

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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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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istry until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

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

Secretary For The Twelve  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves

## FOREWORD

**THE GREATER LIGHT**, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY *To All People* 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



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.

1. 'Arise and write *The Message* 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

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 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 removed at the evil, not 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 Local  
Service  
Sunday School Service  
10:15 a.m.**

Services opened with Brother Bishop Reece Johnson: Sunday School Superintendent, of Missouri. Opening Song, 'Trust And Obey'. Opening Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

Brother Bishop Reece taught The Adult Class from 'The Record Of The Nephites'.

## ***Study Lesson***

*(No Notes Submitted)*

Closing song, 'Stepping In The Footsteps of Jesus.' Chorister Sister Kristie Johnson. Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

## **Church Service**

**11:00 a.m.**

*Pastor: Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

Services Opened with Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves: Pastor. Brother Draves welcomed all to The House of The Lord. This is a Time of Fellowship and Worshiping The Lord Jesus Christ with all our Hearts, Souls, and Minds. Let us give unto The Lord our Best in Serving Him This day and throughout the week.

Opening Song, a Special by Sister Marianna Johnson, 'Come Ye Meek and Lowly'. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves.

Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves introduced our Speaker, **Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa..**

## ***Sermon Notes***

# **Learning God's Plan of Deliverance The Assured Way**

*Apostle Richard Johnson  
Iowa*



Psalm 119:105 'Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet, and a Light unto My Path'.

(The Word of The Lord's Instructions keep me from stumbling and instructs my Way of Deliverance.)

Let's begin with the first two verses on The 64th Message.

Message .64:1. In part: **'I am sent of God to bring other Servants that His Vineyard may be Nourished yea , this last time that it may bring Forth and a People Prepared for The Coming of The Lord'.**

Matthew 24:45, 'Who then is a Faithful and Wise Servant, whom The Lord has made Ruler over His Household, to give them Meat in due Season.' (Nourishment for a certain time only, for a season) ( '. . . nourished up in The Words of Faith and of Good Doctrine . . .' (1 Timothy 4:6) (John 6:55. Meat and Drink.)

John then asks a question:

Message.64:2, (1944) **'Will the People Heed the Warning and Obey the Instructions I bring from The Lord, your God? That there may be a Bride Prepared and The Way of Deliverance Established, that Mankind may Learn of The Way of The Lord, His Words, in these last days'**

Message 85:31, 'I am The Messenger to Restore All Things. I bring a Book of Instructions, Prophecy and Commands to all men, to every Branch of The House of Israel.'

The implication is he comes with God's Power and Authority to Call other Servants



to Establish a Way of Deliverance for The People of His Vineyard that Will be His Church and Bride that mankind all people may Learn of The Way of The Lord.

Look around! –Here in this place are some of the People who have Heeded and Obeyed The Instructions.

Here is the problem: There are few that Behold The Truth or are Desirous to bring it to Pass The Lord's Way. (Message 105:11, 1989) Desirous which means having an Urgent Desire or Interest adds Strength to the word desire.

Message 115:10, (1993) **‘See those that set up their own way not Believing in what I Speak; their Actions (Will not follow Instructions.) deny The Authority I bring. They seek prominency (Lofty Branches with their own power.) and their works will be Destroyed.’**

Message 118:2, (1994) **... t h i s i s The Lord’s Work, mankind cannot run It his way.’**

Matthew 17:14, **‘Because Strait is The Gate, and Narrow is The Way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it.’**

There are few is The Fulfilling of The Parable or Allegory of The Vineyard in chapter 5 of The Book of Jacob, verse 61-73 in *The Record of The Nephites*. Vineyard Represents His People He Called Israel. (Isaiah. 5:7). The Vineyard of The Lord of Hosts is The House of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant. (Planting.)

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## **2015 General Assembly Sunday, June 28, 2015 2:00 p.m.**

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Before I introduce the speaker this afternoon, I have an e-mail I would like to read from [Disciple Glorie WA Mobutu in Africa](#).

### **Words Of The Messenger**

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Our **Brother Leonard Draves of Missouri** is going to speak to us at this time. Please give him your kind attention.

## ***Sermon Notes***

### **A Peaceful Spirit In Obeying God's Laws**

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Missouri*



Matthew 5:9, ***"Blessed are The Peace Makers: for they shall be Called The Children of God"***.

It has always been the desire of Christians to have and live in Peace and that they themselves have a Peaceful Spirit.

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We know many are looking for this Message. They want to be part of The Bride of Christ. There is something that causes a stir within them, Caused by The Divine Will of God.

People realize that there is Peace in The Lord, but some can not seem to Hear and Obey. Some can not find The Courage, or The Faith to Obey God's Call today.

People must believe God! Accept His Promises on Faith. People must Obey God! If so, The Way will open up before them. God will then be able to Lead them on 'The Road' to a Promise Land.

As we Walk with The Lord and Seek to Obey and walk The Walk of Faith, we do not always know the dangers we might meet upon The Way. It takes Faith and Courage to Obey God's Instructions and to Express His Name to the world.

Today in our land, not often that it takes physical courage to be a Christian, but it often takes Moral Courage. Can you think or imagine any circumstances under which that would be True?

God has a Plan for every life. It is when one responds in Obedience to God's Call that God is able to Work out that Plan. Often one can only see a little way ahead, but taking one step at a time in 'Faith' is all that is needed.

We all can ask ourselves, 'How do you think it is possible for you to discover The Plan that God has for your life?'

Isn't it great that we have *The Fullness*

of *The Gospel* today! No other people on the face of the earth are more Blessed than we!

Message 49:3, “. . . *Yea, whosoever will thrust in their sickle and reap is doing My Will, and if they Endure to the end the same shall obtain My Gift, even The Gift of Eternal Life. . .*”

What a Wonderful Promise full of Peace! We know that God’s Church shall never again be destroyed, but shall continue on until God’s Purpose is accomplished that the works of darkness be destroyed.

When we Obey The Will of God there is Great Peace with in us. When we Preach and Teach The Law of God and His Gospel, Peace within us will break forth. We must ALL be up and doing for it is our responsibility to Represent Christ and His Church.

We must be wise in The Lord. We must be Humble and never seek after the praise of men. We must make His Path Straight! The Lord knows our hearts and He will Bless our efforts and as Our Faith is, our Works shall be. The Lord will give us Greater Faith when we do His Will. Greater Peace will cover us and be within us.

Remember the song, ‘*Glory To God in The Highest, and on earth Good Will Towards All Men*’? Wouldn’t it be great if this was True throughout the world? If individuals all over the world would be ‘*Peace Makers*’, we could have ‘*Peace on earth*’. What a different place this world would be. If we all practice ‘*The Spirit of Meekness*’ and be willing to Sacrifice some personal desires for ‘*The Sake of Peace*’, it could happen; this ‘*Peace on earth*’. We all must do this, in our homes, places of business, and where ever we may be.

We know that when selfishness and greed and cruelty of a person or nation are

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God has Promised us a ‘*New Light*’. But He has told us to prepare for it. The Greater our Understanding, The Greater our Work shall be.

Don’t deceive yourself! Sanctify yourself, your life unto The Lord, for sin cannot receive The Glory of The Lord nor The Power of The lamb Slain. Message 51:7,

**“*Greater things shall be Revealed for in Principle and in Power by The Spirit of The Lord all Righteousness shall be brought about.*”** What Peace that Brings!

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Message 56:7-8, *I speak The Lord’s Words, and I come that The Word might be Fulfilled, and The Kingdom of The Lord may be among mankind to Redeem Them.*

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Message 56:18, *“Many shall be made White and Tried and have on Robes of Righteousness, but where The People will not Study and Learn The Words I bring from The Lord, they will grope in darkness. The Lord Calls many that know not The Plan of God and The Unlearned to bring about His Decree.”*

Message 57:10-11, *“Behold, there is much yet to be done and much to be Revealed to The coming to pass of much of The Gathering of The Houses of Israel. They shall know The Lord is their God. The Promises shall be Fulfilled and The Record shall be known for it shall come in The Lord’s Planning. Be True to your Calling, be Humble in Spirit, be at Peace for satan shall not destroy The Lord’s Work. The Church of Christ shall continue on until The Christ shall Come, The temple Built and The Gathering Complete. The Gospel shall go to all nations, therefore I have come to bring The Authority and it has been among men. The Greater Power shall be given as you Prepare for it. Be not deceive by man for I am The Elias which was for to come.*

*Thus Saith The Lord your God, ‘Let all be Established in My Doctrine, be not divided, be ye one in Purpose, for I have Designed The Way. Oh ye My Servants, I have Called thee to be Messengers of Peace among My People. My Love is unto you and I would have you Love one another. Help ye one another and I will send Deliverance unto you. My Spirit shall Bless you if you will open your hearts to*

*Me. Bring My Sheep into The Fold for I shall be Their King and all mankind shall know I have Spoken. The Words I speak, even by My Messenger, MUST be Obeyed. Hear My Voice Today.”*

Matthew 5:9, *“Blessed are The Peace Makers: for they shall be Called The Children of God.”*

When we Obey The Laws of Jesus Christ, it does bring to us Peace. Once you have Committed your Life to God and His Church, Knowing His Plan of Redemption and Salvation, Living for Him is easy. There is no other Life we would want. As Christians, we MUST Obey His Laws.

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 it 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 man 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. It has been said that *‘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 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 (Message 31:20). He 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 Doctrines in

Our lives (Message 56:3) that we might receive That Greater Light.

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

God wants a Restoration among those that are Humble and Repentant and what 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 manmade 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. God 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 108:18), 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 given is followed through.

These are all Laws we must live by. To know 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. *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 20:1-7).

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 be Willing to Obey His Laws. When we do this we will receive that Great Peace in knowing that we are Pleasing The Lord. God Bless you all. I do hope that I have Encouraged you in The Lord. Stay Firm and Do The Lord's Bidding. Amen!

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Joshua Sparks.

## Sacrament Service

**3:30 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. Opening song, *'Never Be Discouraged'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson..

Brother Apostle Donald Thompson speaking, 'I have known Gabby since she was born. What a Beautiful thing to see striving for Everlasting Life.

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with The Lord. If you continue doing what displease God, this means nothing and then things build up inside you and you say something that you shouldn't. Paul says we should not take Sacrament unworthy. We want to be within The Will of The Father when we take of The Sacrament.

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After saying the same manner also, He took The Cup when He had supped, saying: **'This Cup is The New Testament in My Blood this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in Remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew The Lord's Death till He Come.'**

**Wherefore, whosoever shall eateth this Bread, and drink this Cup of The Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of The Body and Blood of The Lord.'**

**But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning The Lord's Body'**

Notice that Paul says that this Cup is The New Testament in Christ's Blood. It is a Symbol of The Sacrifice and Atonement that Christ made for our sins. According to the dictionary the word *'Testament'* means *'a Covenant between God and man'*. This is word, *'Covenant'*, means, *'a Solemn Agreement'*. (Webster).

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himself'. If we examine ourselves, and feel that we are unworthy, *what should we do?* John tells us what to do in **this case**. **“And**

## Baptismal Service

*Gabrielle Johnson  
Missouri*

Brother Bishop Reece Johnson opened Services. Brother Bishop Reece Johnson called his daughter, Gabrielle Johnson to the stage wherein he asked her The Baptismal questions found in *The Record of The Nephites*, that are asked of everyone entering into The Waters of Baptism. Gabrielle answered YES to all questions.

Brother Bishop Reece Johnson then took his daughter Gabrielle into The Water of Baptism and did Baptized her into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord*.

Opening songs by chorister Kristi Johnson, *'Higher Grounds'*. and *'The Old, Old Path'*. Sister Marianna Johnson then sung a Special, *'Come Learn Of The Meek And Lowly'*.

## Confirmation

Sister Gabrielle Johnson was Confirmed by Brother Apostle Leonard H. Draves, Brother Apostle Richard Johnson and Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

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Some will not make it. Pray fir ne. The Greatest thing I can give my family is This Work. Take Hold of it and Live it!

**Karen Wilkin, Missouri:** We are glad to be here today. It is good to see you all. We will not be able to stay any more at The Assembly than today. Remember us in your Prayers. We Love you all and we Love This Work. God Bless you all.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson. (5:40 p.m.)

## Baptismal Service

**7:00 p.m.**

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

tar special by Brother Elder Richard Sega. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Second song, 'Stepping In The Light' Sister Kristi Johnson Chorister.

Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell Prayed over the upcoming Baptism. He then called Sister Andrea Greenwell to the stage and asked her the Baptismal questions found in *The Record of The Nephites* pertaining to Baptism. Andrea answered Yes to all three questions.

Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell then took Andrea and they entered in The Waters of Baptism, then Brother Michael did Baptized Andrea in *The Church Of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*.

Sister Kristi Johnson sung a special, 'I Can Hear My Savior Calling.' The Congregation then sung, '

## Confirmation Service

Sister Andrea Greenwell was then have the Hands laid on to confirm her a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* by Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell, Brother Apostle Jairus Yates and Brother Elder Jack Greenwell.

The Sacrament was Served to Sister Andrea Greenwell by Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell.

## Preaching Service

7:40 p.m.

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates mentioned that today, June 28th was his sister's birthday whom passed away six years ago today. Also it was this same day that I came back into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah*

*Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*, and it is the same date that our dear Beloved brother Apostle William A. Draves passed away, twenty one years ago today.

I ask Brother Michael 'Why us?' He answered because God Calls the unlearned to bring forth His Wise Purpose.

Revelation 19:6, '**And I heard as it were The Voice of a great multitude and as the Voice of many waters, and as the Voice of mighty thunderings saying, 'Alleluia: for The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth.'**

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates then introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother **Apostle Michael Greenwell of Missouri**.

My father in Law, Brother Vincent Yates. Said to me that one has to be hurt first, to feel better. We are going Places our Hearts and Minds open. I know The Lord is excited that we have come this far.

## Sermon notes

Apostle Michael Greenwell

Missouri

(Notes in Parts)



People today are brain washed. Good is evil and evil is good. All for the purpose to destroy The Revelations of Jesus Christ. To destroy The Ten Commandments, The Gospel and The Law of Moses. The world is easy to control. We are part of this Battle. You are a member of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. We are always going to be tempted, but in Battle we want The Lord to be pleased with us.. When burdens come we must bear each other burdens, that is True Love.

The Messages says the Power of God is

so Great that the mind of man cannot absorb it. I had a taste of this in my Testimony.

I get calls from people not in this work any longer that went away and they want to know what is going on with The Church. They are still checking on us. They has a Testimony to The Truthfulness of This Work but lost it somewhere along their way.

Some of my own family won't accept This Work. They let me know when I can speak of this Way. Someday I hope that I get the chance to unload on them of God's Power and Work.

A Catholic Priest told me that he believed in The Gospel but was not sure if there was a God or not. I was only seventeen at that time. God Spoke to me when I read The Messages.

I had a a dream that The Lord spoke words to me. I woke up to write the words down but they left me. But I know they are still in my heart. I just don't know them.

I asked a preacher, *Do you know if there is a God or do you just believe it?* He asked me the same thing. I told him I knew it by Faith. He started to argue with me. I told him this five times and he still wanted to argue. I started to cry from anger and frustration, I didn't let him see my cry. My friends on the steps with me took over. I moved over several feet so no one would see my cry.

Two days later, I went to the roof to see stars of The Universe. They were so amazing. I thought what if there is a God and He made all these things but He just backed off. What if He created all this, me, etc. What if He knew I am thing of Him. I decided to Talk to Him and if He is Real He would let me know.

I wasn't going to change my life if He does Reveal Himself to me. Two weeks later

I met Brother Jim Naslund. I gave him the speech that there was no God. He said, 'Some people know'. I asked *who?* I want to talk to that personl who knows there is a Godd. I asked him , he said YES. I asked him why he didn't tell me that in the first place, and he said because I am a backslider.

He then introduced me to The Message Book and then to Brother W.A. Draves and Brother Leonard. He read The Bible to me and I started to learn to Pray. The Second Message I knew it was True. Verse 2, I saw this!, verse five and seven, I saw this! Now I knew that God was speaking to me. Two months later I was Baptized. I wanted to go to Church. Brother William Draves and Brother Leonard laid hands on me. They told me that The Spirit had a Gift for me. If you say no, you will never get another chance. I spent time at Brother Draves home to learn more about The Work and The Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was a great Blessing to me. I began to learn.

I have been really active in The Work at times and some time I had be discouraged, not wanting to talk with anyone, but I always felt The Lord. I missed Church for five years.

The Church is a vital part of This Work. The Lord brought me in by His Spirit. I promised The Lord I would stay here. He opened my mind to many things. I still have never turned my back on my Testimony.

Two years ago, I was tired, and had a heart attack and some financial problems. I met a man on the road when I was driving and he told me that The Lord had a Blessing for me and that He was going to bring me back home to my family. I didn't stress any longer and I was at Peace.



I then had another heart attack. I was tired of getting caught up in the things of the world. I missed four to five Assemblies. I did ask The Lord *if I could go home?* I have done everything here on earth, and was ready to go. I had a dream where an Angel fell from Glory, Light, and physical appearance. I could touch him. He was real, he pointed at me, ask asked me to go with him. I asked, *How can I go with you when you fell from Glory?* I know I am a sinner. He said to me, I know so follow me. I saw mountains, streams, rivers and meadows, etc. I knew then I would not get hurt. But this experience changed me.

The Lord gave me another truck. I had more health problems and some business problems. This all was good as like I said it changed me.

I was tired of my job. I started reading about Job, he was a better man than I. This angel told me he had no use of me. There was another man there. He was filled with The Holy Ghost. He said for me to listen to him. That my sin is a choice judgment over affection. You are telling God that your testing is a mistake. God soes not owe you an explanation of your ecce tion. It is all about Trust!

My testing days are not over. Once Job accepted that he was good to go, The Lord doubled all that he lost. God did this for me also. My Prayer is to be what God wants me to be.

I know The Lord is more Pleased with your Lives than you now. Praise God! Let us all go the rest of The Way with The Lord. Amen! God Bless you all.

Closing Song, 'Trust and Obey'. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates.

Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. (8:45 p.m.)

## Monday, June 29, 2015

### Priesthood Meeting

#### 10:30 a.m.

Services opened by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. With opening Prayer.

### Topic: Church Ordinances

*Apostle Jairus Yates,  
Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves passed out *'The Minister's Handbook'* in pocket form. After making a correction on page 5, second paragraph concerning *'Branches'* of The Church, our study started with *'The Sacrament'* page 26.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves talked about the *'Teaching of The Sacrament'*, the way it is Served, and The Prayer we read from *'The Record of The Nephites'*. Sacrament is to be Served ONLY to Baptized members of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. Also that *'The Emblems'* should only be prepared by *'The Priesthood'*.

By The Spirit of God, Brother Apostle Leonard Draves Called Brother Eddie Lee into *The Ministry of This Church* as an Apostle. Brother Jairus Yates then Testified of The Spirit Of God Calling Brother Lee. Also Brother Apostle Joshua Sparks Testified also of The Spirit of God Calling Brother Lee. Brother Lee accepted The Calling as he said that Brother William A. Draves told him years ago that he would be Called into The Quorum of Twelve. Praise The Lord!

### Baptismal Service

#### 1:30 p.m.

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates  
Missouri

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates opened Services with Prayer. Opening song, 'In These Latter Days'. Sister Kristi Johnson Chorister.

Brother Apostle Yates mentioned that The Lord took a hold of him and brought him back into The True Church of Christ. It is a great Blessing to that The Lord has brought our Brother Eddie Lee back into The Church.

Brother Eddie Lee speaking: 'It is good to be back Home. I made a mistake. I asked God to let me be in His Will. I regret my pass but that is water under the bridge. I ask forgiveness. I want to have my eyes on Jesus. I never gave up on HIM. I regret openly my mistake. I acknowledge them. There were people that hindered me. I never stopped Loving you all. Love must Overcome differences. This year The Lord put on my heart of my mistake. So I let it go and it took sometime. I am thankful for Sister Oladawn for not giving up on me and for all her prayers for me. Brother jarius also. Thank you all for your Prayers so that I would come back home.

I had reservations when Brother Oley told me that I would be Called into The Twelve all those year ago as we walked from his home to The Church. I said, Oh! NO! NO! I knew in my heart it was True, because Brother Oley said so. The Lord told me that I must conform too it. I just want to Serve The Lord. I did tried to get away, I hid, found excuses, ran from The Lord but now I cannot. I hope you accept me as a Brother.

Brother Apostle Jairus Yates read the Baptismal Questions from *The Record of The Nephites* pertaining to Baptism. Brother

Eddie Lee answered YES to all three. Therefore Brother Jairus and Brother Eddie went into *The Waters of Baptism* and Brother Yates did Baptized Brother Lee into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*. Sister Kristi Johnson sung a Special, 'Take My Hand'.

## Confirmation And Ordination Service

2:00 p.m.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves, Brother Apostle Jairus Yates, and Brother Apostle Joshua Sparks then Called Brother Eddie Lee up to the stage for Confirmation into *The Church*. Brother Apostle Jairus Yates Confirmed Brother Eddie Lee into *The Church*. Brother Apostle Joshua Sparks gave The Blessing and Brother Apostle Leonard Draves Ordained Brother Eddie Lee as an Elder, moreover an Evangelist, moreover a Bishop and moreover as an Apostle into *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*.

## Testimony Service

3:30 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell in charge. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell. Opening song, 'Higher Ground'. Sister Kristi Johnson chorister.

Brother Apostle then Called for Testimonies.

**Ola Thompson, Missouri:** I am Praising The Lord today for all The Baptisms thus far. When I Prayed for The Assembly I asked The Lord to Bless us all. I know that

men are evil without The Spirit of The Lord. The Lord tells us to Hold High The Standard High The Bible tells us to Strive for Perfection. I asked God to cause me to overcome the ties of satan. I have to Overcome so I can Rejoice today. Things are going to happen, I can't tell you all, It was not a Vision or Dream but when I Pray The Lord speaks to me. I understand. Between 1994 and 1996 I was Praying wrong, and I built up a wall around me. We stand in the way of getting Blessings when we are stubborn in Heart. I was hurt by some of the letters that was written during this time from people that I thought Loved me and could be so cruel. I told myself that I would not care if they did not care. This was a heavy burden. I shared things with God. Then saw dad cry on the porch from a broken heart. He told me as he pointed toward The Church at 608 Lacy that many of them won't last. I spent a lot of time with dad in the hospital. He was hurt so bad. This one night he was not getting rest, he turned to me and said, 'I want to go home'. I asked The Lord to give me at least fifteen minutes of sleep. When I woke up, dad was sitting on the edge of the bed, with hands upward saying, 'I am going home'. That was The Greatest Healing dad could of got, was going home. I had a dream that I saw my children being burned up in a fire. Saten deceived me. I got a letter from Brother Eddie Lee and he told me to tell saten to get behind me then Sister Mabel Wilson wrote me. Bothe letters helped me a lot. I went to dad late one evingin after Donnie came home from work. Dad Prayed for me at least three times. Mu oown Faith stood in my way , but it was dad's Faith that healed me, along with the help from Brother Lee and Sister Wilson. Stay strong in The Faith with a Firm Mind. Dad told me to

Pray for Discernment. I Thank God for this day. The Joy of The Lord is deep seated. Thankful that The Message Book is safe. The Copyright was received on Leonard's birth date, November 8th. There is a difference in man's Joy and The Lord's Joy and I feel The Lord's Joy today. Since 1996 I Prayed to bring The Honest of Heart back Home. Our Time is Short. God Bless you all.

**Eddie Lee, Illinois:** I appreciate each of you. It is freedom to be free with The Love of Christ. If they don't love me why should you love me? Thankful for the Progress that is going on a Healing is taken Place, a Healing of The Lord. God started to Deliver me. Pray for Sister Gladys Moore in Alabama. God is so Wonderful. God uses time, it is not over, Jesus will deliver. I Love you all. Keep Holding on. I am being Healed, I forget the past. Rise and be Heal, nail that coffin closed. Fine five people you can not Love. This is your greatest miracle. God is using you for your miracle. Your greatest miracle.

**Thresa Ray, Missouri:** I am glad that Brother Jairus pointed out June 28th when my father passed. Mother died, February 28, 1968. The Messenger came and that was a great Blessing to us all. The Women were studying The 86th Message. I Thank God for The Fullness of The Gospel. Thankful for Brother Eddie Lee, and Brother Joshua Sparks. Pray The Church will continue to Love. Remember my family in your Prayers. I will for you. When The messenger comes we all sleep os great.

**Eddie Lee, Illinois:** I saw your mother, Brother Oley was weeping as The Messenger came. I saw Brother Draves, Sister Draves, Brother Leonard, Brother Dennis Jones and myself, I knew that two people

would not be here. I remember The 86th Message so visually. These things complete us to move forward.

**Jairus Yates, Missouri:** I would like to read 1 Nephi 3: 17-18, **‘For he in9wing that Jerusalem must be destroyed, because of the wickedness of the people.**

**For Behold, they have rejected The Words of The Prophets. Wherefore, if my father should dwell in the land after that he hath been Commanded to flee out of the land, Behold, he would also perish. Wherefore, it must needs be that he flee out of the land.’** I really like this Book. After Levi went to Laben, he got The Records and return ho9me. When each of you Testify at Assembly, to me The Word is REAL. Know for assurity The Lord brought Brother Lee and myself back. I know for assurity more will come back.

**Ola Thompson, Missouri:** Sister Ola read 1 Nephi 14:14, **‘And it came to pass that I Nephi, Beheld The Power of The Lamb of God, that if descended upon The Saints of The Church of The Lamb, and upon The Covenant People of The Lord, which were scattered upon all the face of the earth, and they were Armed with Righteousness and with The Power of God in Great Glory.’** If we have a desire to walk in This, we can. I know for asurity it will happen.

**Michael Greenwell, Missouri:** We are at war! When I was 26, before I fell a sleep, I was crying very hard, as I wanted a Blessing on me. I dreamed that I was told there is a room that if I would go, everyone would I get the desires of their heart. People there were in robes and everyone knew what was going on but me. I stood in back waiting for my Blessing. Two men there, both wise Angles I thought. *‘Is Mike Greenwell here?’* It

was The Lord speaking and He said ‘Lets take a walk’. He asked me what I needed, I asked to be healed from allergies. The Lord said ‘Yes, but is there something more?’ I said yes Lord. I have a hard time keeping your Commandments. I want a Blessing that I won’t fall down, You are always looking ahead, but I live for today. I know I have The Gift of The Holy Spirit. I did not need to ask again for it. I am happy to be here today at This Assembly. Thank you all a lot. God Bless you all,

Closing song, *‘Give Me Thy Heart’* Kristi Johnson chorister. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. (4:45 p.m.)

## Preaching Service

**7:00 p.m.**

Services opened with Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Opening song, *‘The Redeemer of Israel’*. Chorister, Sister Kristi Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Sister Kristi Johnson sung a Special, *‘The Lord’s Prayer’*.

Brother Apostle Leonard Draves then introduced the Speaker of the evening, Brother **Apostle Joshua Sparks of Kentucky**. Please give him your kind attention. I know you will be Blessed.

## Epidemic of Our Generation

*..Apostle Josh Sparks.  
Kentucky*



Brothers and Sisters it is a privilege and an honor too have the opportunity to Preach this evening at The General Church Assembly. God is so Wonderful to us. He has really Blessed us

during this Assembly with His Powerful Presence and through Wonderful Preaching. Tonight I want to share with you a Simple yet Powerful thought The Lord has given too me for us tonight here at The Assembly. There is a Epidemic in this the last Generation of mankind before The Coming of Jesus Christ. *What is an Epidemic?* An Epidemic is a disease, famine, a catastrophe that affects or is inclined to affect large amounts of people or populations

Dr. D.L. Umali, then Assistant Director-General of The United Nations a food and Agricultural Organization reported that 'about 460 million people are at the brink of starvation daily, some 200 million children slip into some form of mental retardation and blindness due to lack of food, another 10 million or so give way finally to hunger-related diseases.' The world health organization estimated that 1/3 of the world is well fed, 1/3 underfed and 1/3 is starving. people die every year of starvation, 70% of children under 6 are undernourished. 30 people die of starvation every minute. Scientists are learning how to make frogs, worms and termites into food that will taste like chicken or pork. Cereal manufacturers are using soybeans to make food that taste like chicken, bacon and beef.

It is disturbing to me too know that 2/3's of the entire world are either underfed or starving. 30 souls a minute slip into Eternity to stand in The Presence of Jesus Christ because of physical hunger alone. That is a very staggering statistic. *What if there was a way to measure Spiritual hunger today?* The numbers would blow you and I away if we really knew the affect that the 1260 year curse had on the people of the world and even now even after The Gospel, The Church and Priesthood has been Restored

how many people are starving Spiritually. How many dozens are dying all around us Spiritually who are starving of Spiritual hunger. Folks we have an Epidemic on our hands.

Amos 8:11-13, **'Behold, the days come, saith The Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of Hearing The Words of The Lord:**

**And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to Seek The Word of The Lord, and shall not find it.**

**In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst'.**

In America we can see there is not a famine for lack of bread, we have McDonalds and Wendy's on every corner. You can stop by any gas station or restaurant and get a coffee or a water there is no famine for water or for something to drink but for The Hearing of The Word of The Lord there is a famine and God sent this famine and has made us aware that He sent it to do something for us that we all so desperately need. We need to be Hungry and Thirsty for Him for Righteousness.

Jesus said in (Matthew 5:6) **'Blessed are they which do Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness: for they shall be Filled.'** *How or why do we become hungry?* When we lack the things we need to sustain us. If we are lacking food and water we will die because our bodies need those essentials to continue living. Hunger is a powerful state of mind and body that causes people to turn over trash cans and dig through dumpsters too find food. *Why does God send famine too make us Thirsty and Hungry after Him?*

Helaman 11: 4-5, **'O Lord, do not suf-**

fer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword; but O Lord, rather let there be a famine in the land, to stir them up in remembrance of The Lord their God, and perhaps they will Repent and turn unto Thee.

And so it was done, according to the words of Nephi. And there was a great famine upon the land, among all the people of Nephi. And thus in the seventy and fourth year the famine did continue, and the work of destruction did cease by the sword but became sore by famine.'

It was sent to stir up the memory of the people and cause them to have once again a Divine Hunger for God. Thirst can dehydrate the body and cause death. Jesus Said *'if we would get ourselves to a place of Spiritual Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness that we would be Filled, our Cups Overflowing'*.

Proverbs 19:15, **'Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle Soul shall suffer Hunger'**.

So many are at ease in Zion. There is no longer a well of water springing up within them. Jesus Said in John 7:37-39, **'In the last day, that Great Day of The Feast, Jesus Stood and Cried, Saying, If any man Thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.**

**He that Believeth on Me, as The Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water.**

**(But this spake he of The Spirit, days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be which they that Believe on Him should Receive: for The Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet Glorified.)'**

The hungry and thirsty woman at The Well left her water pot at Jesus Feet Desiring to drink from that thirst quenching wa-

ter. John 4:7, **'There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus Saith unto her, Give Me to drink. The woman said your a Jew I am a Samaritan and you're asking me for a drink. Samaritans and Jews don't have any dealings with each other'**.

But in John 4:10 Jesus Answered and Said unto her, **'If thou knewest The Gift of God, and who it is that Saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee Living Water'**.

The woman said The Well is deep and you don't have a bucket too draw out any water. Are you better then our Father Jacob who built and drank from this Well and his children and cattle. Right there where Jacob built the Well was the same place where Abraham first built an Altar to The Lord to offer a Sacrifice. Jesus was Saying that Abrahams Altar produced Jacobs Well at Sychar to be a place of Refreshing in the natural realm. Jesus was talking about The Thirsting of one's Soul and not merely the natural. She was thirsty Spiritually and she found what she was looking for that day at the well.

John 4:13-14, **'Jesus Answered and Said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this Water shall Thirst again:**

**But whosoever drinketh of The Water that I shall Give him shall never Thirst; but The Water that I shall give him shall be in him a Well of Water Springing up into Everlasting Life'**.

She said give me The Water so I don't have to come back here to draw water again. She was using that water pot as her excuse to leave the mess she was Living in. She had 5 failed marriages and the guy she was living with wasn't her husband. She

came Seeking her answer and found it in her Desire to drink from that Life giving Everlasting Water of The Holy Ghost

Message 63:12, **'Be at Peace in this Work. I shall Come again, for I am sent of The Lord your God. I come to do His Will. Be not in Thirst but drink of The Waters of Life. My Message is to the ends of the earth. I am The Elias, John The Baptist. I Preached Repentance in the days before The Lord Christ Walked among men. Again I Preach The Word. I Come to Prophecy, I speak His Will. There is much yet to be done-and to be given for His that Follow. Amen'**

Message 66:24, **'Thus Saith The Lord, 'Heed ye The Words of My Patience and I Will Deliver thee from The Hour of Temptation which shall come upon all the world to try mankind. Behold, I Come Quickly. Hold Fast in Faith that which I have given thee that no man take it from thee. I Am The Lord and I Give My Word that it May bring Life. My Words Shall Judge you in the last day. I am the Christ, your Lord and Savior. I Am The God of The Living. Those that Drink of The Water of Life I Give shall never Thirst,' Saith The Lord'**.

In the mist of this famine Spiritually those who Follow The Lord will remain Alive in famine and God Will be our Provision.

Psalms 37:18-19, **'The Lord Knoweth them into a deep sleep; and an idle Soul shall suffer hunger.'**

So many are at ease in Zion. There is no longer a Well of Water springing up within them. Jesus Said in John 7:37-38, **'In The For ever.**

**They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall**

**be satisfied'**

We are also told in Psalms 33:18-22, **'Behold, The Eye of The Lord is upon them that Fear Him, upon them that Hope in His Mercy.**

**To Deliver their Soul from death, and to keep them Alive in famine.**

**Our Soul Waiteth for The Lord: He is our Help and our Shield.**

**For our Heart shall Rejoice in Him, because we have Trusted in His Holy Name.**

**Let Thy Mercy, O Lord, be Upon us, According as we Hope in Thee'**

We are living in Spiritual Famine and people are Hungry but they don't know what they are Hungry for. They try to feed The Hungry with worldly things. What they must understand is one cannot feed a Spiritual Hunger with carnal or natural things. Temporal things cannot quench an Eternal Thirst.

God has sent a DIVINE HUNGER into the world, a Hunger for Truth. People are tied of being lied too. They are not looking for a Church that just talks about God, they are looking for God and we must be able to get God to make Himself Known through us His Church.

We must get Hungrier for Truth and for The Lord to Work in our Lives. In order to feed The Spiritual Hunger in our world we must get Hungrier for God. We must not slip into a complacent state in which we are satisfied to get a little appetite of Blessing. We must have a Hunger that Drives us into The Reality that we are not just Responsible for ourselves but for a world dying of Spiritual Starvation. It is my Prayer that The Hunger of The Holy Ghost Consume us.

The Apostle Paul write in Philippians

3:13-14, 'Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and Reaching Forth unto those things which are before,

**I Press toward The Mark for The Prize of The High Calling of God in Christ Jesus'.**

Paul was driven by a Hunger to do The Will of God. He spent his whole Life Feeding The Lost Souls of man because He was always Hungry for God. He was Aware of The Spiritual Needs of all those around him. Paul said in Forgetting the past, my failures and what didn't bring results and in Reaching Forward to the things that are ahead.

We as *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way Of The Lord* must forget what has happened in the past. Forget the wounds brought on by The Church splits and men walking from Light to darkness. We can't judge the men who failed to build The Temple of The Lord. We are Called upon in our day and time to Build it. We must be Hungry. God Will send His Messenger *but to what? A Complacent People? No. To a People Hungry after Jesus Christ? Yes.*

Let's get Hungry for The Lord and His Will use us to be a Help to our Hurting and Dying World.

I say these things in The Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Closing song, '*Nearer My God To Thee*'. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. (8:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Priesthood Meeting**

*Apostle Jairus Yates*

*Missouri*

## **Study on Blessing of Oil And Baptism**

Priesthood Meeting opened by Prayer .from Brother Apostle Jairus Yates. The study this morning is the Blessing of The Oil and Baptism.

### **Blessing of The Oil**

When Blessing The Oil, you must take the lid off the bottle, and place some of The Oil on your right hand, then hold your right hand up and give a Prayer over The Oil that it would be **Concentrated, Dedicated, and Purified, that it would be Typical of The Holy Spirit.** Once The Oil is anointed on the person's head and The Prayer of Faith given in hopes of the em-betterment of The Lord's Work. The Oil is usually used for Administrations for Healings and Blessings. One can anoint a handkerchief with The Oil, and Prayer over it, then placed in a protective bag and send to those where a Minister is not located. The Spirit of God will go with it to be used as if one was actually anointed with The Oil.

### **Baptism**

The Lord has made it clear that all that Come to *The Church of Christ* MUST come in by The Door of Baptism. We believe in complete buriel in The Water just as Christ was Baptized by John The Baptist. If one is not completed buried by Water, The Baptism MUST be re-done until done right. The Minister doing The Baptism should enter The Water first, helping the subject into The Water. Once The Minister give some instructions to the subject upon how to hold their nose with cross hands to help The



Minister raise the subject out of The Water more easily will then raise his right hand and say The Prayer of Baptism. Calling the subject by **name**, The Minister will say, **‘Having The Authority given to me of Jesus Christ, I Baptize you in The Name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. Amen’**.

Some discussion among The Brethrens then took place. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Joshua Sparks.

## Preaching Service

1:00 p.m.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson of Iowa opened The Service. Opening song, *‘Under His Wings’*. Chorister, Sister Kristi Johnson. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Special given by Sister Kristi Johnson, *‘Knock and It Shall Be Opened’*.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the speaker of the hour: Brother **Elder Richard Sega of California.**

I am happy The Lord added two new Apostles to The Lord’s Work. One is taken and two replaced. I am Thankful that The Lord sent John The Baptist to Restore His Church. I try to spread The Word. I will not give up on people hearing The Lord’s Gospel.

### *Sermon Notes*

*Elder Richard Saga  
California  
(Notes are in parts)*

I would like to start with Revelation 16th Chapter. You see here that The Lord never mentioned the rapture. It is a strong illusion .

People today believes that everyone has The Authority. People are taught that once

you say you are Saved, you are Saved . We know that this is not possible until you reach your end, by doing what The Lord has Asked you to do. We are told to Repent and be Baptized.

People needs to find God’s Law. They need to study The Word and search The Scriptures to know what The Doctrine of God is.

People cannot continue in sin. No one can pay for your sins but yourself. People cannot continue to be evil. There is Order in The Lord and people must find that Order and Live by it. No one can argue about this. Study more of The Old Testament.

When I mention The Messages to people they turn on me. They do not want The Truth. We need to Pray for them that they will see The Light someday and that it is not too late for them. I am working on a friend right now. Pray that he will come to Understanding of The Gospel.

Some people tells me that there is no more Revelations from God in t his day and time. Bur we know that God is the same Yesterday, Today and Always. He Will Speak to His People, and He has.

The Church I went to before, I heard two gospels. They told me not to worry about it, that it will all work out. I was not satisfy with that. When I heard about this Church, I knew it was True. God has given me The Truth.

The Lord said if you Love Me, Save My Flock. The Apostles are to a Servants to The Lord that leads the people aright all over the world. They have a hugh job to accomplish.

The Lord Called all of us to Represent Him and His Church. Read The Scripturess daily. Pray for one another. Thank you.

Brother Apostle Richard Johnson

Thanked Brother Elder Richard Sega for his words and for His Faithfulness to The Work. Closing song, *'Never Be Discourage'* Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson.

## Preaching Service

### 3:00 p.m.

Services Opened by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Opening song, *'O Beautiful For Spacious Skies'*. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves. Special by Sister Kristi Johnson, *'Breath On Me, Breath Of God.'*

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

Good Afternoon, It is Good to be here. *Why?* To promote The Lord and His Church. The Lord is filling His Twelve. With Brother Joshua and Brother Eddie we now have seven. I Praise The Lord for them and all y Brothers in The Twelve.

We need to know The Scriptures to Spread This Gospel. I read The Scriptures a lot but I don't retain all I read.

I may repeat some of the things Brother Elder Richard Sega may of said, but they say great minds think alike--that sometimes is scary.

The Country, *America*, is The Standard Nation. But things get torn down and we look kinda sad at times. We need to look forward to Building The Temple and that will makes things better for us. We know that time is short and we don't know how much time we have, so we must be busy about The Lord's Business.

### *Sermon Notes*



## Are We Truly Converted?

*Apostle Donald Thompson  
Missouri*

I will start reading Psalms 100:3-5, **'Know ye that The Lord He is God : it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are His People, and The Sheep of His Pasture.**

**Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and into His Courts with Praise: be Thankful unto Him and Bless His Name.**

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

John 10:25-30, **'Jesus Answered them, I told you, and ye Believed not: The Works that I do in My Father's Name, they Bear Witness of Me.**

**But ye Believe not, because ye are not of My Sheep, as I Said unto you.**

**My Sheep Hear My Voice, and I Know them, and they Follow Me:**

**And I Give unto Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand.**

**My Father, which gave them me, is Greater then all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's Hand.**

**I and My Father are One'.**

*Are We Truly Converted?* When Jesus was upon the earth He Chose Twelve men to take Charge over The Church that He had Established. One of them was Simon Peter a fisherman. He was one of the three that Jesus Loved most and asked to go with Him to The Garden of Gethsemane for His terrible ordeal before His Crucifixion.

Peter sometimes had a Zeal but not according to Wisdom. He, with the other two Apostles James and John, went to sleep

while in The Garden of Gethsemane with Jesus. They perhaps did not realize how serious Jesus Trial was going to be, so they slept. When Jesus found the three asleep He asked them, ***'could they not stay awake on hour with Him?'*** But Peter always maintained how much he Loved Jesus.

After Jesus went to them and found them asleep He made this Statement also. ***'Why sleep ye, Rise and Pray lest ye enter into temptation.'***

Then came The Multitudes to take Jesus led by Judas, one of The Twelve, who had betrayed Him. When Peter knew they were to take Jesus and he began to retaliate and he slashed off the right ear of the servant of the High Priest. Peter no doubt thought he was doing the right thing and Proving His Love for Jesus and was Defending Him. But The Loving Jesus, the one returned Good for evil Healed the man's ear by The Touch of His Hand.

Yes Peter wanted to spite those who did not do as he thought they should. He was quick tempered and sometime acted before he thought. He wanted to punish those who he thought did wrong. Jesus told Peter before that he should be more careful. On one occasion He had Said to him, ***'get thee behind me satan'***, and on another occasion He told him that ***'he did not know what Spirit he was of'***. Peter once wanted Jesus to make some who were not members of The Church to stop Healing in Jesus Name but Jesus Said to him, ***'whosoever is for Me is not against Me'***.

The Messenger has told us that today in our time also. In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus said to Peter, ***'Simon, Simon, Behold satan hath desired you that he may sift you as wheat. But I have Prayed for thee, that***

***thy Faith fail not; and when thou art Converted, strength-en thy brethren'***.

Yes Peter had been an Apostle for some time, yet he was not Converted. Can it be that some are not today? *Can it be that some are not converted? Can it be that those who wants to strike back or want to punish are not yet converted to Jesus?* We have The Three Books before us and it is Jesus Words that will judge us.

When Jesus was taken before The High Priest in the palace, Peter stood at the door but when he was asked *if he were one of Jesus Disciples* Peter denied that he was, and when the questions was repeated to him *if he were not Jesus disciple* he finally cursed and denied it. But Jesus had Warned him that before the cock crowed he would deny Him thrice.

Then Peter remember and went outside and wept. After The Resurrection and Jesus Showed Himself unto The Disciples, Jesus Said to Peter, ***'Simon, son of Jonas, Lovest Me more than these?'*** An Peter maintained that he did Love Jesus. Then Jesus Told him to feed His Lambs. But Jesus again ask Peter *if He Loved Him*. Then Jesus Told *him to free His Sheep*. He Said unto him the third time. Simon, son of Jonas, *Lovest thou Me?* Peter was grieved because He Said unto him the third time, *Loveth thou Me?* And he said unto Him *'Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest I Love Thee.'* Jesus said unto him, ***'feed My Sheep'***.

Jesus must have wanted to Impress it upon Peter that to just say he Loved The Lord was not enough. But that he must be Truly Converted before he could Feed Christ Sheep, and before he could Strengthen The Brethern.

*Are some of The Lords People this way*

today? Do they, like Peter, want to smite off an ear if someone does not do to suit them? Do they want to take revenge on those who do not as they say? Do they feel like they should punish some who in their opinion do wrong? Do they pass Judgment on others when they should be examining them selves? Are they Converted to Jesus and do they know what Spirit they are of?

Do we look into the mirror at ourselves before we pass Judgment on others? Jesus Said for us to first pick the beam out of our own eye and then we can see more clearly the mote that is in our brother or sisters. I once knew a man who was too quick to strike back and who wanted to punish. I thought of Peter too before he was converted. When we are Converted we will have a different Spirit. It is not a quarrelsome Spirit but it will be The Spirit of Love, that will Teach us to Return Good for evil. Not the spirit to condemn, because vengeance belongs to God. *The Bible* says. We must not pass unrighteous judgment upon others else it may return to us sometime, for with what judgment we judge we shall be judged.

After we are Converted we are Promised The Comforter, The Holy Spirit from Above that will Lead us into all Truth, that will bring to our minds things that are past and show us things to Come. It will be The Loving Spirit that Teaches us to Render Good for evil when it was with Jesus to Heal the man's ear after Peter in his eagerness to spite had cut it off.

Now, Jesus Tells us He did not Come to condemn, but to Save. He did not Come to punish or bruise but to Heal. He Came not to punish but to Convert. We as Followers of Jesus must Follow in His Footsteps and so as He did. Once Jesus Said, ***'unless you are Converted and become as a little child***

***we cannot enter into The Kingdom of Heaven.'*** How does a little child behave? He is quick to forgive. He is usually very Trusting of his Elders, as we should be Trusting in our Heavenly Father. A child does not hold hard feelings for very long. Yet he sheds some tears if he has felt offended by others. Yes, he soon forgives and gets up and tries again to get along with his play mates. He does not stop long to want to spite or pout, but he soon gets up and starts all over again to enjoy himself and others.

A child wants and needs Happiness and the Pleasure of other's company. *Are we as little children too? Do we, after we have been offended go off in a corner and pout about it and think up how we can spite them or do we as the little child soon forget it and attempt to get along in Love with our fellowmen?* I assume that after we become Converted we will have The Comforter that will Lead us into All Truth. He it is that will bring to our minds, all things whatsoever I Command you: We will have The Comforter that will Lead us into all Truth. He it is that will bring to our minds The Words of Jesus to always keep us in Remembrance and that will tell you what to do.

No, He will not prompt us to take spite out on anyone or to hate or pass judgment on others, who do evil or go behind some ones back to do them harm. The Comforter will not Prompt us to deceive or misrepresent, or to speak falsely about others. He will not Cause us to do wrong but He will Cause us to do the things Jesus taught.

I have sometimes said that there is an answer in *The Bible* for almost any problem we may have, and if we Read and Study, then The Comforter will Help us and bring

to mind the things that we have Read and that will be suitable for the occasion. That is The Duty of The Comforter and that is The Promise when we Come into The Lord's Kingdom.

We must do our Duty by Studying God's Words as they are Contained in all of The Three Books. There is much to be Gained by Constant Study. Then after we have Studied with much Faithful Prayers, we are in a Condition and a better place to be.

Paul asked how can anyone Learn unless they have teachers. Jesus Said, ***'My Sheep Know My Voice and a stranger they will not follow'***.

Yes, there must be Teachers, first Apostles, secondary Prophets, and so on down the line. For even women have a work to do. Go to the rich and the poor alike The Messenger has told us. Let the old and the young work also but we must all work together in The Spirit of Love.

*Do we deny anyone their right of freedom to Work for Christ?* God need all the help He can get for the time is going on, and the night will come when no man can work. *But will we work in unison and permit others to do their work as God has Called them to*

*do?* Let us put away the sins and mistakes of the past, and let us be Good Shepherds over the flocks.

All must work in Humility and in Love, The Messenger told Brother Fetting, ***'Your success will be in telling The Truth in Humility'***, and what He Said to him, He says to us all. Let us be Honest, Truthful and Trustworthy, without deceit and without prejudice, or malice afore thought. Let us not think to do evil but let us think to do Good, and our Heavenly Father will be Pleased with us.

In reading The Messages recently I found that The Messenger said several times for us to rid ourselves of envy, because it causes us to have doubts, bitterness, and sometimes mistrust and hate. Then if they do not Repent they will fall by the way side and lose their Reward.

The Messenger has Come to Lead us into The Way of Truth. Follies or self-righteous-ness, or confusion must end. Spite and Malice must be taken from our Lives and let The Good Spirit enter into our Hearts and then we will be able to Feed The Lord's Sheep.

How much time has been wasted when we attempt to deceive. False pretenses are not God's Way. *Why should we want to pretend we are better than others?* According to *The Bible* we have all come short of The Glory of God. Let us Learn patience and be Converted.

I had thought once to tell a person of an experience I had been Given of God, but the Still Small Voice told me not to cast my pearls before swine. Jesus Said *'for us not to let any man deceive us'*.

Brothers and Sisters if we Live Close to God, He will not Permit us to be deceived. He will Guide us and let us Know who our friends are. I do not judge any man but Jesus Words will Judge all mankind.

If we adhere to His Words, we will win the race and The Crown after we fought the fight. Jesus Says *'if we Endure unto the end we will be Saved'*. My heart is sad when I read of those who have failed that God Called into The Work. Unless they Repent they will suffer and lose in the end.

If we suffer persecutions from those who despitefully use us and speak all manner of evil against us falsely for Jesus Sake we would Rejoice and be exceedingly Glad for

Great is our Reward in Heaven.

This Life is not a bed of rose, sometimes The Lord must Chasten us, but it is because He Loves us and wants to Keep us in The Straight and Narrow Way.

I Believe that one of the most bitter trials in my Life was to see those I Loved dearly fall into error and refuse to repent. I thought some should have known better but *perhaps they were never Truly Converted?* Some did have envy in their Hearts against another.

The Messenger is Teaching us to get rid of those things in our Hearts and instead keep The Pure Love of Christ in our Hearts.

Faith, Hope and Charity, and The Greatest of these is Charity, which is The Pure Love of Jesus Christ. If we Learn to Love as Jesus Did then we will be True to The Trust He has Placed in us. We will not get jealous of those who are wiser or doing more than we are, but we would try to climb up to a Higher Ground our self. This Life is short compared to Eternity and *Eye hath not Seen and Ear hath not Heard what Great Things God has is in Store for us.*

Let us Press onward in Faith to The High Calling in Jesus Christ. First let us be Converted, then let us feed The Sheep.

Women has much to do also, those who are married, Encourage your husband to be True and Faithful in Service. Tell your friends and neighbors of This Great Work and of Jesus' Love for all mankind. Teach The Gospel!

Sister MacGregor use to give Chart Lectures and she Converted many people to *The Church of Christ*. Women can do the follow Work after they have been told of The Coming of The Messenger.

Let none of us say we have no time. Let us take time to Serve The Lord. In Serving

our fellowman we are Serving The Lord. *Do we neglect those who need us?* If so, we may be committing a sin of omission. Bear one another's burdens is part of our Work

*Do you Encourage instead of discourage those who need us? Do we put our self first and others last? Do we do unto others as we would have them do unto us? Do we Pray for our enemies or only for our own? Are we selfish or egotistical?*

We must be Humble and in Honor Prefer one another. Let us not make one person take a back seat while we get the front seat because, what we sow so shall we reap. If we dig a pit for another *The Bible Says we will fall into it our self.* Let's let Justice Rule and Speak The Truth. Do not gossip and be a tale bearer. Judge not because it may come back to us one day. Do not pretend we are more Righteous than we are. Faith looks up, not down. Press Onward! Let us not be as Lot's wife or we too may end our Life too soon. Go forward, not back ward.! Worry not over things which we have no control. The Messenger Said, 'Be Faithful, Sincere and Earnest. The Reward is at the end of the race.

My Prayer is that we Continue on in The Ways of The Lord and be Faithful and True.

God Bless each and every one of you and remember to Pray for one another.

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

## Preaching Service

7:00 p.m.

Services opened with Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Opening Song, '*The Mes-*

sage Song'. Sister Kristi Johnson Chorister. Opening Prayer by Brother Apostle Richard Johnson. Special by Brother Apostle Michael Greenwell on his guitar. Second Song, 'Christ is The Fountain'. Second Special by Brother River Thompson, age 13, on the piano, 'In The Garden'. Brother Apostle Richard Johnson then introduced the Speaker of The Hour, **Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.**



## Sermon Notes

### Are We Worthy?

Bishop Reece Johnson  
Missouri

I would like to read from 3 Nephi 11:29-39, 'For Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of Me, but is of the devil, which the father of contention, and he stirreth up The Hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another.

Behold, this is not My Doctrine, to stir up The Hearts of men with anger, one against another, but this is My Doctrine that such things should be done away.

Behold, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I will Declare unto you My Doctrine.

And this is My Doctrine, and it is The Doctrine which The Father hath Given unto Me, and I Bear Record of The Father, and The Father Beareth Record of Me, and The Holy Ghost Beareth Record of The Father and Me, and I Bear Record that The Father Commandeth all men, everywhere, to Repent and Believe in Me;

And whoso Believeth in Me, and is Baptized, the same shall be Saved, and

they see they which shall Inherit The Kingdom of God.

And whoso Believeth not in Me, and is not Baptized shall be damned.

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, that this is My Doctrine and I Bear Record of it from The Father, and whoso Believeth in Me, Believeth in The Father also, and unto him will The Father Bear Record of Me for he will Visit him with Fire and with The Holy Ghost.

And thus will The Father Bear Record of Me, and The Holy Ghost will Bear Record unto him of The Father and Me, for The Father and I and The Holy Ghost are One.

And again I say unto you Ye must Repent and be Baptized in My Name, and Become as a Little Child, or ye can in no wise Inherit The Kingdom of God.

Verily, Verily, I say unto you that this is My Doctrine and whoso Buildeth upon This, Buildeth upon My Rock, and The Gates of Hell shall not Prevail against them.'

Message 72:1. 'Behold, I Come again with a Message. Arise and Write The Words I shall give you. I am your Fellow-Servant, a Co-Laborer for Christ and His Church'.

The Question here, 'Are we Worthy?' The Day of Judgment is for ALL. As long as Life is in us, we have a chance to make it right!

1 John 4:17, 'Herein is our Love made-Perfect, that we may have Boldness in The Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world'.

Message 52:9, 'Let Love Dwell in your Hearts that He may Dwell in you and His Love be Perfected, and that you may Stand in The Day of Judgment'.

The Lord has told us that The Greater our Love, The Greater The Power. We all want The Greater Power. The Messages Confirms this.

Message 84:7, **‘God is Love. My Message is One of Love. Keep The Mellowing Spirit in your Hearts. Many are Moved by The Power of God. Many have been Touched by The Spirit of The Lord. Many Represent Christ and are Ready for This Work. They that are for us are not against us.’**

Our Message is One of Love. Our Mission is One of Love, Our Doctrine is One of Love, God is Love.

Message 34:6, **‘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 the wanderer.’**

Zion will come about by The Love that passes the Understanding of man. Brother Mervyn Johnson touched that type of Love when he received The Revelation of The Lord. Charity is a little deeper than mere Love.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5, **‘Follow after Charity, and Desire Spiritual Gifts, but rather that ye may Prophecy.’**

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in The Spirit he speaketh Mysteries.

**But he that Prophesieth speaketh unto men to Edification, and Exhortation, and Comfort.**

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue Edifieth himself; but he that Prophesieth Edifieth The Church.

I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye Prophesied: for Greater is he that Prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he Interpret, that The Church may Receive Edifying’.

Message 91:18, **‘See those that think themselves to be great, seeking prominence, moreover seeking the praise of mankind. Their Works do show their nothingness and will not Endure The Sword of Truth and Justice’.**

Message 36:4-8, **‘Let all My Servants that I have Called be Up and Doing for I will Direct them. Let my young Servants be at Work and I will Bless them Greatly. Let all Labor in their Calling or idleness will let darkness cloud their minds and they will not Enjoy The Spirit nor The Goodness of God . . .**

Remember the many things I have told you, that you have not been permitted to write. Be very Humble before The Lord. Worry not about what man has done-those that reject The Words I bring to you. They do not reject you but they Reject me and The Words I Bring from The Lord; and The Lord has not and will not let His Spirit always be with them unless they Turn and Heed The Lord their God.

I am he who shall Minister unto Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand and they shall be Tried and Purged. For I sit as a Refiner of Gold, and as with Fuller's Soap, Purging The Hearts of men and



**Cleansing out the dross, the sins of men. For man must be made Holy before he can come in The Presence of God, or The Glory of The Lamb, Slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might Believe on Him and be Redeemed from that awful state.**

**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.**

**These Words I have brought from The Presence of The Lord your God. I Come to you in Peace, with a Message to bring Peace to The Church’.**

We all need to Walk with The Lord. The Road is Long but Easy. The Lord says to Lift High, Hear His Words, that none has progressed as should. Some have Shaken Faith, but if we will Love One Another, Hear His Voice and be Obedient to The Lord, we will Grown in Grace.

Some has lost affection for The Work, and if they continue they will grope in darkness.

The Lord Knows our Desires. He wants us to be Humble before Him. Stand together more Firmly, Cry unto The Lord.

The Angel is still at The Helm. Be not deceived. Know The Voice of God and His Spirit with be with you. Take no part of the things of the world. Return Love to The Lord. Let your Works show your Faith. Let Charity Rule your Life. Let Peace Rule in your homes and Soul. Seek not after The Praise of men, but Walk and Talk with The Lord on a daily basis. Do not be double minded. Seek The Tree of Eternal Life.

Be at Peace. These Words are True and for The Faithful. Thank you. God Bless. I Love you all.

Closing Song, *‘He Leadeth Me’*. Sister

Kristi Johnson Chorister. Special by Sister Ellen Thompson and Sister Brenda Humpert, *‘I Am Turning To The Light’*. Closing Prayer by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves.

## Sacrament

The Emblems were Blessed. The Bread by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves and The Wine by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson. Emblems Passed by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson and Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

## Testimonies

Those that Testified were: Thresa Ray, Ola Thompson, Eddie Lee, Jessie Rowlen, Nawassa Greenwell, Tammy Thompson, Michael Greenwell, Richard Segal, Brenda Humpert also sung, *‘Grandma’s Rocking Chair’*, Jairus Yates, Joshua Sparks, Nawassa Greenwell, Leonard Draves, Reece Johnson, Donald Thompson, Richard Johnson.

Closing Song, *‘God Be With You Until We Meet Again’*. Sister Kristi Johnson Chorister.

## Administration

Sister Krystal Wetzel Prayed for by Brother Apostle Leonard Draves and Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

Closing Prayer by Brother Bishop Reece Johnson.

## Assembly Committee

Once again The General Assembly of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord* has concluded. It was a Blessing to all who were able to attend, The Lord Blessed much by His Spirit and by The Preaching and Teaching of His Word. If you were not able to attend, you were missed. God Bless.

## Children Meetings

The Children Meeting Notes will be in the November's Issue of 'The Greater Light'. Thank you!

## Obituary

### Aavely Rose Evans



Aavely Rose Evans, born July 14th, 2015, passed away at 27 days old, on August 10th, 2015. A visitation and funeral Service was held at Carson- Speaks Memorial Chapel in Independence, Missouri on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Aavely is survived by her parents, Ryan and Jessie Ray Evans, sisters, Delsie and Brinlee, and numerous extended family members. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Thresa Draves Ray, and great granddaughter of the late William A. and Ruby Draves.

Service began with Pastor Gene Stowell (a minister from the funeral home) opening and speaking about Aavely and how all little children are Alive in Christ. He spoke of how baby Aavely is with The Lord now. He quoted **The Twenty Third Psalm:**

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He Restoresh my Soul: He leadeth me in Paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake. Yea, though I walk through The Valley of The Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy Rod and Thy Staff they comfort me. Thou Preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou Anointest my head with Oil; my Cup runneth over. Surely Goodness and Mercy*

*shall follow me all the days of my Life: and I will Dwell in The House of The Lord Forever.*

Aavely's uncle, **B.J. Ray** read the following poem:

### Aavely

**The amount of time we have on earth matters very little: A man can live for 90 years full of greed and pride and never find God, know Him or accomplish His Plan. Aavely, on the other hand, taught people to Love, led people to God, showed us the tenuous nature of Life, and gave us a Faith that those who have not suffered a loss can never know.**

**Aavely, only here for 27 days, made an impact Greater than a famous teacher. The purpose of Life is not ours to know, nor in our hands: it is brought about by God. And by God she was chosen, so to Heaven she must go. But before you go, We give you this, half our Hearts and one last Kiss!**

Aavely's mommy, **Jessie Evans** said the following to baby Aavely.

### Thank You Aavely

**Thank you for stretching my Heart!**

**Showing me how deep my love can go. For showing me how much Strength I have, for making me a Better mom.**

**Thank you for all the Miracles I have got to see in you, and for all the Love you have added to our family.**

**For teaching me to Pray more and not take things for granted, like being able to Cry, and Breath, and Swallow . . . and Life,**

**Because Life is the only thing in this world that cannot be replaced.**

**Thank you for teaching me not to be so stubborn, and let people help me. And**

most of all, Thank you for being in my Life. What you have given me in these 27 days, is Magical. I miss you so much, sometimes it hurts to breathe. I can't even describe the pain. I know it will never go away, but I know I'll see you again in Heaven, and I have your Daddy's Hugs and your sisters Smiles, so I'll be ok. The hardest part isn't that you are gone, Because I am happy you aren't suffering anymore, but it's trying to Learn to Live without you. I love you Aavely. I'll See you soon.

Pastor, Brother Donald Thompson spoke about sweet baby Aavely Rose and read the following Scriptures.

Isaiah 41:10, 'Fear thou not; for I Am with thee: be not dismayed; for I Am thy God: I will Strengthen thee'; yea, I will Help thee: yea, I will Uphold thee with The Right Hand of My Righteousness'.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18, 'But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no Hope'.

For if we Believe that Jesus Died and Rose again, even so them also which Sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

For this we say unto you by The Word of The Lord, that we which are Alive and remain unto The Coming of The Lord shall not Prevent them which are Asleep.

For The Lord Himself shall Descend from Heaven with a Shout, with The Voice of The Archangel, and with The Trump of God: and The Dead in Christ shall Rise first:

Then we which are Alive and Remain shall be Caught together with them in the clouds, to Meet The Lord in the air: and

so shall we even be with The Lord.

Wherefore Comfort one another with these words'.

John 11:25-26, 'Jesus Said, I Am The Resurrection, and The Life: he that Believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he Live.

And whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?'

Mark 10:13-16, 'And they brought young children to him, that He should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is The Kingdom of God.

Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not Receive The Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

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

Prayer offered by Brother Apostle Donald Thompson.

*As we gather here today to honor this baby girl, Aavely Rose, we would like to Thank thee for the time that we got to share with her and admire the beauty that she possesses. Lord, as merely humans we don't understand some things that happens in our Lives, but we know that you have a Plan and The Promises you have made, that we all will be together with you someday. We Thank Thee for all the Peaceful rest that you have given our precious Aavely, Lord. And Lord, we would ask that you Bless and give Peace, Comfort, Strength and Understanding to Ryan, Jessie, Delsie and Brinlee. Touch them with your Holy*

*Spirit and Bless them Lord, also we would ask that you Bless Ryan's family and also Jessie's family and give Peace, Comfort and Understanding. Be with them and Bless them all. Lord, as we give you Aavely to take care of, we ask that you put your Heavenly Angels around her to watch over her till we all meet again in your House some day. Aavely Rose will not be forgotten. We ask this in your Holy and Precious Name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen!*

Sister Kristi Johnson led everyone in singing 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again'.

### God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you.

With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, . . . Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, . . . Till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. God be with you till we meet again; 'Neath His wings protecting hide you. Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, . . . Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet . . . Till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Following The Service everyone went outside. Aavely's, daddy and mommy, Ryan and Jessie Evans, and her sisters, Delsie and Brinlee, led the release of butterflies in Memory of sweet baby Aavely Rose.

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Our Precious, Sweet baby, Aavely Rose was only here for 27 days. We were so very Blessed to know and Love her. It is

amazing how many people, not only from our Church but from many different Churches, different countries, even people that only knew of her through a friend-were Praying in Unity for this Sweet Precious baby. We thank you all for your Support, Love, and Prayers! It has meant so very much to us! We don't know why she was not Healed, we do not know all of God's Plans, but we do know Aavely Rose is with Jesus now; well, whole and happy. We take Comfort in knowing she is in The Arms of Jesus and that we will see her again one day. We will always Love you Sweet Aavely Rose.

*Submitted by Aavely's grandma, Thresa Ray.*

## Special Notices

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Brother Roger Bailey of Florida. We send you our Love, Cares, and Prayers . God Bless!*

*The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarter Office: 4215 South Hocker, Suite 100, Independence, MO 64055 Phone: 816-836-1913 Fax: 816-313-6232.*

## A Vision

*August 19, 1938  
Elder William A. Draves  
Colorado*

*I had a very fine Spiritual Vision in the morning hours of August 19th 1938. I had been Praying over The New Messages being turned down by some as I had heard, when The Lord Came to my rescue. Thank*

Heaven.

The Messenger stood at the foot of my bed, and said: *'Come with me and I will show you A Vision of what's taking place that will Strengthen your Faith'*. He held his hand out toward me. I took hold of his hand and it seemed we Floated in Space, through Realms of Quietness and Heavenly Power, where the air seemed to be Perfumed with Holiness. Divine was The Influence.

We seemed to go north ward and west, then every direction stopping at Locals all over the land. Hearing Testimonies offered by various ones. Saw and Heard what was said, many relating some incident to the Proving of The Truth of The New Messages. I saw them with Tears in their eyes, as they stood in their midst of various groups.

I saw Brother and Sister Bronson and others that I knew, many of them. I heard the names spoken of many of The Saints and if I ever see them in this life, I shall know them.

We stood in the midst of groups of several Church Gatherings. The different ones would say they felt The Power of The Divine with them to Prove to them that they were not deceived. I saw at times and at certain of the groups The Tears of Joy caused by The Spirit of God begin to stream down the faces of the people as we would come in their midst and presence. Yet all the while I knew they did not see us. Some spoke of seeing Brother Draves in Vision and The Lord Showed them that I was a Clean Virtuous man .

One dear Brother felt Assured and said, *'I saw a man in whom there was no guile.'* Others spoke things that I shall never be able to say with my unlearned

tongue. I can almost say like Paul, *'I saw and heard unspeakable things.'* I weep as I write this down, because of The Presence of The Spirit of God felt.

Once The Messenger said, as we were Floating though Space, *'How sweet are The Paths of them that Know The Voice of The Lord.'* I know I was Weeping and Felt The Greater Power of The Lord. All this taking place while I seem to be speechless.

We saw many Groups of Saints Testifying of The Truth of The Angel Message, of Glad Hearts and Grounded Hope. Where Salva-tion is Sure; being Chosen of God to it True Sanctification of The Spirit and Belief of The Truth. Called by The Gospel and Glorifying our Savior Jesus Christ.

Many Coming to The Light, The Bride putting on a more Becoming Garment. Clean and bright with Her Becoming Crown on Her Head. The Members of The Body of Christ Manifested more Charity and Love for each other and The Work of The Lord. Kindness, Gentleness and Holiness Radiated from them and could be seen in their faces. In all this I was in The Most Perfect Peace-ful, Happy Atmosphere surrounded by it, The Hallowedness that was in the air seemed to permeate my Soul and Body. I shall never forget those moments Filled with Divine Pleasure.

Then I saw a Great Host Coming to The Temple of The Lord, mostly from the east and The Angel said, *'The Host of Israel are gathering, for The Lord soon Comes.'* This Great Host seemed to have music instruments and shiny belongings in their hands. Large and small men, women, and children all moved along alike in Perfect Peace.

I saw The Apostles Beckoning for the people to come to The House of God. Peace seemed to be Coming from The

Place where The Lord Promised to Meet with the people in the hour in their Great need. It seemed we traveled for hours, and I was so Filled with Joy burning in my Bosom that my pillow was wet from shedding tears, when I arose in the morning.

When The Angel brought me back to my home I hesitated to let loose of his hand. It felt so Real, so Warm with Influence, so Strong and yet so Tender too, yet with The Deepest Sweetness that can only Come from The Divine Source. I looked at him, wishing that I might stay with him. Not able to say what I wished, however he knew as He said: *'the wish of The Three Nephites was Greatest and their Joy is Great, beyond measure: for eye hath not seen nor ear heard what is in store for them that Love The Lord'*. He smiled pleasantly and said: *'with this you will know The Way of The Lord is Life and Light. Joy to The Hearts that are Honest. Blessed are The Prayerful; for their Prayers are Heard when from The Heart. Let your Faith be Great in The Lord,'* I was sitting up in bed. He left me.

I was so Happy and Rejoicing for This Great Thing, that I seemed to be in Space above the earth. My mind is Light with Gladness in my Heart. Yet I feel almost speechless.

When he spoke it seemed it was not meant for me alone, but for others that Know The Lord and that will yet Learn of Him. I wonder why I become The Recipient of so much Joy in such Beautiful Things of God while it seems we are in an age when men seem to think that such things were for people of years ago, and we are only to read of it in history. Of course this is the vogue of the world and not of *The Church of Christ*.

It Gladdens my Heart to be Able to tell you of this. I Hope it is or will be Encouragement to you as it has been to me. I can say Press On and Press On for The Reward is after we have fought the fight. Keep The Faith and Finished our Course.

## A Vision

Apostle Joshua Sparks  
Kentucky

As I slept on my couch last night, resting from a day of being drained and sick and after caring for Elijah and Ronnie who are both sick but doing much better. I laid down and began to see in a Vision, a Wonderful and Glorious meeting. At first I was unaware of the surroundings, it seemed to be in a place I was not familiar with, because it had there people of whom I had never seen.

In this Vision at the forefront of the platform sit 12 men, whom I knew to be God's Apostles. There were other delegates seated on this platform and I was seated there as well. During this Great Assembly I met with and hugged many wonderful people, throughout a vast crowd of people young, old and multi race people who had gathered for one reason to Worship Jesus Our God. You, Brother Leonard were standing at

the podium and during this Great Meeting you announced that one of The Apostles would be speaking and you then proceeded to have me come and share with the people during this Great Assembly which was met by the very Presence and Power of The Holy Ghost.

After a short time I knew we were in The Temple because I remembered seeing the dome on the top of The Temple and The Cloud of God's Presence visibly around it and heard the people talking about The Cloud and it was Marvelous in our Sight and many were Amazed that God's Presence had Truly Manifest.

I remember addressing the audience about The Coming of The Messenger and began to read The Words that was written on the paper which I held.

I was awakened and today I remember The Vision just as if I were there right now. The Love I felt from these Brothers and Sisters and The Spirit of God I felt there was Tremendous.

I had doubts in the past about the various groups that had split and even Prayed and ask God

which group was The One with True Divine unbroken Authority and you my Brother Leonard was the first face He showed me in The Vision and God let me know His Way was The Assured way of The Lord. So glad you Love Jesus so much you held on to The Truth my Brother. The Joy and Fellowship felt during this meeting reminded me of the verse of Scripture found in (Helaman 6:3) ***'Nevertheless, The People of The Church did have Great Joy because of The Conversion of The Lamanites, yea, because of The Church of God, which had been Established among them. And they did Fellowship one with another, and did Rejoice one with another, and did have Great Joy'***.

The wonderful verse that came to my attention about The Manifestation of The Spirit I felt and how The Church and The Service and The Ministry was being Led by The Spirit. The effects this Vision has had on me is Overwhelming. God is making His People ready to send them forward in Power to do The Work of The Kingdom Amen!.

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