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The End Time Messenger

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Message 53:3

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-Message 60:12

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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

Ninety-Fourth Message

The Angel Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 11, 1975 at 4:15a.m. The room was filled with light as has been each time he came before. He spoke as one having authority, he was serious in his words. I wrote the words as he precisely gave them to me, speaking slowly, as I wrote them down— repeating when necessary— to allow me to write exactly what he said. May the Lord bless and reveal to all this the Assured Way— the Bride of Christ. He was with me about 50 minutes.

- W.A. Draves

1. “Behold, arise and write the words I shall give you, a Message of Hope and Life to all that follow through. My Message is one of Love to those that fully receive it, who are humble and peaceful in the Lord’s Way.

2. I bring the authority to prepare the way before the Lord’s soon coming: before this generation all pass away.

3. Fear not, the Lord is doing a Marvelous Work and a Wonder and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.

4. Study the words I bring. Teach and study the full Word of God and you shall know the truth. Let all follow the instructions I bring and it will be well.

5. I am still at the helm, for I bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to awaken and Light the Way. All that come this Way, repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be humble and be baptized in water in the authority I bring, for remission of their sins through the atoning blood of Christ Jesus.

6. Let the hands be laid upon all that His Spirit might come in Holy Unction to then in greater Power, for the promise is

that He will send His Spirit to all those that are humble and full of love; shaping their lives by the Assured Way.

7. Let the Work continue in all parts. Preserve the good and release the evil and those planning iniquity.

8. Behold, there is a cry for peace, but there is no peace save in the hearts of them that do the Lord’s bidding; hearing His voice, refraining from all contentions that disturb the soul.

9. Only the pure in heart and the humble in spirit shall be able to stand and labor in this Work.

10. Blessed are all they that have come and are coming to this Work— they shall bear the brightness of saints.

11. Be very watchful unto prayer that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep clothing.

12. The Lord accepts the publishing of the Messages in other languages.

13. Behold! The Book, ‘The Word of the Lord’- let this continue, reaching all nations.

14. There is much yet to be done, more Light and further records will come forth— ere time folds in and the brightness of the Lord comes.

15. The Lord accepts the counseling of the quorums of apostles and bishops. Let more be done in love and humility.

16. Hold firm and high the Standard— free from confusion and deliverance will come.

17. Much good has come from this Assembly of people of the Lord. I have been with you. Swing wide the gate— go forth, the truth is set before you.

18. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

19. There are some that have rejected this Way and have not conformed to this Truth. Some will yet come. Others will speak lightly of this work, destroying themselves.

20. My mission was and is to establish

The Church of Christ. I bring the authority – the priesthood of God by the touch of my hands to this day and time it stands alive. More power shall be given as the servants prepare for it.

21. Because of faith, many souls shall be brought to this Way of Salvation, to find eternity with God and dwell in peace.

22. I leave peace with you and all that read these words. I will come again as the Lord directs. Amen.”

From the Apostles

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's with great sadness that we must inform you that Apostle Mobutu of West Africa has, by his own actions, removed himself from his priesthood office, calling and membership in The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, The Assured Way of the Lord. After several months of working to encourage Apostle Mobutu to make corrections, he has refused. On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, the full quorum of Apostles voted, with a majority exceeding the required 2/3rds, to remove Apostle Mobutu from Church records since he will not change his direction. If you have any questions about this change in leadership, please contact any of the Apostles or Bishops.

-The Joint Quorums of Apostles & Bishops.

2022 General Assembly

Sunday, June 26, 2022

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Apostle Richard Johnson

Dear reader

Please find below the notes for my General Assembly sermon this year for Sunday at 2pm. There are many additional points and references here for those of you who read and study them. There are several major points I made that I want those that heard me or read it to learn I spoke of at the beginning of it. I recommend you read my last two articles in the Greater Light you are reading today.

Forward:

The name Jerusalem means King of Peace. The tabernacle or temple of God was found therein where the old covenant relationship of God and his people played out between heaven and earth. The Ark of the Covenant symbolized heaven with the rule and reign of the throne of God and earth was His covenanted people (Bride) of natural Israel. There was a veil or curtain between the most Holy Place called the Holy of Holies of heaven and the Holy place of earth that only the High Priest of the people could enter yearly seeking God's mercy with the innocent blood of an animal as a type.

Prophetically it is a two for one in its symbolism of the old covenant City of God and of New Jerusalem the spiritual City of God of the new (covenant) heaven and earth. Through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ the veil between Heaven and earth was removed. His name and those of His people is New Jerusalem. He is our great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek and our King of Righteousness by interpretation. He is the spiritual tabernacle and temple of our God made flesh and reigns over heaven and earth with the presence of the Power and Authority of the Throne of God. We come not with the blood of sacrifices of bulls and goats and turtle doves, but He shall require of us to obey the Gospel of love that was before preached by Abraham. We bring our sacrifice of a broken heart with repentance in a contrite spirit to obey the Gospel of Christ.

- Learn the symbolism for the New Jerusalem, the City and Tabernacle of God.
- Jesus Christ is the tabernacle and temple of the City of God.
- The Body of Christ is the spiritual tabernacle and dwelling place of God and His Bride.
- The Body of Christ is the Church of Christ.
- The Church of Christ is the members in particular of the Body of Christ.
- The Church is prepared to be the New Cove-

nant Bride of the Lamb of God.

- *The New Jerusalem is the New Heaven and Earth with the finish of all things new in Christ.*
- *The name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

God Bless.

ALL THINGS NEW

The Lord spoke to His prophet Isaiah saying:

“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.” Isaiah 42:9.

Apostle Paul said: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3.

And then he said: “...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

All things are now new to those in Christ. Colossians 3:9-10.

1 Corinthians 15:45-47, “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.”

There is the old creation of man and the new creation of man.

1 Corinthians 2:14, “...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

The natural man cannot be baptized into a new natural body or put on the earthy body of someone else. God must want us to see the spiritual reality of Christ symbol-

ized by the image of a baptism of water and being clothed with the light and indwelling of his righteous Spirit. The natural creature of the earth has become a new spiritual creation of the Lord from heaven that would hide the glory of the sun with the finish of all things new In the eternities with God. Romans 8:9-11, Message 31:3 & 113:11.

Romans 8:10, “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, & Luke 24:39.

Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead¹; so that they (the natural man) are without excuse.” John 1, Colossians 2:9-15, Matthew 28:18-20, Message 84:36 & 88:15, 2 Nephi 11:7, & Mosiah 15:1-4.

John 3:6, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Those born of the Spirit are born, “not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:13. Beget: 1. (esp. of a male parent) to generate (offspring.) 2. to produce as an effect: a belief that power begets power as in flesh generates offspring of flesh and spirit generates offspring of Spirit.

Jesus answered¹ the Rabbi Nicodemus, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit⁴, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:1-6. Message 71:12 & 83:14. Spiritually Beget or begotten. Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3. The covenant bride and body of Christ. Romans 8:1. The one Spirit of the Father and Jesus Christ. Luke 17:21. The extension of the Church and Zion in the midst or among the kingdoms and nations of men.

There is a natural birth born of flesh and blood and water that can clearly be seen that symbolizes and helps us discern a spiritual birth that is unseen. A newness of life begotten by the spiritual seed of faith in the Word of God. In the death and resurrection² of Jesus with the indwelling of his spirit with our own. The baptism into Christ and

receiving the Holy Spirit of Christ by laying on of the hands of an anointed and appointed servant of God having the Holy Priesthood Authority of Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:16 & 29, 1Corinthians 15:42-44.

Every natural birth is begotten of flesh being born of men who fathered them and of women giving birth to their offspring. From a bride and a groom joined together as one by someone having authority to establish a legal marriage covenant.

In a spiritual marriage covenant the Church of Christ with the Elijah message becomes joint heirs in the body of Christ and members of the Bride, the Lamb's Church, for when He comes to claim His jewels. They are joined together in marriage with the everlasting covenant of the Father to serve Christ unto the end. Baptized into his death and resurrection. That his Bride might be a holy and spiritual virgin undefiled by sin. Being faithfully betrothed to him until he comes to claim her and consummate the marriage and we live forever with him. Genesis 2:23-25, Ephesians 5:27-32 & Message 86:61.

Between 94-96 AD, the Angel Messenger from God said to the apostle John the beloved in Revelation 1:19: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;" and give them to the Churches. Isaiah 42:9.

He that sat upon the throne seen in New Jerusalem said, "...Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:5. Message 87:19-25.

The throne seen signifies the anointed and appointed authority of God over His City. Jesus had said to them after his resurrection: "...All power was given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18.

The same messenger from God said to Otto Fetting: "Awake and write" He wrote the Words of the Lord like Isaiah and the Apostles wrote in their day. Message 3:1-4

This same angel messenger from God said to W.A. Draves in Message 102:1 & 4-6, "Behold! Observe and write the Message I will give to you.

4. I am your fellow servant. I am John the Baptist. I am resurrected.

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.

6. The Church and work of the Lord is established and set in pace. Keep the vigilance. It will be well with all that follow this way." He wrote what he saw and heard."

He has also said: "This is the closing time, to open to the Millennium reign of peace, with Christ on earth ere there cometh a new Heaven and a new Earth." Message 86:3

Mankind was commanded to subdue the earth, much of it has been done, though there be nothing new under the sun. (natural) The sun shall be hid when the finish³ of all things new cometh (Spiritual)." Message 88:14. Revelation 21:23 & 2 Corinthians. 4:6

"...Sin shall not be there for there will be no more Satan to tempt mankind." Message 97:9. Message 37:6

"Let all that come into this Work be baptized of water under this Authority I give and receive the Laying on of Hands for the Holy Unction and Power to do the Work in this closing time; to bring in the Reign of Christ on earth, folding in the Millennium, the reign of peace, ere there cometh a new Heaven and a new earth, when former things will pass away and all things be made new in the eternities." Message 107:8. Message 115:9 & 88:32.

This verse tells me there was a beginning of all things new and the ending of all things old with Christ on Earth before the finish of all things new cometh.

Before a new heaven and earth can be

finished there comes again the Heavenly City of Jerusalem and Mt Zion of spiritual Israel seen by Abraham and established by Jesus with the first apostles was seen in the vision as the New Jerusalem. The New heaven and earth and City of God. The Church established anew (once again) on this land of promise to Joseph. Old Jerusalem of natural Israel and Judah gathered to their promised lands. Then cometh the Lord with the first resurrection of the saints in heaven and those on earth with the Millennium reign of Christ folding in before the final resurrections of the rest of the dead with the final judgement of all men. The finish of the old being rolled up as a scroll or closing of a book. 1Thessalonians 4:14-17, Message 107:8, Revelation 20:4-6 & 12, Message 85:2, & Revelation 6:14.

Prophetically the city of Jerusalem symbolizes the new heaven and earth of God and his people; the City of God. Jerusalem means “king” (jeru) of “peace” (shalom). Zion refers to the land of Israel, the historical home of the Israelites, but the City of Zion refers to Jerusalem the City of David. Old Jerusalem being natural Israel and New Jerusalem being spiritual Israel. Revelation 19:6.

“Heaven and earth (Natural Jerusalem) shall pass away, but my words⁴ (Spirit and Life) shall not pass away.” Matthew 24:35. Matthew 5:18.

“One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.” Ecclesiastes 1:4. John 6:62-63.

Heaven because the presence of the Spirit of the Word of God that was in the cloud above the throne of the ark in the Tabernacle. Earth because the first Adam was made of dust and Eve the mother of all mankind from particular members of his flesh and bone as a type from his side. A type for the people of God that is called His Church and members of the spiritual body of Christ and His Bride.

The image the apostle had seen of a New Jerusalem then represents the victorious Church seen in chapter twelve that fled into the wilderness from the dragon now called out of the wilderness of the gentile churches and nations that fed her and men that swallowed up the (polluted) water of the false doctrines of the dragon. The good branches of the trees God had not planted now to be grafted into the root and branch of true spiritual Israel if they will hear and see and come all the Way.

“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. Be ye repentant and the Lord will hear and heal all the weak and make you strong.” Message 84:37. Revelation 12:5-6, Romans 11:25, Message 102:24-25, 2 Nephi 29 & Malachi 3:18.

“Every tree the Lord has not planted shall be rooted¹ up. If they hear not this Message, the Light they claim to have will fade away. This is the Midnight Cry the scriptures speak of—are you ready?” Message 86:13. Message 67:1-3.

“Every tree, the churches, the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up. There are many false claims and proclaims that is of the evil one to get gain and make merchandise of the Word of God. When man is not humble and his soul is not calm, know ye this, it is not of the Lord.” Message 90:7.

The members in particular of the one Body of Christ prepared as the Bride of the Lamb of God who is the head of the Church and great High Priest of His people. They sit with Him in the Throne of God because they have overcome the world in Him. With the everlasting covenant arranged by the Father for the Son we are now a member of His Church, the Lord’s anointed³, and appointed, the associated ones of faith. The promised Bride of Christ and a member in particular of the spiritual body of Christ having put on Christ. To be

the Body of Christ you are said to have the one Spirit of God and Christ in you and you in Him as in a marriage covenant. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9. Revelation 19:7-9 & 3:21, Message 58:4, 81:21, 113:3-5, 29:3, 34:8, 77:13, & 79:2, & Ephesians 5:30-32.

When Jesus asked Peter who do you say I am he responded: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus answered that it was upon this rock he would build His Church. The Rock of Truth that God revealed to Peter by His Spirit that Jesus was the Christ. The head of the corner¹ of the New Jerusalem². This rock is a pillar and the head of the corner of the foundation the builders rejected of the City of God and His Church. Jesus the Anointed One, the Saviour of men. It denotes that Jesus was divinely appointed. Matthew 16:15-19, Mark 12:10, 1Peter 2:5-7 & Revelation 3:12, 21:2.

"I have established My Church in 1929 anew. I have given the Message and it must be obeyed. All else is of man and I cannot, and will not accept the follies and traditions of men, for My work is a Holy work and man must first be made holy." Message 30:6. Message 12:4. 1Peter 1:15-16

"Keep holy the sacred rites of the Lord. Defile them not..." Message 64:13. Message 102:58

"Turn away from those of adulterous and evil minds... Choose the clean, upright and the faithful..." Message 72:9-10.

"We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land 'unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph,' which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple lot." Articles of Faith and Practice 24 that the Lord inspired. Ether 13:4-8 & III Nephi 10:17. New Jerusalem and old Jerusalem the City of God. Cities are a gathering or assembly of people. Ekklesia or Ecclesia in the Greek for its citizens denotes the members of a church. New Jerusalem the City of God prepared as the bride of the Lamb of God is referred to as Zion a righteous nation of God's people and Kingdom.

This Lord spoke again to His prophet Isaiah saying: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into

mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, *I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.*" Isaiah 65:17-18. Message 71:2 & 98:3, Revelation 21:5, Message 98:4 & 103:33.

The inference by God to Isaiah is that Israel's former heaven and earth referred to as Jerusalem would not be remembered, but He would create New heaven and earth with a New Jerusalem.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: *I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.* For verily I say unto you, *Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*" Matthew 5:17-18.

Matthew 24:32-38, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35. *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

36. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,"

Maybe we should be asking the question who is New Jerusalem instead of what as others have done.

This again from Isaiah 66:1. "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

If heaven is God's throne spiritually

and prophetically then the inverse would be God's throne is heaven. Throne: The seat and presence of God's divine Power. A right or authority that is given or delegated to a person or body: The Holy Priesthood authority and power of God and of the son of man Jesus Christ. Mathew 28:18.

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19. But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me." Jeremiah 3:17-19. Heaven and earth. Isaiah 9:6.

When will Judah walk with the house of Israel again? When there will be no more Jew or Gentile, only those that are in the Lord and serve the Lord. The true spiritual branches of Israel and true Jews in Christ who is the spiritual root² and the offspring of David. Revelation 2:9, 3:9, & 22:16.

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.

3. God is known in **her** palaces for a refuge.

12. Walk about Zion, and go all around **her**: tell the towers thereof,

13. Mark ye well **her** bulwarks; consider **her** palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following.

14. For this is God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to death." Psalm 48:1-3 & 12-14. Compare with Revelation 21:9-27. Notice the pronouns her and God and

He for the City of His people the bride and the body of Christ.

Revelation 21:1-3, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride² adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Message 85:2, 59:10 & 14-15, 60:8-10, 61:5, 62:7, 67:2, 79:2, 84:25, 86:4, & 97:9.

Is God saying that a New Jerusalem the City of God is synonymous with a new heaven and a new earth? If true then the Heaven of New Jerusalem is Jesus Christ the Lamb of God and the Light of it and the New earth is spiritual Israel. If heaven is His throne then it denotes the reign and rule with the one Holy Priesthood authority of Jesus Christ on earth as in heaven. (the Hosts of the Nations.) Remember we are a new creature or creation in Him by the power of His resurrection.

In the City of God is found the river of the water of life and the tree of Life. "... And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; with those that serve him:" Revelation 22:1-3. 1Nephi 8. Isaiah 24, Message 86:17-18, 82:13, 84:38, 85:29, 89:6, 97:2 & Dueteronomy 30:1.

"... Teach men to come partake of the tree¹ of life. Enter in at the strait gate, abide in the way which is narrow and endure unto the end that ye may obtain eternal life,' saith your Lord." Message 41:13.

The New Jerusalem is God's tabernacle who is Jesus Christ. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (tabernacle) among us..." John 1:14. Revelation 21:3.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth

in you?" 1Corinthians 3:16.

Being baptized into Christ and having put on Christ we are in Christ and he in us becoming the Body of Christ the tabernacle and temple of God. "...he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." 1Corinthians 6:17. Galatians 3:27.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." 1 John 4:13.

"Him that overcometh¹ will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name² of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." Revelation 3:12

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's³ book of life." Revelation 21:27

He that overcometh is Jesus and His people in Him. The City and Tabernacle⁴ of God. The Head, the body and the Bride of Christ. The image of the Church and the New Jerusalem. John 16:33, Revelation 2:7,11, 17, & 26, Revelation 3:5 & 21, Revelation 21:7. 1 John 5:4-5. Rev. 21:3.

Revelation 21:1-3 says the New Jerusalem and City of God is prepared as the bride of the Lamb. **Her name** then is a synonym for the Church. The Church then is the Bride of the Bridegroom who is Christ the Lamb of God and they are one. The Church is also members in particular of the body of Christ. He is the Great High Priest of his people and head of His body. **His name** is New Jerusalem. He and the Bride are one Spirit. The Jewish bride would take the name of her husband. She is the spiritual bride of the Root and the offspring of David who is the resurrected Christ and to every branch of the House of Israel. "The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message." Message 103:16, Acts 2:47, meaning "called-out" or

"assembly." "The called out Bride of Christ." Note that the classical Greek usage of Ekklesia included all the citizens of Athens as a city of people.) 1Timothy. 3:15: The church is the house of God. Paul spoke of this building we call the Church or New Jerusalem in 1Corinthians. 3:9-16 & Ephesians 2:19-22. Message 43:26. She is called the Bride in Revelation 3:12, 19:7-9, 21:2, & 9-10, Message.3:3, 68:4, 74:2, 79:2, & 85:2. John 3:22-30, John 1:29 & 36. Message 12:8. Colossians 1:18. Mosiah 5:7-8. Ephesians 4:14-16 & 5:23. Romans 12:4-5, Message 86:61, 103:16, 116:7, & 117:1. Revelation 22:16. Message 39:21, 41:2, 52:24, 84:38, & 85:31.7.

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4-6. Message. 12:4, 106:6-7, 110:21-22, & 111:6.

"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ..."

16. ...for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

19. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians. 6:15-17 & 19-20.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:13.

1 John 4:13 & 16, "Hereby know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

16. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

"The image of the Church is set in pace. The Authority established, the Power given. Let it develop and progress the Lord's way. He will provide and show His

hand.” Message 116:6.

Message 120: 2 & 7, “Keep the standard and the work will not suffer. It has been established to move to every nation and the people of this world.”

7. Let the work continue in the foreign fields. Let it be established everywhere. The Lord will bless and bring success by His Spirit.” Message 87:19-25.

Amen

holy place of peace shall find deliverance. For in Mount Zion and Jerusalem (the city of God and Jesus Christ our Eternal Father) there shall be deliverance. I will give compassion and hear your supplications. Oh ye My people, Mine inheritance, hear ye My words.”

*Message 84:39, “He cometh, who is the deliverer. I am His forerunner. I am the Elias. I bring His Message of love. **The carnal mind of man cannot understand—but the spiritual shall Understand and fold into this Way.**”*

Brother Richard Johnson

Footnotes:

I would like for no one to say ‘I do not believe that the Temple of the Lord will be built for our Lord to come to at His appearing again on the earth.’ Understand that a people must be raised up and be spiritually prepared to build the Holy place on earth he will come to according to the Words of the Lord by His prophets and Messenger John the Baptist.

This work is a spiritual work. A Marvelous Work and a Wonder. “But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear” the reality of the spiritual things that are unseen by others that His messenger has revealed for those that believe.

Matthew 13:13-14, “Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive.”

Message 38:14, “I have come and will yet come, as the prophets have foretold, until the great controversy between Christ and satan is over, the Temple built, the people prepared and the bridegroom sits down. They that be with Him are called, chosen and faithful.” Message 6:8-9.

Message 47:4, “...Then shall all darkness recede and this great spiritual light will light the way of those that are humble before God.”

*Message 48:11, “Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened the gate, even designing your deliverance and a way of preparation. To the humble, the upright and just, **My faithful, I shall give unto thee the greater light and power to carry on**, for by My Spirit I shall use you to My name’s honor and glory. I shall deliver My people Israel from whence the evil one has bound them, and those that stretch forth their hands toward My*

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony:

Sacrament Service was held by Brothers Reece and Ethan Johnson.

Testimonies given during the service by:

Brother Richard Johnson— who was thankful for the blessings and protection the Lord provided during his recent missionary trip to Germany. Although the original purpose of the trip fell through, Brother Richard was able to meet with Michael Janus and Mariola, both baptized members.

Brother Reece Johnson— thanked the Lord for all the blessings this year. The Independence Local had to find a new location starting the beginning of the year. The Lord provided a wonderful place in the same area complex which suited our needs much better. Unfortunately, three months in, the water heater leaked flooding the entire sanctuary and the Independence local lost access to the space for 12 weeks until the damage could be repaired. Even during that hiatus, the Lord blessed us .

Brother Reece also thanked the Lord For helping him navigate his job during COVID and the health of his family, particularly, his grand kids.

Sister Nawassa Greenwell— thanked

the Lord for helping her through her cancer. She has finished chemo and does not need radiation. She is now cancer free.

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Apostle Jairus Yates

Spend Time in the Word

Deuteronomy 8:1-3. "All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers.

2. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no.

3. And he humble thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, **but by every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live."

Alma 32:28-43, "Now we will **compare the word unto a seed**. Now if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart, behold, if it be true seed, or a good seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will resist the Spirit of the Lord, behold, it will begin to swell within you breasts; and when you feel these swelling motions, ye will begin to say within yourselves, it must needs be that this is a good seed, or that **the word is good**, for it beginneth to enlarge my soul: yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, it beginneth to be delicious to me.

29. Now behold, would not this increase your faith? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a perfect knowledge.

30. But behold, as the seed swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, then you must needs say that the seed is good: for behold it swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow.

31. And now behold, are ye sure that this is a good seed? I say unto you, Yea; for every seed bringeth forth unto its own likeness;

32. Therefore, if a seed groweth it is good, but if it groweth not, behold it is not good, therefore it is cast away.

33. And now, behold, because ye have tried the experiment, and planted the seed, and it swelleth and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, ye must needs know that the seed is good.

34. And now behold, is your knowledge perfect? Yea, your knowledge is perfect in that thing, and your faith is dormant; and this because you know, for ye know that the word hath swelled your souls, and ye also know that it hath sprouted up, that your understanding doth begin to be enlightened, and your mind doth begin to expand.

35. O then, is not this real? I say unto you, Yea, because it is light: and whatsoever is light, is good, because it is discernable, therefore ye must know that it is good; and now behold, after ye have tasted this light, is your knowledge perfect?

36. Behold I say unto you, Nay; neither must ye lay aside your faith, for ye have only exercised your faith to plant the seed, that ye might try the experiment to know if the seed was good.

37. And behold, as the tree beginneth to grow, ye will say, Let us nourish it with great care, that it may get root, that it may grow up, and bring forth fruit unto us. And now behold, if ye nourish it with much care, it will get root, and grow up, and bring forth fruit.

38. But if ye neglect the tree, and take no thought for its nourishment, behold it will not get any root; and when the heat of

the sun cometh and scorcheth it, because it hath no root, it withers away, and ye pluck it up and cast it out.

39. Now this is not because the seed was not good, neither is it because the fruit thereof would not be desirable; but it is because your ground is barren, and ye will not nourish the tree, therefore ye cannot have the fruit thereof.

40. And thus, if ye will not nourish the word, looking forward with an eye of faith to the fruit thereof, ye can never pluck of the fruit of the tree of life.

41. But **if ye will nourish the word**, yea, nourish the tree as it beginneth to grow, **by your faith with great diligence, and with patience**, looking forward to the fruit thereof, it shall take toot; and behold it shall be a tree springing up unto everlasting life.

42. And because of your diligence, and your faith, and your patience with the word in nourishing it, that it may take root in you, behold, by and by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof, which is most precious, which is sweet above all that is sweet, and which is white above all that is white; yea, and pure above all that is pure; and **ye shall feast upon this fruit**, even until yea are filled, that ye hunger not, neither shall ye thirst.

43. Then, my brethren, ye shall reap the rewards of your faith, and your diligence, and patience, and long suffering, waiting for the tree to bring forth unto you.”

Hebrews 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

We must exercise our faith and spend time in the Word.

Message 3:2-3, “The instruction is sent: to the wise, a warning; to the sleeper, and awakening; to the wicked, destruction; but to the people of the Lord, a Message that

Christ’s coming is near at hand.

3. Behold the Church has slept and slumbered but now let the wise trim their lamps, that the Spirit of God may be as oil to their lamps, for behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Prepare ye the way for His coming. Behold the Temple must be built.”

Message 88:36-38, “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 no 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.

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. When I was here to see you the last time I did not give you my name but what I told you about the Church is true and much more shall be revealed to you from time to time. Come with me and I will show you a vision.”

Message 3:5-6, “The Lord sent me to prophesy, for thus saith the Lord of Hosts; ‘I have sent My Messenger to you. In the time of trouble when many of the hearts of my children were sad, their hope was fading away, their faith was tried, they looked to and fro for the old paths; in the anguish and distress of their souls I heard their cry.

6. That My Church and My people may again receive the light and direction to carry on My work, let those that I have chosen

to lead My people to labor in the harvest, make haste that nothing may be lost, for great is the harvest, and laborers are but few. Let those of the twelve release themselves from those things that are now hindering them from taking the field, as soon as they can, that My work may go on without delay. Let Mine elders also labor in the field wherever they can, for joy shall come by sacrifice, and peace and blessings to all those that will serve Me.”

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 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 works of satan must be destroyed. For that work came I into the world, that I may prepare the Way that Christ may destroy the works of satan.”

Message 12:1,7, & 13, “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 the 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 may have no excuse at the judgment day, for ee-

rily these things shall come to pass.

7. Behold, the Lord changes not, again He has sent me to instruct the children of men as to the building of the Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the building of the Temple, the material it shall be built of, and I will come from time to time to instruct you, for thus was I commanded to instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not true to the trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been entrusted with this work, therefore be humble that you fail not in your work.

13. I will come from time to time until the Work is finished after the pattern. Be humble, and the Lord will bless you by His Spirit, and men will be blessed by the Message in time to come. Amen.”

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 dealing 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 to you.”

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 the people of the things that shall come to pass, to preach the Gospel, to set the Church in order. I come to you in light. I come to you in power. 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 22:3 & 23, “I come to remind you of the warning I have brought, and this warning to all people.

23. I will come to you from time to time to bring light; to direct; to help; and instruct the people of the Lord; to warn the world, that none will have an excuse at the

last day. Amen.”

Message 25:3 & 10, “The Lord has sent me to warn the nations., and after this warning will come destruction, wars, pestilence, famine, and earthquakes, as never have been, for the Lord wants a Holy people.

10. I have been instructed to direct the Lord’s work, and the work that shall be done, and will come from time to time and direct the Lord’s people as in the days of Moses.”

Message 26:18, “I will come and direct as the Lord will have need of me. Be humble in you work. Take no part in the contentions of the world, but let your mind be at peace, that the Spirit of God may dwell in you, and **prepare your mind to receive the Words of the Lord. Amen.**”

Message 35:6, “ ‘Hearken: I say to My servants, be ye up and doing. Go to the fields as the way will open before you; I plead with you to labor in unison for My Cause.’ ”

Message 62:2-3, “I come that righteousness shall look down from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath sent me and causeth me to speak. I speak His Will. The words I speak shall bring peace to many , for Salvation shall be upon the earth among men. Yea, it is and now waiteth to be carried to the ends of the earth, the isles of the sea, for lo, the Lord has spoken; the Lord that made Heaven and earth and all things that in them are. He that stretched forth Heaven above, He it is that shall confound the liars and maketh diviners fail and turn the wise backwards making their knowledge foolish. He it is that shall allow confusion to come upon all of them that stir against the Lord and the words I bring. I bring a Way of Deliverance.

3. I am the Messenger to go before the Lord to make the crooked straight; to cause to be broken to pieces all their gates of evil,

them that oppose the Way of the Lord.”

Message 63:7, “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.**”

Message 64:1, “Awake, arise, and take the Message I will give you. Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, His Messenger whom ye delight in my coming. I am sent of God to bring other servants that His Vineyard may be nourished, yea, this last time that it may bring forth, and a people be prepared or the coming of the Lord. I have been chosen, and my name is John. This is may calling, to prepare the ways before the Christ to come to His Bride.”

Message 71:12, “I speak Light to the world, and my mission is designed of the Lord and shall have its effect, **for the Word shall fill the whole earth and men will know the truth and be abundantly free.** Satan has bound mankind with soothing ways and words and enticed in sin, until the Spirit of the Lord cannot work with them, except they repent. Let repentance be taught. Faith in God’s Word must be heard and the baptisms, that men be born again of the water and Holy Spirit, with fire from the Lord— and peace will rule and satan have no power on those who heed and obey, having strong faith.”

Message 108:13-15, “Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to the Standard rule and Plan of this work— let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.

14. Let not man’s ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.

15. My coming is to guide and hold steady the Work of the Church.”

The Lord has seen fit to send His mes-

senger, John the Baptist, with His Word so that we may have the way of salvation and deliverance; that we may be prepared and worthy to meet Christ when He comes again. I want to encourage you all to stay in the Word. It's the only way.

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Handmaidens of the Lord

We were very blessed this year with our Assembly studies— a study by Sister Karen Wilkin, “Stand on the Promises of God,” and a study of Charles Capp’s booklet, “God’s Creative Power for Healing.” Sister Ola Thompson prepared additional references from the “Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel” and “The Record of the Nephites” for study.

Today, we will share with you the study, “Stand on the Promises of God,” by Sister Karen Wilkin. Love to each of you. I pray you will be blessed by this study as much as we were.

-Sister Thresa Ray

Stand on the Promises of God

We know we are living in the End Times. There are so many obstacle, trials, temptations, persecutions, adversity, tribulations and unrest everywhere. In this study, we will look at some references that give us the strength and hope we need to rely on to see us through the hard times, hardships, brokenness, heartaches, sorrows, sin and danger. It's all around us.

“Psalm 91:1-4, 10-11 & 14-15, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.”

What is the secret place it speaks of in verse 1? FAITH is a key word to understanding and developing that kind of closeness to God, and it is through PRAYER (Alma 26:22) that opens the door to that Secret Place where we find unity, peace, answers, hope, tranquility, trust, virtue, humility, kindness, harmony, joy, the beauty of holiness and love, all leading to a closer walk and relationship with Christ, which placed us in a position of the most high and we “shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty!!!” We are to pray in our secret closet (Alma 34:26), while alone and we can pour out our hearts in prayer just between us and God. There are many ways to Pray in Secret to God and sometimes those are the most uplifting, humble, spiritual experiences we obtain.

Psalm 91 is a psalm of teaching us how to reach out to God in times of trial and ad-

versity. It teaches us how to learn how to trust God and BELIEVE He will never leave us or forsake us. Verse 11 tells us “For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

Psalm 119:16 & 27, “I will delight myself in they statues: I will not forget thy word.

27. Make me to understand the way of they precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.”

When we testify (Psalm 119:99) unto other of the goodness of God, we are blessing them with hope of “There is no Secret what God can do, What He’s done for others, He will do you for you. With arms wide open He will pardon you, for it is no secret what God can do.”

Psalm 121:1-2. “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.”

What a Promise!! Our help comes from the Lord. Sometimes it doesn’t seem like He hears our cries or our pleas. Sometimes we walk in the dark valley for awhile and might even become wearisome, downcast, discouraged and begin to waver a bit. God also understands those emotions. He is so patient through it all- until we can begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel, restoring our hope and trust in Him. Sometimes, we need a miracle. Sometimes, we need strength to wait for the victory without feeling defeated. Psalm 121:1 reminds me of Isaiah 40:31, “...they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint,”

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

Psalm 119:103, “How sweet are they words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than

honey to my mouth!”

If we can remain faithful, obedient, trusting and endure through our afflictions, these are just a few of the promises we have before us to reassure us and bring us comfort, peace, hope and finally Victory.

Alma 7:24, “And see that ye have faith, hope and charity, and then ye will always abound in good works;”

Alma 34:39-41, “Yea, and I also exhort you, my brethren, that ye be watchful unto prayer continually, that ye may not be led away by the temptation of the devil, that he may not overpower you, that ye may not become his subjects at the last day: for behold, he rewardeth you no good thing.

40. And now my beloved brethren, I would exhort you to have patience, and that ye bear with all manner of afflictions; that ye do not revile against those who do cast you out because of your exceeding poverty, lest ye become sinners like unto them:

41. But that ye have patience, and bear with those afflictions, with a firm hope that ye shall one day rest from all your afflictions.”

I can’t write down the entire chapter of Psalm 136, but what a blessing it is to read. It speaks of how His Mercy Will Endure Forever. This chapter gives us hope and will to continue on even in the midst of afflictions and discouragements.

Psalm 144:2, “My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.”

James 5:11, “Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.”

1 Peter 5:6-9, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Yes, He cares for you. Through it all, He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. If there was ever a time we need to be very close to God, know His still small voice and be in Tune with His Holy Spirit, it is now. We know Prayer is the key that unlocks the heart of God and opens up new windows of hope.

I love the Book of Alma chapter 34:18-27, "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 our 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 our enemies;

23. Ye, 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 in 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."

Did that catch your attention? It sure did mine. God has not left us in the dark about what to do or what not to do in times of affliction, suffering, trials and tempta-

tions has He? Psalm 91 is a perfect example of what He has done and will do for us. Read verse 11 again, "**For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**" Verse 4, "**He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**"

There we have it. Plain and simple; God is in charge if we allow Him to be. He is our Comforter (2 Corinthians 1:13, John 14:26), and He knows even before we seek Him what we need and when we need it.

It is a time we need to STAND ON THE PROMISES OF GOD to be able to ENDURE all that is happening now and is going to happen. Right now things may not be at their worse, but we know according to scriptures much more is yet to come and if we aren't prepared and ready, have our lamps trimmed and filled with oil, if we don't have on the full armor of Christ and standing on the solid rock, grounded firm and deeply in His word and Holy Spirit, then there is a chance we could be found slumbering and sleeping. It could go right on over the top of us and we wouldn't even be aware of it.

Psalm 145 8-9 & 18-20, "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9. The Lord is food to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will destroy."

Psalm 147:3 & 11, "He health the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."

In closing, I want to give you this verse from Alma 33:8, *“Yea, thou art merciful unto thy children when they cry unto thee to be heard of thee, and not of men, and though wilt hear them;”*

I have included some scripture references that goes along with our study if you care to look them up.

Alma 8:24	Psalms 147:6
Psalms 124:7-8	Proverbs 2:2-11
Psalms 136	Alma 34:39-41
Psalms 144:2	Message 88:6
Psalms 145	Message 70:10

Youth Classes

Primary Class

Our Primary Class, ages 3-6, was taught by Sister Chalee Snow. The class included lessons on The Good Shepherd, Jesus Loves the Little Children What a Friend We Have in Jesus, The Lord’s Prayer, This Little Light of Mine and a Study on John the Baptist which focused on Zacharias and Elizabeth, Jesus’s Baptism, and John’s preparation for Christ’s return.

The children also created crafts, colored pictures, played games, sang songs and enjoyed daily snacks.

Your children are indeed a blessing! We hope many more can make it to the Assembly next year! We want to bless your children and they are a great blessing to us!

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.

The youth also painted ‘Church’ bird-houses, made mustard seed faith friendship bracelets and enjoyed daily snacks.

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, 2023. 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 1

Long before John the Baptist was born, prophets prophesied of his birth and his mission for God. Below are two verses of such prophecies:

Isaiah 40:3, given approximately 700 years prior to John’s birth, “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Malachi 3:1, “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to this temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in” behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Read Luke 1:5-80, and then answer the following questions.

1. Why did Zacharias find it difficult to believe the angel when he told him that his wife, Elisabeth, would have a child?
2. What happened to Zacharias because of his disbelief?
3. Who stayed with and helped Elizabeth when she was with child?
4. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth? Why?

5. Did Zacharias get his voice back? If so, how?
6. What did Zacharias prophesy about John?

Read Matthew 3:1-17, and answer the following questions.

1. When John grew older, he went into the wilderness to be alone and prepare himself to do God's mission. How did he dress... what were his clothes? What did he eat?
2. What was John's mission?
3. When Jesus asked to be baptized what did John say?
4. What happened after John baptized Jesus?

Read Mark 6:14-29, and answer the following questions. King Herod did not like John because he told Herod that he sinned by marrying his brother's wife. Herod imprisoned John.

1. Who danced for Herod at his birthday party?
2. Herod enjoyed the dancing and said he would grant his step-daughter any wish. What did she wish for?
3. Did Herod grant the wish? Why or why not?

When Jesus was crucified and resurrected 3 days later, the righteous were resurrected at the same time.

Matthew 27:52-53, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53. And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

This means that John is a resurrected being, flesh and bones, - an angel.

Luke 24:39, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Jesus is speaking here).

Message 91:2, "I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am resurrected—I was resurrected when Christ arose from the tomb..."

John fulfilled the first part of the prophecies— preparing the way for Christ's first coming. He can now fulfill the second part of the prophecies— preparing the way for Christ's second coming!

Luke 1:76, "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for though shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;" ("ways"- meaning more than one way or more than on coming.)

Malachi 4:5-6, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

6. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

We know that John the Baptist is now fulfilling his calling to prepare the way before Christ's second coming. To date, he had brought 120 messages from God to direct the church and the world— to prepare Christ's Bride to meet Him when He returns. The messages are published in "The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel."

John first appeared to Brother Otto Fetting, September 21, 1927, giving him Messages 1-30. When Brother Fetting passed away, the angel, John the Baptist, started appearing to Brother William A. Draves on October 4, 1937. Brother Draves received Messages 31-120 (90 messages).

John has established Christ's Church bringing the Holy Priesthood Authority.

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. The Holy Unction is upon the servants today.

56. Now again, I lay my hands on your 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 accomplish the Work and to bless others with this Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the Great Plan in your day and time. I bless you that you may bless others. Amen.” (speaking to Brother Draves)

The following are more verses regarding the Priesthood Authority.

Message 5:1-2, “In 1899 the servant of the Lord laid his hands on you and set you apart from among men to represent Christ, and gave you authority to preach the Gospel and bring others into His Kingdom. That authority has not been taken from you , and never will be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God.

2. Again in 1926, you with your brethren, were set apart as members of the twelve to represent Christ and His Church, with the same authority as the apostles of old...”

Message 12:6 & 8, “Remember, the Lord Committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the Priesthood and Authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called others to prune His

Vineyard, to bring the Gospel of Peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the Priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old.

8. And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so I lay my hands on you, that greater Power and greater Light might come to you, and to set you apart to do the work entrusted to your care and in your day. Remember, the priesthood was not and will be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith but the greater Power of the priesthood has been withheld because of the transgression of those who have been entrusted therewith. Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please the lord your God. Be true to the trust that has been placed upon you and your brethren, each one In his place and calling, for the Lord will hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will require it at their hands in the last day. Some will fail because of the temptations that shall come to them, but they will suffer loss. But, remember, Christ is at the head of the Church, and will direct His Work. He is the Great Hight Priest of His people and He will direct the Work as in days of old. I therefore bless you in the name of Christ, and admonish you to seek not the praise of men but be humble before God, and the people of the Lord, and your brethren. The Priesthood and Authority that was placed upon you, by the servant of the Lord will never be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God, but if you are not true to the trust imposed upon you, you shall suffer loss and lose your crown. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of the Temple and the work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that the people of the lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.”

Message 83:8, “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 Christ to earth again. I bring a Way of Deliverance from sin to Life and Way to the Lord."

Message 114:5, "The Message and Authority that I bring is the pure love of God, the priesthood after the Order of God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of all things, even the Lord Jesus Christ."

After his resurrection, John the Baptist appeared to John the Beloved and gave the Revelation of the churches.

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."

Message 104:15, "The revelation of John is being unfolded in the eyes of all nations."

The Revelation that John the Baptist gave to John the Beloved is recorded in Revelations, the last book of the Holy Bible.

Then John the Baptist appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery giving the Holy Priesthood Authority and restoring God's Church here on earth. Then he reiterated the Holy Priesthood Authority on Otto Feting and again on William A. Draves. (Message 86:54-56).

John's work is very important and precedes the coming of the Lord when He comes to have communion with his Saints again.

John the Baptist says in Message 106:19, "The law and prophets spoke until I come— now I speak for the Lord, that the word and Plans of God will be carried

through and accomplished and the Holy Sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord."

He is the one spoken of— that all who will not hear his words— that prophet— will be cut off from the covenant of the Lord. (Message 86:12).

Message 102:60, "I will come again until the Work is finished. I am the Elias. Amen."

Message 68:15, "I will come again until the Work is finished and the Christ comes. I will be with Him when He comes. Amen."

Message 106:13, "I am John the Baptist, a Resurrected being, the Messenger of the Lord, the forerunner of the Christ, His comings. I bring the Elias or Elijah Message spoken of by Christ and the prophets. I am the Elect one, he to give meat in due season, the Ancient of Days, the Messenger of the Covenant, the Promised One to come. I speak the Lord's Will and proclaim the Word again before the Christ shall come. I shall be with Him when He comes to claim His Bride, the Church, His Jewels. Let mankind hear."

As you can see, scripture tells us that John the Baptist will accompany Christ when He returns to claim His Jewels. John the Baptist's work may continue even after Christ's return.

The last message that John the Baptist brought, Message 120, was on April 22, 1994, to W.A. Draves. Brother Draves passed away June 28, 1994. God says he will send His messenger when there is a need and a desire. We need to pray diligently for God to send His angel, John the Baptist, again to direct the Church in this End Time. So much needs to be done before Christ's returns— the Gospel taken to all the world, a people prepared to be Christ's Bride and the Holy Temple built.

Let us pray together for the return of God's Heavenly Messenger, John the Baptist.