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The End Time Messenger

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God Bless and Keep Sweet

"Be discreet, be humble. Lift your lifestyle to be tidy, neat, patient and full of grace. Think again, you represent the Lord's body and members in particular, that your humility will be accepted of God and man. God is just. He will open the door before you. My message is to all that will here, listen, open and obey. Deliverance will come." Message 116:7

"To the humble and obedient," saith the Lord, "your faith has been exceedingly great. You have endured and shall find my peace in abundance." Message 117:2



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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.
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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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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*

Ninety Second Message

The Angel messenger of the Lord came to me at 4:45 A.M. July 4, 1973 and my house at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following message. The room was filled with light. He spoke calmly and slowly as I wrote the words you gave. He left at 5 o'clock.

1. "Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise and write the words I shall give you. I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being. I am the Elias. My mission is one of love and peace. The powers of the adversary cannot endure my work.

2. I come from the Lord's presence. Look to the Lord, this is his work. I bring a message from his voice and will.

3. The Lord's people have seen trials and afflictions but let all arise to a closer walk with the Lord. Come away from contentions and bring love and obedience in your lives. Continue in good works. The Lord has heard the prayers that are of the heart, and this assembly. And I bring peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

4. There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short.

5. Where is that great love and this Spirit that mellows the heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do greater work. Qualify to be leaders of men. Do good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not your mission.

6. He that loveth the brethren, loveth God

also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a blessing.

7. Follow the pattern. Let all that come this way be baptized into one Spirit. Teach and preach the same things in the way I have given you and it will be well.

8. The Church of Christ will never again be destroyed but will move on her mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins – and the Lord come. The kingdom and the dominion shall be for the saints of the most high.

9. A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so – making the authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

10. There is no greater authority or gift, or gifts given to man then that which I bring of the Lord God, after the order of His son.

11. Who is mankind to claim more than this? He that will not recognize the authority and power I bring, faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.

12. There cometh a day when a true gift will be given. With great wisdom will it work a work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in measures of saving grace.

13. Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord knoweth the hearts

and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of this work.

14. I have brought and bring a message for mankind – that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of the Lamb’s bride when he comes to make up his Jewels. I speak to fulfill the word of God, to bring all the faithful in Christendom together to one fold, one shepherd, one Spirit of God, one baptism with power for remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15. The Lord will call many into this way.

16. Be firm, fret not, hold the peace and your reward will be sure.

17. In time the quorum of twelve apostles will be filled. There are those in the Lord’s reserve. Some will fail, others will take their calling when the Lord speaks.

18. Peace I leave with you and the church. Lift your faith – the way of the Lord is sure. I will come again. Amen.”

From the Apostles

Richard Johnson

Part Three

The Lord’s covenant with Levi

And

The Sons of Aaron

Malachi 2:4-7. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5. My covenant was with him of life and peace...6. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away

from iniquity. 7. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they (the people) should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Levi was the third son of Jacob and Leah. (Genesis 29:34) The Priesthood traces through three family clans within the tribe. The Sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Meraribut. It was Kohath who supplied the high priests from the line of Amram, Moses, Aaron and his sons.

Levi did not receive a blessing from his father Jacob because of God’s displeasure with him and his brother Simeon seeking violent revenge upon the Shechemites for violating their sister Dinah (Genesis chap. 34). On account of their sin, the brothers will be scattered in the Promised Land without permanent inheritance rights (v. 7).

“Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel” (Genesis 49:7).

They would later receive the Lord’s covenant of everlasting priesthood from Moses at Horeb with Israel’s covenant blessings or be cursed by breaking it. A curse was considered the opposite of a blessing and to possess an inherent power of carrying itself into effect. If a person is under a curse, according to the Bible, evil has come upon them in some way.

Their seed is likely found in every branch of scattered Israel today which would mean they are found as ministers in many gentile Christian churches. When the messenger restored the Holy Priesthood to the Church of Christ he told brothers Fetting and Draves of their Levite genealogy and Dna.

Israel was meant by God to be a nation of priests. In the first making of their

covenant this was distinctly stipulated. "If ye will obey My voice, and keep My covenant, ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5-6). They were to be the stewards of the oracles of God; the channels through whom God's knowledge and blessing were to be communicated to the world; in them all nations were to be blessed.

Within the people of Israel, Levi's tribe was specially set apart to embody and emphasize the priestly idea. The first-born sons of the whole people were to have been the priests. But to secure a more complete separation from the rest of the people by giving up of any share in their possessions and pursuits, God chose one tribe to be exclusively devoted to the work of what constitutes the spirit and the power of priesthood. Just as the priesthood of the whole people was part of God's Covenant with them, so the special calling of Levi is spoken of as God's Covenant of Life and Peace being with Him, as the Covenant of an everlasting priesthood. All this was to help them and us, in some measure, to understand the priesthood of Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant wherein all members of the spiritual body of Christ share in priesthood of the firstborn son of God.

It was through the foreknowledge of God the blessings of the line of Levi and Aaron and of Judah and David that the Monarchy and Priesthood of Israel became separate genealogies until the Messiah came to whom it belonged.

The first kohen, the founder of the priestly clan, was Aaron, brother of Moses, of the tribe of Levi. Psalms 99:6 includes Moses and Aaron among his priests that called upon the Lord. Moses was a priest

and prophet that God told to anoint Aaron as the first temple or tabernacle High Priest.

Leviticus 8:10. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. 12. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. 13. And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the Lord commanded Moses. Message 5:5,12, 6:9,14:5,58:4,116:5

All of Aaron's male descendants were chosen by God to be priests. Subsequent to their induction into the priesthood, the entire tribe of Levi was "set apart" following the golden calf incident (Exodus 32:26-29).

Numbers 3:41. "And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the Lord) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel..."

The Levites' "set apart" status is demonstrated by their taking the place of the firstborn, who by right belonged to God: Num. 3:41. Another indication of Levi's distinction is found in Numbers 1:47-54, where God instructs Moses not to number the

Levites with the other tribes. The Levites were set apart but their status must still be seen as significantly different from that of Aaron's family, who were already designated as priests even though all priests were Levites too. In Israel, the priesthood represented the nation's relationship with God. (Exodus 19:6; Leviticus 11:44.; Numbers 15:40). The priesthood mediated the covenant of God with Israel. (Malachi 2:4-7, Numbers 18:19, Jeremiah 33:20-26).

God's covenant with Aaron

Numbers 25:10 And the LORD spake

unto Moses, saying, 11. Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

God gave them His "Covenant of Peace, Covenant of Eternal High Priest, and the right to atone for sin" as defined in Numbers 25:10-13 and referred to by Malachi.

A covenant of everlasting priesthood "Brith HaKehuna" to Aaron and his sons. The lineage continued through direct patrilineal descent from Aaron, to Seraiah and the fall of Jerusalem. (Also found in Exodus 40:12-15.)

A genealogy from Eleazar son of Aaron to Jehozadak can be found in 1 Chronicles, chapter 6. Then the prophet Ezekiel prophesied their overturning of Judah and Jerusalem and explains this as God's punishment, and closes with the promise of a restoration of the Remnant and a new Temple. Here the word restoration would mean greater than before.

Not only the King but also the high-priest's office would be overthrown in the approaching desolation during the Babylonian exile. Neither of them has ever recovered in their full power after the captivity yet.

Ezekiel 21:27. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. (The Monarchy, the Priesthood and the Kingdom.)

Jeremiah 33:14-18 contains the promise of the restoration of the Monarchy and the Priesthood and the Kingdom that God had overturned. Jeremiah 33:19-26 further present two special messages from God, in the form of supplements, which guarantee the eternal continuance of those institutions.

Immediately after the return from the Captivity, as is clearly to be inferred from Zechariah and Haggai, political authority was not vested in the high priest. Political (Messianic) sovereignty was represented by, or attributed to, a member of the royal house, while religious affairs were reserved to the high-priesthood, represented in the Book of Zechariah by Joshua. But in the course of time, as the Messianic hope, or even the hope of autonomy under foreign powers became weaker, (Persian, Greek, Egyptian, or Syrian) the high priest grew to be more and more also the political chief of the congregation, increasingly with the thorough acceptance of the Levitical code by pious Judeans. They had become known as Pharisees and Sadducees and might have been from any tribe.

Even so our Lord always had and preserved a remnant of His people as in Noah's day and then in the history of Israel a remnant may be discerned. It was necessary to preserve the righteous seed of the woman. Christ was to be born of the virgin Mary.

Jesus said that the Pharisees and Sadducees were the offspring of snakes, and He also said that their father was the devil. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

It was during this period of history the civil authorities had abrogated to themselves the right of appointment of High Priest. The office began to be bought and

sold and the priests enriched themselves from taxes on the people. Seeing this the Romans became involved in the corruption of the priesthood. During the Roman period there were 28 High Priests; Herod appointed seven of them himself. So there were always several ex-High Priests around, and they still retained their titles and their influence. But Herod and his successors controlled the office. Hereditary claims were no longer the deciding factor in determining who held the office of High Priest.

Jesus said to those who had stolen and usurped the Priesthood and Authority from the seed (offspring and Priesthood of Aaron) "it is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Matthew 21:13).

Matthew 12:34. O generation (offspring) of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generations of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Then the prophet Malachi spoke of a messenger of the covenant to cleanse the sons of Levi. The translation is also translated as messenger of God and by the hand of His messenger in related forms of the word. God then remained silent for 400 years before John the Baptist whose father was Zechariah would cry repentance and call Israel out of the wilderness for the first time and then again a second time before the Lord comes to His temple. The Lords covenant was with Levi for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. There had been no words of knowledge from the Priest's lips for those who seek law of his mouth. (Malachi 2 and 3. Dueteronomy33:8-10.)

Matthew 11:10. "For this is he, of whom

it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

John the Baptist was destined to prepare the way of the Lord for a righteous and Holy Priesthood before both advents of Christ. His work is not complete until Zion is cleansed and redeemed, Israel gathered and Christ shall reign on earth. 1Nephi 15:18,22:9, Jeremiah 31:33-34, Malachi 2:4-7,3:1-5, Numbers 25:10-13. Exodus 40:12-15, Message 85:18, 22:5,14, Deuteronomy 5:1-2.

Isaiah 60:21. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. (Isaiah 4:2. Isaiah 11:1, Psalms 110. Message 84:38.)

A righteous branch and remnant from God's planting with the Holy Priesthood Authority with the Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth with the monarchy of Christ bringing in the Zion of the Lord.

Message 28:7. Thus saith the Lord your God: 'I have sent My servant John to you with the Message, for behold he is My choice, and for that purpose was he born, that he might take My Message and My Covenants that I have made. He shall prepare the way before Christ as in former days: John the Baptist is his name.

Message 52:29. I preached repentance in the wilderness and I cry repentance again amid confusion and distress among nations, that the Way of Deliverance may be known... "

Malachi 4:5-6. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the chil-

dren, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

His messenger of the covenant would sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness preparing the way before His coming. Malachi 3:1-3

Who are the fathers and who are the children? Malachi 3:7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Luke 1:17. The prophecy about John: And he shall go before him (Christ) in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Malachi 3:4. Then their offering shall be pleasant unto the Lord as in days of old, and as in former years.

The children that are the disobedient having defiled the priesthood and cursed for robbing God of His righteous plan taking honor unto themselves with their idols. V.15 And now we call the proud happy; yea they that work wickedness are set up: yea they that tempt God are even called delivered. They must learn from the wisdom of the fathers for the cleansing of their hearts, being ministered unto by the Words of the Lord brought by the messenger. (Message 76:8-9.)

The fathers who were obedient and anointed with true priesthood authority were "justified" as the messengers of His laws having the Wisdom of God, not seeking their own way, but seeking the Honor

of God in keeping their covenant the Lord made with Levi. (Message 54:3.)

The Lord pronounced a curse upon the priests and their seed because they failed to keep the commandments given them in Horeb with its statutes and judgments for Israel.

Then the Lord sent John to cry repentance to the remnant of Israel in the wilderness of 400 years with a corrupted priesthood from Malachi until John was sent to prepare the way for the Kingdom of Heaven to be among men on the earth. (Matthew 3:2.) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. (Matthew 11:12.) In verse 9 and 10 Jesus said John was more than a prophet and the messenger of the covenant. In verse 14 he told them if they would receive it John was the Elias of Malachi 4:5 verse that was for to come before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Then He answered their question about it in Matthew 17:11-13. 11. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. 12. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. (Jesus is telling them He and John both would be raised up.) 13. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. He would again first restore the priesthood and authority of the son of God to a church that had again been fed in the wilderness by a corrupted ministry for a time, times, and a half. (Daniel 7:25, 12:7 and Revelation 12:6,14, 13:5.)

See *Light At Evening Time* by Daniel and Maggie McGregor. A period of only 1260 literal days, only 3 1/2 years, falls ab-

surdly short of fulfilling the requirements of the 1260-day prophecies in regard to the Papacy. But when, by the year-day principle is extended to 1260 years, the prophecy meets a unique fulfillment.) Each day for a year. (Numbers 14:34), a day for each year. (Ezekiel 4:6.)

John the Baptist held the priesthood. He descended again in these latter days to restore the Holy Priesthood to the children of men who would have faith in his words. (W.A.D.)

Because of the curse the whole earth and mankind would also be subject to the curse without the Authority and Power of the deliverance of the plan of God breaking the everlasting covenant.

Message 85:17. Mankind has been scattered abroad, and the earth, she is defiled, it is empty. And it shall be, as with the people, so with they that teach, until now I come, the priest, as with the servant, so with they the Master. Those that labor, lend and borrow as though they were one.

I want you to read Isaiah 24:1-6.

The prophecies about the covenant of the Lord with Levi applies today. Remember the Lord would scatter them through out Israel then and the world today where they are found somewhere being the ministers of God needing their covenant of priesthood cleansed by the one messenger promised to bring it to pass removing the curse by restoring the way of the Lord's deliverance for mankind. Many representing Christ but without the Power thereof.

Isaiah 66:15. For, behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with the flames of fire. 16. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh, and the slain of the Lord shall be many. (Fire: the cleansing

and burning of sin by the Holy Spirit and sword the Spirit is the Word of God that is sharper than a two edged sword. (Hebrews 4:12.)

Isaiah 66:18. "For I know their works and their thoughts; It shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. 19. I will set a sign among them,... and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. 20. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations..., as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord...with a new heaven and a new earth shall all flesh come to worship before me saith the Lord."

Message 97:2 "...I am the Angel of the Lord, the Messenger of the Covenant, the promised Elias... to come... in my coming the curse is lifted." (Malachi 2:1-8. 4:4-6.) Without the Authority and Power of the Holy Priesthood the world must perish, for where there is no one to induct people into the Kingdom of Heaven, no one is permitted to be "born of the water and of the Spirit; without which no one can enter into the Kingdom of God. Priesthood is the means through which Salvation comes to the children of men. It is the channel through which God pours out His Power in healing's and miracles for the blessings and the sanctification of mankind through the Holy Spirit. (W.A.D.) (John 3:5.)

The Way is prepared and opened through the coming of the Messenger of the Lord. The angel of the Lord with His Spirit and Power of the former Elijah to restore the true worship the people of the Lord. (Malachi 3 and 4)

Message 18:17. "I am John the Bap-

tist. I am sent from God with full power and authority, to set in order, to prepare the way of the Christ that shall come, to warn the people of the things that shall come to pass, to preach the Gospel, to set the Church in order. I come to you in light. I come to you in power.”

Authority and Power are rights of the Priesthood given by God. The authority is the calling and anointing from God to act in your place and calling as a servant of God to represent Christ and to perform the ordinances of His Church. The Power of the Priesthood is the Holy Spirit and its Power and is invoked by Priesthood Authority through the sanctification and righteousness of the Lord’s servants and must not be defiled by sin and unbelief.

The distinction Between Authority and Power:

Authority is the right to do something. For example, parents have the right to set rules in their home for their family. I have the right to plant a tree in my yard but not in yours.

Power is the ability to accomplish one’s mission or objective, the ability and to get things done. The wherewith all to plant the tree takes power.

Luke 4:32. “They were astonished at his doctrine: for His word was with power.”

4:36 “They were all amazed and spake among themselves saying, What a word is this! For with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits...”

Luke 9:1-2 “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.” (God gave His servants the authority and the power to accomplish His Words.)

Acts 8:17. “Then they (Peter and John) laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.” (Moroni 2:2, Matthew 16:19.)

Message 70:2. “I speak as from a Fountain of Truth and with power and authority. I bring the authority for mankind to represent Christ and His Church. Therefore remember this is a Holy Work and must be kept Holy.”

Message 73:8 “... Defile not the Holy Rites but keep sacred the Plan of God.”

Message 86:60 “...my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order- The Church of Christ with the Holy Priesthood Authority and Power to act in the establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The Kingdom and dominion shall be for the saints of the Most High.” (John has power and authority to speak God’s words.)

Once again. Malachi 2:1-2. “And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.” (the whole chapter.)

Message 34:6. “Hasten, ye sons of Levi, hasten to your calling. Remember your ancient choosing, calling and promise of your Lord...”

Message 95:11. “Where are the men of renown? Where are those of wisdom? Who knoweth the full plan of God? Who will prepare? Who will qualify to be leaders and carry this Work on?”

James 4:12. “There is one lawgiver, (Christ) who is able to save and to destroy.” (1 Timothy 2:5) “The mouth and lips of the priest should keep and teach the

commandments of the Lord that the people find the truth.”

Zechariah 6:13. ‘The counsel of peace shall be between them. (between Christ and His Royal Priesthood with his covenant of life and peace.’ (Malachi 2:4-5,

1 Peter 2:9. “Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;” (Exodus 19:6.)

1 Corinthians 12:18, 28 “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.” One Holy Priesthood with different functions and duties.” (Message 102:58.)

Revelation 1:6 “And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.”

Revelation 20:6. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

End Part Three

Articles

Life and Peace

Eddie Lee

Today I want to share with you something that was brought to my attention in the fifty fifth message while referencing the words of Malachi 2:5 about God’s *covenant of Life and Peace* while word searching the messages. They were not foot noted yet but are found in the index. I followed them up

with what I have for you in my message today.

I will start with the first verse with these words in:

Message 55. "Arise! Behold, I come again. Write the Message I will give you. I come from the presence of the Lord God. I bring the instructions and words He has sent. My message is one of love to all those who will obey it. The words I bring will bring *Life and Peace* unto all those that shape their lives by them. Fear not, the Lord has sent me.

Now the Words of the Lord in Malachi 2:5. My covenant was with him (the priesthood of Levi) of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6) The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7) For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. From the Hebrew Mal'akhiy) means "my messenger" or "my angel".

And the LORD spake unto Moses, (in Numbers 25) saying, 11) Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12) Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13) And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. (So It looks like the Lord is saying the everlasting priesthood is a covenant (agreement and

promise of Peace made between God and man.) (It follows there is no promise of peace without it?)

From the beginning the priesthood represented and mediated man's relationship with God. The priesthood and priests that belonged to Him by their calling and agreement promised God to mediate His covenants with Israel after the manner of God who would then accept the atonement for their sins through His own blood as the Son of God and eternal high priest of the Father. The Father being taught (this being the plan of redemption which was laid): If you will repent, and harden not your hearts, you can have claim upon His mercy through the atoning blood of the Son that we might enter into His presence and rest with life and peace.

The message here is God's love bringing us life and peace through the obedience of his priesthood to the instructions they were commanded to bring from the Lord and teach them to the people that they find it also. But the Lord would send a curse instead of the blessing upon the priests and the people and the earth alike if there was no one to take to heart the commandment of the Lord's covenant with them by participating in the terms or manner of the agreement. The people and the earth would perish because of the lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in the Lord. (Message 108:11)

Isaiah 24 prophesied the curse would bring the judgments of tribulation without their knowledge of or keeping the everlasting covenants of the Lord. It is perfectly clear that the curse Isaiah warns about is the same spoken of by Malachi that the messenger of the covenant would lift before the great and dreadful day of the Lord

with the restoration of all things.

Isaiah 24:5 says: The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, **BROKEN THE EVER-LASTING COVENANT**. In verse twelve the city left in desolation and destruction is the same fallen city called Babylon in Revelation 14:8. It falls because of the coming of the angel from heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach saying the hour of judgment is come upon the earth. In him the curse is lifted for the children who take to heart the obedience of their fathers to God's commandments.

Revelation 14: 6. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters

The expression "the everlasting covenant" is a distinctly biblical expression. It occurs 16 times in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament. There seems to be little agreement on Isaiah's reference to it. It is widely recognized that the covenant is a very prominent concept in God's dealings with humanity. Of the some 285 occurrences of the word translated as "covenant" in the Hebrew Scriptures, the large majority have to do with the covenant relationship between God and His chosen ones. The 16 occurrences of the expression "everlasting covenant" all belong to this category.

What is the common denominator in God's dealing with His covenant people in

restoring them to the Presence of His Love with eternal life and peace? I submit it is the Priesthood of the Son of God.

Message 64:13-14 is in part about those not taking His covenant to heart today: Not keeping Holy the Sacred Rites of the Lord. "Defile them not. Let not the Plan be changed"...The Lord cannot use those who will not keep Holy and sacred His Plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this Work for already they deny its sacredness. (The Lord's trust is destroyed and the efficacy of their ministry to represent the Lord to the people.)

There are signs the Lord has given of His everlasting covenants. Some covenants (promises or agreements) were unconditional and some conditional.

Faith with water baptism and the laying on of hands by his called and faithful servants with the authority to confirm you a member of the Body and Church of Christ with the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit with its Holy Rites is the way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and the Body of Christ with your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. These are true ordinances and sign of the new covenant. The signs in the old covenant were also about their being fulfilled in and through the atoning blood of Christ and His Resurrection. We now are to be circumcised in heart and our Sabbath rest is in him, but we must hold to the commitment we made with our new covenant with God. The significance of the water baptism is our agreeing with God to keep the old man buried and to walk in the newness of life. If we still have sin that we are aware of and refuse to deal with, then sins are not taken away at all and we are in trouble spiritually.

John 3:5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily,

I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:18. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.

Modern false teachings have removed all fear of God and eternal judgment of those with sin, by teaching a false hope, a false gospel, and a false sense of security for those with unrepentant sins and lack of true belief and faith in the Word as it comes with out the true priesthood of the faithful and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Today the Holy Priesthood of the Faithful belongs to the Household of God.

1 Peter 2:5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 9) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Message 111:6. Let all repent and receive this Authority I send for mankind, the Pure Love of God,' saith the Lord Jesus Christ.

Message 71:12. I speak Light to the world, and my mission is designed of the Lord and shall have its effect, for the Word shall fill the whole earth and men will know the truth and be abundantly free. Satan has bound mankind with soothing ways and words and enticed in sin, until the Spirit of

the Lord cannot work with them, except they repent. Let repentance be taught. Faith in God's Word must be heard and the baptisms, that men be born again of the water and Holy Spirit, with fire from the Lord and peace will rule and satan have no power on those who heed and obey, having strong faith.

Message 83:14. All that come to The Church of Christ must be baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The hands must be laid on all, that they may receive the Gift of the Spirit of God; truly be born again.

Message 88:3... Only through His atoning blood of Christ can mankind be saved.

It is the message of Life and Peace. 18:4...I have brought a Message; some have accepted it, others are rejecting it; nevertheless, the words that I have brought are from the Lord. It will bring life, happiness and peace to some, and destruction to those that reject it.

Message 93:1. "Behold, I come to you with a Message of peace, Life, and Warning-to all that hear and obey..."

The message of Peace is found Philippians 4:7. The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In Romans 8:6. Paul said...to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace: (A sanctified soul is a living soul; and that life is peace.)

The instructions of the messenger about sanctifying ourselves is found in: Message 41:3 "...Therefore, sanctify yourselves, let your minds be single to God, for the day soon cometh when He shall appear..."

Message 51:4...all must sanctify themselves to the Lord, for sin cannot receive the Glory of the Lord nor the Power of the Lamb slain.

Message 80:13. Establish peace and power will dwell with you. (Establish love and His Spirit will dwell with you) Sanctify the people in Holiness and good works, obedient to the words I bring. Let the work of preaching and teaching continue everywhere and the Lord will be your strength and stay.

The Words of the Lord are Spirit and they are Truth. Therefore by obeying and following his Words and instructions we walk in the Spirit of Christ and not of the flesh bringing us Life and Peace filled with His Love if we take them to heart. If we do take them to heart and obey them the curse is lifted and there is the blessings of Life and Peace for those whose names are found written there in the Lamb's book of life.

Jesus spoke this to us in John 12:44-50. 48. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Back to message 55:2nd verse. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I am the Messenger to bring the warning and my name is John. I come that full repentance and remission of sins might be taught and I bring the Word of the Lord.

Following it with Message 55:3. The warning message is sent that mankind may have Light and Life-I bring the last for Christ's coming is near at hand. (Matthew 25:6.) (Midnight Cry.)

Message. 85:17. Mankind has been scattered abroad, and the earth, she is defiled, it is empty. And it shall be, as with the people, so with they that teach, until now I come, the priest, as with the servant, so with they the Master. Those that labor, lend and borrow as though they were one.

18) All alike, all faileth and are empty, be-

cause of sin and transgression, changing the ordinances and destroying the teaching of the Lord's covenant. The teaching of my coming and proclaiming of the hour of God's judgment has come, the time of the end, the end time, the Lord's return in like manner as He ascending.

The messenger is quoting from Isaiah 24 in verses 17-18 warning all of the judgments of the great tribulation upon the earth and upon men. Let's continue with verse six of Isaiah's prophecy: Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

The reason the earth is empty, mankind is defiled and empty of the Life and Peace of the Spirit of Christ is because of sin and transgression, changing the ordinances and the teaching of the Lord's everlasting covenant. The covenant is broken and the people perish because of the lack of knowledge of the true Power and the Authority of the Holy Priesthood of the Son of God, the lack of knowledge of the manner of entering the Kingdom of God and the Lord's covenant whereby mankind can be brought to the presence of God. All that come must be baptized and the hands laid on them covenant of God shall have its fulfillment. His Kingdom shall roll forth until it fills the whole earth and all mankind shall obey His will.

Message 97:2 I am the Angel of the Lord, the Messenger of the Covenant, the promised Elias which is for to come. I bring the Elias, or Elijah Message the prophets foretold of to come-lest the earth, mankind, be smitten with the curse. But in my coming the curse is lifted. The Way is made sure in deliverance and victory in

gaining salvation, the Plan Christ has laid, and His Church built upon His revealing power-the Rock of Assurance. Christ is the Truth and the Light, the Life and the Way; listen to His whispering call.

Without the Authority and Power of the Holy Priesthood the world must perish, for where there is no one to induct people into the Kingdom of Heaven, no one is permitted to be "born of the water and of the Spirit; without which no one can enter into the Kingdom of God. Priesthood is the means through which Salvation comes to the children of men. It is the channel through which God pours out His Power in healings and miracles for the blessings and the sanctification of mankind through the Holy Spirit. (W.A.D.)

Message 28. 3. I am God, I change not. My Laws are to all nations and all people, and My Words to all generations. Therefore have I given My Gospel to be preached, that people might repent and come unto Me, and I am again establishing My Church as in the days of old, and My Kingdom shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:44)

4) Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My Word is Truth and My Law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's Way. There is no church but His Church, all others are the works of men. (Ephesians 4:4-15.)

Message 108:19. The greatest days of tribulations is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand, but be ye peace makers. Thus receive the greater blessing.

I will close with the fourth verse of the Message I started with: Message 55:4. Remember, I have told you this is the day of

judgment and the plagues have been let. The evil one has gone forth to destroy, but in the end the Lord will rule for in the lightning and in the flame he shall be cut off, he and all his powers. The gospel shall be the Law and all men will obey the Lord. The sufferings have come and will come because of the evil one to deceive and hinder. Mistrust and unrest is among mankind because of the whisperings of satan, but be ye the children of peace. (and Life)

Letter

Brother Leonard sent this letter out in March 2015. I was reading over it and thought it was so wonderful and very spiritual filled. I requested that this letter be printed in the paper and shared once again with all the members.

Love in Christ,
Thresa Ray

Dear Ones,

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ I am sending you my love, cares, and prayers, trusting in the Lord that you are being blessed by all the wonderful blessings and mercies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our prayer that the Lord will send his messenger, John the Baptist, someday soon. We are the remnant of the faithful down to this day and time in which the Lord will do the work, and deliver his people as in the days of old.

We must remain faithful and the word shall deliver us and all the faithful but it will be sad for those that doubt and reject the Lord in his gospel, as they will not be

there when the Lord comes to claim his bride.

When we obey the will of the Lord, we will have peace like a river of pure water flowing to all the faithful and obey.

We must allow gladness and peace in the Lord to be in our hearts and then the oppressors will fade away. We must continue to let the Lord be foremost in our thoughts and deeds.

Some will rejoice to learn the truth that John the Baptist has come and will continue to come until the Lord sets his feet on earth once again. Some will reject the words of God; some will blaspheme and destroy their usefulness in service to God in his planning. All we can do is to get the word out and then it is the people what they do concerning this truth. That is why the Lord tells us that we destine on our own destiny, that this is the day of probation. What we do in this life is what will judge us in the hereafter. Mankind is not forced to serve the Lord.

The Lord has decreed that we of his church to teach the reign of peace. We must teach faith in God and his plan and decrees. We thus proclaim his word, commanding all mankind everywhere to repent and obey for the time has come when the way of truth alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.

The ways of man will not save us. John the Baptist comes to give the instructions and the authority in its assured way. Those that speak lightly of the Lord and his word, denying him and his trust and authority will lose by their sins. In time they will amount to nothing.

John's coming is for mankind to endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ again. He brings a way of deliverance from

sin to live in the way of the Lord. You are such a blessed person, because you have accepted the truth and the coming of John the Baptist, heeding the Lord's instructions and directions, shaping your life by his words and seeking to endure to the end that you will receive your reward of eternal life.

Be encouraged and know that the Lord is mindful of you and your loved ones. He will not let you or your loved ones down. He is there for you whenever you wish to call on his name.

The Lord will touch the hearts of those that believe and many souls will be saved. He will water this seeds you sow and they shall bring forth. This is a promise the Lord God gave to each of us. Many of us are descendants of the Levites and because of their ancient choosing and vow, they will serve the Lord. But we must remember this work is sacred, and the priesthood holy, therefore we must be unspotted from the sins of the world.

Yes, the work is moving slowly at this time, at least here in the United States of America, but young and old alike will be awakened as there comes the greater understanding and light will take place. Praise the Lord in his wonder working power and plan.

Many are called, those that prepare are chosen. Be faithful. Others will come as we keep sacred the work and true to the plan and workings of God. Lift up and rejoice. Bask in his life given light.

John's coming is to moderate the will of God into remove all confusion. He brings to us the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through his atoning blood can mankind be saved. This work is so precious and wonderful. It is our life and the only path we wish to walk. Praise the name of the Lord.

Do not be discouraged for greater things are yet to come for you in your hope and salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is hope for eternity with God in what John brings us from our heavenly Father. Blessed and holy are those that come into this way. They shall find the greater peace and God's plan shall be made perfect. We are so blessed!

John only speaks the will of the father for today. He is the one that was prophesied in ancient times, and his coming is before that of Christ's return. He is to help prepare a people to be ready to meet the Lord at his appearing. He was spoken about by the prophet Daniel. He is the Proclaimer, the Warner, he is the one that people delight in, and his words are of the Lord. He is the Messenger of the Covenant. He sits as a refiner and purifier of mankind, of the Ministry of God, cleansing out the traditions of men and the power of the adversary.

The Lord has told us that the wise will build their houses upon the rock, which is Christ the Lord, with firm faith and understanding in the knowledge of the word, of obedience, shaping their lives by the words John brings.

It is not hard to worship the Lord, and to believe his written word, when you have a contrite spirit and a broken heart, full of love and the desire to serve the Lord. It is a great place to be.

This is the assured way of the Lord. You have been called out of the world to represent God and his church. You are to help establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. You are a blessed person and servant of the Lord. Be humble in all things and keep a prayer on your heart and in your mind at all times. Be ready to serve the Lord when called upon. You will be blessed

when you do.

Stay well and keep praying for the return of the messenger. Pray for your family, the church and our government. Pray for those that are in the military fighting for our freedom. Pray that God will touch the hearts of his people in pain. Tithe, so that the work will move steadily on. Let God work rule and overrule all things. Be blessed. My love is to all.

Your brother in Christ Jesus;

Leonard H. Draves

Young Adults

Decisions

Karen Wilkin

Sometimes you are faced with many decisions to make, almost on a daily basis. It can be very challenging in some aspects in trying to sort through all the pro's and con's of a particular decision you must make. It could be choices of a good College, or, the subjects for next year's agenda, or a job choice. The list could go on and on. These things are all a part of life.

Your parents have worked with you, given you advice, led you on the right paths and prayed much for you that you would become all God would have you to be. It is very common for mistakes to be made and those experiences helped you to either grow stronger and wiser, or, left you feeling lost and angry. All your parents are teaching you now is to help prepare you for your future, that you can and will make proper choices and decisions. Each and every choice you make now helps to develop your Character. Sometimes it may seem your parents are being way to strict with

you, expecting more of you then you feel is fair and on your case if you aren't doing things the way they think you should.

As you grow in things of God you will see that all you are being taught at this stage in life is trying to help you develop a strong and healthy relationship with Christ. Your parents are trying to help you to learn what using "WISDOM" is all about. What is Wisdom? Psalms 111:10 "**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of WISDOM; a good understanding have all they that do His commandments; His praise endureth forever.**" Fear in this case not mean "fearing God, but rather having deep and honorable **Respect** for His word."

Wisdom is a valuable Treasure, not materially, but, spiritually. It is worth more than silver or gold if used in the right and proper way in all of the choices and decisions you make. Wisdom was one of God's greatest gifts to Solomon. He had so much wisdom in the things he taught and the way he conducted himself that he left an impression on all those he preached to and talked with. He was looked up to for his wisdom which was very righteous in the things of God. (Read the Song of Solomon) Solomon wrote many poems and songs and over 3,000 Proverbs.

If you can seek God for this kind of Wisdom you will go far in life. This kind of Wisdom comes only from a dedicated trust in the Lord. It comes by seeking Him in every aspect of your life and not seeking your own will to be done, but the will of your God. (II Nephi 9:28) Sometimes just being so intelligent that someone doesn't really think they need anything else, especially the Word of God is plain foolishness. Knowledge cannot save anyone. Just reading the Word of God cannot save you. It is

only through Obedience that you can obtain your salvation.

Prayer is one of the keys to obtaining Wisdom and Using it in effectual ways. Wisdom does not just happen because you desire to have it. Like many other Virtues and Attributes, you must seek it, work for it, pray for it and be willing to learn through many experiences, both good and bad ones, to reach that goal. There will be many stumbling blocks you will have to leap over and many mountains to climb. It is something you will achieve a little at a time, one step at a time and willingness to overcome the obstacles set before you.

Sometimes having a lack of wisdom gets us into much trouble. For instance, going along with someone who is doing wrong and you know it is. Sometimes the consequences of lack of wisdom can be harsh and intimidating. The lessons you learn in life now helps to prepare you for the bigger and more challenging things life will throw at you in the future. As long as you allow God to be your guide and to lead you where He would have you to go, even though there will still be trials, you will succeed and be victorious through it all. God will never steer you wrong, but people will. Doing what you want to do verses what God wants you to do is going to happen more then once in your lifetime. This is where having and using good wisdom comes in.

Trusting in the Lord, seeking His will for your life, giving Him your very best daily, reading and studying the Word of God, praying often and loving the Lord with all your heart is very necessary as well as making a commitment to be obedient to His commandments. If you can learn how to seek Him about every move you make in

your life and then be open to hear and follow through in obedience to His still small voice, you will find such sweet peace and experience such wonderful joy.

Remember as a child you sang the song, The Wise Men Built their house upon the rock? The song explains how the Wise build upon a rock but the unwise built their house upon the sand. When the storms came, the house built upon the rock stood fast and secure, but the house built upon the sand came tumbling down. III Nephi 14:24; “Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a Wise Man, which built his house upon a rock. (25) And the rain descended, and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. (26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand, (27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Each and every choice or decision you make is like building on the sand or on a rock. Choose Wisely on how you decide to build your future. Make sure you have all the right and proper tools and all the right information. (Ecc 8:1) “ Who is a Wise man? And who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man’s Wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.”

It is very Wise to respect other’s. It is very Wise to forgive people. It is very Wise to never lie on someone or bear false witness. It is Wise to Love other’s as you love yourself. It is Wise to help the less fortunate and befriend kids at school who others

bully around and make fun of. It is Wise to share your good fortune with others. It is Wise to not make fun of people with disabilities, but rather try to help them. It is Wise to always ask yourself, What Would Jesus Do in this situation, then act like He would. It is Wise to stand up for what is true, right and good before God, even it means losing a friend or a chance of being made fun of. Be Wise as serpents, but harmless as Doves.

May the Lord lead, guide and direct you with WISE choices, and give you the Courage you need to be victorious in your daily life, whether on a job, at home or at school, even at a party, to resist temptations and choose to be moral in your nature, have high standards in your conduct and to defend your Christian Attributes.

Proverbs 1:5 **“Wise man will hear, and increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto Wise Counsels.”**

Junior Department

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

Do you always do the ‘right’ thing? Do your peers sometimes try to get you to do something that you should not do – something that would make your parents very displeased with you – something that would not please the Lord?

God wants us to ‘judge’ or ‘discern’ right from wrong. We are not to judge others as to whether they are going to heaven or hell—that is God’s job. We are to judge as in “discern” whether something is right or wrong –good or bad.

Matthew 7:1 & 2 “Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2) For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

God explains where evil and good comes from. Moroni 7:12-19. “Wherefore, all things which are good, cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually. 13) But behold, that which is of God, inviteth and enticeth, to do good continually, wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.

14) Wherefore take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God, to be of the devil. 15) For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that we may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night. 16)

For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil; wherefore I shew unto you the way to judge; for everything which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. 17) But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil, for after this manner doth the devil work for he persuadeth no man to do good, no not one; neither doth his angels; neither doth they

which subject themselves unto him. 18) And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge, ye shall also be judged. 19) Wherefore I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ, that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ.”

The Holy Bible, Malachi 3:18 says, “Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.”

Message 88:16 “Turn and discern them that be the Lord’s, or them that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have the right to the tree of life.”

So the evil things people do are influenced by the devil. The good things people do are influenced by God.

Isaiah 5:20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

Romans 12:9, & 21 “Let love be without dissimulation Hypocrisy). Abhor (hate) that which is evil; cleave (hold fast) to that which is good. 21) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Have you heard the saying, “The devil made me do it?” The devil certainly tries to influence, direct, confuse, and discourage each of us. There is a way that the devil will have no control over you!

Message 9:1 “I come to you again to instruct you as to the work that shall be done, for behold, satan is at work to fill the

hearts of men with doubts and fears. **There are those who read the Words of the Lord and the prophets and have faith therein. Upon these satan has no power...**”

Message 73:7 “...Remember, the greater your study and illuminating of your minds with the Words and Will of the Lord, the greater your understanding and Light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a blessing among mankind.”

So read and study God’s word and put it in your mind and heart. The devil will have no power over you. He only has what power you allow him to have. Do not allow him to have any power or influence over you!

God does not force us to follow Him. He lets us make our own choices. We can choose to do good and not evil.

Joshua 24:15 Joshua said, “...Choose you this day whom ye will serve,...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Choose each day to be a child of God, to do good and to say, ‘no’ to evil. Choose to please your parents. Choose to please the Lord in your thoughts, your words, and your actions. Be a good example for others.

I Corinthis 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

May the Spirit of the Lord guide and direct you! Choose to do good! Choose to please the Lord!

Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray