

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 & Message 96:6

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“...Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

“Where is the watchman? Why do so many shrink from the way of truth and light that I bring, study them. In them some think they do well to follow but are slow to understand. For all Christendom must flow together in the truth.”



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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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Faith and Practice.

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Secretary For The Twelve

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 17:11-13). 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

Sixtieth Message

1. "Behold, write the message I will give you! I am the messenger, the forerunner of Christ, and I am sent to bring the instructions for the church. This is my mission. I am sent from God to prepare the way as in the days when Christ came among men. My work and mission has begun and shall not be destroyed, but the works of Satan shall be destroyed. Thus for that work came I into the world that the way of the Christ shall be prepared that he may destroy the works of Satan.

2. I am the Elias and my name is John, even John the Baptist, the messenger to come before the face of the Lord.

3. Teach the way of the Lord that the millennium may come. Many are honest of heart and some you think to be against this work will be those to labor to the end. Think not that you can labor without faith or the love of God in your hearts for this is a just work of love.

4. The Lord has heard the prayers of his people and has sent me to bring them comfort when hearts are sad, and when Satan has brought much distress, trials and temptations upon the just for he will deceive them if they will not watch and pray.

5. Remember the instructions I have brought. Teach them to all men. All those that are humble and full of love will help, for the Lord will bless them. There are many who yet will carry the message of life to the ends of the earth. Teach faith in the words of the Lord and the prophets, for Satan shall not have hold on

all such. There are those that have been true and will not be shaken by Satan's powers in the evils of men. There are those whose hearts are filled with selfishness and greed and who seek to overthrow the message the Lord has sent.

6. But fear not men, nor what they may say of this work, for in their hearts is selfishness and hate. They are carnally minded and cannot see the Lord's hand move, but seek their own glory and not the Glory of the Lord.

7. The authority and trust that was placed upon you has not been taken from you, and will not be taken from you unless you deny the Lord God and my coming. For this work were you born. Be true and the Lord will bless you.

8. I bring the warning that mankind cannot say the Lord has not spoken, for the works of Satan must be destroyed. My message is one of love to all those who will heed it and obey, enduring unto the end. For the same shall be counted his bride at his appearing. The time has come. Let the evil be destroyed. That the faithful may arise and that Israel may be gathered.

9. The harvest is on. The Lord has spoken and long plead that mankind will obey and fully set their hearts to do his will, for the sheaves are ungathered. The wheat and the tares have grown together. Now the cleansing shall be among men. Be humble that your lives may be full of the love of God for he will deliver.

10. All those that do not heed, and obey not the instructions I bring, will not be the bride of Christ when he comes, for I come to point the way to

the Christ that repentance may be taught. That a people may be prepared to proclaim the acceptable way of the Lord to all mankind. Will they heed it that the Spirit of God may come and work with man when he is humble before the Lord!

11. Let those that reject the message I bring be released from their trust and responsibility, for they deny my coming, and the Lord rejects them. Therefore let them have no part in this work, for their hearts are not true and not in the Lord's will. All those that oppose and fight against this work, except they repent, their end will be sad. They cannot overthrow the Lord's work.

12. Gather in the assembly and cry unto the Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will hear all those that repent and obey his will. Let your prayers be of the heart. Let not contention be found among you.

13. Heed the instructions I have given in the past and let these be set apart as apostles, that I shall give, as the vacancies will come: Frederick Vowels, Marion R. Hopkins, James Beld, and let Luther Levell also prepare, for the time will come when he will take his place in the quorum. Let Roy Lougheed be added to the bishops. Let Melvin Mallory prepare that he may take his place as a bishop when the vacancy occurs. Let R. H. Hutchinson be set apart as an evangelist. Let all be in the field as the way opens. Fear not man but do the Lord's bidding. He will provide. Let Earl W. Baggerly be set apart as an elder. Let him be humble. Let none contend over points of doctrine, for the Lord will make bare his arm and reveal much, for great shall be the joy of all those that prepare for they shall have

power to proclaim the mysteries of the kingdom.

14. Let the faithful continue on and let the Voice of Warning go in peace. The Lord accepts those that obey the message. Let them continue on.

15. The Lord has sent me unto you at this time. He will bless you if you will be humble. The Lord knows your prayer and those you love. The Lord has allowed that to come that your pride may be destroyed for ye cannot seek the praise of men and be pleasing in the Lord's sight. There are those that love you and will yet love you if you will be humble and be at peace. Be pleasant in your work and speak the truth in humility and you will find favor with God and man.

16. I will come again until the work is finished and Christ comes to make his abode among men, that all the earth shall obey him. I leave peace with you and to the church. Give this to the church that the faithful may know the Lord has sent me.

17. Publish this message with the rest. Let them go to the ends of the earth. Take it to the isles of the sea. Let justice and peace follow you wherever you go. As I speak to you, I speak to all. Let the Lord's word be taught that it might be obeyed, for there is safety in the words I bring. Amen."

The Unchangeable God

(Article on Message 108)

William A. Draves

John 17:5-24 gives us the description of Jesus The Christ. II Nephi 27: 23, same yesterday, today and forever.

John 1:3-4, 'All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.'

In Him was Life and The Life was The Light of men.'

We find several places in *Scriptures* speaking of *The Unchangeable God*. I change not, etc. and other remarks stating the all sameness of God.

Message 86:6, 'Many Represent Christ and have Faith to do many Miracles. This is Good, if they Hear the final Call-this *The Midnight Cry* and Obey it. Their works will stand the test.'

Message 86:20, 23-25, 28, 35-36, 47, 53, 67, 'Unless The Servants of The Lord Arise and be no more oppressed-Arise to their Place and Calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrance turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will Call others to work and carry this Work onward . . .

Evil has sought to grip The Church and has long had its effect-eating out Her Soul. When it is removed She will put on *Her Brighter Garments* and many of Her Children will come unto Her.

The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is THAT PROPHET like unto Moses when it is I, John The Baptist, The Forerunner- The Messenger called The Elias which was for to come.

A Prophet Represent, and Christ is God Himself. I Represent Him . . . God has set in Pace and given *The Authority and Trust*, but man through weakness and seeking prominency has hindered The Work. Yet they say they love the Lord . . .

Some you have Trusted will walk no

more with you but many more will Come . . .

Fellowship not with those that twist *The Word* to thwart *The Plan of God* to justify their own evil means . . .

Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully Dedicate their lives to His Service-they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord face to face and Repent of their error they Will not fully find peace . . .

Let not The Work be frustrated by the way of man.'

III Nephi 21:8-9, 'And when that day shall Come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

For in that day, for my sake shall The Father Work a Work which shall be Great and Marvelous Work among them; and there shall be among them which will not Believe it, although a man shall Declare it unto them.' See also Acts 13:41.

III Nephi 20:43-45, 'Behold, My Servant shall Deal Prudently, he shall be Exalted and Extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; (His visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men) (John The Baptist was beheaded. W.A.D.)

So shall he sprinkle many nations the kings shall shut their mouths at Him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.'

III Nephi 21:11, 'Therefore, it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not Believe in My Words, which Am Jesus

Christ, which The Father (Power of God) shall cause him (John The Baptist, The Word of The Lord, brought to mankind by an Angel) to bring forth unto The Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people which are of The Covenant.' (Restoration— W.A.D.)

Acts 13:41, **'Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise Believe, though a man Declare it unto you.'**

I Nephi 22:21, **'And now I, Nephi, Declare unto you, that this Prophet of whom Moses spake, was The Holy One of Israel . . .'**

I Nephi 22:20, **'And The Lord will surely Prepare a Way for His People, unto The Fulfilling of The Words of Moses, which he spake saying: A Prophet shall The Lord God Raise up unto you, like unto me, Him shall ye Hear in all things, whatsoever He shall unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will Hear That Prophet shall be cut off from among the people (of God-W.A.D.).'**

Thus, this is speaking of an Inspiring God— a Prophet like unto me (Moses) born from among the brethren-(carnal parents).

Jesus said, **'No man gave Him His Life, and no man can take it from Him, nor they that set themselves up.'** (This is the ones having a fixed way.)

Fixed way in what? In doctrine and systems in teachings, imagine authority-false doctrine, probation after death, baptism for the dead, water in place of wine in the Communion, two priesthoods. Three beings in the Godhead, and a mother there? and much more.

This same Nephi—who said he declared spoke of seeing That Prophet baptize The Lamb of God, The Messiah, The Holy One of Israel. *How could That Prophet Baptize Himself?* This is two personages. Get it straight—he first made a mistake and did not correct it.

Again, when it was said The Lord would Raise up a Prophet, even a Messiah, again two personage. It is the mind of man that likens them to be one person and the same. It is the mind of man that makes a mistake—unlearned—lack of full knowledge.

II Nephi 31:4, **'Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you concerning That Prophet which The Lord showed unto me, that should Baptize The Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world.'**

III Nephi 27:25-26, **'For Behold, out of books which have been written, and which shall be written, shall this people be judged for by them shall their works be known unto men.'**

And Behold, all things are Written by The Father; (Power of God) therefore out of the books which shall be written, shall the world be Judged.'

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost.

The Law and The Prophets spoke until John comes—now he speaks for The Lord.

John was The Greatest Prophet born of woman. None Greater that has Risen. Hear ye him!

Ether 4:16,19, **'And then shall My Revelation which I have caused to be Written by My Servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be manifest in every deed . . .'**

And Blessed is he that is found Faithful unto My Name, at the last day for they shall be lifted up to Dwell in The Kingdom prepared for them from The Foundation of the world. And Behold it is I (The Lord) that hath Spoken it. Amen!'

Are We Worthy?

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I would like to read from III 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.

30) 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.

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

32) 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;

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

they see they which shall Inherit The Kingdom of God.

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

35) 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.

36) 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.

37) And again I say unto you, Ye must Repent and become as a little child, and be baptized in my name, or ye can in nowise receive these things.

38) 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.

39) 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!

I 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 Mess-age is One of Love. Keep The Mel-owing 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 Mis-sion 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 Stan-dards. 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.

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

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

3) But he that Prophesieth speaketh unto men to Edification, and Exhorta-tion, and comfort.

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

5) 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 promi-nence, 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 . . .

5) Remember the many things I have told you, that you have not been permit- ted 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.

6) **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.**

7) **Behold, The Lord soon Comes and I shall be with Him when He Comes to His Temple that shall be Built by a People of Clean Hands and Pure Hearts.**

8) **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 dou-

ble 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.

A Witness to the Holy Spirit

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On July 31st, 2016 after a Spirit filled day with Church members, Larry and I had gone to bed for the night. Brother Jairus Yates was spending the night at our home and had retired to his room for the evening. We shut all of the lights off except for the bedroom light. Larry and I talked about how deep our love was for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We prayed and fell asleep.

I woke up at 2:15 because I felt a heavenly spirit in the house. I walked around the house but did not see anyone so I went back to bed praising the Lord for Brother Mobutu, Jairus Yates, Donnie and Ola Thompson being with us in a very spirit filled fellowship that night.

As I relaxed back in bed I felt someone coming into the house and coming into the living room. I saw a exceedingly white light which I had seen and recognized from another time when an Angel came into our home when Larry was very ill years before. It is like no light on earth. It is pure and bright.

I started to get up but knew He did not want me to. I knew Him to be John the Baptist. He did not say a word from his mouth. He stood with his hands gently

folded in front of him and smiled the most approving smile. I knew he was so pleased with the Church's efforts, especially the last few weeks during our yearly assembly. He was pleased that we were showing such great love and inviting the spirit to be with us in Great measure. He wants to come to our Church soon but we must rise to a higher level of love for one another and His Church. As soon as we come to the higher level, He will come and He loves us so deeply. He poured out a Love on Brother Jairus, Larry and Me that was more powerful than any love I have ever seen. He bound the three of us in a deep love for one another, that we would work together in such deep love. I will never forget his loving smile. It was as if to say you are almost there, come a little further, and he was just waiting on us. He is eager to return and set the Church of Christ in a great movement to restore all things.

I got on my knees beside my bed and prayed thanking God and was so overcome. I said Lord how do I tell this to others? Why me? I am nothing, I am a woman, will even my husband and closet friend and Sister in Christ except it? The Lord filled me with a His spirit and I said, "Yes Lord, I will take it to who will hear because it is not from me, it is your message to ALL! Then above me the clouds parted and thousands of Angels sang. I noticed I could not count them all and I felt such peace and comfort. Their singing was the most beautiful singing I have ever heard! When I got up from praying John was gone and the light was gone, God did let know to give it to my husband, Larry and Brother Jairus first.

I walked through the house basking in the love and spirit in the house which went

from wall to wall. I wept and wept thanking God for showing me such a deep love that we must reach. I know there are so many waiting to know the Lord is with us and John is ready and eager to direct us now if we prepare.

When Larry arose at around 6:30, I asked him if he felt an Angel in the house last night. He said Yes. I said it was John the Baptist and told him what he said. Larry said I can see the spirit on you and it must be true. He hugged me and we cried together. I saw Brother Jairus coming into the living room. I told him what had happened. I told him how John the Baptist loves him so and the Lord had such a deep love for him. We talked and wept for a while. Other Jairus reminded me that John had visited his Father. This did comfort me.

I will say the love that John has for this people is so deep and He let me know we are so close to His coming with directions from the Lord. We WILL do as the Lord commands, move yet to a higher level of love and peace and lifting each other always with this deep love.

I will never deny this visit all of my life. As I saw John a man, a resurrected being, standing so peacefully and loving with such Power from the Throne of God. It reassured my belief for this work. It reminded me of my sweet dearest friend, W. A. Draves, how he must have felt from time to time wondering who would feel the spirit of truth, and let if fill their heart with Peace and Assurance in this work for our Lord.

I pray it gives comfort to you as it has to my home. God is so good to us. He just requires that we follow His plan of this precious Work, not to take it lightly and to pre-

pare our hearts and souls for the Greater Power.

God Bless each one who reads this and knows that the Lord and even John the Baptist loves this people and His Church, The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, The Assured Way with a deep love that surpasses our understanding.

Your Sister in Christ

Pocket Change For Jesus

Ellen Draves
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My family was trying to find ways to save money throughout the year for Christmas. Every year the presents seem to cost more. We did not want to go into debt to buy our presents.

We decided on a plan to save throughout the year and when it will be time to buy presents next year we will have money put away for them. The first decision was to come up with a plan. The second was to go out and buy a piggy bank to put our money in. I know that it might not buy everything but it is a start.

It made me stop and think. If I could put money aside for presents, why not put money aside for a special offering for the Lord.

One of our ideas was take the change that we would have at the end of the day or week and put it in our piggy bank. This plan would not work for me because I do not get out much so I would not have very much at the end of the year. I decided that when I got my check I would take out a

dollar a day for the month. If I did not have it I could not spend it on foolish things. At the end of the year I would have 365 dollars for my special offering. No matter what plan you decide on it will be a blessing for the Lord. This could go into a fund for printing new message books.

Just think if 10 people would do the same how much money would we have.

I know for many this would be an additional sacrifice. But we know that the Lord said the Temple would be built by sacrifice. Why shouldn't we start preparing ourselves now for this.

It isn't what you give but do you want to sacrifice for the Lord. The Sacrifice for you may be as simple as not getting a soda, a bag of potato chips or a candy bar a day. It may be not buying breakfast or lunch for a little while. Not only will it help you but look what we could do for the Lord.

Message 3:6 "For joy shall come by sacrifice, and peace and blessing to all that will serve me."

Message 12:10 "...For behold the people of the Lord are glad to help in this work for the Lord, by tithes and by offerings for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto the Lord, for this was the law in Abraham's day who paid tithes and the Lord bless him, and the Lord will bless in your day all those that shall keep his law. Therefore pay your oblations to the Lord in all things that your work may be accepted of him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your work might stand the test..."

Message 52:22 "...Let all pay their oblations to the Lord that the work may move on. There are those that obey his law and are blessed; so shall it be that greater peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come."

Message 56:11 "...Let all pay their oblations to me and I will be your reward." Saith your Lord."

Message 66:17 "Let all pay their oblations to the Lord in tithes and offerings..."

Message 71:11 "Let all pay their oblations to the Lord and send to the end of the earth."

Message 115:23 "Continue to pay your oblations to the Lord and endure."

The Lord commands us to pay our oblations and offerings, but he also rewards us for this.

God bless you one and all.

Handmaidens

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Missouri

Marriage

Jesus own words on this subject: Matthew 19:4-6 and He answered and said unto them. "Have ye not read, that which made them at the beginning Made them Male and Female and said " for this cause shall a man leave Father and Mother, and shall Cleave (be joined) to his wife: and they twine (the two) shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twine (2) but one flesh. What therefore God hath Joined together, let not man put asunder (Matthew 19: 4-6).

Marriage of man and woman - a faithful, lifelong sexually monogamous, partnership, is woven into the creation. Read Genesis Chapters 1 and 2) and this one man and one woman was never questioned thereafter in the Bible. Jesus affirmed the sanctity of Marriage, and Paul elaborated

on how marriage should work. God's plan is that intimate relationship between husband and wife should be the source of comfort, joy, companionship and lifelong personal growth. This was so clear to Paul that he used marriage as analogy for the relationship of God to His followers and vice versa (Ephesians 5:23-24).

Remember when you become married and become one flesh you are equals in God's eyes; partners where you each have a role in keeping your marriage and your home a safe, happy, peaceful place to abide and always consider each other in all things.

You are partnerships of equals before God. You are one flesh. The Scriptures calls men and woman to be faithful, loving and durable marriages as a pattern for long life happiness and an expression of God's gifts of love, joy and close relationship.

Great marriages in the Bible were not without their stress and points of humor. Often the Bible marriages did not fit perfect form. Life takes its odd turns. But Jesus answer still stand: What therefore God has joined together, Let not man put asunder"

Now, however, not all marriages are able to stand. They are mostly those who have allowed selfishness to enter or never allow God to be the center of their marriage. Without Gods love and his spirit it's very hard to have a marriage that will stand in days of trials and hardship. If one's heart is not true and they break their marriage vows through adultery or lies or things not of God, they put their marriage way down on the list of priorities. That weakens love, trust and hope and God knows this kind of marriage will not last and can be more harmful if they stay together (Mark 10:2-12, 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

this chapter speaks about relationship of man and wife and reason to part) Exodus 20:14 So start your marriage with Love, honesty, trust, faithfulness, joy, and desire to please one another. Always talk your problems out, but talk with respect, treat each other as you would have them treat you. Be kind to each other; remember to always take time with one another and to always consider each other when you do anything. Listen to each other and try to please each other. Be trust worthy in every aspect in your marriage. Don't use foul language with one another. The words hate or speaking unkindly to one another should never be used and if for some reason you are unkind quickly ask for forgiveness. Don't be stubborn because a stubborn heart cannot please God. Let alone each other.

Pray for each other always say a prayer for your spouse when not together. Pray for your home and cast out from your home anything that is not of God. Don't allow Satan to destroy your thoughts, your trust in one another, your hope, your dreams, and your family. Lift one another up in prayer often.

REJOICE TO STAND TOGETHER!

Pray for one another and with one another.

Young Adults

Matt and Ellen Thompson
Missouri

Be Ye Converted

Dear Young Adults,

Acts 2:38 says, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone

of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost?"

- 1) Faith
- 2) Repentance
- 3) Baptism
- 4) Laying on of hands that you would receive the Holy Ghost

These are the first steps to being converted, changing your life to serve God with all your heart. You need to be growing in the Lord and his word. Do you remember the covenant that you made with God the day of your baptism?

Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Repent of your sins and turn your life over to Christ in full, receive his doctrines, submit to his ordinances, change from the inside out. Change your life and conversation, and bring forth fruit unto the Lord with good works that are true and genuine. When you truly repent of your sins the Lord will blot them out and erase them from your life. Are you truly converted?

James 4:7-10 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Are you double minded. Are you serving two masters? If we are living unclean lives and following after man made traditions and doctrines

then you are double minded. The Lord tells us how to be rid of these evils within us by drawing ourselves closer to the Lord through repentance, study and prayer that we might be humble before God.

Isaiah 1:16 says, “**Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil?** Have you done this? Are you clean in the eyes of the Lord? Have you watched where you have gone, the things you have said and the things you have done? Are they of the Lord? Are you truly converted? Stop and think on this, ask yourself, judge yourself?

Matthew 18:2-4 says, “**And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, Verily I say unto you. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**” When you are a very young child, you are far from malice, hate and are very humble. You are teachable, forgiving and loving. Are we simple and humble as a child and willing to be the least of all?

Luke 18:17 says, “**Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**” Our hearts should be pure as a child and our hands clean in order to enter into God’s kingdom. Are you of the world and doing evil works? Those of you that have children are you teaching them of God and his commandments? Does your daily life show your love for God and his work? Are you prepared to stand before the Lord? Is your heart right? Have you studied to show yourselves approved?

I Peter 2:2 say, “**As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**” We all know that newborns desire milk because that is what

makes their bodies grow. We have to have a desire to learn of God’s word. When we study the Lord’s words that he has given us in the scriptures then we will grow in God. The Lord gives us a greater understanding of the word as we prepare ourselves through much study. We need to feed our bodies spiritually so we do not grope in darkness. Are ye converted, your whole life by turning it over to God.

My prayers for all of you is to truly be converted to the Lord and turn your life over to Christ. Be a leader and example in your homes and community. Remember your life and the life of others will be blessed if you will do this.

May God continue to bless each of you as you continue your daily walk with the Lord.

Love you all.

Junior Department

Thresa Ray

Reverence

Every year we talk about being reverent in God’s house. Can you tell me what ‘reverence’ means?

The word reverence means

1. honor or respect felt or shown, profound adoring, awed respect
2. gesture of respect (as a bow)
3. the state of being revered or honored

A synonym (a word meaning the same) is revere — meaning to show devotion or honor, to regard with profound respect and honor.

We are told to fear God. The Hebrew

word for fear means; to fear, be afraid or to revere.

Leviticus 26:2 “Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.”

How can we show reverence in God’s house?

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Psalms 89:7 “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.”

Hebrew 12:28 “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and a godly fear.”

To have a fear of God is to respect that He can do all things. He will punish the wicked for the wickedness they do. He delights in the righteous. God alone, should be honored, revered and deeply respected.

Matthew 22:36-40 tells us the two greatest commandments: “36) Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law? 37) Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38) This is the first and great commandment. 39) And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself.** 40) On these two commandments hang all

the law and the prophets.”

In the Ten Commandments the first three commandments are about how God should be treated.

Exodus 20:3-7 3) “Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord Thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity (sin) of the fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. 6) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments. 7) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.”

To have reverence for God means to show loving respect for Him and His word. You are not showing respect for God if you talk about Him in a jesting or careless manner, or if you use His name in vain or as a swear word.

Because God is perfect and pure, it is a serious thing to Him when we fail to show Him reverence. We should not approach God lightly, as if He were not important. He is the most important one in the entire universe!

God is Holy and He deserves your reverence. Be careful how you speak about God. Be careful how you use His name. Even His name is holy.

Message 99:9 says, “Be very careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are, so is my message to all.”

This includes how we speak about God. Think about how Holy God is before you use His name the wrong way.

Your reverence for God shows others that you have a special relationship with Him.

Jesus taught us to pray ‘The Lord’s Prayer’. Even God’s name is Holy.

Matthew 6:9-13 Jesus said, “After this manner, pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, (sins)
as we forgive our debtors.

(those that sin against us)

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.”

A reverent attitude towards God includes honoring Him, expressing gratitude, worshiping Him and obeying His commandments. As we show Reverence for God, we also show reverence and gratitude for His blessings, His commandments, His Church, His ministry, His priesthood authority, and His holy ordinances; such as, baptism, the Lord’s sacrament, and administrations.

For us to have a reverent attitude includes having self-respect and a personal purity. We need to strive to have clean hands and a pure heart.

To have reverent behavior, we need to try to please God and obey His commandment, strive to follow in Jesus footsteps. We need to study the scriptures in *The Holy Bible, the Record of the Nephites and The Word of the Lord, brought to Mankind by an Angel.*” We need to have wholesome (good for the mind and morals) thoughts, wear modest clothing, and use clean whole-

some language. We need to make choices that will please God. We need to treat others kindly and with respect.

Being reverent and showing reverence to God will also transform your life. God will pour out His Spirit on those that are reverent.

In Ephesians 5:18-21 Apostle Paul tells us “18) ...be filled with the Spirit; 19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

Now that we have had our study, how would you describe “Reverence”?

Primary Department

Joy Ellen Draves-Dreher

Our Words Can Hurt!

James 3:1-12 “My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. 2) For in many things we offend all., If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. 3) Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4) Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are drive of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5) Even so the tongue is a little member, and

boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that is defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire, the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7) For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My bretheren, these things ought not so to be. 11) Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12) Can the fig tree, my brethren bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”

What we say to others can really hurt their feelings. We need to be very careful with what we say to others. Have you ever called anyone names? How do you think that would make them feel? It makes God very sad when we say hurtful things to other people. He loves all people the same. Even if we do not like someone, God does. He loves that person just as much as He loves us. If we try to remember that, we may not want to say something mean to them. Remember that God loves you, and cares about how you feel.

Proverbs 15:1 “A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous (harsh) words stir up anger.”

Lord help me never say
Words that hurt another
Help me always speak with words

That will uplift and encourage.

Take Time

Take time to think—
It is the source of power.
Take time to read—
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play—
It is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet—
It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware—
It is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved—
It is God’s greatest gift.
Take time to laugh—
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly—
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream—
It is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray—
It is the greatest power on earth.

