

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Message 74:4

“False prophets will arise. False proclaims will be made. Evil will grow worse and worse among the ungodly. Hearts will be sad until few will have faith in the Gospel of Christ. Mockery shall be among men, but the truth shall go on to its mission.”



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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 of persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only 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 this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the 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 the added witness for Christ; and 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 man must be called of God by revelation, and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.

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

the world.

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

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

17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not to increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to 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 the 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 the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or script 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 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 a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of 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 New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph," (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10.1-4), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot.

25. We believe that 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 53.10, **“Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for THE GREATER LIGHT, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord’s Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.”**

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of 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 worth 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 history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. 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 World of The Lord* that *The Church of Christ* might beset in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked fore, *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 Judgement* has come. Awake though 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

Eighty-Third Message

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64052, February 14, 1966, 2:10 a.m. and left at 3.:35 a.m. He spoke firmly and slowly. I wrote the Message as he gave it.

-WA Draves

1. "Arise and write the Message I will give to you at this time.

2. I have been sent of the Lord. I come to do His bidding. I speak His Words and Will. My Message is true and faithfully given— it must be obeyed.

3. I have come and will yet come, as the prophets of old have foretold. My mission is one of love.

4. Teach the reign of peace. Teach faith in God and His Plan and Decrees. Proclaim the 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.

5. The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the authority in its Assured Way. Those that speak lightly of my words, deny me and the trust and authority— it is taken from them for they lose by their sin. In time they will amount to nothing. Fear them not. They have no right nor authority from my words.

6. Defend the words I bring. To the faithful: continue and hold high the Standard and the words and Work I bring. As you prepare for it, greater Peace and Power will come to all.

7. Let the apostles and bishops counsel together and stand firm to defend The Church of Christ, with the words I bring.

8. I brought the authority and trust, to re-

establish the work to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and again anew in 1929 to Otto Fetting. I continue to come bringing words of instructions and directions, revealing God's Will, unveiling the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God on earth. For my coming is that mankind may endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ to earth again. I bring a Way of Deliverance from sin to Life and Way to the Lord.

9. I am the forerunner of Christ, the proclaimer of the warning, the announcer of His soon coming.

10. I am the Messenger of the Covenant, the servant of the Lord, the Elias which was for to come. I bring the Elijah Message.

11. Those that have obeyed and are obeying my injunctions and directions, retaining and preserving the authority I bring are The Church of Christ With the Elijah Message, established anew in 1929. Let it go to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

12. The Lord has reserved and preserved many to help in this Work in the far reaching and soon to come. Many are desirous to hear the Message of Life, the Gospel, the glad tidings, the good news with the authority of the Lord— the fulfilling of the Word.

13. The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, Yea, it shall be published in all lands. Deliverance will come to all that will hear and obey. Come all the way.

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.

15. Teach the Decrees of the Lord that all shall be converted to salvation and the Gospel. The Way of Life in the Kingdom of God to eternity shall be their reward.

16. Yea, to those that are almost persuaded to come in this Way of the Lord, to Life eternal with God your Redeemer., the Christ, the Giver of Life, your Witnesser and Commander, the Savior of mankind— hear Him

today.

17. This is the Midnight Cry. Come, join ye to the rest and peace the Lord can give. Go ye to meet the Lord— in service to the people. Your reward shall be sure.

18. Many will come into this Way. Bring them to the Lord.

19. The Lord accepts the House built unto Him. His Peace shall be there.

20. The Lord will bless all that help to bring about His Zion in righteousness. Not by might, nor by evil powers, but by the Spirit and faithful service to the Lord, love that surpasseth the understanding of man.

21. Those that are covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count my words and this Work as evil. Let them alone. Thus saith the Lord, 'They know not My Gospel, for I am the Lord and Savior, I only am the Eternal God. Those that believe not My Words, they doubt and count them as from the evil. It is they that listen to the whispering of satan and he has taken hold of them and as with a silver thread about their necks. He leadeth slowly down to that awful hell,' saith your Lord.

22. Fear not those that have gone from this Work, they become as empty vessels of dishonor, turning against the words I bring. I am sent of the Lord. I come from His presence.

23. They reject me. They have a veil over their minds. Their understanding is covered. They obey not the Lord's Command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions I bring, and my coming. They are traitors to the Work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord?

24. Save your strength. Be up and doing for the Lord and this Cause.

25. I will give you more for the apostles, and as vacancies occur let them take their calling that the Work will go on: Charles O. Martin, Edward Lee Stone, Roy Woodward, R. David Temple. I will give others as the need shall be.

26. Let these prepare for the bishopric when the need occurs: Vincent W. Yates, Newell J. Mead and Dohn E. Weaver.

27. To evangelist: Thomas Evanson, A. H. Morse, Deonarine Ojar and Dolton. If they will be humble, the Lord will bless.

28. To the elders: Phillip M. Dixon, Glen Chittenden and Donald E. Thompson.

29. The Lord will give peace to the faithful— keep the peace. Command peace and justice will follow you wherever you go.

30. Proclaim my coming and words everywhere. Let none take part until they come in by the door.

31. Proclaim the Gospel everywhere and in every way possible. Let the Decrees be taught and published for all to hear and obey.

32. Pay your tithes and oblations that the Work may continue.

33. Let Sone and Pritchard be in the field as much as possible and the way will open for others soon.

34. Let Clay England know the Lord accepts his efforts. Send help to the Indies soon as it can be arranged. Bring souls into this Way. Baptize and set those apart that are truly humble and converted to this Way— teaching the Way of Life and Deliverance in the Christ.

35. I will come again. I will direct in all things. I leave peace with you. Amen."

From the Apostles

Richard Johnson

"The Consummation of Desolations"

"All emphases are mine"

The Abomination of desolation as found in the Book of Daniel and the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, literally means "*an abomination that desolates*" or "*an*

abomination that depopulates".

Abomination: defilement, pollution, in a physical sense, or evil doctrines and practices, which are moral defilement, idols and idolatry, are called abominations.

Desolation: Destruction, **ruin**, waste. Destruction or expulsion of inhabitants. (KJD)

Message 1:5 brought to us this announcement and **WARINING** from heaven: "The coming of Christ is **near at hand** and Christ will not delay His coming because of the unfaithfulness of the people."

In seven more years it will be 100 years since these words were spoken by the messenger on earth.

Message 113:2 & 12, **I am John the Baptist.** I was resurrected when the Christ arose. I am he to go before the Lord to prepare His way, to prepare a people to be His Bride when He returns to claim His jewels, the elect ones...

12. ...**The time is short, coming to a close.**"

Message 4:4, gave us another announcement that "The time had come that the words He gave to the *churches*¹ will come to pass and the judgments² will come upon the earth. The abominations will flourish until God will send His angels to reap the harvest³ of the wicked and satan will be bound." (¹Revelation 1:1-4, ²seal, trumpet, and vial or bowl Judgments of 17:3-5, 18:2-4, 20:2. ³Harvest: Matthew 13:24-30, 24:31, 2Thes. 1:7-10, Daniel 7:21-22).

Psalms 37:9... "evildoers shall be cut off..."

Message 53:9, "All that sin and do iniquity shall be **cut off** lest they repent ere it is too late and they be taken to the beyonds in their filth. For the consummation is proclaimed and the indignation is on..." (Israel became a nation again in 1948).

Consummation: The point or act at which something is complete or its fulfillment. From the verb consummate. The outcome or full end; bring to completion.

Indignation: wrath, vengeance, retribution, results of wrathful anger, properly heat or emulation.

Consummation is used once in Daniel 9:27 in the old Testament KJ translation.

It is also translated by others as: decreed end, full end, end of time. In the New Testament end of the age or end of the ages refers to consummation as in the end time harvest and indignation of the Lord.

Daniel 9:26 prophesied the "Messiah (anointed one) shall be cut off¹ but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war² desolations³ are determined.

27. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations *he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*" (¹Isaiah 53, ²Daniel 7:18-28, 8:9-12, Revelation 13:7, ³see definition given).

Daniel 9:27 "Complete Jewish Bible"... "On the wing of detestable things *the desolator will come and continue until the already decreed destruction is poured out on the ¹desolator.*" (¹Desolator: one who, or that which, desolates or lays waste).

1. People of the Prince: The Roman army, led by the future Emperor Titus.
2. Covenant for one week made following the Jerusalem riots of 66 and a Judean provisional government was formed in Jerusalem.
3. War 66-73 and the siege for six months by army surrounding and destroying Jerusalem, temple and sanc-

tuary destroyed AD 70 middle of week..

4. Josephus (a personal witness to the events) claims that over 1,100,000 people were killed during the initial siege, of which a majority were Jewish. 97,000 were captured and enslaved, and many fled to areas around the Mediterranean. Titus reportedly refused to accept a wreath of victory, as there is "no merit in vanquishing people forsaken by their own God." It is said the forewarned church fled to Pella.

Luke 21:20, 22 & 24, "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. **22** For these be the days of vengeance¹, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. **24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and ***Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.***" (¹indignation).

Young's Literal Translation: "and *Jerusalem shall be trodden down by nations, till the times of nations be fulfilled.*"

Luke 19:44 "...because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Matthew 21:43, "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

Message 84:37, "For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the Gentile times are closing in. The day comes when it will be said, 'The people of the Lord' and them that serve Him not..."

Revelation 11:15, "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Message 110:10, "It is the kingdom of

this world which is ruled by the devil which is built up among men—which are of the flesh—that must come to an end."

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of the earthly kingdoms as an enormous, dazzling statue of different metals that was awesome in appearance in Daniel 2:31. However, Daniel sees the same kingdoms as hideous beasts. So, we have two very different perspectives on the kingdoms mankind builds. The rulers of the world see their kingdoms as imposing, artistic monuments fashioned of valuable metals. However, God's prophet views the same kingdoms as unnatural monsters. The fourth beast of Revelation having ten horns contains elements of the beasts that preceded it. He is diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth. (diverse: change or alter). In other words the Kingdom and Church of Christ left on earth is changed and altered for a time, times and a half until the restoration of the Kingdom of God and Church of Christ by John the Baptist referred to as the Ancient of Days because of his great age and high office of the resurrected prophet of God.

Daniel 7:21-22, (A little horn,¹ figuratively power, emerges from the other horns of the beast and) "made war with the saints and prevailed against them.

22. Until the ancient of days came and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." (¹Light at Evening time P.52-59).

Daniel 2:44, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

The Ancient of Days sets up a day of judgment. In that day the beast is slain and its body destroyed and given to the burning

flame.

Daniel 7:12-14 & 27, “As concerning the rest of the beasts (kingdom and empires), they had their dominion taken away: **yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.**”

13. until “...one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of Days...”

14. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

27. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”

Message 80:4, “The time comes when Zion shall be established, a nation in righteousness. Then the dominions, the kingdoms absorbed by His righteousness and power, shall be given to the saints of the most high. His enemies shall be turned back. They shall fall and perish at His presence.”

Daniel asked the question again about the time of the end. (consummation).

Daniel 12:1 & 6, “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

6. ...How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7. ...it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Matthew 24:2-3, “Jesus told His disci-

ples that Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed and not one stone left upon the other that is not thrown down.

3. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**”

Jesus enumerates the beginning of sorrows through verse 12 but the end is not yet. Then verse 13 tells us: “But ***he that shall endure unto to the end*** (consummation and indignation), ***the same shall be saved.***”

Message 115:7, “...The Lord will stand His in Holy Places until the indignation passes over.”

Matthew 24:14-15, “And **¹this gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.**” (¹Message 53:5)

15. “When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand).**”

Matthew 24:21, “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Daniel in 8:13 asked: “...How long shall be the vision concerning the **“daily”¹ sacrifices** and the transgression of desolation, **to give² of both the sanctuary³ and the host⁴** to be trodden under foot?

14. And he said to me, **Unto two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary be cleansed.** (Daniel 8:9-12).

¹The **daily or continual:** Tamiyd; H8548. The word sacrifices is added. Numbers 28:1-8 and Exodus 29:38-45. ²the **giving: the capacity or tendency to yield to force or strain.** (Merriam Webster) ³The **Sanctuary:** a Holy Place, Temple or Church and body of Christ. H6944 Qodesh”. ⁴**The Host: all that enter into the**

Host (service) to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. This shall be the service of the sons of Kohath/Levi/the Priesthood in the tabernacle of the congregation about the most Holy things

(Holy Rites): **tsaba' #6635** Numbers 4:1-4, 30, 35, 39, 43. "service" (priests, priesthood). Tsaba' is used for **host**, war, army, battle, **service**, appointed time, warfare, soldiers, company. #6633 army or **servants**.

Message 85:36, **"The 2300 days of Daniel's words are being fulfilled in the Lord's ¹Church, the ²Gospel and the ³Rock"**

The sanctuary of the Church. Metaphor: The Body of Christ.

The gospel of the power of salvation of the continuing sacrifice and atonement of Christ for all men that believe and obey God. (Hebrews 10:10).

The Rock: Psalm 18:31, "For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock save our God?"

¹Sanctuary: A sanctuary, in its original meaning, is a sacred place (A Holy Place), a haven, by extension the term has come to be used for any place of safety. Safety is deliverance when saving your life from danger or evil. (Gen. 45:7).

Isaiah 8:13-14, (Fear not the enemy and walk not in the way of his people). Sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself...

14. And He shall be for a sanctuary..." (the most Holy Place, a place of deliverance, rest, and safety).

Message 28:3-4 "...I am again establishing My Church as in the days of old, and My kingdom shall never be destroyed.

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 being established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's way. There is no church but His Church; all others are the works of men."

The Church of Christ¹ is His holy peo-

ple² and a consecrated place of worship is the Lords house, Church, Temple, a Holy Sanctuary. (²Deuteronomy 28:9, Isaiah 62:12, 2Corinthians 1:1).

Message 28:5, "My Temple will be built by those who will prepare themselves in righteousness and in humility, for none shall be accepted by Me whose hearts are filled with unrighteousness. Holy, Holy is My house that shall be built, and only that which is holy shall enter therein." (Message 5:5, 80:10)

John 17:19, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified."

²The Gospel: The Gospel of Jesus Christ, with His redeeming power of salvation to save mankind through faith and obedience to God. Faith, repentance, and finding remission of sins through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, for salvation is planned only through the Holy Priesthood and Authority of our Savior, Lord, King, Jesus Christ with His plan of saving grace.

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 12:4).

³The Rock: Christ is our High Priest. Our stone altar and continuing sacrifice and Host: (Hebrews 5:1, 8:3, 9:15, 1Timothy 2:5).

Hebrews 10:10, **"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."** (Message 84:13, 85:22, 108:8).

Ephesians 5:2, "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and have **gave himself up for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."** (Philippians 4:18)

Exodus 20:25, "And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool

upon it, thou hast polluted it.” (Daniel 2:45)

Daniel 2:34, “Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35. ...and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.”

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.”

Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**” (Psalm 40:6, 51:16-17).

Message 86:59 & 64, “***There are those that place themselves upon the altar of service for the Lord’s work: teach the decrees and help in this way of life.***

64. ...***The Message I bring is the call from God to service and deliverance in His Church...***”

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

Malachi 3:1, & 3-4, “*Behold, I will send my messenger (angel)...*

3. ...and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver (remove impurities), ***that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.***

4. ***Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.***”

Message 54:8, “...I have spoken and sent My Messenger that My Church may be established¹ in its completeness, and the Gospel² of My Kingdom preached to all the world, then shall the end come...” (1Message 30:6, 83:8, 11, 96:3, 113:5, 116:6, 101:21, 120:6,7).

The time of the Gentiles³ (nations) coming to an end with the consummation of all

things including desolations⁴ and the great indignation and tribulation when Christ sets His feet on the earth and recognized by all as the Messiah and Saviour. (2Message 53:5, Revelation 14:6-7, ³ 84:37, 102:25, ⁴Message 63:10).

Because all Daniel’s people but a remnant¹ denied him as their saviour and king, the Lord offered the continuing covenant and sacrifice of His body and blood to the rest of Israel that were no longer His people². The Holy Priesthood of God with the Church, the Gospel, and the Rock of Christ with His deliverance were offered to all mankind; to those with faith who believed and obeyed God. Faith, repentance and seeking remission of sin through His atoning blood. (1Romans 11:5 ²Hosea 2:23, Rom. 9:24-26, 1 Peter 2:10, Jeremiah 30:22).

The rest of the story is found in the Bible, the Record of the Nephites and the book the Word of the Lord¹. Spiritual Israel and here children seen in Revelation fleeing to the wilderness on earth pursued by the dragon waiting to devour the True Host and Service of the manchild caught up to heaven until the consummation and restoration of all things. (1Message 102:18).

The beginning of the end of transgressions of desolations that was set up (Daniel 11:31, 12:1) was when the Truth was no longer trodden down. The Holy Priesthood Authority after the order of God, after the order of His son was first restored in 1829 and was established anew with the cleansing of the sanctuary and the congregation that began in 1929 by the ancient of days John the Baptist. (Message 84:8, 38).

The promised angel messenger of the Lord who would restore all things before Christ’s return to earth. The Jews gathered to their homeland and the hosts of Israel to this land where freedom is found and help in the way of Zion, the center of world deliverance in justice and truth. There shall be

deliverance⁵ in Mount Zion and Jerusalem and the remnant whom God shall call. (⁵Message 102:42).

The excavation of old Jerusalem began in 1930. The Lord remembering His promise and her cleansing began when Israel became a nation again in 1948 and declared its independence and annexed all of Jerusalem in 1967 and part of the West bank and the Golan Heights in 2020 and Jerusalem was made the capital of Israel; yet again she is surrounded by armies

Message 111:2, "...You have seen the changes in world activities—the powers not of God are going down. A more peaceful way is coming. However, the greatest havoc is yet to come."

Message 117:2, " 'To the humble and obedient,' saith the Lord, 'Your faith has been exceeding great. You have endured and shall find My peace in abundance.'

3. The millennium is to be the Lord's reign when all mankind will obey His will the world over, and the Church prepared to be the saints of the most high."

Amen

Juniors

Thresa Ray

Dear Youth,

When you wake up each morning, are you happy and in a good mood or are you grumpy? We make choices all day every day. The way we react to things that happen around us can have very impactful results on our life. Some things may just affect us for the moment, other choices may change our life forever. We can choose to be positive, kind, and helpful to others – or we can choose to be negative, mean and treat others poorly. We do have control over our actions. I want to share some verses with you to help you make good choices.

In the Holy Bible, Psalm 118:24 "This

is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So start your day happy, count your blessings, rejoice and be glad. That happiness you share with others will also help them to have a better day!

Do you have friends that try to influence you to do things that your parents would not approve of – things that you know in your heart is wrong? Are you a leader to your friends, helping them to do good things or do you feel weak and follow someone doing wrong because of peer pressure? The Record of the Nephites has some great verses that help us to tell right from wrong, good from bad.

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, everything 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 judgement 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 we 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.”

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.”

As you see, we are not to judge one another but to discern right from wrong- discern good from evil. When you know what is good and what is bad you can make better choices.

In the world today, people say things that are bad are okay because they like doing those things; but that does not make it okay. What God considers sin is still sin no matter how people try to justify their wrong actions. Remember, we love all people. We love someone even if they sin, but we do not love the sin.

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.”

Just because someone likes a certain thing or activity, if it is sin in God’s eyes – it is sin – no matter how ‘good’ the world wants it to be considered.

Think about the things you say to others.

Proverbs 15:1-4. “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness therein is a breach of the spirit.”

Choose your words to uplift and do good.

Message 91:13 says, “Be thou clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Let realness of charity (love) rule your lives. Lift up a standard.”

The Messages tell us that we should be careful in all that we do and say. We need remember that we represent Christ and behave in a way that would please Christ.

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

Message 90:23, “...Let peace rule your lives – watch what you say and do, and where you are.”

Sometimes our choices of what we choose to say, what we choose to do, or where we choose to be can have very bad consequences. Don’t just go along with others out of peer pressure, think about what you are doing and the choices you are making.

God tells us to study the scriptures and to learn His words, to put them in our heart and live our lives according to them. You

can find answers to your questions in the scriptures.

Message 102:18. “Prove all things by the words of truth in the ‘Bible’, ‘Record of the Nephites’ and ‘The Word of the Lord’. All this is established for mankind, the guidelines of hope and deliverance. Man’s idealisms shall come to naught.”

As we already read, satan will try to influence your decisions and choices, but satan only has the power over us that we allow him to have:

Message 9:1, “...There are those who read the Words of the Lord and the prophets and have faith therein. Upon these satan has no power.”

Message 113:11, “Keep the faith, be diligent, hold to the vigilance and the Sunlight of Righteousness shall overshadow with healing in His Wings. Study deeply the Words I bring and it will work well with you. As you believe the Words of the Lord and the prophets, and obey, satan has no power on you.”

How beautiful! If we do what we just read – satan will have ‘no’ power over us! It will be easy to be kind, loving and to choose the right things to do and say! We will have a good attitude that will please God!

All of this is your choice: Choose to do right, choose to be happy, choose to say ‘no’ to temptation, choose to be a blessing to others and to please God with your attitude, your words and your actions. God doesn’t force us to do anything. He doesn’t even force us to love Him. It is our choice. Every decision and action you make is YOUR CHOICE. How you react to good and evil around you is your choice. Make Good Choices! If someone does something bad or unkind to you, do not do bad or unkind back to that person. Remember: Two wrongs do not make a right - it just makes two wrongs. Choose to do the right thing always.

Everyday you wake up is a NEW day with the Lord. If you have fallen short and have done something you regret, repent and

tell God you are sorry and ask God to forgive you. Start anew and strive to always do better and make good choices. Your choices also affect those around you. You can help to make their day better. Your good actions can also help to lead them to Christ. May God bless you and guide you. May you make good choices everyday!

Love in Christ,
Sister Thresa Ray

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

Isaiah 26:3; “**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he TRUSTETH in thee.**”

With so much negative stuff going on in the world right now, it is a good time to learn how to TRUST in God even more. Why is it necessary to trust in God? Because if we can't trust in Him then it weakens our faith, therefore, it will be harder when the tougher times hit us and we aren't strong enough to get through them.

Psalm 125:1, “They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.”

Faith and Trust pretty well go hand in hand. It is hard to have one without the other. It is when we can TRUST God fully that we also are building up our Faith in Him. It is when we have Faith, we are learning to Trust Him. See, they go hand in hand. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11.1) Trust is the evidence of experiencing and developing Faith. We can go even further that Having Faith, leads to Trust, Faith and Trust leads to Hope; Hope leads to Meekness and lowliness of heart, Meekness leads to Charity, Charity leads to what is written in Moroni 7:45-47; “And Charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not

her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the Truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things,

46. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefor, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail.

47. But Charity is the PURE LOVE OF CHRIST, and it endureth for ever; and who-so is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them."

Learning how to Trust God takes time. It takes reading and studying God's word daily. It requires much prayer and belief that He will never leave you nor forsake you, even in the midst of all your trials and temptations. It means you have Hope (Moroni 7:40-48; Rom 15:13) that He will keep His promises to you and be there for you in times you feel so alone, unhappy, like a failure, insecure, hurt, weak and heavy laden with the cares of the world. Faith, Hope and Charity, leads you to Trust in God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Do you see the pattern God has laid out for you? Do you see how these attributes all work together to bring about the fullness of the gospel in your life? All these attributes are there to give you direction, instructions and courage to work on obtaining each one in your life so you might build a solid foundation in which to live by, go by, work by, play by and love by. They all lead you right into Learning how to Trust God, through it all, becoming what He would have you to be and how to Never Give Up!! The Lord even talked to Bro. Draves in Msg 59:22; "To you my fellow servant, the Lord knows your heart and repentance. Be not deceived by man, be obedient, TRUSTING the Lord and He shall be your strength..."

If we can Trust God, even when the storms of life are beating down upon us, certainly trying our faith, we know God will see

us through that storm. He may not take that storm away, because these storms are what gives us character and develops us into strong, devout, and persevering people.

Psalms 62:6-8; "He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved.

7. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8. TRUST in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us..."

Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I TRUST."

During this time of uncertainty and confusion in the world, turn to the one who can give you peace, comfort, hope, faith through it all. If you can put your full trust and faith in Christ, you will not be moved by all the turmoil and ugliness going on all around you. However, you will learn how to pray more and seek the Lord for His discernment and truth and that comes through study of the Word.

I will end this with Romans 8:35 & 37-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ: Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

His promises are real. His plan for you is real. His love for you is real. Trust Him and expect great things to happen in your life.

Your Friend in Christ,
Karen Wilkin

Handmaidens

Brenda Humpert

Greetings from the Handmaidens of The Lord,

Message 90:25, "...Let the women help all they can-there is much to be done."

Due to COVID 19 we have not been able to have our meetings. Thankfully, we recently were able to resume our meetings on August 23, 2020 where we decided to continue to meet on the fourth Sunday of each month. The highlights of our August 23rd meeting are as follows:

Yearly Election of Officers:

Chairlady- Sister Thresa Ray

Asst. Chairlady- Sister Ellen Thompson

Secretary- Sister Brenda Humpert

Treasurer- Sister Ola Thompson

Devotional Chairman- Sister Tammy Thompson

Greater Light Reporter- Sister Brenda Humpert

Handmaidens Newsletter Editor- Sister Thresa Ray

Handmaidens Mailing Chairman- Sister Ola Thompson, Sister Thresa will assist as needed.

Also, we are continuing the RADA fundraiser. The Handmaidens receive money from each order placed. They have wonderful cutlery and other items! The online address is :

<https://radafundraising.com?sn=1904275.a1bb334>.

Let's remember to pray for our church, our families, our country and the coming of the messenger.

To all of our Handmaidens far and near we love you and are praying for you.

Sincerely " Handmaidens of the Lord"
Sister Brenda Humpert, Secretary

Articles

School Prayer

Author Unknown

Now I set me down in school,
Where praying is against the rule.
for this great nation , under God
Finds public mention of Him odd.

Any prayer a class recites,
violates the Bill of Rights..
Anytime My head I bow,
Becomes a federal matter now.

Teach us of stars or pole and equator,
Make no mention of their Creator.
Tell of experts in Denmark or Sweden,
But not a word of what Eve did in Eden.

The law is specific, the law is precise,
Praying out loud is no longer nice,
Praying aloud in a public hall,
Upsets believers of nothing at all.

In Silence alone can we meditate,
And if God should get the credit, Great!
This rule, however, has a gimmick in it,
You've got to be finished in less than
a minute.

So all I ask is a minute of quiet,
If I feel like praying, then maybe I'll try it.
If not O Lord, this plea I make,
Should I die in School my soul YOU'll
Take.

Prayer submitted by Ola Thompson:
God bless our children. Keep them safe
and may they grow in the spirit of Jesus
Christ. May God surround them with angels
to protect them and keep them close to his
heart. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Lets remember our children when
we pray.

Ola Thompson