

Transformed and Renewed Through Repentance
and the Working of the Holy Spirit
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First General Epistle Given to the Church by Joseph Smith III

“In the name of the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, I now call upon all the scattered Saints, upon all the broad earth, **to arise and shake off the sleep that hath bound them these many years, take on the armor of the just, calling on the name of the Lord for help, and unite once more for the emancipation of the honest in heart from the power of false doctrine and the shackles of sin.**

“In the name of bleeding Zion, **I call upon all those who have been wandering in by and forbidden paths and have been led astray by the wicked and designing men, to turn from their scenes of wickedness and sins of convenience, to turn from their servitude to Satan in all his seductive devices; from vice in every phase, and from the labor of sin, the wages whereof are ever death, unto the true and delightsome allegiance to the principles of the gospel of peace, to the paths of wisdom, to the homage of that God that brought the children of Israel out of bondage; to turn and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon; To lay hold anew upon the rod of iron (word of God) which surely leads to the tree of life; to remember that those who live to the Lord keep His commandments, and that the promises are unto the faithful and the reward unto those that endure to the end.**

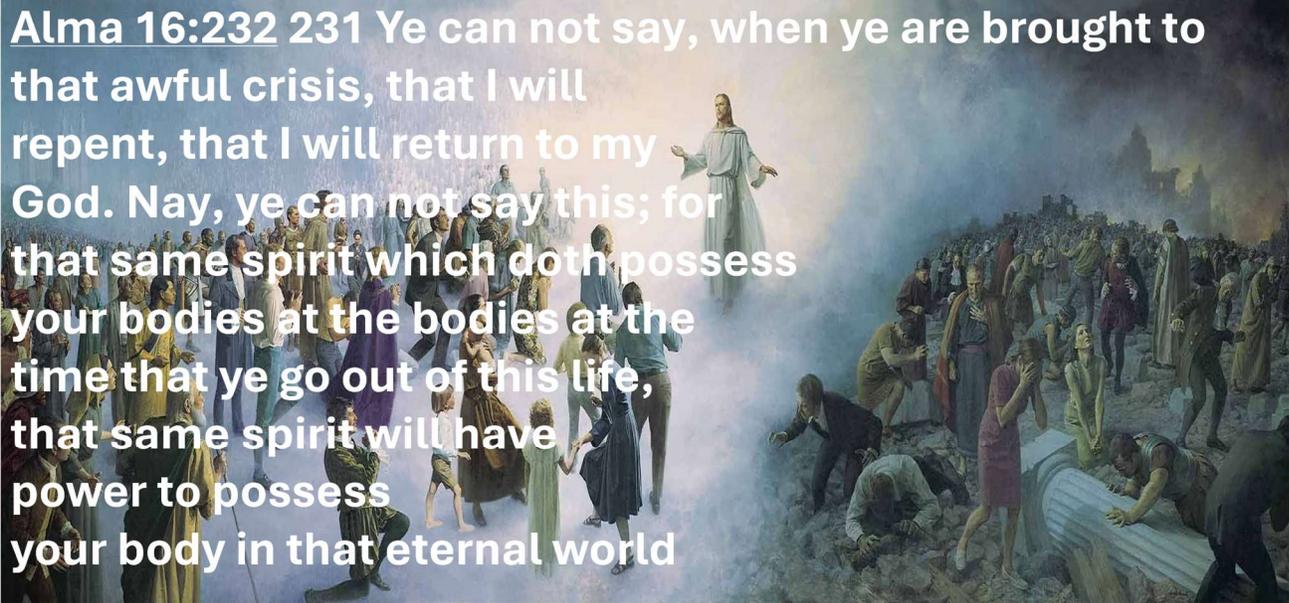
“And in the name of the Lord of hosts, **I call upon all the inhabitants of the earth to repent, believe, and be baptized, for the time cometh when the judgments of God are to be poured out upon all nations, and the besom (Broom) of God’s wrath shall smoke through the land; when men shall know that there is a God in Israel, and He is mighty to punish or to save; that the prayers of those under the altar have been heard, and a swift retribution is to come, when the despoiler will be despoiled; when those who denied justice shall be judged, and the measure meted unto others shall be meted unto them; when the prisoner shall go free, the oppressed be redeemed, and all of Israel shall cry, ‘Glory to God in the highest be given, for He is long suffering and slow to anger has risen and shall bring again Zion.’ Amen and Amen”**

(Church History 3:294-295 or Selected Writings of Elbert A Smith p. 88-89)

Are You Ready to Meet Christ Face to Face?

If Your Life Ended Today, Are You Ready to Meet Jesus?

Alma 16:232 231 Ye can not say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye can not say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world



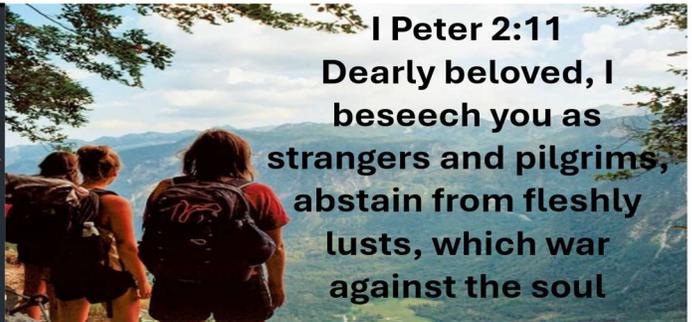
Don't Forget Who You Are and Where You Are Going

WE ARE
**SPIRITUAL
BEINGS**
HAVING A
**HUMAN
EXPERIENCE**



Alma 9:41 Therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state, which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead

I Peter 2:11
Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul



**MY HOME
IS IN HEAVEN.**
*I'm just traveling
THROUGH
this world.*



Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, **even eternal life.**

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ **unto eternal life.**

Never Lose Sight of the Real Goal

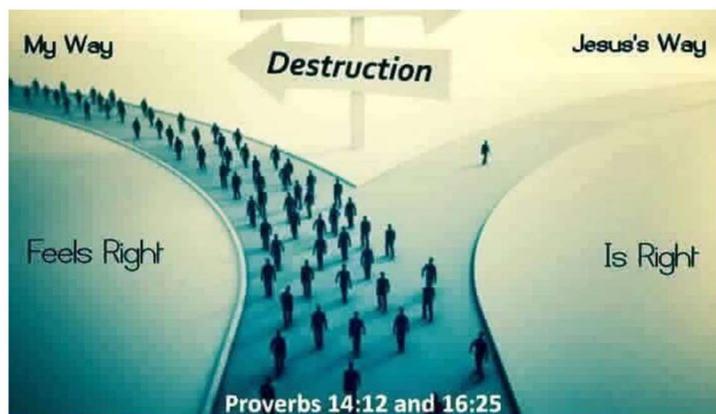
DC 22:23b And there is no end to my works, neither to my words; **for this is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man.**

DC 28:7b **And the righteous shall be gathered on my right hand unto eternal life;** and the wicked on my left hand will I be ashamed to own before the Father.

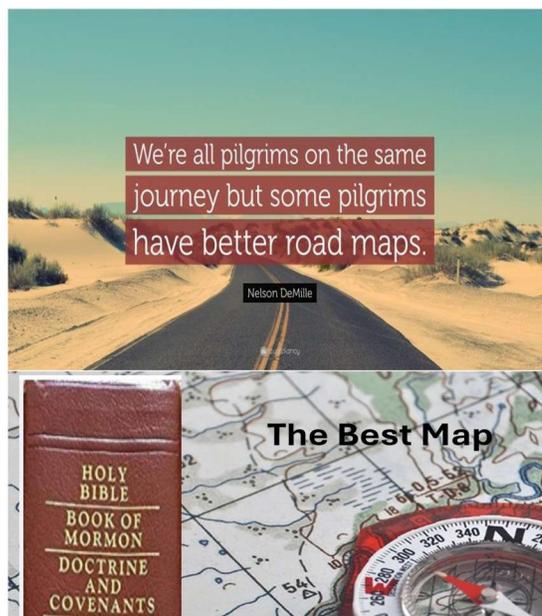
DC 75:1c And thus if ye are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, **and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life.**

DC 29:2e Wherefore, give heed unto these things, **and be diligent in keeping my commandments, and you shall be blessed unto eternal life. Amen**

Are You On The Right Road?



There is a way which seems right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.



Understanding Our State and Condition

2 Nephi 1:105-120 105 And after Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit, they were driven out of the garden of Eden, to till the earth. 106 And they have brought forth children; yea, even the family of all the earth. 107 And the days of the children of men were prolonged, according to the will of God, **that they might repent while in the flesh;**

108 Wherefore, **their state became a state of probation, and their time was lengthened, according to the commandments which the Lord God gave unto the children of men.**

109 **For he gave commandment that all men must repent;**

110 **For he shewed unto all men that they were lost, because of the transgression of their parents.** 111 And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed, he would not have fallen; but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. 112 And all things which were created, must have remained in the same state which they were, after they were

created; and they must have remained forever, and had no end. 113 And they would have had no children; wherefore, they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin. 114 But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things. 115 Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. 116 And the Messiah cometh in the fullness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall. 117 And because that they are redeemed from the fall, they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; 118 To act for themselves, and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the Lord, at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given.

119 Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. 120 And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great mediation of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil.

Genesis 6:49-53 49 And he said unto them, Because that Adam fell, we are; and by his fall came death, and we are made partakers of misery and woe.

50 Behold, Satan hath come among the children of men, and tempteth them to worship him; and men have become carnal, sensual, and devilish, and are shut out from the presence of God.

51 But God hath made known unto our fathers, that all men must repent.

52 And he called upon our father Adam, by his own voice, saying, I am God; I made the world, and men before they were in the flesh.

53 And he also said unto him, If thou wilt, turn unto me and hearken unto my voice, and believe, and repent of all thy transgressions, and be baptized, even in water, in the name of mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth, which is Jesus Christ, the only name which shall be given under heaven, whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (So, Adam was given to understand the pathway to salvation.)

Genesis 6:67-69 67 And it came to pass, when the Lord had spoken with Adam our father, that Adam cried unto the Lord, and he was caught away by the Spirit of the Lord, and was carried down into the water, and was laid under the water, and was brought forth out of the water; and thus he was baptized. 68 And the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit, and became quickened in the inner man. 69 And he heard a voice out of heaven, saying, Thou art baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost; this is the record of the Father and the Son, from henceforth and forever.

The Holy Spirit Plays a Major Role in Repentance

John 18: 7-8 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. (Note, The Holy Spirit Convicts us of our sins. = In the Greek = The Word “Reprove” also means to “Convict or Rebuke”)

Alma Gave Us a Travel Log to Prepare Us for the Journey

Alma 16:228-234 228 For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God: **yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.** 229 And now as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore I beseech of you, **that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end;**

230 For after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, **if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness, wherein there can be no labor performed.** **231 Ye can not say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God.**

232 Nay, ye can not say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, **that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.** **233 For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance, even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his;** 234 Therefore the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you **and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked.**

The Call to Repent

Alma 10:27 And now my brethren, I wish from the inmost part of my heart, **yea, with great anxiety, even unto pain, that ye would hearken unto my words, and cast off your sins, and not procrastinate the day of your repentance.**

I Nephi 3:210 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying, Thou hast beheld that **if the Gentiles repent, it shall be well with them.....**

212 And thou also hast heard, that whoso repenteth not, must perish.

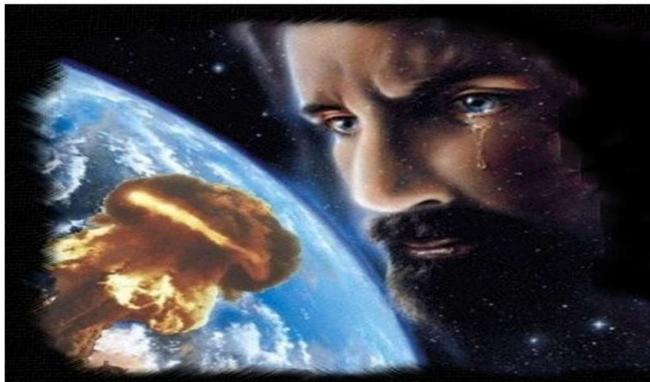
Matthew 7:22 Repent, therefore, and enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to be renewed again unto repentance; seeing they crucify unto themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame



The Lord God Weeps Over His Children



DC 36:6b And it came to pass that the God of heaven looked upon the residue of the people, **and he wept, and Enoch bore record of it, saying, How is it the heavens weep and shed forth their tears as the rain upon the mountains?**

6c And Enoch said unto the Lord, **How is it that you can weep, seeing you are holy, and from all eternity to all eternity?** **7a** The Lord said unto Enoch, **Behold these your brethren; they are the workmanship of my own hands, and I gave unto them their knowledge, in the day I created them;**

Sec. 36 Continued = 7b **and in the garden of Eden gave I unto man his agency; and unto your brethren have I said, and also gave commandments, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their Father;**
 7c **but, behold, they are without affection, and they hate their own blood, and the fire of my indignation is kindled against them, and in my hot displeasure will I send in the floods upon them, for my fierce anger is kindled against them.**
 7d **Behold, I am God; Man of Holiness is my name; Man of Counsel is my name; and Endless and Eternal is my name, also.**
 7e **Wherefore, I can stretch forth my hands and hold all the creations which I have made, and my eye can pierce them, also; and among all the workmanship of my hand there has not been so great wickedness as among your brethren; but, behold, their sins shall be upon the heads of their fathers.**
 7f **Satan shall be their father, and misery shall be their doom; and the whole heavens shall weep over them, even all the workmanship of my hands.**
 7g **Wherefore, should not the heavens weep, seeing these shall suffer?**

Repentance a Time for Rejoicing



Exquisite Joy

Alma 17:14 And now, for three days and for three nights was I racked, even with the pains of a damned soul.

15 And it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment, while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many sins, behold, I remembered also to have heard my father prophesy unto the people, concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ, a Son of God, to atone for the sins of the world.

16 Now as my mind caught hold upon this thought, I cried within my heart, O Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy on me, who art in the gall of bitterness, and art encircled about by the everlasting chains of death.

17 And now behold, when I thought this, I could remember my pains nor more; yea, I was harrowed by the memory of my sins no more.

18 And O, what joy, and what marvelous light I did behold; yea, my soul was filled with joy as exceeding as was my pain; yea, I say unto you, my son, that there could be nothing so exquisite and so bitter as were my pains.

19 Yea, and again I say unto you, my son, that on the other hand, there can be nothing so exquisite and sweet as was my joy.



The Call to Repent Goes From Adam to Today

DC 1:5f for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven.

5g and he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.

DC 10:4b Say nothing but repentance unto this generation.

DC 16:3c Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; for, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.



The Atonement

Mosiah 2:10 And also, the atonement which has been prepared from the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, and should be diligent in keeping his commandments, and continue in the faith even unto the end of his life; I mean the life of the mortal body.

Romans 5:7-11 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Alma 16:207 Behold, I say unto you, that I do know that Christ shall come among the children of men, to take upon him the transgressions of his people, and that he shall atone for the sins of the world; for the Lord God has spoken it.

He Hath Saved Us

Mosiah 8:28 And now Abinadi said unto them, I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people.

Mosiah 8:32,38 32 And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by his people 38 Standing betwixt them and justice; having broken the bands of death, taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions; having redeemed them, and satisfied the demands of justice.

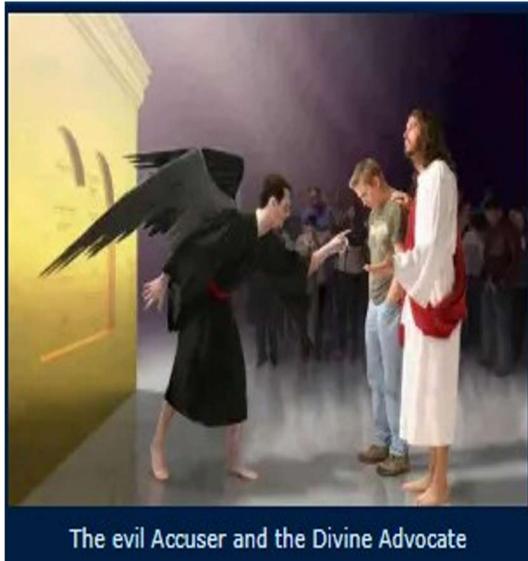
The Blood of Jesus

Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; **14** **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.**

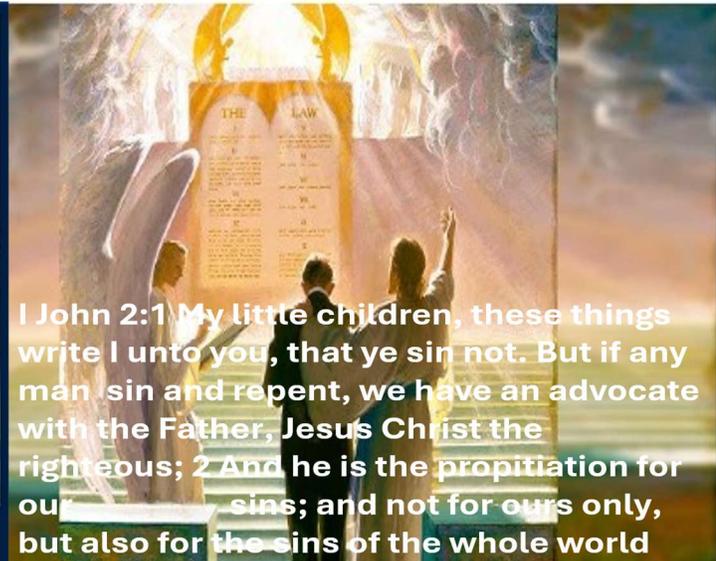
1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain Conversations received by traditions from your fathers; **19** But with the **“Precious Blood of Christ”** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot



Satan Will Accuse Us



Jesus Is Our Advocate



Repentance is Not a One Time Event

Repentance is not a one-time event. It's a **lifestyle of alignment.**

It's not about shame. It's about returning to **union** with God.

Matthew 3:35 Repent, therefore, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance

Jacob 4:16 O then, my beloved brethren, repent ye, and enter in at the strait gate, and continue in the way which is narrow, until ye shall obtain eternal life.

DC 66:5d Forsake all unrighteousness..... **5g** Continue in these things, even unto the end, and you shall have a crown of eternal life at the right hand of my Father, who is full of grace and truth.

DC 12:3b Keep my commandments in all things; and if you keep my commandments and endure to the end, you shall have eternal life; which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God

Examine Yourselves = God See's Your Secret Sins

1 Corinthians 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Psalms 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, **our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.**

Repentance and Baptism Are the Beginning of Transformation from the Natural to the Spiritual Man or Woman

11 Nephi 13:24 For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water: and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire, and by the Holy Ghost..... **27** And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this strait and narrow path, **I would ask, if all is done?**

28 Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save;

29 Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.

30 Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life

(Words of Jesus)

3 Nephi 12:29 And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name, shall be filled; **and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father, at that day when I shall stand to judge the world**



True Repentance = Good Fruit

Matthew 7:28 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, **is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 29** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

30 Verily I say unto you, **it is not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, that shall enter unto the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

31 For the day soon cometh, that men shall come before me to judgment, to be judged according to their works.

32 And many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name; and in thy name cast out devils; and in thy name done many wonderful works? **33** And then will I say, Ye never knew me; depart from me ye that work iniquity.

Through Repentance We Move Forward to "A New Beginning"



11 Cor. 2:16 Wherefore, henceforth live we no more after the flesh; yea, though we once lived after the flesh, yet since we have known Christ, now henceforth live we no more after the flesh.

17 Therefore if any man live in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



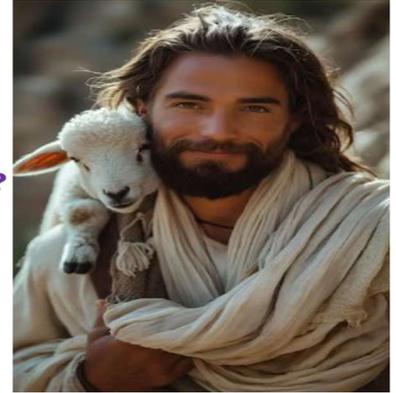
Jesus Finds Us and Carries Us Home



Luke 15:4 What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine, and go into the wilderness after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Has He Carried You?



He Seeks, He Runs, He Offers Transformation and a New Day

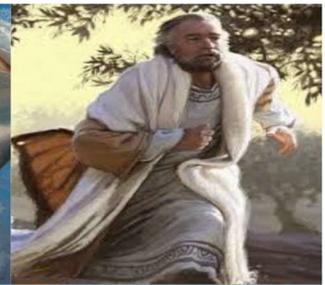
Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. **But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, **and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.**

22 But the father said unto his servants, **Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his finger, and shoes on his feet;**

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry;

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.



The Prodigal was Fully Restored

The best robe = Symbolizes = God covering our sins, taking off our filthy rags, and dressing us in robes of righteousness. We are cleansed and made new.

The ring on his finger = God declares the son is a legitimate heir, once again with all his rights, authority and privileges. A restored son or daughter of the king.

The shoes on his feet = Slaves often went barefoot but the master of the house and his children wore shoes. The son is no longer an outsider but a member of the family. The shoes would also help heal and restore his bruised and injured feet.

Together these three things proclaim complete reconciliation. The son is transformed and completely restored, made new. Once again, a joint heir with Christ!

Your Sins Are Gone

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.



The Call Has Gone Out Down Through the Ages

DC 6:4b Say nothing but repentance unto this generation: keep my commandments, and assist to bring forth my work according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed.

The Call to Not Sin

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. But if any man sin and repent, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Psalms 4:4 Stand in awe, and sin not.

1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not.

DC 16:5d And now I speak unto the twelve: Behold, my grace is sufficient for you; you must walk uprightly before me and sin not.

DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



God Has Given Us a Road Map to Avoid Sin



Timothy Speaks of Fleeing From Sin

1 Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.....11 But thou, **O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**



12 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.**



Fighting Temptation With the Word of God

The Word of God is a Powerful Tool to Fight Against Temptation

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up of the Spirit, into the wilderness, to be with God.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, and had communed with God, he was afterwards an hungered, and was left to be tempted of the devil,

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But Jesus answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

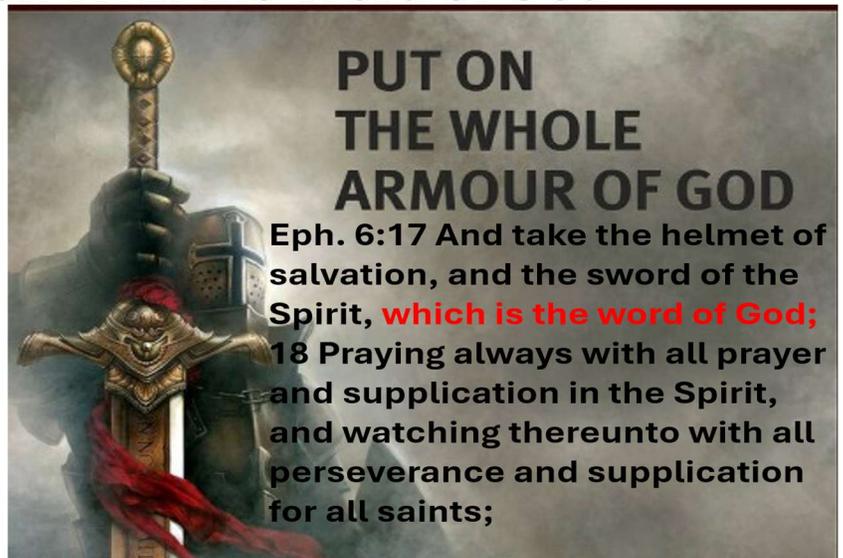
When Tempted Jesus Answered With the Word of God



Fight Temptation With the Word of God

DC 83:7a And now I give unto you a commandment to **beware concerning yourselves, to give diligent heed to the words of eternal life; for you shall live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God.**

7b **For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ**



Fighting Temptation With Obedience to the Commandments and Prayer

Alma 21:139 And his heart did glory in it; not in the shedding of blood, but in doing good, in preserving his people; **yea, in keeping the commandments of God; yea, and resisting iniquity.**

140 Yea, verily, verily I say unto you, if all men had been, and were, and ever would be, like unto Moroni, **behold, the very powers of hell would have been shaken for ever; yea, the devil would never have power over the hearts of the children of men.**

(Note, To take glory means living a life that honors God, joyfully obeying the commandments and staying faithful thus the Devil had no power over him)

Luke 21:36 And what I say unto one, I say unto all, **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, and keep my commandments, that ye may be counted worthy to escape** all these things which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man when he shall come clothed in the glory of his Father.

In our fight against Satan, we must Keep the Commandments and be Mighty in Prayer !

DC 61:6e
Pray always that you enter not into temptation

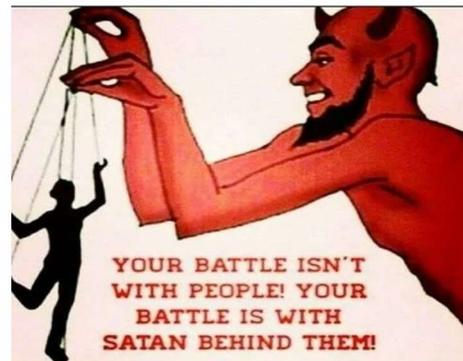


Know Your Enemies

- Every morning you wake up to 3 enemies
- 1. The World
- 2. The Flesh
- 3. The Devil

How do you handle these enemies?

**You must be filled with the Holy Spirit
Listening and walking with Him
every moment = Charles Stanley**



We Must Pray

II Nephi 14:11

**“ The evil spirit teacheth a man
not to pray”**

Satan Does

Not Want You to Pray

So, Pray Continually



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

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)

Prayer is a Spiritual Warfare Weapon

Alma 16:238 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.**



Praise is a Spiritual Warfare Weapon

Psalms 149:6

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand



Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

We Have Sins of Commission and Omission

Sins of Omission

What About Sins of Omission?

Sins of omission are considered to be serious transgressions that occur when individuals fail to act according to God's commands and laws. Such sins are viewed as equally significant as sins of commission.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, **and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**

Matthew 7:30 Verily I say unto you, it is not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, that shall enter unto the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

1. Relationship Neglect: Failing to love and care for others in our families and sphere of influence.

2. Stewardship Neglect: Failing to serve God and our fellow man. Failing to minister and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Failing to move out in faith and assist in the building up of God's kingdom. Failing to develop our talents. Failing to tithe.

3. Spiritual Neglect: Failing to participate in prayer, fasting, study and the spiritual disciplines that help us grow spiritually and draw us closer to Christ. Failure to love God and keep Him as our first love.

A Total Response is Needed to Live
Out Our Lives for Jesus Christ

Mosiah 2:48 And finally, **I can not tell you all the things whereby ye may commit sin:** for there are divers ways and means, even so many, that I can not number them.⁴⁹ But this much I can tell you, **that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish.**

Move Out in Faith and Serve God

DC 58:6d Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; **for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves.**

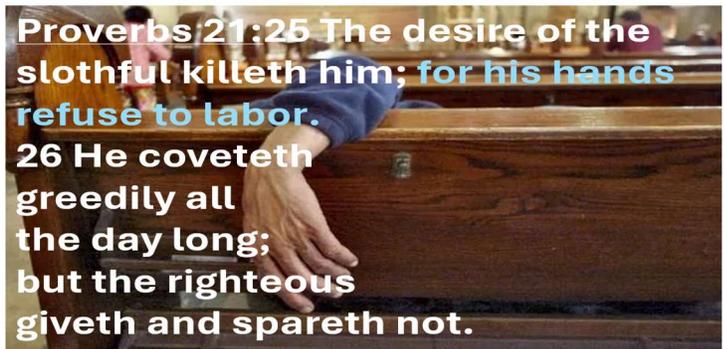
Mosiah 1:49 And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that **when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God**

3 Nephi 11:21 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, **between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not.**

DC 38:9c And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, **and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded.**

DC 4:1b therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that **ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.**

A Majority Are Asleep



Parable of the Talents = Matthew 25:26,31 25 His lord answered and said unto him, O wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not scattered. . . . 31 And his lord shall say unto his servants, Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

DC 60:1a-3e 1a Behold, thus saith, the Lord unto the elders of his church, but with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of man. Woe unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them.

2a And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have, for I, the Lord, ruleth in the heavens above, and

among the armies of the earth. . . . 3e Thou shalt not idle away thy time; neither shalt thou bury thy talent that it may not be known.

Matthew 25:42-47 42 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. 43 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; 44 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 45 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 46 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it not unto me. 47 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

DC 2:1a-2a 1a The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught, for God doth not walk in crooked paths; 2a Remember, remember, that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men.

DC 2:2b For although a man may have many revelations, and have power to do many mighty works, yet, if he boast in his own strength, and sets at naught the counsels of God, and follows after the dictates of his own will and carnal desires, he must fall and incur the vengeance of a just God upon him.

DC 122:16a-17b 16a And now I say unto you mine elders, apostles and high priests of my church, Continue ye in the ministry unto which you have been called; and if ye cannot fully agree on all the points of the law, be patient and be not contentious; so far as you can agree work together without heat, confusion, or malice. . . . 17b Let nothing separate you from each other and the work whereunto you have been called and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power unto the end. Amen.
JOSEPH SMITH 1894

Elbert A Smith said, “**I believe the church has a right to expect from members of the priesthood a demonstration of their ability to work together in Christian unity.** In the priesthood there are pronounced differences of personality in background and often in opinion as to methods. **The Church has a right to expect that we shall work together in the Spirit of our Lord and Master.”** Doctrine and Covenants, Section 122 was given by Joseph Smith III, 1894 and Elbert A said of that message, “**Looking down the stream of time, the Lord could see everything that might happen to divide us and estrange us. . . . And foreseeing all of that, He deliberately said to us, ‘Let nothing separate you from each other and the work whereunto you have been called.’** And then He gave a glorious promise. On the condition, ‘**I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power unto the end’**”
Selected writings of Elbert A Smith p. 222-223

Joseph Smith the Prophet Said of the Priesthood

Quote taken from: "The Exegesis of the Priesthood" by Gomer T Griffiths"

(It is an extract from the epistle of the twelve, given in the history of Joseph Smith)

"We would say to the elders, that God has called you to an important office; He has laid upon you an onerous duty; He has called you to an holy calling, even to be priest of the Most High God, messengers to the nations of the earth; and **upon your diligence, your perseverance and faithfulness, the soundness of the doctrines which you preach, the moral precepts that you advance and practicehang the destinies of the human family, while you hold the priesthood.**

You are the men God has called to spread forth His Kingdom; He has committed the care of souls to your charge..... When you received this priesthood, you became the legate of heaven (**a official emissary**); and the great God Demands it of you, that you should be faithful **and inasmuch as you are not, you will not be chosen; but it will be said unto you, Stand by, and let a more honorable man than thou art take thy place, and receive thy crown.**



Continued

If you unitedly seek after unity of purpose and design; if you are men of humility, and of faithfulness, of integrity and perseverance; if you submit yourselves to the teachings of heaven, and **are guided by the Spirit of God; if you at all times seek the glory of God, and the salvation of men, and lay your honor prostrate in the dust, if needs be, and are willing to fulfill the purposes of God in all things the power of the priesthood will rest upon you,** and you will become mighty in testimony; the widow and the orphan will become glad, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel."

James 1: 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, **To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the vices of the world.**



How Will Our Generation Be Remembered In Honor or Slothfulness

DC 124: 7a the sons of my servants of the leading quorums of the church are admonished, 7b that upon their fathers is laid a great and onerous burden, and they are called to engage in a great work, which shall bring them honor and glory, or shame, contempt and final great loss and destruction; 7c **as they shall in uprightness, faithfulness and diligence discharge their duties acceptably to God, or shall in carelessness, slothfulness, or wickedness fail in their calling and ministry therein;**

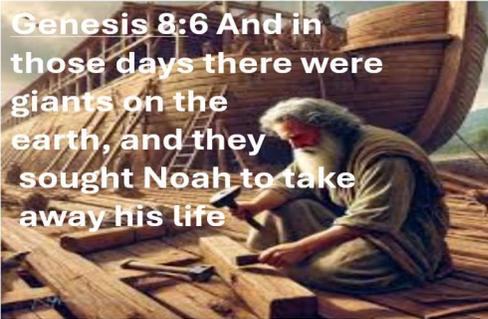
7d and to their sons shall come honor, or shame, as they shall approve, or disapprove themselves to God.

Note = Each generation is to fulfill their calling; will we be the generation who will be accounted as carless, slothful and wicked?

**God Gave Noah Instruction and He Followed It! He Did Not Wait for God to Plunk
the Ark Down Upon the Earth for Them to Walk into**

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, **prepared an ark to the saving of his house;** by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Genesis 8:6 And in those days there were giants on the earth, and they sought Noah to take away his life



Paul Endured Many Hardships. Are we Enduring?

II Cor. 11:1..... in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

**Warnings to the Members and the Priesthood
Given in This the Latter Days**

DC 104:44a Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. **44b He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved, shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so. Amen**

DC 102:2d and my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, **if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.**

DC 116:2a Be ye very careful, for many elders have been ordained unto me, **and are come under my condemnation, by reason of neglecting to lift up their voices in my cause, and for such there is tribulation and anguish:**

2b haply they themselves may be saved (if doing no evil) **though their glory, which is given for their works, be withheld, or in other words their works are burned, not being profitable unto me.**

It Need Not Be This Way = Power is Available= DC 32:2d Open your mouths and they shall be filled; and you shall become as Nephi of old, who journeyed from Jerusalem in the wilderness.

Jacob 3:7 Wherefore, we search the prophets; and we have many revelations, and the spirit of prophecy, and having all these witnesses, we obtain a hope, **and our faith becometh unshaken, insomuch that we truly can command in the name of Jesus, and the very trees obey us, or the mountains, or the waves of the sea.**

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. **13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

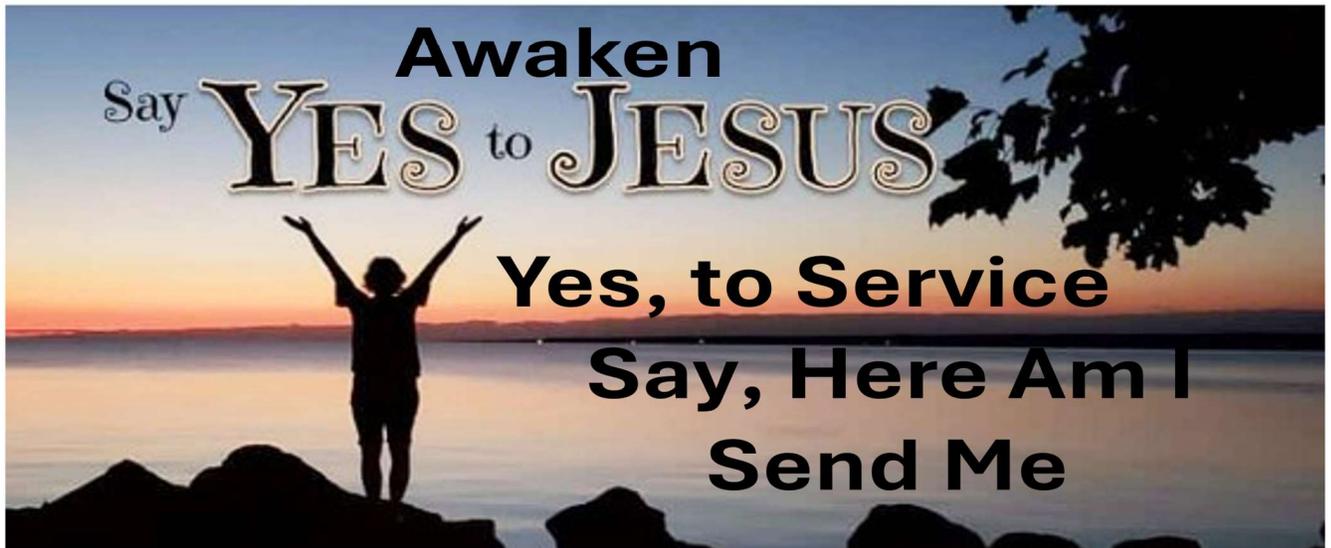
Mark 16:16 And these signs shall follow them that believe; **17 In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; 19 They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

God's Power is Available if We Will Move Forward

DC 135:3b and as the church shall move forward in its great work, the fulfillment of prophecy may cause the Saints to tremble at the exhibition of divine power, yet they shall rejoice in the protection of his grace



Today, Wake Up, Make the Commitment



The Promises of God Are So Great

DC 90:1a Verily, thus saith the Lord, It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face, and know that I am, and that I am the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world..... 3c for if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fullness and be glorified in me as I am in the Father: therefore, I say unto you, You shall receive grace for grace

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but but unto all them also that love his appearing



Are You Girded Up, Do You Have Your Armor On?

Gird Up = You Must Put Your
Armor On The Battle Ahead is
Great = Pat Carrick



The Holy Spirit is a Power Source

Ephesians 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.



Ephesians 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.

DC32:3d And the Book of Mormon, and the Holy Scriptures, are given of me for your instruction; and the power of my Spirit quickeneth all things.

**As Baptized Members of the Church,
the Power of the Holy Spirit is Available to You**

It's a Gift = You Must Unwrap it and Use It!

DC 39:6 And again, it shall come to pass, that on as many as ye shall baptize with water, ye shall lay your hands, **and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

DC 85:1c Wherefore I now send upon you another Comforter, even upon you, my friends, that it may abide in your hearts, **even the Holy Spirit of promise, which other Comforter is the same that I promised unto my disciples, as is recorded in the testimony of John.**

Through Prayer = **DC 42:5b** Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith.

DC 63:16 Ye receive the spirit through prayer.

This is Important, this is Your Spiritual Heritage

We can become partakers of the same fullness and become heirs because of:

- 1. The Love of the Father,**
- 2. The Mediation of Jesus Christ**
- 3. The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

Romans 8:16-17 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; 17 **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

Functions of the Holy Spirit

**On Your Handout: Reprove/Convict Us of Sin, Leading,
Constraining, Persuading, Enticing, Transporting, Teaching,
Bringing All Things to Your Remembrance, Testifying of Christ,
Guiding Us, Warning Us, Testifying to Us that we are the Children of God,
Guides Us Into all Truth and Speaks of Things to Come, Helps Us to Pray,
Intercedes for Us, Reveals the Deep Things of God,
Our Eyes are Opened to Understanding and Enlightened by It,
It is the Spirit of Revelation,
Gifts of the Spirit are Given to Us by the Holy Spirit,
It is a Unifying Force,
Gives us Peace, Hope and Joy,
Empowers Us, The Lord Works By It,
Inspires Scripture, Sanctifies Us,
Reveals, Commissions, Directs,
Fruits of the Spirit are Produced By It,
Precepts are Given By It,
Calls Men to Work,
and Many More Things Does It Do!**

All These Amazing Functions Are Available to Us Today

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.



The Holy Spirit Can Save Us Spiritually and Physically if We Will Hear and Respond

The Holy Spirit warns us of many things both physical and spiritual. It is a Devine security system, to assist us through the dangers and challenges of life.

Acts 21:10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Personal Testimony



The following Saturday, Sandy was driving to Graceland College to take the national teacher's test. They think deer or some kind of animal came across her path. She skidded for 45 feet then went airborne for 54 feet, crashed upside down into a deep ravine and was knocked unconscious. The ravine was so deep that later when they went to retrieve the truck they had to repel down on ropes. When she came to, she was having trouble breathing and was bleeding from severe head and facial wounds, her eye lid was slashed in half making it hard to see anything. She thought her eye was gone. She climbed out a broken window and literally clawed her way up the side of the ravine, and in her limited vision and confusion went up the wrong side. She was hysterical and ran until she came to a hay bale; then she realized in the dark she had come up the wrong side of the ravine. The ravine lay between her and the road. She believed she would die there. Then she prayed.

Bleeding to Death in a Field

Instruction Was Given:

Stop the Bleeding, take off your jacket and make a pressure bandage around your head, clear the blood out of your good eye, now look!



A Bold Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come in Faith and my mother has taught me, You Hear & Answer Prayer. I believe, Save My Life! I have a baby at home who needs me.

Holy Spirit Responded and Gave Instruction!

The Guidance of The Holy Spirit



Then the Spirit said look and across the field she saw a gravel road, it took her out to the black top road. The Spirit said, “Look and Walk to the Light.”

Strengthened to Walk to the Light

A Elderly Woman Had Been Awakened By Coyotes and Got Up, Turned on her Kitchen Light and Made a Cup of Tea.



The elderly woman, when she opened the door , ran screaming saying, I can’t look at you and She hid in her bedroom.

The Holy Spirit brought the emergency number of the Sherrif to her memory and she was able to call for help.



Because of the Power of the Holy Spirit She Was Able to Get the Help she Needed



The Truck and the Seat Belt



This Gift of the Holy Spirit is a Most Wonderful Gift ! It literarily Saves Us Both Physically and Spiritually.



Saved By that Still Small Voice and A Bold Prayer Sandy Today



First Testimony = Allegory of the Church

- 1. The church crashed in the ravine.**
- 2. Those in the restoration came out of the destroyed vehicle but confusion reigned.**
- 3. We ended up in the hay field injured and bleeding to death. (bleeding Zion)**
- 4. The church has been in the hayfield for almost 40 years. The church will die if we continue to stay here!**
- 5. We, the members of the church, must humble ourselves, fast and pray, cry unto the Lord, to save us!**
- 6. The priesthood must humble themselves, fast and pray and under the influence of the Holy Spirit, guide, direct, encourage and lead the members to the light.**
- 7. If we stay in the hay field, saying, we will wait here until Christ comes to set it all in order, the church will perish.**
- 8. Sandy had to follow the instructions of the Holy Spirit and move forward, walk to the light. As the body of Christ, we must do the same and then God will strengthen us and give us more light, and direction.**
- 9. The Holy Spirit recalled to her memory the emergency numbers. We have the scriptures and God can bring to mind the ones we need to save us.**
- 10. She wanted to live to raise her child. The kingdom “Zion” is the child of the church. We need to rise up, walk to the light, where we can find the help and healing we need as a church, so that we can build the kingdom, even Zion. We can’t stay in the hay field!**

One added thought: Sandy’s husband, Dave, worked with the Sheriff’s office to assist in Sandy’s rescue. The priesthood need to come together and work together. The many different congregations and factions need to begin to work together. The woman in the house ran and hid, she was afraid, to even look at Sandy. We can’t be afraid to look at the situation that we are in. We must go forth—moving forward with courage as God directs.

The Holy Spirit is a Unifying Force

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 For by the Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit . . . **That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.**

Ephesians 4:1-5 **1** Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, **2** With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; **3** Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, **4** In 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.

Without the Holy Spirit = Lack Power

DC 63:16 ye receive the Spirit through prayer.

Alma 12:5 But this is not all: they had given themselves to much prayer and fasting, Therefore they had the spirit of prophecy and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God.

Testimony of Holy Spirit Directing, Enlightening One's Mind and Providing Before We Even Ask

(Silver Dollar City Testimony = God Provided)

Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God provided toothbrush, soap, deodorant and comb by telling Hal to buy those items.

Second Testimony = Allegory = God Will Provide

God provided all that we needed for the weekend, even before I prayed, "God Will Hear Us and Provide." We need to be mighty in prayer for the Church and the priesthood. Hal, representing the priesthood, prayed and was led by the Holy Spirit into the drug store to buy what we needed, even before I prayed. The priesthood needs to lead the way and through prayers of faith, being led by the Holy Spirit, provide what the Church needs at this time to accomplish the tasks at hand.

God Provides What We Need, If We Obey, Satan Will Not Prevail

Concerning The Lost Pages

DC 3:6d Thus Satan thinketh to overpower your testimony in this generation that the work may not come forth in this generation; 6e but, behold, here is wisdom, and because I show unto you wisdom, and give you commandments concerning these things, what you shall do.....

9b therefore, you shall translate the engravings which are on the plates of Nephi, down even till you come to the reign of King Benjamin, or until you come to that which you have translated, which you have retained;

9c and, behold, you shall publish it as the record of Nephi, **and thus I will confound those who have altered my words.**

God Gives Us Victory Over Satan

9d I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work; yea, **I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the Devil.**

10a Behold, **they have only got a part, or an abridgment of the account of Nephi.**

Note = So, thousands of years before, God had prepared a way to overcome Satan's plan of destruction.

Do you think God did not foresee what would happen to the church in our day and prepare?

**Empowered by the Spirit the Church, “The Woman”
Can Go forth and Complete the Work, Entrusted to it.**



**THE HOLY SPIRIT
GOD’S MUSCLE IN YOU**

DC 131:1b Before the hour of breaking the fast came, I was blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit resting upon me in quiet assurance and in power. 1c In the still small voice which giveth light and understanding to the intelligence of man, exalting the soul and sanctifying the spirit, there came unto me the directing voice of Him whose work we are engaged in.

Discover the might and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The Power Given to the Priesthood

Preface to DC 104 The brethren asked Joseph Smith to inquire of God and attain a revelation for their comfort and for their enlightenment concerning their duty.

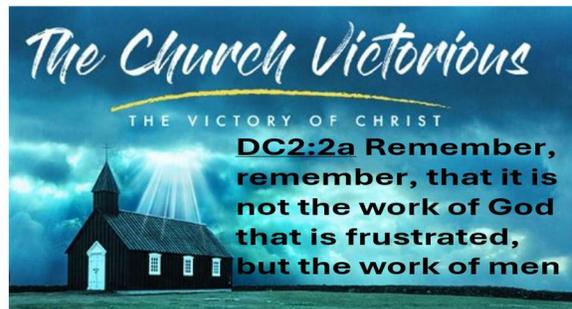
DC:104 :3a The office of an elder comes under the priesthood of Melchisedec. 3b The Melchisedec priesthood holds the right of presidency, and has power and authority over all the offices in the church, in all ages of the world, to administer in spiritual things..... 6 An elder has a right to officiate in his stead when the high priest is not present...9a The power and authority of the higher, or Melchisedec, priesthood, **is to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church; to have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven; to have the heavens opened unto them; 9b to commune with the general assembly and church of the Firstborn; and to enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father, and Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant.**

God Has a Plan, His Work is Not Frustrated

**The Church’s One Foundation
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.**

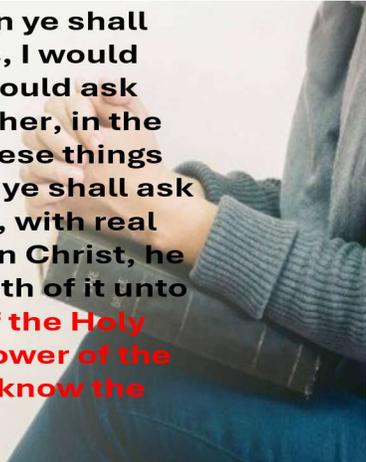
**Mid toil and tribulation and
tumult of her war, She waits
the consummation of peace
forever more, Till with one
vision glorious Her longing
eyes are blest, And the great
church victorious Shall be the
church at rest.**

**The Church Can Move Forward
Under the Guidance of the
Holy Spirit to Victory!**

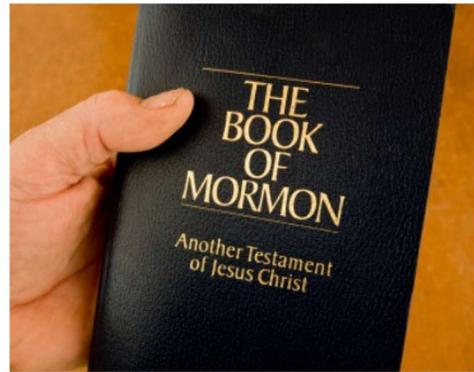


The Holy Spirit Witnesses of the Truth = Do You know if it is true?

Moroni 9:4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true;5 And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, **by the power of the Holy Ghost; and by the power of the Holy Ghost, ye may know the truth of all things.**



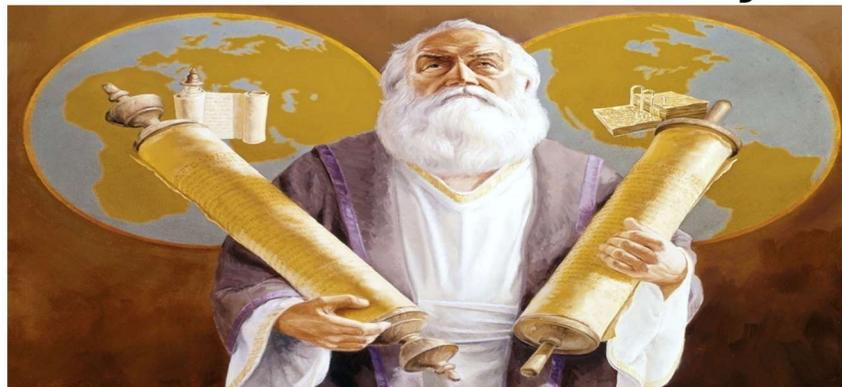
A Second Witness of Jesus Christ



Worth More Than Any Earthly Treasure



Book of Mormon = Two Nations = Second Witness to Christ's Divinity



You Will Know Jesus Lives its a Second Witness



DC 83:8b And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written, that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom.

The Third Testimony and Allegory

We need to have our own testimonies of the truth of the Book of Mormon. Then, as a church, we must embrace the Book of Mormon and the former commandments God has given us, and actually obey them.

We are to take the Book of Mormon to those whom God has directed.

This Testimony = Is Vital to Your Personal Walk with Christ

Faith Has Two Parts

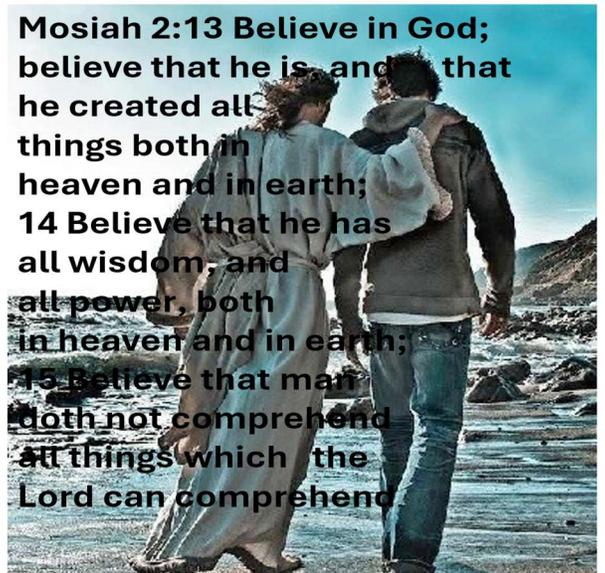
DC 110:22a Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory!

DC 138:3e Great blessings are in store for the church if it will in faith and saintly devotion go forward in its tasks.

1. Belief in God

2. Action = Move out in Faith= Repentance, Baptism, Receive the Holy Spirit, Obey the Commandments, Love God and Love Your Neighbors

Mosiah 2:13 Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things both in heaven and in earth;
14 Believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth;
15 Believe that man doth not comprehend all things which the Lord can comprehend.



You Want the Holy Spirit Functioning in your Daily Life



Run The Race

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,**

and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

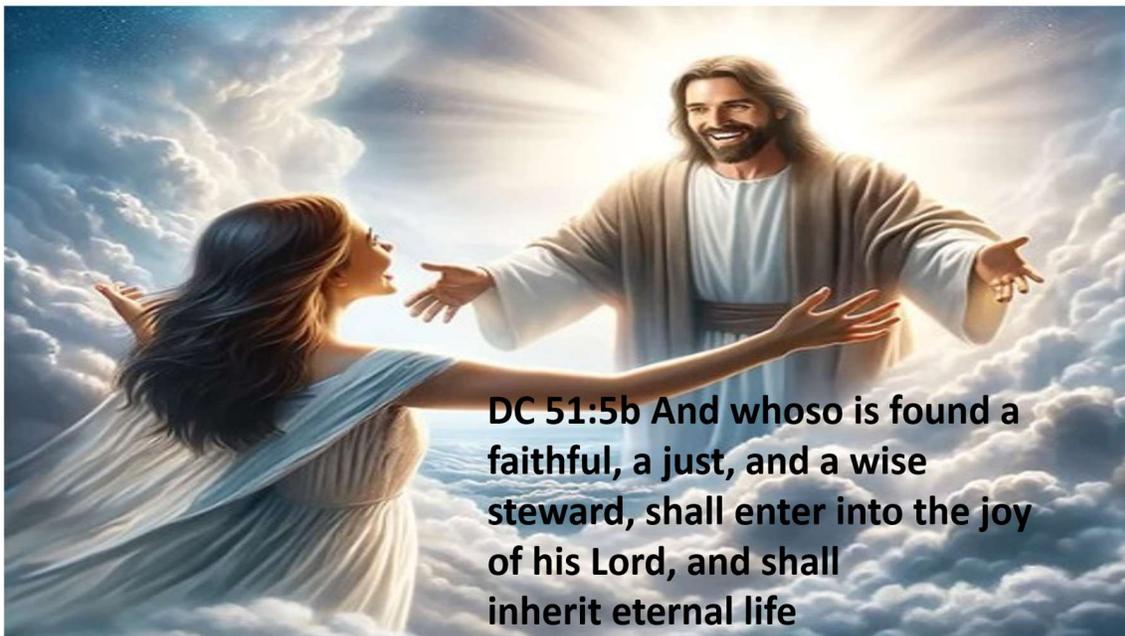


Get The Gold

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me **a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day;** and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.



Eternal Life With Christ Jesus



DC 51:5b And whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward, shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life