16:6, 'The Plans I give you from time to time on The Temple, give not

to the world, not to the enemy who has rejected My Message, and The Lord has Rejected them as I told you.'

Message 17 (Fetting's words), ' . . . and gave me further Instructions relative to The Plans and Construction of The Temple, which I was Commanded to withhold until further Instructions.'

Message 20: 9, 'Fear not about The Temple; this is in The Lord's Hands.'

Message 21: 9, 'I have given you The Plans of The Temple. Remember, they are Sacred, for this is The House of The Lord that shall be Built, and it must be Built as The Lord has Directed you; therefore, keep these Plans Holy for The House that shall be Holy unto The Lord. Let no man treat lightly The Plans The Lord has sent to you.'

Message 29: 12, 'Worry not about The Temple, for there are those whose Hearts are filled with hate, selfishness, jealousy, strife and contention; verily I say to you and unto them, they shall not hinder when the day cometh when The Lord will Build His House. Therefore, keep The Plans Sacred that The Lord has Committed to you.'

Message 80: 10, 'Fear not and worry not about The Temple of The Lord, for The Lord can Choose The Place, the time to Build, and Direct in His Work when He Desires His Temple to be Built . . .'

Message 104: 32, 'This is my Mission to bring The Plans and Direction to those Appointed to Inquire- that The Will of The Lord be done According to His Plan.'

Message 106: 23, 'Choose a man who is no Mocker, who is Humble and of Good Report, to bring up The Prints and Plans From The Instructions I have brought and

will bring.'

## Construction of The Temple

### Name:

Message 45: 39, 'I saw The Temple in the distance and we floated gently toward it. As we neared, I read these words over The Door, **THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.**'

### Allotted Time:

Message 5: 5, 'You men, with others, shall Assist in The Building of The Temple, The House of The Lord, which shall be started in 1929. **The Lord will give you seven years in which to Complete The Work.**'

Message 10: 6, '**The Lord has given you seven years to Complete this Building . . .**'

### Size:

Message 5: 8, '**. . . Let the length of The Building be doubled the width thereof, so that the main floor may seat three thousand five hundred . . .**'

Message 6: 2, '**. . . Let The Temple be ninety feet in width and one hundred eighty feet in length . . .**'

Message 12: 7, 'Behold, The Lord Changes not, again He has sent me to Instruct the children of men as to The Building of The Temple, the size thereof . . .'

### Orientation:

Book of John Whitmer, 'The day following (August 3, 1833) eight elders, viz. Joseph Smith, Jr., Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, Peter Whitmer, Jr., Frederick G.

Williams, Wm. W. Phelps, Marin Harris and Joseph Coe, assembled together where The Temple is to be Erected. Sidney Rigdon Dedicated The Ground where The City it to stand: and Joseph Smith, Jr. laid stone at the Northeast corner of The Contemplated Temple in *The Name of The Lord Jesus of Nazareth*. After all present had rendered Thanks to *The Great Ruler of The Universe*, Sidney Rigdon pronounced this Spot of Ground Holy Dedicated unto The Lord forever: Amen.'

Message 10: 2, '**The Building that you have staked is set ten feet too far to the east and if you will move the stakes then it shall stand upon The Place that has been Pointed out by The Finger of God.**'

### Building Materials:

Message 5: 7, 9, '**Let The House be Built of steel and concrete, and let the outside be gray stone, polished . . .**'

'**Let the roof be strong, let the beams be of steel . . .**'

Message 6: 2, '**. . . Let the walls be made of concrete and steel . . . Let the outside be covered with cement and tar, and tile perpendicular, so that the lower rooms may be dry . . . Let the frames of the windows be steel, and let them be placed in cement. Let the glass be heavy. Let the steel of the whole Building go to the foundation, and let them be tied with angle steel and concrete every four feet, that The Building may be strong . . .**'

Message 7/8: 1, 2, 10, '**. . . and told you about the basement floor, how it should be eighteen inches thick and reinforced with steel and that heavy ties should bind the whole Building together at that Place.**'

'I said that **each stone should be fitted to**

hug The Building and that the mortar coming to the outside should be very thin . . .

Let the roof of The Temple and The Doors be of copper and let the seats also be fireproof; for Behold, the world shall be Cleansed by Fire, by Storms and by Tempest. Satan shall destroy all he can by his power.'

Message 10: 2, 4-5, '. . . and let there be a division at the top and tied with steel that the walls may be strong . . .

Let The Building be tied with steel at the dividing of the inner court . . .

Let there be steel beam running from east to west over the columns . . . let there be a wall of concrete and steel divide the basement as the same place. Let there also be a concrete wall to the west on each side of the boiler room that there be no chance of fire . . .'

Message 12: 3, 7, '. . . and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level.

Behold The Lord changes not, again He has Sent me to Instruct the children of men as to The Building of The Temple . . . the material it shall be Built of . . .'

## Foundation:

Message 5: 7, '. . . Let the pillars and foundation be strong . . .'

Message 6: 2, '. . . Let the foundation be two feet six inches in width. Let the foundation go to the rock . . . Let the outside be covered with cement and tar, and tile perpendicular, so that the lower rooms may be dry . . . Let the steel of the whole Building go to the foundation, and let them be tied with angle steel and concrete every four feet, that The Building may be strong . . .'

Message 9: 6, 'Dig the basement, and dig the trenches to the rock, and from there start to fabricate and construct and get your measurements for the steel, and floors, and heights. Begin at the bottom and work up . . .'

Message 12: 3, 'The Plans as drawn by your brethren are correct as to the foundation, that is , as to size . . . Dig the trenches, and bring the foundation to the level of the basement floor, and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level. Let you fabricating be done, so that you work may continue from there . . .'

## Walls:

Message 5: 7, 'Let The House be Built of steel and concrete, and let the outside be gray stone, polished . . .'

Message 6: 2, '. . . Let the walls be made of concrete and steel . . . Let the outside be covered with cement and tar, and tile perpendicular, so that the lower rooms may be dry . . . Let the steel of the Whole Building go to the foundation, and let them be tied with angle steel and concrete every four feet, that The Building may be strong; for trying times will come; for The Heaven and the earth will be shaken,'

Message 7/8: 1-2, '. . . I told you that the main wall and steel should go to the rock and the concrete should be two and half feet thick, and that it should be reinforced and tied with angle steel. The basement floor should be dovetailed and tied in with the main wall . . .

I said that each stone should be fitted to hug The Building and that the mortar coming to the outside should be very thin.'

Message 29: 26, '. . . and in the far off west I could see The Temple, it's walls and

dome glittering in the distance, and there was Wonderful Peace . . .

## Basement Floor:

Message 6: 2, ' . . . Let the steel of the Whole Building go to the foundation, and let them be tied with angle steel and concrete every four feet, that The Building may be strong . . . '

Message 7/8: 1, 'On October 30<sup>th</sup> I came to you and told you about the basement floor, how it should be eighteen inches thick and reinforced with steel, and that heavy ties of steel should bind the Whole Building together at that place . . . The basement floor should be dovetailed and tied in the main wall and that the steel should be heavy; also the tile under the floor should be perfect and the outer drain should have an opening every twenty feet. This is very important to have done.'

## Pillars and Columns

Message 5:7, ' . . . Let the pillars and foundation be strong . . . '

Message 10:2, 5, ' . . . Let the pillars go to the rock and the columns be three feet through and those that are on the side be cut in two; but let the pillars go to the rock . . . '

Let there be a steel beam running from east to west over the columns that it might strengthen the cornice, and that The Building might be securely tied, for many of the storms shall come from the south west. Let the pillars and columns come from the rock that shall go to the roof in the dividing of the inner and outer courts . . . '

Message 12:3, ' . . . but let the pillars be

Message 12:3, ' . . . but let the pillars be added to the outside, four feet eight inches in length, and two feet eight inches in depth, and let the pillars on each corner be the same size . . . '

## Windows:

Message 6: 2, ' . . . Let the frames of the windows be steel, and let them be placed in cement. Let the glass be heavy.'

Message 10: 2, ' . . . Let there be twelve windows on the north and twelve windows on the south, and let there be a division at the top and tied with steel that the walls may be strong for storms shall come that shall test the workmanship that you shall do.'

## Roof and Doors:

Message 5: 9, 'Let the roof be strong, let the beams be of steel, the center rounding, and let The Building be fireproof in all parts that nothing can burn.'

Message 7/8: 10, 'Let the roof of The Temple and The Doors be of Copper, and let the seats also be fireproof; for Behold, the world shall be Cleansed by Fire, by Storms and by Tempest . . . '

Message 29: 26, ' . . . and in the far west I could see The Temple, its walls and dome glittering in the distance, and there was Wonderful Peace . . . '

## Lower Court:

Message 5: 7, ' . . . Let the basement or first floor be finished . . . '

Message 6: 2, ' . . . Let there also be a lower court, or basement, as I told you before, and let it be twelve feet in height from lower floor . . . '

Message 10: 5, '... Let the pillars and columns come from the rock that shall go to the roof in dividing of the inner and outer court, and let there be a wall of concrete and steel dividing the basement at the same place...'

### Inner and Outer Court:

Message 6: 2, 8, '... and let there be an inner court, fifty-five feet by sixty-five feet; and let there be an outer court...

... And the size thereof shall be fifty and five feet in width and let it be sixty-five in length, in the inner court thereof; and let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto me for...'

Message 10: 4-5, 'Let The Building be tied with steel at the dividing of the inner court which shall be sixty-five feet from north to south, and fifty-five feet from east to west. Let there be an archway between the outer and inner courts, the details of which I will give you later...

Let the pillars and columns come from the rock that shall go to the rood in the dividing of the inner and outer court...'

Message 5: 8, '... Let the length of The Building be doubled the width thereof, so that the main floor may seat three thousand five hundred...'

Message 7/8: 10, '... and let the seats also be fireproof...'

### Boiler Room:

Message 10: 5, '... Let there also be a concrete wall to the west on each side of the boiler room that there be no chance of fire, for Behold This Building shall be fireproof...'

## Belated Scriptures

Malachi 3: 1, '*Behold, I will Send My Messenger, and he shall Prepare The Way before Me: and The Lord, whom ye Seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple, even The Messenger of The Covenant, whom ye Delight in: Behold:, he shall come, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'*

Message 2:1-8, '*I am The Man sent from God and my name is John, I am The Messenger to Prepare The Way. I am come again that in the mouth of two or three Witnesses all things shall be Established. When I was here to see you the last time I did not give you my name but what I told you about The Church is True and much more shall be Revealed to you from time to time, Come with me and I will show you a Vision*

*In a few moments we were standing on The Temple Lot right in the middle of the Lot and then the Whole Lot Raised up so I could see, I thought, the whole world. All at once I saw a Woman Weeping. Her Clothes were torn. She was Bleeding. Her Face looked Pale and Worn, and She said, 'Look!' and all around The Temple Lot was smooth levels piece of land stretched out a long way. It was made up of territory from all the lands and on it were people standing, sober looking, worried. She said, 'Oh, My Children, Come unto Me that I may Embrace you. I Love you and I want you to Come to Me.' They paid no attention to Her. She Wept and was Grieved.*

*She said, 'Look Beyond!' I looked Beyond and could see a Great Valley all around this level land. It was fog and mist and I could see rushing torrents of rivers and could hear all kinds of yelling and*

noise. She said, 'Oh, some of My Children are down there, they are in danger and some will be lost.' She Wept again, then this Vision disappeared.

The Messenger said, 'Come with me and I will show you another Vision.' He took me to the north east corner of The Temple Lot and he said, 'Look!' Here I could see men coming with their tools, going to the middle of The Temple Lot laying their tools down. Some put on Mason's Clothes; others Carpenter's Aprons; but all were Solemn and Quiet, and slowly they started to Work on The Temple.

The Work started very slowly but it began to grow. Then I could see people come from every direction, but when they got to The Temple Lot they would take off their hats, walk over where they were at work, and a man stood there with a Treasury, and they would put something in and walk away, but would keep their hats off until they were off The Temple Lot.

They were all colors and kinds, old and young, but they all acted alike.

Then The Messenger said, 'Look!' and I looked up and saw The Ground had also Raised and I could see the Woman again, but this time in a better Dress. She looked up with a Smile, her Clothes were White, Her Hat was very Fine and becoming in shape of a Crown with Twelve Bright Stars. Her Children were Coming to Her from every clime, even from The Valley. The mist had Raised. They were slowly Building The Temple. To the west, the east, north and the south, in the sky stood the figures in large letters '1929.'

The Messenger said, 'I have shown you The Vision and will Come and see you

again.'

Message 9: 6, ' . . . Worry not so much about The Temple, for Greater Work must yet be done than The Building of The Temple, for The People must be Prepared to meet Christ. The Gospel must be Preached. The Glad Tidings must be taken from house to house. The Warning must be done.'

Message 12: 2, 5, 10, 'The Lord has Looked upon you and your brethren, and has seen The Humility of your Souls, and your Desire to Carry out The Instructions that The Lord has Given you from time to time, and thus far your Work has been Accepted of The Lord. But remember, you must remain very Humble before God, and do The Things He Has, and Will Command you to do, or The Spirit and Light that The Lord has Given you will be withheld from you and your minds will become dark, and doubt and fear will enter your Souls. Therefore, Seek The Lord often in Prayer and in The Humility of your Souls. The Work that The Lord has Commanded you to Do will Come before you. Contend with no man, only contend for The Truth. For The Truth will make you Free. Contentions will darken the mind, and The Spirit of God will not Swell in The Hearts of men who are contentious.

Let not The Building of The Temple hinder The Preaching of The Gospel, but let those that have been Appointed and set apart for The Temple Work see that all things be done after The Pattern that I shall give . . .

Let your Work on The Temple continue, working as fast as the moneys come in but keep out of debt. Contact no debt with any man, for This Work must be done by

*Sacrifice and not by Promises. For Behold, The People of The Lord are Glad to help in This Work of The Lord, by Tithes and by Offerings, for thus did people in the days of old, which was Pleasing unto The Lord, for this was The Law in Abraham's day who paid Tithes and The Lord Blessed him, and The Lord Will Bless in your day all those that shall keep This Law. Therefore pay you Oblations to The Lord in all things and your Work may be Accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your Work might stand The Test. Let The Gospel be Preached; let the poor be provided for; let The Temple be Built, that in all things you may be The Children of God.'*

Message 14: 1, *'There are those that will oppose The Message that I have given you, and at times this will delay The Work on The Temple, but their end will be sad. The Lord will Bless The Hearts that are Pure and The Hands that are Clean before Him.'*

Message 38: 14, *'I have come and will yet come, as The Prophets have foretold, until The Great Controversy between Christ and satan is over, The Temple Built, The People Prepared and The Bridegroom sits down. They that be with Him are Called, Chosen, and Faithful.'*

Message 48: 13, 21, *'I am The Messenger sent from The Lord and I come to do His Will. My name is John. I am The Forerunner of Christ, I shall Prepare The Way. I shall bring The Work, that a People may know The Lord has Spoken. His Former Signet shall be upon one today, and he will cause that Desire to come that The House of God, The Temple of The Lord, may be Built for it shall be done. Therefore, let your Hearts be Perfect with The Lord your*

*God, Walking in His Statures, and keeping His Commandments which He Speaks as at this day.*

*Let all be at Work that The Warning may go. Let those Prepare to take the fields as I have told you, for soon The Gospel Message will be take to other nations, The Temple must be Built.'*

Message 57: 10. *' . . . The Church of Christ shall Continue on until The Christ shall Come, The Temple Built and The Gathering Complete.'*

Message 76: 14. *'I am The Servant of The Lord, I speak His Will, I am The Elect One, The Ancient of Days. This was my Calling, I will Continue to Come until The Work is Finished and Christ Comes to His Temple and The Gathering of His People. Amen.'*

Message 20: 9. *'Fear not about The Temple; this is in The Lord's Hands. temples will be built that God has not Commanded to build, but The Lord Will Direct in All Things. He Knows The Hearts of men. Some who have rejected The Message will Repent; others will go to destruction.'*

Message 34: 7, *'Let more be sent in The Fields and Contend not among yourselves. Seek to be Just in All Things. Practice The Law of Love in your homes. For in your Hearts My Law Shall be Written;' Saith The Lord, 'and my Work shall be Accomplished by Pure Hearts and Clean Hands. My House shall be Built; The Gospel Preached in all the world. The Glad Tidings must go forth, and Great shall be your Joy in the end.'*

Message 106:18, *'Those that know Scriptures wherein Speaks of my coming, The Prophet like unto Moses, and all who*

*will not hear me, That Prophet, shall not be there when The Lord Counts His Jewels. The Law and The Prophets Spoke until I come- now I Speak for The Lord, that The Work and Plans of God will be Carried through and Accomplished and The Holy Sanctuary be made possible, The Temple of The Lord.'*

## Glory of the Lord

Exodus 33:7-10, *'And Moses took The Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it The Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought The Lord went out unto The Tabernacle of the congregation, which was with out the camp.'*

*And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto The Tabernacle, that all the people Rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into The Tabernacle.*

*And it came to pass, as Moses entered into The Tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at The Door of The Tabernacle, and The Lord talked with Moses.*

*And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at The Tabernacle Door: and all the people Rose up and Worshipped, every man in his tent door.'*

Exodus 40: 34-38, *'Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and The Glory of The Lord Filled The Tabernacle.'*

*And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and The Glory of The Lord Filled The Tabernacle.*

*And when the cloud was taken up from over The Tabernacle, The Children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:*

*But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.*

*For The Cloud of The Lord was upon The Tabernacle by day, and Fire was on it by night, in the sight of all The House of Israel, throughout all their journeys.'*

Isaiah 4: 5-6, *'And The Lord will Create upon every Dwelling Place of Mount Zion, and upon Her Assemblies, a Cloud and Smoke by day, and The Shining of a Flaming Fire by night: for upon all The Glory shall be a Defense.'*

*And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a Place of Refuge, and for a Covert from storm and from rain.'*

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 5: 11-14, *'And it came to pass, when The Priests were come out of The Holy Place: (for all The Priests that were present were Sanctified, and did not then wait by course:*

*Also The Levites which were singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in White Linen, having Cymbals and Psalteries and Harps, stood at the ease tend of The Altar, and with them a hundred and twenty Priests sounding with Trumpets:)*

*It came to pass, as The Trumpeters and Singers were as One, to make One Sound to be heard in Praising and Thanking The Lord; and when they Lifted Up their Voice with The Trumpets and Cymbals and Instruments of Music, and Praised The Lord, saying, 'For He is Good; for His Mercy Endureth for ever:' that then The*

*House was Filled with a Cloud, even The House of The Lord;*

*So that The Priests could not stand to Minister by Reason of The Cloud: The Glory of The Lord had Filled The House of God.'*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7: 1-3, 'Now when Solomon had made an end of Praying, The Fire came down from Heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and The Sacrifices; and The Glory of The Lord Filled The House.*

*And The Priests could not enter into The House of The Lord, because The Glory of The Lord had Filled The Lord's House.*

*And when all The Children of Israel saw how The Fire came down, and The Glory of The Lord upon The House, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and Worshipped, and Praised The Lord, saying, 'For He is Good; for His Mercy Endureth for ever.'*

*Haggai 2: 6-10, 'For thus Saith The Lord of Hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake The Heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;*

*And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I Will Fill This House with Glory, Saith The Lord of Hosts.*

*The Silver is Mine, and The Gold is Mine, Saith The Lord of Hosts.*

*The Glory of This Latter House shall be Greater than of The Former, Saith The Lord of Hosts: and in This Place will I Give Peace, Saith The Lord of Hosts.'*

*Message 5: 5, 7-8, '... Think not that The Work can be done without The Help of The Lord. He Will Send His Spirit and His Messengers from time to time, for This*

*House shall not be Built by Promises, but by Sacrifice; but 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.*

*... at which time The Lord's Spirit will Rest upon them in Great Power, and will Direct them in their Work that The Gospel may be Preached to all nations in Power, for Behold your Message shall be a Message of Love, and This Power shall Come to The Servants of The Lord and His People.*

*The cloud shall not Rest upon The House all the time, but only when The People of The Lord shall Assemble therein, in Humility and Love; then will The Lord Meet them.'*

*Message 45: 42, 'We stopped at The Door of The Temple and it seemed I was Lifted so I could see in every direction and many Saints were Marching toward The Temple, while Hosts were Coming from the seashores. Their eyes were Focused on The Temple and The Cloud that Rested upon it'.*

*Message 5:12, '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.'*

*Message 6: 5, 'And inasmuch as My People Build a House unto Me, in The Name of The Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, My Glory shall Rest upon it, and*

*My Presence shall be there, for I will Come into it, and all The Pure in Heart that shall Come into it, shall see God; but if it be defiled I will not Come into it, and My Glory shall not be there, for I will not Come into unholy temples.'*

Message 10: 3, '*Fear not, for The Lord has yet Reserved unto Himself men that shall help in the construction and the erection of This Building, that shall be a Glory to God. Many Hearts shall be Touched; many Lives shall be Blessed, because The Lord shall Direct and His Spirit shall Draw and Mellow The Heart.'*

Message 21:9, '*. . . therefore, keep these Plans Holy for The House that shall be Holy unto The Lord . . .'*

Message 28:5, '*My Temple will be Built by those who will Prepare themselves in Righteousness and in Humility, for none shall be Accepted by Me whose Hearts are filled with unrighteousness. Holy, Holy is My House that shall be Built, and only that which is Holy will enter in.'*

## Young Adults

### *The Fruits of The Spirit*

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Dear Young Adults-

I wanted to talk on having *The Fruits of The Spirit* in our lives. We need to have *The Fruits of The Spirit* and strengthen them so that they will grow within us as we live our Lives for The Lord.

Article # 8 of Faith and Practice, '*We Believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance.'*

Galations 5: 22-23, '*But The Fruit of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance against such there is no Law.'*

The two references basically say the same thing. This tells us that this is an important *Principle* to have in our Lives. The Lord wants us to be Aware that this is something that we need to have within us.

Ephesians 5: 9-10, '*For The Fruit of The Spirit is in all Goodness and Righteousness and Truth Proving what is Acceptable to The Lord.'*

This reference here tells us this is exactly what The Lord wants us to have.

Message 63:3 says, '*Fear not your Calling for The Lord will give you Strength. There are those filled with hate and revenge. Their end will be sad. Fear them not. There are those that are True and will yet be True to This Cause for they know The Lord's Spirit and His Will. Moreover, there are those who Bear The Fruits of His Spirit and are Humble. There are those that Repent and are sought to be Right before God. They shall be Filled. There-fore, be not found in the path of the erring and sinful. For The Lord is your Master.'*

This is telling us that when we have The Fruits of The Lord's Spirit, we will be True to His Word. *The Lord's Word is His Gospel. We will Stand Up for The Lord and His Church if we have His Fruits of His Spirit.* We will be an Example to others and show them The Truth of His Word.

Message 83:29, '*The Lord will give Peace to The Faithful- keep The Peace. Command Peace and Justice will follow you wherever you go.'*

The Lord has Promised us by this reference that He will Give us Peace if we are Faithful to Him and do what He wants us to do.

Message 34: , *'Hasten, ye sons of Levi, hasten to your Calling. Remember your Ancient Choosing, Calling and Promise of your Lord. Let not My Work suffer because of unbelief, but Arise and go Forth in The Strength of The Lord, for Love is your work. Go in Faith, Bear ye The Fruits of My Spirit that there may be Order in My House, when many find it not elsewhere and look for Standards. Let The Church of Christ take Her Place with The Gospel of Love to Govern the feet of the weary and wanderer.'*

The Lord is telling us here that we need to show Love to others. That is our work. We need to have Faith in our Lord and by doing so we show it in our works. When we Love The Lord we show that Love to others.

Whatever we do Reflects what is Truly inside of us. *The Lord Knows our Hearts and He Knows if we Truly Love Him and want to Serve Him.* By Serving Him we show Love to everyone around us.

It is so important that we have The Lord's Spirit and His Fruits within us. *The Lord has Given us all these references that are found in His Books to show us the importance of having these Fruits in our Lives.* We not only need to have these in our Lives, but we need to have them Grown and Strengthen within us daily.

By showing Gentle Acts of Kindness and Love to everyone around us, we can have His Fruits of The Spirit continue to Grow within us.

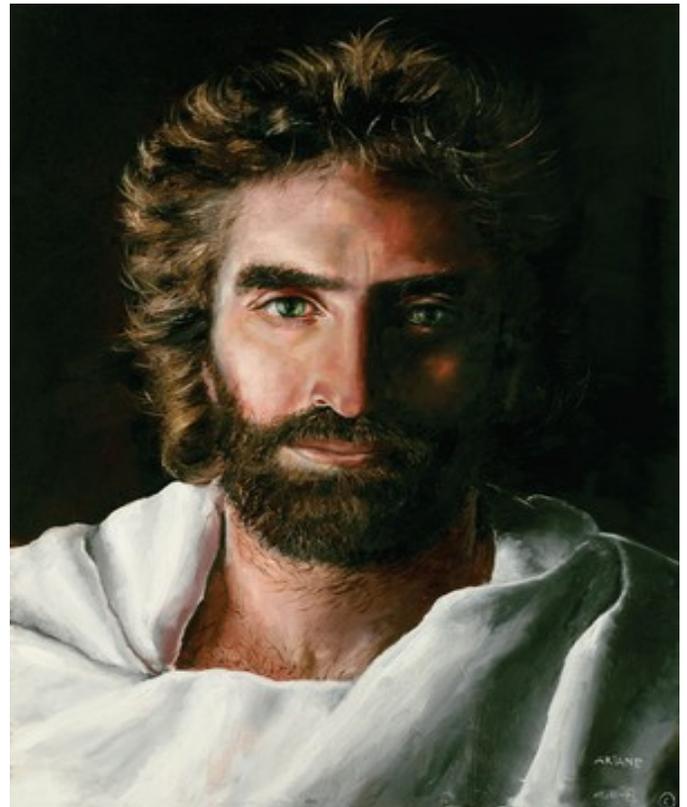
It is my Prayer that we constantly make an effort to Grow in our Lords Spirit.

We need to remember how much He Loves us and we need to Reflect that Love to others. *Remember God is Love.* We are continually evil without The Lords Spirit.

We need to have The Spirit of The Lord in our Lives, without it we are nothing. We need to always remember that with The Lord we are everything!!

May The Lord Bless all of you. You are all in our Prayers.

## *The Prince of Peace*



**Remember to Pray  
For our  
Military Men  
And Women!**

