

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Message 53:3

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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 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 the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but good 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 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), 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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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 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 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 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 Judgement* has come. Awake those 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

Sixty-Third Message

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message, January 2, 1944. 8:20-9:20 p.m.

- W.A. Draves

1. "Behold! I have come to you again as my appointing. The Lord your God has sent me. I come to speak the Lord's Will, though satan has hindered and sought to destroy you and the Message I bring; but it shall not be destroyed. The Lord's Words will not return unto Him void.

2. The pruning has begun and shall be for man must know the Full Plan and obey. That they may bring forth much fruit, and that of the Spirit of the Lord.

3. Fear not your calling for the lord will give you strength. There are those filled with hate and regence. Their end will be sad. Fear them not. There are those that are true and will yet be ture to this Cause for they know the Lord's Spirit and His Will. Moreover, there are those who bear the fruits of His Spirit and are humble. There are those that repent and are sought to be right before God. They shall be filled. Therefore, be not found in the path of the erring and sinful. For the Lord is your Master.

4. The Lord has given you those to encourage and to stand by you, for He knows your strength and weakness and He will save to the uttermost. I speak His Words and they are to all. Those that heed not and obey not shall not have part in this Work of the Lord.

5. You have seen the Hand of God move. In all ages through faith man has

found peace with God. Many are and shall be made white and pure through their righteous works with God. Stand firm and be true and your reward will be sure— for with God the righteous shall dwell.

6. Yea, the day comes when all men will come to worship the Lord, lest His arm will shorten and they perish in their sin. He who is Master of men will extend peace like a river and the glory of the faithful like a flowing stream; so will the Lord comfort. The Lord's Hand is known toward His own and His indignation towards the enemies. He shall appear to your joy and the nations shall come together to work peace among them for the Lord shall roar from Zion and the Standard shall be established in peace for all shall learn— and speak that language, loving all men. Moreover, in a day and at once— for Zion travaileth and shall bring forth Her children.

7. I come that this work might be. That the Gospel may be fully established and the Plan of God be carried to the ends of the earth. That salvation may come to all who will hear the Christ in His plea that whosoever will may come, for it is His Words that shall judge all men at the last day.

8. I am the Messenger of the Lord, my name is John. I am your fellow servant. I speak to all. Take courage, this is the Lord's Work, His Church, and it shall not be destroyed. Let the Messages go in peace. Let the tidings of gladness be heard. Be at peace with all men. Be pleasant in your work. Be humble always and you labor shall not be in vain.

9. Let this go to the Church. Let the Messages be published in other languages that others may know this Way, for the Spirit will bear witness and they shall know. For that day shall come when Power will come for there are and will be those that come all the way in the Lord. Not in the traditions of men, but in the Spirit and its obedience. Its shall be said the year of

the Lord's redeemed has come.

10. The Lord has remembered Israel and His loving kindness is for them that hear. Let those that rebel have not part in this Work. Let Zion arise out of the wilderness and a people awaken from the desolation and slumberings, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit. The elect shall inherit it, and the Lord's servants shall dwell safely.

11. Behold, the Lord will not keep silent.

12. Be at peace in this Work. I shall come again, for I am sent of the Lord your God. I come to do His Will. Be not in thirst but drink of the waters of life. My message is to the ends of the earth. I am the Elias, John the Baptist. I preached repentance in the days before the Lord Christ walked among men. Again I preach the Word. I come to prophesy, I speak His Will. There is much yet to be done— and to be given for His that follow. Amen.”

2022 General Assembly

Monday, June 27, 2022

1:00 p.m. Study

Message 88

The Messenger of the Lord, the Elias, the Angel of God appeared before me in my home 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri U.S.A. and gave the following Message. Awakened me and bid me arise and write the words he would give. The room was full of the resurrection light. The Spirit of God was powerful and mellowing to my soul. He spoke plainly and distinctly, waiting upon me as I wrote. I know these words to be exactly as he spoke them.

I would that each person reading these words would seek the Lord for testimony and witness to their truthfulness and need in their lives. He ap-

peared at 1:15 a.m. November 17, 1968, he remained till 3:30a.m.

1. “Awaken! Arise and write the words I will give you, a Message of Hope and Peace to all that accept them and follow through. Deliverance is found only in the teachings of Christ through His Atoning blood for remission of sins.

2. Behold, I come to fulfill the words spoken by the prophets of old and by the Christ. I am the prophet of the Highest. I speak His Will. I represent the Lord, I am His Servant. All ye that follow are my fellow servants. Many are called, those that prepare are chosen. Be ye faithful. Others will come as you keep sacred the work and true to the Plan and Workings of God.

3. Praise the Lord in worship, lift up and rejoice. Bask in His Life given Light. I bear witness of that Light. The earth is lightened by the words I bring. I come to moderate the Will of God. I proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through His atoning blood can mankind be saved.

4. There are many that seek earnestly to represent the Lord, they do well. Let them hear my message, moreover, the Word of the Lord that I bring from His presence. Let them come in by the door, receive of this calling, and labor as the Spirit will direct, shaping their lives by the words I bring that their works may stand the test.

5. Woe to those that set their hearts against the injunctions I bring from the Lord.

6. As the Spirit calls, the Lord speaks, as the need grows, let there be added to the fields of labor all that can hastily prepare to go in the work of the Lord.

7. There is work at home, there is a call and need everywhere— let it be filled.

8. Let all things be done in order- and comely. If the Spirit mellows and calmeth the soul, it is of God. Serve the Lord in Praise, in Joy and Peace. Pray earnestly and

the Master of men will manifest His Power.

9. The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and has sent me again to speak His Will.

10. I come to you my fellow servant for I bring to you and to those that labor with you, and all that will yet come, for there are many that look for my coming and fulfilling of the prophecies of old, the Words and Will of God.

11. I come from the Lord's presence, I come to do His Will. I am His forerunner. I am that Servant of the Lord. I am the Elias, yea the prophet of the Highest. I am 'that Prophet.' I am the elect one. I speak prudently. My voice is not heard in the street. I shall not lift up, but will give power and the words to be spoken that mankind shall be lifted up, all those that obey.

12. Fear not man whose heart is not filled with humility and truth. He is wretched of a reprobate mind and evil, fighting against my coming and Plan of God. All such know not the meaning of the Scriptures. They wrest the Word and say the Lord hasten or delayeth His coming. However, the Lord shall come as His Plan folds into being and action and the necessary evils try the people, testing their faith, to determine if they be the Lord's chosen, tried and faithful, or will fall with the evil one. Yet they say they love the Lord.

13. When the wicked are fully ripe in their iniquity, sudden destruction will come upon them. All their great speaking will come to naught. Watch therefore and be careful in thought, in Doctrine, for in truth the faithful shall endure, they shall stand. They that err in doctrine and do not respect my words, shall go down.

14. Mankind was commanded to subdue the earth, much of it has been done, though there be nothing new under the sun. The sun shall be hid when the finish of all things new cometh.

15. Mankind shall live by every Word

that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God, the very Eternal Christ the Lord and Maker of all. He cometh down with Power in His Word.

16. Then turn and discern them that be the Lord's, or them that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have right to the Tree of Life.

17. I speak the Lord's Will today. I am he that was prophesied in ancient times, of my coming before the Lord's return, to help prepare a people to be ready to meet Him at His appearing.

18. I am he that the prophet Daniel spoke of as the Ancient of days. I am the proclaimer, the warner. I am he that the people of the Lord delighteth in my coming and the words I bring, the Messenger of the Covenant. I sit as a refiner and purifier of mankind, of the Ministry of God, cleansing out the traditions of men and the power of the adversary.

19. The wise shall build their house 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 I bring.

20. I bring the Assured Way, the Way of the Lord, to give Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, by my words cleansing out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men.

21. See those that turn a deaf ear and will not hear— will not learn Sound Doctrine. Be patience and kind to all men. Many will yet learn to heed and obey the injunctions I bring and build upon the solid Rock of Truth.

22. The Law and the prophets spoke until I come. Now all mankind, all churches, all creeds and factions must hear my words and know what I have spoken and will yet speak.

23. Without me and the Words of the Lord I bring, they build upon the sand

where the storms of life and the doctrines of men will sweep them away and their works come to naught.

24. All that hear and obey my words shall come to understanding.

25. Be glad and rejoice ye wise men, ye that claim to be leaders, obey and your works will come higher in greatness if you heed what I have to say.

26. Little flock be not discouraged, for greater things are yet to come for you in your hope and salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is hope for eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.

27. He that is for you is greater than they that be against you.

28. Blessed and Holy are they that come into this Way. They shall find the greater peace and God's Plan shall be made perfect.

29. All that be the Christ's, they that are called Christians will flow together. They that be of man and his traditions will fail.

30. Let the young and old come— let all come into this Way; truly be born of the water and the Spirit— ridding yourselves of the traditions of men, make clean the slate.

31. Some that have been touched by the Spirit, that have felt its quaking Power, shaking their very beings, let them come though the door to a higher plane, and hands be laid upon them for greater Gifts and Obedient Will of God. Suffer it to be so to fulfill the Way of Authority and Holy Priesthood and the work of The Church of Christ With the Elijah Message. For this is my command and mission to establish God's Church and Zion— with authority to bring about the restoration and restitution of all things.

32. They that be in this Way are The Church of Christ With the Elijah Message. Great is Her mission. The multitudes shall come into the fold— all that truly fear and obey the Lord. They shall be one sheep in

the Lord's Fold and He shall be their Shepherd. They shall become like Him of Heavenly and Holy nature, redeemed from the fall to an eternal Glory with Him. The reign of peace shall fold in.

33. But woe, woe unto the rejector— their days are numbered. The power and ways of satan and of man's idols, and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness.

34. The 'Word of the Lord' is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little in time and purpose of His Will, pleasant to the righteous.

35. Satan's power shall be bound and he shall have no more temptation on mankind until the reign of peace, the Millennium, shall be over.

36. Satan knows his time is short and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in hope, and hinder the faith of many if you do not watch and pray. Have faith in the words of the prophets and the Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you.

37. Therefore come against him, break his yoke by true belief and study the Word— obey the Lord's Spirit and make ready.

38. There will come trials, but they cannot destroy. Yea, read these Words and follow through, find worship and deliverance.

39. Let Daniel Aaron Rogers continue in the Lord's Work with this Authority and Trust placed upon him as an elder, moreover an evangelist, and his works shall be mightier and great power and blessings will be given him. The Lord will bless him, even in the far reaching he shall bring many to salvation and truth with God's gift.

40. Let Donald Eugene Harsch take up his calling as an elder, moreover let him be set apart as an evangelist. The Lord will be with him in his faith and he shall accomplish much good.

41. There are many that care called of the Lord by His Spirit to labor. Let them know it is the Lord's Will; these add to the evangelists.

42. Let Peter Harry LaFrance know the Lord has preserved him to this day when my Message comes forth. His calling is to proclaim the full truth, as an evangelist.

43. Let Warren London know his prayers and faith has brough him great blessings as an evangelist and pastor of the Household of Faith in his area. His efforts are not in vain. He shall carry on.

44. When David Terrell comes into this Work, let him take up his calling and authority as an evangelist to labor in the field with this Message and authority. His works will endure the test in the Lord's Plan. The Lord has preserved him and reserved him to be a part of this: His Deliverance Plan.

45. Likewise others the Spirit has called, let them know this Work is true and of the Lord. Some have been baptized, others will yet come. The Spirit will reveal to them of their calling.

46. Let these know the Lord calls for them to labor in this Cause and great peace will come over them to direct their lives and service to God as elders in this Holy Priesthood: Lloyd Polson, George Arthur Polson, Fred Eldridge, Kenneth Eugene Palmer, Junior N. Pierce, Milton Fife, George Henderson, Rinehold Hermann, Herman Thraen, Fred Erickson, Ralph Polson, Lee Ellis Polson, Henry Allen Semler, Darry Immanuel Miller, Dallas Miller, Paul Johnson, Clifford Hitchcock, Joseph H. Truitt, W.H. Thorpe, Robert Daniels, Morris Miller and R.E. Werner.

47. Every elder's duty is missionary when and where opportunity permits— be valiant in service, quick to respond, instant in season and out of season— at all time.

48. I will come again as the Lord will direct. I leave peace with you. Publish this with the rest. Amen."

2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting

3:00 p.m. Prayer & Testimony

Testimony given by Elder Richard Sega.

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Elder Richard Sega

'Corrupt Churches'

Message 5:3, "Remember, satan in times past has led men away from the teachings of Christ and His Church, but let it not be so with you. Others have been led away by adultery because of following the whisperings of satan, but let it not be so with you. Some have been led by pride and the love of the praise of men, but let not be so with you. All these things and many more come from the whisperings of satan. Let not your hearts be tempted neither by the praise of men or by the love of money, because it will rob you of the Spirit and goodness of God."

1 Nephi 22:23, "For the time speedily shall come, that all churches which are built up to get gain, and all they which are build up to get power over the flesh, and they which are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world, and they which seek the lusts of the fresh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity; yea, in fine, all they which belong to the kingdom of the devil, it is they which need fear, and tremble, and quake; they which must need be brought low in the dust; they which must be consumed as stubble; and this is according to the words of the prophets"

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed,

52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incor-

ruptible, and we shall be changed.”

‘Contradictions’ & ‘No Guarantee’

2 Nephi 31:11-14, “And the Father said, Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my beloved Son.

12. And also, the voice of the Son came unto me, saying, He that is baptized in my name, to him the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me; wherefore, follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

13. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son, with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father, that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism: yea, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to his word; behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost; and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels, and shout praises unto the Holy One of Israel.

14. But, behold, my beloved brethren, thus came the voice of the Son unto me, saying, After ye have repented of your sins, and witnessed unto the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments, by the baptism of water, and have received the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and can speak with a new tongue, yea, even with the tongue of angels, and after this should deny me, it would have been better for you, that ye had not known me.”

3 Nephi 29:1-9, “And now behold, I say unto you, that when the Lord shall see fit, in his wisdom, that these sayings shall come unto the Gentiles, according to his word, then ye may know that the covenant which the Father hath made with the children of Israel, concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance, is already beginning to be fulfilled;

2. And ye may know that the words of the Lord, which have been spoken by the holy prophets, shall all be fulfilled; and ye need not say that the Lord delays his coming unto the children of Israel;

3. And ye need not imagine in your hearts that the words which haven spoken are vain, for behold, the Lord will remember his covenant which he hath made unto his people of the house of Israel.

4. And when ye shall see these things coming forth among you, then ye need not any longer spurn at the doings of the Lord, for the sword of his justice is in his right hand, and behold at that day, if ye shall spurn at his doings, he will cause that it shall soon overtake you.

5. Wo unto him that spurneth at the doings of the Lord; yea, wo unto him that shall deny the Christ and his works;

6. Yea, wo unto him that shall deny the revelations of the Lord, and that shall say the Lord no longer worketh by revelation, or by prophecy, or by gifts, or by tongues, or by healings, or by the power of the Holy Ghost;

7. Yea, and wo unto him that shall say at that day, that there can be no miracle wrought by Jesus Christ, for to get gain; for he that doeth this, shall become like unto the son of perdition, for whom there was no mercy, according to the word of Christ.

8. Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss, nor spurn, nor make game of the Jews, nor any of the remnant of the house of Israel, for behold the Lord remembereth his covenant unto then and he will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn;

9. Therefore, ye need not suppose that ye can turn the right hand of the Lord unto the left, that he may not execute judgement unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel.

3 Nephi 30:1-2, “Hearken, O ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which he that

commanded me that I should speak concerning you, for, behold he commandeth me that I should write, saying,

2. Turn, all ye Gentiles from your wicked ways, and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people, which are of the house of Israel.”

‘Obedience’

Message 3:8-9, “By My Spirit I will feel after the honest in heart and those that hear you will hear Me, and those that reject you reject Me also, and they shall sleep on until the Bridegroom comes, but will not have oil in their lamps

9. Go in faith, your mission is one of love. Remember, I have called you to be saviors of men. Be true to your calling and My Spirit will direct you and I will manifest Myself to you and will send My Messengers in times of need. My Spirit shall fill your souls with joy. The way will be opened for you. Amen.”

Tuesday June 28, 2022

1:00 p.m. Study

Continued with Message 88

2:00 Sacrament Service

Youth Classes: Junior Class

Our Junior Class, ages 7 and up, was taught by Sister Thresa Ray. The class included studies on The Words of Life and

Truth, John the Baptist, the Temple of the Lord, and the Meaning of our Church Seal.

I enjoyed all the kids in my class. They were such a blessing to me! We missed those that could not be there and pray the way will open for many more to attend the Assembly next year Mark your calendars for next year– June 26-28, 2003. I look forward to seeing each of you! But until then, I would like to share the “Study of John the Baptist” with you. I hope you will read all the scriptures and answer all the questions. Love and God Bless.

-Love in Christ, Sister Thresa Ray

The Study of John the Baptist

Who is John the Baptist? What is His Mission? Part 2

In Bible times John the Baptist was the one known for crying in the wilderness to have faith, repent, and be baptized. He is still doing that today as a resurrected being, an angel.

In Message 99:12, John the Baptist says, “Oh ye people of the earth, turn a listening ear, hear the loud voice the Lord has sent- fulfilling His Word. All mankind is called to repentance having faith, baptize them, let the hands be laid on that the gifts and promised Spirit shall come upon them– the Holy Unction of God.”

Message 108:8, “Let all mankind respect the Lord Christ, and honor Him; His Sacrifice on the Cross and Resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation.”

Message 110:21-22, “Let the full Gospel Plan be taught. All must come in by the door, the baptisms under this Authority and receive the laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit shall be given.

22. Yea, moreover, this Holy Unction in a double measure shall be upon them, given

of God as you lay on the hands. Bring them unto this Work. The Lord's work must be fully established."

John the Baptist identifies himself many times in different ways in the Messages and he also describes his mission. Following are excerpts from the Messages.

Message 2:1, "I am the man sent from God and my name is John, I am the Messenger to prepare the way. I am come again that in the mouth of two or three witnesses all things shall be established..." (John 1:6, Malachi 3:1, Matthew 11:10, 3 Nephi 24:1.)

Message 3:5, "The Lord sent me to prophesy..."

Message 4:1, "The last time I came to you, I brought a Message of Warning to you..."

Message 4:6, "I will come to you from time to time, to instruct you in many things that will come to pass, and the great work that must be done."

Message 5:17, "I will come from time to time, and will direct in the work ye shall do that a people of the Lord may be prepared for His coming."

Message 6:1, "I am John, the servant of the Lord, a Messenger sent from God, a collaborer with you to prepare a people for Christ when He shall come again..."

Message 6:3, "I will come to you from time to time to give you the plans of the House of the Lord;..."

Message 7/8:12, "I am John, the Messenger sent from God to prepare the way as in the day when Christ was here. Behold, my work has just begun; for the work of Satan must be destroyed. For that work came I unto the world, that I may prepare the Way that Christ may destroy the works of Satan."

Message 9:9, "I will come from time to

time to instruct you in the work of the Lord; for great shall be the work that yet shall be done to prepare a people, a nation to meet Christ when He comes. Amen."

Message 10:1, "I have come to you again that I might instruct you, for this purpose have I been sent, inasmuch as you have met that you might inquire of God as to the plans and pattern that shall be given to you, I shall come from time to time to give you such instructions as you shall stand in need of."

Message 11:12, "I am John, the same John that prepared the way before Christ when He was here. I am the Messenger sent from God to do the work for which I was born. I have come in the past, and will come in the future. I am a prophet and thy fellow servant. I am he that preached baptism and repentance in the wilderness of Judea. I am the John that was beheaded. I am the Messenger to prepare the Way. I am the Messenger of the Lord to direct in building the Temple, and I shall be with Christ when He shall come to His Temple. I am the Messenger that shall bring the warning to the people of destruction that shall come to pass. My message is one of love to them that will obey it." (Malachi 3:1, Matthew 3:1-17, Revelation 19:16, Revelation 22:9, Mark 6:14-29, Malachi 1:1)

Message 12:1, "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its fullness, that the Church may again receive the Power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the Message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and

that the Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they have no excuse at the judgement day, for verily these things shall come to pass.” (Acts 2:1-21)

Message 12:12, “I am John the Baptist that prepared the way before Christ and I will prepare a way before Him again, and a people to receive Christ when He comes. Send this Message to your brethren, the twelve first; then send it to the nations of the earth with all the rest not in print, but the things I have shown you in vision, keep that for only your brethren, give not that to the enemies that seek to hind the Work of the Lord.” (Luke 1:17 & 76)

Message 12:13. “I will come from time to time until the Work is finished after the pattern...”

Message 14:3, “As I come to you in your language, so am I commanded to bring a record from other people in their language, which will also bear witness in like manner of God’s dealings with them. There will be people from time to time to bear record of the truthfulness to them, of the things which I have given you.”

Message 18:1, “I come to you, my fellow servant. I am sent again in time of trouble to warn you that satan has filled the hearts of men with evil...”

Message 18:4. “I have come to you. 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 18:17, “I am John the Baptist. 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 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. I come as the Messenger of the Lord, but I come to you in love. I come to

save the people from destruction. Will they heed it?”

Message 18:18, “I will come again; yes, I will come from time to time, for I must give the instructions. For this work came I to prepare the way, and much shall be given from time to time.”

Message 19:1, “ I come to you with a Message of warning...”

Message 19:21, “I am John the Baptist. I am he that shall prepare the way, direct in the Lord’s work. Amen.”

Message 21 Introduction given by Otto Fetting, “I had a good look at him (John the Baptist). I asked him about the robe he wore, and he said it ws the robe his father (Zacharias) wore when he officiated in the Temple in his day...”

There are so many verses that gives us more insight, more information about John’s calling and mission. We will not print all of the verses out, but please look up the following and read them.

Message 21:18; Message 22:23; Message 23:1, 20; Message 23:21; Message 24:1, 8; Message 25:16; Message 27:1; Message 28:14; Message 29:1; Message 32:1-2; Message 35:1-2, 12; & Message 36:1.

Message 36:6, “I am he who shall minister unto ten thousand times ten thousand and they shall be tried and purged. For I sit as a refiner of gold, and as with fuller’s soap, purging the hearts of men and cleansing out the dross, the sins of men. For man must be made Holy before he can come in the presence of God, or the Glory of the Lamb, slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might believe on Him, and be redeemed from that awful state.” (Daniel 7:10, Malachi 3:3)

Message 36:7, “Behold, the Lord soon comes and I shall be with Him when He come to His Temple that shall be built by a people of clean hands and pure hearts.”

Message 36:8 & 10; Message 37:2, 26-27, 29; Message 38:1, 10, & 14-15; Message 39:2 & 4; Message 40:1, & 13; Message 41:1-3,

Message 41:9, “ ‘Verily,’ thus saith the Lord, ‘I have sent My Messenger for the pruning of My Vineyard for the last time...’ ” (Jacob 6:2)

Message 41:13, “ ‘...Therefore, I send the warning, even by My Messenger in the spirit and power of Elias,...’ ” (Jesus speaking)

Message 41:14; Message 42:1, & 12; Message 43:2 & 28.

Message 44:1, “I have come to you from time to time as the Lord your God has designed, to direct in this Work that I might be set up in its fullness, for so have it been commanded of the Lord. I am sent to bring a Message. I come from the presence of the Lord God. The words I speak are His Words, and they shall have their place among those that shall be the Lord’s Bride in very deed. For the Lord God has turned to His little ones that He might bring about His wise Purpose. His kingdom shall roll forth until it fills the whole earth and righteousness shall prevail and the voice of Joy shall be heard, for then shall it be that Zion is redeemed and the Millennium breaks forth with gladness.” (Daniel 2:35, Revelation 20:2-7)

Message 44:9 & 21; Message 46:6; Message 47:1, 3-4, & 16-17; Message 48:2, 13, 16, & 25-26; Message 49:1, 6, 20, & 22-23; Message 50:2, 10 & 15; Message 51:1-2, 10, 16 & 18-20; Message 52: 1, 26 & 28.

Message 52:29, “I preached repentance in the wilderness and I cry repentance again amid confusion and distress among the nations, that the Way of Deliverance may be known. I am the Elias, I am he to deal prudently and my name is John. Many have prayed that I come again. The evil has hindered but not to destruction. The Lord your God is just. Amen.”

Message 53:1-2, 4, & 18; Message 54:1; Message 55:1-3, 5, & 13; Message 56:2, 7-8, & 23; Message 57:1, 18, & 22; Message 58:1 & 11; Message 59:2-4 & 18.

Message 60:1, “Behold, write the Message I will give you! I am the Messenger, the forerunner of Christ, and I am sent to bring the instructions for the Church. This is my mission. I am sent from God to prepare the Way as in the days when Christ came among men. My work and mission has begun and shall not be destroyed, but the works of satan shall be destroyed. Thus for that Work came I unto the world that the Way of Christ shall be prepared that He may destroy the works of satan. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9, Revelation 19:11-21)

Message 60:2 & 16-17; Message 61:2-3, & 15; Message 62:1-3 & 5.

Message 62:19, “The Lord has sent me that all might be encouraged. Let peace be in the hearts of all... Peace I leave with you and shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen.”

Message 63:1, 8, & 12; Message 64:1-3, 9, & 19-21; Message 65:1, 3, & 8; Message 66:1.

Message 66:2, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, the blessed one sent of God. I come from His presence and my name is John. I am the same that was and is called the Baptist. I am the Elias. I bring the Elijah Message many have looked for. I bring Words of the Lord. I bring a warning. (Matthew 24:46, Malachi 4:5-6)

Message 66:3-4, 15, & 25; Message 67:1-2, & 9; Message 68:1-3, & 14-15; Message 69:1, 5, & 11-13; Message 70:1-2 & 4; Message 71:2, 5, & 13; Message 72:1-5, 20, & 24; Message 73:1-4 & 20; Message 74:5-6 & 14; Message 75:2 & 8; Message 76:1.

Message 76:14, “I am the servant of the Lord. I speak His Will. I am the elect one, the Ancient of days. This was my calling. I

will continue to come until the Work is finished and Christ comes to His Temple and the gathering of His people. Amen.” (Daniel 7:9 & 12)

Message 77:1; Message 78:2, 15, & 17; Message 79:2 & 27; Message 80:1-2 5, & 18; Message 81:20, 25, & 28; Message 82:2-3, 22, 34, & 38; Message 83:2-3, 8-10, & 35; Message 84:1-2, 8-9, 29, 34, & 38-39; Message 85:2, 5, 16-17, & 24-25.

Message 85:29, “I come fulfilling and to do His Will. This is the Assured Way, the Elijah Message, the curse is lifted as belief and obedience comes.” (Malachi 4:6)

Message 85: 31, “I am the Messenger to restore all things. I bring a Book of Instructions, prophesy and commands to all men, to every branch of the house of Israel.”

Message 85:33-34, “I am that servant sent to give meat in due season. Now is the day of choosing— to serve the Lord, or fail to find peace. For all they that do not hear me heareth not God and shall not be found among the people of the Lord.

34. I am the one chosen of the Lord, mighty and strong one. I shall not falter. The Work shall be accomplished. The Kingdom shall be prepared and given to the saints of the Most Hight.” (Matthew 24:45, Isaiah 28:2)

Message 86:54-56, “ ‘I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordained them to the Holy Priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His Son. This has been preserved and reserved to this day and time.

55. Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting and gave him special help to do the Work in his day. That Holy Unction is upon the servants today.

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

56. ‘ Now again, I lay my hands on you to bless you in your work that you are to do – that lies before you. That you may have

the Gift enlarged and Power to accomplished the work and to bless others with the Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the Great Plan in your day and time. I bless you that you my bless others. Amen.’

He sat down and repeated what he said as I wrote it down. My soul was filled and indeed I felt the Gift surge over me and more love and the Spirit mellowed my whole being.” (WA Draves)

Message 86: Intro & 1, 5, 7-8, 12, 24-25, & 84-85; Message 87:2, 20-22, & 30; Message 88:2-5, 10-11; 17-18, 22-24, 31 & 36; Message 89:3, 5-6, 16, & 18; Message 90:3 & 11-13; Message 91:2-6, 8-10, 32, & 35.

Message 91:11, “I am now a resurrected being in and with the Redeemed of the Lord. I am body and flesh and bone. I bear the Spirit of the Lord. I speak His Words. It is the Christ’s Words that shall judge all men— therefore He cannot use man filled with selfishness of his own way. Therefore come out of the ways of sin and self.”

Message 92:1-3, 7, 14, & 18; Message 93:4 & 33; Message 94:1-2, 5, & 20; Message 95:15; Message 96:2 & 16; Message 97:1-3, 7, 14, & 21; Message 98:1-4, 6, 9, 13, 15-16, 24, & 28; Message 99:1-2, 4, 6-7, 9, & 23; Message 100:1-2 & 17-18; Message 101:1-2, 5-7, 10, 13, 16, & 26; Message 102:1-4, 7, 26, 57, & 60.

Message 102:5, “I gave the Revelation and the Vision of the Churches to John the Beloved in his day. In its fulfillment, you will see much has passed and much more to come.” (Revelation chapters 2-3)

Message 102:52, “I speak that all Christendom my flow together and abide by the ‘Bible’ revealing great Truths; the coming forth of ‘The Record of the Nephites,’ the Book, and ‘The Word of the Lord.’ Behold the Books that will lead all mankind to Eternal Hope and Salvation, Deliverance in the Lord.” (Isaiah chapters 28-29, Message 90:14)

Message 103:3, “I bring the Priesthood Authority, I speak as a Fountain of Truth, and with Power, and with Authori-

ty.” (Message 88:8, Message 39:9, Message 70:2, Message 84:2)

Message 103:1-4, 10, 12, 33, & 35-37; Message 104:1-3, 12, & 35-37; Message 105:1, 3, 7, 12, & 21; Message 106:1-2, 5, 13, 16-17, 20, & 36.

Message 106:19, “The law and the prophets spoke until I come— now I speak for the Lord, that the Work and Plans of God will be carried through and accomplished and the Holy Sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord.”

Message 107:1, 8, & 14; Message 108:2-3, 10, 15, 20, & 26-27; Message 109:1-2, 4, 8, & 11; Message 110:1, 8, & 25; Message 111:3, 5, & 14.

Message 111:13, “As I speak to you I speak to all who will hear the voice of one seeking to remove all confusion.” (Message 48:16)

Message 115:1, 5, 8, 11, 13-15, & 17; Message 116:1-2, 7, 12, & 16; Message 117:1, 4, & 11; Message 118:2, 4-5, 7, 13, & 15; Message 119:4 & 9; Message 120:8.

Message 120:1, “I will give you a Message that all may know the Lord has sent me to speak His Will. I come from His presence to give instructions so this Work may progress.”

I have tried to include all the verses John the Baptist told of his mission and how he identifies himself. I did not include every time he would say that he has come to give a message or the end of the message when he would say that would come again.

I hope by reading this lesson you will realize the depth of John the Baptist’s calling. What an important job to prepare the way before Christ, to prepare a people to be Christ’s Bride, and to prepare a people to build The Temple of The Lord. What a humble being to call himself, ‘your fellow servant.’ He come from the presence of

God to deliver God’s Words to us. How very blessed we are!

Message 48:16, “He hears the prayers of His children and will answer to your gladness. Therefore, I come that the Plan of God shall be complete and the words the prophets of old have spoken of this day may all be fulfilled, for they spoke unto my coming. I speak the Words and Will of the Lord and I shall direct in this Work. The Signet One shall rise up and disperse confusion and cause to be brought together many that will obey the Will of the Lord, and that a people will be raised up to build The Temple of the Lord.”

Do you know who is the ‘Signet One’?

Message 111:13, “As I speak to you I speak to all who will hear the voice of one seeking to remove confusion.”

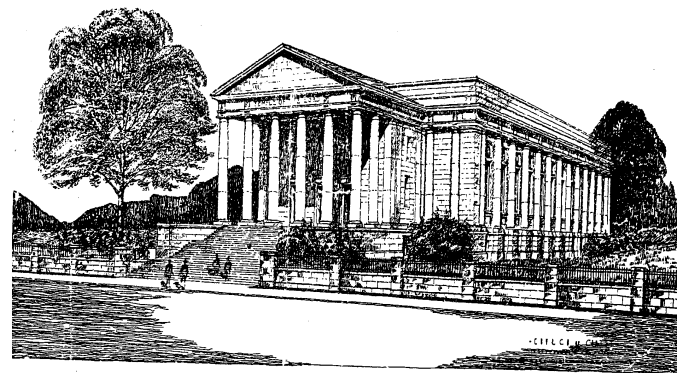
John the Baptist is the ‘Signet One.’

Let us pray for John the Baptist to come again soon to direct the Church. May God be with you.

-Sister Thresa Ray

(John the Baptist crossword puzzle is on the last page.)

The Temple of the Lord



Message 106:13, “...I (John the Baptist) shall be with Him (Jesus) when He comes

to claim His Bride, the Church, His Jewels. Let all mankind hear.”

John the Baptist will be with Christ when He returns to His temple to claim His Bride, the Church.

Message 81:20-26, “ Let the words I bring be the Rule and Guide with the Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon al lthe Lord’s words, will and planning shall this work be built.

21. Let the House of the Lord be built, and the Church of Christ with the words I bring, the Elijah Message, be established everywhere. Come! All that love the Lord and this Work, work together. This is the Lord’s anointed, and appointed, the associated ones of faith. Peace be unto all.

22. Many represent Christ, but you men are to represent Christ and His Church.

23. The Church is organized. I have given the type and leadership, the Way through the gates is open. Repentance and faith are the beginning, worship and receive the gift. The hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those that prepare for it.

24. Heed my Message for this is my mission. The doctrine is given and is set forth in the Bible, The Record of The Nephites and The Word of The Lord, the words I bring.

25. I am John the Baptist, the spirit and power of Elias, the Elias, the Elijah which was for to come to restore all things. I am the elect one, the Horn, the Ancient of Days, I am the forerunner. I am the Messenger of the Covenant, the promised one. I came before Christ, preached repentance in the wilderness. I proclaim the Word again before the Christ shall come again. **I shall be with Him when He comes to claim His Bride, the Church.**

26. This is the Assured Way, the Way of Life and Salvations. Let all men flow into this way.

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

When you were in your mother's womb she did the breathing for you. Your mother was your lifeline. Then when you were born, the second you came out of her womb, you breathed your first breath of life on your own.

Every breath you take is God given. Without breathing you could not live. If you have unhealthy lungs, you don't breathe properly. If you don't eat food, you can't grow or maintain a healthy body. If you don't drink water, you would die. The body must have water to live. You can go longer without food than you can water. Without water your body can dehydrate fast which can lead to many other complications in the body.

Have you thought about the fact that it is also this way in your spiritual life? If you do not read and study the scriptures, if you don't pray, if you don't interact with God on a daily basis, you will find yourself dwindling and not growing in the spirit. Communicating with the Lord daily helps to keep you in tune with the Holy Spirit and close to the Lord. Walking in the path of righteousness keeps your spirit renewed and refreshed.

You are about to start back to school soon. You will be getting prepared by buying school supplies. You don't wait until the day before school starts to prepare for it. It is the same with your spiritual life, it is a daily routine in developing your relationship with Christ to keep yourself spiritually fed that you might grow in His spirit. It is necessary to keep yourself fully clothed with the armor of God to face the daily challenges you will face in school. If you go unprepared to face those challenges, you will find yourself more stressed and uptight. Reading and studying the Word of God, along with prayer, helps to keep you

on that straight and narrow path which will also give you strength to meet the daily challenges. To be at peace in your heart and mind, it will give you the courage to stand against the wiles of satan and help you to keep on keeping on through it all.

Take a look at what Alma 34:18-27 says, "Yea, cry unto him for mercy; for he is mighty to save;

19. Yea, humble yourselves, and continue in prayer unto him;

20. Cry unto him when ye are in your fields; yea, over all your flocks;

21. Cry unto him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening;

22. Yea, cry unto him against the power of your enemies,

23. Yea, cry unto him against the devil, who is an enemy to all righteousness;

24. Cry unto him over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them;

25. Cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase.

26. But this is not all; ye must pour out your souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness;

27. Yea, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto him continually for your welfare, and also for the welfare of those which are around you."

This also applies to your daily tasks, whether it be on a job, at school, in sports, or even in your home. We are to pray continuously because that helps to keep the heart open to hear God's still small voice.

"Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love and do what you would do (2) Breathe on me breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with you, to do and to endure."

Take a deep breath. When things are hectic and stressful, *breathe deeply, in and out*, and think upon the words to this hymn.

Whisper a little prayer in your mind for God to grant peace unto your heart and mind, then breathe a deep breath again and begin again. You can *breathe* life and peace into your heart and mind, to rid yourself of the anxiety and stress that you will face quite often, especially in school. Sometimes life can get so overwhelming and the stress level rises above a 10. Learning how to control that stress level is a challenge within itself. However, if you can take the Lord with you and rely on Him for His help, comfort and guidance, it can take that stress level down to an acceptable number that you can handle and deal with.

Galatians 5:22-23 & 25; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

What is the opposite of love?

What is the opposite of joy?

What is the opposite of peace?

What is the opposite of longsuffering?

What is the opposite of gentleness?

What is the opposite of goodness?

What is the opposite of faith?

What is the opposite of Meekness?

What is the opposite of temperance?

Now that you have pondered these questions, what is FRUITFUL in your life? Do you have any of the "opposites" in your life that need to be worked on or removed from your life?

To Live in the Spirit, you must Walk in the Spirit. You must practice daily how to Overcome the obstacles placed before you and Breathe not only fresh air, but Breathe the positive attributes and let those rule over the negatives that try to hinder you.

Remember God is on your side!! He is your Comforter, your Friend, your Prince

of peace, your Waymaker, your Miracle worker, your Promise keeper, and Light in the darkness!!! He is always there for you. Whisper that little prayer when you are struggling with opposition or the trials of life.

May the Lord watch over you, protect you, shelter you under His wings and bless you in your new school year. Do your best, strive for excellence, both spiritually and academically. Resist allowing satan to speak lies to you that put you in the wrong place in your heart and mind. Live for Jesus, Speak Jesus and Breathe Jesus. It will be well with your soul.

Primary

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Our Words Can Hurt!

James 3:1-12, “My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3. Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire, the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8. But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My bretheren, these things ought not so to be.

11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12. Can the fig tree, my brethren bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”

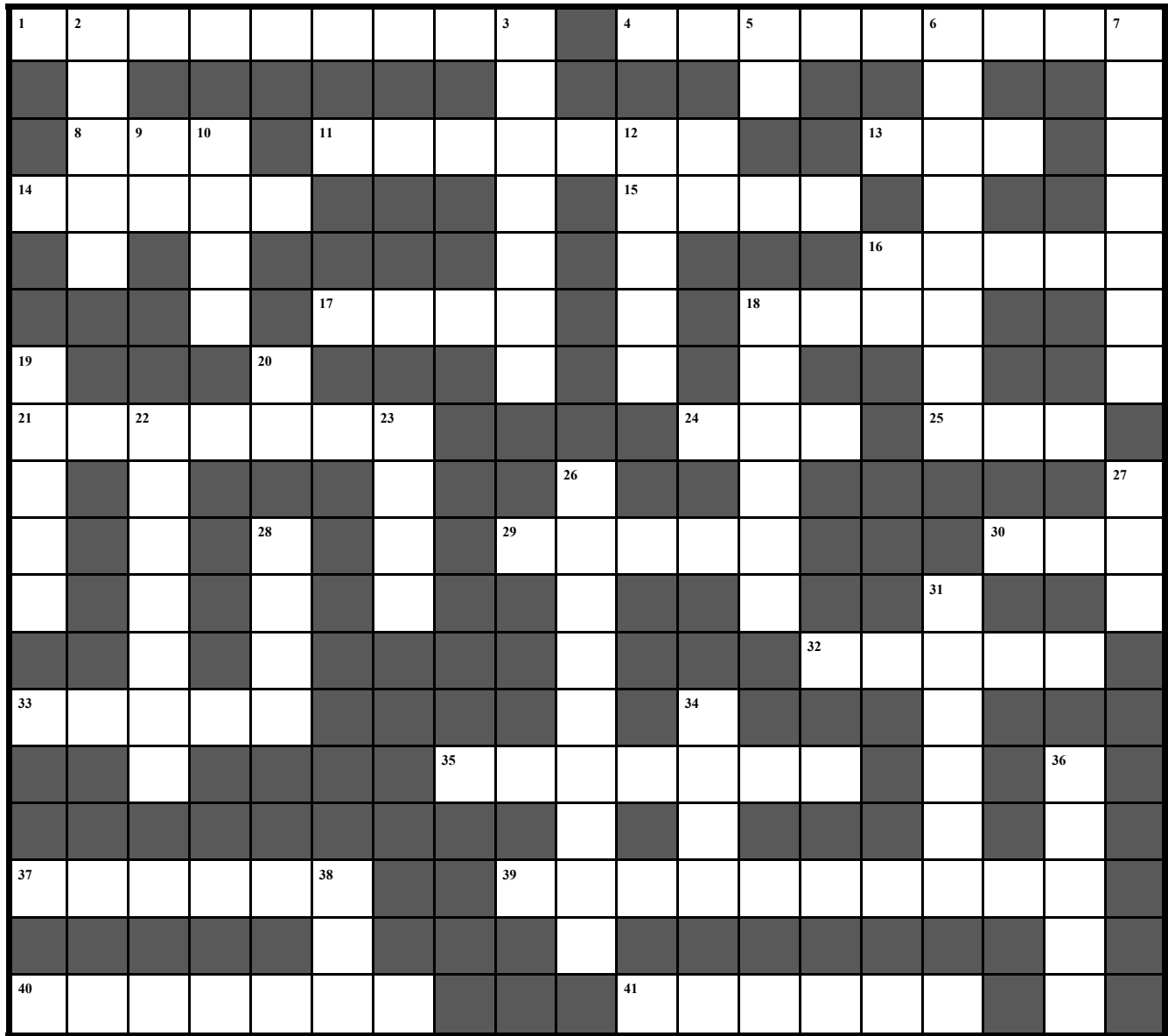
What we say to others can really hurt their feelings. We need to be very careful with what we say to others. Have you ever called anyone names? How do you think that would make them feel? It makes God very sad when we say hurtful things to other people. He loves all people the same. Even if we do not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

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

Lord help me never say
Words that hurt another
Help me always speak with words
That will uplift and encourage.
Take time to pray—
It is the greatest power on earth.



John The Baptist Crossword Puzzle



Across:

- 1. John's father
- 4. John's mother
- 8. John is the Messenger of _____
- 11. The angel who appeared to Zacharias
- 13. _____ fellow servant
- 14. The king who imprisoned John
- 15. "My mission is one of _____"
- 16. What did Herodias' daughter, Salome, do to entertain King Herod?
- 17. "My name is _____"
- 18. Salome asked for the _____ of John the Baptist.
- 21. John is the _____ of Days
- 24. How did Herod feel when he had to keep his promise to Salome?
- 25. "I bring meat in _____ season."
- 29. Where did you read about John the Baptist?

- 30. Jesus died so _____ may have everlasting life
- 32. Holy _____
- 33. John ate _____
- 35. John the _____
- 37. John appeared to Bro. W.A. _____
- 39. John preached and is preaching _____ and baptism
- 40. "I am the _____ one." (Msg. 82:34)
- 41. John brings messages from God to direct the _____ and the world

Down:

- 2. An _____ appeared to Zacharias
- 3. One who serves
- 5. John _____ coming
- 6. How did John die?
- 7. Prophet of the _____
- 9. either, _____

- 10. The Spirit of God descended on Jesus as a _____
- 12. "I am the _____ that was fore to come."
- 18. John told people about the Kingdom of _____
- 19. John wore _____ skin
- 20. God loves you and _____
- 22. How are John and Jesus related?
- 23. After John's death, his body was laid in a _____
- 26. Who put his body in the tomb?
- 27. Zacharias and Elizabeth thought they were too _____ to have a child
- 28. When _____ greeted Elizabeth, the baby leapt in her womb.
- 31. John baptized in the _____ River
- 34. John baptized with water, Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost and _____
- 36. "I am the _____ one" (Msg 76:14)
- 38. Jesus is the _____ of God