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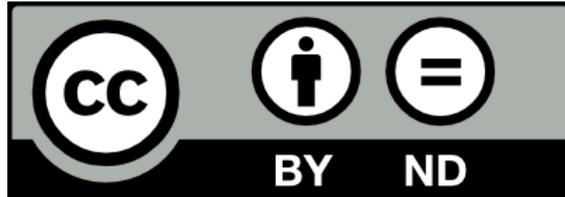
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Motto of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints

1 The Constitution of our country formed by the Fathers of Liberty.

2 Peace and good order in society, love to God, and good will to *mankind*.

3 All good and wholesome laws; and virtue and truth above all things.

4 And Aristarchy^a live forever!!!

5 But Wo to tyrants, Mobs, Aristocracy, Anarchy and Toryism:

6 And all those who invent or seek out unrighteous and vexatious lawsuits under the pretext or color of law or office, either religious or political.

7 Exalt the standard of Democracy! Down with that of Priestcraft and let all the people say Amen! that the blood of our Fathers may not cry from the ground against us.

8 Sacred is the Memory of that Blood which bought for us our liberty.

Signed:

Joseph Smith Jr.
Geo. W. Robinson
Thomas B. Marsh
David W. Patten
Brigham Young
Samuel H. Smith
George M. Hinkle
John Corroll

Notes:

- a "ARISTAR'CHY, noun [Gr. best, and rule.] A body of good men in power, or government by excellent men." -Webster's Dictionary 1828
- b DoS 21a:29

Dedication

To all the Saints of Christ within this, the Latter Day Saint movement

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Abbreviations

Doctrines of the Saints is a collection of writings and revelations across the Latter Day Saint movement. The book is broken down into 5 parts:

1. **Lectures on Faith:** the original teachings on theology for the Church of Christ, written by Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith Jr.
2. **Doctrines of the Saints:** A collection of doctrines and covenants, based on revelations given to the movement through a number of Latter Day Saint denominations.
3. **The Book of the Law of the Lord:** The translations by James Strang of 18 brass plates. (Other revelations and writings by James Strang that were not translations have been moved to more appropriate sections of the book,)
4. **Epistles of the Saints:** A collections of letters, journal entries, and other writings from a variety of prophets an apostles from the Latter Day Saint movement.
5. **The Book of Remembrance:** A collection of revelations on the creation of the world and Adam and Eve's call to the ministry.

When abbreviating these sections, the following styles are recommended and used in this book:

- HB: Holy Bible
- KJV: King James Version
- IV/JST: The Holy Scriptures or Joseph Smith Translation
- RAV – Book of Mormon, Community of Christ/RLDS chapter and versing
- OPV – Book of Mormon, Orson Pratt Version used by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- DaC – Doctrine and Covenants
- LoF – Lectures on Faith
- DoS – Doctrines of the Saints (the collection of revelations)
- BLL – Book of the Law of the Lord (Strang)
- EoS – Epistles of the Saints
- Rgn – Rigdon
- 1 Js – Joesph I
- 2 Js – Joesph II
- 3 Js – Joesph III
- WW – Woodruff
- 4 Js – Joesph IV
- 5 Js – Joesph V
- 6 Js – Joesph VI
- 7 Js – Joesph VII
- 8 Js – Joesph VIII
- 9 Js – Joesph IX
- 10 Js – Joesph X
- 11 Js – Joesph XI
- 12 Js – Joesph XII
- 1 Stg – Strang I
- 2 Stg – Strang II
- JT – Taylor
- 13 Js – Joseph XIII
- 14 Js – Joseph XIV
- 15 Js – Joseph XV
- 1 Da – David I
- 2 Da – David II
- Mchl – Michelle
- Vc – Victoria
- Alx -Alexei
- 3 Dva– David III
- WMni – Writings of Moroni
- Smn – The Shulemna
- BoR – Book of Remembrance
- Hymn – Hymns

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Testimony: November 2, 1831

From Revelation Book One, page 121

The Testimony of the witnesses to the Book of the Lords commandments which he gave to his Church through Joseph Smith Jr. who was appointed by the voice of the Church for this purpose:

We the undersigned feel willing to bear testimony to all the world of mankind, to every creature upon all the face of all the Earth upon the Islands of the Sea, that God hath born record to our souls, through the Holy Ghost shed forth upon us, that these commandments are given by inspiration of God and are profitable for all men *and women* and are verily true. We give this testimony unto the world, the Lord being my helper, and it is through the grace of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ that we are permitted to have this privilege of bearing this testimony unto the world in the which we rejoice exceedingly by praying the Lord always that the children of men may be profited thereby. Amen.

Sidney Rigdon
Joshua Fairchild
Orson Hyde
Peter Dustin
Wm.. E. Mc.lellin
Newel Knight
Luke Johnson
Levi Hancock; never to be erased
Lyman Johnson

Thomas B Marsh
Reynolds Cahoon
John Corrill
Parley P. Pratt
Harvey Whitlock
Lyman Wight
John Murdock
Calvin Beebe
Zebedee Coltrin

Doctrines of the Saints/Doctrine and Covenants Comparison Chart

- BoC = Book of Commandments
- BLL = The Book of the Law of the Lord Record
- Book 1841–1845
- BJW = The Book of John Whitmer
- CoV = Chronicles of Voree
- C50R = Council of Fifty Record
- JSHA1 = Joseph Smith, History, 1838–1856, Vol. A-1
- JSJ = Joseph Smith Jr.'s Journal, March-September 1838
- NRS = Book of Records Containing the proceedings of The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo
- DaC1835 = The 1835 Edition of the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- DaC1844 = The 1844 Edition of the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- DaC-CJCLdS = The Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- JS1 = JS, History, 1838–1856, vol. A-1
- PoGP = Pearl of Great Price
- RB1 = Book of Commandments and Revelations 1
- RB2 = Book of Commandments and Revelations 2
- SBJS = The Scriptorium Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September, 1838
- T&S V6 = Times and Seasons Vol 6, pp. 968–969
- VH = Voree Herald, August, 1846 (https://ia601606.us.archive.org/31/items/VoreeHerald1846/Voree_Herald_1846.pdf)
- WCJ = William Clayton Journals (https://archive.org/stream/WilliamClaytonJournal/WilliamClaytonJournal_djvu.txt)
- WWJ = Wilford Woodruff's Journal

Book of Avahr	Doctrines of the Saints	Community of Christ DaC	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints DaC	Oldest Known source	Source Date
Chapter 7	N/A	N/A	Section 2	JSHA1 pg. 2	Sept. 1823
Chapter 12	N/A	Section 2	Section 3	RB1 pgs. 1–2	July 1828
Chapter 13	N/A	Section 4	Section 4	8-leaf collection of papers	Feb(?) 1828 or 1829
Chapter 14	N/A	Section 3:1-7	Section 10:1-37	BoC 9:1-8	April 1829
Chapter 15	N/A	Section 5	Section 5	BoC 4	April 1829
Chapter 16	N/A	Section 6	Section 6	BoC 5	April 1829
Chapter 17	N/A	Section 3:8-18	Section 10:38-70	RB1 pgs. 11-12	April 1829
Chapter 18	N/A	Section 8	Section 8	RB1 pgs. 12-13	April 1829
Chapter 19	N/A	Section 7	Section 7	RB1 pgs. 13-14	April 1829
Chapter 20	N/A	Section 9	Section 9	RB1 pgs. 14-15	April 1829
Chapter 21	N/A	N/A	Section 13	JS1 pgs. 17-18	May 15, 1829
Chapter 22	N/A	Section 10	Section 11	BoC 10	May 1829
Chapter 23	N/A	Section 11	Section 12	BoC 11	May 1829
Chapter 24	N/A	Sections 12-14	Sections 14-16	BoC 12-14	June 1829
Chapter 25	Section 12 (Partial)	Section 16	Section 18	BoC 15	June 1829
Chapter 26	N/A	Section 15	Section 17	RB2 pgs. 119-120	June 1829
Chapter 34	N/A	N/A	N/A	BR1 pgs. 23-26	June 1829
Chapter 35	N/A	Section 18	Section 19	RB1 25-28	Summer 1829
Chapter 36	N/A	N/A	N/A	BR1 pgs. 30-31	Early 1830-
	Section 1	Section 1	Section 1	RB1 pgs. 125-127	Nov 1, 1831
	Section 2a	Section 17	Section 20	RB1 pgs. 53-58	April 10, 1830
	Section 2b	Section 43	Section 43	RB1 pgs. 67-70	April (?) 1830
	Section 2c	N/A	Section 161		April 4, 2000

Book of Avahr	Doctrines of the Saints	Community of Christ DaC	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints DaC	Oldest Known source	Source Date
	Section 2d	Section 162	NA		March 29, 2004
	Section 2e	Section 163	NA		March 25, 2007
	Section 2f	Section 165	NA		April 14, 2013
	Section 2g	NA	NA		Jan 2019
	Section 2h	NA	NA		Nov 30, 2019
	Section 3a	NA	NA		Feb 18, 2020
	Section 3b	NA	PoGP	Wentworth Letter	Mar 1, 1842
	Section 3c	NA	N/A		Oct 9, 2019
	Section 3d	Section 112	Section 134	DaC1835	Feb 9, 1831
	Section 4a	Section 42:1-19b	Section 42:1-72	RB1 pgs. 62-67	Feb 23, 1831
	Section 4b	Section 42:20-23	Section 42:74-93	1-5 RB1 scrap of paper, 5+ DaC1844	
				13:21-23	
	Section 5a	Section 104:31-44	Section 107:59-100	RB1 pgs. 122-123	Nov. 11 1831
	Section 5b	Section 104:1-30	Section 107:1-58	DaC1835 3	1835
	Section 5c	Section 83:1-17	Section 84:1-102	RB1 pgs. 149-155	Sept 22, 1832
	Section 5d	Section 85:43-46	Section 88: 127-141	RB1 pgs. 155-162	Jan 3, 1833
	Section 5e	Section 116	NA		May 4, 1965
	Section 5g	Section 125	NA		April 15, 1901
	Section 6a	Section 120	NA		April 8, 1890
	Section 6b	NA	NA		Jan 15, 2019
	Section 7a	Section 19	Section 21	RB1 pgs. 28-29	AD 1829 or April 6, 1830
	Section 7b	Section 87:1-4	Section 90:1-11	RB1 pgs. 168-169	March 7, 1833
	Section 8a	Section 24	Section 25	RB1 pgs. 34-35	AD (July?) 1830
	Section 8b	NA	NA		Oct 13, 2019
	Section 9	NA	NA	NRS pgs. 4, 6-15	March 17, 1842
	Section 10a	Section 156	NA		April 3, 1984
	Section 10b	NA	NA		Aug 21, 2016
	Section 10c	NA	NA		May 19, 2020
	Section 11a	Section 99	Section 102	DaC1835 pgs. 95-98	Feb 17, 1834
	Section 11b	NA	NA	BLL pgs. 17	Jan 12, 1838
Avahr 25:18-69	Section 12a	Section 16 16:1-7	Section 18:1-47	BoC 15 (Partial)	June 1829
	Section 12b	Section 105	Section 112	JSJ pgs. 72-74	July 23, 1837
	Section 12c	NA	NA		Jan 26, 1880
	Section 12d				Jan 19, 2019
	Section 12e				Jan 22, 2021
	Section 13a	NA	NA		Dec 13, 2015
	Section 13b	NA	NA		Oct 13, 2019
	Section 14a	Section 20	Section 22	RB1 pg 30	April 16, 1830
	Section 14b	Section 74	Section 74	RB1 pgs. 60-61	(?) 1830
	Section 14c	Section 164	NA		Jan 17, 2010
	Section 14d	NA	NA		Jan 12, 2016
	Section 15a	Section 26	Section 27	RB1 pgs. 35-36	August 1830
	Section 15b	Section 46	Section 46	RB1 pgs. 76-78	Mar 7/8, 1831

Book of Avahr	Doctrines of the Saints	Community of Christ DaC	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints DaC	Oldest Known source	Source Date
	Section 15c	Section 119	NA	DaC1835 101	April 11, 1887
	Section 15d	NA	NA	WCJ	Nov 17, 2015
	Section 15e	NA	NA		Nov 25, 2015
	Section 15f	NA	NA		Jan 24, 2021
	Section 16	Section 111	NA		Aug(?) 1835
	Section 17a	NA	Section 132	WJC	July 12, 1843
	Section 17b	NA	NA		June 25-26, 1882
	Section 17c	NA	NA		Mar 18, 2016
	Section 17d	NA	NA		April 18, 2016
	Section 17e	NA	NA		April 18, 2016
	Section 18a	NA	NA		Jan 11, 2018
	Section 19a	Section 21	Section 23	RB1 pgs. 29	April (?) 1830
	Section 19b	Section 21	Section 23	RB1 pgs. 29-30	April (?) 1830
	Section 19c	Section 21	Section 23	RB1 pgs. 30	April (?) 1830
	Section 19d	Section 21	Section 23	RB1 pgs. 32-34	April (?) 1830
	Section 20a	Section 23	Section 24	RB1 pg. 34	AD 1830
	Section 20b	Section 25	Section 26	RB pgs. 36-40	AD 1830
	Section 21	Section 28	Section 29	RB1 pgs. 29, 40-41	Sept(?) 1830
	Section 22a	Sections 21 & 27	Sections 23 & 28	RB1 pg. 42	April (?) 1830 & Sept 1830
	Section 22b	Section 29	Section 30	RB1 pg. 42	Sept 1830
	Section 22c	Section 29	Section 30	RB1 pg. 42	Sept 1830
	Section 22d	Section 29 & 47	Section 30 & 47	RB1 pg. 43, 79-80	Sept 1830, & March 8, 1831
	Section 22e	Section 30	Section 31	RB1 pg. 43-44	Sept 1830
	Section 22f	Section 31	Section 32	RB2 pgs 83-84	Early Oct 1830
	Section 22g	Section 32	Section 33	RB1 pg. 44-45	Oct 1830
	Section 22h	Section 33	Section 34	RB1 pg. 45-46	Nov 4, 1830
	Section 23a	Section 34	Section 35	RB1 pg. 46-48	Dec 7, 1830
	Section 23b	Section 35	Section 36	RB1 pg. 48-49	Dec 9, 1830
	Section 23c	Section 37	Section 37	RB1 pg. 49	Dec 1830
	Section 24	Section 38	Section 38	RB1 pg. 49-52	Jan 2, 1831
	Section 25a	Section 39	Section 39	RB1 pg. 52-60	Jan 5, 1831
	Section 25b	Section 40	Section 40	RB1 pg. 60	Jan 6, 1831
	Section 26a	Section 41	Section 41	RB1 pgs. 61-62	Feb 4, 1831
	Section 26b	Section 44	Section 44	RB1 pgs.70-71	Feb 1831
	Section 26c	Section 45	Section 45	RB1 pgs. 71-76	March 7, 1831
	Section 26d	Section 48	Section 48	RB1 pg. 79	March 10, 1831
	Section 27	Section 49	Section 49	RB1 pgs. 80-82	May 7, 1831
	Section 28	Section 50	Section 50	RB1 pgs. 82-85	May 9, 1831
	Section 29a	NA	NA	RB1 pg. 85	May 15, 1831
	Section 29b	Section 51	Section 51	RB1 pgs.86-87	May 20, 1831
	Section 30	Section 52	Section 52	RB1 pgs. 87-89	June 6, 1831
	Section 31a	Section 53	Section 53	RB1 pgs. 89-90	June 9, 1831
	Section 31b	Section 54	Section 54	RB1 pgs. 90-91	June 10, 1831
	Section 31c	Section 55	Section 55	RB1 pg. 91	June 14, 1831
	Section 31d	Section 56	Section 56	RB1 pgs. 91-93	June 15, 1831
	Section 32	Section 57	Section 57	RB1 pgs.93-94	July 20, 1831

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	Section 33a	Section 58	Section 58	RB1 pgs. 94-98	Aug 1, 1831
	Section 33b	NA	NA	BJW Chapter 9	Aug 3, 1831
	Section 34	Section 59	Section 59	RB1 pgs. 98-100	Aug 7, 1831
	Section 35a	Section 60	Section 60	RB1 pgs. 100-101	Aug 8, 1831
	Section 35b	Section 61	Section 61	RB1 pgs. 101-103	Aug 12, 1831
	Section 35c	Section 62	Section 62	RB1 pg.104	Aug 13, 1831
	Section 36a	Section 63	Section 63	RB1 104-108	Aug 30, 1831
	Section 36b	Section 64	Section 64	RB1 pgs. 108-111	Sept. 11, 1831
	Section 36c	Section 66	Section 66	RB1 pgs. 111-112	Oct 29, 1831
	Section 37	Section 65	Section 65	RB1 pg. 112	Oct 30, 1831
	Section 38a	Section 68	Section 68	RB1 pgs. 113-114	Nov 1, 1831
	Section 38b	Section 67	Section 67	RB1 pgs. 114-115	Nov 2, 1831
	Section 38c	Section 108	Section 133	RB1 pgs. 116-121	Nov 3, 1831
	Section 39a	Section 69	Section 69	RB1 pg. 122	Oct or Nov 11, 1831
	Section 39b	Section 70	Section 70	RB1 pgs. 124-125 RB1 pg. 122	Nov 12, 1835
	Section 39c	Section 71	Section 71		Dec 1, 1831
	Section 40a	Section 72:1-2	Section 72:1-7	RB1 pg. 132	Dec 4, 1831
	Section 40b	Section 72:3-4	Section 72:8-23	RB1 pgs. 133-134 RB1 pg. 134	Dec 4, 1831 Dec 4, 1831
	Section 40c	Section 72:5	Section 72:24-26		
	Section 40d	NA	NA	BYU Library	March 1832
	Section 41a	Section 73	Section 73	RB1 pg. 132	Jan 10, 1832 Jan 25, 1832 Jan 25, 1832
	Section 41b	Section 75:1-3	Section 75:1-22	RB1 pgs. 130-131 RB1 pgs. 131-132	Jan 25, 1832
	Section 41c	Section 75:4-5	Section 75:23-36		
	Section 42	Section 76	Section 76	RB1 pgs. 135-139	Feb 16, 1832
	Section 43	Section 77	Section 78	RB1 pgs. 145-146	March 1, 1832
	Section 44a	NA	NA	RB2 pg. 10	Feb 27, 1832
	Section 44b	Section 78	Section 79	RB1 pg. 147	March 12, 1832
	Section 44c	Section 80	Section 81	RB1 pgs. 139-140	March 15, 1832
	Section 44d	Section 79	Section 80	RB1 Pg. 147	March 17, 1832
	Section 45a	NA	Section 77	RB1 pgs. 141-144	March (4-20?), 1832
	Section 45b	NA	NA	RB1 pg. 144	March (4-20?), 1832
	Section 45c	NA	Section 113	JSJ pg. 17	March 29, 1938
	Section 45d	NA	Section 113	JSJ pg. 18	March 19(?), 1938
	Section 45e	NA	NA		Nov 12, 2019
	Section 46	NA	NA	RB1 pg. 148	March 20, 1832
	Section 47	Section 81	Section 82	RB1 pgs. 128-129	April 26, 1832
	Section 48	Section 82	Section 83	RB1 pg132 & DaC1835 pg. 223	April 30, 1832
	Section 49	Section 96	Section 99	RB1 pg. 148	August 29, 1832
	Section 50a	NA	NA	N/A	June 3, 2020
	Section 50b	NA	NA		April 18, 1844

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	Section 50d	NA	NA		June 28, 1882
	Section 50e	NA	NA		Nov 15, 2018
	Section 51	Section 83:18-24	Section 84:103-120	RB1 pgs. 155-156	Dec 1, 1832
	Section 52	Section 84	Section 86	RB1 pg. 177	Dec 6, 1832
	Section 53a	NA	Section 87	RB1 pg. 157 & RB2 pgs. 22-203	Dec 25, 1832
	Section 53b	Section 85:1-16	Section 88:1-65	RB1 pgs. 158-161	Dec 27-28, 1832
	Section 53c	Section 85:17-38	Section 88:66-126	RB1 pgs. 161-166	Dec 27-28, 1832
	Section 54	Section 86	Section 89	RB1 pgs. 49-51	Feb 27, 1833
	Section 55	Section 87:6-8	Section 90:19-37	RB1 pgs. 169-170	Mar 8, 1833
	Section 56	Section 88	Section 91	RB2 pg. 55	Mar 9, 1833
	Section 57	Section 89	Section 92	RB2 pg. 55	Mar 15, 1833
	Section 58	Section 90	Section 93	RB1 pgs. 178-181	May 6, 1833
	Section 59	Section 92	Section 95	RB1 pgs. 181-182	June 1, 1833
	Section 60	Section 93	Section 96	RB2 pgs. 60-61	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61a	Section 94	Section 97	RB1 pgs. 171-172	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61b	Section 91	Section 94	RB1 pgs. 172-173	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61c	Section 95	Section 98	RB1 pgs. 173-177	Aug 2 or 6, 1833
	Section 62	Section 97	Section 100	RB2 pgs. 71-72	Oct 12, 1833
	Section 63	NA	NA	T&S V6 pgs. 968-969	Dec 18, 1833
	Section 64a	Section 98:1-5l	Section 101:1-40	RB1 pgs. 183-185	Dec 16, 1833
	Section 64b	Section 98:5m-13	Section 101:41-101	RB1 pgs. 185-189	Dec 17, 1833
	Section 64c	Section 100	Section 103	RB1 pgs. 189-192	Feb 24, 1834
	Section 65a	Section 101	Section 104	RB1 pgs. 192-198	Apr 23, 1834
	Section 65b	NA	NA	RB1 pg. 198	Apr 28, 1834
	Section 66	Section 102	Section 105	RB1 pgs. 199-201	June 22, 1834
	Section 67a	Section 103	Section 106	RB2 pg. 116	Nov 25, 1834
	Section 67b	NA	Section 108	JSJ pg. 90	Dec 26, 1834
	Section 67c	NA	NA	HCJCLdS	Nov 3, 1835
	Section 68	NA	Section 137	JSJ pgs. 135-139	Jan 21, 1836
	Section 69a	NA	Section 109	DaC-CJCLdS	March 27, 1836
	Section 69b	NA	Section 110	JAJ pgs. 191-193	April 3, 1836
	Section 70	NA	NA		June 3, 2020
	Section 71	NA	Section 111	BLL pg. 22	Aug 6, 1836
	Section 72	NA	NA	BLL pg. 18	Jan 12, 1838
	Section 73a	NA	Section 114	JSJ pg. 32	April 11, 1838
	Section 73b	NA	NA	JSJ pg. 32	April 11, 1838
	Section 74	NA	Section 115	JSJ pgs. 32-34	April 26, 1838
	Section 75a	NA	Section 118	JSJ 54-55	July 8, 1838
	Section 75b	NA	NA	SBJs pg. 55	July 8, 1838
	Section 76a	NA	Section 119	Single sheet of paper	July 8, 1838
	Section 76b	NA	Section 120	SBJs pg. 57	July 8, 1838
	Section 77	NA	Section 117	SBJs pgs. 57-59	July 8, 1838
	Section 78	Section 107	Section 124	BLL pgs. 3-15	Jan 19, 1841
	Section 79a	NA	NA	BLL pg. 15	Jan 20, 1841
	Section 79b	NA	125	BLL pg. 16	March 18, 1841

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	Section 50e	NA	NA		Nov 15, 2018
	Section 51	Section 83:18-24	Section 84:103-120	RB1 pgs. 155-156	Dec 1, 1832
	Section 52	Section 84	Section 86	RB1 pg. 177	Dec 6, 1832
	Section 53a	NA	Section 87	RB1 pg. 157 & RB2 pgs. 22-203	Dec 25, 1832
	Section 53b	Section 85:1-16	Section 88:1-65	RB1 pgs. 158-161	Dec 27-28, 1832
	Section 53c	Section 85:17-38	Section 88:66-126	RB1 pgs. 161-166	Dec 27-28, 1832
	Section 54	Section 86	Section 89	RB1 pgs. 49-51	Feb 27, 1833
	Section 55	Section 87:6-8	Section 90:19-37	RB1 pgs. 169-170	Mar 8, 1833
	Section 56	Section 88	Section 91	RB2 pg. 55	Mar 9, 1833
	Section 57	Section 89	Section 92	RB2 pg. 55	Mar 15, 1833
	Section 58	Section 90	Section 93	RB1 pgs. 178-181	May 6, 1833
	Section 59	Section 92	Section 95	RB1 pgs. 181-182	June 1, 1833
	Section 60	Section 93	Section 96	RB2 pgs. 60-61	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61a	Section 94	Section 97	RB1 pgs. 171-172	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61b	Section 91	Section 94	RB1 pgs. 172-173	Aug 2, 1833
	Section 61c	Section 95	Section 98	RB1 pgs. 173-177	Aug 2 or 6, 1833
	Section 62	Section 97	Section 100	RB2 pgs. 71-72	Oct 12, 1833
	Section 63	NA	NA	T&S V6 pgs. 968-969	Dec 18, 1833
	Section 64a	Section 98:1-5l	Section 101:1-40	RB1 pgs. 183-185	Dec 16, 1833
	Section 64b	Section 98:5m-13	Section 101:41-101	RB1 pgs. 185-189	Dec 17, 1833
	Section 64c	Section 100	Section 103	RB1 pgs. 189-192	Feb 24, 1834
	Section 65a	Section 101	Section 104	RB1 pgs. 192-198	Apr 23, 1834
	Section 65b	NA	NA	RB1 pg. 198	Apr 28, 1834
	Section 66	Section 102	Section 105	RB1 pgs. 199-201	June 22, 1834
	Section 67a	Section 103	Section 106	RB2 pg. 116	Nov 25, 1834
	Section 67b	NA	Section 108	JSJ pg. 90	Dec 26, 1834
	Section 68	NA	Section 137	JSJ pgs. 135-139	Jan 21, 1836
	Section 69a	NA	Section 109	DaC-CJCLdS	March 27, 1836
	Section 69b	NA	Section 110	JAJ pgs. 191-193	April 3, 1836
	Section 70	NA	NA		June 3, 2020
	Section 71	NA	Section 111	BLL pg. 22	Aug 6, 1836
	Section 72	NA	NA	BLL pg. 18	Jan 12, 1838
	Section 73a	NA	Section 114	JSJ pg. 32	April 11, 1838
	Section 73b	NA	NA	JSJ pg. 32	April 11, 1838
	Section 74	NA	Section 115	JSJ pgs. 32-34	April 26, 1838
	Section 75a	NA	Section 118	JSJ 54-55	July 8, 1838
	Section 75b	NA	NA	SBJS pg. 55	July 8, 1838
	Section 76a	NA	Section 119	Single sheet of paper	July 8, 1838
	Section 76b	NA	Section 120	SBJS pg. 57	July 8, 1838
	Section 77	NA	Section 117	SBJS pgs. 57-59	July 8, 1838
	Section 78	Section 107	Section 124	BLL pgs. 3-15	Jan 19, 1841
	Section 79a	NA	NA	BLL pg. 15	Jan 20, 1841
	Section 79b	NA	125	BLL pg. 16	March 18, 1841
	Section 79c	NA	126	BLL pg. 16	March 1841

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	Section 79c	NA	126	BLL pg. 16	March 1841
	Section 80	NA	NA	Dimond Ch. 1	June 18, 1844
	Section 81	NA	NA	VH pg. 33	Jan 17, 1845
	Section 82	NA	NA	VH pg. 3	Sep 1, 1845
	Section 83a	NA	NA	VH pg. 29	July 1, 1846
	Section 83b	NA	NA	VH pg. 88	July 8, 1846
	Section 84	NA	NA	CV pg. 114	Aug 25, 1846
	Section 85a	NA	NA	CV pg. 117	Oct 19, 1846
	Section 85b	NA	NA	CV pg. 119	Nov 6, 1846
	Section 86	NA	NA	Need source	Unknown
	Section 87	NA	NA	Pamphlet	Nov 1848
	Section 89	NA	NA	CV pg. 178	Jan 7, 1849
	Section 90	NA	NA	Booklet pgs. 16-17	Set 6, 1849
	Section 91	NA	NA	CV pg. 194	Aug 9, 1849
	Section 92	NA	NA	KMAH Ap. 1850	March 20, 1850
	Section 93a	NA	NA	BLL 20	Published 1856
	Section 93b	NA	NA	BLL 35	Published 1856
	Section 93c	NA	NA	BLL 40	Published 1856
	Section 94a	Section 114	NA		Oct 7, 1861
	Section 94b	Section 115	NA		March 1863
	Section 95	Section 117	NA		March 3, 1863
	Section 96	NA	NA	CHL	Feb 1874
	Section 97	Section 118	NA		Sept 28, 1882
	Section 98	NA	NA	Eu DaC	Oct 13, 1882
	Section 99	NA	NA	JTP	April 28, 1883
	Section 100	NA	NA	JTP	May 1884
	Section 101	Section 121	NA		April 1885
	Section 102	NA	NA	JTP	Sept 27, 1886
	Section 103	NA	NA	WWJ	Nov 24, 1889
	Section 104	Section 124	NA		April 8, 1897
	Section 105a	Section 127	NA		April 15, 1906
	Section 105b	Section 128	NA		April 18, 1909
	Section 105c	Section 130	NA		April 14, 1913
	Section 105d	Section 131	NA		April 14, 1914
	Section 106	NA	NA		Jan 10, 2016
	Section 107	NA	NA		Jan 10, 2016
	Section 108a	NA	NA		March 18, 2016
	Section 108b	NA	NA		May 4, 2016
	Section 109	NA	NA		Winter 2018
	Section 110	NA	NA		Spring 2018
	Section 111	NA	NA		Oct 19, 2018
	Section 112	NA	NA		Dec 5, 2018
	Section 113	NA	NA		Dec 8, 113
	Section 114	NA	NA		Dec 22, 2018
	Section 115	NA	NA		Jan 20, 2019
	Section 116	NA	NA		May 16, 2019
	Section 117	NA	NA		Aug 13, 2019
	Section 118a	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 118b	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 118c	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 118d	NA	NA		Feb 2020

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	Section 118e	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 118f	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 118g	NA	NA		Feb 2020
	Section 119	NA	NA		Feb 28, 2020
	Section 120	NA	NA		June 7, 2020
	Section 121	NA	NA		March 2020
	Section 122	NA	NA		May 23, 2020
	Section 123	NA	NA		Jan 2021
	Section 124	NA	NA		Jan 30, 2021
	Section 125	NA	NA		April 13, 2021
	Appendix 1	104:18-29	107:40-57	1835 DaC	Unknown
	Appendix 2	26:2a-3g	27:5b-18	1835 DaC	Unknown
	Appendix 3	NA	NA	ZR	Dec 21, 1846
	Appendix 4	129:1a-6b	NA		April 18, 1909
	Appendix 5	130:2a-6c	NA		April 14, 1913

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	Rigdon	NA	NA	JW 9	Aug 31, 1831
	1 Joseph	NA	Section 85	Letter	Nov 27, 1832
		NA	Section 116	SBJs pgs. 43-44	May 19, 1838
		NA	Section 121:1-34,	Letters	March 20, 1839
		NA	Section 121:35-46, & 122, and 123		& March 22, 1839
	Woodruff	NA	NA	WWJ	Oct 2, 1840
	2 Joseph	NA	Articles of Faith	T&S pgs. 706-710	March 1, 1842
	3 Joseph	NA	NA	JSH	
	4 Joseph	Section 109	Section 127	JSJ pgs, 189-190	Sep 1, 1842
	5 Joseph	Section 110	Section 128	Letter	September 6 or 7, 1842
	6 Joseph	NA	Section 129	Ch 1: WWJ pg. 85, Ch. 2 JSI pgs. 53- 55	June 27, 1839 & Feb 9, 1843
	7 Joseph	NA	Section 131	JSD pg. 16	May 16-17, 1843
	8 Joseph	NA	Section 130		April 2, 1843
	9 Joseph	NA	NA	Letter	June 18, 1844
	10 Joseph	Section 113	Section 135	1844DaC pgs. 444-445	June 27, 1844
	1 Strang	NA	NA	VH	May-June 1844
	2 Strang	NA	NA	BLL	Published 1856
	Taylor	NA	NA	WWJ	June 15, 1878
	11 Joseph	NA	NA	RLDS History	Sumer 1853
	12 Joseph	Section 126	NA		April 16, 1902

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	13 Joseph	Section 128	NA		April 18, 1909
	1 David	NA	NA		1978-2015
	2 David	NA	NA		2015-2019
	Victoria	NA	NA		May 9, 2019
	Alexei	NA	NA		2020
	3 David	NA	NA		Feb 7, 2021

1835 Preface

To the members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints—

Dear Brethren:

We deem it to be unnecessary to entertain you with a lengthy preface to the following volume, but merely to say, that it contains in short, the leading items of the religion which we have professed to believe.

The first part of the book will be found to contain a series of Lectures as delivered before a Theological class in this place, and in consequence of their embracing the important doctrine of salvation, we have arranged them into the following work.

The second part contains items or principles for the regulation of the church, as taken from the revelations which have been given since its organization, as well as from former ones.

There may be an aversion in the minds of some against receiving any thing purporting to be articles of religious faith, in consequence of there being so many now extant; but if men believe a system, and profess that it was given by inspiration, certainly, the more intelligibly they can present it, the better. It does not make a principle untrue to print it, neither does it make it true not to print it.

The Church viewing this subject to be of importance, appointed, through their servants and delegates the High Council, your servants to select and compile this work. Several reasons might be adduced in favor of this move of the Council, but we only add a few words. They knew that the church was evil spoken of in many places—its faith and belief misrepresented, and the way of truth thus subverted. By some it was represented as disbelieving the bible, by others as being an enemy to all good order and uprightness, and by others as being injurious to the peace of all governments civil and political.

We have, therefore, endeavored to present, though in few words, our belief, and when we say this, humbly trust, the faith and principles of this society as a body.

We do not present this little volume with any other expectation than that we are to be called to answer to every principle advanced, in that day when the secrets of all hearts will be revealed, and the reward of every man's labor be given him.

With sentiments of esteem and sincere respect, we subscribe ourselves your brethren in the bonds of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Kirtland, Ohio, February 17, 1835.

2019 Preface

“He that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” -1 Corinthians 2:15-16 KJV

The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship (or “the Fellowship”) is a branch of the Latter Day Saint Restorational movement started by Joseph Smith Jr. in 1830. We are a nondenominational Mormon branch of the Christian faith. Some might call us Latter Day Saint Universalists because we welcome all, regardless of denomination. Our focus is bringing souls to Christ, and enjoying the Gifts of the Spirit as we fellowship. We do this in many ways, one being the teaching “Mormon Kabbalah” through the eyes of ubuntu; a quality of essential virtues, including but not limited to compassion, tolerance, and acceptance.

The threefold mission of the Fellowship is to help members and all mankind:

1. **Grow closer to Christ**; as individuals and as a community, teaching and learning the Christian virtue of ubuntu
2. **Bring others to Christ**; into the Fellowship or whichever branch of Christ’s Church they best fit in the spirit of ubuntu
3. **Fellowship together as Christians**; worshiping Jesus through God’s Word, the Sacraments, ministry, outreach, Kabbalah, and jubilee

The purpose of this book is to help in this cause: to instruct those that have come to Christ within the Fellowship, to prepare the way for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Torah is the Covenant, the Gospels are the Covenant lived, the Book of Mormon is the Restored Covenant, and the Doctrines of the Saints is the Living Covenant. Together, these teach us the Law: Love God, love thy neighbor.

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Theology

of the Church of Christ

Formerly known as

Theology on the Doctrine of The Church of Latter Day Saints

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Also known as

The Lectures on Faith

Section I

Lecture First: Of Faith

1 FAITH being the first principle in revealed religion, and the foundation of all righteousness, necessarily claims the first place in a course of lectures which are designed to unfold to the understanding the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

2 In presenting the subject of faith, we shall observe the following order:

3 First: Faith itself—what it is:

4 Secondly: The object on which it rests; and

5 Thirdly: The effects which flow from it.

6 Agreeably to this order we have first to show what faith is.

7 The author of the epistle to the Hebrews, in the eleventh chapter of that epistle, and first verse, gives the following definition of the word faith:

8 Now faith is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

9 From this we learn that faith is the assurance which men have of the existence of things which they have not seen; and the principle of action in all intelligent beings.

10 If men were duly to consider themselves and turn their thoughts and reflections to the operations of their own minds, they would readily discover that it is faith, and faith only, which is the moving cause of all action, in them; that without it, both mind and body would be in a state of inactivity, and all their exertions would cease, both physical and mental.

11 Were this class to go back and reflect upon the history of their lives, from the period of their first recollection, and ask themselves, what principle excited them to action, or what gave them energy and activity, in all their lawful avocations, callings and pursuits, what would be the answer? Would it not be that it was the assurance which we had of the existence of things which we had not seen, as yet? Was it not the hope which you had, in consequence of your belief in the existence of unseen things, which stimulated you to action and exertion, in order to obtain them? Are you not dependent on your faith, or belief, for the acquisition of all knowledge, wisdom and intelligence? Would you exert yourselves to obtain wisdom and intelligence, unless you did believe that you could obtain them? Would you have ever sown if you had not believed that you would reap? Would you have ever planted if you had not believed that you would gather? Would you have ever asked unless you had believed that you would receive? Would you have ever sought unless you had believed that you would have found? Or, would you have ever knocked unless you had believed that it would have been opened unto you? In a word, is there anything that you would have done, either physical or mental, if you had not previously believed? Are not all your exertions, of every kind, dependent on your faith? or, may we not ask, what have you, or what do you possess, which you have not obtained by reason of your faith? Your food, your raiment, your lodgings, are they not all by reason of your faith? Reflect, and ask yourselves, if these things are not so. Turn your thoughts on your own minds, and see if faith is not the moving cause of all action in yourselves; and if the moving cause in you, is it not in all other intelligent beings?

12 And as faith is the moving cause of all action in temporal concerns, so it is in spiritual; for the Savior has said^a, and that truly, that he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

13 Thus says the author of the epistle^b to the Hebrews, as we receive by faith, all temporal blessings that we do receive, so we, in like manner, receive by faith all spiritual blessings, that we do receive. But faith is not only the principle of action, but of power, also, in all intelligent beings, whether in heaven, or on earth.

14 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God: so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

15 By this we understand that the principle of power, which existed in the bosom of God, by which the worlds were framed, was faith; and that it is by reason of this principle of power, existing in the Deity, that all created things exist—so that all things in heaven, on earth, or under the earth, exist by reason of faith, as it existed in HIM.

16 Had it not been for the principle of faith the worlds would never have been framed, neither would man have been formed of the dust—it is the principle by which Jehovah works, and through which he exercises power over all temporal, as well as eternal things. Take this principle or attribute, (for it is an attribute) from the Deity and he would cease to exist.

17 Who cannot see, that if God framed the worlds by faith, that it is by faith that he exercises power over them, and that faith is the principle of power? And that if the principle of power, it must be so in man as well as in the Deity? This is the testimony of all the sacred writers, and the lesson which they have been endeavoring to teach to man.

18 The Savior says^c, in explaining the reason why the disciples could not cast out the devil, that it was because of their unbelief: For verily, I say unto you, said he, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place! and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

19 Moroni, while abridging and compiling the record of his fathers, has given us the following account of faith as the principle of power: He says^d that it was the faith of Alma and Amulek which caused the walls of the prison to be rent, as recorded *in Alma*^e; that it was the faith^f of Nephi and Lehi which caused a change to be wrought upon the hearts of the Lamanites, when they were immersed with the Holy Spirit, and with fire, and that it was by faith^g that the mountain Zerin was removed, when the brother of Jared spake in the name of the Lord.

20 In addition to this we are told in Hebrews^h that Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens; and that women received their dead raised to life again. &c. &c.

21 Also, Joshuaⁱ, in the sight of all Israel, bade the sun and moon to stand still, and it was done. Josh. 10:12.

22 We here understand that the sacred writers say that all these things were done by faith; it was by faith that the worlds were framed. God spake, chaos heard, and worlds came into order, by reason of the faith there was in HIM. So with man also; he spake by faith in the name of God, and the sun stood still, the moon obeyed, mountains removed, prisons fell, lions' mouths were closed, the human heart lost its enmity, fire its violence, armies their power, the sword its terror, and death its dominion; and all this by reason of the faith which was in them.

23 Had it not been for the faith which was in man, they might have spoken to the sun, the moon, the mountains, prisons, lions, the human heart, fire, armies, the sword, or to death in vain!

24 Faith, then, is the first great governing principle which has power, dominion, and authority over all things: By *faith* they exist, by *faith* they are upheld, by *faith* they are changed, or by *faith* they remain, agreeably to the will of God. Without *faith*, there is no power, and without power there could be no creation, nor existence!

Notes:

a See Mark 16:16.

b See Hebrews 11:3.

c See Matthew 17:19-20.

d See Ether 5:14 RAV, 12:13 OPV.

e See Alma 14:23-29 OPV.

f See Helaman 5:37-50 OPV.

g See Ether 12:30 OPV.

h See 11:32-35.

i See Joshua 10:12.

Section 1 Q&A

Of Theology

Question—What is theology?

Answer—It is that revealed science which treats of the being and attributes of God—his relations to us—the dispensations of his providence—his will with respect to our actions—and his purposes with respect to our end. -[Buck's Theological Dictionary, page 582.]-

Q. What is the first principle in this revealed science?

A. Faith. (1:1)

Q. Why is faith the first principle in this revealed science?

A. Because it is the foundation of all righteousness. Heb 11:6. Without faith it is impossible to please God. 1st. John, 3:7. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness, is righteous, even as he -[God]- is righteous. (1:1)

Q. What arrangement should be followed in presenting the subject of faith?

A. First, Should be shown what faith is: (1:3)

Secondly, The object upon which it rests; and (1:4)

Thirdly, The effects which flow from it. (1:5)

Q. What is faith?

A. It is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen: Heb. 11:1. That is, it is the assurance we have of the existence of unseen things. And being the assurance which we have of the existence of unseen things, must be the principle of action in all intelligent beings. Heb. 11:3. Through faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God. (1:8-9)

Q. How do you prove that faith is the principle of action in all intelligent beings?

A. First, By duly considering the operations of my own mind; and, secondly, by the direct declaration of scripture.— Heb. 11:7. By faith Noah, being warned 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. Heb. 11:8. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out not knowing whither he went. Heb. 11:9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. Heb. 11:27. By faith Moses forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. (1:10-23)

Q. Is not faith the principle of action in spiritual things as well as in temporal?

A. It is.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. Heb. 11:6. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Mark 16:16. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Rom. 4:16. Therefore, it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed: not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.— (1:24-26)

Q. Is faith anything else beside the principle of action?

A. It is.

Q. What is it?

A. It is the principle of power, also. (1:25-26)

Q. How do you prove it?

A. First, It is the principle of power in the Deity, as well as in man. Heb. 11:3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.— (1:27-32)

Secondly, It is the principle of power in man also. Book of Mormon, page 264. Alma and Amulek are delivered from prison. Do. page 421. Nephi and Lehi, with the Lamanites, are immersed with the Spirit. Do. page 565. The mountain Zerin, by the faith of the brother of Jared, is removed. Josh. 10:12. Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. Josh. 10:13. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves of their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. Ma. 17:19. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? Mat. 17:20. And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.— Heb. 11:32. And what shall I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah, of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets. Heb. 11:33. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Heb. 11:34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Heb. 11:35. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection. (1:30-46)

Q. How would you define faith in its most unlimited sense?

A. It is the first great governing principle, which has power, dominion, and authority over all things. (1:48-50)

Q. How do you convey to the understanding more clearly, that faith is the first great governing principle, which has power, dominion, and authority over all things?

A. By it they exist, by it they are upheld, by it they are changed, or by it they remain, agreeably to the will of God; and without it there is no power; and without power there could be no creation, nor existence! (1:48-50)

Section II

Lecture Second: Of Faith

1 Having shown in our previous lecture “faith itself—what it is,” we shall proceed to show secondly the object on which it rests.

2 We here observe that God is the only supreme governor, and independent being, in whom all fulness and perfection dwells; who is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient; without beginning of days or end of life; and that in him every good gift, and every good principle dwells; and that he is the Father of lights: In him the principle of faith dwells independently; and he is the object in whom the faith of all other rational and accountable beings centers, for life and salvation.

3 In order to present this part of the subject in a clear and conspicuous point of light, it is necessary to go back and show the evidences which mankind have had, and the foundation on which these evidences are, or were based, since the creation, to believe in the existence of a God.

4 We do not mean those evidences which are manifested by the works of creation, which we daily behold with our natural eyes: we are sensible, that after a revelation of Jesus Christ, the works of creation, throughout their vast forms and varieties, clearly exhibit his eternal power and Godhead. 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 Godhead. But we mean those evidences by which the first thoughts were suggested to the minds of men that there was a God who created all things.

5 We shall now proceed to examine the situation of man at his first creation. Moses, the historian, has given us the following account of him in the first chapter. of the book of Genesis, beginning with the 20th verse, and closing with the 30th. We copy from the New Translation:

6 And the Lord God said unto the Only Begotten, who was with him from the beginning, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and it was done.

7 And the Lord God said, Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

8 So God created man in his own image, in the image of the Only Begotten created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

9 And the Lord God said unto man, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

10 Again, Genesis 2:15, 16, 17, 19, 20: And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it; nevertheless, you may choose for yourself, for it is given unto you; but remember that I forbid it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

11 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and commanded that they should be brought unto Adam, to see what he would call them. * * * And whatever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field.

12 From the foregoing we learn man’s situation at his first creation; the knowledge with which he was endowed, and the high and exalted station in which he was placed—lord, or governor of all things on earth, and at the same time enjoying communion and intercourse with his Maker, without a vail to separate between. We shall next proceed to examine the account given of his fall, and of his being driven out of the garden of Eden, and from the presence of the Lord.

13 Moses proceeds: And they -[Adam and Eve]- heard the voice of the Lord God as they were walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord

God among the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where are you going? And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I beheld that I was naked, and I hid myself.

14 And the Lord God said unto Adam, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree whereof I told you that you should not eat? If so, you should surely die? And the man said, The woman whom you gave me, and commanded that she should remain with me, gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

15 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this which you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

16 And again, the Lord said unto the woman, I will greatly multiply your sorrow, and your conception: in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.

17 And the Lord God said unto Adam, because you have hearkened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the fruit of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it! cursed shall be the ground for your sake: in sorrow you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Thorns also, and thistles shall it bring forth to you: and you shall eat the herb of the field. By the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, until you shall return unto the ground—for you shall surely die—for out of it you were taken; for dust you were, and unto dust you shall return. This was immediately followed by the fulfillment of what we previously said: Man was driven, or sent out of Eden.

18 Two important items are shown from the former quotations: First, After man was created, he was not left without intelligence, or understanding, to wander in darkness, and spend an existence in ignorance and doubt—on the great and important point which effected his happiness,—as to the real fact by whom he was created, or unto whom he was amenable for his conduct. God conversed with him face to face: in his presence he was permitted to stand, and from his own mouth he was permitted to receive instruction—he heard his voice, walked before him, and gazed upon his glory—while intelligence burst upon his understanding, and enabled him to give names to the vast assemblage of his Maker's works.

19 Secondly, we have seen, that, though man did transgress, his transgression did not deprive him of the previous knowledge with which he was endowed, relative to the existence and glory of his Creator; for no sooner did he hear his voice, than he sought to hide himself from his presence.

20 Having shown, then, in the first instance, that God began to converse with man, immediately after he “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,” and that he did not cease to manifest himself to him, even after his fall, we shall next proceed to show, that, though he was cast out from the garden of Eden, his knowledge of the existence of God was not lost, neither did God cease to manifest his will unto him.

21 We next proceed to present the account of the direct revelation which man received, after he was cast out of Eden, and further copy from the New Translation:

22 After Adam had been driven out of the garden, he began to till the earth, and to have dominion over all the beasts of the field, and to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow, as the Lord had commanded him: and he called upon the name of the Lord, and so did Eve his wife also. And they heard the voice of the Lord from the way toward the garden of Eden, speaking unto them; and they saw him not, for they were shut out from his presence: but he gave unto them commandments that they should worship the Lord their God, and should offer the firstlings of their flocks for an offering unto the Lord. And Adam was obedient unto the commandment.

23 And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying, why do you offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him, I know not; but the Lord commanded me to offer sacrifices.

24 And the angel said unto him, This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth. And you shall do all that you do in the name of the Son: and you shall repent and call upon God in his name forever. In that day the Holy Spirit fell upon Adam, and bore record of the Father and the Son.

25 This last quotation, or summary, shows this important fact, that though our first parents were driven out of the garden of Eden, and were even separated from the presence of God, by a vail, they still retained a knowledge of his existence, and that sufficiently to move them to call upon him. And further, that no sooner was the plan of redemption revealed to man, and he began to call upon God, than the Holy Spirit was given, bearing record of the Father and Son.

26 Moses also gives us an account, in the 4th of Genesis, of the transgression of Cain, and the righteousness of Abel, and of the revelations of God to them. He says: In process of time Cain brought of the fruit of the ground, an offering unto the Lord.— And Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel, and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. Now Satan knew this, and it pleased him. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why are you angry? why is your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted?—And if you do not well, sin lies at the door, and Satan desires to have you; and except you shall hearken unto my commandments, I will deliver you up: and it shall be unto you according to his desire.

27 And Cain went into the field and talked with his brother Abel. And while they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and slew him. And Cain gloried in what he had done, saying, I am free! surely the flocks of my brother will now fall into my hands.

28 But the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel, your brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And the Lord said, What have you done? the voice of your brother's blood cries unto me from the ground. And now, you shall be cursed from the earth which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood, from your hand. When you till the ground, she shall not henceforth yield unto you her strength. A fugitive and a vagabond also, you shall be in the earth.

29 And Cain said unto the Lord, Satan tempted me because of my brother's flocks. And I was also angry: for his offering was accepted, and mine was not: My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of men, and from your face shall I be hid also; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, every one that finds me will slay me, because of my oath; for these things are not hid from the Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore, whoever slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven fold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

30 The object of the foregoing quotations is to show to this class the way by which mankind were first made acquainted with the existence of a God: that it was by a manifestation of God to man, and that God continued, after man's transgression to manifest himself to him and his posterity: and notwithstanding they were separated from his immediate presence, that they could not see his face, they continued to hear his voice.

31 Adam thus being made acquainted with God, communicated the knowledge which he had unto his posterity; and it was through this means that the thought was first suggested to their minds that there was a God. Which laid the foundation for the exercise of their faith, through which they could obtain a knowledge of his character and also of his glory.

32 Not only was there a manifestation made unto Adam of the existence of a God, but Moses informs us, as before quoted, that God condescended to talk with Cain after his great transgression, in slaying his brother, and that Cain knew that it was the Lord that was talking with him: so that when he was driven out from the presence of his brethren, he carried with him the knowledge of the existence of a God: and through this means, doubtless his posterity became acquainted with the fact that such a being existed.

33 From this we can see that the whole human family, in the early age of their existence, in all their different branches, had this knowledge disseminated among them; so that the existence of God became an object of faith, in the early age of the world. And the evidences which these men had of the existence of a God, was the testimony of their fathers in the first instance.

34 The reason why we have been thus particular on this part of our subject, is, that this class may see by what means it was that God became an object of faith among men after the fall; and what it was that stirred up the faith of multitudes to feel after him; to search after a knowledge of his character, perfections and attributes, until they became extensively acquainted with him; and not only commune with him, and behold his glory, but be partakers of his power, and stand in his presence.

35 Let this class mark particularly that the testimony which these men had of the existence of a God, was the testimony of man; for previous to the time that any of Adam's posterity had obtained a manifestation of God to themselves, Adam their common father had testified unto them of the existence of God, and of his eternal power and Godhead.

36 For instance, Abel, before he received the assurance from heaven that his offerings were acceptable unto God, had received the important information of his father, that such a being did exist, who had

created, and who did uphold all things. Neither can there be a doubt existing on the mind of any person, that Adam was the first who did communicate the knowledge of the existence of a God, to his posterity; and that the whole faith of the world, from that time down to the present, is in a certain degree, dependent on the knowledge first communicated to them by their common progenitor; and it has been handed down to the day and generation in which we live, as we shall show from the face of the sacred records.

37 First, Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born. Gen. 5:3. And the days of Adam, after he had begotten Seth, were 800 years; making him 930 years old when he died. Gen. 5:4, 5. Seth was 105 when Enos was born. 5:6. Enos was 90 when Cainan was born. 5:9. Cainan was 70 when Mahalaleel was born. 5:12. Mahalaleel was 65 when Jared was born. 5:15: Jared was 162 when Enoch was born. 5:18. Enoch was 65 when Methusaleh was born. 5:21. Methusaleh was 187 when Lamech was born. 5:25. Lamech was 182 when Noah was born. 5:28.

38 From this account it appears that Lamech, the 9th from Adam, and the father of Noah, was 56 years old when Adam died; Methuseleh, 243; Enoch, 308; Jared 470; Mahalaleel, 535; Cainan, 605; Enos, 695; and Seth, 800.

39 So that Lamech, the father of Noah; Methusaleh, Enoch, Jared, Mahalaleel, Cainan, Enos, Seth, and Adam, were all living at the same time, and beyond all controversy, were all preachers of righteousness.

40 Moses further informs us, that Seth lived, after he begat Enos, 807 years; making him 912 years old at his death. Gen. 5:7, 8. And Enos lived, after he begat Cainan, 815 years: making him 905 years old when he died. 5:10, 11. And Cainan lived, after he begat Mahalaleel, 840 years: making him 910 years old at his death. 5:13, 14. And Mahalaleel lived, after he begat Jared, 830 years: making him 895 years old when he died. 5:16, 17. And Jared lived, after he begat Enoch, 800 years: making him 962 years old at his death. 5:19, 20. And Enoch walked with God, after he begat Methuseleh 300 years: making him 365 years old when he was translated. 5:22, 23. And Methuseleh lived, after he begat Lamech, 782 years: making him 969 years old when he died. 5:26, 27. Lamech lived, after he begat Noah, 595 years: making him 777 years old when he died. 5:30, 31.

41 Agreeably to this account, Adam died in the 930th year of the world, Enoch was translated in the 987th, Seth died in the 1042nd, Enos in the 1140th, Cainan in the 1235th, Mahalaleel in the 1290th, Jared in the 1422nd, Lamech in the 1651st, and Methusaleh in the 1656th, it being the same year in which the flood came.

42 So that Noah was 84 years old when Enos died, 176 when Cainan died, 234 when Mahalaleel died, 366 when Jared died, 595 when Lamech died, and 600 when Methusaleh died.

43 We can see from this that Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Methusaleh, Lamech, and Noah all lived on the earth at the same time. And that Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared Methusaleh, and Lamech, were all acquainted with both Adam and Noah.

44 From the foregoing it is easily to be seen, not only how the knowledge of God came into the world, but upon what principle it was preserved: that from the time it was first communicated, it was retained in the minds of righteous men, who taught, not only their own posterity, but the world; so that there was no need of a new revelation to man, after Adam's creation, to Noah, to give them the first idea, or notion of the existence of a God: and not only of a God, but the true and living God.

45 Having traced the chronology of the world from Adam to Noah, we will now trace it from Noah to Abraham. Noah was 502 years old when Shem was born: 98 years afterward the flood came, being the 600th year of Noah's age. And Moses informs us that Noah lived after the flood, 350 years: making him 950 years old when he died. Gen. 9:28, 29.

46 Shem was 100 years old when Arphaxed was born. Gen. 11:10, Arphaxed was 35 when Salah was born 11:12. Salah was 30 when Eber was born. 11:14. Eber was 34 when Peleg was born: in whose days the earth was divided. 11:16. Peleg was 30 when Reu was born. 11:18. Reu was 32 when Serug was born. 11:20. Serug was 30 when Nahor was born. 11:22. Nahor was 29 when Terah was born. 11:24. Terah was 70 when Haran and Abraham were born. 11:26.

47 There is some difficulty in the account given by Moses, of Abraham's birth. Some have supposed, that Abraham was not born until Terah was 130 years old. This conclusion is drawn from a variety of scriptures, which are not to our purpose at present to quote. Neither is it a matter of any consequence to us, whether Abraham was born when Terah was 70 years old, or 130. But in order that there may no doubt exist upon

any mind, in relation to the object lying immediately before us, in presenting the present chronology, we will date the birth of Abraham at the latest period: that is, when Terah was 130 years old. It appears from this account, that from the flood to the birth of Abraham was 352 years.

48 Moses informs us that Shem lived, after he begat Arphaxad, 500. Gen. 11:11. This added to 100 years, which was his age when Arphaxad was born, makes him 600 years old when he died. Arphaxad lived, after he begat Salah, 403 years. 11:13. This added to 35 years, which was his age when Salah was born, makes him 438 years old when he died. Salah lived, after he begat Eber, 403 years. 11:15.— This added to 30 years, which was his age when Eber was born, makes him 433 years old when he died.— Eber lived, after he begat Peleg, 430 years. 11:17. This added to 34 years, which was his age when Peleg was born, makes him 464 years old. Peleg lived, after he begat Reu, 209 years. 11:19. This added to 30 years, which was his age when Reu was born, makes him 239 years old when he died. Reu lived, after he begat Serug, 207 years. Gen. 11:21. This added to 32 years, which was his age when Serug was born, makes him 239 years old when he died. Serug lived, after he begat Nahor, 200 years. Gen. 11:23. This added to 30 years, which was his age when Nahor was born, makes him 230 years old when he died. Nahor lived, after he begat Terah, 119 years. Gen. 11:25. This added to 29 years, which was his age when Terah was born, makes him 148 years when he died. Terah was 130 years old when Abraham was born, and is supposed to have lived 75 years after his birth: making him 205 years old when he died.

49 Agreeably to this last account, Peleg died in the 1996th year of the world, Nahor in the 1997th, and Noah in the 2006th. So that Peleg, in whose days the earth was divided, and Nahor, the grand-father of Abraham, both died before Noah: the former being 239 years old, and the latter 148. And who cannot but see, that they must have had a long and intimate acquaintance with Noah?

50 Reu died in the 2026th year of the world, Serug in the 2049th, Terah in the 2083rd, Arphaxad in the 2096th, Salah in the 2126th, Shem in the 2158th, Abraham in the 2183rd, and Eber in the 2187th: which was 4 years after Abraham's death. And Eber was the fourth from Noah.

51 Nahor, Abraham's brother, was 58 years old when Noah died, Terah 128, Serug 187, Reu 219, Eber 283, Salah 313, Arphaxad 344, and Shem 448.

52 It appears from this account, that Nahor, brother of Abraham, Terah, Nahor, Serug, Reu, Peleg, Eber, Salah, Arphaxad, Shem, and Noah, all lived on the earth at the same time. And that Abraham was 18 years old when Reu died, 41 when Serug and his brother Nahor died, 75 when Terah died, 88 when Arphaxad died, 118 when Salah died, 150 when Shem died, and that Eber lived 4 years after Abraham's death. And that Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Reu, Serug, Terah, and Nahor, the brother of Abraham, and Abraham, lived at the same time.— And that Nahor, brother of Abraham, Terah, Serug, Reu, Eber, Salah, Arphaxad, and Shem, were all acquainted with both Noah and Abraham.

53 We have now traced the chronology of the world, agreeably to the account given in our present bible, from Adam to Abraham, and have clearly determined, beyond the power of controversy, that there was no difficulty in preserving the knowledge of God in the world, from the creation of Adam, and the manifestation made to his immediate descendants, as set forth in the former part of this lecture, so that the students, in this class need not have any dubiety resting on their minds, on this subject; for they can easily see, that it is impossible for it to be otherwise; but that the knowledge of the existence of a God, must have continued from father to son, as a matter of tradition, at least. For we cannot suppose, that a knowledge of this important fact, could have existed in the mind of any of the before mentioned individuals, without their having made it known to their posterity.

54 We have now shown how it was that the first thought ever existed in the mind of any individual, that there was such a being as a God, who had created and did uphold all things: that it was by reason of the manifestation which he first made to our father Adam, when he stood in his presence, and conversed with him face to face, at the time of his creation.

55 Let us here observe, that after any portion of the human family are made acquainted with the important fact that there is a God who has created and does uphold all things, the extent of their knowledge, respecting his character and glory, will depend upon their diligence and faithfulness in seeking after him, until like Enoch the brother of Jared, and Moses, they shall obtain faith in God, and power with him to behold him face to face.

56 We have now clearly set forth how it is, and how it was, that God became an object of faith for rational beings; and also, upon what foundation the testimony was based, which excited the enquiry and diligent

search of the ancient Saints, to seek after and obtain a knowledge of the glory of God: and we have seen that it was human testimony, and human testimony only, that excited this enquiry, in the first instance in their minds—it was the credence they gave to the testimony of their fathers—this testimony having aroused their minds to enquire after the knowledge of God, the enquiry frequently terminated, indeed, always terminated, when rightly persued, in the most glorious discoveries, and eternal certainty.

Section II

Q&A: Of Faith

Question.—Is there a being who has faith in himself independently?

Answer.—There is. Q. Who is it? A. It is God.

Q. How do you prove that God has faith in himself independently?

A. Because he is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient; without beginning of days or end of life, and in him all fulness dwells. Eph. 1:23. Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Col. 1:19. For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fulness dwell. -[§ ii. ¶ 2.]-

Q. Is he the object in whom the faith of all other rational and accountable beings centers, for life and salvation?

A. He is.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. Isa. 45:22. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Rom. 11:34, 35, 36. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. Isa. 40: from the 8th to the 18th. O Zion that bringest good tidings, -[Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion.]- get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, -[Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,]- lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold the Lord your God will come with strong hand, -[Or, against the strong.]- and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. -[Or, recompense for his work.]- He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather his lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a ballance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor, hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the ballance: behold he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations are before him as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity! Jer. 51:15, 16. He -[the Lord]- hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. 1st Cor. 8:6. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. -[§ ii. ¶ 2.]-

Q. How did men first come to the knowledge of the existence of a God, so as to exercise faith in him?

A. In order to answer this question, it will be necessary to go back and examine man at his creation; the circumstances in which he was placed, and the knowledge which he had of God. -[§ ii. ¶ 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.]-

First, When man was created he stood in the presence of God. Gen. 1:27, 28. From this we learn that man, at his creation, stood in the presence of his God, and had most perfect knowledge of his existence.

Secondly, God conversed with him after his transgression. Gen. 3: from the 8th to the 22nd. -[§ ii. ¶ 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.]-

From this we learn, that, though man did transgress, he was not deprived of the previous knowledge which he had of the existence of God. -[§ ii. ¶ 19.]-

Thirdly, God conversed with man after he cast him out of the garden. -[§ ii. ¶ 22, 23, 24, 25.]-

Fourthly, God also conversed with Cain after he had slain Abel. Gen. 4: from the 4th to the 6th. -[§ ii. ¶ 26, 27, 28, 29.]-

Q. What is the object of the foregoing quotation?

A. It is that it may be clearly seen how it was that the first thoughts were suggested to the minds of men, of the existence of God, and how extensively this knowledge was spread among the immediate descendants of Adam. -[§ ii. ¶ 30, 31, 32, 33.]-

Q. What testimony had the immediate descendants of Adam, in proof of the existence of a God?

A. The testimony of their father. And after they were made acquainted with his existence, by the testimony of their father, they were dependent upon the exercise of their own faith, for a knowledge of his character, perfections and attributes. -[§ ii. ¶ 23, 24, 25, 26.]-

Q. Had any others of the human family, beside Adam, a knowledge of the existence of God, in the first instance, by any other means than human testimony?

A. They had not. For previous to the time that they could have power to obtain a manifestation for themselves, the all-important fact had been communicated to them by their common father: and so, from father to child, the knowledge was communicated as extensively, as the knowledge of his existence was known; for it was by this means, in the first instance, that men had a knowledge of his existence. -[§ ii. ¶ 35, 36.]-

Q. How do you know that the knowledge of the existence of God was communicated in this manner, throughout the different ages of the world?

A. By the chronology obtained thro' the revelations of God.

Q. How would you divide that chronology in order to convey it to the understanding clearly?

A. Into two parts: First, by embracing that period of the world from Adam to Noah; and secondly, from Noah to Abraham: from which period the knowledge of the existence of God has been so general, that it is a matter of no dispute in what manner the idea of his existence has been retained in the world.

Q. How many noted righteous men lived from Adam to Noah?

A. Nine; which includes Abel, who was slain by his brother.

Q. What are their names?

A. Abel, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methusaleh, and Lamech.

Q. How old was Adam when Seth was born?

A. One hundred and thirty years. Gen. 5:3.

Q. How many years did Adam live after Seth was born?

A. Eight hundred. Gen. 5:4.

Q. How old was Adam when he died?

A. Nine hundred and thirty years. Gen. 5:5.

Q. How old was Seth when Enos was born?

A. One hundred and five years. Gen. 5:6.

Q. How old was Enos when Cainan was born?

A. Ninety years. Gen. 5:9.

Q. How old was Cainan when Mahalaleel was born?

A. Seventy years. Gen. 5:12.

Q. How old was Mahalaleel when Jared was born?

A. Sixty five years. Gen. 5:15.

Q. How old was Jared when Enoch was born?

A. One hundred and sixty two years. Gen. 5:18.

Q. How old was Enoch when Methusaleh was born?

A. Sixty five. Gen. 5:21.

Q. How old was Methusaleh when Lamech was born?

A. One hundred and eighty seven years. Gen. 5:25.

Q. How old was Lamech when Noah was born?

A. One hundred and eighty two years. Gen. 5:28.

For this chronology see § ii. ¶ 37.

Q. How many years, according to this account, was it from Adam to Noah?

A. One thousand and fifty six years.

Q. How old was Lamech when Adam died?

A. Lamech, the ninth from Adam, (including Abel,) and father of Noah, was fifty six years old when Adam died.

Q. How old was Methusaleh?

A. Two hundred and forty three years. Q. How old was Enoch?

A. Three hundred and eight years.

Q. How old was Jared?

A. Four hundred and seventy years.

Q. How old was Mahalaleel? A. Five hundred and thirty five.

Q. How old was Cainan?

A. Six hundred and five years.

Q. How old was Enos?

A. Six hundred and ninety five years.

Q. How old was Seth?

A. Eight hundred.

For this item of the account see section second, paragraph 38.

Q. How many of these noted men were cotemporary with Adam?

A. Nine.

Q. What are their names?

A. Abel, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methusaleh, and Lamech. -[§ ii. ¶ 39.]-

Q. How long did Seth live after Enos was born?

A. Eight hundred and seven years. Gen. 5:7.

Q. What was Seth's age when he died?

A. Nine hundred and twelve years. Gen. 5:8.

Q. How long did Enos live after Cainan was born?

A. Eight hundred and fifteen years. Gen. 5:10.

Q. What was Enos's age when he died?

A. Nine hundred and five years. Gen. 5:11.

Q. How long did Cainan live after Mahalaleel was born?

A. Eight hundred and forty years. Gen. 5:13.

Q. What was Cainan's age when he died?

A. Nine hundred and ten years. Gen. 5:14.

Q. How long did Mahaleel live after Jared was born?

A. Eight hundred and thirty years. Gen. 5:16.

Q. What was Mahalaleel's age when he died?

A. Eight hundred and ninety five. Gen. 5:17.

Q. How long did Jared live after Enoch was born?

A. Eight hundred years. Gen. 5:19.

Q. What was Jared's age when he died?

A. Nine hundred and sixty two years. Gen. 5:20.

Q. How long did Enoch walk with God after Methusaleh was born?

A. Three hundred years. Gen. 5:22.

Q. What was Enoch's age when he was translated?

A. Three hundred and sixty five years. Gen. 5:23.

Q. How long did Methusaleh live after Lamech was born?

A. Seven hundred and eighty two years. Gen. 5:26.

Q. What was Methusaleh's age when he died?

A. Nine hundred and sixty nine years. Gen. 5:27.

Q. How long did Lamech live after Noah was born? A. Five hundred and ninety five years. Gen. 5:30.

Q. What was Lamech's age when he died?

A. Seven hundred and seventy seven years. Gen. 5:31.

For the account of the last item see -[§ ii. ¶ 40.]-

Q. In what year of the world did Adam die?

A. In the nine hundred and thirtieth.

Q. In what year was Enoch translated?

A. In the nine hundred and eighty seventh.

Q. In what year did Seth die?

A. In the one thousand and forty second.

Q. In what year did Enos die?

A. In the eleven hundred and fortieth.

Q. In what year did Cainan die?

A. In the twelve hundred and thirty fifth.

Q. In what year did Mahalaleel die?

A. In the twelve hundred and ninetieth.

Q. In what year did Jared die?

A. In the fourteen hundred and twenty second.

Q. In what year did Lamech die?

A. In the sixteen hundred and fifty first.

Q. In what year did Methusaleh die?

A. In the sixteen hundred and fifty sixth.

For this account see § ii. ¶ 41.

Q. How old was Noah when Enos died?

A. Eighty four years.

Q. How old when Cainan died?

A. One hundred and seventy nine years.

Q. How old when Mahalaleel died?

A. Two hundred and thirty four years.

Q. How old when Jared died?

A. Three hundred and sixty six years.

Q. How old when Lamech died.

A. Five hundred and ninety five years.

Q. How old when Methusaleh died?

A. Six hundred years.

See § ii. ¶ 42, for the last item.

Q. How many of those men lived in the days of Noah?

A. Six.

Q. What are their names?

A. Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Methusaleh, and Lamech. -[§ ii. ¶ 43.

Q. How many of those men were cotemporary with Adam and Noah both? A. Six. Q. What are their names?

A. Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Methusaleh, and Lamech. -[§ ii. ¶ 43.]-

- Q. According to the foregoing account, how was the knowledge of the existence of God first suggested to the minds of men?
- A. By the manifestation made to our father Adam, when he was in the presence of God, both before and while he was in Eden. -[§ ii. ¶ 44.]-
- Q. How was the knowledge of the existence of God disseminated among the inhabitants of the world?
- A. By tradition from father to son. -[§ ii. ¶ 44.]-
- Q. How old was Noah when Shem was born?
- A. Five hundred and two years. Gen. 5:32. 11:10.
- Q. What was the term of years from the birth of Shem to the flood?
- A. Ninety eight.
- Q. What was the term of years that Noah lived after the flood?
- A. Three hundred and fifty. Gen. 9:28.
- Q. What was Noah's age when he died?
- A. Nine hundred and fifty years. Gen. 9:29. -[§ ii. ¶ 45.]-
- Q. What was Shem's age when Arphaxed was born?
- A. One hundred years. Gen. 11:10.
- Q. What was Arphaxed's age when Salah was born?
- A. Thirty five years. Gen. 11:12.
- Q. What was Salah's age when Eber was born?
- A. Thirty. Gen. 11:14.
- Q. What was Eber's age when Peleg was born?
- A. Thirty four years. Gen. 11:16.
- Q. What was Peleg's age when Reu was born?
- A. Thirty years. Gen. 11:18.
- Q. What was Reu's age when Serug was born?
- A. Thirty two years. Gen. 11:20.
- Q. What was Serug's age when Nahor was born?
- A. Thirty years. Gen. 11:22.
- Q. What was Nahor's age when Terah was born?
- A. Twenty nine. Gen. 11:24.
- Q. What was Terah's age, when Nahor the father of Abraham was born?
- A. Seventy years. Gen. 11:26.
- Q. What was Terah's age when Abraham was born?
- A. Some suppose one hundred and thirty years, and others seventy. Gen. 12:4. 11:26. -[§ ii. ¶ 46.]-
- Q. What was the number of years from the flood to the birth of Abraham?
- A. Supposing Abraham to have been born when Terah was one hundred and thirty years old, it was three hundred and fifty two years: but if he were born when Terah was seventy years old, it was two hundred and ninety two years. -[§ ii ¶ 47.]-
- Q. How long did Shem live after Arphaxed was born?
- A. Five hundred years. Gen. 11:11.
- Q. What was Shem's age when he died?
- A. Six hundred years. Gen. 11:11.
- Q. What number of years did Arphaxed live after Salah was born?
- A. Four hundred and three years. Gen. 21:13.
- Q. What was Arphaxed's age when he died?
- A. Four hundred and thirty eight years.
- Q. What number of years did Salah live after Eber was born?

- A. Four hundred and three years. Gen. 11:15.
- Q. What was Salah's age when he died?
- A. Four hundred and thirty three years.
- Q. What number of years did Eber live after Peleg was born?
- A. Four hundred and thirty years. Gen. 11:17.
- Q. What was Eber's age when he died?
- A. Four hundred and sixty four years.
- Q. What number of years did Peleg live after Reu was born?
- A. Two hundred and nine years. Gen. 11:19.
- Q. What was Peleg's age when he died?
- A. Two hundred and thirty nine years.
- Q. What number of years did Reu live after Serug was born?
- A. Two hundred and seven years. Gen. 11:21.
- Q. What was Reu's age when he died?
- A. Two hundred and thirty nine years.
- Q. What number of years did Serug live after Nahor was born?
- A. Two hundred years. Gen. 11:23.
- Q. What was Serug's age when he died?
- A. Two hundred and thirty years.
- Q. What number of years did Nahor live after Terah was born?
- A. One hundred and nineteen years. Gen. 11:25.
- Q. What was Nahor's age when he died?
- A. One hundred and forty eight years.
- Q. What number of years did Terah live after Abraham was born?
- A. Supposing Terah to have been one hundred and thirty years old when Abraham was born, he lived seventy five years; but if Abraham was born when Terah was seventy years old, he lived one hundred and thirty five.
- Q. What was Terah's age when he died?
- A. Two hundred and five years. Gen. 11:32.
- For this account from the birth of Arphaxed, to the death of Terah, see -[§ ii. ¶ 48.]-
- Q. In what year of the world did Peleg die?
- A. Agreeably to the foregoing chronology, he died in the nineteen hundred and ninety sixth year of the world.
- Q. In what year of the world did Nahor die?
- A. In the nineteen hundred and ninety seventh.
- Q. In what year of the world did Noah die?
- A. In the two thousand and sixth.
- Q. In what year of the world did Reu die?
- A. In the two thousand and twenty sixth.
- Q. In what year of the world did Serug die?
- A. In the two thousand and forty ninth.
- Q. In what year of the world did Terah die?
- A. In the two thousand and eighty third.
- Q. In what year of the world did Arphaxed die?
- A. In the two thousand and ninty sixth.
- Q. In what year of the world did Salah die?
- A. In the twenty one hundred and twenty sixth.

Q. In what year of the world did Abraham die?

A. In the twenty one hundred and eighty third.

Q. In what year of the world did Eber die?

A. In the twenty one hundred and eighty seventh.

For this account of the year of the world in which those men died, see -[§ ii: ¶ 49, 50.]-

Q. How old was Nahor, Abraham's brother, when Noah died?

A. Fifty eight years.

Q. How old was Terah?

A. One hundred and twenty eight.

Q. How old was Serug?

A. One hundred and eighty seven.

Q. How old was Reu?

A. Two hundred and nineteen.

Q. How old was Eber?

A. Two hundred and eighty three.

Q. How old was Salah?

A. Three hundred and thirteen.

Q. How old was Arphaxed?

A. Three hundred and forty eight.

Q. How old was Shem?

A. Four hundred and forty eight.

For the last account see -[§ ii. ¶ 51.]-

Q. How old was Abraham when Reu died?

A. Eighteen years, if he were born when Terah was one hundred and thirty years old.

Q. What was his age when Serug, and Nahor, Abraham's brother died?

A. Forty one years.

Q. What was his age when Terah died?

A. Seventy five years.

Q. What was his age when Arphaxed died?

A. Eighty eight.

Q. What was his age when Salah died?

A. One hundred and eighteen years.

Q. What was his age when Shem died?

A. One hundred and fifty years.

For this see -[§ ii. ¶ 52.]-

Q. How many noted characters lived from Noah to Abraham?

A. Ten.

Q. What are their names?

A. Shem, Arphaxed, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, and Nahor, Abraham's brother. -[§ ii. ¶ 52.]-

Q. How many of these were cotemporary with Noah?

A. The whole.

Q. How many with Abraham?

A. Eight.

Q. What are their names?

A. Nahor, Abraham's brother, Terah, Serug, Reu, Eber, Salah, Arphaxed, and Shem. -[§ ii. ¶ 52.]-

Q. How many were cotemporary with both Noah and Abraham?

A. Eight.

Q. What are their names?

A. Shem, Arphaxed, Salah, Eber, Reu, Serug, Terah, and Nahor, Abraham's brother. -[§ ii. ¶ 52.]-

Q. Did any of these men die before Noah?

A. They did.

Q. Who were they?

A. Peleg, in whose days the earth was divided, and Nahor Abraham's grand-father. -[§ ii. ¶ 49.]-

Q. Did any of them live longer than Abraham?

A. There was one. -[§ ii. ¶. 50.]-

Q. Who was it?

A. Eber, the fourth from Noah. -[§ ii. ¶ 50.]-

Q. In whose days was the earth divided?

A. In the days of Peleg.

Q. Where have we the account given that the earth was divided in the days of Peleg?

A. Gen. 10:25.

Q. Can you repeat the sentence?

A. Unto Eber were born two sons; the name of one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided.

Q. What testimony have men, in the first instance, that there is a God?

A. Human testimony, and human testimony only. -[§ ii. ¶ 56.]-

Q. What excited the ancient Saints to seek diligently after a knowledge of the glory of God, his perfections and attributes?

A. The credence they gave to the testimony of their fathers. -[§ ii. ¶ 56.]-

Q. How do men obtain a knowledge of the glory of God, his perfections and attributes?

A. By devoting themselves to his service, through prayer and supplication incessantly, strengthening their faith in him, until like Enoch, the brother of Jared, and Moses, they obtain a manifestation of God to themselves. -[§ ii. ¶ 55.]-

Q. Is the knowledge of the existence of God a matter of mere tradition, founded upon human testimony alone, until a person receives a manifestation of God to themselves?

A. It is.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. From the whole of the first lecture of the second section.

Section III

Lecture Third: Of Faith

1 In the second lecture it was shown, how it was that the knowledge of the existence of God, came into the world, and by what means the first thoughts were suggested to the minds of men, that such a being did actually exist: and that it was by reason of the knowledge of his existence, that there was a foundation laid for the exercise of faith in him, as the only being in whom faith could center for life and salvation. For faith could not center in a being of whose existence we had no idea; because the idea of his existence in the first instance, is essential to the exercise of faith in him. Rom. 10:14: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher" (or one sent to tell them?) So then faith comes by hearing the word of God. -[New Translation.]-

2 Let us here observe, that three things are necessary, in order that any rational and intelligent being may exercise faith in God unto life and salvation.

3 First, The idea that he actually exists.

4 Secondly, A correct idea of his character, perfections, and attributes.

5 Thirdly, An actual knowledge that the course of life which he is pursuing, is according to his will.—For without an acquaintance with these three important facts, the faith of every rational being must be imperfect and unproductive; but with this understanding, it can become perfect and fruitful, abounding in righteousness unto the praise and glory of God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

6 Having previously been made acquainted with the way the idea of his existence came into the world, as well as the fact of his existence, we shall proceed to examine his character, perfections and attributes, in order that this class may see, not only the just grounds which they have for the exercise of faith in him, for life and salvation, but the reasons that all the world, also, as far as the idea of his existence extends, may have to exercise faith in him the Father of all living.

7 As we have been indebted to a revelation which God made of himself to his creatures in the first instance, for the idea of his existence, so in like manner we are indebted to the revelations which he has given to us, for a correct understanding of his character, perfections and attributes; because without the revelations which he has given to us, no man by searching could find out God. Job 11:7, 8, 9. First Cor. 2:9, 10, 11: "But as it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him; but God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of God no man knows but by the Spirit of God."

8 Having said so much, we proceed to examine the character which the revelations have given of God.

9 Moses gives us the following account in Exodus, 34:6: "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord God, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." Psalm 103:6, 7, 8: "The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy." Psalm 103:17, 18: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." Psalm 90:2: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God." Heb. 1:10, 11, 12: "And you, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of your hands: they shall perish, but you shall remain; and they shall wax old as a garment; and as a vesture shall you fold them up, and they shall be changed: but you are the same, and your years shall not fail." James 1:17: "Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights; with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Malachi 3:6. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

10 Book of Commandments, chapt. 2nd, commencing in the third line of the first paragraph: "For God does not walk in crooked paths, neither does he turn to the right hand or the left, or vary from that which

he has said, therefore his paths are strait, and his course is one eternal round:" Book of Commandments, chapt. 37:1. "Listen to the voice of the Lord your God, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose course is one eternal round, the same yesterday to-day and forever."

11 Numbers, 23:19. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent." First John, 4:8. "He that loves not, knows not God; for God is love." Acts, 10:34: "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted with him."

12 From the foregoing testimonies, we learn the following things respecting the character of God.

13 First, That he was God before the world was created, and the same God that he was, after it was created.

14 Secondly, That he is merciful, and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness, and that he was so from everlasting, and will be to everlasting.

15 Thirdly, That he changes not, neither is there variableness with him; but that he is the same from everlasting to everlasting, being the same yesterday to-day and forever; and that his course is one eternal round, without variation.

16 Fourthly, That he is a God of truth and cannot lie.

17 Fifthly, That he is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted of him.

18 Sixthly, That he is love.

19 An acquaintance with these attributes in the divine character, is essentially necessary, in order that the faith of any rational being can center in him for life and salvation. For if he did not, in the first instance, believe him to be God, that is, the creator and upholder of all things, he could not center his faith in him for life and salvation, for fear there should be a greater than he, who would thwart all his plans, and he, like the gods of the heathen, would be unable to fulfil his promises; but seeing he is God over all, from everlasting to everlasting, the creator and upholder of all things, no such fear can exist in the minds of those who put their trust in him, so that in this respect their faith can be without wavering.

20 But secondly: Unless he was merciful, and gracious, slow to anger, long suffering, and full of goodness, such is the weakness of human nature, and so great the frailties and imperfections of men, that unless they believed that these excellencies existed in the divine character, the faith necessary to salvation could not exist; for doubt would take the place of faith, and those who know their weakness and liability to sin, would be in constant doubt of salvation, if it were not for the idea which they have of the excellency of the character of God, that he is slow to anger, and long suffering, and of a forgiving disposition, and does forgive iniquity, transgression and sin. An idea of these facts does away doubt, and makes faith exceedingly strong.

21 But it is equally as necessary that men should have the idea that he is a God who changes not, in order to have faith in him, as it is to have the idea that he is gracious and long suffering. For without the idea of unchangeableness in the character of the Deity, doubt would take the place of faith. But with the idea that he changes not, faith lays hold upon the excellencies in his character with unshaken confidence, believing he is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, and that his course is one eternal round.

22 And again, the idea that he is a God of truth and cannot lie, is equally as necessary to the exercise of faith in him, as the idea of his unchangeableness. For without the idea that he was a God of truth and could not lie, the confidence necessary to be placed in his word in order to the exercise of faith in him, could not exist. But having the idea that he is not man that he can lie, it gives power to the minds of men to exercise faith in him.

23 But it is also necessary that men should have an idea that he is no respecter of persons; for with the idea of all the other excellencies in his character, and this one wanting, men could not exercise faith in him, because if he were a respecter of persons, they could not tell what their privileges were, nor how far they were authorized to exercise faith in him, or whether they were authorized to do it at all, but all must be confusion; but no sooner are the minds of men made acquainted with the truth on this point, that he is no respecter of persons, than they see that they have authority by faith to lay hold on eternal life the richest boon of heaven, because God is no respecter of persons, and that every man in every nation has an equal privilege.

24 And lastly, but not less important to the exercise of faith in God, is the idea that he is love; for with all the other excellencies in his character, without this one to influence them, they could not have such powerful dominion over the minds of men; but when the idea is planted in the mind that he is love, who cannot see the just ground that men of every nation, kindred and tongue, have to exercise faith in God so as to obtain eternal life?

25 From the above description of the character of the Deity which is given him in the revelations, to men, there is a sure foundation for the exercise of faith in him among every people, nation, and kindred, from age to age, and from generation to generation.

26 Let us here observe that the foregoing is the character which is given of God in his revelations to the Former Day Saints, and it is also the character which is given of him in his revelations to the Latter Day Saints, so that the Saints of former days, and those of latter days, are both alike in this respect; the "Latter Day Saints" having as good grounds to exercise faith in God, as the former day Saints had; because the same character is given of him to both.

Section III

Q&A: Of Faith

Q. What was shown in the second lecture?

A. It was shown how the knowledge of the existence of God came into the world—-[§ iii. ¶ 1.]-

Q. What is the effect of the idea of his existence among men?

A. It lays the foundation for the exercise of faith in him.— [§ iii. ¶ 1.]-

Q. Is the idea of his existence, in the first instance, necessary in order for the exercise of faith in him?

A. It is. -[§ iii. ¶ 1.]-

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the 16 chapter to Romans and 14 verse. -[§ iii. ¶ 1.]-

Q. How many things are necessary for us to understand, respecting the Deity and our relation to him, in order that we may exercise faith in him for life and salvation?

A. Three. -[§ iii. ¶ 2.]-

Q. What are they?

A. First, that God does actually exist: Secondly, correct ideas of his character, his perfections and attributes; and Thirdly, that the course which we pursue is according to his mind and will. -[§ iii. ¶ 3, 4, 5.]-

Q. Would the idea of any one or two of the above mentioned things, enable a person to exercise faith in God?

A. It would not, for without the idea of them all, faith would be imperfect and unproductive. -[§ iii. ¶ 5.]-

Q. Would an idea of these three things lay a sure foundation for the exercise of faith in God, so as to obtain life and salvation?

A. It would; for by the idea of these three things, faith could become perfect, and fruitful, abounding in righteousness unto the praise and glory of God. -[§ iii. ¶ 5.]-

Q. How are we to be made acquainted with the before mentioned things respecting the Deity, and respecting ourselves?

A. By revelation. -[§ iii. ¶ 6.]-

Q. Could these things be found out by any other means than by revelation?

A. They could not.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the scriptures: Job 11:7, 8: 9. 1 Corinthians 2:9, 10, 11. -[§ iii. ¶ 7.]-

Q. What things do we learn in the revelations of God respecting his character?

A. We learn the six following things. First, that he was God before the world was created, and the same God that he was after it was created. Secondly, that he is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness, and that he was so from everlasting, and will be so to everlasting. Thirdly, that he changes not, neither is there variableness with him, and that his course is one eternal round. Fourthly, that he is a God of truth and cannot lie. Fifthly, that he is no respecter of persons; and Sixthly, that he is love. -[§ iii. ¶ 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.]-

Q. Where do you find the revelations which gives us this idea of the character of the Deity?

A. In the bible and book of commandments, and they are quoted in the third lecture. -[§ iii. ¶ 9, 10, 11.]-

Q. What effect would it have on any rational being not to have an idea that the Lord was God, the creator and upholder of all things?

A. It would prevent him from exercising faith in him unto life and salvation.

Q. Why would it prevent him from exercising faith in God?

A. Because he would be as the heathen not knowing but there might be a being greater and more powerful than he, and thereby he be prevented from fulfilling his promises. -[§ iii. ¶ 19.]-

Q. Does this idea prevent this doubt?

A. It does; for persons having this idea are enabled thereby to exercise faith without this doubt. -[§ iii. ¶ 19.]-

Q. Is it not also necessary to have the idea that God is merciful, and gracious, long suffering and full of goodness?

A. It is. -[§ iii. ¶ 20.]-

Q. Why is it necessary?

A. Because of the weakness and imperfections of human nature, and the great frailties of man; for such is the weakness of man, and such his frailties, that he is liable to sin continually, and if God were not long suffering, and full of compassion, gracious and merciful and of a forgiving disposition, man would be cut off from before him in consequence of which, he would be in continual doubt and could not exercise faith: for where doubt is, there faith has no power, but by man's believing that God is full of compassion and forgiveness, long suffering and slow to anger, he can exercise faith in him and overcome doubt, so as to be exceedingly strong. -[§ iii. ¶ 20.]-

Q. Is it not equally as necessary that man should have an idea that God changes not, neither is there variableness with him, in order to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation?

A. It is; because without this, he would not know how soon the mercy of God might change into cruelty, his long suffering into rashness, his love into hatred, and in consequence of which doubt, man would be incapable of exercising faith in him, but having the idea that he is unchangeable, man can have faith in him continually, believing that what he was yesterday he is to day, and will be forever. -[§ iii. ¶ 21.]-

Q. Is it not necessary also, for men to have an idea that God is a being of truth, before they can have a perfect faith in him?

A. It is; for unless men have this idea they cannot place confidence in his word, and not being able to place confidence in his word, they could not have faith in him; but believing that he is a God of truth, and that his word cannot fail, then faith can rest in him without doubt. -[§ iii. ¶ 22.]-

Q. Could man exercise faith in God so as to obtain eternal life unless he believed that God was no respecter of persons?

A. He could not; because without this idea he could not certainly know that it was his privilege so to do, and in consequence of this doubt his faith could not be sufficiently strong to save him. -[§ iii. ¶ 23.]-

Q. Would it be possible for a man to exercise faith in God, so as to be saved, unless he had an idea that God was love?

A. He could not; because man could not love God, unless he had an idea that God was love, and if he did not love God, he could not have faith in him. -[§ iii. ¶ 24.]-

Q. What is the description which the sacred writers give of the character of the Deity calculated to do?

A. It is calculated to lay a foundation for the exercise of faith in him, as far as the knowledge extends among all people, tongues, languages, kindreds, and nations and that from age to age, and from generation to generation. -[§ iii. ¶ 25.]-

Q. Is the character which God has given of himself uniform?

A. It is, in all his revelations whether to the Former Day Saints, or to the Latter day Saints, so that they all have the authority to exercise faith in him, and to expect by the exercise of their faith, to enjoy the same blessings. -[§ iii. ¶ 26.]-

Section IV

Lecture Fourth: Of Faith

1 Having shown in the third lecture, that correct ideas of the character of God are necessary in order to the exercise of faith in him unto life and salvation, and that without correct ideas of his character, the minds of men could not have sufficient power with God to the exercise of faith necessary to the enjoyment of eternal life, and that correct ideas of his character lay a foundation as far as his character is concerned, for the exercise of faith, so as to enjoy the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ, even that of eternal glory; we shall now proceed to show the connection there is between correct ideas of the attributes of God, and the exercise of faith in him unto eternal life.

2 Let us here observe, that the real design which the God of heaven had in view in making the human family acquainted with his attributes, was, that they through the ideas of the existence of his attributes, might be enabled to exercise faith in him, and through the exercise of faith in him, might obtain eternal life. For without the idea of the existence of the attributes which belong to God, the minds of men could not have power to exercise faith on him so as to lay hold upon eternal life. The God of heaven understanding most perfectly the constitution of human nature, and the weakness of man, knew what was necessary to be revealed, and what ideas must be planted in their minds in order that they might be enabled to exercise faith in him unto eternal life.

3 Having said so much we shall proceed to examine the attributes of God, as set forth in his revelations to the human family, and to show how necessary correct ideas of his attributes are, to enable men to exercise faith in him. For without these ideas being planted in the minds of men, it would be out of the power of any person or persons to exercise faith in God so as to obtain eternal life. So that the divine communications made to man in the first instance, were designed to establish in their minds the ideas necessary to enable them to exercise faith in God, and through this means to be partakers of his glory.

4 We have, in the revelations which he has given to the human family, the following account of his attributes.

5 First, Knowledge. Acts 15:18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Isaiah 46:9, 10. Remember the former things of old; for I am God and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient time the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

6 Secondly, Faith, or power. Heb. 11:3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. Gen. 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Isaiah 14:24, 27. The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand. For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

7 Thirdly, Justice. Ps. 89:14. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Isaiah 45:21. Tell ye, bring them near; yea, let them take council together: who has declared this from the ancient time? Have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior. Zeph. 5:5. The just Lord is in the midst thereof. Zech. 9:9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King comes unto thee: he is just, and having salvation.

8 Fourthly, Judgment. Ps. 89:14. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Deut. 32:4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity: just and right is he. Ps. 9:7. But the Lord shall endure forever: he has prepared his throne for judgment. Ps. 9:16. The Lord is known by the judgment which he executes.

9 Fifthly, Mercy. Ps. 89:15. Mercy and truth shall go before his face. Exodus 34:6. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious. Neh. 9:17.— But thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful.

10 And Sixthly, Truth. Ps. 89:14. Mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Exodus 34:6. Long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth. Deut. 32:4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are

judgment. A God of truth and without iniquity: just and right is he. Ps. 31:5. Into thy hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

11 By a little reflection it will be seen that the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, is necessary to enable any rational being to exercise faith in him. For without the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, men could not exercise faith in him for life and salvation; seeing that without the knowledge of all things, God would not be able to save any portion of his creatures; for it is by reason of the knowledge which he has of all things, from the beginning to the end, that enables him to give that understanding to his creatures, by which they are made partakers of eternal life; and if it were not for the idea existing in the minds of men, that God had all knowledge, it would be impossible for them to exercise faith in him.

12 And it is not less necessary that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute power in the Deity. For, unless God had power over all things, and was able, by his power, to control all things, and thereby deliver his creatures who put their trust in him, from the power of all beings that might seek their destruction, whether in heaven, on earth, or in hell, men could not be saved; but with the idea of the existence of this attribute, planted in the mind, men feel as though they had nothing to fear, who put their trust in God, believing that he has power to save all who come to him, to the very uttermost.

13 It is also necessary, in order to the exercise of faith in God, unto life and salvation, that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute justice, in him. For without the idea of the existence of the attribute Justice, in the Deity, men could not have confidence sufficiently to place themselves under his guidance and direction; for they would be filled with fear and doubt, lest the Judge of all the earth would not do right; and thus fear, or doubt, existing in the mind, would preclude the possibility of the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation. But, when the idea of the existence of the attribute justice, in the Deity, is fairly planted in the mind, it leaves no room for doubt to get into the heart, and the mind is enabled to cast itself upon the Almighty without fear and without doubt, and with most unshaken confidence, believing that the Judge of all the earth will do right.

14 It is also of equal importance that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute judgment, in God, in order that they may exercise faith in him for life and salvation; for without the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, it would be impossible for men to exercise faith in him for life and salvation, seeing that it is through the exercise of this attribute that the faithful in Christ Jesus are delivered out of the hands of those who seek their destruction; for if God were not to come out in swift judgment against the workers of iniquity and the powers of darkness, his Saints could not be saved; for it is by judgment that the Lord delivers his Saints out of the hands of all their enemies, and those who reject the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. But no sooner is the idea of the existence of this attribute, planted in the minds of men, than it gives power to the mind for the exercise of faith and confidence in God, and they are enabled, by faith, to lay hold on the promises which are set before them, and wade through all the tribulations and afflictions to which they are subjected by reason of the persecution from those who know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: believing, that in due time the Lord will come out in swift judgment against their enemies, and they shall be cut off from before him, and that in his own due time he will bear them off conquerors and more than conquerors in all things.

15 And again, it is equally important that men should have the idea of the existence of the attribute mercy, in the Deity, in order to exercise faith in him for life and salvation. For, without the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, the spirits of the Saints would faint in the midst of the tribulations, afflictions and persecutions which they have to endure for righteousness' sake; but when the idea of the existence of this attribute is once established in the mind it gives life and energy to the spirits of the Saints: believing that the mercy of God will be poured out upon them in the midst of their afflictions, and that he will compassionate them in their sufferings; and that the mercy of God will lay hold of them and secure them in the arms of his love, so that they will receive a full reward for all their sufferings.

16 And lastly, but not less important to the exercise of faith in God, is the idea of the existence of the attribute truth, in him. For, without the idea of the existence of this attribute the mind of man could have nothing upon which it could rest with certainty: all would be confusion and doubt; but with the idea of the existence of this attribute in the Deity, in the mind, all the teachings, instructions, promises and blessings become realities, and the mind is enabled to lay hold of them with certainty and confidence: believing that these things, and all that the Lord has said, shall be fulfilled in their time; and that all the cursing,

denunciations and judgments, pronounced upon the heads of the unrighteous will also be executed in due time of the Lord: and by reason of the truth and veracity of him, the mind beholds its deliverance and salvation as being certain.

17 Let the mind once reflect sincerely and candidly upon the ideas of the existence of the before mentioned attributes in the Deity, and it will be seen, that as far as his attributes are concerned, there is a sure foundation laid for the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation. For in as much as God possesses the attribute knowledge he can make all things known to his Saints necessary for their salvation; and as he possesses the attribute power he is able thereby to deliver them from the power of all enemies; and seeing also, that justice is an attribute of the Deity, he will deal with them upon the principles of righteousness and equity, and a just reward will be granted unto them for all their afflictions and sufferings for the truth's sake. And as judgment is an attribute of the Deity also, his Saints can have the most unshaken confidence, that they will, in due time, obtain a perfect deliverance out of the hands of all their enemies, and a complete victory over all those who have sought their hurt and destruction. And as mercy is also an attribute of the Deity, his Saints can have confidence that it will be exercised toward them; and through the exercise of that attribute toward them, comfort and consolation will be administered unto them abundantly, amid all their afflictions and tribulations. And lastly, realizing that truth is an attribute of the Deity, the mind is led to rejoice amid all its trials and temptations, in hope of that glory which is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ, and in view of that crown which is to be placed upon the heads of the Saints in the day when the Lord shall distribute rewards unto them, and in prospect of that eternal weight of glory which the Lord has promised to bestow upon them when he shall bring them into the midst of his throne to dwell in his presence eternally.

18 In view, then, of the existence of these attributes, the faith of the Saints can become exceedingly strong: abounding in righteousness unto the praise and glory of God, and can exert its mighty influence in searching after wisdom and understanding, until it has obtained a knowledge of all things that pertain to life and salvation.

19 Such, then, is the foundation, which is laid, through the revelation of the attributes of God, for the exercise of faith in him for life and salvation; and seeing that these are attributes of the Deity, they are unchangeable—being the same yesterday to day and forever—which gives to the minds of the Latter Day Saints the same power and authority to exercise faith in God, which the Former Day Saints had: so that all the Saints, in this respect have been, are and will be alike, until the end of time; for God never changes, therefore his attributes and character remain forever the same. And as it is through the revelation of these that a foundation is laid for the exercise of faith in God unto life and salvation, the foundation, therefore, for the exercise of faith, was, is and ever will be the same. So that all men have had and will have an equal privilege.

Section IV

Q&A: Of Faith

Question. What was shown in the third lecture?

Answer. It was shown that the correct ideas of the character of God are necessary in order to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation; and that without correct ideas of his character, men could not have power to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation, but that correct ideas of his character, as far as his character is concerned in the exercise of faith in him, lay a sure foundation for the exercise of it. -[§ iv. ¶ 1.]-

Q. What object had the God of heaven in revealing his attributes to men?

A. That through an acquaintance with his attributes they might be enabled to exercise faith in him so as to obtain eternal life. -[§ iv. ¶ 2.]-

Q. Could men exercise faith in God without an acquaintance with his attributes, so as to be enabled to lay hold of eternal life?

A. They could not. -[§ iv. ¶ 2, 3.]-

Q. What account is given of the attributes of God in his revelations?

A. First, Knowledge, secondly, Faith, or power, thirdly, Justice, fourthly, Judgment, fifthly, Mercy, and sixthly truth. §iv. ¶ 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.]-

Q. Where are the revelations to be found which give this relation of the attributes of God?

A. In the Old and New Testaments, and they are quoted in the fourth lecture, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth paragraphs.*

Q. Is the idea of the existence of those attributes, in the Deity, necessary in order to enable any rational being to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation?

A. It is.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth paragraphs in this lecture.*

Q. Does the idea of the existence of these attributes in the Deity, as far as his attributes are concerned, enable a rational being to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation?

A. It does.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the seventeenth and eighteenth paragraphs.*

Q. Have the Latter Day Saints as much authority given them, through the revelation of the attributes of God, to exercise faith in him as the Former Day Saints had?

A. They have.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the nineteenth paragraph of this lecture.*

Note: *Let the student turn and commit those paragraphs to memory.*

Section V

Lecture Fifth: Of Faith

1 In our former lectures we treated of the being, character, perfections, and attributes of God. What we mean by perfections, is, the perfections which belong to all the attributes of his nature. We shall, in this lecture speak of the Godhead: we mean the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2 There are two personages who constitute the great matchless, governing and supreme power over all things—by whom all things were created and made, that are created and made, whether visible or invisible: whether in heaven, on earth, or in the earth, under the earth, or throughout the immensity of space—They are the Father and the Son: The Father being a personage of spirit, glory and power: possessing all perfection and fulness: The Son, who was in the bosom of the Father, a personage of tabernacle, made, or fashioned like unto man, or being in the form and likeness of man, or, rather, man was formed after his likeness, and in his image;—he is also the express image and likeness of the personage of the Father: possessing all the fulness of the Father, or, the same fulness with the Father; being begotten of him, and was ordained from before the foundation of the world to be a propitiation for the sins of all those who should believe on his name, and is called the Son because of the flesh—and descended in suffering below that which man can suffer, or, in other words, suffered greater sufferings, and was exposed to more powerful contradictions than any man can be. But notwithstanding all this, he kept the law of God, and remained without sin: Showing thereby that it is in the power of man to keep the law and remain also without sin. And also, that by him a righteous judgment might come upon all flesh, and that all who walk not in the law of God, may justly be condemned by the law, and have no excuse for their sins. And he being the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, and having overcome, received a fulness of the glory of the Father—possessing the same mind with the Father, which mind is the Holy Spirit, that bears record of the Father and the Son, and these three are one, or in other words, these three constitute the great, matchless, governing and supreme power over all things: by whom all things were created and made, that were created and made: and these three constitute the Godhead, and are one: The Father and the Son possessing the same mind, the same wisdom, glory, power and fulness: Filling all in all—the Son being filled with the fulness of the Mind, glory and power, or, in other words, the Spirit, glory and power of the Father—possessing all knowledge and glory, and the same kingdom: sitting at the right hand of power, in the express image and likeness of the Father—a Mediator for man—being filled with the fulness of the Mind of the Father, or, in other words, the Spirit of the Father: which Spirit is shed forth upon all who believe on his name and keep his commandments: and all those who keep his commandments shall grow up from grace to grace, and become heirs of the heavenly kingdom, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ; possessing the same mind, being transformed into the same image or likeness, even the express image of him who fills all in all: being filled with the fulness of his glory, and become one in him, even as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one.

3 From the foregoing account of the Godhead, which is given in his revelations, the Saints have a sure foundation laid for the exercise of faith unto life and salvation, through the atonement and mediation of Jesus Christ, by whose blood they have a forgiveness of sins, and also, a sure reward laid up for them in heaven, even that of partaking of the fulness of the Father and the Son, through the Spirit. As the Son partakes of the fulness of the Father through the Spirit, so the Saints are, by the same Spirit, to be partakers of the same fulness, to enjoy the same glory; for as the Father and the Son are one, so in like manner the Saints are to be one in them, through the love of the Father, the mediation of Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit; they are to be heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Section V

Q&A: Of Faith

Question. Of what do the foregoing lectures treat?

Answer. Of the being, perfections and attributes of the Deity. -[§5. ¶1.]-

Q. What are we to understand by the perfections of the Deity?

A. The perfections which belong to his attributes.

Q. How many personages are there in the Godhead?

A. Two: the Father and the Son. -[§5. ¶1.]-

Q. How do you prove that there are two personages in the Godhead?

A. By the Scriptures. Gen. 1:26. Also §2. ¶6. And the Lord God said unto the Only Begotten, who was with him from the beginning, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:—and it was done. Gen. 3:22. And the Lord God said unto the Only Begotten, Behold, the man is become as one of us: to know good and evil. John, 17:5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was -[§5. ¶2.]-

Q. What is the Father?

A. He is a personage of glory and power. -[§5. ¶2.]

Q. How do you prove that the Father is a personage of glory and of power?

A. Isaiah 60:19. The Sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 1 Chron. 29:11. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory. Ps. 29:3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders. Ps. 79:9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name. Romans 1:23. And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible men.

Secondly, of power. 1 Chron. 29:4. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory. Jer. 32:17. Ah! Lord God, behold thou hast made the earth and the heavens by thy great power, and stretched-out arm; and there is nothing too hard for thee. Deut. 4:37. And because he loved thy fathers therefore he chose their seed after them, and bro't them out in his sight with his mighty power. 2. Samuel 22:33. God is my strength and power. Job 26, commenceing with the 7 verse, to the end of the chapter. He stretches out the North over the empty place, and hangs the earth upon nothing. He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. He holds back the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud upon it. He has compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof. He divides the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smites through the proud. By his Spirit he has garnished the heavens; his hand has formed the crooked serpent. Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? But the thunder of his power who can understand?

Q. What is the Son?

A. First, he is a personage of tabernacle. -[§5. ¶2.]-

Q. How do you prove it?

A. John 14:9, 10, 11, Jesus says unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? He that has seen me has seen the Father; and how do you say then, Show us the Father? Do you not believe, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me.

Secondly, and being a personage of tabernacle, was made or fashioned like unto man, or being in the form and likeness of man. -[§5. ¶2.]-

Philip. 2. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man, and, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself,

and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Heb. 2:14, 16. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels: but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Thirdly, he is also in the likeness of the personage of the Father. -[§5. ¶2.]-

Heb. 1:1, 2, 3. God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past to the fathers, by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who, being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person. Again, Philip. 2:5, 6. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

Q. Was it by the Father and the Son that all things were created and made, that were created and made?

A. It was. Col. 1:15, 16, 17. Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature; for by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions. principalities or powers; all things were created by him and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Gen. 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Heb. 1:2. -[God]- Has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

Q. Does he possess the fulness of the Father?

A. He does. Col. 1:19. 2:9. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. For in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Eph. 1:23. Which is his -[Christ's]- body, the fulness of him that fills all in all.

Q. Why was he called the Son?

A— Because of the flesh. Luke 1:33. That holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.—Math. 3:16, 17. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he -[John]- saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Q. Was he ordained of the Father, from before the foundation of the world, to be a propitiation for the sins of all those who should believe on his name?

A. He was. 1 Peter, 1:18, 19, 20. For as much as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you. Rev. 13:8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, -[the beast]- whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 1 Corin. 2:7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden mystery, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

Q. Do the Father and the Son possess the same mind?

A. They do. John 5:30. I -[Christ]- can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father who sent me. John 6:38. For I -[Christ]- came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 10:30. I -[Christ]- and my Father are one.

Q. What is this mind?

A. The Holy Spirit. John 15:26. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me. -[Christ.]- Gal. 4:6. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts.

Q. Do the Father, Son and Holy Spirit constitute the Godhead?

A. They do. -[§5. ¶2.]-

Let the student commit this paragraph to memory.

Q. Does the believer in Christ Jesus, through the gift of the Spirit, become one with the Father and the Son, as the Father and the Son are one?

A. They do. John 17:20, 21. Neither pray I for these (the apostles) alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Q. Does the foregoing account of the Godhead lay a sure foundation for the exercise of faith in him unto life and salvation?

A. It does.

Q. How do you prove it?

A. By the third paragraph of this lecture.

Let the student commit this also.

Section VI

Lecture Sixth: Of Faith

1 Having treated, in the preceding lectures, of the ideas of the character, perfections and attributes of God, we next proceed to treat of the knowledge which persons must have, that the course of life which they pursue is according to the will of God, in order that they may be enabled to exercise faith in him unto life and salvation.

2 This knowledge supplies an important place in revealed religion; for it was by reason of it that the ancients were enabled to endure as seeing him who is invisible. An actual knowledge to any person that the course of life which he pursues is according to the will of God, is essentially necessary to enable him to have that confidence in God, without which no person can obtain eternal life. It was this that enabled the ancient Saints to endure all their afflictions and persecutions, and to take joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing, (not believing merely,) that they had a more enduring substance. Heb. 10:34.

3 Having the assurance that they were pursuing a course which was agreeable to the will of God, they were enabled to take, not only the spoiling of their goods, and the wasting of their substance, joyfully, but also to suffer death in its most horrid forms; knowing, (not merely believing,) that when this earthly house of their tabernacle was dissolved, they had a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Second Cor. 5:1.

4 Such was and always will be the situation of the Saints of God, that unless they have an actual knowledge that the course that they are pursuing is according to the will of God, they will grow weary in their minds and faint; for such has been and always will be the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God, against the pure and unadulterated religion of heaven, (the only thing which ensures eternal life,) that they will persecute, to the uttermost all that worship God according to his revelations, receive the truth in the love of it, and submit themselves to be guided and directed by his will, and drive them to such extremities that nothing short of an actual knowledge of their being the favorites of heaven, and of their having embraced that order of things which God has established for the redemption of man, will enable them to exercise that confidence in him necessary for them to overcome the world, and obtain that crown of glory which is laid up for them that fear God.

5 For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation, his honor and applause, his good name among men, his houses, his lands, his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, and even his own life also, counting all things but filth and dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, requires more than mere belief, or supposition that he is doing the will of God, but actual knowledge: realizing, that when these sufferings are ended he will enter into eternal rest; and be a partaker of the glory of God.

6 For unless a person does know that he is walking according to the will of God, it would be offering an insult to the dignity of the Creator, were he to say that he would be a partaker of his glory when he should be done with the things of this life. But when he has this knowledge, and most assuredly knows that he is doing the will of God, his confidence can be equally strong that he will be a partaker of the glory of God.

7 Let us here observe, that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things, never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation; for from the first existence of man, the faith necessary unto the enjoyment of life and salvation never could be obtained without the sacrifice of all earthly things: it was through this sacrifice, and this only, that God has ordained that men should enjoy eternal life; and it is through the medium of the sacrifice of all earthly things, that men do actually know that they are doing the things that are well pleasing in the sight of God. When a man has offered in sacrifice all that he has, for the truth's sake, not even withholding his life, and believing before God that he has been called to make this sacrifice, because he seeks to do his will, he does know most assuredly, that God does and will accept his sacrifice and offering, and that he has not nor will not seek his face in vain. Under these circumstances, then, he can obtain the faith necessary for him to lay hold on eternal life.

8 It is in vain for persons to fancy to themselves that they are heirs with those, or can be heirs with them, who have offered their all in sacrifice, and by this means obtained faith in God and favor with him so as to

obtain eternal life, unless they in like manner offer unto him the same sacrifice, and through that offering obtain the knowledge that they are accepted of him.

9 It was in offering sacrifices that Abel, the first martyr, obtained knowledge that he was accepted of God. And from the days of righteous Abel to the present time, the knowledge that men have that they are accepted in the sight of God, is obtained by offering sacrifice: and in the last days, before the Lord comes, he is to gather together his Saints who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice. Ps. 50:3, 4, 5. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my Saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant unto me by sacrifice.

10 Those, then, who make the sacrifice will have the testimony that their course is pleasing in the sight of God, and those who have this testimony will have faith to lay hold on eternal life, and will be enabled, through faith, to endure unto the end, and receive the crown that is laid up for them that love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who do not make the sacrifice cannot enjoy this faith, because men are dependent upon this sacrifice in order to obtain this faith; therefore, they cannot lay hold upon eternal life, because the revelations of God do not guarantee unto them the authority so to do; and without this guarantee faith could not exist.

11 All the Saints of whom we have account in all the revelations of God which are extant, obtained the knowledge which they had of their acceptance in his sight, through the sacrifice which they offered unto him: and through the knowledge thus obtained, their faith became sufficiently strong to lay hold upon the promise of eternal life, and to endure us seeing him who is invisible; and were enabled, through faith, to combat the powers of darkness, contend against the wiles of the adversary, overcome the world, and obtain the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

12 But those who have not made this sacrifice to God, do not know that the course which they pursue is well pleasing in his sight; for whatever may be their belief or their opinion, it is a matter of doubt and uncertainty in their mind; and where doubt and uncertainty is, there faith is not, nor can it be. For doubt and faith do not exist in the same person at the same time. So that persons whose minds are under doubts and fears cannot have unshaken confidence, and where unshaken confidence is not, there faith is weak, and where faith is weak, the persons will not be able to contend against all the opposition, tribulations and afflictions which they will have to encounter in order to be heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ Jesus; and they will grow weary in their minds, and the adversary will have power over them and destroy them.

Note. *This lecture is so plain, and the facts set forth so self-evident, that it is deemed unnecessary to form a catechism upon it: the student is therefore instructed to commit the whole to memory.*

Section VII

Lecture Seventh: Of Faith

1 In the preceding lectures, we treated of what faith was, and of the object on which it rested; 2 agreeably to our plan we now proceed to speak of its effects:

2 As we have seen in our former lectures, that faith was the principle of action and of power in all intelligent beings, both in heaven and on earth, it will not be expected that we will, in a lecture of this description attempt to unfold all its effects; neither is it necessary to our purpose so to do; for it would embrace all things in heaven and on earth, and encompass all the creations of God, with all their endless varieties: for no world has yet been framed that was not framed by faith; neither has there been an intelligent being on any of God's creations who did not get there by reason of faith, as it existed in himself or in some other being; nor has there been a change or a revolution in any of the creations of God but it has been effected by faith: neither will there be a change or a revolution unless it is effected in the same way, in any of the vast creations of the Almighty; for it is by faith that the Deity works.

3 Let us here offer some explanation in relation to faith that our meaning may be clearly comprehended: We ask, then, what are we to understand by a man's working by faith? We answer: We understand that when a man works by faith he works by mental exertion instead of physical force: it is by words instead of exerting his physical powers, with which every being works when he works by faith—God said, Let there be light, and there was light—Joshua spake and the great lights which God had created stood still—Elijah commanded and the heavens were stayed for the space of three years and six months, so that it did not rain: He again commanded, and the heavens gave forth rain,—all this was done by faith; and the Savior says, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, say to this mountain, remove, and it will remove; or say to that sycamine tree, Be ye plucked up and planted in the midst of the sea, and it shall obey you. Faith, then, works by words; and with these its mightiest works have been, and will be performed.

4 It surely will not be required of us to prove, that this is the principle upon which all eternity has acted and will act; for every reflecting mind must know, that it is by reason of this power that all the hosts of heaven perform their works of wonder, majesty and glory: Angels move from place to place by virtue of this power—it is by reason of it that they are enabled to descend from heaven to earth; and were it not for the power of faith they never could be ministering spirits to them who should be heirs of salvation, neither could they act as heavenly messengers; for they would be destitute of the power necessary to enable them to do the will of God.

5 It is only necessary for us to say, that the whole visible creation, as it now exists, is the effect of faith—It was faith by which it was framed, and it is by the power of faith that it continues in its organized form, and by which the planets move round their orbits and sparkle forth their glory: So, then, faith is truly the first principle in the science of theology, and when understood, leads the mind back to the beginning and carries it forward to the end, or in other words, from eternity to eternity.

6 As faith, then, is the principle by which the heavenly hosts perform their works, and by which they enjoy all their felicity, we might expect to find it set forth in a revelation from God as the principle upon which his creatures, here below, must act, in order, to obtain the felicities enjoyed by the Saints in the eternal world, and that when God would undertake to raise up men for the enjoyment of himself, he would teach them the necessity of living by faith, and the impossibility there was of their enjoying the blessedness of eternity without it, seeing that all the blessings of eternity are the effects of faith.

7 Therefore, it is said, and appropriately too, that without faith it is impossible to please God. If it should be asked, Why is it impossible to please God without faith? the answer would be, because, without faith it is impossible for men to be saved; and as God desires the salvation of man he must of course desire that they should have faith, and he could not be pleased unless they had, or else he could be pleased with their destruction.

8 From this we learn that the many exhortations which have been given by inspired men to those who had received the word of the Lord, to have faith in him, were not mere common-place matters, but were for the best of all reasons, and that was, because, without it there was no salvation, neither in this world nor

in that which is to come. When men begin to live by faith they begin to draw near to God; and when faith is perfected they are like him; and because he is saved they are saved also; for they will be in the same situation he is in, because they have come to him; and when he appears they shall be like him, for they will see him as he is.

9 As all the visible creation is an effect of faith, so is salvation, also. (We mean salvation in its most extensive latitude of interpretation, whether it is temporal or spiritual.) In order to have this subject clearly set before the mind, let us ask what situation must a person be in, in order to be saved? or what is the difference between a saved man and one who is not saved? We answer from what we have before seen of the heavenly worlds, they must be persons who can work by faith, and who are able, by faith to be ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation. And they must have faith to enable them to act in the presence of the Lord, otherwise they cannot be saved. And what constitutes the real difference between a saved person and one not saved, is the difference in the degree of their faith: one's faith has become perfect enough to lay hold upon eternal life, and the other's has not. But to be a little more particular, let us ask, where shall we find a prototype into whose likeness we may be assimilated, in order that we may be made partakers of life and salvation? or in other words, where shall we find a saved being? for if we can find a saved being, we may ascertain, without much difficulty, what all others must be, in order to be saved—they must be like that individual or they cannot be saved: we think, that it will not be a matter of dispute, that two beings, who are unlike each other, cannot both be saved; for whatever constitutes the salvation of one, will constitute the salvation of every creature which will be saved: and if we find one saved being in all existence, we may see what all others must be, or else not be saved. We ask, then, where is the prototype? or where is the saved being? We conclude as to the answer of this question there will be no dispute among those who believe the bible, that it is Christ: all will agree in this that he is the prototype or standard of salvation, or in other words, that he is a saved being. And if we should continue our interrogation, and ask how it is that he is saved, the answer would be, because he is a just and holy being; and if he were anything different from what he is he would not be saved; for his salvation depends on his being precisely what he is and nothing else; for if it were possible for him to change in the least degree, so sure he would fail of salvation and lose all his dominion, power, authority and glory, which constitutes salvation; for salvation consists in the glory, authority, majesty, power and dominion which Jehovah possesses, and in nothing else; and no being can possess it but himself or one like him: Thus says John, in his first epistle, 3:2 and 3: Behold, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be; but we know, that when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And any man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.— Why purify himself as he is pure? because, if they do not they cannot be like him.

10 The Lord said unto Moses, Leviticus, 19:2:— Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. And Peter says, first epistle, 1:15 and 16: But as he who has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And the Savior says, Matthew, 15:48: Be ye perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect. If any should ask, why all these sayings? the answer is to be found from what is before quoted from John's epistle, that when he (the Lord) shall appear, the Saints will be like him: and if they are not holy, as he is holy, and perfect as he is perfect, they cannot be like him; for no being can enjoy his glory without possessing his perfections and holiness, no more than they could reign in his kingdom without his power.

11 This clearly sets forth the propriety of the Savior's saying, recorded in John's testimony, 4:12: 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, because I go unto the Father.— This taken in connection with some of the sayings in the Savior's prayer, recorded in the 17th chapter, gives great clearness to his expressions: He says, in the 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24: Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also who shall believe on me through their words; that they all may be one, as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am: that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me; for thou did love me before the foundation of the world.

12 All these sayings put together, give as clear an account of the state of the glorified Saints as language could give—The works that Jesus done they were to do, and greater works than those which he done among

them should they do, and that because he went to the Father. He does not say that they should do these works in time; but they should do greater works because he went to the Father. He says, in the 24th verse: Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory. These sayings, taken in connection, make it very plain, that the greater works, which those that believed on his name, were to do, were to be done in eternity, where he is going, and where they should behold his glory. He had said, in another part of his prayer, that he desired of his Father, that those who believed on him should be one in him, as he, and the Father were one in each other: Neither pray I for these (the apostles) alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their words; that they all may be one: that is, they who believe on him through the apostles' words, as well as the apostles themselves: that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee: that they also may be one in us.

13 What language can be plainer than this? The Savior surely intended to be understood by his disciples: and he so spake that they might understand him; for he declares to his Father, in language not to be easily mistaken, that he wanted his disciples, even all of them, to be as himself and the Father: for as he and the Father were one, so they might be one with them. And what is said in the 22nd verse is calculated to more firmly establish this belief, if it needs anything to establish it. He says, And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one. As much as to say, that unless they have the glory which the Father had given him, they could not be one with them: For he says he had given them the glory that the Father had given him, that they might be one; or in other words, to make them one.

14 This fills up the measure of information on this subject, and shows most clearly, that the Savior wished his disciples to understand, that they were to be partakers with him in all things: not even his glory excepted.

15 It is scarcely necessary here to observe what we have previously noticed: That the glory which the Father and the Son have, is because they are just and holy beings; and that if they were lacking in one attribute or perfection which they have, the glory which they have, never could be enjoyed by them; for it requires them to be precisely what they are in order to enjoy it: and if the Savior gives this glory to any others, he must do it in the very way set forth in his prayer to his Father: by making them one with him, as he and the Father are one.— In so doing he would give them the glory which the Father has given him; and when his disciples are made one with the Father and the Son, as the Father and the Son are one, who cannot see the propriety of the Savior's saying, The works which I do, shall they do; and greater works than these shall they do, because I go to the Father?

16 These teachings of the Savior most clearly show unto us the nature of salvation; and what he proposed unto the human family when he proposed to save them—That he proposed to make them like unto himself; and he was like the Father, the great prototype of all saved beings: And for any portion of the human family to be assimilated into their likeness is to be saved; and to be unlike them is to be destroyed: and on this hinge turns the door of salvation.

17 Who cannot see, then, that salvation is the effect of faith? for as we have previously observed, all the heavenly beings work by this principle; and it is because they are able so to do that they are saved: for nothing but this could save them. And this is the lesson which the God of heaven, by the mouth of all his holy prophets, has been endeavoring to teach to the world. Hence we are told, that without faith it is impossible to please God; and that the salvation is of faith, that it might be by grace to the end, the promise might be sure to all the seed. Romans 4:16.—And that Israel, who followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law; for they stumbled at that stumbling stone. Romans 9:32. And Jesus said unto the man who brought his son to him, to get the devil who tormented him, cast out, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark, 9:23. These with a multitude of other scriptures, which might be quoted, plainly set forth the light, in which the Savior, as well as the Former Day Saints, viewed the plan of salvation.— That it was a system of faith—it begins with faith, and continues by faith; and every blessing which is obtained, in relation to it, is the effect of faith, whether it pertains to this life or that which is to come.— To this, all the revelations of God bear witness. If there were children of promise, they were the effects of faith: not even the Savior of the world excepted: Blessed is she that believed, said Elizabeth to Mary, when she went to visit her;—for there shall be a performance of the things which were told her of the Lord; Luke, 1:45: Nor was the birth of John the baptist the less a matter of faith; for in order that his father Zacharias might believe he was struck dumb. And through the whole history of the scheme of life

and salvation, it is a matter of faith: every man received according to his faith: according as his faith was, so were his blessings and privileges; and nothing was withheld from him when his faith was sufficient to receive it. He could stop the mouths of lions, quench the violence of fire, escape the edge of the sword, wax valiant in fight, and put to flight the armies of the aliens; women could, by their faith, receive the dead children to life again: in a word, there was nothing impossible with them who had faith. All things were in subjection to the Former Day Saints, according as their faith was—By their faith they could obtain heavenly visions, the ministering of angels, have knowledge of the spirits of just men made perfect, of the general assembly and church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven, of God the judge of all, of Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and become familiar with the third heavens, see and hear things which were not only unutterable, but were unlawful to utter. Peter, in view of the power of faith, 2nd epistle, 1:1, 2 and 3 says, to the Former Day Saints: grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us unto glory and virtue. In the first epistle, 1:3, 4 and 5 he says, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy, has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

16 These sayings put together, show the Apostle's views, most clearly, so as to admit of no mistake on the mind of any individual. He says that all things that pertain to life and godliness were given unto them through the knowledge of God and our Savior Jesus Christ. And if the question is asked, how were they to obtain the knowledge of God? (for there is a great difference between believing in God and knowing him: knowledge implies more than faith. And notice, that all things that pertain to life and godliness, were given through knowledge of God;) the answer is given, through faith they were to obtain this knowledge; and having power by faith to obtain the knowledge of God, they could with it obtain all other things which pertain to life and godliness.

17 By these sayings of the Apostle we learn that it was by obtaining a knowledge of God, that men got the all things which pertain to life and godliness; and this knowledge was the effect of faith. So that all things which pertain to life and godliness are the effects of faith.

18 From this we may extend as far as any circumstances may require whether on earth or in heaven, and we will find it the testimony of all inspired men, or heavenly messengers, that all things that pertain to life and godliness are the effects of faith and nothing else: all learning, wisdom, and prudence fail, and everything else as a means of salvation but faith. This is the reason that the fishermen of Galilee could teach the world—because they sought by faith and by faith obtained. And this is the reason that Paul counted all things but filth and dross—what he formerly called his gain he called his loss; yea, and he counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord. Philippians 3:7, 8, 9 and 10. Because, to obtain the faith by which he could enjoy the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord, he had to suffer the loss of all things: this is the reason that the Former Day Saints knew more, and understood more of heaven, and of heavenly things than all others beside, because this information is the effect of faith—to be obtained by no other means. And this is the reason, that men, as soon as they lose their faith, run into strife, contentions, darkness and difficulties; for the knowledge which tends to life disappears with faith, but returns when faith returns; for when faith comes, it brings its train of attendants with it—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, gifts, wisdom, knowledge, miracles, healings, tongues, interpretation of tongues, &c. All these appear when faith appears on the earth and disappear when it disappears from the earth. For these are the effects of faith and always have, and always will attend it. For where faith is, there will the knowledge of God be also, with all things which pertain thereto—revelations, visions, and dreams, as well as every other necessary thing in order that the possessors of faith may be perfected and obtain salvation; for God must change, otherwise faith will prevail with him. And he who possesses it will, through it, obtain all necessary knowledge and wisdom, until he shall know God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he has sent: whom to know is eternal life: Amen.

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Section 1

Introduction

According to Revelation Book 1, this is "revelation one" given November 1, 1831. A Preface or instructions upon the Book of Commandments, which were given of the Lord unto his Church through him whom he appointed to this work by the voice of his Saints, through the prayer of faith this Church, being organized according to the will of him who rules all things on the Sixth day of April in the year of our Lord 1830. This version was taken from the First Book of Revelations of the Church of Jesus Christ, pages 125-127. It is recorded with changes as Section 1 of both the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants.

1 [1:1a1/1:1a] ¶ Hearken O ye People of my Church, saith the voice of Him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men.

2 [1:1a2/1:1b] Yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea;

3 [1:1a3-1b1/1:1c-2a] Listen together, for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape;

4 [1:1b2/1:2b] And there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear neither, heart that shall not be penetrated;

5 [1:1c/1:3] And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow, for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops and their secret acts shall be revealed.

6 [1:1d1/1:4] And the voice of warning shall be unto all people by the mouth of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days;

7 [1:1d2/1:5] They shall go forth, and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.

8 [1:2a/1:6] Behold, this is mine authority and the authority of my servants, and my preface unto the Book of My Commandments, which I have given them to publish unto you, O Inhabitants of the Earth.

9 [1:2b/1:7] Wherefore, fear and tremble, O ye people, for what I the Lord have decreed in them shall be fulfilled.

10 [1:2c1/1:8a] And verily I say unto you that they who go forth bearing these tidings unto the Inhabitants of the Earth:

11 [1:2c2/1:8b] To them is power given to seal both on Earth and in Heaven;

12 [1:2c3-2d/1:8c-9] The unbelieving and rebellious, yea verily to seal them up unto the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure;

13 [1:2e1/1:10a] Unto the day when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his works and measure,

14 [1:2e2/1:10b] To every man according to the measure which he has measured to his fellow man.

15 [1:3a/1:11] Wherefore, the voice of the Lord is unto the end of the Earth that all that will hear may hear.

16 [1:3b1/1:12-13a] Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh and the anger of the Lord is kindled;

17 [1:3b2/1:13b-14a] And His sword is bathed in heaven and it shall fall upon the Inhabitants of the Earth, and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed.

18 [1:3c/1:14b] And the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither his servants, neither give heed to the words of the Prophets and Apostles, shall be cut off from among the people,

19 [1:3d1/1:15] For they have strayed from mine ordinances and have broken mine Everlasting Covenant;

20 [1:3d2-e/1:16] They seek not the Lord to establish His righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world and whose substance is that of an idol which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.

21 [1:4a1/1:17a] Wherefore I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the Inhabitants of the Earth, called upon my Servant, Joseph Smith Jr. and spoke unto him from heaven,

22 [1:4a2/1:17b-18a] And gave him commandment, and also gave commandments to others that they should proclaim these things unto the world.

23 [1:4b-c1/1:18b-19a] And all this that it might be fulfilled which was written by the Prophets, the weak things of the world should come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones,

24 [1:4c2/1:19b-20] That mankind should not council their fellow man, neither trust in the arm of flesh, but that everyone might speak in the name of God, the Lord, even the Savior of the world,

25 [1:4d/1:21-22] That faith also might increase in the Earth, that mine everlasting Covenant might be established,

26 [1:4e/1:23] That the fullness of my Gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the Simple unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers.

27 [1:5a1/1:24a] Behold, I am God and have spoken it.

28 [1:5a2/1:24b] These commandments are of me and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding,

29 [1:5b/1:25-26] And in as much as they erred it might be made known, and in as much as they sought wisdom it might be instructed,

30 [1:5c1/1:27] And in as much as they sinned, they might be chastened that they might repent,

31 [1:5c2/1:28] And in as much as they were humble, they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, receive knowledge from time to time.

32 [1:5d/1:29] After they, having received the record of the Nephites, yea even my servant Joseph Smith Jr. might have power to translate through the mercy and power of God, the Book of Mormon,

33 [1:5e1/1:30a] And also those to whom these commandments were given might have power to lay the foundation of this Church,

34 [1:5e2/1:30b] And to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living Church upon the face of the whole Earth with which I the Lord am well pleased,

35 [1:5e3-f1/1:30c-31] Speaking unto the Church collectively and not individually, for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance;

36 [1:5f2/1:32] Nevertheless, he that repenteth and doeth the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven,

37 [1:5g1/1:33a] And he that repenteth not from him shall be taken, even the light which he has received,

38 [1:5g2/1:33b] For my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.

39 [1:6a1/1:34] And again, verily I say unto you, O Inhabitants of the Earth; for I the Lord am willing to make these things known unto all flesh,

40 [1:6a2-6b/1:35a] For I am no respecter to persons, and willeth that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh the hour is not yet but is nigh at hand when peace shall be taken from the Earth;

41 [1:6b2-6c/1:35b-36] And the Devil shall have power over his own dominion, and also the Lord shall have power over His Saints and shall reign in their midst and shall come down in Judgement upon Idumea.

42 [1:7/1:37] Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

43 [1:8a/1:38a] What I the Lord have spoken I have spoken, and I excuse not myself,

44 [1:8b/1:38b] And though the Heaven and the Earth pass away, my Word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my Servants it is the same;

45 [1:8c/1:39] For Behold and Lo, the Lord is God and the Spirit beareth record, and is true, and the truth abideth forever and ever; Amen.

Section 2a

Articles & Covenants of the Church of Christ

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "Church Articles & Covenants" given to Joseph the seer by the gift and power of God; Fayette, New York, April 10, 1830. This version was taken from the First Book of Revelations of the Church of Christ, pages 53-58. It is recorded with changes as Section 17 of the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and Section 20 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [17:1a1/20:1a] The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days being one thousand eight hundred thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the flesh;

2 [17:1a2/20:1b] It being regularly organized and established agreeable to the Laws of our Country, by the will and commandments of God in the fourth month and on the sixth day of the Month which is called April.

3 [17:1b/20:2] Commandments were given to Joseph Smith Jr. the seer, who was called of God and ordained an Apostle of Jesus Christ, an Elder of the Church;

4 [17:1b2/20:3] And also to Oliver Cowdery, who was also called of God and ordained an Apostle of Jesus Christ, an Elder of the Church, and ordained under his hand,

5 [17:1c/20:4] And this according to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory both now and forever; Amen.

6 [17:2a/20:5] ¶ For after that, truly was it manifested unto this First Elder that he had received a remission of his sins, he was entangled again in the vanities of the world;

7 [17:2b/20:6] But after truly repenting, God ministered unto him by an Holy Angel whose countenance was as lightning, and whose garments were pure and white above all whiteness,

8 [17:2c1/20:7] And gave unto him commandments, which inspired him from on high,

9 [17:2c2-d1/20:8-9a] And gave unto him power by the means of which was before prepared that he should translate a book, which book contained a record of a fallen people,

10 [17:d2-e/20:9b-11a] And also the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, and also to the Jews, proving unto them that the Holy Scriptures are true,

11 [17:2f-g/20:11b-12] And also that God doth inspire men *and women*, and call them to His holy work in these last days, as well as in in days of old, that He might be the same God forever; Amen.

12 ¶ [N/A] Which Book was given by inspiration is called the Book of Mormon and is confirmed to others by the ministering of Angels and declared unto the world by them.

13 [17:3a-c1/20:13-15] Wherefore, having so great witnesses by them shall the world be judged, even as many as shall hereafter receive this work either to faith and righteousness, or to the hardness of heart in unbelief to their own condemnation.

14 [17:3c2-d/20:16] For the Lord God hath spoken it, for we the Elders of the Church have heard and bear witness to the words of His glorious majesty on high to whom be glory for ever and ever; Amen.

15 [17:4a1/20:17a] ¶ Wherefore, by these things we know that there is a God in Heaven who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting;

16 [17:4a2/20:17b] The same unchangeable God, the maker of Heaven and Earth, and all things that in them are;

17 [17:4a3-b1/20:18] And that he created man male and female, and after His own image, and in his likeness created He them;

18 [17:4b2/20:19] And that he gave unto the children of men a commandment that they should love and serve Him, the only being whom they should worship;

19 [17:4c/20:20] But by the transgression of these Holy Laws man became sensual and devilish and became fallen man.

20 [17:5a/20:21] Wherefore, the Almighty God gave His Only Begotten Son, as it is written in those Scriptures which have been given of Him;

21 [17:5b/20:22] That He suffered temptation, but gave no heed unto them;

22 [17:5c/20:23] That he was crucified, died, and rose again the third day;

23 [17:5d1/20:24] And that He ascended into Heaven to sit down on the Right Hand of the Father, to reign with almighty power according to the will of the Father.

24 [17:5d2/20:25] Therefore, as many as would believe and were baptized in His holy name, and endured in faith to the end, should be saved.

25 [17:5e-g1/20:26] Yea, even as many as were before He came in the flesh from the beginning which believed in the words of the holy prophets, which were inspired by the gift of the Holy Ghost, which truly testifies of Him in all things,

26 [17:5g2-h1/20:27] As well as they which should come after, which should believe in the gifts and callings of God by the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of the Father and of the Son;

27 [17:5h2/20:28] Which Father and Son and Holy Ghost is one God Infinite and eternal without end; Amen.

28 [17:6a1/20:29a] ¶ And we know that all men must repent and believe on the name of Jesus Christ and worship the Father in His name,

29 [17:6a2/20:29b] And endure in faith on His name to the end, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God.

30 [17:6b/20:30] And we know that justification through the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is just and true.

31 [17:6c/20:31] And we also know that sanctification through the Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is just and true to all those who love and serve God with all their *might*, minds, and strength;

32 [17:6d/20:32] But there is a possibility that men may fall from grace and depart from the living God.

33 [17:6e/20:33-34] Therefore, let the Church take heed and pray always, lest ye fall into temptation; yea, and even he that is sanctified also.

34 [17:6f1/20:35a] And we know that these things are true and agreeable to the Revelations of John, neither adding nor diminishing to the prophecy of his Book;

35 [17:6f2/20:35b] Neither to the Holy Scriptures, neither to the Revelations of God which shall come hereafter by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost;

36 [17:6f3-g1/20:35c-36a] Neither by the voice of God, neither by the ministering of the angels; and the Lord God hath spoken it.

37 [17:6g2/20:36b] And power and glory be rendered to His holy name, both now and forever; Amen.

AND AGAIN BY THE WAY OF COMMANDMENT TO THE CHURCH CONCERNING THE MANNER OF BAPTISM:

38 [17:7b1/20:37b] ¶ Behold, whosoever humbleth themselves before God and desireth to be baptized, and comes forth with a broken heart and a contrite spirit,

39 [17:7b2-c/20:37c] And witnesseth to the Church that they have truly repented of all their sins and are willing to take upon them the name of Christ, having a determination to serve Him unto the end,

40 [17:7d1/20:37d] And truly manifest by their works that they have received the spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins;

41 [17:7d2/20:37e] Then shall they be received unto Baptism into the Church of Christ.

THE DUTY OF THE ELDERS, PRIESTS, PRIESTESSES, TEACHERS, DEACONS, AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST:

42 [17:8b1/20:38-39] An Apostle is an Elder, and it is his calling to baptize, and to ordain other Elders, Priests, Priestesses, Teachers, and Deacons;

43 [17:8b2/20:40] And to administering the flesh and blood of Christ, according to the scriptures,

44 [17:8d/20:42] And to teach, expound, exhort, and to baptize, and to watch over the Church,

45 [17:8e/20:43] And to confirm the Church by the laying on of the hands and the giving of the Holy Ghost,

46 [17:8f/20:44] And to take the lead of all meetings, and so forth.

47 [17:9/20:45] ¶ The Elders are to conduct the Meetings according as they are led by the Holy Ghost

48 [17:10a/20:46] ¶ The Priests' and Priestesses' duty is to preach, teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and administer the Sacrament;

49 [17:10b/20:47] And to visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret, and also to attend all family duties;

50 [17:10c-d1/20:48-49] And to ordain other Priests, *Priestesses*, Teachers, and Deacons, and take the lead in meetings;

51 [17:10d2/20:50] But none of these duties is he to do when there is an Elder present, but in all cases also to assist the Elders.

52 [17:11a/20:53-54] ¶ The Teachers duty is to watch over the Church always, and be with them and strengthen them, and see that there is no iniquity in the Church nor hardness with each other, nor lying nor backbiting, nor evil speaking;

53 [17:11b/20:55] And to see that the Church meets together often, also that every member does their duty.

54 [17:11c-d/20:56-57] And they are to take the lead of meetings in the absence of the Elder, or Priest *or Priestess*, and is to be assisted always and in all their duties in the Church by the Deacons;

55 [17:11e-f/29:56-59] But neither the Teachers nor the Deacons have authority to Baptize, nor administer the Sacrament, but to are to warn, expound, exhort, teach, and invite all to come to Christ.

56 [17:12a-b/20:60] ¶ Every Elder, Priest *or Priestess*, Teacher, or Deacon is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto them by the Power of the Holy Ghost which is in the one who ordains them.

57 [17:13/20:61] The several Elders composing this Church of Christ are to meet in conference once in three Month to handle Church business, as necessary.

58 [17:15/20:64] And each Priest, *Priestess*, or Teacher who is ordained by any Priest *or Priestess* is to take a certificate from them at the time which when shewn to an Elder, that Elder is to give them a license, which shall authorize them to perform the duty of their calling.

THE DUTY OF THE MEMBERS AFTER THEY ARE RECEIVED BY BAPTISM:

59 [17:18:b/20:68] ¶ The Elders or Priest *or Priestess* are to have a sufficient time to expound all things concerning this Church of Christ to their understanding previous to their partaking of the sacrament and being confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the Elders, so that all things may be done in order.

60 [17:18c/20:69] And the members shall manifest before the Church and also before the Elders by a Godly walk and conversation that they are worthy of it, that there may be works and faith agreeable to the Holy Scriptures: walking in holiness before the Lord.

61 [17:19/20:70] ¶ Every member of this Church of Christ having children are to bring them unto the Elders before the Church, who are to lay their hands on them in the name of the Lord and bless them in the name of Christ.

62 [17:20/29:71] ¶ There cannot anyone be received into this Church of Christ who have not ariven to the years of accountability before God and are not capable of *teshuvah*.

AND THE WAY OF BAPTISM IS TO BE MINISTERED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER UNTO ALL THOSE WHO REPENT:

63 [17:21b/20:73a] ¶ Whosoever being called of God and having authority given them of Jesus Christ shall go down into the water with them, shall say calling them by name:

64 [17:21c/20:73b] Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Amen.

65 [17:21d/20:74] And then shall they immerse them in the water and come forth again out of the water.

66 [17:22a-b1:20:75-76a] ¶ And it is expedient that the Church meet together oft to partake bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus; and the Elder or Priest shall minister it.

67 [17:22b2-c/20:76b] And after this manner shall he do: He shall kneel with the Church, and call upon the Father in mighty prayer saying:

68 [17:22d/20:77] O God the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it, that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember Him and keep His commandments which he hath given them, that they may always have His spirit to be with them; Amen.

69 [17:23a/20:78] And the manner of administering the wine; behold they shall take the cup and say:

70 [17:23b/20:79] O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son, which was shed for them, that they may witness unto thee, O God the Eternal Father, that they do always Remember Him, that they may have His spirit to be with them; Amen.

71 [17:24/20:80] ¶ Any member of this Church of Christ transgressing or being overtaken in a fault shall be dealt with according as the scriptures direct.

72 [17:25a/20:81-82a] ¶ It shall be the duty of the several Churches composing this Church of Christ to send one or more of their Teachers to attend the several conferences held by the Elders of this Church with a list of the names of the several members uniting themselves to the Church since the last conference,

73 [17:25b/20:82b] Or sent by the hand of some Priest or Priestess so that there can be kept a regular list of all the members of the whole Church in a book kept by one of the Elders; whomsoever the other Elders shall appoint from time to time.

74 [17:25c/20:83] And also, if any have been expelled from the Church, so that their names may be blotted out of the General Church Record of names.

75 [17:26.1/20:84a] ¶ Any member removing from the Church where they belong, if going to a Church where they are not known, may take a letter certifying that they are a regular member and in good standing,

76 [17:26.2/20:84b] Which certificate may be signed by any Elder or Priest, if the member receiving the letter is personally acquainted with the Elder or Priest; or may be signed by the Teacher or Deacons of the Church.

Section 2b

Hearken ye Elders of My Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-fifth commandment" A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer and Oliver Cowdery given at Kirtland, Ohio. likely given in February 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 43 for both Community of Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 67-70.

1 [43:1a1/43:1] O hearken! ye Elders of my Church, and give ear to the words which I shall speak unto you:

2 [43:1a2/43:2] For behold; verily, verily I say unto you, that ye have received a commandment for a Law^a unto my Church through him whom I have appointed unto you to receive commandments and revelations from my hand.

3 [43:1b/43:3] And this ye shall know assuredly—that there is none other appointed unto you to receive commandments and revelations until he be taken if, he abide in me.

4 [43:2a1/43:4a] But verily, verily, I say unto you that none else shall be appointed unto this gift except it be through him;

5 [43:2a2/43:4b] For if it be taken from him, he shall not have power; except to appoint another in his stead.

6 [43:2b1/43:5] And this shall be a Law unto you that ye receive not the teachings of any that shall come before you as revelations or commandments;

7 [43:2b2/43:6] And this I give unto you that you may not be deceived, that you may know they are not of me.

8 [43:2c1/43:7a] For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me shall come in at the gate and be ordained as I have told you before:

9 [43:2c2/43:7b] To teach those revelations which you have received and shall receive through him whom I have appointed—

10 [43:3a/43:8] And now, Behold! I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled yourselves together ye shall note with a pen how to act, and for my Church to act upon the points of my Law and commandments which I have given;

11 [43:3b1/43:9a] And thus it shall become a Law unto you, being sanctified by that which ye have received,
12 [43:3b2/43:9b-10a] That ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me, that in as much as ye do this glory shall be added to the Kingdom which ye have received.

13 [43:3c/43:10b] Inasmuch as ye do it not, it shall be taken, even that which ye have received.

14 [43:3d1/43:11a] Purge ye out the iniquity which is among you.

15 [43:3d2/43:11b-12] Sanctify yourselves before me and if ye desire the glories of the Kingdom appoint ye my Servant and uphold him before me by the prayer of faith.

16 [43:3e/43:13] And again, I say unto you, that if you desire the mysteries of the Kingdom provide for him food and raiment, and whatsoever is thing he needeth to accomplish the work which I have commanded him;

17 [43:3f/43:14] And if ye do it not he shall remain unto them that have received him that I may reserve unto myself a pure People before me.

18 [43:4a/43:15a] ¶ Again I say: Hearken ye Elders of my Church, whom I have appointed:

19 [43:4b/43:15b] Ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put in your hands by the power of my Spirit;

20 [43:4c/43:16a] And ye are to be taught from on high.

21 [43:4d/43:16b] Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power *from on high*^b that ye may give even as I have spoken.

22 [43:5a/43:17] Hearken ye, for Behold! the great day of the Lord is nigh at hand!

23 [43:5b1/43:18a] For the day cometh that the Lord shall utter his voice out of Heaven.

24 [43:5b2/43:18b] The Heavens shall shake and the Earth shall tremble,

25 [43:5b3-c1/43:18c] And the Trump of God shall sound both long and loud and shall say to the sleeping nations: Ye Saints arise and live; ye sinners stay and sleep until I shall call again!

26 [43:5c2/43:19-20a] Wherefore, gird up your loins lest ye are found among the wicked; lift up your voices and spare not.

27 [43:5d-e1/43:20b] Call upon the nations to repent, both old and young, both bond and free, saying: Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord!

28 [43:5e2-f1/43:21] For if I, who am a man, do lift up my voice and call upon you to repent, and ye hate me, what will you say when the day cometh when the thunders shall utter their voices from the ends of the Earth, speaking in the ears of all that live, saying: Repent, and prepare for the great day of the Lord?

29 [43:5f2-g/43:22] Yea and again, when the lightning shall streak forth from the East unto the West and shall utter forth their voices unto all that live, and make the ears of all tingle that hear, saying these words: Repent ye, for the great day of the Lord is come!

30 [43:6a/43:23] And again, the Lord shall utter his voice out of Heaven, saying: Hearken O ye Nations of the Earth, and hear the words of that God who made you!

31 [43:6b/43:24] O ye Nations of the Earth, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not?

32 [43:6c1/43:25a] How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of my servants, and by the ministering of angels, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind;

33 [43:6c2/43:25b] And by the great sound of a trump, and by the voice of judgements (*Gevurah*) and by the voice of mercy (*Chesed*) all the day long, and by the voice of Glory (Hod), and honor, and the riches of eternal life (*Malchut*), and would have saved you with an everlasting salvation; but ye would not.

34 [43:6d/43:26] Behold, the day has come when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full.

35 [43:7a1/43:27] Behold, verily I say unto you that these are the words of the Lord your God;

36 [43:7a2-b1/43:28] Wherefore labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time; for the last time call ye upon the inhabitants of the Earth;

37 [43:7b2/43:29] For in mine own due time will I come upon the Earth in judgement, and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on Earth.

38 [43:7c1/43:30] For the great Millennial which I have spoken by the mouths of my Servants shall come:

39 [43:7c2/43:31] For Satan shall be bound, and when he is loosed again he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end of the world.

40 [43:7d/43:32a] And he that liveth in righteousness shall be changed^c in the twinkling of an eye;

41 [43:7e-g/43:32b-33] And the Earth shall pass away so as by fire, and the wicked shall go away into unquenchable fire^d; and their end no man knoweth on Earth, nor ever shall know until they come before me in Judgement.

42 [43:8a/43:34a] Harken ye to these words: Behold I am Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World;

43 [43:8b/43:34b] Treasure these things up in your hearts and let the Solemnities of Eternity rest upon your minds;

44 [43:8c/43:35] Be sober, keep all the commandments; even so—Amen

Notes:

a See DoS Section 4a and 4b

b “from on high” crossed out in RB1 pg. 68, returned to the revelation by inspiration.

c 1 Corinthians 15:52

d DoS 21a:29

Section 2c

Become a People of the Temple

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1 [161:Header 1a] On April 21, 1996, I brought to the Church words of counsel which I felt led to share, without any specific instruction as to their ultimate disposition.

2 [161:Header 1b] I felt it was important that the Church live with the words and not feel compelled to make any urgent decisions about them.

3 [161:Header c] During the intervening four years I have been led back to them many times and have pondered their meaning and their timeliness.

4 [161:Header 1d] Without clinging to every word or phrase, I have remained assured of the rightness of the message, but I have also sensed that it was incomplete, that there was more to be said.

5 [161:Header 1e] I did not then understand that our journey of transformation would instill new depth and insight.

6 [161:Header 2a] ¶ I have continued to wrestle with the message, sensitive to the importance of expressing it with integrity and always aware of my own human failings and uncertainties.

7 [161:Header 2b] In accordance with the responsibilities I carry, filled with love for the Church and its people, and grateful to a God who sustains me in my many weaknesses, I humbly present the following counsel to the Church for whatever formal consideration may be appropriate.

8 [161:Header 2c] I do so confident that the Spirit which accompanied its preparation will also abide with those who embrace its challenge.

9 [161:Header 3-161:1a1] ¶ To the Councils, Quorums, and Orders, to the World Conference, and to the Church: Lift up your eyes and fix them on the place beyond the horizon to which you are sent.

10 [161:1a2] Journey in trust, assured that the great and marvelous work is for this time and for all time.

11 [161:1b1] Claim your unique and sacred place within the circle of those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ.

12 [161:1b2] Be faithful to the spirit of the Restoration, mindful that it is a spirit of adventure, openness, and searching.

13 [161:1b3] Walk proudly and with a quickened step, be a joyful people, laugh and play and sing, embodying the hope and freedom of the gospel.

14 [161:2a] Become a people of the Temple—those who see violence but proclaim peace, who feel conflict yet extend the hand of reconciliation, who encounter broken spirits and find pathways for healing.

15 [161:2b1] Fulfill the purposes of the Temple by making its ministries manifest in your hearts; it was built from your sacrifices and searching over many generation;

16 [161:2b2] Let it stand as a towering symbol of a people who knew injustice and strife on the frontier and who now seek the peace of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

17 [161:3a1] Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of your brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected, unloved.

18 [161:3a2] Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all.

19 [161:3b1] Do not be fearful of one another; respect each life journey, even in its brokenness and uncertainty, for each person has walked alone at times.

20 [161:3b2] Be ready to listen and slow to criticize, lest judgments be unrighteous and unredemptive.

21 [161:3c1] Be patient with one another, for creating sacred community is arduous and even painful; but it is to loving community such as this that each is called.

22 [161:3c2] Be courageous and visionary, believing in the power of just a few vibrant witnesses to transform the world; be assured that love will overcome the voices of fear, division, and deceit.

23 [161:3d] Understand that the road to transformation travels both inward and outward; the road to transformation is the path of the disciple.

24 [161:4a1] Do not neglect the smallest among you, for even the least of these are treasures in God's sight.

25 [161:4a2] Receive the giftedness and energy of children and youth, listening to understand their questions and their wisdom, respond to their need to be loved and nurtured as they grow.

26 [161:4b1] Be mindful of the changing of life's seasons, of the passage from the springtime of childhood and youth to the winter years of life.

27 [161:4b2] Embrace the blessing of your many differences; be tender and caring, be reminded once again that the gifts of all are necessary in order that divine purposes may be accomplished.

28 [161:5a] ¶ Be respectful of tradition; do not fail to listen attentively to the telling of the sacred story, for the story of scripture and of faith empowers and illuminates; but neither be captive to time-bound formulas and procedures.

29 [161:5b] Remember that instruction given in former years is applicable in principle and must be measured against the needs of a growing Church, in accordance with the prayerful direction of the spiritual authorities and the consent of the people.

30 [161:6a] Stand firm in the name of the One you proclaim and create diverse communities of disciples and seekers, rejoicing in the continuing fulfillment of the call to this people to prophetically witness in the name of Jesus Christ.

31 [161:6b1] Heed the urgent call to become a global family united in the name of the Christ, committed in love to one another, seeking the kingdom for which you yearn and to which you have always been summoned.

32 [161:6b2] That kingdom shall be a peaceable one and it shall be known as Zion.

33 [161:7a] The Spirit of the One you follow is the spirit of love and peace; that Spirit seeks to abide in the hearts of those who would embrace its call and live its message.

34 [161:7b] The path will not always be easy, the choices will not always be clear, but the cause is sure and the Spirit will bear witness to the truth,

35 [161:7c] And those who live the truth will know the hope and the joy of discipleship in the community of Christ; Amen.

Section 2d

Become a Prophetic People

A Revelation given in Independence, Missouri, March 29, 2004 through W. Grant McMurray to the Church of Christ. Recorded as Section 162 of the Community of Christ edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [162:Header 1a] For many months I have struggled with a persistent conviction that God is calling the church to a clearer understanding of what it means to be a prophetic people.

2 [162:Header 1b] I have sensed as never before that we are uniquely called to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and to claim again the principles of Restoration in our own time.

3 [162:Header 1c] These thoughts have haunted me, perhaps in part because I have resisted expressing them, painfully aware as I am of my own sinfulness and personal shortcomings;

4 [162:Header 1d] But still the urgency rested upon me, until one night I tossed fitfully in my bed, unable to yield to the sleep that needed to come.

5 [162:Header 1e] Finally, I arose and in the silence of the night tried to embrace what was written on my heart.

6 [162:Header 2a] ¶ The words did not flow as if dictated, but were wrested out of my own encounter with the Spirit that had been working with me these many months.

7 [162:Header 2b] I wrote, and then in subsequent days I pondered the words, recasting them here and there as further clarification would come.

8 [162:Header 2c] Even as I present them to the Church, I do so sensing that there is more to be said

9 [162:Header 2d] But the same Spirit that leads me to write these words also compels me to invite the Church to join in the task of discerning God's will for us.

10 [162:Header 2e] I am not yet sure what form that will take, but I believe it is our next step as we continue the process of becoming a prophetic people.

11 [162:Header 3-1a1] ¶ To the Councils, Quorums, and Orders, to the World Conference, and to the Church: Listen, O people of the Restoration—you who would become a prophetic people, embodying in your life together the ministries of the Temple.

12 [162:1a2] Listen to the Voice that speaks from beyond the farthest hills, from the infinite heavens above, and the vast seas below.

13 [162:1b1] Listen to the Voice that echoes across the eons of time and yet speaks anew in this moment.

14 [162:1b2] Listen to the Voice, for it cannot be stilled, and it calls you once again to the great and marvelous work of building the peaceable kingdom, even Zion, on behalf of the One whose name you claim.

15 [162:2a] Listen carefully to your own journey as a people, for it is a sacred journey and it has taught you many things you must know for the journey yet to come.

16 [162:2b1] Listen to its teachings and discover anew its principles:

17 [162:2b2] Do not yearn for times that are past, but recognize that you have been given a foundation of faithful service, even as you build a foundation for what is yet to be.

18 [162:2c1] ¶ As a prophetic people you are called, under the direction of the spiritual authorities and with the common consent of the people, to discern the divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve.

19 [162:2c2] You live in a world with new challenges, and that world will require new forms of ministry.

20 [162:2c3] The Priesthood must especially respond to that challenge, and the Church is admonished to prayerfully consider how calling and giftedness in the community of Christ can best be expressed in a new time.

21 [162:2d1] You have already been told to look to the sacraments to enrich the spiritual life of the body.

22 [162:2d2] It is not the form of the sacrament that dispenses Grace, but it is the divine presence that gives life.

23 [162:2d3] Be respectful of tradition and sensitive to one another, but do not be unduly bound by interpretations and procedures that no longer fit the needs of a worldwide Church; in such matters direction will come from those called to lead.

24 [162:2e1] ¶ Again, you are reminded that this community was divinely called into being.

25 [162:2e2] The spirit of the Restoration is not locked in one moment of time, but is instead the call to every generation to witness to essential truths in its own language and form: Let the Spirit breathe.

26 [162:3a] Do not be discouraged; you have not been promised an easy path, but you have been assured that the Spirit that calls you will also accompany you.

27 [162:3b1] That Spirit is even now touching alive the souls of those who feel the passion of discipleship burning deeply within.

28 [162:3b2] Many others will respond if you are persistent in your witness and diligent in your mission to the world.

29 [162:4a1] Listen carefully to the many testimonies of those around the world who have been led into the fellowship of the community of Christ:

30 [162:4a2] The richness of cultures, the poetry of language, and the breadth of human experience permit the Gospel to be seen with new eyes and grasped with freshness of spirit.

31 [162:4a3] That gift has been given to you, do not fail to understand its power.

32 [162:4b] It is for divine purpose that you have been given the struggles as well as the joys of diversity; so must it always be in the peaceable kingdom.

33 [162:5a] ¶ Do not be defined by the things that separate you but by the things that unite you in Jesus Christ.

34 [162:5b1] Over and over again you have been counseled to be reconciled, to seek the unity that is imperative to the building of the kingdom:

35 [162:5b2] Again, the Spirit counsels the Church to not allow the forces of division to divert you from your witness.

36 [162:5c1] Listen together to one another, without judgment or predisposition; do not assume that the answers to matters of conflict have yet been perceived.

37 [162:5c2] There is much labor to be done; reason together in love, and the Spirit of truth will prevail.

38 [162:6a] From the earliest days you have been given a sacred principle that declares the inestimable worth of all persons: do not forget.

39 [162:6b1] The One who created all humankind grieves at the shameful divisions within the human family.

40 [162:6b2] A prophetic people must work tirelessly to tear down walls of separation and to build bridges of understanding.

41 [162:6c1] You hold precious lives in your hands; be gentle and gracious with one another, a community is no stronger than the weakest within it;

42 [162:6c2] Even as the One you follow reached out to those who were rejected and marginalized, so must the community that bears His name.

43 [162:7a1] ¶ There are many lives waiting to hear the redeeming words of the Gospel, or to be lifted from hopelessness by the hands of loving servants;

44 [162:7a2] But they will be lost to you without the generous response of disciples who share from their own bounty that others may know the joys of the kingdom.

45 [162:7b1] Many are fearful and believe their security is to be found in the accumulation of possessions.

46 [162:7b2] The answers you seek are not inherent in the things of this world but in a faith that places its trust in the promises given to all who would follow Jesus Christ.

47 [162:7c1] You have been given the principles of generosity, rightly interpreted for a new time; these principles call every disciple to tithe faithfully in accordance with means and capacity.

48 [162:7c2] Those values, deeply rooted in the Restoration faith, affirm that stewardship and discipleship cannot be divided and are dependent upon each other.

49 [162:7d1] The call to respond is urgent; look to the needs of your own congregations, but look also beyond your walls to the far-flung places where the Church must go.

50 [162:7d2] Each disciple needs a spiritual home; you are called to build that home and care for it, but also to share equally in the outreaching ministries of the Church;

51 [162:7d3] In that way the Gospel may be sent to other souls also yearning for a spiritual resting place.

52 [162:8a1] You are a good and faithful people, but sometimes you fail to see the power that is resident in your own story and fellowship;

53 [162:8a2-b1] ¶ Look carefully, listen attentively, and sense the Spirit among you; do not be unduly concerned with numbers.

54 [162:8b2] Be fervent in your witness, passionate in your discipleship, and vigorous in your labor on behalf of peace and justice.

55 [162:8b3] Where two or three such disciples form community, there will the Spirit be; many will come to see.

56 [162:8c1] Continue your journey, O people of the Restoration; you have been blessed thus far but there is so much yet to see, so much yet to do.

57 [162:8c2] Go forth with confidence and live prophetically as a people who have been loved, and who now courageously choose to love others in the name of the One you serve. Amen.

Section 2e

The Embodiment of God's Shalom

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1 [163:Header 1a] Every day since being ordained as prophet-president, I have carried the needs of the Church on my heart.

2 [163:Header 1b] Sometimes the weight of concern has seemed almost unbearable.

3 [163:Header 1c] Perhaps this is as it should be, because the heaviness of responsibility has pressed me to seek the mind and will of God as never before.

4 [163:Header 1d] Striving to be open to the guidance of the Spirit, while attempting to lay aside my own preconceived notions, has been a challenging but necessary learning experience.

5 [163:Header 1e] And, as I have sought to perceive God's will for the Church through prayer, study, and listening for the Creator's voice in the voices of the faith community, I have been blessed by the Spirit in various, sometimes surprising ways.

6 [163:Header 2a] ¶ The words and images that follow have been birthed through much struggle, not because of any lack of inspiration, but because of the limitations of the human vessel entrusted with responsibility for articulating divine encounter.

7 [163:Header 2b] Attempting to communicate in words what is ultimately beyond words always leaves one with a sense of incompleteness.

8 [163:Header 2c] Added to this is the challenge of creating phrases that can be translated into the languages of the international Church without loss of essential meanings.

9 [163:Header 2d] Fortunately, we have the promise that one of the primary functions of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness of divine truth beyond the confines of language and culture;

10 [163:Header 3a] ¶ Therefore, it is in deep humility and with heartfelt gratitude to God that I offer the following counsel as a witness of God's eternal purpose and continuing activity in the life of the Church.

11 [163:Header 3b] In so doing, I place these words in the Church's hand, trusting that the Spirit will enable the faith community to hear the call of God today with increasing clarity.

12 [163:1a1] ¶ Community of Christ, your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling.

13 [163:1a2] If you will discern and embrace its full meaning, you will not only discover your future, you will become a blessing to the whole creation; do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go.

14 [163:2a1] Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's shalom, invites all people to come and receive divine peace in the midst of the difficult questions and struggles of life.

15 [163:2a2] Follow Christ in the way that leads to God's peace and discover the blessings of all of the dimensions of salvation.

16 [163:2b1] Generously share the invitation, ministries, and sacraments through which people can encounter the Living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community.

17 [163:2b2] The restoring of persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, themselves, and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith.

18 [163:3a1] You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate.

19 [163:3a2] The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness.

20 [163:3b1] Above all else, strive to be faithful to Christ's vision of the peaceable Kingdom of God on earth.

21 [163:3b2] Courageously challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God: Pursue peace.

22 [163:3c1] ¶ There are subtle, yet powerful, influences in the world, some even claiming to represent Christ, that seek to divide people and nations to accomplish their destructive aims.

23 [163:3c2] That which seeks to harden one human heart against another by constructing walls of fear and prejudice is not of God.

24 [163:3c3] Be especially alert to these influences, lest they divide you or divert you from the mission to which you are called.

25 [163:4a1] ¶ God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering; such conditions are not God's will.

26 [163:4a2] Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children; do not turn away from them, for in their welfare resides your welfare.

27 [163:4b1] The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict.

28 [163:4b2] Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.

29 [163:4c1] ¶ Let the educational and community development endeavors of the Church equip people of all ages to carry the ethics of Christ's peace into all arenas of life.

30 [163:4c2] Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration;

31 [163:4c3] Their contributions will be multiplied if their hearts are focused on God's will for creation.

32 [163:5a1] ¶ The Council of Twelve is urged to enthusiastically embrace its calling as apostles of the peace of Jesus Christ in all of its dimensions.

33 [163:5a2] The Twelve are sent into the world to lead the Church's mission of restoration through relevant Gospel proclamation and the establishment of signal communities of justice and peace that reflect the vision of Christ.

34 [163:5a3] As the Apostles move out in faith and unity of purpose, freeing themselves from other duties, they will be blessed with an increased capacity for sharing Christ's message of hope and restoration for creation.

35 [163:5b1] To accelerate the work of sharing the Gospel, the Twelve and the Seventy should be closely associated in implementing wholistic evangelistic ministries.

36 [163:5b2] The Seventy are to be the forerunners of Christ's peace, preparing the way for apostolic witness to be more readily received.

37 [163:5c1] Procedures regarding the calling and assignments of the Presidents of Seventy and members of the Quorums of Seventy shall be developed to facilitate the maximum level of collaboration with the Council of Twelve.

38 [163:5c2] The Twelve, the Presidents of Seventy, and the Quorums of Seventy should spend sufficient time together to ensure a mutual understanding of evangelistic priorities and approaches.

39 [163:6a1] ¶ Priesthood is a sacred covenant involving the highest form of stewardship of body, mind, spirit, and relationships;

40 [163:6a2] The priesthood shall be composed of people of humility and integrity who are willing to extend themselves in service for others and for the well-being of the faith community.

41 [163:6b1] Truly authoritative priesthood ministry emerges from a growing capacity to bring blessing to others.

42 [163:6b2] Unfortunately, there are some who have chosen to view priesthood as a right of privilege or as a platform for promoting personal perspectives;

43 [163:6b3] Others hold priesthood as a casual aspect of their lives without regard to appropriate levels of preparation and response.

44 [163:6c1] The expectation for priesthood to continually magnify their callings through spiritual growth, study, exemplary generosity, ethical choices, and fully accountable ministry is always present.

45 [163:6c2] How can the Spirit fill vessels that are unwilling to expand their capacity to receive and give according to a full measure of God's grace and truth?

46 [163:6d1] Counsel given previously regarding the need to develop ways whereby priesthood can magnify their ministry or determine their commitment to active service remains applicable and should be more intentionally implemented.

47 [163:6d2] The First Presidency will provide guidelines for processes to be applied in culturally respectful ways in the various fields of the Church.

48 [163:6d3] Fundamentally, however, the ultimate responsibility for priesthood faithfulness rests on the individual in response to the needs and expectations of the faith community.

49 [163:7a1] ¶ Scripture is an indispensable witness to the Eternal Source of light and truth, which cannot be fully contained in any finite vessel or language.

50 [163:7a2] Scripture has been written and shaped by human authors through experiences of revelation and ongoing inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the midst of time and culture.

51 [163:7b1] Scripture is not to be worshiped or idolized; only God, the Eternal One of whom scripture testifies, is worthy of worship.

52 [163:7b2] God's nature, as revealed in Jesus Christ and affirmed by the Holy Spirit, provides the ultimate standard by which any portion of scripture should be interpreted and applied.

53 [163:7c1] It is not pleasing to God when any passage of scripture is used to diminish or oppress races, genders, or classes of human beings.

54 [163:7c2] Much physical and emotional violence has been done to some of God's beloved children through the misuse of scripture; the Church is called to confess and repent of such attitudes and practices.

55 [163:7d1] Scripture, prophetic guidance, knowledge, and discernment in the faith community must walk hand in hand to reveal the true will of God.

56 [163:7d2] Follow this pathway, which is the way of the Living Christ, and you will discover more than sufficient light for the journey ahead.

57 [163:8a1] ¶ The Temple is an instrument of ongoing revelation in the life of the Church; its symbolism and ministries call people to reverence in the presence of the Divine Being.

58 [163:8a2] Transformative encounters with the Eternal Creator and Reconciler await those who follow its spiritual pathways of healing, reconciliation, peace, strengthening of faith, and knowledge.

59 [163:8b1] There are additional sacred ministries that will spring forth from the Temple as rivers of living water to help people soothe and resolve the brokenness and pain in their lives;

60 [163:8b2] Let the Temple continue to come to life as a sacred center of worship, education, community building, and discipleship preparation for all ages.

61 [163:8c1] As these ministries come to fuller expression, receptive congregations in the areas around the Temple and throughout the world will be revived and equipped for more effective ministry.

62 [163:8c2] Vital to this awakening is the understanding that the Temple calls the entire Church to become a sanctuary of Christ's peace, where people from all nations, ethnicities, and life circumstances can be gathered into a spiritual home without dividing walls, as a fulfillment of the vision for which Jesus Christ sacrificed his life.

63 [163:9a] ¶ Faithful disciples respond to an increasing awareness of the abundant generosity of God by sharing according to the desires of their hearts; not by commandment or constraint.

64 [163:9b] Break free of the shackles of conventional culture that mainly promote self-serving interests.

65 [163:9c] Give generously according to your true capacity; eternal joy and peace await those who grow in the grace of generosity that flows from compassionate hearts without thought of return.

66 [163:9d] Could it be otherwise in the domain of God, who eternally gives all for the sake of creation?

67 [163:10a1] ¶ Collectively and individually, you are loved with an everlasting love that delights in each faithful step taken.

68 [163:10a2] God yearns to draw you close so that wounds may be healed, emptiness filled, and hope strengthened.

69 [163:10b1] Do not turn away in pride, fear, or guilt from the One who seeks only the best for you and your loved ones.

70 [163:10b2] Come before your Eternal Creator with open minds and hearts and discover the blessings of the gospel anew.

71 [163:10b3-11a1] Be vulnerable to divine grace; God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

72 [163:11a2] Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people.

73 [163:11a3] Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.

74 [163:10b1] There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the Church;

75 [163:10b2] However, the challenge before a prophetic people is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.

76 [163:Closing 1a] ¶ In addition to the words offered above, I want to express my heartfelt love for the Church as it is and as it is becoming.

77 [163:Closing 1b] Despite the challenges involved, it is my pleasure to be able to serve you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, who have been claimed by the adventurous vision and spirit of the Restoration movement.

78 [163:Closing 1c] May we journey into the future trusting one another, confident that the One who called the Church into being continues to guide it toward fulfillment of divine purpose.

Section 2f

The Spirit of Zion

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1 [165:Header 1a] For three years the Church, *Community in Christ*, prayerfully studied the words of counsel given in 2013.

2 [165:Header 1b] The Holy Spirit confirms the Church would be blessed by considering this counsel for inclusion in the Doctrine and Covenants.

3 [165:Header 1c] This document is offered humbly for that purpose as an expression of our cherished principle of Continuing Revelation.

4 [165:Header 2a] While preparing the final document, I stayed open to more divine direction that might enhance the Church's understanding now or in the future.

5 [165:Header 2b] Guidance refined some sentences; in several instances, it also added content for reasons known to God.

6 [165:Header 3a] I also considered prayerfully what portions of the words of counsel applied specifically to when they were given and did not necessarily need to be in the Doctrine and Covenants; so some sentences have been removed.

7 [165:Header 3b] Those sentences either have fulfilled their purposes, or the concepts they highlighted are expressed sufficiently elsewhere in the Doctrine and Covenants.

8 [165:Header 4a] The testimony I offer is assurance that God, the eternal One, lovingly and patiently guides the Church according to divine purposes.

9 [165:Header 4b] Let us be grateful for that guidance, may it serve as a pathway of light and hope for all who seek to follow God's will.

10 [165:Header 5-1a1] To the councils, quorums, and orders, to the World Conference, and to the Church: Community of Christ, a divine vision is set before you.

11 [165:1a2] Presented over the years through various inspired phrases and symbols, it is expressed now through initiatives in harmony with Jesus Christ's mission.

12 [165:1b1] As a spiritual venture, boldly follow the initiatives into the heart of God's vision for the Church and creation;

13 [165:1b2] Then, in response to growing insight about God's nature and will, continue to shape communities that live Christ's love and mission.

14 [165:1c] Lovingly invite others to experience the good news of new life in community with Christ; Opportunities abound in your daily lives if you choose to see them.

15 [165:1d] Undertake compassionate and just actions to abolish poverty and end needless suffering, pursue peace on and for the Earth.

16 [165:1e] Let nothing separate you from this mission; it reveals divine intent for personal, societal, and environmental salvation; a fullness of gospel witness for creation's restoration.

17 [165:1f1] Continue to align your priorities with local and worldwide Church efforts to move the initiatives forward.

18 [165:1f2] Additional innovative approaches to coordinating congregational life and supporting groups of disciples and seekers are needed to address mission opportunities in a changing world.

19 [165:2a] Free the full capacity of Christ's mission through generosity that imitates God's generosity.

20 [165:2b] Listen to the testimonies of those responding generously, follow your soul's yearning to come home to God's grace and generosity, let gratitude show you the way.

21 [165:2c1] Remember, a basic discipleship principle is growing Christ's mission through local and world mission tithes according to true capacity.

22 [165:2c2] Giving to other worthwhile organizations, while an important part of a disciple's generous response, should not diminish or replace mission tithes.

23 [165:2d1] Tithing is a spiritual practice that demonstrates willingness to offer every dimension of one's life to God;

24 [165:2d2] When defined by faith, love, and hopeful planning, including resolving unwise debt, capacity to respond becomes much greater than initially assumed.

25 [165:2e1] Stewardship as response to the ministry of Christ is more than individual giving.

26 [165:2e2] It includes the generosity of congregations and jurisdictions that give to worldwide ministries of the church to strengthen community in Christ in all nations.

27 [165:2f] Sharing for the common good is the spirit of Zion.

28 [165:3a1] More fully embody your oneness and equality in Jesus Christ.

29 [165:3a2] Oneness and equality in Christ are realized through the waters of baptism, confirmed by the Holy Spirit, and sustained through the sacrament of Communion;

30 [165:3a3] Embrace the full meaning of these sacraments and be spiritually joined in Christ as never before.

31 [165:3b1] However, it is not right to profess oneness and equality in Christ through sacramental covenants and then to deny them by word or action;

32 [165:3b2] Such behavior wounds Christ's body and denies what is resolved eternally in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

33 [165:3c] You do not fully understand many interrelated processes of human creation; through its wonderful complexity, creation produces diversity and order.

34 [165:3d1] Be not consumed with concern about variety in human types and characteristics as you see them;

35 [165:3d2] Be passionately concerned about forming inclusive communities of love, oneness, and equality that reveal divine nature.

36 [165:3e1] Oneness and equality in Christ do not mean uniformity, they mean Unity in Diversity and relating in Christ-like love to the circumstances of others as if they were one's own;

37 [165:3e2] They also mean full opportunity for people to experience human worth and related rights, including expressing God-given giftedness in the church and society.

38 [165:4a] Regarding priesthood, God calls whomever God calls from among committed disciples, according to their gifts, to serve and reach all humankind.

39 [165:4b1] Priesthood policies developed through wisdom and inspiration provide a clear way for disciples to respond to calling.

40 [165:4b2] They also define the difference between a sense of call as potential and the need to align one's life with principles of moral behavior and relationships that promote the wellbeing of the Church community.

41 [165:5a1] Spiritual growth and guidance enrich involvement in Christ's mission:

42 [165:5a2] The presiding evangelist and the Order of Evangelists, with their colleagues in ministry, should concentrate on spiritually forming communities of disciples and seekers that live deeply and generously in Christ's Spirit.

43 [165:5b1] Offer the sacrament of evangelist blessing not only to individuals and congregations, but to families, households, and groups seeking spiritual guidance to more completely give themselves to Christ's mission.

44 [165:5b2] Nothing in this instruction should be construed to lessen the importance of the sacrament of evangelist blessing for individuals.

45 [165:6a] Beloved community of Christ, do not just speak and sing of Zion; live, love, and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed.

46 [165:6b1] As Christ's body, lovingly and patiently bear the weight of criticism from those who hesitate to respond to the divine vision of human worth and equality in Christ;

47 [165:6b2] This burden and blessing is yours for divine purposes.

48 [165:6c] And, always remember, the way of suffering love that leads to the cross also leads to resurrection and everlasting life in Christ's eternal community of oneness and peace; trust in this promise.

Section 2g

Come Ye Israel

The Word of the Lord given to all the world, both to the descendants Abraham and all that would be Israel, through His servant David on the morning of November 30, 2019. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

1 On November 30, 2019, the Word of the Lord came to me saying: Hearken O Israel to the voice of the Lord, thy God;

2 For the hour is near, and the time is nigh; and what I say unto thee this day, I say unto the whole earth!

3 Behold, thus sayeth the Lord of Hosts: the Hour of the Gentiles^a has come and gone; the Gospel has been sent forth, and shall continue to be sent forth until it fills the whole earth;

4 But the days of the Gentiles are now passed, and I shall once again remember my Covenant, which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel:

5 And who is the House of Israel? Who are my Covenant Peoples?

6 ¶ Behold, I came unto my own, and these rejected me; and my Word was not taken from them, but these rejected it;

7 For they studied not my Law, but added unto it the precepts of man; and they sought the favor of man, and recognition for their genealogies, and for their studies, and their knowledge of the Law;

8 But these took not the time to live the Law, and to learn my ways; and so it was as naught;

9 For these cared more for their vain obligations, and their Sabbaths, and their meetings, allowing the love of many to wax cold.

10 ¶ And were there no good among them? I say to thee: nay, not none; for if the hearts of all had waxed cold, they should have been destroyed for forgetting my Covenant;

11 But the children of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob now cover the whole earth, and their blood fills many veins; and these are still mine covenant people, and I forget them not.

12 And the Gospel went forth and has gone forth for many, many hundreds of years, by the reckoning of time by men; a Renewed Covenant being given unto the Gentiles;

13 And these, the Gentiles, have forsaken my Law, and forgotten my Holy Days, and my Sabbaths, and used my Word to divide, rather than to unite, and to control rather than to enlighten and to teach.

14 ¶ Behold, it is as I have said: My ways are not thy ways, neither are my thoughts thy thoughts.

15 And thus I have sent the Restored Covenant unto the world by my servant Joseph Smith Jr., and what thanks did ye show unto me? Ye slayed him, my faithful servant.

16 Was this man perfect? I say to thee, nay; no man nor woman is, but in me; for I AM the Rock of thy Salvation;

17 Yet he gave to thee my Word, and when I took him ye sought for me no longer, but broke apart by thy vanities;

18 And did ye observe my Holy Days? And my Law? I say unto thee that, yea some did—but not all, and not many.

19 And thus we have a people of submission in observations, and a people of submission in prayer, and a people of submission in the Cross; but my people are not one people.

20 ¶ And thus, I shall ask of thee once again: Who is the House of Israel? Who are my Covenant Peoples?

21 And behold, I say unto thee that theses are the people of Israel: these are those of Yashar-El, the path Straight to God;

22 These are those that shall seek my face, and turn not from me;

23 These are they that shall taste the fruit of the Tree of Life, and it shall taste sweet, and these shall not turn away;

24 These are they who shall love the Lord their God with all their hearts, minds, and strength, and this they shall show by their love for their fellow man, and their care for the Earth and her creatures.

25 These are they that shall do my works, and shall bring to pass the oneness of the Heavens and the Earth;

26 These are they that to whom I shall say: Well done, my good and faithful servants.

27 ¶ Therefore I say unto thee, my Israel: Quarrel not amongst thyselfs in vain repetitions; but love one another as I love thee;

28 For there is but one priesthood, of the earth and of the heavens; and there is but one Gospel, of the earth and of the heavens;

29 And there is but one people of God; and these are my Israel, these are my covenant peoples; these are they that live my Law.

30 And this is my Law: to Love the Lord thy God and to love thy neighbor, for to love me is to love thy neighbor;

31 For I AM thy Creator, and thou art my creation, therefore to love me is to love all the good things that I hath made upon the earth as in heaven.

32 ¶ Therefore, I say unto these: Come before me in love of observations, and in love of prayer, and in love in the Cross;

33 For the observance of my Holy Days are not made for the Sabbaths, but these my Shabbat for all mankind.

34 Yea, these are the times of my festivals that ye might worship together as one in my name, no longer to be tossed to and fro, but united as my Israel.

35 And the prayers are not for submission nor supplication, but that thou might know me, the Lord thy God, and to learn my ways, and for to teach thee to grow in my Grace.

36 And the Cross was not given thee to suffer, but to be lifted up; for I have atoned for thy sins, and I have made thy ways straight; therefore I AM the very Lord God of Israel.

37 And thus I say unto thee that the days of the Gentiles have ended, and the trump has sounded, and I prepare to return to the earth;

38 And this is not to say that I know the day or the hour, for none know but the Father; but I say unto thee as I have said unto all in this generation: the time is nigh, even at the door;

39 And this I say unto thee because I shall come as a thief in the night, and quickly shall I return:

40 Therefore make thy ways the ways of peace, even now and the very ground thou shall walk upon shall be holy, for I AM holy, and ye are mine.

41 ¶ Therefore, go forth and contend with one another no longer, but unite in my name; cease to find fault, but build upon that which ye love;

42 Wonder not why I have revealed myself unto thee in many ways, but know ye that I shall reveal myself unto all they that seek my face and desireth to know my name:

43 Therefore, I have created many mansions that all might return unto the Presence of the Father and know me always.

44 ¶ And remember ye this: That ye are mine, and I am your God; therefore go now and take this message to the four corners of the Earth,

45 Tell ye the world that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and that the laborers in my vineyard have been called to gather themselves as one, as Israel, in teshuvah in my holy name; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS Section 26c:34-40
- b “from on high” crossed out in RB1 pg. 68, returned to the revelation by inspiration.
- c 1 Corinthians 15:52
- d DoS 21a:29

Section 2h

Make Ready the New Jerusalem

The Word of the Lord given to the Churches of Christ through His servant David February 18, 2020. Words in italics were added by the Elect Lady by inspiration from the Holy Spirit. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

- 1 Behold, and hearken to the voice of the Lord unto thee, all those of my Church in the last days;
- 2 Yea, listen to the voice of He who has all power, for I AM from everlasting to everlasting, the Aleph-Tav, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
- 3 Thus saith the Lord unto all they who are assembled in their many congregations, in their meeting houses, their temples, and their synagogues;
- 4 Yea, unto all they whose sins are forgiven, for I, the Lord, forgive sins and am merciful unto those who come unto me with humbled and broken hearts and contrite spirits.
- 5 And I ask thee now, all they who have come unto me with an eye single to my glory, and according to my commandments: Are ye one? Behold, I say unto thee: Nay.
- 6 And for many years, as to the reckoning of man, have I looked down upon my people with a broken heart, for thou draweth near unto thy husband, for I AM the bridegroom and thou my bride, with thy lips, but thy hearts are far from me.
- 7 And how art thy hearts so far away? Behold, thou doest many great works in my name, but thy pride and thy vanities are unto thy churches, making them like unto the churches of men.
- 8 And have ye remembered my new covenant, even the Book of Mormon?
- 9 Behold I say unto thee, thy testimonies and the testimonies of this work rest not upon the hands of men!
- 10 And I say unto thee again, the Book of Mormon was not given unto thee by men, but of prophecy and revelation, and is to be given and received in the spirit of prophecy and revelation;
- 11 If thou wishest to know all things, look not to the hands of men, but come to me *through your study and prayer*, together in my name, and ye shall find me; ask of me and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you.
- 12 Behold, I say unto thee that I have sent forth many men and women, out into the world, to gather Mine Elect and chosen people, and ye see with thine own eyes that I have indeed created for thee many mansions;
- 13 Yet thou hast forsaken thy brethren and thy sistren in the ministry, thou forget that there is one ministry and one baptizing in my name in rejecting the baptisms of thy sisters in Zion.
- 14 And yet my grace hath been sufficient for thee, and I have not rejected thee, for my mercy and grace are with thee, and I am slow to anger, and my mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

15 But now is the time for teshuvah, my children and my friends, for these are the last days and this is the restoration of all things;

16 Therefore I say unto thee: Be ye one in Zion.

17 And how shall ye be one? Build unto me a temple in my name, a common place for all of my Saints, in these the latter days.

18 Behold, I have given charge unto the Church of Christ, and called my servant Granville Hedrick and blessed these, my people, to hold the land dedicated by the hand of my servant Sidney Rigdon for the building of my house.

19 And ye see that I have blessed the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with much worldly wealth, that they might uplift and sustain their sisters with the precious things of this world,

20 And so too that they might provide the funding to build my temple that all of my people may worship together as one in my name.

21 And the Church of Jesus Christ, as organized by my servant John Alpheus Cutler, they have been awaiting this day that they might impart upon my people the treasures I have given them to watch over.

22 And unto Community of Christ, and the other Reorganized branches of my vineyard, in these have I preserved many gifts, and these shall be a bridge between my peoples.

23 And more have I gathered, and more have I preserved, but in me ye are not yet; even as the lot of mine temple, ye circle about me and place stakes in the corners, but ye have yet to build.

24 And what is this that ye should build? Are all to gather to one church in my name? I say thee nay, for all are my Church, even the Churches of Christ, therefore be ye one in my name.

25 And I say unto thee: Build a council and send delegates from as many of my Churches as will be a part of my kingdom, and these shall lay the foundations of Zion,

26 For I say unto thee that all art called, but few shall be chosen, and why shall they not be chosen? For the pride of their hearts.

27 Therefore, I say unto thee, forgo thy pride and thy Egos, and the theologies of man, and unite in me, for I AM, the Savior of the world unto all they who shall believe in HaShem, my name, and seek my Shalom, for I AM, the prince of peace.

28 Remember the Law, and the New and Everlasting Covenant, for the days grow shorter, and the nights longer;

29 Therefore go now and take the talents I have given thee and be ye one in my name, be ye Israel, and build my Zion, make ready for the New Jerusalem;

30 For I have given unto all of these oil for thy lamps, that ye might see, and not go seeking oil from another and miss the wedding party, but work together and be my light unto the world, that all may know of my coming;

31 Therefore, be ye ever watchful, be ye ever ready, for behold, I come quickly; Even so, Amen.

Section 3a

Statement of Fundamental Truths

All members, Home Branches, Synagogues, Congregations, Stakes, and other bodies of membership and lay clergy have accepted and adopted the following Statement of Fundamental Truths. We shall seek, by the grace of God, to be governed by the Constitution as set forth, and will also seek to teach and propagate the doctrines contained in the Statement of Fundamental Truths, also known as The Seven Principles of Mormon Kabbalah.

1 God is real. To study Mormon Kabbalah, one must first recognize there is a God. We all see God differently, and this is okay. God meets us where we are. To know God, we must understand that God is not an abstract idea. God is real and is the source of our eternal happiness. (*Alma 16:54-55a RAV, 30:44c-d OPV*)

2 God is good. Once we realize God is real, we must acknowledge that God is good. Why study and develop a relationship with a God we see as evil? Our God is all bestowing and all giving, opposite of man—God’s fallen creation. Bad things don’t happen to good people because God is unjust, but because the creation isn’t completed. (*1 John 1:5*)

3 We are created to be saved. Now that we know God is real and is good, one will ask, why are we here? The knowledge that God is good brings with it the understanding that God did not place us here to fail, but to perfect us. He doesn’t doom us to Hell, but sent Christ save us from ourselves. When the creation is complete, all will be perfected in Christ to our true states of being—be they good or evil. (*John 3:16-17*)

4 We have the freedom of choice. Once we know the first keys of reality, we must make a choice of what we will do with this knowledge. God doesn’t make us good; the devil doesn’t make us evil; we have access to both and choose for ourselves. We are tempted by Ego to take for ourselves, but true joy only comes when we give of ourselves. We have partaken of the fruit of the tree, now we must choose good from evil. (*Enoch 37:22-23*)

5 We are to love and serve God. Once we choose Christ, we may begin to study Mormon Kabbalah by obeying the two great commandments key to Kabbalistic understanding. The first great commandment is to love God. How do we show love for God? We study His ways, the life of Christ, and emulate Him: we serve others. (*Matthew 22:36-40, Moroni 7:11 RAV, 7:13 OPV*)

6 We are to love our neighbors. We cannot be obedient to the first great commandment if we are not obedient to the second: Love thy neighbor as thy self. In one sense we are all Adam and Eve, in another all who identify as males are Adam, all who identify as female are Eve. This is to say we are one, even as Jesus and the Father are one. The only way to do this is through love; love abandons Ego for altruism. (*Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:36-40*)

7 When we change perception we change reality. Reality is defined by how we see the world. After we have taken the above steps, walking the path of teshuvah, the way we see the world changes. When we see through human eyes, we see weakness and sin. Once born again our perception changes and we see God’s creation as He sees it: it is good. With these seven principles in one’s live we become Mormon Kabbalists. (*CoC DaC 76:3a, LDS DaC 76:12*)

Section 3b

The Constitution of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship

The following is a list of general articles of our faith, for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This list is based

mostly on a document written by Joseph Smith Jr., the first prophet of the Restoration, collected and printed by Wilford C. Wood from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Archives, with minor changes based on inspiration and articles of faith put forth in 1834 by Oliver Cowdery. Updates have been made by inspiration.

1-4 The basic doctrines of the Latter Day Saint movement (also known as Mormonism).

1 We believe in God the Eternal Father and Eternal Mother, and in Their Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. ^a

2 We believe that men and women will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam or Eve's transgressions. ^b

3 We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, through his mercy and Grace, which leads us to obey the laws and principles, and obtain the ordinances of the Gospel. ^c

4 We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; Second, Repentance; Third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost; Fifth, the Lord's Supper. ^d

5-6 The basic tenets on the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christina Fellowship.

5 We believe that a man or woman must be called of God by inspiration and the Spirit of prophecy and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof. ^e

6 We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.

7-9 Beliefs in sources of revelation and gifts of the Spirit, key universal scriptures to be found in all of Latter Day Saint denominations, and belief in continuing revelation within the movement.

7 We believe in the powers and gifts of the Everlasting Gospel; the gift of faith, discerning of spirits, tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity, brotherly love, and so forth.

8 We believe the Word of God recorded in the Holy Bible; we also believe the Word of God recorded in the Book of Mormon, and in other good books. ^f

9 We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God, and the Messiah's Second coming.

10-13 Common beliefs on the gathering of Israel, the resurrection of the dead, ethics for personal and religious freedom, and proper conduct within organized and peaceful societies.

10 We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be established upon the Western continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth a thousand years; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11 We believe in the literal resurrection of the body, that the dead in Christ will rise first, and that the rest of the dead shall not rise again until the end of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

12 We believe that all men and women are born free and equal; thus we claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience unmolested, and allow all men and women the same privilege; let them worship whom, how, where, or what they may.

13 We believe in being subject to kings, queens, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, and in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.

Beliefs on proper conduct of the Saints

14 We believe in being honest, true, chaste, temperate, benevolent, virtuous, and upright, in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. Everything virtuous, lovely, praiseworthy, and of good report, we seek after these things.

Notes:

- a. Changed to add “and Mother,” and “His Son” to “the Son” by inspiration to be more inclusive to all sects and denominations within the Latter Day Saint movement. This change was unanimously voted in acceptance by the Council of Elders on July 22, 2019. Belief in a Heavenly Mother is not required for membership. These terms, Father and Mother, represent the Divine Masculine and Feminine nature of God and are interpreted a number of ways, none binding on the movement. Some Saints believe these are all one deity acting as three or four, others four deity acting as one, others any number of definitions both outside and in between these. God reveals Himself or Themselves to us on our level.
- b. The fall was not merely Adam’s sin. Women will not be punished for Eve’s sins. Children are not punished for their parent’s sins, etc. We are all made whole in Christ, and thus are only accountable for the evils we do, if we do not repent through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- c. It is by Grace we are saved, and our works show that we have been saved. We are not perfect the moment we are born again, but we are made perfect in Christ. We cannot be saved in our sins, thus we must be born again that we can be saved from them.
- d. Works without faith are dead. Works cannot save us, but rather these are symbols that we are saved. The sacraments of baptism, the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Communion help us grow closer to Christ and grow in his Grace.
- e. Jesus Christ calls us both personally and through the Spirit of Prophecy. If you have been called, speak up that the Spirit may bear witness.
- f. All scriptures were written by men and are imperfect. Yet all scriptures are the Word of God. There are no “perfect” books, merely a perfect God whose Spirit speaks truth to us through His Word. The true perfect Word of God is Jesus Christ.

Section 3c

The Bylaws of The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a home for the Saints to worship our God; to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, irrespective of social position or worldly possessions; for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in home and foreign lands, this church shall be governed by the following:

KNOW ALL MEN and WOMEN BY THESE PRESENT:

That, we, the undersigned have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Laws of the State of Ohio, and we hereby certify:

ARTICLE I: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the name of the corporate church shall be The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes of this corporation are:

1. To establish a Christian Church with a School of the Prophets and with missionary, literature, educational, and all other resources it may deem useful to propagate and practice the full Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and for its service to the community.
2. To earnestly seek and promote the unity of the Saints in the Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect, and faithful voluntary cooperation, with liberty. To that end it shall associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with church organizations.
3. To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.
4. To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue and execute promissory notes, warrants and other negotiable or transferable interests.
5. To take, purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, occupy, use and enjoy, manage, improve, develop, grant, sell, exchange, let, devise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings; and improvements without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated. To contract, enter into agreements and obligations with any person, firm, corporation or association, or any Federal, State or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.
6. To purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, use and enjoy, sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.
7. To borrow and loan money and give and receive evidence of indebtedness and security thereof; to draw, make accept, endorse, execute, and issue promissory notes, warrants, and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.
8. To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the Laws of the State of Ohio, upon non-profit corporations..

ARTICLE III: A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Ohio; the property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes, and upon liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment, shall not inure to the benefit of any private person except a fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated for religious or charitable purposes and as designated in Article XI of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: ORDINANCES

Membership:

- A) The ordinance of Baptism by immersion in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost as commanded in the Scriptures, shall be administered to all those who have believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls and who give clear evidence of their fruit (*Matthew 28:19, Colossians 2:12, 3 Nephi 5:21-27 RAV/11:21-27 OPI*).
- B) The ordinance of Baptism of Fire, by the Laying on of Hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost as commanded in the Scriptures, shall be administered to all those who have believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls after baptism by immersion as described in the Scriptures (*Moroni 2*).
- C) The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed regularly as a part of public worship, as commanded by the Lord; and as described in the Scriptures (*Luke 22:19, 20; I Corinthians 11:23-26, Moroni 4-5*).

Ministry:

- D) Those entering the ministry shall be washed clean and endowed, as were Adam and Eve (*Book of Remembrance 10-20*).

All:

- E) Infants and small children may be dedicated to the Lord in the Church of Christ upon the request of the parents or guardians (*Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15, 16*).
- F) The ministration of laying on of hands accompanied with the anointing with oil, for the healing of the sick, shall be granted as a request is made and the need may require (*Mark 16:18; James 5:14*).

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship shall be eligible to all who give evidence to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who voluntarily hold to the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. When a person chooses to be a part of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and involve themselves, they are automatically considered a member (*Ephesians 4:16*).

A member is one who attends regularly, serves at and contributes financially to the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and can answer the following question in the affirmative:

1. Do you desire to come into the fold of God, and to be called a member of His Fellowship?
2. Have you confessed your sins to the Lord, and repented of them?
3. Are you obedient to the laws of the land?
4. Are you willing to bear another's burdens, that they may be light?
5. Are you willing to mourn with those that mourn, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort?
6. Are you willing to stand as a witness of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that you may be in, even until death, that you may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that you may have eternal life?

Membership, ordinances, callings, and fellowship are open to all, regardless of race, gender orientation, sexual orientation, or marital status.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The officers of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship shall consist of two co-Presidents called the First Elder and the Elect Lady, and a Secretary called the Second Elder; the three consisting a First Presidency. Any of these three may act treasurer by unanimous consent of the First Presidency.

The First Elder and Elect Lady shall be considered the Presidents of the Corporation. These may add a council of no more than seven (7) other persons. There shall not be less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) officers at any time. These shall act as a board of directors (called the Council of Elders) that shall handle the business of the Church of Christ and therefore should be business minded. They should attend to the spiritual side of all business as well. These should lay hold of the vision given them and see it implemented, being active members of the Church of Christ..

FIRST ELDER, ELECT LADY (CO-PRESIDENTS)

SECTION 1. TERM OF OFFICE:

The First Elder and the Elect Lady are the Presidents of the Corporation. They are also a High Priest and a High Priestess respectively holding the offices of President in the Brotherhood of Christ and the Sisterhood of Christ, respectively. They shall hold this office until death, until they resign, or until they are removed by common consent by the Council of Elders and a majority of the Assembly of Saints. They are given the office by revelation from God and a vote of common consent by the Assembly of Saints, no less than once per year.

SECTION 2. VACANCY WITHIN THE FIRST PRESIDENCY:

The vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a new First Elder or Elect Lady by the revelation from God to the departing member of the First Presidency or the Council of Elders when the departing president is not available to do so. In some cases, a Search Committee may be selected who will search for candidates and submit them to the departing member of the presidency and/or Council of Elders for final approval. In most cases, when possible, it is best to follow the examples set forth in scripture of the person called by God (First Elder, Elect Lady, or other member of the Council of Elders) to pass the mantle on to the one God has chosen and shown them (*Joshua 1, 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:1-14*), imparting the anointing and call of God to one who has already proven themselves to be faithful (*2 Timothy 2:2, Luke 16:12*).

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE FIRST ELDER AND ELECT LADY:

The First Elder and Elect Lady shall be considered the spiritual overseer of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and shall direct all the Fellowship activities. They shall preside over all business meetings of the Church of Christ and shall be the ex-officio members of all committees and departments.

SECTION 4. SUPPORT OF THE FIRST ELDER AND ELECT LADY:

The First Elder and Elect Lady shall be supported according to their needs, either by free-will offerings or by a stated allowance as shall be decided upon by the Council of Elders in its regular business sessions.

SECOND ELDER

The Second Elder is the Secretary of the Corporation^a and shall be appointed by the First Elder and Elect Lady and ratified first by the Council of Elders before taking office and second by common consent from the Assembly of Saints within one year of the appointment. A secretary or administrative assistant may be utilized in the day-to-day record keeping and/or accounts receivable and payable, as is necessary.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council of Elders shall be appointed by the First Presidency. They shall include the First Elder and Elect Lady as co-presidents (2), and as councilors the co-presidents of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles (2), the co-presidents of the Quorum of Seventy (2), The Church Patriarch (1) and Church Matriarch (1), and one (1) other person to represent the General Assembly of Saints.

There shall not be less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) including the two (2) members of the First Presidency. They are to be called upon to fill the pulpit, to pray for the sick, visit newcomers, shut-ins, absentees, hospital visitation, and all other duties meeting the needs of the Church of Christ. They shall also, along with the First Presidency, seek God's direction for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, and support the First Presidency in the vision given them by God, in the Church of Christ's present and future ministry. Members of the Council of Elders shall remain so until they resign or are deemed unfit.

MEETINGS OF THE OFFICERS AND THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS

- a. The Council will set a schedule for regular meetings at its first meeting. The first meeting and special meetings may be called by the Presidents with thirty (30) days written notice provided by e-mail or the USPS. A special meeting may be called by a majority of the members of the Council by providing notification of the date in writing as required for other special meetings.
- b. A quorum for a meeting of the Council of Elders shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of Council.
- c. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the members present.
- d. The Council of Elders may agree to additional rules for the conduct of its meetings.

OTHER BOARDS

There may be boards of Deacons, Teachers, Priests and Priestesses, and Elders, High Priests and High Priestesses, Bishops, Evangelists, Patriarchs and Matriarchs, of Fifty, of Seventy, of Apostles, and any other boards as may be decided as needed and appointed by the authority of the First Presidency.

VACANCY OF OFFICES

The First Presidency shall have the authority to declare any office vacant. Grounds for such action shall be:

1. Expired time limit of the role/calling (where applicable).
2. God calling someone new to the role.
3. Failure to cooperate with the Fellowship's program and ministry.
4. Unscriptural conduct.
5. Doctrinal departure from the tenets of faith.
6. For any good and sufficient cause (*Mosiah 11:129-141 RAV, 26:22-32 OPV*).

Any incumbent whose office is declared vacant shall have opportunity for a fair and impartial hearing before meeting of the Council of Elders. The Council's decision shall be considered final and the incumbent may have no further recourse.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings for public worship may be held on each Sabbath (Saturday) or the Lord's Day (Sunday) and during the week as may be provided for under the direction of the First Presidency, or elected leaders online or within homes or temples of synagogues or congregations.

Worship services may be organized as the Spirit direct and should include but not necessarily be limited to:

- a. An invitation to worship, including a passage of scripture
- b. And opening hymn

- c. And opening prayer
- d. Announcements, as necessary
- e. Opportunity for offerings from members
- f. The Sacrament of Communion no less than once per calendar month
- g. The Sacrament of Baptism (or re-Baptism) no less than once per calendar year
- h. Time for mediation
- i. Messages on the written Word and/or testimonies from the Saints
- j. A prayer or reading for the promotion of peace and/or unity
- k. Sending forth of the Saints
- l. A closing Hymn
- m. A closing prayer.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual business meeting:

There shall be an Annual Business Meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This business meeting shall be held at the most, quarterly, at the least at the end of the fiscal year. This meeting shall be conducted online or within a temple of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. New Officers, Elders and Deacons, etc. shall be installed and all reports shall be read at Conference to be held on or around April Six (6) of each year.

Section 3. Special business meetings:

Special business meetings of the members may be called by the First Presidency or by written petition of three-fourths (3/4) of the legal membership.

Section 4. Notice of business meetings:

Written notice of the date and place of the Annual Business Meeting and of any special business meetings shall be sent by email or regular mail to all members at least ten (10) days and not more than thirty days prior to such meeting. In addition, the First Elder and/or Elect Lady shall announce such meeting at the worship services of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 5. Quorum:

No special or regular business meetings of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship may be conducted unless one-half (1/2) or more of the members of the Council of Elders are present to constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Order of Business:

The regular order of business for the Annual Business Meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship shall be as follows:

- 1 Devotional
- 2 Reading of previous minutes
- 3 Report of the treasurer
- 4 Report of committees
- 5 Unfinished business
- 6 Installation of officers

- 7 New business
- 8 Adjournment

This order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern all debates when not in conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

Finances for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship shall be handled as follows:

1. funds needed for the maintenance of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship shall be provided by voluntary contributions, tithes and offerings. Every member shall decide before God what he or she can cheerfully give to the support of the Lord’s work at home and in the foreign field (*Mosiah 2:28-45 RAV, 4:16-27 OPV; Malachi 3:10, 3 Nephi 11:13 RAV, 24:10 OPV; I Corinthians 16:1-2; Romans 12:8*).
2. All offerings shall be counted by at least two members.
3. Deposits must be made by the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship promptly in a local bank in its own account.
4. There will be no co-mingling of Fellowship funds with those of any person or any other organization.
5. Annual reports of revenues and expenditures will be compiled and furnished to the officers and made available online to the membership.
6. Checks will require the signatures of two officers to be valid.
7. The treasurer must be a member of the Council of Elders. However, a secretary or administrative assistant may be utilized in the day-to-day record keeping.
8. Financial records, without exception, are to be kept in the Fellowship office, identified as such by the Presidents or the Council.
9. The Council of Elders shall act as overseer of all financial activities.

ARTICLE X: DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship may provide for the establishment of a School of the Prophets, Sunday School, young people’s work, relief committees, home and foreign missionary committees, and any other departments or committees as the needs of the work may require. These committees and departments shall be subordinate to the Fellowship and shall contribute to the harmony and development of the whole. They shall be under the general supervision of the Council of Elders. The First Elder and Elect Lady shall be an ex-official member of all committees or departments and shall determine when the need for such committees and departments must be organized.

ARTICLE XI: ORGANIZATION

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XII: CONDUCT OF ORGANIZATION

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inter to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause above.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the conduct of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, nor by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended or changed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Elders at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice of such proposed change(s) shall have been made e-mail or sent by USPS at least ten(10) days before the meeting.

Notes:

- a. Secretary of the Corporation: an officer that ensures the board of directors has the proper advice and resources to fulfill their duties. The Secretary of the Corporation is a senior member of the organization, though not on the Council of Elders.

Section 3d

Of Governments and Laws in General

On August 17, 1835 in Kirtland, Ohio the General Assembly of the Saints adopted the following by unanimous vote. It was then added to the 1835 Doctrine and Covenants as Section 102. It is not a revelation but gives a statement of the belief of the Church concerning civil government, the law of the land. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 112 for Community of Christ, and Section 134 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from the 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. There it opens with the following heading: "That our belief, with regard to earthly governments and laws in

general, may not be misinterpreted nor misunderstood, we have thought proper to present, at the close of this volume, our opinion concerning the same."

1 We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man and that he holds men accountable for their acts in relation to them, either in making laws or administering them, for the good and safety of society.

2 We believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.

3 We believe that all governments necessarily require civil officers and magistrates to enforce the laws of the same and that such as will administer the law in equity and justice should be sought for and upheld by the voice of the people (if a republic) or the will of the sovereign.

4 We believe that religion is instituted of God and that men are amenable to Him, and to Him only, for the exercise of it unless their religious opinion prompts them to infringe upon the rights and liberties of others; but we do not believe that human law has a right to interfere in prescribing rules of worship to bind the consciences of men nor dictate forms for public or private devotion, that the civil magistrate should restrain crime but never control conscience, should punish guilt but never suppress the freedom of the soul.

5 We believe that all men *and women* are bound to sustain and uphold the respective governments in which they reside, while protected in their inherent and inalienable rights by the laws of such governments, and that sedition and rebellion are unbecoming every citizen thus protected and should be punished accordingly, and that all governments have a right to enact such laws as in their own judgments are best calculated to secure the public interest-at the same time, however, holding sacred the freedom of conscience.

6 We believe that every man *and woman* should be honored in his *or her* station-rulers and magistrates, as such, being placed for the protection of the innocent and the punishment of the guilty; and that to the laws all men *and women* owe respect and deference, as without them peace and harmony would be supplanted by anarchy and terror; human laws being instituted for the express purpose of regulating our interests as individuals and nations, between man and man, *woman and woman, man and woman, so forth and etc.* and divine laws given of heaven, prescribing rules on spiritual concerns, for faith and worship, both to be answered by man *or woman* to his *or her* Maker.

7 We believe that rulers, states, and governments have a right and are bound to enact laws for the protection of all citizens in the free exercise of their religious belief; but, we do not believe that they have a right, in justice, to deprive citizens of this privilege or proscribe them in their opinions, so long as a regard and reverence is shown to the laws and such religious opinions do not justify sedition nor conspiracy.

8 We believe that the commission of crime should be punished according to the nature of the offense; that murder, treason, robbery, theft, and the breach of the general peace, in all respects, should be punished, according to their criminality and their tendency to evil among men, by the laws of that government in which the offense is committed; and for the public peace and tranquility, all men should step forward and use their ability in bringing offenders against good laws to punishment.

9 We do not believe it just to mingle religious influence with civil government, whereby one religious society is fostered and another proscribed in its spiritual privileges and the individual rights of its members, as citizens, denied.

10 We believe that all religious societies have a right to deal with their members for disorderly conduct according to the rules and regulations of such societies, provided that such dealings be for fellowship and good standing; but we do not believe that any religious society has authority to try men *or women* on the right of property or life, to take from them this world's goods or put them in jeopardy of either life or limb, neither to inflict any physical punishment upon them-they can only excommunicate them from their society and withdraw from their fellowship.

11 We believe that men *and woman* should appeal to the civil law for redress of all wrongs and grievances where personal abuse is inflicted or the right of property or character infringed, where such laws exist as will protect the same; but we believe that all men *and woman* are justified in defending themselves, their

friends, and property, and the government, from the unlawful assaults and encroachments of all persons, in times of exigencies, where immediate appeal cannot be made to the laws and relief afforded.

12 We believe it just to preach the gospel to the nations of the earth and warn the righteous to save themselves from the corruption of the world; but we do not believe it right to interfere with bond servants, neither preach the gospel to, nor baptize them, contrary to the will and wish of their masters, nor to meddle with, or influence them in the least to cause them to be dissatisfied with their situations in this life, thereby jeopardizing the lives of men *and women*; such interference we believe to be unlawful, and unjust, and dangerous to the peace of every government allowing human beings to be held in servitude.

Section 4a

The Laws of the Church of Christ

According to Revelation Book 1, this is "revelation nine," given at Kirtland, Ohio February 9, 1831 to the Church of Christ in the Land of Zion in the presence of twelve Elders. Verses 1-90 of the following Section was included as Section 44 of the Book of Commandments, and Section 13:1-19 of the 1835-1844 editions of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. The following is cannon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as included in their version of the Doctrine and Covenants as Section 42:1-73, and the Reorganized churches as Section 42:1-19. This version of the text comes from Revelation Book 1, pp. 62-67. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

FIRST: SHALL THE CHURCH COME TOGETHER INTO ONE PLACE OR CONTINUE IN SEPARATE ESTABLISHMENTS?

- 1 [42:1a1/42:1a] Hearken, O ye Elders of my Church who have assembled yourselves together in my name, even Jesus Christ: The Son of the living God, the Savior of the World;
- 2 [42:1a2-b1/42:1b-2] In as much as they believe on my name and keep my commandments, again I say unto you: Hearken, and hear, and obey the Law which I shall give unto you.
- 3 [42:1b2-c/42:3] For verily I say: As ye have assembled yourselves together according to the commandment wherewith I commanded you, and are agree as touching this one thing, and have asked the Father in my name, even so ye shall receive.
- 4 [42:2a/42:4] ¶ Behold, verily I say unto you: I give unto you this first commandment that ye shall go forth in my name, every one of you, except my servants Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon,
- 5 [42:2b/42:5] And I give unto them a commandment that they shall go forth for a little season and it shall be given by the power of my Spirit when they shall return.
- 6 [42:2c/42:6] And ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit preaching my Gospel two by two in my name, lifting up your voices as with the voice of a trump, declaring my Word like unto Angels of God.
- 7 [42:2d/42:7] And ye shall go forth baptizing with water saying: "Repent ye, repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."
- 8 [42:3a/42:8a] ¶ And from this place ye shall go forth into the region Westward,
- 9 [42:3b1/42:8b-9a] And inasmuch as ye shall find my disciples, ye shall build up my Church in every region until the time shall come when it shall be revealed unto you from on High.
- 10 [42:3b2/42:9b] And the city of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared that ye may be gathered in one, that ye may be my people and I will be your God.
- 11 [42:3c1/42:10a] And again I say unto you that my servant Edward Partridge shall stand in the office of *Bishop* wherewith I have appointed him;
- 12 [42:3c2/42:10b] And it shall come to pass that if he does transgress another shall be appointed in his stead; even so, Amen.—

SECOND: WHAT IS THE LAW REGULATING THE CHURCH IN HER PRESENT SITUATION TILL THE TIME OF HER GATHERING?

- 13 [42:4.1/42:11a] ¶ Again I say unto you that it shall not be given to anyone to go forth to preach my Gospel, or to build up my Church, except they be ordained by some one that hath authority;
- 14 [42:4.2/42:11b] And it is known to the Church that *they* hath authority and have been regularly ordained by the heads of the Church.
- 15 [42:5a1/42:12a] ¶ And again, the Elders, Priests *and Priestesses*, and Teachers of this Church shall teach the scriptures,
- 16 [42:5a2-b1/42:12b-13a] Which are in the Bible, and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the Gospel, and thou shalt observe the Covenants and Church Articles, to do them.

17 [42:5b2/42:13b-14a] This shall be thy teachings, and thou shalt be directed by the Spirit: it shall be given thee by the prayer of faith;

18 [42:5b3/42:14b] And if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.

19 [42:5c/42:15] And all this ye shall observe to do as I have commanded concerning their teaching, until the fullness of my scriptures are given.

20 [42:5d1/42:16] And as ye shall lift up your voices by the comforter, ye shall speak and prophecy as seemeth me good,

21 [42:5d2/42:17] For behold, the Comforter knoweth all things and beareth record of thee Father and of the Son.

22 [42:6.1/42:18a] ¶ And now behold I speak unto the Church:

23 [42:6.2/42:18b] Thou shalt not kill.

24 [42:6.3/42:]18c And he that killeth shall not have forgiveness neither in this world nor in the world to come.

25 [42:7a/42:19] ¶ And again, thou shalt not kill; he that killeth shall die.—

26 [42:7b1/42:20a] Thou shalt not steal.

27 [42:7b2/42:20b] And he that stealeth and will not Repent shall be cast out.—

28 [42:7c1/42:21a] Thou shalt not lie.

29 [42:7c2/42:21b] He that lieth and will not repent shall be cast out.—

30 [42:7d1/42:22] Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart and shall Cleave unto her and none else;

31 [42:7d2/42:23a] And he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith and shall not have the spirit.

32 [42:7d3/42:23b] And if he repent not he shall be cast out.—

33 [42:7e1/42:24a] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

34 [42:7e2/42:24b] And he that committeth adultery and repenteth not shall be cast out;

35 [42:7e3/42:25] And he that committeth adultery and repenteth with all his heart and forsaketh and doeth it no more: thou shalt forgive him.

36 [42:7e4/42:26] But if he doeth it again he shall not be forgiven, but shall be cast out.—

37 [42:7f/42:27] Thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighbour or do him any harm.

38 [42:7g/42:28] Thou knowest my Laws, they are given in my Scriptures; he that sinneth and repenteth not shall be cast out.—

39 [42:8a/42:29] ¶ If thou lovest me, thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments;

40 [42:8b/42:30] And behold, thou shalt consecrate all thy properties that which thou hast unto me with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken.

41 [42:8c/42:31] And they shall be laid before the Bishop of my Church and two of the Elders such as he shall appoint and set apart for that purpose.

42 [42:9a-b/42:32] And it shall come to pass that the Bishop of my Church, after that he has received the properties of my Church, that it cannot be taken from you, he shall appoint every man a steward over his own property or that which he hath received, in as much as shall be sufficient for himself and family.

43 [42:10a/42:33] ¶ And the residue shall be kept to administer to *them* that hath not, that every man may receive according as he stands in need.

44 [42:10b1/42:34] And the residue shall be kept in my storehouse to administer to the poor and needy, and shall be appointed by the Elders of the Church and the Bishop;

45 [42:10b2-10c1/42:35] And for the purpose of purchasing lands and the building up of the New Jerusalem, which is hereafter to be revealed—

46 [42:10c2/42:36a] That my Covenant people may be gathered in one in the day that I shall come to my temple;

47 [42:10c3/42:36b] And this I do for the salvation of my people.

48 [42:11a/42:37-38] ¶ And it shall come to pass that he that sinneth and repenteth not shall be cast out and shall not receive again that which he hath consecrated unto me;

49 [42:11b-c/42:39] For it shall come to pass that which I spake by the mouth of my prophets shall be fulfilled, for I will consecrate the riches of the Gentiles unto my People which are of the House of Israel.

50 [42:12a1/42:40a] And again, thou shalt not be proud in thy heart.

51 [42:12a1/42:40b] Let all thy Garments be plain, and their beauty the beauty of the work of thine own hands;

52 [42:12a2/42:41] And let all things be done in cleanliness before me.—

53 [42:12b/42:42] Thou shalt not be idle, for he that is idle shall not at eat the bread nor wear the garments of the labourer.—

54 [42:12c/42:43] And whosoever among you that is sick and hath not faith to be healed but believeth shall be nourished in all tenderness with herbs and mild food, and that not of the World.

55 [42:12d/42:44a] And the Elders of the Church, two or more, shall be called and shall pray for and lay their hands upon them in my name;

56 [42:12d2/42:44b] And if they die, they shall die unto me; and if they shall live, they shall live unto me.

57 [42:12e/42:45] Thou shalt live together in love insomuch that thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die, and more especially for those that have not hope of a glorious resurrection.

58 [42:12f1/42:46] And it shall come to pass that they that die in me shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them;

59 [42:12f2/42:47] And they that die not in me, woe is them; for their death is bitter.

60 [42:13a1/42:48] ¶ And again, it shall come to pass that he that hath faith in me to be healed and is not appointed unto death shall be healed;

61 [42:13a2/42:49-51] And *they* that hath faith to see shall see, *they* that hath faith to hear shall hear, the lame that have faith to leap shall leap.

62 [42:13b1/42:52a] And they that have not faith to do these things but believe in me hath power to become my sons,

63 [42:13b2/42:52b] And in as much as they break not my Laws, thou shalt bear their infirmities.

64 [42:14a1/42:53-54a] ¶ Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship; thou shalt not take thy brothers' garment;

65 [42:14a2-b/42:54-55] Thou shalt pay for that which thou shalt receive of thy Brother, and if thou obtain more than that which would be for thy support thou shalt give it into my storehouse, that it may be done according to that which I have spoken.

66 [42:15a1/42:56] ¶ Thou shalt ask and my scriptures shall be given as I have appointed,

67 [42:15a2/42:57] And for thy salvation thou shalt hold thy peace concerning them until ye have received them,

68 [42:15b1/42:58a] And then I give unto you a commandment that ye should teach them unto all men;

69 [42:15b2/42:58b] And they also shall be taught unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.—

70 [42:16a/42:59] ¶ Thou shalt take the things which thou hast received, which thou knowest to have been my law, to be my Law, to govern my Church;

71 [42:16b/42:60] And he that doeth according to these things shall be saved, and he that doeth them not shall be damned if he continue.—

72 [42:17a1/42:61a] ¶ If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive Revelation upon Revelation, Knowledge upon Knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries and the peaceable things of the Kingdom;

73 [42:17a2/42:61b:] That which bringeth Joy, that which bringeth life Eternal.—

74 [42:17b/42:62] Thou shalt ask, and it shall be revealed unto you in mine own due time, when the New Jerusalem shall be built;

75 [N/A | N/A] Thou shalt ask and it shall be revealed in mine own due time.

76 [42:18a1/42:63] ¶ And behold, it shall come to pass that my servants shall be sent both to the East and to the West, to the North and to the South;

77 [42:18a2/42:64] And even now, let him that goes to the East teach them that are converted to flee to the West, and this because of that which is to come, and of secret combinations.

78 [42:18b1/42:65a] Behold, thou shalt observe all these things and great shall be thy reward.

79 [42:18b2/42:65b] Thou shalt observe to keep the mysteries of the Kingdom unto thyself, for it is not given to the World to know the mysteries;

80 [42:18c/42:67] And these laws which ye have received are sufficient for you both here and in the New Jerusalem.

81 [42:18d1/42:68] But he that lacketh knowledge let him ask of me and I will give him liberally and upbraid him not.

82 [42:18d2/42:69] Lift up your hearts and rejoice, for unto you the Kingdom has been given; even so, Amen.

THIRD: HOW THE ELDERS ARE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR FAMILIES WHILE THEY ARE PROCLAIMING REPENTANCE OR ARE OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH?

83 [42:19a1/42:70] ¶ The Priests and Teachers shall have their stewardship given them even as the members,

84 [42:19a2-b1/42:71] And the Elders are to assist the Bishop in all things, and he is to see that their families are supported out of the property which is consecrated to the Lord;

85 [42:19b2/42:72] Either a stewardship or otherwise as may be thought best by the Elders and Bishop.

FOURTH: HOW FAR IT IS THE WILL OF THE LORD THAT WE SHOULD HAVE DEALINGS WITH THE WORLD AND HOW WE SHOULD CONDUCT OUR DEALINGS WITH THEM?

86 [N/A | N/A] ¶ Thou shalt contract no debts with them.

87 [N/A | N/A] And again, the Elders and Bishop shall council together and they shall do by the directions of the Spirit as it must needs be necessary.

FIFTH: WHAT PREPARATIONS WE SHALL MAKE FOR OUR BRETHREN FROM THE EAST AND WHEN AND HOW?

88 [N/A | N/A] ¶ There shall be as many appointed as must needs be necessary to assist the Bishop in obtaining places that they may be together;

89 [N/A | N/A] As much as can be and is directed by the Holy Spirit.

90 [N/A | N/A] And every family shall have a place that they may live by themselves,

91 [N/A | N/A] And every Church shall be organized in as close bodies as they can be, in consequence of the Enemy.

Section 4b

Further Instructions on the Laws of the Church

A Revelation given at Kirtland, Ohio February 23, 1831 to the Church of Christ in the Land of Zion, and text recorded as Section 13:21-23 of the 1835-1844 editions of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Verses 1-5 are from a scrap of paper found Revelation Book one and the remaining verses are from text added in Section 13 of the 1844 Book of Doctrine and Covenants. As cannon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this Section is included in their version of the Doctrine and Covenants as Section 42:74-93, and the Reorganized Churches as Section 42:20-23. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

A COMMANDMENT HOW TO ACT IN CERTAIN CASES OF ADULTERY:

1 [42:20a1/42:74a] Behold, verily I say unto you that whatever persons among you, having put away their companions for the cause of fornication;

2 [42:20a2/42:74b] Or in other words, if they shall testify before you in all lowliness of heart that this is the case, ye shall not cast them out from among you.

3 [42:b/42:75] But if ye shall find that any persons have left their companions for the sake of adultery, and they themselves are the offenders, and their companions are living they shall be cast out from among you.

4 [42:20c1/42:76] And again I say unto you that ye shall be watchful and careful with all inquiry that ye receive none such among you;

5 [42:20c2/42:77] If they are married and if they are not married, they shall repent of all their sins or ye shall not receive them. -*February 23, 1831 Kirtland.*

Additions made to Doctrine and Covenants 13, 1835 and 1844 editions not included in the original revelation:

6 [42:21a/42:78] ¶ And again, every person who belongeth to this Church of Christ shall observe to keep all the commandments and covenants of the church.

7 [42:21b/42:79a] And it shall come to pass, that if any persons among you shall kill, they shall be delivered up and dealt with according to the laws of the land;

8 [42:21c/42:79b] For remember, that he hath no forgiveness; and it shall be proven according to the laws of the land.

9 [42:22a1/42:80a] ¶ And if any man or woman shall commit adultery, he or she shall be tried before two Elders of the Church or more,

10 [42:22a2/42:80b] And every word shall be established against him or her by two witnesses of the church, and not of the *World*^a.

11 [42:22b1/42:80c] But if there are more than two witnesses it is better.

12 [42:22b2/42:81a] *And* he or she shall be condemned by the mouth of two witnesses;

13 [42:22c/42:81b] And the Elders shall lay the case before the Church, and the Church shall lift up their hands against him or her, that they may be dealt with according to the Law of God.

14 [42:22d/42:82] And if it can be, it is necessary that the Bishop is present also;

15 [42:22e/42:83] And thus ye shall do in all cases which shall come before you.

16 [42:22f/42:84] And if a man or woman shall rob, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.

17 [42:22g/42:85] And if he or she shall steal, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.

18 [42:22h/42:86] And if he or she shall lie, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.

19 [42:22i/42:87] If he or she do any manner of iniquity, he or she shall be delivered up unto the Law, even that of God.

20 [42:23a1/42:88a] ¶ And if thy brother or sister offend thee, thou shalt take him or her between him or her and thee alone;

21 [42:23a2/42:88b] And if he or she confess, thou shalt be reconciled.

22 [42:23b/42:89a] And if he or she confess not, thou shalt deliver him or her up unto the Church, not to the members, but to the Elders.

23 [42:23c/42:89b] And it shall be done in a meeting, and that not before the world.

24 [42:23d/42:90] And if thy brother or sister offend many, he or she shall be chastened before many.

25 [42:23e/42:91a] And if anyone offend openly, he or she shall be rebuked openly, that he or she may be ashamed.

26 [42:23f/42:91b] And if he or she confess not, he or she shall be delivered up unto the Law of God.

27 [42:23g/42:92] If any shall offend in secret, he or she shall be rebuked in secret, that he or she may have opportunity to confess in secret to him or her whom he or she has offended, and to God, that the church may not speak reproachfully of him or her.

28 [42:23h/42:93] And thus shall ye conduct in all things. *Even so; Amen.*

Notes:

- a Originally "the enemy." Taken to mean someone against the accused, someone out to get hem or untrustworthy.

Section 5a

Presiding Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this is "revelation eleven," given at Hiram Portage Co Nov 11th. 1831 to the Church of Christ in the Land of Zion, in addition to the Church Laws respecting Church business (see Section 4). The following section was included as Section 3 of the 1835-1844 editions of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. It is cannon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, included in their version of the Doctrine and Covenants as Section 107, and the Reorganized churches as Section 104. This version of the text comes from Revelation Book 1, pp. 122–123. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [104:31a/107:59] To the Church of Christ in the Land of Zion, in addition to the Church Laws respecting Church business:

2 [104:31b1/107:60] Verily I say unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts: There must needs be Presiding Elders to preside over them who are of the office of an Elder;

3 [104:31a2/107:61] And also Priests over them who are of the office of a Priest, *or Priestesses over them who are of the office of a Priestess*;

4 [104:31c/107:62] And also Teachers over them who are of the office of a Teacher, in like manner, and also the Deacons:

5 [104:31d/107:63] Wherefore, from Deacon to Teacher, and from Teacher to Priest *or Priestess*, and from Priest *or Priestess* to Elder severally as they are appointed, according to the Church Articles and Covenants^a,

6 [104:31e1/107:64] Then cometh the High Priesthood, which is the greatest of all.

7 [104:31e2/107:65a] Wherefore, it must needs be that one be appointed of the High Priesthood to *preside over the Brotherhood and one be appointed of the High Priesthood to preside over the Sisterhood, and together these shall* preside over the Priesthood;

8 [104:31e3/107:65b-66] And they shall be called Presidents of the High Priesthood of the Church, or in other words the Presiding High Priest *and the Presiding High Priestess* over the High Priesthood of the Church.

9 [104:31f/107:67] From the same cometh the administration of ordinances and blessings upon the Church by the Laying on of Hands.

BISHOPS

10 [104:32a/107:68] ¶ Wherefore the office of a Bishop^b *or Pastor* is not equal unto it, for the office of a Bishop is in administering all temporal things.

11 [104:32a, c1/107:69, 72a] Nevertheless, a Bishop must be chosen from the High Priesthood that he *or she* may be set apart unto the ministering of temporal things, having a knowledge of them by the Spirit of truth;

12 [104:32c/107:72a] And also to be a Judge in Israel, to do the business of the Church, to sit in Judgement upon transgressors;

13 [104:32c3/107:72b] Upon testimony it shall be laid before them, according to the Laws, by the assistance of his councilors, whom he hath chosen or will choose among the Elders of the Church.

14 [104:33a/107:74] ¶ Thus shall he be a judge even, a common judge, among the inhabitants of Zion until the borders are enlarged and it becomes necessary to have other Bishops or judges.

15 [104:33c/107:75] And inasmuch as there are other Bishops appointed, they shall act in the same office^b.

HIGH COURT

16 [104:35a/107:78] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: the most important business of the Church, and the most difficult cases of the church, inasmuch as there is not satisfaction upon the decision of the judge, *these* shall be handed over and carried up unto the Court of the Church before the *Presidents* of the High Priesthood,

17 [104:35b1/107:79a] And the *Presidents* of the Court of the High Priesthood shall have power to call other High Priests *and High Priestesses*, even twelve, to assist as counsellors.

18 [104:35b2/107:79b] And thus the *Presidents* of the High Priesthood and *their* counselors shall have power to decide upon testimony according to the Laws of the Church.

19 [104:35c1/107:80a] And after this decision it shall be had in remembrance no more before the Lord,

20 [104:35c2-36/107:80b] For this is the highest court of the Church of God, and a final decision upon controversies all persons belonging to the Church are not exempt^c from this court of the Church.

21 [104:37a1/107:82] ¶ And inasmuch as the President of the High Priesthood shall transgress, he shall be had in remembrance before the Common Court (*or Bishop's court*) of the Church, who shall be assisted by twelve counsellors of the High Priesthood,

22 [104:37a2/107:83] And their decision upon his head shall be an end of controversy concerning him,

23 [104:37b/107:84] Thus none shall be exempt from the justice of the Laws of God, that all things may be done in order and in solemnity before me in according to truth and righteousness; Amen.

A few more words in addition to the Laws of the Church.

LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

24 [104:38.1/107:85a] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: The duty of a president over the office of a Deacon, *a High Priest or Priestess known as the First Deacon*, is to preside over twelve Deacons,

25 [104:38.2/107:85b] To sit in council with them, and to teach them their duty, edifying one another as it is given according to the covenants^d.

26 [104:39.1/107:86a] ¶ And also the duty of the president over the office of the Teachers, is to preside over twenty-four of the Teachers,

27 [104:39.2/107:86b] And to sit in council with them, teaching them the duties of their office as given in the covenants.

28 [104:40a1/107:87a] ¶ Also the duty of the president over the *Priests and Priestesses* of the Levitical Priesthood, *known as the Bishop*, is to preside over forty-eight Priests,

29 [104:40a2/107:87b] And to sit in council with them, and to teach them the duties of their office as given in the covenants.

HIGH PRIESTHOOD

30 [104:41a1/107:89a] ¶ And again, the duty of the president over the office of the Elders, *High Priests and High Priestesses, known as the Patriarch or Matriarch*, is to preside over ninety-six Elders,

31 [104:41a2/107:89b] And to sit in council with them, and to teach them according to the covenants.

32 [104:42a/107:91] ¶ And again, the duty of the president of the office of the High Priesthood, *known as the First Elder or Elect Lady*, is to preside over the whole church, and to be like unto Moses^e.

33 [104:42b/107:92] Behold here is wisdom: Yea to be a Seer, a Revelator, a Translator, and a Prophet, having all the gifts of God which He bestoweth upon the head of the Church^f.

34 [104:44a/107:99] ¶ Wherefore, now let *everyone* learn *their* duty and to act in the office in which *they are* appointed in all diligence;

35 [104:44b/107:100] *And they* that are slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and *they* that learneth not *their* duty and sheweth *themselves* not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so; Amen.

Notes:

a see DaS 2:55

b see LdS DaC 68:15

c see DaS 11

d see DaS 2:55-56

e see LdS DaC 28:2

f see LdS DaC 46:29

Section 5b

Instruction on Priesthood

Additional instructions were added to the Revelation given at Hiram Portage Co Nov 11th. 1831 (see Section 5a) before it was included as Section 3 of the 1835 edition of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Because these are additions to the initial revelations, they have been separated into their own section. This section is an explanation of how the Fellowship interprets the revelation above. Much of this section is cannon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, included in their Doctrine and Covenants as Section 107, and Community of Christ as Section 104. This version of the text comes from 1835 edition of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics. Because this section is not revelation, the portion on the genealogy of Adam to Noah has been removed to Appendix 1.

1 [104:1a/107:1] There are, in the Church, two priesthoods, namely: *The High Priesthood, called the Melchizedek and Magdalene*, and the *Levitical Priesthoods of Aaron and Miriam*.

2 [104:1b1/107:2] Why the first is called the Melchizedek Priesthood *in the Brotherhood of Christ*, is because Melchizedek was such a great high priest:

3 [104:1b2/107:3] Before his day it was called the Holy Priesthood, after the Order of the Son of God;

4 [104:1c/107:4] But out of respect or reverence to the name of the Supreme Being, to avoid the too frequent repetition of his name, they, the Church, in ancient days, called that priesthood after Melchizedek, or the Melchizedek priesthood.

5 [N/A] *Within the Sisterhood of Christ, this Priesthood is called the Sisterhood of Magdalene, and it holds the same keys and authority as the Melchizedek, equal in every respect.*

6 [104:2.1/107:5] ¶ All other authorities, or offices in the church are appendages to these priesthoods;

7 [104:2.2/107:6] But there are two divisions, or grand heads—one is the Melchizedek Priesthood *and the Magdalene Priesthood*, and the other is the *Levitical Priesthoods, the Aronic Priesthood and the Miriamic Priesthood*.

8 [104:3a/107:7] ¶ The office of Elder comes under the *priesthoods* of Melchizedek *and Magdalene*.

9 [104:3b/107:8] The Melchizedek *and Magdalene priesthoods hold* the right of presidency and have power and authority over all the offices in the Church, in all ages of the world, to administer in spiritual things.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

10 [104:4/107:9] ¶ The Presidency of the High Priesthood, after the Order of Melchizedek *and after the Sisterhood of Magdalene*, have a right to officiate in all the offices in the Church.

11 [104:11a/107:21] ¶ Of necessity there are presidents, or presiding offices growing out of, or appointed of, or from among those who are ordained to the several offices in these two priesthoods.

12 [104:11b/107:22a] Of the Melchizedek Priesthood, three presiding High Priests, chosen by the body, appointed and ordained to that office, and upheld by the confidence, faith, and prayer of the Church, form a quorum of the presidency of *the Order of the Priesthood within the Fellowship*.

13 [N/A | N/A] *Of the Sisterhood of Magdalene, three presiding High Priestesses, chosen by the body, appointed and ordained to that office, and upheld by the confidence, faith, and prayer of the Church, form a quorum of the presidency of the Sisterhood of Christ within the Fellowship.*

14 [104:11b/107:22b] *The High Priest is the First Elder, and High Priestess is the Elect Lady, and a third High Priest or High Priestess is called to be the Second Elder, chosen by the body or the General Assembly of Saints, appointed and ordained to that office, and upheld by the conference, faith, and prayer of the Church, form a quorum of the First Presidency of the Church.*

QUORUM OF TWELVE APOSTLES

15 [N/A] *Six members shall be called from the senior membership of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Order of the Priesthood and six from the senior membership of the Assembly of Apostles of the Sisterhood of Christ to create a quorum of twelve traveling counselors;*

16 [104:11c/107:23] *And the twelve travelling counsellors are called to be the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, or Special Witnesses of the name of Christ in all the world: thus differing from other officers in the church in the duties of their calling.*

17 [104:11d/107:24] *And they form a quorum equal in authority and power to the three presidents, previously mentioned.*

18 [104:11f1/107:27a] *And every decision made by this quorum must be by the unanimous voice of the same;*

19 [104:11f2/107:27b]

20 [104:11i1/107:30a] *The decisions of this quorum are to be made in all righteousness;*

21 [104:11i2/107:30b] *In holiness and lowliness of heart; meekness and long suffering, and in faith and virtue and knowledge; temperance, patience, godliness brotherly kindness and charity—*

22 [104:11i3/107:31] *Because the promise is, if these things abound in them, they shall not be unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord.*

23 [104:11j/107:32] *And in case that any decision of this quorum is made in unrighteousness, it may be brought before a general assembly of the several quorums known as the Council of Elders, which constitute the spiritual authorities of the church, otherwise there can be no appeal from their decision.*

24 [104:12a/107:33a] ¶ *The Twelve are a travelling, presiding High Council, to officiate in the name of the Lord, under the direction of the Presidency of the Church, agreeably to the institution of heaven;*

25 [104:13b/107:35] *The Twelve being sent out, holding the keys, to open the door by the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and first unto the Gentiles and then unto the Jews:*

26 [104:12b/107:33b] *To build up the Church, and regulate all the affairs of the same, in all nations: first unto the Gentiles, and secondly unto the Jews.*

27 [104:17/107:39] ¶ *It is the duty of the Twelve in all large branches of the church, to ordain evangelical ministers, as they shall be designated unto them by revelation.*

28 [104:30/107:58] ¶ *It is the duty of the Twelve, also, to ordain and set in order all the other officers of the church, agreeably to the revelation^a on Presiding Elders.*

QUORUM OF SEVENTY

29 [104:11e1/107:25] *The seventy are also called to preach the gospel, and to be special witnesses unto the Gentiles and in all the world, thus differing from other officers in the church in the duties of their calling:*

30 [104:11e2/107:26] *And they form a quorum equal in authority to that of the Twelve Special Witnesses or Apostles, just named.*

31 [104:11f1/107:27a] *And every decision made by any of their quorums must be by the unanimous voice of the same;*

32 [104:11f2/107:27b] *That is, every member in each quorum must be agreed to its decisions in order to make their decisions of the same power or validity one with the other.*

33 [104:11h/107:29] *Unless this is the case, their decisions are not entitled to the same blessings which the decisions of a quorum of three presidents were anciently, who were ordained after the Order of Melchizedek, being sent out by the Son of man, and they were righteous and holy.*

34 [104:11i1/107:30a] *The decisions of these quorums are to be made in all righteousness;*

35 [104:11i2/107:30b] In holiness and lowliness of heart; meekness and long suffering, and in faith and virtue and knowledge; temperance, patience, godliness brotherly kindness and charity—

36 [104:11i3/107:31] Because the promise is, if these things abound in them, they shall not be unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord.

37 [104:11j/107:32] And in case that any decision of these quorums is made in unrighteousness, it may be brought before a general assembly of the several quorums, *known to the world as the Council of Elders*, which constitute the spiritual authorities of the Church, otherwise there can be no appeal from their decision.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

38 [N/A:] ¶ *The Council of Elders is comprised of nine members: The First Elder and the Elect Lady, the High Priest and High Priestess of the Fellowship, and these shall be the co-presidents of this Council;*

39 [N/A:] *The Heads of the Council and Assembly of Apostles, the two Presidents of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Fellowship;*

40 [N/A:] *The Heads of the Assembly and Council of the Seventy, the Two Presidents of the Quorum of the Seventy for the Fellowship;*

41 [N/A:] *The Patriarch and Matriarch of the Fellowship that oversee the High Council of Evangelists of the Church;*

42 [N/A:] *One lay member or friend of the Fellowship, called by the First Presidency to represent the body of the Church, the Assembly of Saints; to advise the Council and break ties.*

43 [104:36/107:81] ¶ There is not any person belonging to the Church who is exempt from this Council of the Church.

THE SEVENTY ELDERS

44 [104:13a/107:34] ¶ The Seventy *Elders* are to act in the name of the Lord, under the direction of the Twelve, or the travelling High Council, in building up the Church and regulating all the affairs of the same, in all nations: first unto the Gentiles and then to the Jews.

THE HIGH COUNCIL OF EVANGELICALS

45 [104:14/107:36] The standing High Councils *of Evangelicals* in the stakes of Zion form a quorum equal in authority in the affairs of the Church, in all their decisions, to the quorum of the Presidency or to the traveling high council.

46 [104:15/107:37] ¶ The High Council *of Evangelicals* in Zion forms a quorum equal in authority in the affairs of the Church, in all their decisions, to the Councils of the Twelve at the Stakes of Zion.

47 [104:16/107:38] ¶ It is the duty of the travelling high council to call upon the seventy, when they need assistance, to fill the several calls for preaching and administering the gospel, instead of any others.

HIGH PRIESTS AND HIGH PRIESTESSES

48 [104:5/107:10] ¶ High Priests, after the order of the Melchizedek priesthood, *and High Priestesses after the order of the Sisterhood of Magdalene* have a right to officiate in their own standing, under the direction of the presidency, in administering spiritual things, and also in the office of an Elder, Priest, (of the Levitical order,) Teacher, Deacon and member.

49 [104:9a1/107:18] ¶ The power and authority of the *High Priesthood* is to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church—

50 [104:9a2/107:19a] To have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,

51 [104:9a3/107:19b] To have the heavens opened unto them,

52 [104:9b1/107:19c] To commune with the General Assembly *of the Saints* and Church of the First Born,

53 [104:9b2/107:19d] And to enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father *and Mother*, and Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant.

54 [104:14/107:36] ¶ The standing High Councils^b at the stakes of Zion form a quorum equal in authority, in the affairs of the Church, in all their decisions, to the Quorum of the Presidency, or to the travelling High Council *of Evangelists*.

55 [104:7.1/107:12a] ¶ The High Priests *and High Priestesses* are to administer in spiritual things, agreeably to the covenants and commandments of the church;

56 [104:7.2/107:12b] And they have a right to officiate in all these offices of the church when there are no higher authorities present.

ELDER

57 [104:6/107:11] ¶ An Elder has a right to officiate in *their* stead when the High Priest *or High Priestess* is not present.

58 [104:7.1/107:12a] ¶ Elders are to administer in spiritual things, agreeably to the covenants and commandments of the church;

59 [104:7.2/107:12b] And they have a right to officiate in all these offices of the church when there are no higher authorities present.

THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

60 [104:8a/107:13] ¶ The second Priesthood [is called the Priesthood of Aaron, because it was conferred upon Aaron and his seed, throughout all their generations.

61 [N/A] *The second Sisterhood is called the Sisterhood of Miriam because it was conferred upon Miriam and her seed until it was removed from the Earth by men who drove it out, not by the will of the Lord.*

62 [104:8b/107:14] Why it is called the Lesser Priesthood, is because it is an appendage to the greater, or the Melchizedek Priesthood *and the Sisterhood of Magdalene*, and has power in administering outward ordinances.

63 [104:10.1/107:20a] ¶ The power and authority of the lesser, or Levitical priesthood, is to hold the keys of the ministering of angels, and to administer in outward ordinances:

64 [104:10.2/107:30b] The letter of the Gospel—the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, agreeably to the covenants and commandments.

BISHOPRIC/PASTOR

65 [104:40a-b/107:87-88] The president over the Priesthood of *Levi* is to be *two Bishops* from the Aaronic Priesthood *and the Sisterhood of Miriam*; for this is one of the duties of this priesthood.

66 [104:8c1/107:15] The Bishopric, *led by two Bishops, a High Priest and a High Priestess, and their councilor the First Deacon*, is the presidency of *The Levitical* Priesthood and they holds the keys, or authority of the same.

67 [N/A | N/A] *If for any reason only a High Priest or High Priestess is called to preside, then they are the Pastor called to look over the flock;*

68 [N/A | N/A] *And the Pastor, who is a lone Bishop, shall call from the local congregation a First Deacon, who may hold the keys to the Levitical or the High Priesthoods.*

69 [104:8c2/107:16] No man *or woman* has a legal right to this office, to hold the keys of this priesthood, except they be a literal descendant of Levi.

70 [104:8d1/107:17a] But as a High Priest of the Melchizedek priesthood *and a High Priestess of the Sisterhood of Magdalene*, they have authority to officiate in all the lesser offices,

71 [104:8d2/107:17b] *They are called and set apart and ordained unto this power by the hands of the presidency of the Melchizedek Priesthood or the Sisterhood of Magdalene, respectively.* Even so. Amen..

Notes:

- a see DaC 6
- b There are two types of Councils of Evangelicals: the Councils over the Fellowship, who's Patriarch and Matriarch sit on the Council of Elders, and the Councils over the Stakes that watch over and assist the Synagogues and Congregations of the Saints of the Fellowship.

Section 5c

On the Priesthoods

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on September 22, 1832 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 83:1-17 for Community of Christ, and Section 84:1-102 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 149-155. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [83:1a/84:1] A Revelation of Jesus Christ unto his Servant Joseph and Six elders as they united their hearts in lifting their voices on high;

1 [83:1b-c/84:2-3] Yea, the Word of the Lord concerning His Church, established in the last days for the restoration of his people as He has spoken by the mouths of His prophets, and for the gathering of His Saints to stand upon mount Zion, which shall be called the city New Jerusalem, which city shall be built beginning at the Temple lot, which is appointed by the finger of the Lord in the Western boundaries of the state of Missouri and dedicated by the hand of Joseph Smith Jr. and others^a with whom the Lord was well pleased.

2 [83:2a/84:4] Verily, this is the Word of the Lord: That the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the Saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation;

3 [83:2b/84:5] For verily this generation shall not all pass away until a house shall be built unto the Lord and a cloud shall rest upon it, which cloud shall be even the glory of the Lord which shall fill the house.

4 [83:2c-d/84:6-12] And the sons of Moses, according to the Holy Priesthood which he received under the hand of his father-in-law, Jethro; and Jethro received it under the hand of Caleb, and Caleb received it under the hand of Elihu, and Elihu under the hand of Jeremy, and Jeremy under the hand of Gad, and Gad under the hand of Esaias, and Esaias received it under the hand of God.

5 [83:1e-g/84:13-17] Esaias also lived in the days of Abraham and was blessed of him, which Abraham received the Priesthood from Melchizedek, who received it through the lineage of his father, even till Noah; and from Noah till Enoch through the lineage of their fathers, and from Enoch to Abel who was Slain by the conspiracy of his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandment of God by the hand of his father Adam, who was the first man, which priesthood continueth in the Church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days, or end of years.

6 [83:3a/84:18] And the Lord confirmed a priesthood also upon Aaron and his seed throughout all the generations of the Jews, which priesthood continueth and abideth forever with the priesthood which is after the holiest order of God.

7 [83:3b/84:19] And this greater priesthood administereth the Gospel and holdeth the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God;

8 [83:1c/84:20] Therefore, in the ordinances thereof the power of Godliness is manifest, and without the ordinances thereof and the authority of the Priesthood the power of Godliness is not manifest unto me in the flesh;

9 [83:1a/84:22] For without this, no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live.

10 [83:4a-b1/84:23-24a] Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness and sought diligently to sanctify his people that they might behold the face of God, but they hardened their hearts and could not endure His presence;

11 [83:4b2/84:24b] Therefore, the Lord, in His wrath, for his anger was kindled against them, swore that they should not enter into His rest, which rest is the fullness of His glory, while in the wilderness;

12 [83:4c1/84:25] Therefore, He took Moses out of their midst, and the Holy Priesthood also;

13 [83:4c2/84:26] And the lesser *or Levitical* Priesthood continued, which priesthood holdeth the keys of the ministering of Angels, and the preparatory Gospel;

14 [83:4c3-d/84:27] Which Gospel is the Gospel of repentance, and baptism, and the remission of sins, and the Law of carnal commandments, which the Lord, in his wrath, caused to continue with the house of Aaron

among the children of Israel until John, whom God raised up being, filled with the Holy Ghost from his mothers womb,

15 [83:4e-f/84:28] For he was baptized while he was yet in the womb, and was ordained by the Angel of God at the time he was eight days old unto this power, to overthrow the kingdom of the Jews, and to make strait the way of the Lord before the face of His people, to prepare them for the coming of the Lord, in whose hand is given all power.

16 [83:5a/84:29] And again, the office of Elder and Bishop are necessary appendages belonging unto the High Priesthood;

17 [83:5b/84:30] And again, the office of Teachers and Deacons are necessary appendages belonging to the lesser *or Levitical* Priesthood, which Priesthood was confirmed upon Aaron and his sons;

18 [83:6a/84:31] Therefore, as I said concerning the sons of Moses—for the sons of Moses and also the sons of Aaron shall offer an acceptable offering and sacrifice in the house of the Lord, which house shall be built unto the Lord in this generation upon the consecrated spot as I have appointed—

19 [83:6b/84:32] And the sons of Moses and of Aaron shall be filled with the glory of the Lord upon Mount Zion in the Lord's house, whose sons are ye. and also many whom I have called and sent forth to build up my Church;

20 [83:6c-d/84:33-34] For whoso is faithful unto the obtaining of these two Priesthoods of which I have spoken, and the magnifying their calling are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies, that they become the Sons of Moses and Aaron, and the seed of Abraham; and the Church and Kingdom, and the elect of God;

21 [83:6e/84:35-38a] And also, all they who receive this Priesthood receiveth me, saith the Lord; for *they* that receiveth my servant receiveth me, and *they* that receiveth me receiveth my Father, and *they* that receiveth my Father receiveth my Father's kingdom;

22 [83:6f/84:38b-39] Therefore, all that my father hath shall be given unto *them*, and this is according to the Oath and the Covenant which belongeth to the Priesthood;

23 [83:6g/84:40] Therefore all those who receive the priesthood receiveth this oath and covenant of my Father, which He cannot brake, neither can it be moved;

24 [83:6h/84:41] But whoso braketh this covenant after he hath received it, and altogether turneth therefrom shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come;

25 [83:7a1/84:42] And all those who come not unto this Priesthood which ye have received, which I now confirm upon you, who are present this day—viz. the twenty third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two—eleven high priests, save one by my own voice out of the Heavens, and even I have given the Heavenly host and mine angels charge concerning you;

26 [83:7a2/84:43-44] And I now give unto you a commandment to be ware concerning yourselves, to give heed diligently to the words of eternal life; for you shall live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God;

27 [83:7b/84:45-46a] 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; and the Spirit giveth light to *everyone* that cometh into the world;

28 [83:7c/84:46b] And the Spirit lighteneth *everyone* through the world that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit;

29 [83:7d-e1/84:47-48a] And *everyone* that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit cometh unto God, even the Father, and the Father teacheth *them* the Covenants which He hath renewed and confirmed upon you, which is confirmed upon you for your sake;

30 [83:7e2-f/84:48b-49] And not for your sake only, but for the sake of the whole world; and the whole world lieth in sin and groaneth under darkness, and under the bondage of sin;

31 [83:7g/84:50-51] And by this you may know they are under the bondage of sin: Because they come not unto me, for whoso cometh not unto me is under the bondage of sin;

32 [83:7h/84:52] And whoso receiveth not my voice is not acquainted with my voice and is not of me.

33 [83:7i/84:53] And by this you may know the righteous from the wicked, and that the whole world groaneth under sin and darkness, even now:

34 [83:8a/84:55] And your minds in time past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole Church under condemnation;

35 [83:8b1/84:56-57a] 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;

36 [83:8b2-c1/84:57b-58a] 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;

37 [83:8c/84:58b-59a] Otherwise, there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the Children of Zion; for shall the children of the Kingdom pollute my holy land?

38 [83:8c3/84:59b] Verily, verily I say unto you: Nay.

39 [83:9a-b1/84:60] Verily, verily I say unto you who now hear my words, which is my voice: Blessed are you, inasmuch as you receive these things;

40 [83:9b2/84:61] For I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment: That you remain steadfast in your minds, in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world of these things which are communicated unto you;

41 [83:10a/84:62] Therefore, go ye into all the world, and whatsoever place ye cannot go into ye shall send that the testimony may go forth from you into all the world, unto every creature.

42 [83:10b1/84:63a] And as I said unto mine Apostles, even so I say unto you; for ye are mine Apostles, even God's High Priests;

43 [83:10b2/84:63b] Ye are they whom my my Father hath given me; ye are my friends.

44 [83:10c1/84:64] Therefore, as I said unto mine Apostles I say unto you again: That every soul who believeth on your words and are baptized by water for the remission of their sins shall receive the Holy Ghost.

45 [83:10c2-11a/84:65-66] And these signs shall follow them: In my name they shall do many wonderful works.

46 [83:11b/84:67] In my name they shall cast out devils.

47 [83:11c/84:68] In my name they shall heal the sick.

48 [83:11d-e/84:69-70] In my name they shall open the eyes of the blind, and unstop the ears of the deaf, and the tongue of the dumb shall speak.

49 [83:11f/84:7-721] And if any man shall administer poison unto them, it shall not hurt them; the poison of the Serpent shall not have power to harm them.

50 [83:11g/84:73] But a commandment I give unto them: That they shall not boast themselves of these things, neither speak them before the world; for these things are given unto you for your profit and for salvation.

51 [83:12a/84:74] Verily, verily I say unto you: *They* who believeth not on your words, and are not baptized by water in my name for the remission of their sins that they may receive the Holy Ghost shall be damned and shall not come into my Father's Kingdom, where I and my Father am.

52 [83:12b/84:75] And this revelation unto you, and commandment is in force from this very hour upon all the world; and this Gospel is unto all who have not received;

53 [83:12c/84:76a] But but verily I say unto all those to whom the Kingdom has been given: From you it must be preached unto them, that they shall repent of their former evil works;

54 [83:12d/84:76b] For they are to be upbraided for their evil hearts of unbelief, and your brethren in Zion for their rebellion against you at the time I sent you.

55 [83:13a/84:77] And again I say unto you my friends, for from henceforth I shall call you my friends: It is expedient that I give unto you this commandment that you become even as my friends in days of old. when I was with them in traveling to preach this Gospel in my power;

56 [83:13b1/84:78] For I suffered them not to have purse or scrip, neither two coats.

57 [83:13b2-c/84:79-80] Behold, I send you out to prove the world, and the laborer is worthy of his hire, and *anyone* that shall go and preach this Gospel of the Kingdom and fail not to continue faithful in all things

shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither body limb or joint, and an hair of your heads shall not fall to the ground unnoticed, and they shall not go hungry, neither athirst;

58 [83:14a/84:81] Therefore, take no thought for the morrow for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed;

59 [83:14b1/84:82] For consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of this world and all their glory are not arrayed like one of these;

60 [83:14b2/84:83] For your Father which art in Heaven knoweth that you have need of all these things;

61 [83:14c/84:84] Therefore, let the morrow take thought for the things of itself;

62 [83:14d/84:85] Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say, but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto *everyone*;

63 [83:15a/84:86] Therefore, let no *one* among you (for this commandment is unto all the faithful who are called of God in the Church unto the ministry); therefore let no man from this hour take purse or scrip that goeth forth to proclaim this Gospel of the Kingdom.

64 [83:15b/84:187] Behold, I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which is to come;

65 [83:15c/84:88] And whoso receiveth you, there I will be also; for I will go before your face, I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you to bear you up.

66 [83:16a/84:89] Whoso receiveth you receiveth me, and the same will feed you and clothe you and give you money;

67 [83:16b1/84:90] And *they* who feedeth you and clothe you or giveth you money shall in no wise loose *their* reward.

68 [83:16b2/84:91] And *they* that doeth not these things is not my disciple; by this you may know my disciples.

69 [83:16c/84:92] *They* that receiveth you not, go away from *them* alone by yourselves and cleanse your feet, even with water—pure water, whether in heat or in cold—and bear testimony of it unto your Father which is in heaven, and return not again unto that *person*.

70 [83:16d1/84:93-94a] And in whatsoever village or city ye enter, do likewise; nevertheless, search diligently and spare not.

71 [83:16d2/84:94b] *And* woe unto that house, or that village, or city that rejecteth you, or your words, or testimony concerning me!

72 [83:16e1/84:95] Woe, I say unto you again, unto that house, or that village, or city that rejecteth you, or your words, or your testimony of me;

73 [83:16e2/84:96] For I, the Almighty, have laid my hand upon the nations to scourge them for their wickedness;

74 [83:16f-g1/84:97-98a] And plagues shall go forth, and it shall not be taken from the earth until I have completed my work, which shall be cut short in righteousness until all shall know me, who remain even from the least unto the greatest, and shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and shall see eye to eye;

75 [83:16g2-17a/84:98a] And *they* shall lift up *their* voice, and with the voice together sing this new song saying: The Lord hath brought again Zion!

76 [83:17a2/84:98b-99] The Lord hath redeemed His people, Israel, according to the election of Grace which was brought to pass by the faith and Covenant of their fathers!

77 [83:17b1/84:100a] The Lord hath redeemed His people, and Satan is bound, and time is no longer!

78 [83:17b2/84:100b] The Lord hath gathered all things in one! the Lord hath brought down Zion from above! the Lord hath brought up Zion from beneath;

79 [83:17b3/84:101] The earth hath traveled and brought forth her strength; and truth is established in her bowels, and the heavens hath smiled upon her, and she is clothed with the glory of the Lord her God, for he standeth in the midst of her people.

80 [83:17c/84:102] Glory, and honor, and power, and might be ascribed to our God! For he is full of mercy, justice, grace, and truth, and peace—forever and ever; Amen.

Notes:

- a. See DoC 33b

Section 5d

School of the Prophets

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given January 3, 1833 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 85:39-46 for Community of Christ, and 88:127-141 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Verses 1-9 of this version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 166-167. 10-12 were taken from the 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants, page 108. These were moved to the end as they are additions to the revelation but were voted in as scripture by the Church of Latter Day Saints. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [85:39a/88:127a] The order of the house prepared for the presidency and instructions in all things that *are* expedient for the officers *of the Church*,

2 [85:39b1/88:127b] Or in other words, them who are called to the ministry in the church beginning at the High Priesthood even down to the Deacons;

3 [85:39b2-c/88:128-129] And this shall be the order of the house: *They* that *are* appointed to be a Teacher *or Rabbi* shall be found standing in *their* place, which shall be prepared for *them* in the House of God; in a place that the congregation in the house may hear *their* words correctly and distinctly, not with loud speech.

4 [85:39d-40a/88:130-131] And when *they* cometh into the House of God, for *they* should be first in the house; behold, this is beautiful, that *they* may be an example, let *them* offer *themselves* in prayer upon *their* knees before God, in token of the everlasting covenant;

5 [85:40b/88:132] And when any shall come in after *them*, let the Teacher *or Rabbi* arise, and with uplifted hands to heaven; yea, even directly, and salute *their* brother *or sister*, or brethren *and/or sistren* with these words, saying:

6 [85:41/88:133] Art thou a brother (*or a sister* or brethren *and/or sistren*)? I salute you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in token of the Everlasting Covenant, in which Covenant I receive you to fellowship; in a determination that is fixed, immovable, and unchangeable, to your *be your* friend and brother (*or sister*) through the Grace of God, in the bonds of love, to walk in all the commandments of God, blameless in thanksgiving forever and ever. *So mote it be, Amen.*

7 [85:43/88:135] And^a *they* that cometh in and *are* a brother *or a sister*, or brethren *or sistren*, shall salute the Teacher *or Rabbi* with uplifted hands to heaven with this same prayer and covenant, or by saying: *So mote it be, Amen*, in token of the same.

8 [85:44a/88:136] Behold verily I say unto you: This is a sample^a unto you for a salutation to one another in the House of God, *in the School of the Prophets*, and to you, *those* called to the ministry of the ordinances of the House of God,

9 [85:44b/88:137] And ye are called to do this by prayer and thanksgiving, as the Spirit shall give utterance in all your doings in the House of the Lord, that it may become a sanctuary, a tabernacle of the Holy Spirit, to your edification. Amen^a.

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10 [85:45a/88:138] And ye shall not receive any among you, into this school save *they are* clean from the blood of *this* generation;

11 [85:45b/88:139] And *they* shall be received by the ordinance of the washing of feet; for unto this end was the ordinance of the washing of feet instituted.

12 [85:46a/88:140] And again, the Ordinance of washing feet is to be administered by the President or Presiding Elder^b of the Church.

13 [85:46b/88:141] It is to be commenced with prayer: and after partaking of bread and wine; *they are* to gird *themselves*, according to the pattern given in the thirteenth chapter of John's testimony concerning me. Amen

Notes:

- a This sample seems to indicate the sign of the Law of Consecration used by the High Priests and High Priestesses. Deacons and Teachers should use the sign of the Law of Sacrifice, Priests and Priestesses should use the sign of the Law of the Gospel, Elders should use the Sign of the Son, and in mixed groups, all should use the sign of the lowest endowed brother or sister. Each should also great one another with the appropriate token.
- b The person called to lead.
- c DaC 85:42 CoC and 88:134 CJCLdS reads: "And they that are found unworthy of this salutation shall not have place among you; for ye shall not suffer that mine house shall be polluted by them." While this line was added to the 1835 DaC, it was removed as it was not a part of the original revelation.

Section 5e

Ordain Men and Women of Every Race

May 4, 1865-Kendall County, Illinois. Following the United States Civil War, a council of the First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve met at the home of Bishop Israel L. Rogers to consider a number of issues, including "the ordination of men of the Negro race." Joseph Smith III received this revelation in response to the fasting and prayer of the council to receive the Lord's will. It is God's will that men and women of every race may be ordained to the priesthood-Admonitions to the priesthood, provided they are called and worthy. From Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants 116. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 [116:1a1] Hearken, ye elders of my church: I am he who hath called you friends.
- 2 [116:1a2-b] Concerning the matter you have asked of me, lo, it is my will that my gospel shall be preached to all nations in every land and that men of every tongue shall minister before me;
- 3 [116:1c] Therefore, it is expedient in me that you ordain Priests *and Priestesses* unto me of every race who receive the teachings of my Law and become heirs according to the promise.
- 4 [116:2a1] ¶ 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;
- 5 [116:2a2-b] And for such there is tribulation and anguish; for 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.
- 6 [116:3a] ¶ Loosen ye one another's hands, and uphold one another that ye who are of the Quorum of Twelve may all labor in the vineyard, for upon you rests much responsibility;
- 7 [116:3b] And if ye labor diligently, the time is soon when others shall be added to your number till the quorum be full, even twelve.
- 8 [116:4a-b1] Be not hasty in ordaining men *and women* of any *race* to offices in my Church; for verily, I say unto you: All are not acceptable unto me as servants;
- 9 [116:4b2] Nevertheless, I will that all may be saved, but every man in his own order;
- 10 [116:4c3] And there are some who are chosen instruments to be ministers to their own; be ye content; I, the Lord, have spoken it.

Section 5f

Authority & Duties of the Several Quorums

April 15, 1894-Lamoni, Iowa. Revelation to the church through Joseph Smith III in response to a resolution of the Twelve, which requested President Smith to "ask for further revelation in explanation of the authority and duties of the several quorums and their members, also for instruction providing for filling the vacancies in the leading quorums, including a designation of the Patriarch, if it shall be the pleasure of our heavenly Father to so enlighten us." From Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants 122. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 I was, on the fifteenth day of the fourth month, of the year 1894, in fasting and prayer before the Lord; and, being commanded of the Spirit, I arose from my praying and wrote,

2 [122:1a] Thus saith the Spirit unto the Elders and the Church: My servants have been harsh one with another; and some have not been sufficiently willing to hear those whose duty it is to teach the revelations which my church has already received.

3 [122:1b] Until my people shall hear and heed those who are set in the Church to teach the revelations, there will be misunderstanding and confusion among the members.

4 [122:2a] ¶ The burden of the care of the Church is laid on him who is called to preside over the High Priesthood of the Church and on those who are called to be his counselors;

5 [122:2b] And they shall teach according to the spirit of wisdom and understanding and as they shall be directed by revelation from time to time.

6 [122:3a] ¶ It is the duty of the Twelve to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof as is directed in the Scriptures which ye have received.

7 [122:3b] They are called and set apart to this duty and are to travel and preach under the direction and counsel of the Presidency.

8 [122:4a] ¶ It is not yet expedient in me that the Quorum of the Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shall be filled, for reasons which will be seen and known unto you in due time.

9 [122:4b] My servant David H. Smith is yet in my hand, and I will do my will in the time for its accomplishment; be not troubled or fearful in this matter, for it shall be well for my work in the end.

10 [122:5a1] ¶ When I said unto mine Apostles: The Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop to execute the law of tithing; and let them before God see to it that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the Church—

11 [122:5a2-b1] And not as a weapon of power in the hands of one man for the oppression of others or for the purposes of self-aggrandizement by anyone, be he whosoever he may be, the one whom I had called to preside over the Church had not yet approved himself unto the scattered flock.

12 [122:5b2] And I gave this command unto the Quorum next in authority in spiritual things: That the scattered ones and those who had been made to suffer might have assurance that I would not suffer that he whom I had called should betray the confidence of the faithful nor squander the moneys of the treasury for the purposes of self—

13 [122:5c] And for the reason that the law of tithing was but little understood and would not be observed unless it should be taught and enforced by the precepts of the chief missionaries of the Church.

14 [122:5d-e] It was not then intended, nor is it now, to burden them with the duty of looking after the disbursements of the moneys in the treasury or the management of the properties of the Church, except as it may be at times necessary to do so in council with the Presidency, the High Council in case of exigency, the Bishopric, bishops, or bishop's agents abroad, or the conferences, and in accordance with the agreement hitherto made.

15 [122:5f-g] Whatever burden the Quorum may have felt rested upon them in this regard, they are now absolved from, the end designed by it having been reached, except that should it become apparent to the Quorum that there was abuse in the administration of the temporal affairs of the Church, they shall at once make such inquiry and examination through the proper officers of the Church as will correct the evil and save the Church from injury.

16 [122:6a] ¶ And further the Spirit saith unto you: That with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day;

17 [122:6b] Therefore, the law given to the Church in Section 42, over the meaning of some parts of which there has been so much controversy, is as if it were given today;

18 [122:6c] and the Bishop and his counselors, and the high council, and the Bishop and his council, and the storehouse, and the temple, and the salvation of my people are the same to me now that they were in that day when I gave the revelation.

19 [122:6d-e] Nevertheless, that portion of that commandment which made it the duty of the High Council to assist in looking after the poor and needy of the Church was not intended to put the High Council over the Bishop in the administration of the affairs of *thier* office and calling, except as they might do so in an advisory manner and in such way that no one of the poor and the needy should be neglected;

20 [122:6f] Nor was it designed that the High Council should dictate in the matter of purchasing lands, building houses of worship, building up the New Jerusalem, and the gathering of the people—

21 [122:6g] These last named being within the province of the Presidency, the Twelve as a quorum, the councils or other officers of the branches or stakes where houses of worship are to be built, the conferences, and the General Assembly of the Church, and the direction of the Lord by revelation.

22 [122:6h] The High Council could not in justice dictate to the Bishop in direction in any of these matters and then try, and condemn, and punish him if he did not obey.

23 [122:7] ¶ The work now lying before the missionary quorums of the Church is of such increased magnitude and importance—the field so white unto the harvest, and the need for laborers so great—that the Twelve and the Seventy under their direction, together with such High Priests and Elders as can travel and preach as missionaries, shall be free to wait upon their ministry in Gospel work, leaving the branches and districts where organization is effected to the care and administration of the standing ministers—high priests, elders, priests, teachers, and deacons—so far as possible, thus freeing these spiritual authorities and leaving them at liberty to push the preaching of the word into the new fields now widening before them, in which work, if they will but now take counsel, saith the Spirit, they shall feel a peace and vigor of mind surpassing what they have enjoyed in the past.

24 [122:8a] ¶ That part of the law which says: It is the duty of the Twelve, also, to ordain and set in order all the other officers of the Church, is to be understood by the revelation which went before, and in accordance with which it was written, and which follows after it in the book;

25 [122:8b] And when those officers are ordained and set in their order in the Church, they should be left to administer in the things unto which they were ordained, having charge of the affairs over which they are called and set apart to preside—

26 [122:8c] The Twelve and Seventy administering as those prosecuting the work of preaching with the warning voice, baptizing, organizing, and setting in order, then pushing their ministry into other fields until the world is warned.

27 [122:8d-f] It is the will of God that they do this; yea, verily, thus saith the Spirit: If they will now enter upon this work, leaving the burden of care in organized districts or conferences to the standing ministry, under the Presidency of the Church, observing the law already given to ordain and set high priests or elders to preside in large branches and in districts, and also evangelical ministers, then will those officers set in the church be useful and he who gave the law be honored, the differences between the quorums be healed, confidence be restored, and good will and peace come to the people as a cherishing fountain.

28 [122:9a] ¶ The quorums in respect to authority are designed to take precedence in office as follows: The Presidency, the Twelve, the Seventy in all meetings and gatherings of the membership where no previous organization has been effected.

29 [122:9b] Where organization has been arranged and officers have been ordained and set in order, the standing ministry in their order: High Priests *and High Priestesses*, Elders, Priests *and Priestesses*, *Rabbis and Teachers*, and Deacons.

30 [122:9c] The parallels are: in the Presidency, the *Presidents and their* counselors; in the second presidency, the Twelve; in the missionary work, first the Twelve, second the Seventy; in the standing ministry, the Presidency; second the High Priests *and High Priestesses*; third the Elders, then Priests *and Priestesses*, *Rabbis and Teachers*, and Deacons in their order.

31 [122:10a] ¶ Should the Church fall into disorder, or any portion of it, it is the duty of the several quorums of the Church, or any one of them, to take measures to correct such disorder—through the advice and direction of the Presidency, the Twelve, the Seventy, or a council of High Priests *and High Priestesses*, in case of emergency;

32 [122:10b] and in case the Presidency is in transgression, the *Bishopric* and *their* council of High Priests *and High Priestesses*, as provided in the Law; and the Presidency and High Council if the Bishop or his counselors, if High Priests *and High Priestesses* are in transgression.

33 [122:10c] The Scriptures and the Church Articles and Covenants, with the rules adopted by the Church, shall govern in procedure.

34 [122:11] ¶ The Spirit saith further: That it is wisdom that the Presidency and Twelve in council together make such appointments as may be necessary to provide for the fields not named in the appointments made by the Presidency and recommended to the Twelve, as may be agreed by them.

35 [122:12a] ¶ The Spirit saith further: That Lamoni, Iowa, having been made—by the agreement of the Church under the law of the land—the principal place of business of the Church, it is wise and expedient that it should be considered and declared by the conference to be the seat of the Presidency of the Church and in due time be made a stake.

36 [122:12b] In the meantime, the district may be left to the care of its district organization, subject to the direction of the Presidency—no one of the missionary force being appointed to the charge thereof for the conference year, or longer if it shall be found advisable.

37 [122:13a-b] ¶ The Spirit saith further: The Twelve should remain at Lamoni and continue in council with the Presidency and the Bishop and his counselors, if practicable, a sufficient time after the adjournment of conference to counsel together and agree on the things of the law and the general affairs of the Church, so that when the traveling council shall separate for their several fields, there may be no longer reason for distrust, suspicion, or dissension;

38 [122:13c] and if these officers will so counsel together in the spirit of moderation, and mutual forbearance, and concession, my law will be more perfectly understood by them; and a unity of sentiment and purpose will be reached by them.

39 [122:13d] It is the will of your Lord and your God that this should be done; it should have been done before, but the adversary hath hindered, desiring to prevent the success of my work in the earth.

40 [122:14] ¶ For the same reasons in me that it is not expedient to fill the quorums of the First Presidency and the Twelve, who are apostles and high priests, it is not expedient that a patriarch for the church should be indicated and appointed.

41 [122:15] ¶ My servant Thomas W. Smith is in my hand; and his Bishopric shall be continued for a season; if he fully recover, he will enter again into the work; if I take him unto myself, another will be appointed in his stead when the quorum is filled.

42 [122:16a] ¶ And now I say unto you, mine Elders, Apostles, and High Priests *and High Priestesses* 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.

43 [122:16b] Ye are equal in worth of position and place in the work of the Church; and if in honor ye shall prefer one another, ye will not strive for precedence or place in duty or privilege, and shall be blessed of me.

44 [122:17] ¶ Yea, verily, thus saith the Lord unto the Elders of the Church: Continue in steadfastness and faith; 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.

Section 5g

A Statement and Revelation

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 15, 1901 in Independence, Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 125 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Before entering further upon the business, I have something to present.

2 I spent a sleepless night; after retiring to my rest, weary, as you must know, I engaged in a season of prayer quietly, as I had been doing all day;

3 And I suddenly found myself very wide awake; and from that on, I was in the Spirit, the Spirit of inspiration burning in my breast;

4 And by it I was bidden to come to the house of assembly and tell what was given to me of light and instruction. I trust that it shall be so to you.

VACANCY IN THE PRESIDENCY

5 [125:1] The successor of my servant W. W. Blair is with the body; but the conditions are not ripe for this addition to the presidency, but it shall be made in due time. In the meantime, let the presidency continue as at present constituted.

VACANCY IN THE TWELVE

6 [125:2] To fill this vacancy, I was instructed to present the name of: my servant Peter Andersen.

EVANGELICAL MINISTERS

7 [125:3a] The Patriarch *and the Matriarch* are Evangelical *ministers*; the duties of this office are to be an evangelical minister:

8 [125:3a2] To preach, teach, expound, exhort, to be a revivalist; and to visit branches and districts as wisdom may direct, invitation, request, or the Spirit of God determine and require;

9 [125:3b] To comfort the Saints; to be a father *or a mother* to the Church; to give counsel and advice to individuals who may seek for such; to lay on hands for the conferment of spiritual blessing, and if so led, to point out the lineage of the one who is blessed.

10 [125:4a] *They are* to be free from responsibility—ministerial—as a traveling minister and from the care of the local branch or church and district affairs.

11 [125:4b] When traveling and preaching, holding revival meetings, *they are* to labor in connection with the branch and district officers, not subject to the ministerial control of the missionary in charge, except *they* should transcend his bounds and teach false doctrine or be found in transgression.

12 [125:4c] *They are* not to meddle with branch affairs or district affairs.

13 [125:4d] *They are* not to listen to complaints made by individuals to *them*; but if persons insist upon presenting their troubles, *they are* to request them and require them to make them in writing, signing the name, giving time, place, and character of the trouble, with the witnesses, which it will be his duty to present to the branch or district officers, as the case may require.

14 [125:4e] *They are* not to be put in charge of either branch or district; these are the privileges which attach to the office of Patriarch *or Matriarch* and evangelical minister.

15 [125:5a] The Presiding Patriarch *and Matriarch* are to be considered the first, and when Patriarchs *and Matriarchs* meet in council, *are* to preside.

16 [125:5b] Besides these duties, the Patriarch *and Matriarch* may meet with quorums in their quorum meetings, where *they* may be asked for counsel, but will not have either voice or vote, except by courtesy, having no direct control of quorums.

17 [125:6a] Other evangelical ministers beside the Presiding Patriarch *and Matriarch* have similar duties in the districts where they are appointed.

18 [125:6b] Revelations have been given, as my people know, that these men *and women* should receive ordination; but hitherto those upon whom this burden has lain have neglected, for the reason that they did not understand the duties and prerogatives that attach to the office; let my servants take heed and hesitate no longer.

RULES OF REPRESENTATION

19 [125:7a1] My servant was directed to present to the Church rules of representation, and he so stated to the body at different times that he was so led;

20 [125:7a2] But the conferences of my people saw proper to change these articles and rules of representation, and propositions are pending that they be still further changed.

21 [125:7b] The direction of the Spirit is that they be left as they now are until such time as the increased numbers of the members of the Church shall require either an enlargement of the number entitled to delegate or that there may be a closer line drawn as to the number of delegates which the Church shall require to meet.

22 [125:8] The word Elders used in the Law signifies those holding the *High Priesthood of Melchizedek and Magdalene* only; all classes and orders of this priesthood are characterized by the word Elder.

23 [125:9] The only qualification for delegates chosen by the branches or districts should be membership and good standing, it being given by the Spirit that those other than the eldership should be represented in this way.

STAKES

24 [125:10a] My people are directed to establish two stakes: one at Independence, one at Lamoni, Iowa—organizing them after the pattern which is found in the Law: a presiding High Priest with counselors, a High Council, and a Bishop and *their* Counselors.

25 [125:10b] These stakes shall be made to comprise the boundaries of the districts as they now stand, the center at the towns and places named;

26 [125:10c] And the majority of the councils that should be chosen should be residents of the places named in order that there may ever be a sufficient body to transact the business required.

TRACTS

27 [125:11a] It is the duty of the Church to provide tracts in the Scandinavian, German, Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese languages, and others, as the missions may require—

28 [125:11b] These tracts to be written by those in the ministry and those of the brothers *and sisters* who are not of the ministry who have a talent for writing and to be submitted to the Presidency before being published.

29 [125:11c] They should be short, clearly stated; and a sufficient number should be printed to furnish the traveling ministry with the quantities desirable for them to distribute.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

30 [125:12a] The missions abroad, other than those in the land of Joseph which were opened officially during the lifetime of the martyrs, shall be considered as having been opened unto us, whether they were at once undertaken and prosecuted during the lifetime of the martyrs, or whether subsequent to their death they were prosecuted in righteousness—wherever they were sent.

31 [125:12b] Other missions not thus opened, it will be requisite that the Twelve shall either go or, in the exercise of their missionary authority, send, as provided in the law, of the Seventy.

32 [125:13a] For prosecuting the work in two of these missions, this is offered and directed:

33 [125:13b] Send the Bishop to England with my servant Gomer T. Griffiths to aid in arranging the affairs of the church there, organizing the ministry locally and determining what help in the missionary field may be required from America.

34 [125:13c] Authorize the selection and the ordination of a High Priest to officiate in the office of Bishop in England, that it may be accomplished as soon as practicable and without fail, in answer to the request made by my servants in that land.

35 [125:13d] Authorize the Patriarch, as one of the Presidency, to visit Australia and the islands of the sea, the Society Islands, authorizing him to assist the authorities there in arranging their missionary labor by his advice,

36 [125:13e] And also selecting and ordaining a High Priest to act in the office of Bishop, carrying with him the authority of the conference.

37 [125:14a1] Branches and districts are to be conducted according to the rules given in the Law as directed in a former revelation:

38 [125:14a2] They shall take the things which have been given unto them as my law to the Church to be my Law to govern my Church.

39 [125:14b] And these affairs are not to be conducted by manifestations of the Spirit, unless these directions and manifestations come through the regularly authorized officers of branch or district.

40 [125:14c] If my people will respect the officers whom I have called and set in the Church, I will respect these officers; and if they do not, they cannot expect the riches of gifts and the blessings of direction.

THE GIFTS OF THE PRIESTHOOD

41 [125:15a] Prophesying over them that are sick in administering to them has been a fruitful source of trouble among my people.

42 [125:15b] They must observe that this they are not required to do except there be a direct manifestation of the Spirit which may direct it.

43 [125:15c] Pray over the sick, anoint them with oil as commanded in the law, and leave them in my hands, that the Spirit may deal with them according to my wisdom.

44 [125:15d] Many spiritual manifestations have been had; some of these have been false, and under the operation of the Law which I gave many, many years ago, those who make these false presentations are not to be feared among my people.

45 [125:15e] They are not justified in permitting their human sympathies to overcome that which has been written in my Scriptures—the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets.

46 [125:16a] The college debt should be paid; the ministers going out from the conferences held by the Elders of my Church are not expected or authorized to throw obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of that which has been intrusted to the Bishopric to pay this great debt;

47 [125:16b] Their right to free speech, their right to liberty of conscience, does not permit them as individuals to frustrate the commands of the body in conference assembly.

48 [125:16c] They are sent out as ministers to preach the gospel, and their voices—if opposed to what may be presented to the conference—should be heard in the conferences and not in the mission fields, to prevent the accomplishment of the object with which the officers of the Church have been intrusted.

Section 6a

Presiding over the Peaceful Kingdom

April 8, 1890-Lamoni, Iowa. Revelation through Joseph Smith III addressed to the First Presidency and the Quorum of Twelve regarding differences of opinion concerning an "Epistle" issued by the Twelve, which discussed the duties of branch and district presidents. The General Conference also sought divine guidance on questions regarding the call and ordination of high priests. From Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants 120. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [120:Header] Unto my servants, the First Presidency and the traveling High Council of my Church; thus saith the Spirit:

2 [120:1a] The epistle is to be left without approval, or disapproval by the conference, as the judgment of the Quorum of the Twelve, until further experience shall have tested the matters therein stated.

3 [120:1b] In the meantime, branches and their officers, and districts and their officers are to be considered as provided for by my Law to carry on the work of the ministry in caring for the membership of the Church, and to relieve the Twelve and Seventy from the vexation and anxiety of looking after local organizations when effected.

4 [120:1c-d] When branches and districts are organized, they should be so organized by direction of the conferences, or by the personal presence and direction of the Twelve, or some member of that quorum who may be in charge, if practicable; or, if a branch, by the president of the district, with the consent, knowledge, and direction of the missionary in charge, when circumstances prevent the missionary in charge being present.

5 [120:2a] ¶ A branch may be presided over by a High Priest *or High Priestess*, an Elder, Priest *or Priestess*, Teacher, or Deacon chosen and sustained by the vote of the branch.

6 [120:2b] Districts may be presided over by a High Priest or High Priestess, or an Elder, who shall be received and sustained in *their* office by the vote of the district.

7 [120:2c-d1] If a branch or district be large, they who are chosen to preside should be a High Priest *or High Priestess*, if there be one possessed of the spirit of wisdom to administer in the office of president, or if an Elder be chosen who may by experience be found qualified to preside, as soon as practicable;

8 [120:2d2] Thereafter they should be ordained a High Priest *or High Priestess* by the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the one ordaining and by direction of a high council or General Conference, as required in the Law.

9 [120:3a] ¶ There should be no conflict or jealousy of authority between the quorums of the church; all are necessary and equally honorable, each in its place.

10 [120:3b] The Twelve and Seventy are traveling ministers and preachers of the gospel, to persuade men and women to obey the truth;

11 [120:3c] The High Priests *and High Priestesses* and Elders, holding the same priesthood, are the standing ministers of the Church, having the watchcare of the membership and nurturing and sustaining them, under the direction and instruction of the Presidency and the Twelve.

12 [120:3d] The Seventy *Elders*, when traveling by the voice of the Church or sent by the Twelve to minister the Word where the Twelve cannot go, are in the powers of their ministration Apostles, those sent, and in meetings where no organization exists should preside if no member of the Twelve or Presidency be present.

13 [120:4a] ¶ In both branches and districts the presiding officers should be considered and respected in their offices;

14 [120:4b] Nevertheless, the traveling presiding councils of the Church being made by the Law, their calling, and the voice of the Church the directing, regulating, and advising authorities of the Church, and representing it abroad should, when present in either district or branch, be regarded and considered as the leading representative authorities of the Church and be respected as such, their counsel and advice be sought and respected when given.

15 [120:4c] And in cases of conflict or extremity, their decision should be listened to and regarded, subject to the appeal and adjudication provided for in the Law.

16 [120:5] ¶ He that heareth him that is sent heareth the Lord who sent him if he be called of God and be sent by the voice of the church.

17 [120:6] ¶ In these matters there is no conflict in the Law.

18 [120:7a] ¶ In matters of personal importance and conduct arising in branches or districts, the authorities of those branches and districts should be authorized and permitted to settle them.

19 [120:7b] The traveling councils taking cognizance of those only in which the Law and usages of the church are involved, and the general interests of the church are concerned.

20 [120:7c1] Where cases of difficulty are of long standing, the council may require local authorities to adjust them; and in case of failure to do so, may regulate them as required by their office and duty;

21 [120:7c2] And this that the work and Church may not be put to shame and the preaching of the word be hindered.

22 [120:8] ¶ That the traveling council of the Twelve may be better prepared to act as a quorum, my servant A. H. Smith may be chosen president of the Twelve and any one of the council be chosen to act as its secretary until the quorum be filled or other instruction be given.

23 [120:9a] ¶ Those who were presented by the High Priests for ordination to their number, if approved by the council of the High Priests now present and the conference, may be ordained;

24 [120:9b] And from their number there may be selected by a committee of conference-composed of one of the First Presidency, the president of the Twelve, and one other to be chosen by the Council of Twelve, the president of the high priests, and one other to be chosen by that council of their number-

25 [120:9c] A sufficient number to fill the vacancies now existing in the High Council, that the High Council may be properly organized and prepared to hear matters of grave importance when presented to them.

26 [120:9d] And this committee shall make these selections according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation that shall be given unto them, to provide that such council may be convened at any General Conference when emergency may demand, by reason of their residing at or near to places where conferences may be held.

27 [120:10a] ¶ The Presidents of Seventy are instructed to select from the several quorums of elders such as are qualified, and in a condition to take upon them the office of Seventy, that they may be ordained unto the filling of the First Quorum of Seventy.

28 [120:10b] In making these selections, the presidents of Seventy should confer with the several quorums before so selecting and be guided by wisdom and the spirit of revelation, choosing none but men *and women* of good repute.

Section 6b

Organizing the Peaceful Kingdom

Revelation given to David January 15, 2019 San Diego, California for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship; revelation based on CoC DaC 120. The second half of verse 10 was added by inspiration and revelation February 10, 2019 based on inspiration given the previous week, that caused David to return to the Lord before finalizing this Section. This section was originally Revelation 18 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 In organizing Synagogues and Congregations for and on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, thus saith the Lord:

2 I say unto thee, it is written in my Law that whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my Church; and again, as I have said: When three gather in my name, Behold: I am with them.

3 My vineyard is wide, even encompassing the whole earth, yet my Church does not yet cover the earth;

4 And that my people may find solace and comfort, I have set apart many in the vineyard that they might bring souls into me;

5 That these may grow in my Grace, feel of my Spirit, and fellowship in my name; that good works may be done and all might be edified.

6 ¶ And for this reason have I called thee and set thee part, and sent my servants unto thee, that ye may grow the kingdom and those that seek may find.

7 And as hidden things are revealed, it is wisdom in me that ye study together in me; that ye learn to be one, even as the Father and I are one.

8 ¶ And behold the Word of my Law has been established to carry out the work of the ministry in caring for the membership of the Church and Kingdom.

9 And behold, to relieve the Twelve and Seventy from the task overseeing the direction of each congregation, ye shall have these find those called of me and set them apart.

10 ¶ And each Congregation shall have a Bishopric to preside over the ministry with their congregation, but a Synagogue shall be led by a Pastor whos is a sole Bishop;

11 And the Bishopric shall be led by a High Priest and a High Priestess, and these shall call a counselor, even a First Deacon to assist and to watch over the Church within their Congregation and surrounding communities.

12 ¶ And the First Deacon too shall be called from among my High Priests or High Priestesses, and these shall have the keys to lead and preside within this, the order of their ministry; and this according to my Law^a.

13 And the First Deacon shall be the President of the Quorum of Deacons and Teachers within their congregation, presiding over these in righteousness and humility, serving with another High Priest or High Priestess called as the Second Deacon, and with a Teacher called to the Levitical Priesthood as their councilor, as in the Bishopric.

14 And the Deacons and Teachers shall perform their duties as given in my Law.

15 ¶ And the Bishopric shall oversee the quorum of Priests and Priestesses, and these shall see to the ordinances and needs of the congregation, performing their duties as given in my Law.

16 ¶ And the Elders and High Priests and High Priestess shall see to the spiritual matters of the Church, working with the Levitical Priesthoods, training them up in the Lord to do my works.

17 And these will seek out and teach all those seeking my name, not to build up a kingdom unto men, but unto me;

18 Therefore, it matereth not if these should join my Fellowship, so long as they find their home in me they are a part of my vineyard and my Church shall be with them as they gather with others in my name.

19 ¶ And these shall form a High Council of Evangelists, and the High Priests and High Priestesses of this quorum shall be traveling Bishops;

20 And these shall follow my Law, being sent out in twos to teach in my name, yea traveling locally with and Elder, Priest or Priestess, or Teacher to do my works for the glory of the Father.

21 And this High Council shall be led by a Patriarch and a Matriarch, a High Priest and High Priestess, in my name;

22 For these shall be Evangelists to watch over the congregations of my Fellowship and shall do their duty as assigned in my Law, and as needed to assist relieve the duties of the Seventy and the Apostles called to watch over the flock.

23 ¶ And the Seventy *Elders* are called forth and sent out to assist the Twelve, and the Twelve to assist the First Presidency, and the Evangelists, and the Bishopric, and the Council of Elders as they watch over my Church and the Fellowship.

24 And all these shall be filled in mine own time, saith the Lord: for now, call those I send to fill roles as needed in my peaceable Kingdom;

25 And the first shall be last and the last shall be first; therefore, serve one another in brotherly and sisterly love:

26 ¶ And behold, the Kingdom of God is as a man that builds a house;

27 And behold the house hath four pillars, and the pillars work as one to hold up the roof.

28 Yea, and when the first pillar says: Behold my strength, that I might uphold this wall alone.

29 And a second pillar says: Nay, but behold my strength that I uphold the walls and the roof also.
30 And the third and fourth pillar bragging too of their own strength until, divided these part ways and house does fall, and the man is left cold.
31 And the man whips the pillars, and they bear the strikes, and do they learn to love the man
32 And the man whips the pillars, and they bear the strikes, and do they learn to love the man?
33 I say thee, nay; but they learn to hate the man; and as one they shun him and protect him not from the winds and rains: and thus the man is destroyed.
34 But the Lord of Hosts comes unto the pillars, and these he loves, and these he commands to be as one;
35 Yea and they love the Lord and stand as one, no more divided, and no more boasting of their own strength, for each has their place in the House of the Lord.
36 And the man is the church of men, or the church of the devil; and he builds with discord and pride;
37 But the Lord of Hosts may use the same and build with patience and peace:
38 ¶ Therefore, ye too shall build with patience and peace.
39 I say unto thee, what is past is past, what is now is now;
40 Therefore, go ye and build up my kingdom, not of pride but with love, and this ye shall do in my name; and if ye do so in my name ye shall not fail.
41 ¶ Behold I am with thee, be ye one with another and ye are one in me; my mission is thy mission, and my ministry thine;
42 Therefore, go forward in faith, endure to the end, and do all things in my name that thy works shall be Holy. So mote it be; Amen.

Notes:

a see 5b:50

Section 7a

Joseph Smith Jr. Prophet of the Restoration

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "seventeenth commandment" given at Fayette, New York, AD 1829. However, both the Community of Christ (Section 19) and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Section 21) Doctrine and Covenants state the revelation was given April 6, 1830. The Book of Commandments echoes their dates. Eyewitness accounts place the date as April 6, 1830. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 28-29. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer by way of commandment to the Church:

2 [19:1a1/21:1a] Behold there Shall a Record be kept among you and in it thou, Joseph Smith Jr., shalt be called a Seer, and Translator, and Prophet;

3 2 [19:1a2/21:1b] An Apostle of Jesus Christ, an Elder of the Church, through the will of God the Father and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 3 [19:1b/21:2] Being inspired of the Holy Ghost to lay the foundation thereof, and to build it up unto the most holy faith:

5 4 [19:1c/21:3] Which Church was organized and established in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, in the fourth month, on the sixth day of the month which is called April.

6 5 [19:2a/21:4] ¶ Wherefore, meaning the Church, thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me;

7 6 [19:2b/21:5-6a] For his word ye shall receive as if from mine own mouth in all patience and faith, for by doing these things the gates of Hell shall not prevail against you;

8 7 [19:2c/21:6b] Yea, and the Lord God will disperse the Powers of darkness from before you and cause the Heavens to shake for your good, and his name's glory.

9 8 [19:2d1/21:7a] For thus saith the Lord God: Him have I inspired to move the cause of Zion in Mighty power for good,

10 9 [19:2d2-e1/21:7b-8a] And his diligence I know, and his prayers I have heard, yea his weeping for Zion I have seen.

11 10 [19:2e2/21:8b] And I will cause that He shall mourn for her no longer, for his days of rejoicing are come unto the remission of his sins and the manifestations of my blessings upon his works.

12 11 [19:3a1/21:9a] ¶ For behold, I will bless all those who labor in my vineyard with a mighty blessing,

13 12 [19:3a2/21:9b] And they shall believe on his words, which are given him through me

14 by the comforter, which manifesteth that Jesus was crucified by the sins of the world for the remission of sins unto the contrite heart.

15 13 [19:3b1/21:10] Wherefore, it behooveth me that he should be ordained by you, Oliver Cowdery, mine Apostle;

16 14 [19:3b2/21:11] This being an ordinance unto you that ye are an Elder under his hand unto you, that thou might be an Elder unto this Church of Christ, bearing my name,

17 15 [19:3c/21:12] And the First Preacher of this Church, unto the Church, and before the world, yea, before the gentiles; yea, and thus saith the Lord God: Lo, Lo; to the Jews also. Amen.

Section 7b

The Keys of the Kingdom

According to Revelation Book 1, this is part of a revelation received March 8, 1833 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 87:1-5 for Community of Christ, and Section 90:1-18 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 168-169. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [87:1a/90:1] A Commandment given unto Joseph Smith Jr., saying, Thus saith the Lord: Verily, verily I say unto you, my son, thy sins are forgiven thee, according to thy petition, for thy prayers and the prayers of thy brethren, have come up unto my ears;

2 [87:1b/90:2] Therefore thou art blessed from henceforth that bear the keys of the kingdom given unto you, which kingdom is coming forth for the last time.

3 [87:2a1/90:3] ¶ Verily, I say unto you: The keys of this kingdom shall never be taken from you, whilst thou art in the world, neither in the world to come:

4 [87:2a2/90:4] Nevertheless, through you shall the oracles be given unto another; yea even unto the Church.

5 [87:2b/90:5] And all they who receive the oracles of God, let them be aware how they hold them, lest they are accounted as a light thing and are brought under condemnation thereby, and stumble and fall when the storms descend, and the winds blow, and the rains descend, and beat upon their house.

6 [87:3a/90:6] ¶ And again, verily I say unto thy brethren, Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams, their sins are forgiven them also, and they are accounted as equal with thee in holding the Keys of this last kingdom:

7 [87:3b/90:7-8] As also through your administration the keys of the School of the Prophets, which I have commanded to be organized, that thereby they may be perfected in their ministry for the salvation of Zion, and the nations of Israel, and of the Gentiles, as many as will believe,

8 [87:3c/90:9] That through your administration, they may receive the Word, and through their administration, the Word may go forth unto the ends of the earth; unto the Gentiles first, and then behold, and lo, they shall turn unto the Jews:

9 [87:3d/90:10] And then cometh the day when the arm of the Lord shall be revealed in power, in convincing the nations, the heathen nations, the house of Israel^a, of the Gospel of their salvation.

10 [87:4/90:11] ¶ For it shall come to pass in that day, that *everyone* shall hear the fulness of the Gospel in *their* own tongue, and in *their* own language, through those who are ordained unto this power by the administration of the Comforter shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

11 [87:5a1/90:12] And now verily I say unto you: I give unto you a commandment that you continue in this ministry and presidency;

12 [87:5a2/90:13] And when you have finished the translation of the prophets^b you shall from them thence forth preside over the affairs of the Church and the School,

13 [87:5b/90:14-15] And from time to time, as shall be manifest by the Comforter, receive revelations to unfold the mysteries of the kingdom, and set in order the Churches, and study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues, and people &c.

14 [87:5c/90:16] And this shall be your business and mission in all your lives: to preside in council and set in order all the affairs of this Church and kingdom.

15 [87:5d/90:17] Be not ashamed, neither confounded; but be admonished in all your high mindedness and pride, for it bringeth a snare upon your souls.

16 [87:5e/90:18] Set in order your houses, keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you.

Notes:

- a The “heathen nations, the house of Israel:” in RB1 “Israel” is crossed out and “Joseph” is written in. See Deuteronomy 4:25-40 and DoS 2c.
- b Referring to the Inspired Version or Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible.

Section 8a

Emma Smith: Elect Lady

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the “twenty-seventh commandment” given July 1830 at Harmony, Pennsylvania. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 24 for Community of Christ, and 25 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 34–35. The Community of Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Doctrine and Covenants have additional text not found in the older text in the first three verses. These additions were not included here. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [24:1a, 1c/25:1, 3] A Revelation I give unto you, Emma Smith, concerning my will: Behold thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou art an Elect Lady whom I have called.

2 2 [24:1d1/25:4a] Murmur not because of the things which thou hast not seen, for they are withheld from thee and the World, which is wisdom in me.

3 3 [24:2d2-2a/25:4b-5] In a time to come, the office of thy calling shall be for a comfort unto my servant, Joseph Smith Jr., thy husband, in his afflictions, with consoling words in the spirit of meekness;

4 4 [24:2b/25:6] And thou shalt go with him at the time of his going and be unto him a scribe that I may send Oliver Cowdery whithersoever I will.

5 5 [24:2c1/25:7] And thou shalt be ordained under his hand to expound scriptures and exhort the Church, according as it shall be given thee by my Spirit;

6 6 [24:2c2/25:8a] For he shall lay his hands upon thee and thou shalt receive the Holy Ghost.

7 7 [24:2c3-2d1/25:8b-9a] And thy time shall be given to writing, and to learning, and thou need not fear, for thy husband shall support thee from the Church;

8 8 [24:2d2/25:9b] For unto them is his calling, that all things might be revealed unto them whatsoever I will according to their faith.

9 9 [24:3a/25:10] And verily I say unto you that thou shalt lay aside the things of this world and seek for the better things and it shall be given thee.

10 10 [24:3b1/25:11] It is also given to thee to make a selection of Sacred Hymns, as it shall be given thee which is pleasing unto me to be had in my Church,

11 11 [24:3b2-3c1/25:12] For my Soul delighteth in the song of the heart, yea the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads.

12 12 [24:3c2/25:13] Wherefore lift up thy heart and rejoice, and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made.

13 13 [24:4a/25:14] Continue in the spirit of meekness and beware of pride; let thy soul delight in thy husband and the glory which shall come upon him;

14 14 [24:4b1/25:15a] Keep my commandments continually and a crown of righteousness thou shalt receive;

15 15 [24:4b2-4c/25:15b-16] And except thou do this, where I am ye cannot come; and verily I say unto you that this is my voice unto all. Even so; Amen.

Section 8b

Revelation to the Elect Lady

Revelation given to Kristine Ferriman through her husband, and co-president, David Ferriman October 13, 2019 in Chillicothe, Missouri. This section was originally Revelation 22 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 My beloved daughter, Kristine, Harken ye to the voice of the Lord; I the Lord thy God say unto thee:
2 ¶ Behold, thou hast been called and set apart before thou wast born, yeah and even before the world was I called thee;
3 And this was and is thy call: to come forth in these, the last days; to help restore unto mankind that which they have discarded and thrown away;
4 For behold, thou art an Elect Lady, and a helpmeet to thy husband, both in the things of this world and in the ministry.
5 And I have called thee, and set thee apart to do a great and marvelous work in my name,
6 And thou were called to come forth at this time to help restore balance.
7 ¶ Yeah, there are three pillars, with one on the right hand and one on the left, but the seed of men have sought to tear down the right pillar;
8 And thus thou hast been called to restore my right hand amongst the children of men; for the daughters of God have cried out unto me, even the Lord their God, seeking to gain their birthright.
9 ¶ And to this end wast thou born; to help build my kingdom, to restore the pillars, to raise up righteous seed before me;
10 And for this reason did I command my servant David to lay hands upon thee, giving thee the keys to the presidency of the Sisterhood and to the Law of Sarah, even before thou understood thy calling;
11 For behold, unto thee has been given the royal birthright, and thou are the High Priestess in my name of this royal generation;
12 And a High Priestess and queen shall thou be for time and all eternity to the Most High God, should thou keep thy Covenants and remain faithful unto me.
13 ¶ Behold, I send thee this revelation as a means of instruction, therefore I say unto thee: Feed my sheep! for thou hast been called to minister in my name.
14 Fear not, for I shall give thee strength; and lean upon me, for I shall provide unto thee all that thou shall need for thyself and thine family.
15 Yeah, and behold; harken unto my voice, for I AM the good shepherd;
16 And when thou shall hear my voice by way of revelation, know that I shall speak unto thee in a voice that thou shalt recognize;
17 Worry not that my Word shall sound different to thee than that of thy husband, for behold: I speak unto all in a language they shall understand;
18 But search thy heart, and when it is of me I shall tell thee in thy mind, and thou shall feel it in thy heart.
19 ¶ And know this: thou hast been given the gift of discernment, and this shall tell thee what is of me and what is not; and thou shall feel it to thy very core;
20 For the Spirit if God is the Spirit of Pure truth and Pure knowledge; and in wisdom shall thou be given my Word to be received by my people.
21 ¶ Therefore, go and do as I have commanded, and I shall bring peace to thy heart; worry not of the things of this world, for in me shall thou and thy family be provided for:
22 And the blessings of heaven shall pour out in abundance in so much that thou shall not know what to do save it be to bless others temporally with that which ye shall be given.
23 ¶ Therefore, I say unto thee: raise thy children in righteousness; continue to counsel with thy husband in all things; seek to restore that which has been lost to mankind that women may be restored to their rightful place upon the throne in my kingdom;
24 And know too that I have sent others to help thee in this task;
25 Therefore I say unto thee to find these women; ordain them and prophesy over them, lead and guide them, that all may be restored to its proper order.
26 Behold, I have called thee to gather my daughters, and to gather my Saints;
27 To build a home for those seeking my shelter, and to teach and ordain those that I have called to this work.
28 ¶ Kristine, thou art a leader amongst women, and with thy husband ye shall together be leaders of mankind;

29 Therefore, fear not; for I am with thee, all the days of thy life.

30 Many are called, but few are chosen:

31 And behold, thou hast been called and are chosen unto me after the order of Eve, and of Sarah, and of Miriam; and Deborah, and Phoebe, and Junia, and Salome, and Emma; and many other women: prophetesses, apostle, ministers, and elect ladies all called in my name;

32 And in the order of Magdalene shall thou surpass many of those that came before thee, and all those that did not harken unto my call.

33 Therefore my daughter, go forth and serve, for behold, in thee rests the strength to overcome and endure to the end.

34 I the Lord, have spoken it, thus shall it be: Amen.

Section 9

The Nauvoo Relief Society

The organization of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. From pages 4, and 6-15 of the Book of Records Containing the proceedings of The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. The original Relief Society was organized in the Nauvoo Lodge Room on March 17, 1842. Changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

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The following appropriate frontispiece, was found lying on an open Bible, in the room appropriated for the Society; at its first meeting, written on a scrap:

1 O, Lord! help our widows, and fatherless children! So mote it be; Amen.

2 With the sword, and the word of truth, defend thou them. So mote it be; Amen.

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3 ¶ Elder John Taylor was called to the chair by President Joseph Smith Jr., and Elder W. Richards appointed Secretary.

4 The meeting commenced by singing “The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning,” Prayer by Elder John Taylor.

5 ¶ When it was moved by President Joseph Smith Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Sarah M. Cleveland, that a vote be taken to know if all are satisfied with each female present;

6 And that are willing to acknowledge them in full fellowship and admit them to the privileges of the Institution about to be formed.

7 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. and Elders John Taylor and Willard Richards withdrew while the females went into an investigation of the motion, and decided that all present, be admitted according to the motion,

8 And that Mrs. Sarah Ward Higbee, Thirza Cahoon, Kezia A. Morrison, Miranda N. Hyde, Abigail Allred, Mary Snider, and Sarah Stiles Granger should be admitted; whose names were presented by President Joseph Smith Jr.

9 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. and Elders John Taylor and Willard Richards returned, and the meeting was addressed by President Joseph Smith Jr., to illustrate the object of the Society—

10 That the Society of Sisters might provoke the brethren to good works in looking to the wants of the poor—

11 Searching after objects of charity, and in administering to their wants—

12 To assist; by correcting the morals and strengthening the virtues of the female community, and save the Elders the trouble of rebuking;

13 That they may give their time to other duties in their public teaching.

14 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. further remarked that an organization to show them how to go to work would be sufficient.

15 He proposed that the Sisters elect a presiding officer to preside over them, and let that presiding officer choose two Counselors to assist in the duties of her Office,

16 That he would ordain them to preside over the Society and let them preside just as the Presidency presides over the Church;

17 And if they need his instruction ask him, he will give it from time to time.

18 ¶ Let this Presidency serve as a constitution— all their decisions be considered law; and acted upon as such.

19 If any Officers are wanted to carry out the designs of the Institution, let them be appointed and set apart, as Deacons, Teachers, Priestesses, Elders, and High Priestesses are among us.

20 The minutes of your meetings will be precedents for you to act upon— your Constitution and law.

21 ¶ He then suggested the propriety of electing a Presidency to continue in office during good behavior, or so long as they shall continue to fill the office with dignity, like the first Presidency of the church.

22 ¶ Motioned by Sister Elizabeth Ann Whitney and seconded by Sister Packard that Mrs. Emma Smith be chosen President, passed unanimously.

23 Moved by President Joseph Smith Jr. that Mrs. Emma Smith proceed to choose her Counselors, that they may be ordained to preside over this Society, in taking care of the poor— administering to their wants, and attending to the various affairs of this Institution.

24 The Presidentess Elect, then made choice of Mrs. Sarah M. Cleveland and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Whitney for Counsellors.

25 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. read the Revelation to Emma Smith, from the book of Doctrine and Covenants^a; and stated that she was ordained at the time, the Revelation was given, to expound the scriptures to all;

26 And to teach the female part of community; and that not she alone, but others, may attain to the same blessings.

27 The second Epistle of John, 1st verse, was then read to show that respect was then had to the same thing; and that why she was called an Elect Lady^b is because, elected to preside.

28 ¶ Elder John Taylor was then appointed to ordain the Counselors;

29 He laid his hands on the head of Mrs. Sarah M. Cleveland and ordained her to be a Counselor to the Elect Lady, even Mrs. Emma Smith, to counsel, and assist her in all things pertaining to her office.

30 Elder John Taylor then laid his hands on the head of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Whitney and ordained her to be a Counselor to Mrs. Smith, the President of the Institution, with all the privileges pertaining to the office.

31 He then laid his hands on the head of Mrs. Smith and blessed her, and confirmed upon her all the blessings which have been conferred on her,

32 That she might be a mother in Israel and look to the wants of the needy, and be a pattern of virtue;

33 And possess all the qualifications necessary for her to stand and preside and dignify her Office, to teach the females those principles requisite for their future usefulness.

34 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. then resumed his remarks and gave instruction how to govern themselves in their meetings;

35 When one wishes to speak, address the chair, and the chairman responds to the address;

36 Should two speak at once, the Chair shall decide who speaks first, if anyone is dissatisfied, she appeals to the house;

37 When one has the floor, *she* occupies as long as she pleases.

38 Proper manner of address is Mrs. Chairman or President and not Mr. Chairman &c.

39 A question can never be put until it has a second;

40 ¶ When the subject for discussion has been fairly investigated; the Chairman will say, are you ready for the question?

41 Whatever the majority of the house decide upon becomes a law to the Society.

42 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. proceeded to give counsel: do not injure the character of anyone;

43 If members of the Society shall conduct improperly, deal with them, and keep all your doings within your own bosoms, and hold all characters sacred;

44 ¶ It was then proposed that Elder Taylor vacate the chair; *the Elect Lady*, Emma Smith, and her Counselors took the chair.

45 And Elder John Taylor moved, seconded by President Joseph Smith Jr., that we go into an investigation respecting what this Society shall be called—which was carried unanimously.

46 President Joseph Smith Jr. continued instructions to the Chair to suggest to the members anything the chair might wish, and which it might not be proper for the chair to put or move.

47 Moved by Counselor Sarah M. Cleveland, and seconded by Counselor Elizabeth Ann Whitney, that this Society be called "The Nauvoo Female Relief Society."

48 ¶ Elder John Taylor offered an amendment, that it be called The Nauvoo Female Benevolent Society, which would give a more definite and extended idea of the Institution—that Relief be struck out and Benevolent inserted.

49 President Joseph Smith Jr. offered instruction on votes—

50 The motion was seconded by Counselor Mrs. Sarah M. Cleveland and unanimously carried, on the amendment by Elder John Taylor.

51 ¶ The *Elect Lady* then suggested that she would like an argument with Elder Taylor on the words Relief and Benevolence.

52 President Joseph Smith Jr. moved that the vote for amendment, be rescinded, which was carried;

53 Motion for adjournment by Elder William Richards and objected by President Joseph Smith Jr.

54 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr.: Benevolent is a popular term, and the term Relief is not known among popular Societies.

55 Relief is more extended in its signification than Benevolent and might extend to the liberation of the culprit and might be wrongly construed by our enemies to say that the Society was to relieve criminals from punishment, to relieve a murderer, which would not be a benevolent act.

56 ¶ *Elect Lady*, Emma Smith, said: The popularity of the word benevolent is one great objection;

57 No person can think of the word as associated with public Institutions without thinking of the Washingtonian Benevolent Society, which was one of the most corrupt Institutions of the day; I do not wish to have it called after other Societies in the world.

58 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. arose to state that he had no objection to the word Relief, that on question they ought to deliberate candidly and investigate all subjects.

59 ¶ Counselor Sarah M. Cleveland arose to remark concerning the question before the house, that we should not regard the idle speech of our enemies;

60 We design to act in the name of the Lord, to relieve the wants of the distressed, and do all the good we can.

61 ¶ Eliza R. Snow arose and said that she felt to concur with the President, with regard to the word Benevolent, that many Societies with which it had been associated, were corrupt,

62 That the popular Institutions of the day should not be our guide, that as daughters of Zion, we should set an example for all the world, rather than confine ourselves to the course which had been heretofore pursued.

63 One objection to the word Relief is, that the idea associated with it is that of some great calamity, that we intend appropriating on some extraordinary occasions instead of meeting the common occurrences.

64 ¶ *Elect Lady* Emma Smith remarked: We are going to do something extraordinary, we expect extraordinary occasions and pressing calls^c.

65 When a boat is stuck on the rapids with a multitude of Mormons on board, we shall consider that a loud call for relief.

66 ¶ Elder John Taylor arose and said: I shall have to concede the point, your arguments are so potent I cannot stand before them; I shall have to give way.

67 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. said: I also shall have to concede the point, all I shall have to give to the poor, I shall give to this Society.

68 ¶ Counsellor Elizabeth Ann Whitney moved that this Society be called The Nauvoo Female Relief Society, second. by Counselor Sarah M. Cleveland.

69 Eliza R. Snow offered an amendment by way of transposition of words, instead of The Nauvoo Female Relief Society, it shall be called The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo;

70 Seconded by President Joseph Smith Jr. and carried.

71 The previous question was then put: Shall this Society be called The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo; carried unanimously.

72 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. *said*: I now declare this Society organized with President and Counselors according to Parliamentary usages;

73 And all who shall hereafter be admitted into this Society must be free from censure and received by vote.

74 President Joseph Smith Jr. offered \$5.00 in gold piece to commence the funds of the Institution.

75 ¶ The Elect Lady Emma Smith requested that the gentlemen withdraw before they proceed to the choice of Secretary and Treasurer, as was moved by President Joseph Smith Jr.

76 The gentlemen withdrew when it was motioned, second, and unanimously passed that Eliza R. Snow be appointed Secretary, and Phebe M. Wheeler, Assistant Secretary.

77 Motioned, second. and carried unanimously that Elvira A. Coles be appointed Treasurer.

78 ¶ *The Elect Lady* Emma Smith then arose and proceeded to make appropriate remarks on the object of the Society;

79 Its duties to others also its relative duties to each other Viz. to seek out and relieve the distressed;

80 That each member should be ambitious to do good;

81 That the members should deal frankly with each other, to watch over the morals, and be very careful of the character and reputation of the members of the Institution.

82 ¶ P. A. Hawkes: Question; what shall we reply to interrogatories relative to the object of this Society?

83 *The Elect Lady*, Emma Smith replied: For charitable purposes.

84 ¶ Moved and passed that Cynthia Ann Eldridge be admitted as a member of this Society.

85 ¶ Councilor Sarah M. Cleveland donated to the fund of the Society \$12.50, Sarah M. Kimball, \$1, *Elect Lady* Emma Smith, \$1, Councilor Elizabeth Ann Whitney, \$.50.

86 ¶ *The Elect Lady*, Emma Smith, said that Mrs. Merrick is a widow, is industrious, performs her work well; therefore, recommend her to the patronage of such as wish to hire needlework.

87 ¶ Those who hire widows must be prompted to pay and inasmuch as some have defrauded the laboring widow of her wages, we must be upright and deal justly.

88 ¶ The business of the Society concluded, the gentlemen before mentioned returned.

89 Elder Richards appropriated to the fund of the Society, the sum of \$ 1, Elder John Taylor \$2.

90 Elder John Taylor then arose and addressed the Society by saying that he is much gratified in seeing a meeting of this kind in Nauvoo,

91 His heart rejoices when he sees the most distinguished characters, stepping forth in such a cause, which is calculated to bring into exercise every virtue and give scope to the benevolent feelings of the female heart.

92 He rejoices to see this Institution organized according to the law of Heaven, according to a revelation previously given to Mrs. Emma Smith appointing her to this important calling, and to see all things moving forward in such a glorious manner.

93 His prayer is that the blessings of God and the peace of heaven may rest on this Institution henceforth.

94 The Choir then sang: Come let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

95 Motioned, that this meeting adjourn *until* next week, Thursday, ten o'clock A.M.; the meeting then arose and was dismissed by prayer by Elder Taylor.

96 ¶ The names of those present were then taken as follows:

Mrs Emma Smith

Mrs. Sarah M. Cleveland

Bathsheba W. Smith

Phebe Ann Hawkes

Phebe M. Wheeler

Elizabeth Jones

Elvira A. Cowles

Sophia Packard

Margaret A Norris Cook

Philinda Merrick

Athalia Robinson

Martha Knights

Sarah M. Kimball

Desdemona Fulmer

Eliza R. Snow

Elizabeth Ann Whitney

Sophia Robinson

Leonora Taylor

Nancy Rigdon

Sophia R. Mar.

Notes:

a See DoS 8

b See 2 John 1

c The second half of vs. 64 and vs. 65 were switched from their original order, per inspiration.

Section 10a

Ordaining Women

A portion of the revelation President Wallace B. Smith submitted to the quorums, councils, and orders of the church, and to the World Conference, convened at Independence, Missouri, on April 3, 1984. Major aspects of the document centered the purposes of the temple in the Center Place, (3) analysis and fuller comprehension of priesthood calling and commitment to servant ministries, (4) opening the way for the full participation of the church's women in relation to those ministries, including priesthood, and (5) a reemphasis of the vital role of every member in bringing to pass the cause of Zion. The World Conference on April 5, 1984, voted acceptance of the document as God's will for the church, and provided for its inclusion in the Doctrine and Covenants. From Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants 156:156:1-6 have been omitted here.

1 [Header 1] As I have continued to seek for greater understanding of the divine will in my role as prophet of the church, the burdens of that office have not become easier.

2 [Header 1] In seeking to address some of the difficult and potentially divisive issues facing the church today, I have found myself spending much time in prayer and fasting, importuning the Spirit on behalf of the church.

3 [Header 1] ¶ Because of the nature of that which I am now presenting, I have sought over and over for confirmation.

4 [Header 1] Each time the message has been impressed upon me again, consistently and steadily.

5 [Header 1] Therefore, I can do no other than to bring what I have received, in all humility, and leave it in your hands, believing with full assurance that it does truly represent the mind and will of God.

6 [Header 4] ¶ The following is also presented as the voice of the Spirit:

7 [156:7a] ¶ Hear, O my people, regarding my holy priesthood: The power of this priesthood was placed in your midst from the earliest days of the rise of this work for the blessing and salvation of humanity.

8 [156:7b] There have been priesthood members over the years, however, who have misunderstood the purpose of their calling; succumbing to pride, some have used it for personal aggrandizement.

9 [156:7c] Others, through disinterest or lack of diligence, have failed to magnify their calling or have become inactive.

10 [156:7d] When this has happened, the church has experienced a loss of spiritual power, and the entire priesthood structure has been diminished.

11 [156:8a] ¶ It is my will that my priesthood be made up of those who have an abiding faith and desire to serve me with all their hearts, in humility and with great devotion.

12 [156:8b] Therefore, where there are those who are not now functioning in their priesthood, let inquiry be made by the proper administrative officers, according to the provisions of the law, to determine the continuing nature of their commitment.

13 [156:9a] ¶ I have heard the prayers of many, including my servant the prophet, as they have sought to know my will in regard to the question of who shall be called to share the burdens and responsibilities of priesthood in my church.

14 [156:9b1] I say to you now, as I have said in the past, that all are called according to the gifts which have been given them.

15 [156:9b] This applies to priesthood as well as to any other aspects of the work.

16 [156:9c1] Therefore, do not wonder that some women of the church are being called to priesthood responsibilities.

17 [156:9c2] This is in harmony with my will and where these calls are made known to my servants, they may be processed according to administrative procedures and provisions of the law.

18 [156:9d1] Nevertheless, in the ordaining of women to priesthood, let this be done with all deliberateness.

19 [156:9d2] Before the actual laying on of hands takes place, let specific guidelines and instructions be provided by the spiritual authorities, that all may be done in order.

20 [156:10a] Remember, in many places there is still much uncertainty and misunderstanding regarding the principles of calling and giftedness.

21 [156:10b] There are persons whose burden in this regard will require that considerable labor and ministerial support be provided.

22 [156:10c] This should be extended with prayer and tenderness of feeling, that all may be blessed with the full power of my reconciling Spirit.

23 [156:11a1] ¶ Dear Saints, have courage for the task which is yours in bringing to pass the cause of Zion.

24 [156:11a2] Prepare yourselves through much study and earnest prayer.

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26 [156:11b1] Then, as you go forth to witness of my love and my concern for all persons, you will know the joy which comes from devoting yourselves completely to the work of the kingdom.

27 [156:11b2] To this end will my Spirit be with you. Amen.

Section 10b

The Sisterhood of Christ

The following revelation was given to David in Ohio on August 21, 2016. The Lord speaks on the organization of the Fellowship. After it was decided by the Sisters before organization that the name may change, references to a "Relief Society" were changed in the revelation to "the Sisterhood of Christ" or "Sisterhood." This section was originally Revelation 12 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant, David, I say: I am Alpha and Omega, Christ the Lord; yea, even I AM, YHWH; the beginning and the end, the Redeemer of the world;

2 Behold, I see that thou once again desire to know concerning the organization of the *Sisterhood of Christ*.

3 Yea, as I have said unto thee before, the High Priestess and Elect Lady that shall be called in my name as prophetess, seer, and revelator; she shall do this work in my name.

4 I have told thee the formation, and thou hast set it forth; but thou are of Melchizedek and these are my High Priestesses after the Order of the Sisterhood of Magdalene;

5 Yea, after mine ascension into heaven, behold the flock was scattered and those that followed my servants Peter, James, and John were overtaken by those that followed my servant Paul;

6 And these drown out the voice of my servant Mary; yeah even the wife of the Son of Man;

7 Yet these could not be hid fully from the world, as her title, Magdalene^a, was a sign unto those with eyes to see and ears to hear that she too was a fisher of men.

8 And even when my servant Joseph sought to restore this Sisterhood, behold his wife Emma tied to raise her status before it was time;

9 Yea, and she fought with her husband over his interpretation of my doctrine;

10 And though both were far astray from my views on this, my doctrine, for neither fully understood the ways of the Lord in this matter;

11 And neither would come together in my name and thus the Church was scattered.

12 And my servant, Brigham Young, took from his branch of my church the Sisterhood of Magdalene, and reinstated as Relief Society after the order of men;

13 And my servant Wallace B. Smith did restore that which my servants Joseph and Brigham took away, yet did not allow them their own space in my Church; thus were these merged with Aaronic and Melchizedic priesthoods in my Reorganized Church^b.

14 And behold, what thou hast compiled pleaseth me, and I give unto thee a commandment to publish this work.

15 And I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have given this command unto you that I might bring about my righteous purposes unto the children of men; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a Magdalene is in reference to the city Magdala, which is from the Aramaic מגדלא meaning “tower.” Magdala was a fishing city. Putting these two facts together may imply that “Magdalene” is in reference that Mary was both a fisher of mankind (an apostle) and a leader, a head of the Church in ancient times.
- b The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now Community of Christ.

Section 10c

Together in Sisterhood

The following revelation was given to Kristine, the Elect Lady and co-president of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship in Ohio as early as November of 2019. She did not, however feel the time was right to write this revelation down. On May 19, 2020 being in the Spirit of the Lord in Maiamisburg, Ohio, she felt the time had come and recorded the following:

1 Listen Israel to the voice of the Lord: I, the Lord your God, am displeased with the patriarchal hierarchy that has been besieged upon My daughters for generations upon generations.

2 My daughters have too long been pushed down, their voices silenced, and their priesthood power and authority ignored.

3 In these, the latter days, I have set into motion the circumstances and have provided the tools needed for My daughters in Zion to reclaim their spiritual power and their birthright.

4 I command My daughters to amplify their voices, together in Sisterhood, and uplift and enrich one another so that balance between My sons and daughters can be found on the earth once again.

5 My daughters; do not seek to be more powerful or mightier than your brothers, yet you should stand with strength and steadfastness next to them, as equals, and join together as one to do My work.

6 My sons; open thy spirits and thy minds to My daughters, hearken ye unto their voices, seek ye to uplift and work one with another, and seek ye not to dominate over them.

7 This assembly of spirits and minds is fundamental in order for My plans to be fulfilled.

8 I have more to say to My daughters, but for now this is enough; organize yourselves, together as a Sisterhood, and I will further make My will known as it befits My work. Amen.

Section 11a

The High Council of the Church of Christ

*Minutes of the organization of the High Council of the church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kirtland, February 17, 1834.
Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 99 for Community of Christ, and Section 102 for the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints. From the 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Latter Day Saints, pages 95-98.
Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.*

1 [99:1/102:1-2] This day a general council of twenty-four High Priests assembled at the house of Joseph Smith, Jr. by revelation, and proceeded to organize the High council of the church of Christ, which was to consist of twelve High Priests—*in the case of the Fellowship of Christ, six High Priests and Priestess*, and one or three presidents, as the case might require. This High Council was appointed by revelation for the purpose of settling important difficulties, which might arise in the Church, which could not be settled by the Church, or the Bishop's council, to the satisfaction of the parties.

2 [99:2/102:3-4] Joseph Smith, Jr., Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams were acknowledged presidents by the voice of the Council; and Joseph Smith, Sr. John Smith, Joseph Coe, John Johnson, Martin Harris, John S. Carter, Jared Carter, Oliver Cowdery, Samuel H. Smith, Orson Hyde, Sylvester Smith and Luke Johnson, High Priests, were chosen to be a Standing Council for the Church, by the unanimous voice of the Council. The above-named counsellors were then asked whether they accepted their appointments, and whether they would act in that office according to the Law of heaven: to which they all answered, that they accepted their appointments, and would fill their offices according to the grace of God bestowed upon them.

3 [99:3/102:5] The number composing the Council, who voted in the name and for the Church in appointing the above-named counsellors, were forty-three, as follows: nine high priests, seventeen elders, four priests and thirteen members.

4 [99:4/102:6-7] Voted: that the High Council cannot have power to act without seven of the above-named counsellors, or their regularly appointed successors, are present. These seven shall have power to appoint other High Priests, whom they may consider worthy and capable, to act in the place of absent counsellors.

5 [99:5/102:8] Voted: that whenever any vacancy shall occur by the death, removal from office for transgression, or removal from the bounds of this church government, of any one of the above-named counsellors, it shall be filled by the nomination of the president or presidents, and sanctioned by the voice of a general council of high priests, convened for that purpose, to act in the name of the Church.

6 [99:6/102:9-11] The President of the Church, who is also the president of the Council, is appointed by revelation, and acknowledged, in his administration, by the voice of the Church; and it is according to the dignity of his office, that he should preside over the High Council of the Church; and it is his privilege to be assisted by two other presidents, appointed after the same manner, that he himself was appointed; and in case of the absence of one or both of those who are appointed to assist him, he has power to preside over the council without an assistant; and in case that he himself is absent, the other presidents have power to preside in his stead, both or either of them.

7 [99:7/102:12] Whenever a High Council of the Church of Christ is regularly organized, according to the foregoing pattern, it shall be the duty of the twelve counsellors to cast lots by numbers, and thereby ascertain who, of the twelve, shall speak first, commencing with number 1; and so in succession to number 12.

8 [99:8/102:13-17] Whenever this Council convenes to act upon any case, the twelve counsellors shall consider whether it is a difficult one or not; if it is not, two only of the counsellors shall speak upon it, according to the form above written. But if it is thought to be difficult, four shall be appointed; and if more difficult, six: but in no case shall more than six be appointed to speak. The accused, in all cases, has a right to one half of the council, to prevent insult or injustice; and the counsellors appointed to speak before the Council, are to present the case, after the evidence is examined, in its true light, before the Council; and *everyone* is to speak according to equity and justice. Those counsellors who draw even numbers, that is 2, 4,

6, 8, 10 and 12, are the individuals who are to stand up in the behalf of the accused, and prevent insult or injustice.

9 [99:9/102:18-22] In all cases the accuser and the accused shall have a privilege of speaking for themselves, before the Council, after the evidences are heard, and the counsellors who are appointed to speak on the case, have finished their remarks. After the evidences are heard, the counsellors, accuser and accused have spoken, the president shall give a decision according to the understanding which he shall have of the case, and call upon the twelve counsellors to sanction the same by their vote. But should the remaining counsellors, who have not spoken, or any one of them, after hearing the evidences and pleadings impartially, discover an error in the decision of the president, they can manifest it, and the case shall have a re-hearing; and if, after a careful re-hearing, any additional light is shown upon the case, the decision shall be altered accordingly: but in case no additional light is given, the first decision shall stand, the majority of the council having power to determine the same.

10 [99:10/102:23] In cases of difficulty respecting doctrine, or principle, (if there is not a sufficiency written to make the case clear to the minds of the council,) the president may inquire and obtain the mind of the Lord by revelation.

11 [99:11/102:24-27] The High Priests *and/or High Priestesses*, when abroad, have power to call and organize a council after the manner of the foregoing, to settle difficulties when the parties, or either of them, shall request it: and the said council of High Priests *and/or High Priestesses* shall have power to appoint one of their own number, to preside over such council for the time being. It shall be the duty of said council to transmit, immediately, a copy of their proceedings, with a full statement of the testimony accompanying their decision, to the High Council of the seat of the First Presidency of the Church. Should the parties, or either of them, be dissatisfied with the decision of said council, they may appeal to the High Council of the seat of the First Presidency of the Church, and have a re-hearing, which case shall there be conducted, according to the former pattern written, as though no such decision had been made.

12 [99:12/102:28-29] This Council of High Priests abroad, is only to be called on the most difficult cases of church matters: and no common or ordinary case is to be sufficient to call such council. The travelling or located high priests abroad, have power to say whether it is necessary to call such a council or not.

13 [99:13/102:30-32] There is a distinction between the High Council of Travelling High Priests abroad, and the Travelling High Council composed of the twelve Apostles, in their decisions: From the decision of the former there can be an appeal, but from the decision of the latter there cannot. The latter can only be called in question by general authorities of the Church in case of transgression.

14 [99:14/102:33] Resolved that the president, or presidents of the seat of the First Presidency of the Church, shall have power to determine whether any such case, as may be appealed, is justly entitled to a re-hearing, after examining the appeal and the evidences and statements accompanying it.

15 [99:15/102:34a] The twelve counsellors then proceeded to cast lots, or ballot, to ascertain who should speak first, and the following was the result; namely: 1 Oliver Cowdery, 2 Joseph Coe, 3 Samuel H. Smith, 4 Luke Johnson, 5 John S. Carter, 6 Sylvester Smith, 7 John Johnson, 8 Orson Hyde, 9 Jared Carter, 10 Joseph Smith Sr., 11 John Smith, 12 Martin Harris. After prayer, the conference adjourned: Oliver Cowdery, Orson Hyde, Clerks

Section 11b

Trial of the First Presidency

A Revelation given at the French Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. in the presence of Joseph Smith Jr., Sidney Rigdon, Vinson Knight and George W. Robinson on January 12, 1838. The following revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. but not included in the Latter Day Saint Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Due to the importance of the revelation, the Fellowship has included it in our version of this modern-day scripture. From The Book of the Law of the Lord Record Book, 1841–1845 page 17.

1 When enquiry was made of the Lord relative to the trial of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for transgression, according to the item of law found in the Book of Covenants Section 3, verse 37^a, whether the decision of such a Council of one stake, shall be conclusive for Zion and her stakes.

2 Thus saith the Lord: Let the First Presidency of my Church be held in full fellowship in Zion and in all her stakes, until they shall be found transgressors, by such a High Council, as is named in my scriptures^a, in Zion by three witnesses standing against each member of said presidency,

3 And these witnesses shall be of long and faithful standing, and such also as cannot be impeached by other witnesses, before such Council,

4 And when a decision is had by such a Council in Zion it shall only be for Zion, it shall not answer for her stakes,

5 But if such decision be acknowledged by the Council of her stakes, then it shall answer for her stakes,

6 But if it is not acknowledged by the stakes then such stake may have the privilege of learning for themselves, or if such decision be acknowledged by a majority of the stakes, then it shall answer for all her stakes.

7 And again: The Presidency of my Church may be tried by the voice of the whole body of the church in Zion, and the voice of a majority of all her stakes.

8 And again: Except a majority is had by the voice of the church of Zion, and a majority of all her stakes, the charges will be considered not sustained.

9 And in order to sustain such charge or charges, before such church of Zion or her stakes such witnesses must be had as is named above, that is the witnesses to each president, who are of long and faithful standing, that cannot be impeached by other witnesses before the church of Zion, or her stakes,

10 And all this saith the Lord because of wicked and aspiring men: Let all your doings be in meekness and humility before me, even so Amen.

Note:

a See DoS 5a:22-24

Section 12a

The Apostolic Charge

The following Charge was given to the Twelve by President O. Cowdery February 21st, 1835 in Kirtland, Ohio. Text was taken from the Minute Book 1, pages 147-158. The revelation is from the Book of Commandments, Section 15 (See Avahr 25). Both texts have minor changes for clarity and by inspiration. This section was chosen after much prayer to be used as a charge to the Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. The revelation within may also be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of Community of Christ section 14, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Section 18.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CALL

- 1 Dear Brethren, previously to delivering the charge I shall read a part of a revelation.
- 2 It is known to you that previous to the organizing of this church in 1830 the Lord gave revelations, or the Church could not have been organized.
- 3 The people of this Church were weak in faith compared with the ancients; those who embarked in this cause, were desirous to know how the work was to be conducted.
- 4 They read many things in the Book of Mormon concerning their duty and the way the great work ought to be done, but the minds of men are so constructed, that they will not believe without a testimony of seeing or hearing.
- 5 The Lord gave us a revelation, that in process of time there should be Twelve chosen to preach His gospel to Jew and Gentile; our minds have been on a constant stretch to find who these Twelve were.
- 6 When the time should come, we could not tell; but we sought the Lord by fasting and prayer to have our lives prolonged to see this day, to see you, and to take a retrospect of the difficulties through which we have passed.
- 7 But, having seen the day, it becomes my duty to deliver to you a charge.
- 8 ¶ And first, a few remarks respecting your ministry: You have many revelations put into your hands, revelations to make you acquainted with the nature of your Mission.
- 9 You will have difficulties by reason of your visiting all the nations of the world.
- 10 You will need wisdom in a tenfold proportion to what you have ever had.
- 11 You will have to combat all the prejudices of all nations.

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- 12 [BoC 15:1] ¶ A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr., Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer, making known the calling of Twelve Disciples in these last days, and also, instructions relative to building up the Church of Christ, according to the fulness of the gospel:
- 13 [16:1a/18:1] Now behold, because of the thing which you have desired to know of me, I give unto you these words:
- 14 [16:1b/18:2] Behold, I have manifested unto you, by my Spirit in many instances, that the things which you have written are true, wherefore you know that they are true.
- 15 [16:1c1/18:3] And if you know that they are true, behold I give unto you a commandment, that you rely upon the things which are written;
- 16 [16:1c2/18:4] For in them are all things written, concerning my church, my gospel, and my rock.
- 17 [16:1d/18:5] Wherefore, if you shall build up my Church, and my Gospel, and my rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.
- 18 [16:2a/18:6] Behold the world is ripening in iniquity, and it must needs be, that the children of men are stirred up unto repentance, both the Gentiles, and also the house of Israel;

19 [16:2b1/18:7a] Wherefore as thou hast been baptized by the hand of my servant, according to that which I have commanded him;

20 [16:2b2/18:7b] Wherefore he hath fulfilled the thing which I commanded him.

21 [16:2c/18:8a] And now, marvel not that I have called him unto mine own purpose, which purpose is known in me;

22 [16:2d/18:8b] Wherefore if he shall be diligent in keeping my commandments, he shall be blessed unto eternal life, and his name is Joseph.

23 [16:3a/18:9] ¶ And now Oliver, I speak unto you, and also unto David, by the way of commandment:

24 [16:3b/18:9b] For behold, I command all men everywhere to repent, and I speak unto you, even as unto Paul mine apostle, for you are called even with that same calling with which he was called.

25 [16:3c1/18:10] Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God:

26 [16:3c2/18:11a] For behold the Lord your God suffered death in the flesh:

27 [16:3c3/18:11b] Wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.

28 [16:3d/18:12] And he hath risen again from the dead that he might bring all men unto him on conditions of repentance.

29 [16:3e/18:13-14] And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth, wherefore you are called to cry repentance unto this people.

30 [16:3f/18:15] And if it so be that you should labor in all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul only unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

31 [16:4a/18:16] And now if your joy will be great with one soul, that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy, if you should bring many souls unto me!

32 [16:4b/18:17] Behold, you shall have my gospel before you, and my rock, and my salvation:

33 [16:4c/18:18] Ask the Father in my name in faith believing that you shall receive, and you shall have the Holy Ghost which manifesteth all things, which is expedient unto the children of men;

34 [16:4d1/18:19] And if you have not faith, hope and charity, you can do nothing.

35 [16:4d2/18:20] Contend against no church, save it be the church of the devil;

36 [16:4e/18:21-22] Take upon you the name of Christ, and speak the truth in soberness, and as many as repent, and are baptized in my name, which is Jesus Christ, and endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

37 [16:4f/18:23] Behold Jesus Christ is the name which is given of the Father, and there is none other name given whereby man can be saved.

38 [16:4g1/18:24] Wherefore, all men must take upon them the name which is given of the Father, for in that name shall they be called at the last day;

39 [16:4g2/18:25] Wherefore, if they know not the name by which they are called, they cannot have place in the kingdom of my Father.

40 ¶ [16:5a1/18:26-27a] And now behold, there are others which are called to declare my gospel, both unto Gentile and unto Jew: Yea, even unto twelve;

41 [16:5a2/18:27b] And the twelve shall be my disciples, and they shall take upon them my name.

42 46 [16:5b1/18:27c] And the twelve are they which shall desire to take upon them my name, with full purpose of heart;

43 [16:5b2/18:28] And if they desire to take upon them my name, with full purpose of heart, they are called to go into all the world to preach my gospel unto every creature.

44 [16:5c1/18:29] And they are they which are ordained of me to baptize in my name, according to that which is written;

45 [16:5c2/18:30] And you have that which is written before you, wherefore you must perform it according to the words which are written.

QUESTION TO THE TWELVE

46 ¶ And Oliver Cowdery proceeded to say: Have you desired this ministry with all your hearts?"

47 If you have desired it, you are called of God not of man, to go into all the world.

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48 [16:5d/18:31] ¶ And now I speak unto the twelve: Behold my grace is sufficient for you: You must walk uprightly before me and sin not.

49 [16:5e1/18:32] And behold you are they which are ordained of me to ordain Priests and Teachers to declare my gospel, according to the power of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and according to the callings and gifts of God unto men;

50 [16:5e2/18:33] And I Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have spoken it.

51 [16:5f1/18:34a] These words are not of men, nor of man, but of me:

52 [16:5f2/18:34b-35a1] Wherefore you shall testify they are of me, and not of man;

53 [16:5f3/18:34b-35a2] For it is my voice which speaketh them unto you, for they are given by my Spirit unto you.

54 [16:5g1/18:35b] And by my power you can read them one to another; and save it were by my power, you could not have them;

55 [16:5g2/18:36] Wherefore you can testify that you have heard my voice, and know my words.

56 [16:6a1/18:37] And now behold I give unto you, Oliver, and also unto David, that you shall search out the twelve which shall have the desires of which I have spoken;

57 [16:6a2/18:38] And by their desires and their works, you shall know them.

58 [16:6b-c1/18:39-40] And when you have found them you shall show these things unto them, and you shall fall down and worship the Father in my name.

59 [16:6c2-d1/18:41] And you must preach unto the world, saying: 'You must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,

60 [16:6d2/18:42] For all men must repent and be baptized; and not only men, but women and children, which have arrived to the years of accountability.

61 [16:7a/18:43] And now, after that you have received this, you must keep my commandments in all things.

62 [16:7b/18:44] And by your hands I will work a marvelous work among the children of men, unto the convincing of many of their sins, that they may come unto repentance; and that they may come unto the kingdom of my Father.

63 [16:7c/18:45] Wherefore the blessings which I give unto you are above all things.

64 [16:7d/18:46] And after that you have received this, if you keep not my commandments, you cannot be saved in the kingdom of my Father.

65 [16:7e/18:47] Behold I Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, and your Redeemer, by the power of my Spirit, have spoken it; Amen.

CALL TO THE TWELVE

66 ¶ Oliver Cowdery then continued: You have your duty presented in this revelation; you have been ordained to the Holy Priesthood, you have received it from those who had their power and authority from an angel.—

67 ¶ You are to preach the gospel to every nation.

68 Should you in the least degree, come short of your duty, great will be your condemnation, for the greater the calling, the greater the transgression.

69 I, therefore, warn you to cultivate great humility, for I know the pride of the human heart: beware, lest the flatterers of the world lift you up.

70 Beware lest your affections are captivated by worldly objects, let your ministry be first.

71 Remember the souls of men are committed to your charge, and if you mind your calling you shall always prosper.

72 You have been indebted to other men in the first instance for evidence, on that you have acted;

73 But it, is necessary that you receive a testimony from Heaven for yourselves, so that you can bear testimony to the truth of the Book of Mormon, and that you have seen the face of God; that is more than the testimony of an Angel.

74 When the proper time arrives, you shall be able to bear this testimony to the world.

75 When you bear testimony that you have seen God, this testimony God will never suffer to fall, but will bear you out.

76 Although many will not give heed, yet others will, you will, therefore see the necessity of getting this testimony from Heaven.

77 Never cease striving until you have seen God, face to face.

78 Strengthen your faith, cast off your doubts, your sins and all your unbelief and nothing can prevent you from coming to God.

79 Your ordination is not full and complete till God has laid his hand upon you.

80 We require as much to qualify us as did those who have gone before us, God is the same; if the Savior in former days laid his hands on his disciples, why not in the latter Days?

81 ¶ With regard to superiority I must make a few remarks: The ancient Apostles sought to be great, but, brethren lest the seeds of discord be sown in this matter, understand particularly the voice of the spirit on this occasion.

82 God does not love you better or more than others; you are to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints; Jacob wrestled till he obtained.

83 It was by fervent prayer and diligent search that you have obtained the testimony you are now able to bear.

84 You are as one, you are equal in bearing the keys of the kingdom to all nations.

85 You are called to preach the gospel of the son of God to the nations of the earth.

86 ¶ It is the will of your Heavenly Father that you proclaim his gospel to the ends of the earth, and the Islands of the sea.

87 Be zealous to save souls, the soul of one man is as precious as the soul of another.

88 You are to bear this message to those who consider themselves wise, and such may persecute you, they may seek your life; the adversary has always sought the life of the servants of God:

89 You are, therefore, to be prepared at all times to make a sacrifice of your lives, should God require them in the advancement and building up of his cause.

90 Murmur not at God; be always prayerful, be always watchful.

91 ¶ You will bear with me while I relieve the feelings of my heart, we shall not see another day like this.

92 The time has fully come; the voice of the spirit has come to set these men apart.

93 You will see the time when you will desire to see such a day as this, and you will not see it.

94 Every heart wishes you peace and prosperity; but the scene, with you, will inevitably change.

95 Let no man take your Bishopric and beware that you lose not your crowns; it will require your whole souls; it will require courage like Enoch's.

96 The time is near when you will be in the midst of congregations, who will gnash their teeth upon you.

97 This gospel must roll and will roll till it fill the whole Earth; did I say congregations would gnash upon you? Yea, I say nations will gnash upon you.

98 You will be considered the worst of Men; be not discouraged at this.

99 When God pours out his Spirit, the enemy will rage; but God, remember, is on your right hand and on your left.

100 A man, though he may be considered the worst, has joy who is conscious that he pleases God.

101 The lives of those who proclaim the true gospel will be in danger; this has been the case ever since the days of righteous Abel.

102 The same opposition has been manifest whenever men came forward to publish the gospel.

103 The time is coming when you will be considered the worst by many and by some the best of men.

104 The time is coming, when you will be perfectly familiar with the things of God.

105 This testimony will make those who do not believe your testimony, seek your lives; but there are whole nations, who will receive your testimony; they will call you good men.

106 Be not lifted up when you are called good men; remember you are young, and you shall be spared, I include the other three.

107 Bear them in mind in your prayers carry their cases to a throne of grace, although they are not present, yet you and they are equal.

108 This appointment is calculated to create an affection in you, for each other, stronger than death.

109 ¶ You will travel to other nations, bear each other in mind.

110 If one or more is cast into prisons, let the others pray for him, and deliver him by their prayers; your lives shall be in great jeopardy, but the promise of God, is that you shall be delivered.

111 Remember you are not to go to other nations, till you receive your endowment;

112 Tarry at Kirtland until you are endowed with power from on high: You need a fountain of wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence such as you never had.

113 ¶ Relative to the endowment, I make a remark or two, that there be no mistake, the world cannot receive the things of God: He can endow you without worldly pomp or great parade;

114 He can give you that wisdom, that intelligence and that power which characterized the ancient Saints and now characterizes the inhabitants of the upper world.

115 The greatness of your commission consists in this: you are to hold the keys of this ministry.

116 You are to go to the nations afar off; nations that sit in darkness; this is coming when the work of God must be done.

117 Israel shall be gathered, the seed of Jacob shall be gathered from their long dispersion; there will be a feast to Israel, the elect of God.

118 It is a sorrowful tale, but the gospel must be preached, and God's ministers be rejected;

119 But where can Israel be found, and receive your testimony, and not rejoice? Nowhere.

120 The prophecies are full of great things that are to take place in the last days, after the Elect is gathered out destruction shall come on the inhabitants of the Earth;

121 All nations shall feel the wrath of God, after they have been warned by the Saints of the Most High.

122 If you will not warn them others will and you will lose your crowns.

123 You must prepare your minds to bid a long farewell to Kirtland, even till the great day come.

124 You will see what you never expected to see; you will need the mind of Enoch or Elijah and the faith of the brother of Jared;

125 You must be prepared to walk by faith, however, appalling the prospect to human view.

126 You, and each of you, should feel the force of the imperious mandate, Son go labor in my vineyard; and cheerfully receive what comes, but in the end, you will stand while others will fall.

127 You have read in the Revelation concerning ordination, beware how you ordain, for all nations are not like this nation; they will willingly receive the ordinances at your hand to put you out of the way.

128 There will be times when nothing but the angels of God can deliver you out of their hand.

129 We appeal to your intelligence, we appeal to your understanding, that we have so far discharged our duty to you.

130 We consider it one of the greatest condescensions of our Heavenly Father in pointing you out to us; you will be steward over this ministry.

131 ¶ We have work to do, that no other man can do; you must proclaim the Gospel in its simplicity and purity, and we commend you to God and the word of His Grace.

132 You have our best wishes, you have our most fervent prayers, that you may be able to bear this testimony, that you have seen the face of God.

133 Therefore, call upon him in faith and mighty prayer, till you prevail, for it is your duty and your privilege to bear such testimony for yourselves.

134 We now exhort you to be faithful, to fulfil your calling; there must be no lack here.

135 You must fulfil in all things, and permit us to repeat, all nations have a claim on you.

136 You are bound together as the three witnesses were; you, notwithstanding, can part and meet, and meet and part again till your heads are silvered over with age.

137 Do you with full purpose of heart take part in this ministry, to proclaim the gospel with all diligence with these your brethren, according to the tenor and intent of the charge you have received?

138 ¶ *Each of the twelve answered in the affirmative, and so too must those called into the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. So mote it be; Amen.*

Section 12b

Concerning the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb

Revelation given to Thomas B. Marsh, president of the Quorum of Twelve through Joseph Smith Jr. July 23, 1837 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 105 for Community of Christ, and 112 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Joseph Smith Jr.'s Journal, March-September 1838, pages 72-74, written in the handwriting of James Mulholland. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [N/A] The word of the Lord unto Thomas, B. Marsh concerning the twelve Apostles of the Lamb:

2 [105:1a/112:1] ¶ Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Thomas: I have heard thy prayers and thine alms have come up as a memorial before me in behalf of those thy brethren who were chosen to bear testimony of my name and to send it abroad among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people and ordained through the instrumentality of my servants.

3 [105:2a/112:2-3] ¶ Verily, I say unto you: There have been some few things in thine heart and with thee, with which I the Lord was not well pleased; nevertheless, inasmuch as thou hast abased thyself thou shalt be exalted; therefore, all thy sins are forgiven thee.

4 [105:2b/112:4] Let thy heart be of good cheer before my face, and thou shalt bear record of my name, not only unto the Gentiles, but also unto the Jews; and thou shalt send forth my word unto the ends of the earth.

5 [105:3/112:5] ¶ Contend thou therefore morning by morning, and day after day let thy warning voice go forth; and when the night cometh let not the inhabitants of the earth slumber because of thy speech.

6 [105:4a/112:6-7a] Let thy habitation be known in Zion, and remove not thy house, for I, the Lord, have a great work for thee to do, in publishing my name among the children of men; therefore, gird up your loins for the work.

7 [105:4b1/112:7b-8a] Let your feet be shod also, for thou art chosen, and thy path lieth among the mountains and among many nations, and by thy word many high ones shall be brought low;

8 [105:4b2-c/112:8b-9] And by thy word many low ones shall be exalted, thy voice shall be a rebuke unto the transgressor, and at thy rebuke let the tongue of the slanderer cease its perverseness.

9 [105:5a/112:10-11a] Be thou humble and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand and give thee an answer to thy prayers, I know thy heart and have heard thy prayers concerning thy brethren.

10 [105:5b/112:11b] Be not partial towards them in love above many others, but let your love be for them as for yourself, and let your love abound unto all men and unto all who love my name.

11 [105:5c1/112:12a] And pray for your brethren of the twelve.

12 [105:5c2/112:12b] Admonish them sharply for my name's sake, and let them be admonished for all their sins, and be ye faithful before me unto my name;

13 [105:5d1/112:13a] And after their temptations and much tribulation behold, I, the Lord, will feel after them,

14 [105:5d2/112:13b] And if they harden not their hearts and stiffen not their necks against me they shall be converted and I will heal them.

15 [105:6a/112:14] ¶ Now I say unto you, and what I say unto you, I say unto all the twelve: Arise and gird up your loins, take up your cross, follow me, and feed my sheep.

16 [105:6b1/112:15a] Exalt not yourselves; rebel not against my servant Joseph Smith Jr.; for verily I say unto you: I am with him and my hand shall be over him;

17 [105:6b2/112:15b] And the keys which I have given him, and also to you ward shall not be taken from him until I come.

18 [105:7a1/112:16] ¶ Verily I say unto you, my servant Thomas: Thou art the man whom I have chosen to hold the keys of my kingdom (as pertaining to the twelve) abroad among all nations,

19 [105:7a2-b/112:17-18] That thou mayest be thy my servant to unlock the door of the kingdom in all places where my servant Joseph Smith Jr., and my servant Sidney Rigdon, and my servant Hyrum Smith cannot come, for on them have I laid the burden of all the Churches for a little season:

20 [105:7c1/112:19a] Wherefore, whithersoever they shall send you, go ye, and I will be with you;

21 [105:7c2/112:19b] And in whatsoever place ye shall proclaim my name an effectual door shall be opened unto you that they may receive my word.

22 [105:7d/112:20] Whosoever receiveth my Word receiveth me, and whosoever receiveth me receiveth those (the first presidency) whom I have sent, whom I have made counsellors for my name's sake unto you.

23 [105:8a-b/112:21-22] And again I say unto you: That whosoever ye shall send in my name, by the voice of your brethren the Twelve, duly recommended and authorized by you, shall have power to open the door of my kingdom unto any nation whithersoever ye shall send them, inasmuch as they shall humble themselves before me and abide in my word, and hearken to the voice of my Spirit.

24 [105:9a/112:23] ¶ Verily, verily! I say unto you: Darkness covereth the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face!

25 [105:9b1/112:24a] Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth.

26 [105:9b2/112:24b] A day of wrath! A day of burning! A day of desolation! Of weeping! Of mourning and of lamentation!

27 [105:9b3/112:24c] And as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

28 [105:10a/112:25] And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord.

29 [105:10b/112:26] First among those among you saith the Lord; who have professed to know my name and have not known me and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house saith the Lord.

30 [105:11a-b/112:27-28] ¶ Therefore, see to it that you trouble not yourselves concerning the affairs of my Church in this place, saith the Lord, but purify your hearts before me, and then go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel unto every creature who have not received it:

31 [105:11c/112:29] And *they* that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and *they* that believeth not, and is not baptized shall be damned.

32 [105:12a/112:30-31] For unto you (the Twelve) and those who are appointed with you to be your counsellors and your leaders and teachers^a (the First Presidency), is the power of this Priesthood given, for the last days and for the last time, in the which is the dispensation of the fulness of times: which power you hold in connection with all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation,

33 [105:12c/112:32] For verily I say unto you: The keys of the dispensation which ye have received have came down from the fathers; and last of all being sent down from heaven unto you.

34 [105:13a1/112:33a] Verily I say unto you: Behold how great is your calling.

35 [105:13a2/112:33b] ¶ Cleanse your hearts and your garments, lest the blood of this generation be required at your hands.

36 [105:13b1/112:34a] Be faithful until I come, for I come quickly, and my reward is with me to recompense *everyone* according as *their* work shall be!

37 [105:13b2/112:34b] I am Alpha and Omega; Amen.

Notes:

- a Other versions written by Willard Richards and William W. Phelps read “teacher,” not “leader.” Per inspiration, both are included here.

Section 12c

The Sunset Wilderness Revelation

A revelation through Wilford Woodruff, an apostle of the Church of Christ, and at this time, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, January 26, 1880 at Sunset, Arizona Territory. From Wilford Woodruff's Journal, recorded twice: on December 28, 1880 and April 17, 1897. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Thus saith the LORD unto My servant Wilford Woodruff: I have heard thy prayer, and will answer thy petition,

2 I will make known unto thee My will concerning the nation who encumbers the land of promise, and also concerning Zion and her inhabitants.

3 I have already revealed My will concerning the nation through the mouth of My servant Joseph Smith Jr., who sealed his testimony with his own blood, which testimony has been in force upon all the world from the hour of his death;

4 What I the LORD have revealed in that testament, and decreed upon this nation, and upon all the nations of the earth, shall be fulfilled, saith the Lord of Hosts.

5 I, the LORD, have spoken, and will be obeyed; My purposes shall be fulfilled upon this nation, and no power shall stay my hand.

6 The hour is at the door when My wrath and indignation shall be poured out upon the wicked of this nation; their murders, blasphemies, lyings, whoredoms and abominations have come up before My face, and before the heavens, and the wrath of Mine indignation is full.

7 I have decreed plagues to go forth, and lay waste Mine enemies, and not many years hence they shall not be left to pollute Mine heritage.

8 The devil is ruling over his kingdom, and My Spirit has no place in the hearts of the rulers of this nation, and the devil stirs them up to defy My power, and to make war upon My Saints;

9 Therefore, let Mine Apostles and Mine Elders who are faithful obey My commandments which are already written for your profit and guidance.

10 Thus saith the LORD unto My servant John Taylor, and My servant Wilford Woodruff, and My servant Orson Pratt, and to all the residue of Mine Apostles:

11 Have you not gone forth in My name, without purse or script, and declared the Gospel of life and salvation unto this nation, and the nations of the earth, and warned them of the judgments which are to come, as you have been moved upon by the power of the Holy Ghost, and the inspiration of the LORD?

12 You have done this, year by year, for a whole generation as men count time;

13 Therefore, your garments are clean of the blood of this generation, and especially of this nation;

14 Therefore, as I have said in a former commandment, so I the LORD say unto Mine apostles: Go ye alone by yourselves, whether in heat or in cold, and cleanse your feet with water, pure water, it matters not whether it be by the running streams or in your closets, but leave these testimonies before the LORD and the heavenly hosts;

15 And when you have all done this, then gather yourselves together in your holy places, and clothe yourselves in the robes of the Holy Priesthood, and there offer up your prayers according to My holy Law.

16 Let *they* who presides be mouth, and kneel upon the holy altar, and there let Mine Apostles bring all their testimonies before My face, and before the heavenly hosts, and before the justified spirits made perfect.

17 And thus saith the LORD unto you, Mine apostles: When you bring these testimonies before Me, let them be presented by name, as far as the Spirit shall present them unto you:

18 The Presidents of the United States, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the Senate and House of Congress of the United States, the Governors of the States and Territories, the judges and officers sent unto you;

19 And all men and persons who have taken any part in persecuting you, or bringing distress upon you or your families, or who have sought your lives, or sought to hinder you from keeping My commandments, or from enjoying the rights which the constitutional law of the land guarantees unto you.

20 And what I the LORD say unto you Mine Apostles, I also say unto My servants the Seventies, the High Priests, the Elders, the Priests, and all My servants who are pure in heart, and who have borne testimony unto this nation.

21 And then, saith the LORD unto Mine Apostles and Mine Elders, when ye do these things with purity of heart, I the LORD will hear your prayers, and am bound by oath and covenant to defend you and fight your battles.

22 As I have said in a former commandment, it is not My will that Mine elders should fight the battle of Zion, for I will fight your battle;

23 Nevertheless, let no man be afraid to lay down his life for My sake, for he that layeth down his life for My sake shall find it again, and have Eternal Life.

24 The nation is ripened in iniquity, and the cup of the wrath of Mine indignation is full, and I will not stay My hand in judgment upon this nation or the nations of the earth.

25 I have decreed wars and judgments upon the wicked, and My wrath and indignation are about to be poured out upon them, and the wicked and rebellious shall know that I am God.

26 As I the LORD have spoken, so will I the LORD fulfill; I will spare none who remain in Babylon, but I will burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts.

27 As I the LORD have suffered, so will I put all enemies under My feet, for I the LORD utter My Word, and it shall be obeyed; and the day of wrath and indignation shall come upon the wicked.

28 And I say again: Woe unto that nation or house or people who seek to hinder My people from obeying the Patriarchal Law of Abraham, which leadeth to a Celestial glory, which has been revealed unto My Saints through the mouth of My servant Joseph Smith Jr.;

29 For whosoever doeth these things shall be damned, saith the Lord of Hosts, and shall be broken up and wasted away from under heaven by the judgments which I have sent forth, and which shall not return unto Me void.

30 And thus with the sword, and by bloodshed, and with famine and plagues, and earthquakes, and the vivid lightnings, shall this nation, and the nations of the earth be made to feel the chastening hand of an Almighty God, until they are broken up and destroyed, and wasted away from under heaven;

31 And no power can stay My hand; therefore, let the wicked tremble, let them that blaspheme My name hold their lips, for destruction will swiftly overtake them.

32 All that I the LORD have spoken through the mouth of My prophets and Apostles since the world began concerning the last dispensation and fullness of times, concerning My Church which has been called out of the wilderness of darkness and error, and concerning the Zion and kingdom of God, and concerning

babylon the great, and what I have spoken through the mouth of My servant Joseph Smith Jr., shall be fulfilled.

33 And though heavens and earth pass away, My words shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, saith the LORD.

34 These revelations and testimonies you have before you; let My Saints search the Word of the LORD and treasure up wisdom, and be prepared for that which is to come.

35 As I have decreed, so shall My judgments begin at the house of God.

36 There are those in My Church who have a name among you, who are adulterers and adulteresses, and those who blaspheme My name, and those who love and make a lie, and those who revel and drink with the drunken.

37 If they do not speedily repent of their wickedness and abomination, they shall be severed from the ordinances of My house, saith the LORD.

38 There are many who have need to repent, whose hearts are set upon the things of this world, who aspire to the honors of men, and do not honor the priesthood, nor seek to build up the kingdom of God as they should;

39 Neither do they learn or comprehend that the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled, only upon the principles of righteousness.

40 Such should repent and turn unto the LORD, and seek for the Holy Spirit to guide them.

41 Judgments will begin at My house, and from thence will they go forth unto the world, and the wicked cannot escape.

42 Blessed are the pure in heart, for My blessings await them in this life, and Eternal Life in the world to come.

43 Thus saith the LORD unto you, My servants the Apostles, who dwell in the flesh: Fear ye not your enemies.

44 Let nor your hearts be troubled; I am in your midst, I am your Advocate with the Father.

45 I have given Mine angels chard concerning you; Mine eyes are upon you, and the eyes of your Heavenly Father, and the heavenly hosts, and all justified spirits made perfect are watching over you.

46 Your works are manifest before the face of My servants who have sealed their testimony with their blood, and before all of My servants of the Twelve Apostles whom I have taken unto Myself.

47 The veil is taken from off their faces, and they know your works; they await your coming when you have finished your testimony in the flesh;

48 Therefore, be ye faithful until I come; My coming is at the door.

49 Call upon the LORD in mighty prayer, ask and you shall receive; whenever you are agreed as touching anything, and ask the Father in My name, it shall be given unto you.

50 Seek diligently to build up Zion, and magnify your high calling and your enemies shall not prevail over you.

51 Zion shall not be moved out of her place; Zion shall prevail against her enemies.

52 My people shall not be hindered in the building of My temple unto My holy name, if they will hearken unto My voice and do as I command them.

53 The blood of My servants Joseph and Hyrum and of Mine apostles and elders which has been shed for the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, cries from the ground for vengeance upon the nation which has shed their blood.

54 But their blood shall speedily be avenged, and shall cease to cry unto Me, for the hour of God's judgment is fully come, and shall be poured out without measure upon the wicked.

55 But hearken and hear, O ye Apostles, Elders, and people of My church, to the Word of the LORD concerning you:

56 That for all the blessings that I will pour out upon you and the inhabitants of Zion, and the judgments and destructions upon the wicked, that I will be inquired of by you to ask the Father in My name to do and to perform these things for you.

57 As I told all the House of Israel by My servant Moses, that they should ask at My hand for all those blessings which I the LORD have promised unto Israel in the latter days.

58 And as I, the LORD, ordained Mine Apostles who were with Me in My ministry, and promised them that they should sit upon twelve thrones, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel, so I say unto you, Mine Apostles, whom I have raised up in these last days, that I have ordained you to bear record of My name, and of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to the Gentiles first, and then to the House of Israel.

59 I have also ordained you to sit upon thrones and judge the Gentiles and all of the inhabitants of the earth unto whom you have borne testimony of My name in the day and generation in which you live;

60 Therefore, how great is your calling and responsibility before Me; therefore, gird up the loins of your minds, and magnify your callings in the fear of God, and prepare ye for the coming of the Son of Man, which is nigh at the door.

61 No man knoweth the day nor the hour, but the signs of both heaven and earth indicate His coming, as promised by the mouths of My disciples:

62 The fig trees are leafing, and the hour is nigh; therefore, prepare yourselves, O ye Saints of the Most High God, with oil in your lamps, for blessed is he that watcheth for the coming of the Son of Man.

63 Again, hear ye the word of the LORD, O ye Mine apostles whom I have chosen in these last days to bear record of My name, and to lead My people Israel until the coming of the Son of Man:

64 I, the LORD, have raised up unto you My servant John Taylor to preside over you, and to be a lawgiver unto My Church; he has mingled his blood with that of the martyred prophets.

65 Nevertheless, while I have taken My servants Joseph Smith Jr. and Hyrum Smith unto Myself, I have preserved My servant John Taylor for a wise purpose in Me.

66 I have also taken many others of the Apostles unto Myself, for I take whom I will take, and preserve in life those whom I will preserve, according to the counsel of My own will.

67 And while My servant John Taylor is your President, I wish to ask the rest of My servants of the apostles the question:

68 Although you have one to preside over your Quorum, and over the church, which is the order of God in all generations, do you not, all of you, hold the Apostleship, which is the highest authority ever given to man on the earth? You do.

69 Therefore, you hold in common the keys of the kingdom of God in all the world.

70 You, each of you, have power to unlock the veil of eternity, and hold converse with God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to have the ministration of angels.

71 It is your right, privilege, and duty to inquire of the LORD as to His mind and will concerning yourselves, and the inhabitants of Zion and their interests.

72 And whenever any one of you receives the Word of the LORD, let it be written, and presented in your councils.

73 And whatever by a united consent you deem wisdom to be presented unto the people, let it be presented by the President, My servant John Taylor, as the Word of the LORD.

74 In this way you will uphold him, and strengthen his hands, as all the burden should not rest upon one man;

75 For thus saith the LORD: all of Mine Apostles should be full of the Holy Ghost, of inspiration and revelation, and know the mind and will of God, and be prepared for that which is to come;

76 Therefore, let Mine apostles keep My commandments, and obey My laws, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.

77 Fear not, for lo I am with you until I come. I come quickly; even so, Amen.

Section 12d

Feed My Sheep

Revelation received in Miamisburg, Ohio January 24, 2019. Though this revelation was to Brother Alexei Christopher Mattanovich, the first Apostle called to the Fellowship of Christ, this revelation should be read and studied by all called to the

1 My mind being in reflection on the evening of January 24, 2019 on the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, its direction and in particular the action or future actions of the Council of Elders and the Apostles, I was given a vision and a revelation.

2 In the vision I saw Apostle co-president Alexei Christopher Mattanovich standing in the doorway of a temple, dressed in the Robes of the Priesthood as a High Priest.

3 There, standing as the overseer or guardian of the temple as it were, he was feeding the poor, giving shelter to those in need with great joy in his heart;

4 All around about the temple were people in tents, finding rest and sanctuary there on the temple grounds, others were lined up to receive the food being brought out from within.

5 Whether this was literal or figurative, I know not—though it felt to be both.

6 And then, just as suddenly, the voice of the Lord came to me saying: Behold, thus saith the Lord unto my servant and my friend, Alexei:

7 I have seen thy works and been with thee as thou hast opened thy mouth in proclaiming my gospel, teaching the things of the kingdom, expounding mysteries from out of the scriptures, even according to that portion of Spirit and power which I have given unto thee.

8 And now, I have a few words to say unto thee.

9 Behold, in that moment thou came to me, meekly and in submission, it was then that I forgave thee of all thy sins.

10 And as many times as thou shall come unto me and seek forgiveness thou shall be forgiven, therefore feed my sheep;

11 For I know thee, and I knew thee before thou wast born in the flesh; and before thou wast born I blessed thee and set thee apart.

12 Yet there is a gap between thee and me, and it is thus: even as I have forgiven thee, thou too shall forgive thyself of all thy wrong doing.

13 For behold, it is not meet that thou shall run faster than thou are able, nor to walk further than it is given thee to walk.

14 But behold, all things are given thee to teach thee patience and long suffering, and thou hast endured these well;

15 Not perfectly, no—for none are perfect, not one; yet all may be perfected in me, as thou hast been.

16 Behold, I God am thy judge, therefor thou shalt not judge thyself too harshly; for behold thou art a special witness in my name and a judge in Israel;

17 And for this reason, in thee is given the gift and power of discernment, not to place blame, but to take it from those that grieve in shame and will humble themselves in my name.

18 And behold, it is given thee to see and converse with angels, and to work miracles in my name, therefore feed thee my sheep;

19 But to do this thou must forgive thyself, and forgive others;

20 Behold my Church, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; yea many have they wronged and for many they have been their undoing;

21 But behold, these still do a mighty work in my name, therefore they are still mine, though they are flawed and seek not my ways at first.

22 But behold, by my strong hand do I guide them, and I have prepared many other servants to build a house or houses in my name that all may find rest;

23 And this is why I, the Son of Man, have no house to rest my head—for no church, sect, or denomination is perfect; no, not one;

24 Yet men and women do I still call to speak in my name, and these do, here a little and there a little, that all might be edified.

25 And I have called thee, and I have set thee apart for this work, to build a home for those that will come seeking shelter,

26 Therefore I say unto thee even as I said unto the Apostles of old: Feed my sheep.

27 But I say unto thee, for thou too to do this, thou must first forgive thyself even as I, the Lord thy God, have forgiven thee;

28 And thou must forgive those that have wronged you, and those you have seen to do wrong—even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

29 And behold, many servants did I call by the mouths of my people when my servant Joseph was taken—and I took him;

30 For behold, dost thou thinkest that man can thwart the will of God? I say thee no.

31 Dost thou thinkest that my servant Joseph, who was betrayed by his friends, could be killed by the hands of men before his time? I say thee no.

32 But behold, I had told my servant Joseph to change the errors of his ways, for he had set in motion both that which I love and things that I hate, and thus it was his time.

33 Yea, and he died too that his testimony might be sealed by blood, even as the prophets of old.

34 Yea, here is wisdom: there are more sides than one and I the Lord God see all sides; therefore worry not what was, but what is to come;

35 For though thou cannot change the past, thou shall be an instrument in my hands to make a way for the future of my work;

36 Therefore, forgive thyself, and this too, forgive others, even as I have done the same.

37 And behold, I say unto thee also, all things that have come to pass shall gather momentum at this time, that the works of my servants shall be known for good as well as evil;

38 But thou shall focus only on the good and that which shall unite my people;

39 For those that are mine are Israel, for these are the straight path to God.

40 Seek to soften thy anger, walk the path of teshuvah daily, teach others that thou too shall learn, grant forgiveness to those that seek forgiveness, and bless those that seek my face;

41 For thou art of the Church of the Firstborn, worthy and receiving of the Second Comforter, and ye shall receive my face and handle my wounds when thou hast found peace in thy heart;

42 Until then, know I am with thee, and thou art with me; I am thy comfort and thy guide, walk with me the remainder of thy days and by thy works and thy example shall thou bring souls unto me.

43 Wherefore, be faithful, praying always, that thou might be ready at the day of my coming, and behold, verily, verily, I say unto thee, that I come quickly. Even so. Amen.

Section 12e

Apostles in Fellowship

The following revelation was given to David January 22, 2021 on the will of the Lord for the Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

1 Thus sayeth the Lord unto his servants, the Apostles of the Fellowship of Christ, and His friends: Be ye one, even as I and the Father are one, that ye may glorify my name.

2 Behold, I say unto thee at this time, four of ye have been called and one has been taken, and another too shall be soon taken if they do not repent of their transgressions.

3 And I say unto mine apostles: I have called thee to be fishers of men, to call men and women of all walks of life in my name; therefore, seek out my sheep and find them that they know that I love them even as I love each of thee.

4 It is the duty of mine Apostles to seek out other Apostles that shall hear and heed my call; twelve men and twelve women to represent me, as special witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ in my Fellowship:

5 And until six men and six women are found, all of my Apostles shall remain as a part of the Council of Fifty to support the First Presidency.

6 And once these twelve are found, the six brothers shall council together, as the Apostles for the Brotherhood of Christ; and the six sisters shall council together, as the Apostles for the Sisterhood of Christ; and by the unanimous voice of these shall their presidency be chosen.

7 And they shall meet once a year to choose by the voice of my Spirit and by prophecy and revelations their respective presidents.

8 And these presidents shall be the co-presidents of the Quorum of Apostles in the Fellowship of Christ, in the Order of the Ministry;

9 And these shall bring with them five brethren and five sistren, selected by them and unanimously sustained by their fellows, and these shall form the Quorum of Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

10 And the duties of the Apostles in the Order of the Ministry are to unite^a my Saints in Fellowship and to call, and teach, and train, and lead the Council of Seventy Elders that shall assist in my works.

11 Behold, each of thee are my Light in the world, ye are not the Light, but ye have been sent forth as fishers of men, sent forth to bear witness of that Light; and I AM the light and life of mankind, and ye are mine;

12 Therefore, go forth and do my work, seek out those called to serve in my name, be they of the Seventy Elders or fellow Apostles, and seek ye my face that where thou be, there am I also; even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See Appendix 6

Section 13a

Further Instructions

Revelation received in Ohio after leaving a meeting with local Latter-day Saint Church leaders on December 13, 2015. This section was originally Revelation 3 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Behold, I say unto my servant, David: Ye are desirous to know the cause of the Lord in ordaining thee to this ministry;

2 I and my Father, who is your Father, even Elohim, are much pleased in thee for thy faithfulness.

3 Behold, my Spirit was with thee in that room, even when thou preached my Word, and thou remained faithful and true to that which thou hast been called, even though thou didst not fully understand my works.

4 Thou spoke in my name and were honest and true in dealing with the work I, even the Lord Jesus Christ, have called thee to; yet thou still hast questions in thy mind as to the meaning of this work and why thou wast called of me to act in my name.

5 ¶ Behold, thy mind may be at ease to thy fears, for I did not call thee to cry repentance to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, though all men are in need of repentance; even those in the portion of my Church, as formed by the hand of my servant Brigham Young;

6 For they, in this branch of the tree that beareth the fruit of my gospel, have done many works of righteousness, and many grievous things in my name, rejecting my works.

7 Yet I say unto thee: Judge them not; for none are perfect, no not one;

8 And I will call whom I will call, and I will choose they whom I will choose to be leaders of men in these the last days in the many branches of Zion,

9 To cry repentance unto the world, and to carry forth my Word, even the Book of Mormon, to the ends of the Earth that the words of my servant John should be fulfilled.

10 ¶ For my servant John said unto the seven churches:

11 [Revelation 14:6] And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

12 [Revelation 14:7] Saying with a loud voice: Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

13 ¶ And I say unto thee, and unto the world: No man shall see the gold plates containing the records of my people that were, before the prophet Joseph, hidden unto the world except they be given him of my servant Moroni;

14 And my servant Moroni must return that the work of my servant Joseph might be finished.

15 Therefore, I command unto all my people, even to all those that would call themselves mine, to pray that the world might receive the fullness of the Everlasting Gospel;

16 Even the Book of Lehi that my servant Joseph lost, yea and even the brass plates that the record of the world from Adam unto Moroni may be bound together, that this work may be completed.

17 Behold, the sealed portion shall not be translated until that day when the Gentiles shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord, yea it shall be revealed unto the world in mine own due time.

18 ¶ And behold, I have called thee, my servant David, to declare my Word and cry repentance unto those that would hear my voice; and for this reason wast thou called of me;

19 For behold, in the days of my servant Brigham there was much diversity, and I called the twelve to lead the larger portion of the branches of my Church,

20 And I had called Brigham Young to lead the twelve through the mouth of my servant, Joseph;

21 And this I did through the voice of my people, as the Holy Spirit moved them to choose for themselves a leader;

22 For behold, did not my servant Sidney Rigdon^a also have these same keys and more?

23 Did I not come unto him in visions, even as I did unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr.? Did he not also bare witness and testify of my Word?

24 Yet he exalted himself and was cut off from my presence for a time; yea, in treacherous actions he did reject the keys that I, the Lord your God had given him;

25 And thus, I took them, even his keys over the larger portion of the Church, and he was blinded by his own self-worth in leading those that would follow him.

26 But behold, even my Grace is sufficient to save his soul, despite the weakness of his flesh;

27 For he did keep the New Covenant, even his testimony of me and of the Book of Mormon.

28 ¶ And behold, when a portion of my Saints went to the far West, to make unto themselves a new home, my servant Brigham began to teach new doctrines that were not of me; yet he continued to do a mighty work for me, and in my name.

29 Yet my servant Brigham took from men their right to the Office of the Priesthood; not for their sins but for the color of their skin.

30 Behold, this work of darkness led to other false doctrines; and priestcraft entered this branch of my Church upon the Earth by these means; yet these works of men could not frustrate the Work of the Lord.

31 And this portion, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, continues to flourish in my name as a branch of Zion; the keys these men kept, and some did use them, even as they were worthy;

32 But they were not worthy of themselves, but because my Grace was sufficient for them;

33 And these men did speak in my name and preach my Word unto the world.

34 ¶ And behold, I, the Lord God, desired that the sins and priestcraft brought into this Church by my servant Brigham be done away; and for this cause did I call many brethren to prepare a way.

35 And my servant David O. McKay saw this wickedness and came to me, desirous to repent the Church of this sin.

36 But behold, the time was not yet right, as there were still those in the twelve of that Church that would not repent nor would they harken unto my Word.

37 ¶ Yet for this reason had I set up other churches in my name, even the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, or as they are now known unto the world by revelation from me, Community of Christ.

38 Yea, Joseph Smith III did I call, not to condemn my servants in Utah, but to create a place for those that would gather in my holy name that had rejected my doctrine that they kept,

39 And as a refuge for those that rejected the doctrines of men in regard to the segregation by race, and other priestcrafts;

40 For behold: All men are one race unto me, saith the Lord; yea, men are divided by my Word alone.

41 And I divide them as such: Those that have come unto me, or would come unto me, if they knew me; and those that have reject-ed my atonement and forsaken their God, for unto these I died in vain;

42 And those that know me and reject me, these are they that shall be cut off from the presence of the Father; these are they that shall be cast into the eternal fires; for behold, my judgments are just.

43 ¶ And for this cause did I prepare men to give keys unto my servant Joseph Smith III; but behold, he did error to condemn the larger branch of my Church, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;

44 For do they both not serve the same master, even Jesus Christ? Are they not sisters in Zion, even as the Fellowship is a sister unto both of these and others?

45 And for this cause I did not reunite these two bodies, nor did I give unto any of the branches any more keys.

46 ¶ And behold, other men did I prepare and give keys that my works would not be frustrated, and that all might find a place in me with fellow Saints at their level of understanding, as my Grace was and is sufficient for them.

47 ¶ And behold, in mine due time did I call another to lead the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, even my servant Spencer W. Kimball, and prepare the path so that the twelve could no longer deny my Word and my voice unto them.

48 And the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints did correct this grievous wrong, yet they still have other sins to repent of unto me and unto my people.

49 And this is not all: yea, my servant Brigham brought secret works into my Church;

50 For behold, mine is a Gospel of Truth, yea even a Gospel of Light; yea even to stand on a hill to light the whole of the Earth;

51 But behold, my servant Brigham feared men, and for this cause did he hide my truth behind temple walls and add unto them his own secret doctrines.

52 Know ye not that when my mortal work was completed the veil of the temple was rent in twain even from the top to the bottom?

53 Behold, my servant Brigham made a secret of that which was to be a light unto the world; that all men would know that my works were once again to be found in the temple of the Lord, yea even in my House of Holiness.

54 ¶ And behold, even now there are oaths and covenants that are not of me to be found in my house; for behold, where have I taught thee to swear thy allegiances unto a man or even unto a church?

55 Have I not said in mine everlasting covenant that the Law and the commandments of my Father are that ye shall believe in me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit?

56 ¶ Yeah, the endowment and the keys I did give unto my servant Joseph; and yet how to use them I had not fully revealed unto the world, neither did my servant Brigham give heed unto the promptings of my Spirit.

57 Yea, the works that they do in my house are of me, yet not all of them; and even so, these are not all done in the manner that is pleasing unto me;

58 They do these works with the keys of my priesthood, and in my name; but mingled with the doctrines of men;

59 Yet my Grace is sufficient that I shall honor their works; but know ye that I do not require oaths of secrecy, nor do I honor added covenants beyond those what I have asked.

60 ¶ And for these and other reasons known unto me have I called thee, my servant David, to establish the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, even that all may come and worship freely;

61 And that my people may worship in my holy temples and receive their endowments and their washing and their anointings, even all those who wish to come to serve me.

62 ¶ And this shalt thou ask them: Do you take upon yourself the name of Christ?

63 And, have you been Born Again unto your redeemer, even Jesus Christ?

64 And, do you desire to be baptized in His holy name? (for those desirous of baptism)

65 And will you strive to move forward in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may be in you and with you even unto the end of your life?

66 Are you obedient to the laws of the land in the kingdom of men?

67 And if they say unto thee, yea to all these, and art willing to rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those that mourn, and they do not cause that harm come to another, behold, these are my people and are worthy of me and they may partake of mine ordinances as my Spirit so leadeth them.

68 ¶ And if they do not, behold thou shalt show mercy on them and teach those that are willing to be taught, until they know me and desire to come unto me, or to reject me;

69 And those that reject me, thou will not teach but thou will also not condemn; for thou shalt love them, as thou hast been commanded to love thy neighbor, and I shall judge them as I see fit.

70 ¶ Behold, I say unto my servant David: At this time there is one man to hold and partake of the keys to these works in their fullness,

71 And He is at the head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and so too the Church of the Firstborn, both of which ye are a member,

72 And behold, I am He; even Jesus Christ, the very Son of Man.

73 Yea, and I have given these keys to men, to organize and to bring souls unto me, even in my name, the name of Christ; even as I have given keys to others that all may find hope in my name.

74 And I have given thee keys to perform the Sacraments and sealings.

75 ¶ But behold, the time shortly cometh when all keys shall be given thee, and if thou are worthy, even more than this shall be given thee; even the keys that were given my servant Joseph taken from the earth upon his martyrdom;

76 And both of these shall I honor with my priesthood, and both works shall I accept as they are found worthy;

77 For behold, my Grace is sufficient and will wipe clean the doctrines of men from those that know not the pure endowment.

78 ¶ But the keys of leadership unto the other branches of the Church of Christ I shall not give thee, except thou be called of them that leadeth these, my Churches, within my vineyard; and they so choose to join with me and thee in fellowship;

79 And this I shall not do that there shall not be confusion amongst those that have come unto me through the keys I have given to others in these, the Last Days.

80 ¶ And until such time as more keys are given thee, thou shalt gather my people and work that a temple shall be built and dedicated to me in my holy name; and for this end wast thou called;

81 For behold: It pleaseth me that in every home there should be made a place to serve as a temple, and that ye always do remember to keep your homes holy, that I may find rest within.

82 Yea, the Son of Man wishes yet to bring this, His flock together that they may have a home;

83 Yea prepare ye for this time, for behold I shall come to thee quickly, and with power that my works may not be thwarted; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS 86.

Section 13b

A Revelation to the Elect Lady

Revelation received by the First Elder, David; October 13, 2019 in Chillicothe, Missouri.

1 My beloved daughter, Kristine: Harken ye to the voice of the Lord, I the Lord thy God say unto thee:

2 ¶ Behold, thou hast been called and set apart before thou wast born, yeah and even before the world was, I called thee;

3 And this was and is thy call: To come forth in these, the last days; to help restore unto mankind that which they have discarded and thrown away;

4 For behold: thou art an Elect Lady, and a helpmeet to thy husband, both in the things of this world and in the ministry.

5 And I have called thee, and set thee apart to do a great and marvelous work in my name,

6 And thou were called to come forth at this time to help restore balance.

7 ¶ Yeah, there are three pillars, with one on the right hand and one on the left, but the seed of men have sought to tear down the right pillar;

8 And thus thou hast been called to restore my right hand amongst the children of men; for the daughters of God have cried out unto me, even the Lord their God, seeking to gain their birthright.

9 ¶ And to this end wast thou born; to help build my kingdom, to restore the pillars, to raise up righteous seed before me;

10 And for this reason did I command my servant David to lay hands upon thee, giving thee the keys^a to the presidency of the Sisterhood and to the Law of Sarah, even before thou understood thy calling;

11 For behold, unto thee has been given the royal birthright, and thou are the High Priestess in my name of this royal generation;

12 And a High Priestess and queen shall thou be for time and all eternity to the Most High God, should thou keep thy Covenants and remain faithful unto me.

13 ¶ Behold, I send thee this revelation as a means of instruction, therefore I say unto thee: Feed my sheep! for thou hast been called to minister in my name.

14 Fear not, for I shall give thee strength; and lean upon me, for I shall provide unto thee all that thou shall need for thyself and thine family.

15 Yeah, and behold; harken unto my voice, for I AM the good shepherd;

16 And when thou shall hear my voice by way of revelation, know that I shall speak unto thee in a voice that thou shalt recognize;

17 Worry not that my Word shall sound different to thee than that of thy husband, for behold: I speak unto all in a language they shall understand;

18 But search thy heart, and when it is of me I shall tell the in thy mind, and thou shall feel it in thy heart.

19 ¶ And know this: thou hast been given the gift of discernment, and this shall tell thee what is of me and what is not; and thou shall feel it to thy very core;

20 For the Spirit if God is the Spirit of Pure truth and Pure knowledge; and in wisdom shall thou be given my Word to be received by my people.

21 ¶ Therefore, go and do as I have commanded, and I shall bring peace to thy heart; worry not of the things of this world, for in me shall thou and thy family be provided for:

22 And the blessings of heaven shall pour out in abundance in so much that thou shall not know what to do save it be to bless others temporally with that which ye shall be given.

23 ¶ Therefore, I say unto thee: raise thy children in righteousness; continue to counsel with thy husband in all things; seek to restore that which has been lost to mankind that women may be restored to their rightful place upon the throne in my kingdom;

24 And know too that I have sent others to help thee in this task;

25 Therefore, I say unto thee to find these women; ordain them and prophesy over them, lead and guide them, that all may be restored to its proper order.

26 Behold, I have called thee to gather my daughters, and to gather my Saints;

27 To build a home for those seeking my shelter, and to teach and ordain those that I have called to this work.

28 ¶ Kristine, thou art a leader amongst women, and with thy husband ye shall together be leaders of mankind;

29 Therefore, fear not; for I am with thee, all the days of thy life.

30 Many are called, but few are chosen:

31 And behold, thou hast been called and are chosen unto me after the order of Eve, and of Sarah, and of Miriam; and Deborah, and Phoebe, and Junia, and Salome, and Emma; and many other women: prophetesses, apostle, ministers, and elect ladies all called in my name;

32 And in the order of Magdalene shall thou surpass many of those that came before thee, and all those that did not harken unto my call.

33 Therefore my daughter, go forth and serve, for behold: in thee rests the strength to overcome and endure to the end.

34 I the Lord, have spoken it, thus shall it be: Amen.

Notes:

b See DoS 18a:28-30.

Section 14a

Re-baptism & the Restored Covenant

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-fourth commandment" given to Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer April 16, 1830. Part of this version was taken from the First Book of Revelations of the Church of Christ, page 32. The other part was taken from part of "The Mormon Creed," in Painesville, Ohio Telegraph, 19 Apr. 1831, volume 2, no. 44 (second series), pg. 4. It is recorded with changes as Section 20 of the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and Section 22 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. Additions not found in the newspaper are in italics. The "Amen" at the end was added by the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and is thus also in italics.

1 Some were anxious to join the Church of Christ without rebaptism and Joseph enquired of the Lord; and he received as follows:

2 A commandment unto the Church of Christ, which was established in these last days: one thousand eight hundred thirty, on the fourth month and on the sixth day of the month, which is called April.

3 [20:1a/22:1] Behold, I say unto you that all old covenants have I caused to be done away in this thing, and this is a New and an Everlasting Covenant; *even the same which was from the beginning.*

4 [20:1b/22:2a] Wherefore although a man shouldest be baptized an hundred times it availeth him nothing;

5 [20:1c1/22:2b] For ye cannot enter into the strait gate by the Law of Moses, neither by your dead works;

6 [20:1c2/22:3] For it is because of your dead works that I have caused this Last Covenant and this church to be built up unto me, *even as in days of old.*

7 [20:1d/22:4] Wherefore, enter ye in at the gate, as I have commanded and seek not to Council your God. *Amen.*

Section 14b

The Law of Circumcision

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is an "Explanation of Scripture" given in 1830 in Fayette New York. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 74 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 60-61. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 An explanation of the first Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter seven, fourteenth verse, given to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer at Wayne County New York.

2 [1 Corinthians 7:14] For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

3 [74:1/74:1] ¶ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean, but now are they holy.

4 [74:2a/74:2] Now in the days of the Apostles the Law of circumcision was had among them, all the Jews which believed not the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

5 [74:2b1/74:3a] ¶ And it came to pass that there arose a great contention among the people concerning the Law of circumcision,

6 [74:2b2/74:3b] For the unbelieving husband was desirous that his children should be circumcised and become subject to the Law of Moses, which Law was fulfilled.

7 [74:3a/74:4] ¶ And it came to pass that the children being brought up in subjection to the Law of Moses and gave heed to the traditions of their fathers and believed not the Gospel of Christ, wherein they became unholy;

8 [74:3b/74:5] Wherefore, for this cause the Apostle wrote unto the Church, giving unto them a commandment, not of the Lord but of himself, that a believer should not be united to an unbeliever except the Law of Moses should be done away among them,

9 [74:3c/74:6] That their Children might remain without circumcision, and that the tradition might be done away which saith that little children are unholy; for it was had among the Jews,;

10 [74:3d/74:7] But little children are holy being sanctified through the Atonement of Jesus Christ; and this is wat these scriptures mean.

Section 14c

Re-baptism & Communion

President Stephen M. Veazey released counsel to the Church on January 17, 2010, at the Temple in Independence, Missouri. Counsel also was printed in the February 2010 Herald. The members of Community in Christ had time to consider the counsel and its implications before their World Conference. On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, the Community of Christ World Conference voted to accept the inspired document as the mind and will of God for the Church and ordered its inclusion in their Doctrine and Covenants as Section 164. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [p1a] While sharing with the Church in prayer, discussion, and discernment about important issues, I received an increasingly strong sense of divine direction about conditions of membership and other pressing questions.

2 [p1b] A significant aspect of my experience was God’s Spirit drawing me to consider various scripture passages.

3 [p1c] After I thoroughly explored many passages, the Holy Spirit focused my attention on Galatians 3:27–29:

4 [Gal 3:27] ¶ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

5 [Gal 3:28] There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

6 [Gal 3:29] And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

7 [p2a] ¶ While I studied this passage, the Spirit helped me see much broader dimensions of God’s grace working through Christ to transform human relationships in a divided world.

8 [p2b] As a result, I have an even-greater testimony than before of the power of the gospel of Christ to birth a new creation among those who dare to live its message in sacred community.

9 [p3a] ¶ As the significance of what was unfolding became more obvious, the Spirit led me to consider a series of Doctrine and Covenants sections.

10 [p3b] Each addressed spiritual and relational dynamics of being a prophetic people.

11 [p3c] These include distinguishing between more-universal spiritual principles and particular expressions of them within the confines of human history and understanding.

12 [p3d] Being a divinely led prophetic people involves—as a necessity—reevaluating at times some existing understandings and customs to allow added insight and interpretation under the Spirit’s guidance.

13 [p4a] ¶ With that background in mind, I present the following counsel to the Church in response to the guidance of God’s Spirit.

14 [p4b] I offer this counsel in humility, fully aware of my limitations and weaknesses, which I always carry as a burden.

15 [p4c] I also present these words with full conviction of their truthfulness as an expression of the spirit of wisdom and revelation that flows from God’s eternal being.

16 [p5-164:1a] ¶ To the Councils, Quorums, and Orders, to the World Conference, and to the Church: All who actively engaged in prayer, discussion, and discernment about important issues in the Church’s life are commended for your faithful response.

17 [164:1b] Your disciplined effort to open your lives more fully to God’s Spirit in response to the call to be a prophetic people has become a blessing to the entire Church.

18 [164:1c] Your spiritual yearning for light and truth has created a favorable environment for the Spirit’s movement to provide inspired counsel as authoritative guidance for the Church.

19 [164:2a1] ¶ Instruction given previously about baptism was proper to ensure the rise and cohesiveness of the Church during its early development and in following years.

20 [164:2a2] However, as a growing number have come to understand, the redemptive action of God in Christ—while uniquely and authoritatively expressed through the Church—is not confined solely to the Church.

21 [164:2b1] God’s grace, revealed in Jesus Christ, freely moves throughout creation, often beyond human perception, to achieve divine purposes in people’s lives.

22 [164:2b2] In harmony with God’s will, the Holy Spirit leads some people already committed to Jesus Christ through Christian baptism to further focus their response through Church membership.

23 [164:2c] Individuals previously baptized of water in an attitude of humility and repentance and as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ may become Church members through the sacrament of confirmation of the Holy Spirit.

24 [164:2d] Confirmation should follow a time of intentional preparation that includes exploring the Church’s mission, beliefs, and understanding of discipleship expressed through covenant with God and others in sacred community.

25 [164:2e1] During the confirmation prayer include an acknowledgment of the grace and authority of Jesus Christ through which baptism occurs.

26 [164:2e2] Also, bear witness to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which weaves people’s giftedness into beautiful patterns of community to enrich their discipleship and to strengthen the fabric of the Church.

27 [164:3a] ¶ All Church members are urged to examine the depth of your baptismal commitment.

28 [164:3a2] Having been baptized and confirmed, become fully immersed in the servant life of Christ.

29 [164:3b1] Live the meaning of your baptism daily as you grow in the skills and qualities of discipleship.

30 [164:3b2] Actively and generously support the ministries of the Church, which was divinely established to restore Christ’s covenant of peace, even the Zion of your hopes.

31 [164:3c1] The Eternal Christ invites those who have yet to experience the blessings of baptism to “Follow me in the way of righteousness and peace.”

32 [164:3c2] Be baptized of water and the Spirit and discover your spiritual home as a fully functioning member of the body.

33 [p6a] ¶ Some have continued to express concerns about how the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper should be conducted.

34 [p6b] In other places, the meaning and potential power of this sacrament have been lessened by a lack of understanding and preparation.

35 [p6c] Because of these circumstances, the following counsel is given as confirmed by the Spirit:

36 [164:4a1] ¶ Serve the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to all committed followers of Christ as a visible witness of loving Christian fellowship and shared remembrance of Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection.

37 [164:4a2] Individuals may choose whether or not to receive the emblems according to their faith and understanding in harmony with guidelines provided by the First Presidency.

38 [164:4b1] This pastoral provision does not lessen additional meanings associated with this sacrament in the Church’s life.

39 [164b2] When the Church gathers for Communion, highlight the opportunity for members to reaffirm their baptismal covenant, to reconcile strained relationships, and to commit together to the Church’s mission of promoting communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness.

40 [164:4c1] Explore all the ways the Lord’s Supper can spiritually form the Church community into a true and living expression of the life, sacrifice, resurrection, and continuing presence of Christ.

41 [164:4c2] Inherent in this sacrament is the divine call for the Church to be a sacramental offering for the blessing, healing, and peace of creation.

42 [p7a] ¶ Serious questions about moral behavior and relationships continue to arise in many nations.

43 [p7b] These issues are complex and difficult to understand outside their particular settings because of strikingly different cultural histories, customs, and understandings of scripture.

44 [p7c] For example, the issues include female submission, female genital mutilation, child brides, forced marriages, and sexual permissiveness.

45 [p7d] They include cleansing and exploitation of widows, harsh conflicts over same-gender attraction and relationships, and varying legal, religious, and social definitions of marriage, to name just a few.

46 [p8a] ¶ Over the last several years the need to resolve various moral and justice issues has intensified and become more complicated because of the growing international diversity of the Church.

47 [p8b] The Church has been told in previous counsel that we have been given the struggles and joys of diversity for divine purposes (*CoC DaC 162:4*).

48 [p8c] In response to my prayerful pleas for light regarding God's purposes being worked out through our difficult struggles over various issues, God graciously blessed me with the following counsel:

49 [164:5a] ¶ It is imperative to understand that when you are truly baptized into Christ you become part of a new creation.

50 [164:5b] By taking on the life and mind of Christ, you increasingly view yourselves and others from a changed perspective.

51 [164:5c] Former ways of defining people by economic status, social class, sex, gender, or ethnicity no longer are primary.

52 [164:5d] Through the gospel of Christ a new community of tolerance, reconciliation, unity in diversity, and love is being born as a visible sign of the coming reign of God.

53 [164:6a1] ¶ As revealed in Christ, God, the Creator of all, ultimately is concerned about behaviors and relationships that uphold the worth and giftedness of all people and that protect the most vulnerable.

54 [164:6a2] Such relationships are to be rooted in the principles of Christ-like love, mutual respect, responsibility, justice, covenant, and faithfulness, against which there is no law.

55 [164:6b1] If the Church more fully will understand and consistently apply these principles, questions arising about responsible human sexuality; gender identities, roles, and relationships; marriage; and other issues may be resolved according to God's divine purposes.

56 [164:6b2] Be assured, nothing within these principles condones selfish, irresponsible, promiscuous, degrading, or abusive relationships.

57 [164:6c1] ¶ Faced with difficult questions, many properly turn to scripture to find insight and inspiration.

58 [164:6c2] Search the scriptures for the Living Word that brings life, healing, and hope to all.

59 [164:6c3] Embrace and proclaim these liberating truths.

60 [164:7a] ¶ A worldwide prophetic Church must develop cultural awareness and sensitivity to distinguish between issues that should be addressed by the World Conference and those that are best resolved nationally or in other ways.

61 [164:7b1] Fundamental principles of ethical behavior and relationships should be addressed by the World Conference.

62 [164:7b2] The Conference should not decide specific policies for all nations when those decisions likely will cause serious harm in some of them.

63 [164:7c1] However, timely resolution of pressing issues in various nations is necessary for the restoring work of the gospel to move forward with all of its potential.

64 [164:7c2] Therefore, let the proper World Church officers act in their callings—as already provided in Church Law—to create and interpret Church policies to meet the needs of the Church in different nations in harmony with the principles contained in this counsel.

65 [164:7d1] Where possible and appropriate, convene national or field conferences to provide opportunities for broader dialogue, understanding, and consent.

66 [164:7d2] In those gatherings, let the spirit of love, justice, and truth prevail.

67 [p9a] ¶ The Council of Twelve and the Council of Presidents of Seventy have given ample attention to the previous instruction calling for the greatest collaboration possible among the leading missionary quorums.

68 [p9b] Because of their diligent efforts to create even-closer relationships to strengthen the Church's evangelistic and community-building mission, I now am free to offer the following counsel:

69 [164:8a] The importance of evaluating and aligning ministerial roles and relationships to reach individuals and nations most effectively with the liberating truths of the gospel is always incumbent on the Church.

70 [164:8b1] ¶ For this purpose, the number of quorums of seventy and presidents of seventy may be adjusted at times to respond to evangelistic strategies in apostolic fields.

71 [164:8b2] The First Presidency, in concert with the Council of Twelve and the Council of Presidents of Seventy, will provide procedures for determining the number, makeup, and roles of quorums of seventy and presidents of seventy.

72 [164:8c] Let the evangelistic ministries of the Church accelerate.

73 [p10a] ¶ While finishing this counsel, I paused for a time to rest with God in prayer and meditation, seeking added confirmation and clarity.

74 [p10b] From that devoted time with God, these closing words of challenge and promise unexpectedly sprang forth and found their place in this document:

75 [164:9a1] ¶ Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you.

76 [164:9a2] By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the Church.

77 [164:9b1] When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ's new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to be.

78 [164:9b2] The rise of Zion the beautiful, the peaceful reign of Christ, awaits your whole-hearted response to the call to make and steadfastly hold to God's covenant of peace in Jesus Christ.

79 [164:9c1] This covenant entails sacramental living that respects and reveals God's presence and reconciling activity in creation.

80 [164:9c2] It requires whole-life stewardship dedicated to expanding the Church's restoring ministries;

81 [164:9c2] Especially those devoted to asserting the worth of persons, protecting the sacredness of creation, and relieving physical and spiritual suffering.

82 [164:9d] If you truly would be *a* community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.

83 [164:9e1] The challenges and opportunities are momentous.

84 [164:9e2] Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties?

85 [164:9e3] Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision?

86 [164:9f] The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.

87 [p11a] ¶ The burdens of the prophetic office have increased dramatically since the last World Conference.

88 [p11b] However, my dedication to the Church, my love for our people, and my conviction regarding the Church's divine calling have not waned but have grown stronger.

89 [p12a] ¶ With deep trust in the spiritual competency and maturity of the Church, I turn the words of this counsel over to you for prayerful consideration and continued discernment.

90 [p12b] As we continue our journey together, may the gracious Spirit that blessed me similarly bless those who seek divine affirmation of this counsel.

Section 14d

Bring the Children unto Christ

Revelation received in Ohio on January 12, 2016. This section was originally Revelation 6 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 After reading that an Apostle for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Russell M. Nelson, stated that the Lord had declared by revelation that this denomination was not to baptize children if their parents were in a same-sex relationship, regardless of worthiness, I inquired of the Lord.

2 Was this of God? And if so, what should the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship do in light of this supposed revelation?

3 Upon prayer, and peaceful meditation, I received the following:

4 ¶ My servant David, I see that thou are troubled as to the things of the flesh.

5 Behold, mine apostle, even Russell M. Nelson, has stated that I, the Lord his God and your God reject the children of polygamists and homosexuals;

6 But behold, this is not so, and this thing is of man and not of me; for did I not create all flesh?

7 And do I not see all flesh with no respecter of persons?

8 Yea, and did I not say unto my disciples, while in the flesh: Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones.

9 Yea, and when I visited the Children of Lehi and of Mulek and their peoples, after mine resurrection, I stated unto them: All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

10 Therefore, it is not of me, nor of my Father, nor of the Holy Spirit to reject children because of their parents.

11 ¶ Behold, for this cause came I into the world: that all men and women might become as children and worship the Father in my name;

12 Therefore, ye shall teach those of my Fellowship to baptize their children at the age of accountability, even all they that desire to come unto me;

13 For these are the days of the probation of man, and in them shalt all men and women repent and come unto me,

14 And I will save mankind from their sins, even as many as will repent and strive to follow the Holy Spirit of God.

15 ¶ Behold, my grace is sufficient to save all who will come unto me, being in the Church of Latter-day Saints or in the Fellowship of Jesus Christ or any other branch of the Church of Christ: for all these share in my holy priesthood;

16 Therefore, I say unto thee: Baptize all those that come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit; for these are of me.

17 ¶ Go forth and do my works and worry not what other men do; yea, preach mine gospel in my name, and bring those that would come unto me; this shall suffice.

18 Condemn not other branches of the Church of Christ, for contention is not of me; but build bridges that all may come and worship the Father in my name;

19 And this ye shall do, for it is my work, and ye shall do it in my name; So mote it be, Amen.

Section 15a

A Revelation to the Church Concerning Bread & Wine

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-eighth commandment" given to Joseph Smith Jr., the seer, by the gift and power of God; at Harmony Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, August 1830. This version was taken from the First Book of Revelations of the Church of Christ, pages 35-36. It is recorded as Section 26 of the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and Section 27 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 A Revelation to the Church of Christ given to Joseph the Seer at a time that he went to purchase wine for Sacrament;

2 [26:1a/27:1] And he was stopped by an angel, and he spoke to Joseph saying: Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ your Lord your God and your Redeemer, whose Word is quick and powerful.

3 [26:1b/27:2a] For behold, I say unto you: it mattereth not what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink when ye partake of the sacrament, if it so be that ye do it with an eye single to my glory;

4 [26:1c/27:2b] Remembering unto the Father my body which was laid down for you, and my blood which was shed for the remission of your sins;

5 [26:1d1/27:3] Wherefore, a commandment I give unto you that ye shall not purchase wine, neither strong drink of your enemies;

6 [26:1d2-2a1/27:4-5a] Wherefore, ye shall partake none except it is made new among you, yea, in this my Fathers Kingdom which shall be built up on the earth; behold this is wisdom in me.

7 [26:2a2/27:5b] Wherefore marvel not, for the hour cometh that I will drink of the fruit of the vine with you on the Earth and with all those whom my Father hath given me out of the world.

8 [26:3g/27:18] Wherefore lift up your hearts and rejoice and gird up your loins and be faithful until I come; even so; Amen.

Section 15b

Concerning Conformation & Sacrament Meetings

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-eighth commandment" given to Joseph Smith Jr., the seer, by the gift and power of God; at Kirtland Ohio, March 7 or 8, 1831. This version was taken from the First Book of Revelations of the Church of Christ, pages 76-78. It is recorded as Section 46 of the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 A Revelation to the Church of Christ given to Joseph the Seer concerning conformation and sacrament meetings, and etc.

2 [46:1a/46:1] ¶ Hearken O ye my people of my Church, for verily I say unto you that these things are spoken unto you for your profit and learning;

3 [46:1b/46:2] But notwithstanding those things which are written, it always has been given to the Elders of my Church from the beginning and ever shall be, to conduct all meetings as they are conducted and guided by the Holy Spirit;

4 [46:1c/46:3] Nevertheless, ye are commanded never to cast any one out from your public meetings which are held before the world.

5 [46:1d1/46:4a] Ye are also commanded never to cast any one out who belongeth to the Church out of your sacrament meetings,

6 [46:1d2/46:4b] Nevertheless if any have trespassed let him not partake until he makes reconciliation.

7 [46:2/46:5] ¶ And again I say unto you: Ye shall not cast any out of your sacrament meetings who is earnestly seeking the Kingdom; I speak this concerning this those who are not of the Church.

8 [46:3a/46:6] ¶ And again I say unto you concerning your confirmation meetings, that if there be any that is not of the Church that is earnestly seeking after the Kingdom, ye shall not cast them out;

9 [46:3b/46:7a] But ye are commanded in all things to ask of God who giveth liberally, and that which the Spirit testifies unto you, even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart,

10 [46:3c1/46:7b] Walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving,

11 [46:3c2-4a1/46:7c-8a] That ye may not be seduced by evil spirits or doctrines of Devils, or the commandments of men for some are of men and others of Devils; wherefore beware, lest ye are deceived.

12 [46:4a2/46:8b] And that ye may not be deceived, seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

13 [46:4b1/46:9a] For verily I say unto you: They are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments;

14 [46:4b2/46:9b] And *they* that seeketh so to do that all may be benefitted that seeketh or that asketh of me that asketh and not for a sign that he may consume it upon his lusts.

15 [46:5a1/46:10a] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: I would that ye should always remember and always retain in your minds what these gifts are,

16 [46:5a2/46:10b-11a] That are given unto the Church, for all have not every gift given unto them;

17 [46:5b/46:11b] For there are many gifts and to *everyone* is given a gift by the Spirit of God:

18 [46:5c/46:12] To some is given one and to some is given another that all may be profited thereby.

19 [46:5d/46:13] To some is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he was crucified for the sins of the world,

20 [46:5e/46:14] To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also may might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

21 [46:6a/46:15] And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

22 [46:6b/46:16] And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether it be of God or not, so that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

23 [46:7a/46:17] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: To some it is given by the Spirit of God the word of wisdom (*chokmah*),

24 [46:7b/46:18] To another it is given the word of knowledge (*da'at*), that all may be taught to be wise, and to have knowledge.

25 [46:7c1/46:19] And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed,

26 [46:7c2/46:20] And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

27 [46:7d1/46:21] And again, to some it is given the working of miracles,

28 [46:7d2/46:22] And to others it is given to prophecy,

29 [46:7d3/46:23] And to others the discerning of spirits.

30 [46:7e1/46:24] And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues,

31 [46:7e2/46:25] And to another it is given the interpretation of tongues.

32 [46:7f/46:26] And all these gifts cometh from God for the benefit of the children of God.

33 [46:7g/46:27] And unto the Bishop of the Church, and unto such as God shall appoint and ordain to watch over the Church, and to the Elders unto the Church, are to have it given unto them to discern all *these* gifts, lest there shall be any among you professing and yet not be of God.

34 [46:8a/46:28-29] ¶ And it shall come to pass that he that asketh in spirit shall receive in spirit, that unto some it may be given to have all those gifts that there may be a head in order that every member may be profited thereby:

35 [46:8b/46:30] He that asketh in spirit asketh according to the will of God, wherefore it is done even as he asketh.

36 [46:9a/46:31] ¶ And again I say unto you: All things must be done in the name of Christ whatsoever you do in the Spirit,

37 [46:9b/46:32-33] And ye must give thanks unto God in the Spirit, for whatsoever blessing ye are blessed with, and ye must practice virtue and holiness before me continually; Even so, Amen.

Section 15c

Instructions Concerning the Sacrament, Service of Song, & Keeping the Sabbath

A portion of the revelation given to Revelation to the elders of the Church through Joseph Smith III on April 11, 1887 in Kirtland, Ohio for the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This section was originally Section 119 the RLDS/Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [H1-119:1a] To the Elders of the Church, thus saith the Spirit: It is not yet expedient that the Quorum of the Twelve shall be filled; nevertheless, separate my servants James W. Gillen, Heman C. Smith, Joseph Luff, and Gomer T. Griffiths unto the office of Apostle *for the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, that the quorum may be more perfectly prepared to act before me.

2 [119:1b] I have still other men of my Church who shall be designated in their time, if they still continue faithful unto me and in the work whereunto they are now called.

3 [119:2a] ¶ There is a great work to be done by mine Elders; and that they may be fitted to do this work and the accomplishment thereof be not prevented, it is enjoined upon them that they shall not only be kind of heart and of a lowly spirit, that their wisdom may be the wisdom of the Lord and their strength the strength of the Spirit,

4 [119:2b] But they shall lay aside lightness of speech and lightness of manner when standing to declare the Word, and shall study to approve their ministrations to the people by candor in speech and courtesy in demeanor, that as ministers of the gospel they may win souls unto Christ.

5 [119:3a] The Elders and men *and women* of the Church should be of cheerful heart and countenance among themselves, and in their intercourse with their neighbors and men *and women* of the world; yet they must be without blame in word and deed.

6 [119:3b] It is, therefore, not seemly that they indulge in loud and boisterous speech or in the relating of coarse and vulgar stories or those in which the names of their God and their Redeemer are blasphemed.

7 [119:3c] Men *and women* of God, who bear the vessels of the Lord: be ye clean in your bodies and in your clothing; let your garments be of a sober character and free from excess of ornamentation.

8 [119:3d] Avoid the use of tobacco, and be not addicted to strong drink in any form, that your counsel to be temperate may be made effectual by your example.

9 [119:4a1] That the work of restoration-to which the people of my Church are looking forward-may be hastened in its time,

10 [119:4a2] The Elders must cease to be overcareful concerning the return of those who were once of the faith, but were overcome in the dark and cloudy day, fearing, lest they should bring in hidden heresies to the overthrowing of the work;

11 [119:4b] For verily, there are some who are chosen vessels to do good, who have been estranged by the hindering snares which are in the world, and who will in due time return unto the Lord if they be not hindered by the men of the Church.

12 [119:4c] ¶ The Spirit says: Come! Let not the ministers for Christ prevent their coming.

13 [119:5a] ¶ And the Spirit saith further: Contention is unseemly; therefore, cease to contend respecting the sacrament and the time of administering it;

14 [119:5b] For whether it be upon the first Lord's day of every month or upon the Lord's day of every week, if it be administered by the officers of the Church with sincerity of heart and in purity of purpose, and be partaken of in remembrance of Jesus Christ and in willingness to take upon them his name by them who partake, it is acceptable to God.

15 [119:5c] To avoid confusion, let him who presides in the sacrament meeting and those who administer it cause that the emblems be duly prepared upon clean vessels for the bread and clean vessels for the wine or the water, as may be expedient;

16 [119:5d] And the officer may break the bread before it is blessed and pour the wine before it is blessed; or he may, if he be so led, bless the bread before it be broken and the wine before it be poured;

17 [119:5e] Nevertheless, both bread and wine should be uncovered when presented for the blessing to be asked upon it.

18 [119:5f] It is expedient that the bread and wine should be administered in the early part of the meeting, before weariness and confusion ensue.

19 [119:5g] Let him that partaketh and him that refraineth cease to contend with his brother, that each may be benefited when he eateth at the table of the Lord.

20 [119:6a1] ¶ The service of song in the house of the Lord, with humility and unity of Spirit in them that sing and them that hear, is blessed and acceptable with God;

21 [119:6a2] But song with grievous sadness in them that sing and bitterness of spirit in them that hear is not pleasing to God;

22 [119:6b] Therefore, in all the congregations of the people of God, let all strife and contention concerning song service cease;

23 [119:6c] And that the worship in the house of the Lord may be complete and wholly acceptable, let them who shall be moved thereto by a desire and the gift to sing take upon them the burden and care of the service and use therein instruments of music of the reed and of the string, or instruments of brass in congregations that are large, and as wisdom and choice may direct.

24 [119:6d1] Let the young men and the maidens cultivate the gifts of music and of song;

25 [119:6d2] Let not the middle-aged and the old forget the gladsomeness of their youth, and let them aid and assist so far as their cares will permit.

26 [119:6d3] And remember that Saints should be cheerful in their warfare, that they may be joyous in their triumph.

27 [119:6e] ¶ Nevertheless, let the organ, and the stringed instrument, and the instrument of brass be silent when the Saints assemble for prayer and testimony, that the feelings of the tender and sad may not be intruded upon.

28 [119:6f] To facilitate unity in the song service of the Church, those to whom the work of providing a book of song has been entrusted may hasten their work in its time.

29 [119:7a] ¶ And the Spirit saith further: Inasmuch as there has been much discussion in the past concerning the Sabbath of the Lord, the Church is admonished that-until further revelation is received or the quorums of the Church are assembled to decide concerning the Law in the Church Articles and Covenants^a;

30 [119:7b] The Saints are to observe the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, as a day of rest, as a day of worship, as given in the Covenants and Commandments.

31 [119:7c] And on this day they should refrain from unnecessary work; nevertheless, nothing should be permitted to go to waste on that day, nor should necessary work be neglected.

32 [119:7d1] Be not harsh in judgment but merciful in this, as in all other things.

33 [119:7d2] Be not hypocrites nor of those who make a man an offender for a word.

34 [119:8a] ¶ Prosecute the missionary work in this land and abroad so far and so widely as you may.

35 [119:8b] All are called according to the gifts of God unto them^b; and to the intent that all may labor together, let him that laboreth in the ministry and him that toileth in the affairs of the men of business and of work labor together with God for the accomplishment of the work intrusted to all.

36 [119:9a] ¶ Be clean; be frugal; cease to complain of pain, and sickness, and distress of body; take sleep in the hours set apart by God for the rebuilding and strengthening of the body and mind;

37 [119:9b] For even now there are some, even among the Elders, who are suffering in mind and body, who have disregarded the advice of the Spirit to retire early and to rise early, that vigor of mind and body should be retained.

38 [119:9c1] Bear the burdens of body of which the Spirit of healing from the Lord in faith, or the use of that which wisdom directs, does not relieve or remove;

[119:9c2] And in cheerfulness do whatever may be permitted you to perform, that the blessing of peace may be upon all. Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS 2a
- b See DoS 15b

Section 15d

Blessing & Passing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Revelation given to David Ferriman in Ohio on November 17, 2015 for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This revelation was sustained by the Council of Elders on January 5, 2019 and by the General Assembly of Saints April 6, 2019. This section was originally Revelation 1 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance

1 Feeling the Holy Spirit telling me that my family should worship at home, I began to fast and pray on how to do this.

2 After kneeling in prayer and meditation, the Lord gave me the following revelation:

3 Behold, I say unto those numbered with me in my Fellowship, through the mouth of my servant David: Prepare ye the way of the Lord;

4 For I am even Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the Great I AM; in my great mercy have I atoned for thy sins.

5 Even as a hen gathers her chicks, so shall I gather my people.

6 And I say unto thee, even as I have said before: All ye that come unto me are mine and I shall have claim on them at the last day.

7 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee: Be ye perfect, even as I and my Father are perfect, and my Grace shall make whole even these that believeth in my name.

8 And I would tell thee how to be perfect: Love one another; yea strengthen one another in fellowship, for all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of the Father,

9 Yea, do this and my Grace will carry thee home, if thou are faithful even unto the end.

10 ¶ Behold, I would ask thee: Renew thy covenants through the Sacrament of Communion; the bread to represent my flesh, and the wine to represent my blood;

11 Do this too and keep my Spirit with thee that ye may strive to grow in me, even in my Grace.

12 Yea, I have said unto thee: It mattereth not what thou shalt eat or what ye shall drink when ye partake of this sacrament, if it so be that ye do it with an eye single to my glory, in remembrance unto the Father.

13 ¶ The kingdom of God is before thee; have patience, for my Spirit is with thee;

14 Therefore, I would that all that wish to fellowship in my name, prepare ye an altar in thy home or place of dwelling facing Eastward;

15 Bless this place, that it will be holy; yea dedicate it unto Elohim in my name.

16 This shall ye do that ye may partake of the Sacraments of bread and wine, that ye shall always remember me;

17 And this place shall be holy by the power of my priesthood, even the Melchizedek Priesthood and the Sisterhood of Magdalene, that my Priests and Priestesses may stand in this holy place to prepare and bless these sacraments.

18 ¶ Behold, this shall ye do also: set aside a plate and dedicate it for the bread, and a cup for the wine, and keep them clean.

19 And I say unto thee: When thou shalt dedicate these things unto me, ye shall wear the robes of the High Priesthood, that ye remember that ye do these things in my name.

20 And thou shall use clean plates to pass the bread and clean cups to partake of wine that ye may worship together, one with another;

21 And if there be any sick among you, or there be people too numerous, behold, thou shalt give each a cup unto themselves that all shall partake and be blessed;

22 As it has been taught in plainness: When two or more gather in my name, there shall I be, therefore see that ye do these things in wisdom.

23 ¶ And I say unto thee further: When ye bless and pass this sacrament unto these, be it a household or a congregation, ye shall wear the robes of the Levitical Priesthood;

24 For Aaron and his brethren and their offspring did offer sacrifices as such;

25 But I am the last sacrifice required by my Father, no blood shall be spilt for remission of sins.

26 And ye shall do these things in remembrance of my sacrifice that ye may worship the Father in my name and be faithful unto the end;

27 And lo, I am with you; therefore, be faithful until I come; for then ye shall be caught up, that where I am shall ye be also: Amen.

Section 15e

The Priesthood & the Sacraments

Revelation given to David Ferriman in Ohio on November 25, 2015 for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This revelation was sustained by the Council of Elders on January 5, 2019 and by the General Assembly of Saints April 6, 2019. This section was originally Revelation 2 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance

1 After receiving previous instructions, I inquired further and upon prayer and meditation, I was given of the Lord the following revelation:

2 Unto my servant David I say to thee: I am well pleased;

3 For thou has sought wisdom in my name, therefore I have more to say unto thee concerning the Sacraments of bread and wine;

4 And I have heard thy prayers inquiring of me as to the vision I gave thee in Washington D.C.

5 ¶ Yea, thus saith the Lord unto His people by the mouth of His servant David:

6 Behold, I say into thee that when one is called to be a Deacon, *be they male or female*, ye shall impart unto them the first token of the Levitical Priesthood, *be they of the Aaronic or of Miriam*;

7 And they shall receive its name, and its sign, and even the apron and gartel to wear over their garments.

8 And when the Deacons and Teachers gather one with another, they should welcome each other with this, the first token of the Levitical Priesthood, that they may know each other as such.

9 ¶ And when one is called as a Priest *or Priestess* in my name, behold ye shall impart unto them the second token of the Levitical Priesthood; its name, and its sign, and even the robes of the Levitical Priesthood.

10 And when the Priests *and Priestesses* gather one with another, they should welcome each other with this, the second token of the Levitical Priesthood, that they may know each other as such.

11 ¶ Yea, the Levitical Priesthood holds the keys to the preparatory gospel; yea even the gospel of repentance and of baptism, and of the remission of sins; the Law of carnal commandments;

12 And behold, these are but a few of the duties of the Priests *and Priestesses* that act in my name with my authority:

13 To baptize all they that believe in my name,

14 And to bless the sacraments that all may be born into the Church of God, even the Church of Christ, and washed clean of their sins;

15 Therefore, I would that ye should not only wear the robes of the Levitical Priesthood, but even use the first sign of this, the Levitical Priesthood, when any should baptize and administer these Sacraments.

16 But behold, the second sign ye shall not use; for behold, the first sign of the Levitical Priesthood is the sign of the covenant;

17 Therefore, when blessing the bread and the wine it is pleasing unto me that they who perform these ordinances should raise their right hand to the square,

18 For behold, this is why I revealed the first sign of the Levitical Priesthood to my servant Joseph Smith Jr.: that my people may show unto the world this, the first sign of the Levitical Priesthood when performing these sacred ordinances;

19 And behold, this ye shall do as a witness to the world that these things are sacred, and thus not to mock the things of God;

20 And they in the congregation shall know that these are my servants and act in my name, holding the keys to the office of Priest *or Priestess*,

21 To perform these duties not by the sign, but by the Spirit that shall accompany them as they do so in righteousness.

22 ¶ Therefore go ye and do, even all those that believe in my name that hold these keys, that ye shall be one in my name;

23 For behold, I am Jesus Christ, He who came to redeem the world. Amen.

Section 15f

The Lord's Supper

Revelation given to David Ferriman January 24, 2021 on the Sacrament of Communion. A question was asked about incorporating the Divine Feminine into the Communion prayer. David has asked the Lord about this before with no clear answer. Because of this, he advised that the service stick to the prayer in the Book of Mormon given by Moroni, in the Book of Avahr has reviled by God to Oliver Cowdery, and in the Doctrines of the Saints as revealed to Joseph Smith Jr. After partaking of the Sacrament of Communion, David received the following revelation.

1 Thus saith the Lord: Behold, the Sacrament of Communion represents the marriage supper between the Shekinah and the Father, between the bride and the bridegroom, between the Saints of Zion and their Christ;

2 Therefore, these, the words^a of the Eucharist, shall not be altered, nor shall they be changed; for they represent ordnance of the marriage covenants between the Creator and His Creation, between the Church and myself, even I, Jesus Christ;

3 For this ye do as a Sacrament, in remembrance of me; and I Am the Lamb that was sacrificed.

4 Yea behold, both masculine and feminine elements are presented in the Supper of Communion: the plate representing the Earth, my creation, and the cup representing my mercy;

5 So too doth the bread represent my body, which was broken for ye, from the things that had been planted and grown from the Earth; and the wine, the New Covenant made in my blood, which was shed that all might live again with our Elohim;

6 Therefore, this ye shall do in remembrance of my life, my death, and my resurrection; to renew the New and Everlasting Covenant, in fellowship with the Saints of Zion gathered at my table; and this too, in memory of the supper yet to come:

7 Do this and the gifts of the Spirit shall be made manifest in the presence of thy faith in the hearts of the daughters of Zion, for those that do so faithfully and in obedience.

8 Behold, it is not good to overstep beyond the mark that has been set, but see that ye do all things in both knowledge and wisdom, finding balance in all things;

9 Do this in reverence and rejoicing, and ye shall see that the heavens and the earth are one, and God in the creation; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. See Moroni 4-5, Avahr 34:21, 23, and Doctrines of the Saints 2a:68, 70.

Section 16

Temporal Marriage

The following section on marriage was prepared while the original Book of Doctrine and Covenants was being compiled. It was read by W. W. Phelps at the general assembly of August 17, 1835 where the Assembly of Saints adopted it unanimously by common consent. It is not a revelation. It was section 101 of the 1835 Book of Doctrine and Covenants, section 109 in the 1844 edition. It was canon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, until removed in 1876. It is still canon for the Reorganized churches as Doctrine and Covenants Section 111 of the Community of Christ and their offshoots. Their Section and verse numbers are after the current verse numbers. Changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [111:1a] According to the custom of all civilized nations, marriage is regulated by laws and ceremonies.

2 [111:1b] Therefore, we believe that all marriages in this Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints should be solemnized in a public meeting, or feast, prepared for that purpose,

3 [111:1c] And that the solemnization should be performed by a Presiding High Priest (*Patriarch or higher*) or *Presiding High Priestess (Matriarch or higher)*, High Priest, Bishop, Elder, or Priest or *Priestess*, not even prohibiting those persons who are desirous to get married, of being married by other authority.

4 [111:1d] We believe that it is not right to prohibit members of this Church from marrying out of the Church, if it be their determination so to do, but such persons will be considered weak in the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

5 [111:2a1] ¶ Marriage should be celebrated with prayer and thanksgiving;

6 [111:2a2] And at the solemnization, the persons to be married, standing together, the man on the right, and the woman on the left (*unless it is a same-sex marriage, then it should be determined who shall stand on which side before time*), shall be addressed, by the person officiating, as *they* shall be directed by the Holy Spirit;

7 [111:2ac] And if there be no legal objections, *they* shall say, calling each by their names:

8 [111:2b] You both mutually agree to be each other's companion, husband and wife (*or husband and husband, or wife and wife*), observing the legal rights belonging to this condition; that is, keeping yourselves wholly for each other, and from all others, during your lives?"

9 [111:2c] And when they have answered Yes, *they* shall pronounce them "husband and wife" (*or husband and husband, or wife and wife*) in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by virtue of the laws of the country and authority vested in him:

10 [111:2d] May God add his blessings and keep you to fulfill your covenants from henceforth and forever. Amen.

11 [111:3] ¶ The clerk of every Church should keep a record of all marriages solemnized in their branch.

12 [111:4a] ¶ All legal contracts of marriage made before a person is baptized into this Church, should be held sacred and fulfilled.

13 [111:4b] Inasmuch as this Church of Christ has been reproached with the crime^a of fornication^b, and polygamy: we declare that we believe that one man should have one wife; and one woman but one husband, except in case of death, when either is at liberty to marry again.

14 [111:4c] ¶ It is not right to persuade a woman to be baptized contrary to the will of her husband, *or to persuade a man to be baptized contrary to the will of his wife*; neither is it lawful to influence *anyone* to leave *their spouse*.

15 [111:4d] All children are bound by law to obey their parents; and to influence them to embrace any religious faith, or be baptized, or leave their parents without their consent, is unlawful and unjust.

16 [111:4e] We believe that all persons who exercise control over their fellow-beings, and prevent them from embracing the truth, will have to answer for that sin.

Note:

^a When and where polygamy is practiced, it must follow the law of the land, people may be sealed to one another but not legally wed.

- b Fornication: from the Greek porneia; used to describe illicit sexual intercourse, including adultery, and metaphorically idol worship. Adultery: from the Hebrew naaph; sexual intercourse between a married woman and a man other than her husband, and idol worship metaphorically. In the Bible, “illicit” refers to marrying one’s relatives.

Eternal Marriage & Polygamy

The following vision was received by Joseph Smith Jr. July 12, 1843 in Nauvoo, Illinois. From the diary of Joseph Smith Jr.: "Wednesday, July 12. Received a Revelation in the office in presence of Hyrum Smith, and William Clayton." The portions before and after the revelations are from the journal of William Clayton. Joseph refused to use the seer stone (called the urim and thummim in Clayton's telling of the events), and after prayer and revelation, minor changes have been made to the text. These changes have been put in italics. Other grammatical changes have also been made to both texts. Additions to the text for clarification are in brackets.

1 On the morning of the twelfth of July, 1843, Joseph and Hyrum Smith came into the office in the upper story of the "Brick Store," on the bank of the Mississippi River; they were talking on the subject of plural marriage.

2 Hyrum said to Joseph: If you will write the revelation on celestial marriage, I will take it to Emma, and I believe I can convince her of its truth, and you will hereafter have peace.

3 Joseph smiled and remarked: You do not know Emma as well as I do.

4 Hyrum repeated his opinion and further remarked: The doctrine is so plain, I can convince any reasonable man or woman of its truth, purity or heavenly origin, or words to their effect.

5 Joseph then said: Well, I will write the revelation and we will see; he then requested me to get paper and prepare to write.

6 Hyrum very urgently requested Joseph to write the revelation by means of the *seer stone*^a, but Joseph, in reply, said he did not need to, for he knew the revelation perfectly from beginning to end.

7 ¶ Joseph and Hyrum then sat down and Joseph commenced to dictate the revelation on celestial marriage, and I wrote it, sentence by sentence, as he dictated.

8 [132:1] ¶ Verily thus Saith the Lord unto you my Servant Joseph, that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand to know and understand wherein I the Lord justified my Servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; as also Moses, David and Solomon my Servants as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives, and concubines.

9 [132:2-3] Behold, and lo, I am the Lord thy God, and will answer thee as touching this matter; therefore prepare thy heart to receive and obey the instructions which I am about to give unto you, for all those who have this Law revealed unto them must obey the same.

10 [132:4] For behold, I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant, and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant, and be permitted to enter into my glory;

11 [132:5] For all who will have a blessing at my hands shall abide the Law which was appointed for that blessing and the conditions thereof, as was instituted from before the foundation of the world.

12 [132:6] And as pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant, it was instituted for the fullness of my glory; and he that receiveth a fullness thereof must and shall abide the Law or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God.

13 [132:7a] ¶ And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this Law are these: all covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations or expectations that are not made and entered into and Sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise of him who is anointed both as well for time and for all eternity,

14 [132:7c] And that too, most holy by revelation and commandment through the medium of mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end, have an end when men are dead.

15 [132:7b] (And I have appointed unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. to hold this power in the last days, and there is never but one on the earth at a time, on whom this power and the Keys of this Priesthood is conferred.)^b

16 [132:8] ¶ Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion.

17 [132:9-10] Will I accept of an offering, saith the Lord, that is not made in my name, or will I receive at your hands, that which I have not appointed?

18 [132:11] And will I appoint unto you, saith the Lord, except it be by Law, even as I and my Father ordained unto you, before the world was?

19 [132:12] I am the Lord thy God, and I give unto you this commandment that no man shall come unto the Father but by me, or by my Word, which is my Law, saith the Lord.

20 [132:13] And everything that is in the world, whether it be ordained of men by thrones, or principalities or powers or things of name whatsoever they may be that are not by me or by my Word, saith the Lord, shall be thrown down and shall not remain after men are dead, neither in nor after the resurrection, saith the Lord your God.

21 [132:14] For whatsoever things remaineth are by me; and whatsoever things are not by me, shall be shaken and destroyed.

22 [132:15] Therefore, if a man marry him a wife, in the world, and he marry her not by me, nor by my word, and he covenant with her, so long as he is in the world, and she with him, their covenant and marriage is not of force when they are dead; and when they are out of the world therefore they are not bound by any law when they are out of the world.

23 [132:16] Therefore, when they are out of the world, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are appointed angels in heaven, which angels are ministering servants to minister for those who are worthy of a far more, and an exceeding and an eternal weight of Glory,

24 [132:17] For these angels did not abide my Law, therefore they cannot be enlarged, but remain separately and singly without exaltation in their saved condition to all eternity, and from henceforth are not gods, but are angels of God for ever and ever.

25 [132:18a] ¶ And again verily I say unto you: If a man *and wife (or husband and husband, or wife and wife)* marry and make a covenant *together* for time and for all eternity,

26 [132:18b] If that covenant is not by me or by my Word, which is my Law, and is not sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, through him whom I have anointed and appointed unto this power, then it is not valid either of force when they are out of the world because they are not joined by me, saith the Lord.

27 [132:18c] Neither by my Word when they are out of the world, it cannot be received there because the angels and the gods are appointed there, by whom they cannot pass, they cannot therefore inherit my glory; for my house is a house of order, saith the Lord God.

28 [132:19a] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: If a man marry a wife by my Word which is my Law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the Holy Spirit of Promise by him who is anointed unto whom I have appointed this power and the keys of this priesthood;

29 [132:19b] And it shall be said unto them: Ye shall come forth in the First Resurrection, and if it be after the First Resurrection in the next resurrection and shall inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions all heights and depths, then shall it be written in the Lamb's Book of Life that he shall commit no murder, whereby to shed innocent blood.

30 [132:19c] And if ye abide in my Covenant and commit no murder whereby to Shed innocent blood it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them in time and through all eternity, and shall be of full force when they are out of the world,

31 [132:19d] And they shall pass by the angels and the gods which are set there to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a fullness and a continuation of the seeds for ever and ever.

32 [132:20a] Then shall they be gods, because they have no end.

33 [132:20b] Therefore, they shall be from everlasting to Everlasting because they continue; then shall they be above all because all things are subject unto them.

34 [132:20c] Then shall they be gods, because they have all power and the angels are subject unto them.

35 [132:21-22a] Verily verily, I Say unto you: Except ye abide my Law, ye cannot attain to this glory; for straight is the gate and narrow the way, that leadeth unto the exaltation and continuation of the lives;

36 [132:22b] And few there be that find it because ye receive me not in the world, neither do ye know me.

37 [132:23] But if ye receive me in the world, then shalt ye know me, and shall receive your exaltation; that where I am, ye shall be also.

38 [132:24] ¶ This is Eternal life: to know the only wise and true God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath Sent; I am He, Receive ye therefore my law.

39 [132:25] Broad is the gate, and wide the way that leadeth to the deaths, and many there are that go in thereat because they receive me not, neither do they abide my law.

40 [132:26a] ¶ Verily verily I say unto you: If a man marry a wife according to my Word, and they are sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, according to mine appointment, and he or she shall commit any sin or transgression of the new and everlasting covenant—whatever and all manner of blasphemies;

41 [132:26b] And if they commit no murder, wherein they shed innocent blood, yet they shall come forth in the first resurrection and enter into their exaltation;

42 [132:26c] But they Shall be destroyed in in the flesh and shall be delivered unto the buffetings of Satan unto the day of redemption, saith the Lord God. (*see Genesis 2:17*)

43 [132:27a] The blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, which shall not be forgiven in the world nor out of the world, is in that ye commit murder, wherein ye shed innocent blood, and assent unto my death, after ye have received my new and everlasting covenant, saith the Lord God.

44 [132:27b] And *they* that abideth not this Law can in no wise enter into my glory, but shall be damned, saith the Lord.

45 [132:28] I am the Lord thy God, and will give unto thee the Law of my Holy Priesthood, as was ordained by me and my Father before the world was;

46 [132:29] Abraham receiveth all things; whatsoever he received by revelation and commandment by my Word, saith the Lord, and hath entered in to his exaltation and sits upon his throne.

47 [132:30a] Abraham received promises concerning his seed, and of the fruit of his loins—from whose loins ye are, my Servant Joseph—which were to continue so long as they were in the world (*see Galatians 3*),

48 [132:30b] And as touching Abraham and his seed out of the world, they should continue both in the world and out of the world, should they continue as innumerable as the stars, or if ye ware to count the sand upon the sea shore ye could not number them.

49 [132:31] This promise is yours also because ye are of Abraham, and the promise was made unto Abraham and by this Law are the continuation of the works of my Father, where in He glorifies Himself.

50 [132:32] Go ye therefore and do the works of Abraham, enter ye into my Law and ye shall be saved,

51 [132:33] But if ye enter not into my law, ye cannot receive the promises of my Father which he made unto Abraham.

52 [132:34a] ¶ God commanded Abraham and Sarah, *and Sarah* gave Hagar to Abraham to wife;

53 [132:34b] And why did She do it? Because this was the law;

54 [132:34c] And from Hagar Sprang many people; this therefore was fulfilling, among other things, the promises.

55 [132:35a] Was Abraham therefore under condemnation?

56 [132:35b] Verily I say unto you: Nay, for I the Lord commanded it.

57 [132:36a] ¶ Abraham was commanded to offer his son Isaac; nevertheless it was written: Thou shalt not kill.

58 [132:36b] Abraham however did not refuse, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.

59 [132:37a] Abraham received concubines, and they bare him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness because they were given unto him.

60 [132:37b] And he abode in my law, as Isaac also, and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded.

61 [132:37c] And because they did none other things than that which they were commanded they have entered into their exaltation according to the promises and sit upon thrones; and are not angels but are gods.

62 [132:38] ¶ David also received many wives and concubines, as also Solomon and Moses my servants; as also many others of my servants from the beginning of creation until this time, and in nothing did they sin, save in those things which they received not of me.

63 [132:39a] David's wives and concubines were given unto him of me by the hand of Nathan, my servant, and others of the prophets who had the Keys of this power;

64 [132:39b] And in none of these things did he sin against me, save in the case of Uriah and his wife;

65 [132:39c] And therefore he hath fallen from his exaltation and received his portion, and he Shall not inherit them out of the world, for I gave them unto another, saith the Lord.

66 [132:40] ¶ I am the Lord thy God, and I gave unto thee, my servant Joseph Smith Jr., an appointment to restore all things; ask what ye will and it shall be given unto you according to my Word.

67 [132:41] And as ye have asked concerning adultery; Verily, verily I Say unto you: If a man receiveth a wife in the new and everlasting covenant, and if she be with another man, and I have not appointed unto her by the holy anointing, she hath committed adultery and shall be destroyed *least she repent*.

68 [132:42a] If She be not in the new and everlasting covenant, and she be with another man, she has committed adultery;

69 [132:43] And if her husband be with another woman and he was under a vow, he hath broken his vow and hath committed adultery.

70 [132:44a] And if she hath not committed adultery but is innocent and hath not broken her vow, and she knoweth it, and I reveal it unto you, my servant Joseph Smith Jr., then shall you have power by the power of my Holy Priesthood to take her and give *unto her another husband*, that hath not committed adultery, but hath been faithful;

71 [132:44b-45] *And they* shall be made ruler over many, for I have conferred upon you the keys and power of the priesthood, wherein I restore all things and make known unto you all things in due time.

72 [132:46a] ¶ And verily, verily I say unto you: As whatsoever you seal on Earth shall be sealed in Heaven, and whatsoever you bind on Earth in my name and by my Word, saith the Lord, it shall be eternally bound in the Heavens;

73 [132:46b] And whosoever sins you remit on earth shall be remitted eternally in the heavens, and whosoever sins you retain on earth Shall be retained in heaven.

74 [132:47] ¶ And again, verily I say: Whomsoever you bless I will bless, and whomsoever you curse I will curse, saith the Lord, for I the Lord am thy God.

75 [132:48] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you, my Servant Joseph Smith Jr., that whatsoever you give on Earth, and to whomsoever you give any one on earth by my Word, and according to my Law, it shall be visited with blessings and not cursing, and with my power, saith the Lord, and shall be without condemnation on Earth and in Heaven;

76 [132:49a] For I am the Lord thy God and will be with thee even unto the end of the world, and through all eternity.

77 [132:49b] For verily, I seal upon you your exaltation, and prepare a throne for you in the Kingdom of my Father, with Abraham, your father.

78 [132:50] Behold, I have seen your sacrifice and will forgive all your sins, I have seen your sacrifices in obedience to that which I have told you; go therefore and I make a way for your escape, as I accepted the offering of Abraham of his son Isaac.

79 [132:51a] ¶ Verily I say unto you: A commandment I give unto mine handmaid Emma Smith, your wife whom I have given unto *you, and you unto her*; that she stay herself and partake not of that which I commanded you to offer unto her.

80 [132:51b] For I did it, saith the Lord, to prove you all as I did Abraham, and that I might require an offering at your hand by covenant and Sacrifice.

81 [132:52a] And let mine handmaid, Emma Smith, receive all those that have been given unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr., and who are virtuous and pure before me;

82 [132:52b-53a] And those who are not pure, and have said they were pure, shall be destroyed [spiritual death], saith the Lord God, for I am the Lord thy God, and ye shall obey my voice.

83 [132:53b] ¶ And I give unto my Servant Joseph Smith Jr., that he shall be made ruler over many things, for he hath been faithful over a few things, and from henceforth I will strengthen him.

84 [132:54a] And I command mine handmaid, Emma Smith, to abide and cleave unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and to none else;

85 [132:54b] But if She will not abide this commandment, she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord, for I am the Lord thy God, and will destroy her if she abide not in my Law.

86 [132:55] But if she will not abide this commandment, then shall my servant Joseph Smith Jr. do all things for her even as he hath said, and I will bless him and multiply him, and *seal* unto him an hundred fold in this world of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, houses and lands, wives and children, and crowns of eternal lives in the eternal worlds.

87 [132:56] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: Let mine handmaid forgive my servant Joseph his trespasses, and then shall she be forgiven her trespasses wherein she hath trespassed against me, and I, the Lord thy God, will bless her and multiply her, and make her heart to rejoice.

88 [132:57a] ¶ And again I say: Let not my servant Joseph Smith Jr. put his property out of his hands, list an enemy come and destroy him, for Satan seeketh to destroy;

89 [132:57b] For I am the Lord thy God, and he is my servant, and behold and lo: I am with him as I was with Abraham thy Father, even unto his exaltation and Glory.

90 [132:58] ¶ Now as touching the Law of the Priesthood, there are many things pertaining thereunto;

91 [132:59] Verily, if a man be called of my Father, as was Aaron; by mine own voice, and by the voice of him that sent me, and I have endowed him with the keys of the power of this priesthood; if he do anything in my name, and according to my Law, and by my Word he will not commit Sin, and I will justify him;

92 [132:60] Let no one therefore set on my servant Joseph Smith Jr., for I will justify him; for he shall do the sacrifice which I require at his hands, for his transgressions, saith the Lord your God.

93 [132:61a] ¶ And again, as pertaining to the Law of the Priesthood; if any man espouse a virgin (*a righteous man or woman*), and *together they* desire to espouse another, and the first gives her consent and if *they* espouse the second, and they are virgins (*righteous men and/or women*), and have vowed to no *one else that would oppose the union*, then *are they* justified;

94 [132:61b] *They* cannot commit adultery, for they are given unto *them*, for *none can* commit adultery with those *they are espoused* and belongeth unto *them* and to none else.

95 [132:62] And if *they* have ten virgins given unto *them* by this Law, *they* cannot commit adultery, for they belong to *one another, and to each other, and to the Lord*; and they are given unto them, therefore are they justified.

96 [132:63a] But if one or either of the ten virgins, after she is espoused, shall be with another man *without consent, to be sealed to them by the others*, she has committed adultery, and shall be destroyed;

97 [132:63b] For they are given unto *one another* to multiply and replenish the Earth, according to my commandment, and to fulfill the promise which was given by my Father before the foundation of the world;

98 [132:63c] And for thine exaltation in the eternal worlds, that they may bear the souls of *mankind*; for herein is the work of my Father continued that He may be glorified.

99 [132:64a] And again verily, verily I say unto you: If any man have a wife who holds the keys of this power, and he teaches unto her the Law of my Priesthood, as pertaining to these things *and the Holy Spirit testifies to her the truth of these things*, then shall she believe, and administer unto *them* or she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord your God,

100 [132:64b-65a] For I will destroy her; for I will magnify my name upon all those who receive and abide in my Law; therefore, it shall be lawful in me, if she receive not this Law, for *them* to receive all things whatsoever.

101 [132:65b] I, the Lord *their* God, will give unto him because she did not believe and administer unto him according to my Word,

102 [132:65c] She then becomes the transgressor, and he is exempt from the Law of Sarah who administrated unto Abraham, according to the Law, when I commanded Abraham to take Hagar to wife.

103 [132:66] ¶ And now as pertaining to this Law, Verily, verily I say unto you: I will reveal more unto you hereafter, therefore let this Suffice for the present. Behold I am Alpha and Omega; Amen.

104 ¶ After the whole was written, Joseph asked me to read it through, slowly and carefully, which I did, and he pronounced it correct.

105 He then remarked that there was much more that he could write, on the same subject, but what was written was sufficient for the present.

106 ¶ Hyrum then took the revelation to read to Emma; Joseph remained with me in the office until Hyrum returned.

107 When he came back, Joseph asked him how he had succeeded; Hyrum replied that he had never received a more severe talking to in his life, that Emma was very bitter and full of resentment and anger.

108 ¶ Joseph quietly remarked: Told you, you did not know Emma as well as I did; Joseph then put the revelation in his pocket, and they both left the office.

109 ¶ The revelation was read to several of the authorities during the day; towards evening Bishop Newel K. Whitney asked Joseph if he had any objections to his taking a copy of the revelation;

110 Joseph replied that he had not, and handed it to him; it was carefully copied the following day by Joseph C. Kingsbury.

111 ¶ ¶ Two or three days after the revelation was written, Joseph related to me and several others that Emma had so teased, and urgently entreated him for the privilege of destroying it, that he became so weary of her teasing, and to get rid of her annoyance, he told her she might destroy it and she had done so,

112 But, he had consented to her wish in this matter to pacify her, realizing that he knew the revelation perfectly, and could rewrite it at any time if necessary; the copy made by Joseph C. Kingsbury is a true and correct copy of the original in every respect.

113 The copy was carefully preserved by Bishop Whitney, and but few knew of its existence until the temporary location of the Camps of Israel at Winter Quarters, on the Missouri River, in 1846.

Notes:

a “Urim and Thummim” was corrected to “seer stone.”

b This was originally in the middle of verse 13 and 14, but was moved to increase readability and for clarity of message.

Section 17b

Questions on Celestial Marriage

A Revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, June 25-26, 1882. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 **Question:** Is the law of Celestial Marriage a law given to this nation or to the world?

2 **Answer:** No; in no other sense than as the Gospel is given, and in accordance with the laws thereof.

3 So far as it is made known unto men, it is made known unto them as the Gospel is made known unto them and is a part of the New and Everlasting Covenant;

4 And it is only those who receive the Gospel that are able to, or capable of, entering into this Covenant.

5 Have I not said through my servant Joseph that all kingdoms are governed by Law, and if they receive not the law of my Gospel, they cannot participate in the blessings of Celestial Marriage which pertains to mine elect?

6 No person, or people, or nation can enter into the principle of Celestial Marriage unless they come in by me, saith the Lord;

7 And obey the law of my Gospel through the medium of him who is appointed unto this power as made known unto my people through my servant Joseph in a Revelation on The Eternity of the Marriage Covenant, including Plurality of Wives.

8 I have therein stated that all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same;

9 For behold, I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to enter into my glory.

10 Furthermore: And as pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant, it was instituted for the fullness of my glory; and he that receiveth a fullness thereof must and shall abide the law, or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God.

11 It is again written that all kingdoms have a law given.

12 The Celestial Kingdom, including the promise of eternal life, pertains to “the Church of the First Born, even of God, the holiest of all, through Jesus Christ his Son;

13 Therefore, such must be sanctified from all unrighteousness that they may be prepared for the Celestial Glory.

14 For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory; and he who cannot abide the law of a terrestrial kingdom cannot abide a terrestrial glory.

15 And he who cannot abide the law of celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory; therefore he is not meet for a kingdom of glory; therefore, he must abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory.

16 Each of the persons inhabiting these several kingdoms shall be quickened by the same power that pertains to the kingdom that they are destined to inherit, whether celestial, terrestrial, or celestial; and shall receive of their respective glories.

Section 17c

The Sealing Power: Further Keys

Revelation received in Ohio on March 18, 2016. This section was originally Revelation 8 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 My servant David, I see thou hast sought after wisdom to gain my council, in this I am much pleased;

2 Thou hast sought to know more of the sealing power and behold more shall I reveal unto you.

3 Behold, there are more powers than one, yet they all bear the power to seal upon heaven and earth.

4 ¶ The keys of the High Priesthood, yea even the keys of an Elder and a High Priest and High Priestess;
5 Behold, these are the keys spoken of by me through my servant Joseph in the first section of my Book of Commandments and Doctrine and Covenants of the branches of my kingdom.

6 [DS 1:10] For I have declared through my servant Joseph: And verily, I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth:

7 [DS 1:11] To them is power given to seal, both on earth and in heaven,

8 [DS 1:12] The unbelieving and rebellious; yea, verily, to seal them up unto the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked, without measure,

9 [DS 1:13] Unto the day when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his work, and measure to every man, according to the measure which he has measure to his fellow man.

10 Behold, this is the sealing power thou hast, as a High Priest sealed unto me; and behold it is this power that my Church, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, uses to seal families in my temples;

11 ¶ And behold, this is but one type of the sealing power.

12 Yea, there is another that is given unto them that have their calling and election made sure; yea, and thou hast this gift bestowed unto thee as well, for thy calling and election is sure;

13 And this sealing is to be used for the benefit of the Church of the First Born, of which you are a part.

14 ¶ And there is a third and higher sealing of the priesthood which I was to bestow upon my servant Joseph;

15 Yet he was taken from the earth by wicked men before my temple was finished;

16 And it is this priesthood, and these keys which thou art to receive once my temple is complete, that my house might be in order.

17 ¶ Behold, my servant Joseph taught mine apostles before he was taken, and it was this endowment that they took with them into mine house upon completion;

18 Yea, and no more revelation was given, nor ask to be received; for my servants thought they had the fullness, or that they were not worthy to receive of that fullness;

19 Yet that fullness was and is yet to be revealed.

20 And these men added unto my endowment that which was of men;

21 And over time I have moved my servants, as they would hear me, to remove the portions that were not of me;

22 Yet they still hide my power and my blessings from the world, keeping secret that which is precious unto me;

23 Yea, they understand the sacredness of the ordnance, yet do not know that it is but in preparation for a greater power yet to come.

24 ¶ Therefore, I say unto thee, and unto those with ears to hear: Keep watch and obey my commandments.

25 And I say further unto thee: If this generation shall repent, and seek my face, behold; build my temple and they shall be anointed from on high;

26 And they that enter mine temple and are endowed from on high shall know me, and they shall see and be witnesses of me.

27 ¶ And it is for this cause have I commanded that ye build shall build a temple unto me, and in my name,

28 And I have prepared a way for this thing to be accomplished, should this generation hearken unto my Word.

29 And behold, if they do not, then thou shall be blessed, and they shall be cursed;

30 For damnation follows those that hear my voice and hearken not unto me; Behold, I come quickly, even so; Amen.

Section 17d

Questions on Marriage

Revelation received in Ohio on April 18, 2016 in answer to questions from the Saints regarding marriage and polygamy. In January of 2018 David was studying the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants, Section 132 with his wife. Upon reading the last verse he prayed to know when God would reveal more unto us as promised. He was told the two revelations given on this date (Sections 17d & 17e) were answers to this promise. This section was originally Revelation 9 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 After numerous inquiries from those both in and outside of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, I petitioned the Lord on the subject of polygamy.

2 The Lord told me he would answer the question in due time, but at this point He would not enlighten me on the subject.

3 Finally, in April, a family member asked about the topic, and I went again to the Lord.

4 The Lord asked me to prepare myself for a revelation, and after some days of prayer and meditation, the Lord gave us the answers to these much sought-after questions.

5 ¶ Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servants; even the Saints of the Fellowship of Christ:

6 Behold, verily I see that there are many both counted among you as fellows and those outside the Fellowship that have inquired as to my will in regard to marriage;

7 Particularly, there are those that do question my servant Joseph and those that followed the apostles after he was taken from the Earth.

8 ¶ Behold, here is wisdom: The sons and daughters of Elohim will marry and be given of marriage in the flesh;

9 Yet in the resurrection all things shall be restored, and none shall marry nor be given of marriage;

10 For in the resurrection all shall be as one, as it was before the world was; and these shall be brothers and sisters as all are creations of Elohim.

11 Yea, at the first time they are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, in the creation of Elohim; yea and these are even the Sons and Daughters of God;

12 And at the end of the final resurrection, they that shall rise in righteousness shall all be sealed as one, to restore that which was taken in the flesh to its purest form.

13 ¶ And these shall not be sons nor daughters, nor husbands nor wives; yet all shall be brothers and sisters in me;

14 Yea, and these shall be counted as my children, even the Children of Christ;

15 And in this they too shall be Sons and Daughters of God, and shall stand with me on the right hand of the Father;

16 For behold, I am not a God of the dead, but of the living, this and my Father also; who is my God and thy Father, and also thy God; and I am the Father and the Son;

17 And there shall be bodies of telestial, terrestrial, and celestial; given even as my grace shall suffice all that will come unto me.

18 Therefore, what doth it matter provided the children of Zion are raised in love and in righteousness?

19 ¶ Behold, my servant Joseph did take unto himself many wives, even wives that had been promised to another;

20 Did I not say into him that if a man receiveth a wife in the new and everlasting covenant, and if she be with another man, and I have not appointed unto her by the holy anointing, she hath committed adultery and shall be destroyed?

21 And ye see that my neither servant nor his wives were destroyed; and thus these were of me.

22 ¶ But behold, not all of his wives were sought in a manner pleasing unto me; for behold, his wife, Emma, knew of these things, yet she suffered greatly in her heart.

23 And some that he sought to take to wife he took with impatience, and these were not full grown into maturity;

24 Yea, and there was deceit among my Saints, thinking that a woman being sealed to one of my servants would place their family higher unto me.

25 Behold, it is I and I alone that have provided the grace sufficient for saving the souls of man;

26 And this sealing power was given unto my servant to make that which is on earth as it is in heaven, that the Father's will be done on the earth as it is in Heaven.

27 ¶ Behold, this is my will and commandment to my Saints in the Fellowship of Zion:

28 That ye love one another, and that ye teach that my grace be sufficient to save the souls of man, and that anything more or less than this is not of me.

29 For verily I say unto you, the keys of the dispensation, which ye have received by the hands of righteous men of my Church of Latter-day Saints have come down from their fathers;

30 And the keys from Raphael, who is and was Melchizedek; by the hands of this angel thou hast received, and my Saints may receive by the hands of my servant David, keys having been sent down from heaven unto you through him.

31 ¶ Verily I say unto you, and unto all those that are mine: Cleanse your hearts and your garments, lest the blood of this generation be required at your hands.

32 Be faithful until I come, for behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to recompense every man according as his work; so shall it be, for I am the lamb slain for the sins of the world; Even so, Amen.

33 After receiving this revelation, it was impressed upon my mind that this, plural marriage, was not something that the Lord thought on as much as man, except to say that the Lord is not pleased when men use plural marriage to indulge their lusts.

Section 17e

Given in Marriage

Revelation received in Ohio on April 18, 2016 in answer to questions from the Saints regarding marriage and polygamy. In January of 2018 David was studying the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants, Section 132 with his wife. Upon reading the last verse he prayed to know when God would reveal more unto us as promised. He was told the two revelations given on this date (Sections 17d & 17e) were answers to this promise. This section was originally Revelation 10 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto the Saints of the Fellowship of Christ: Hearken, and lo, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;

2 For the keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the Gospel roll forth and fill the whole earth.

3 Therefore, I say unto you: Blessed are they that receive mine everlasting covenant; even the fullness of my Gospel, sent forth unto the children of men, as it was written by the prophets and apostles in days of old.

4 ¶ Behold, if a man taketh unto himself a wife, so too doth a woman take the man as a husband unto her; yea and these are one flesh to grow together in my Grace.

5 And if these two, as one, decide as one to bring another into their hearts, they too shall become one;

6 Yea, the man and woman are one, and as they add another unto these, all art one in the sealing covenant, and there for one in me.

7 ¶ Yea, and I shall speak unto my people plainly: If any take unto themselves another husband or another wife they are one in me; and these are to raise all of their children unto me.

8 Behold, I say unto thee: that which is not of me is to take another as two, or in other words for a man or a woman to leave their spouse to cleave unto another.

9 ¶ And behold, I shall speak plainly unto my people: If a man is to take another wife, or a wife take another husband, and not cleave unto his first wife or her the first husband, and one puts the other away; behold, this is not of me.

10 ¶ And also know this: a man may have one wife or one hundred wives; this does nothing to bring them closer unto me or to unto my Father.

11 But behold, it is their unity that gives them strength and shows that they are of me: that my Grace is in them through the work that is the gift and sacrament of the sealing power;

12 For the natural man is full of pride and lust, but he that is of me is filled with love for one another; and these are not prone to jealousy or hardheartedness.

13 Therefore, I say unto thee: One man and one woman in the Lord, or if they are naturally drawn like unto like, then one man unto one man and one woman unto one woman in the Lord;

14 And these should be of age; which is to say, consenting adults in the eyes of both the laws of the land and the Lord your God;

15 For it is wisdom in me that those that wish to marry should wait to be eighteen years of age;

16 And if they seek to be joined of the Fellowship, these should be sealed by the sealing power given unto my servant David and given unto others as he sees fit by my Spirit; and these shall be one flesh:

17 For behold, all that hold the Keys to the High Priesthood hold these sealing powers, but to maintain peace and unity among my people only those holding the office of Pastor or Bishop, Patriarch or Matriarch, Seventy, or Apostle should perform such ordinances;

18 Or if they prefer, they may assign or give consent for another with the Key to perform the ordinance.

19 ¶ And if they as one desire to be sealed to another, be it a man or a woman, and they be found righteous, then behold: let them be sealed by my servant as one flesh, thus the three become one;

20 And if these, as one, desire to take another, it shall be as the Spirit shall moveth them;

21 But behold, those that wish to be sealed as a family of more adults than two, that is to be polygamous or polyandrous, should wait until twenty-one years of age;

22 And if they cannot legally marry let them be sealed by my Holy Priesthood that they are one in me.

23 ¶ And if the law of the land states they may not be bigamous, or share the same residence, then the law of man shall be obeyed as it was established;

24 And all shall be of age that none be found guilty of crimes against me or against the laws of their land.

25 Behold, if any breaketh the laws of their land they shall be sent away unless they repent.

26 ¶ And behold I say unto thee: He or she that taketh another spouse in my name shall be given them of the first spouse, every time; for this is the Law of Sarah.

27 And if the first spouse be sent away, the sealing shall be broken of all other spouses, except it be that the spouse flees in sin;

28 And if one wishes to leave a union formed by the law of Sarah, as the burden upon their hearts is too great, behold the Fellowship is to care for them even until they shall find another spouse in righteousness.

29 ¶ Behold: Man should not take such things lightly; be mindful of Adam, and Lilith, and Eve; yea and be mindful of Abraham, and Sarah, and Hagar;

30 For these were given in righteousness, yet sin made man abandon that which the Lord provided them.

31 ¶ And thou shalt ask of those wishing to marry:

32 Do you take upon yourself the name of Christ, being born again unto your redeemer?

33 And, do you desire to be sealed unto (person or persons) by the sealing power of the Holy Priesthood and in covenant to God?

34 And will you strive to move forward as one in Christ that the Holy Spirit may be in you and with you that you might be seal for all time and eternity?

35 Art thou obedient to the laws of thy land in this, yea even the kingdom of men?

36 And if they say unto thee, “yea” to all these, and art willing to rejoice and mourn with one with the others, and none do cause that any harm come to another;

37 Behold, these are my people and are worthy of me; they may partake of mine ordinances as my Spirit so leadeth them.

38 Yea, and those that are to be joined in marriage shall, at this time, do so according to the laws of their lands before being sealed by one with authority.

39 ¶ And if it so be that these desire to be sealed unto another, in the Law of Sarah, yet it is not lawful for them to be wed, yet it is lawful for them to be sealed to one another by the power of my Holy Priesthood, then these shall be seal, but not wed as to the laws of man.

40 And behold, when these shall be joined there shall be two witnesses; one at the right and one at the left of the one that holds the sealing keys to stand at the altar;

41 And they that are to be joined shall kneel one before the other at the altar; and if any desire to be given another, behold their first shall be asked:

42 Do you give your spouse unto this person to live in harmony within the Law of Sarah?

43 And if they say thee “nay,” then behold; their spouse shall not take another;

44 But if they say thee “yea,” then behold these shall be joined and become one in my name.

45 ¶ And all those sealed unto these shall too gather around the altar, kneeling with their hands upon the altar;

46 And those to be joined shall be asked to rest their hands upon the hands of the current spouse or spouses, as a sign or covenant of support as they too shall be sealed; and all these shall be one in me.

47 And then they may be sealed, by the power of my Holy Priesthood, for time and all eternity;

48 And then ye may seal upon them the blessings of the holy resurrection, with power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, clothed in glory, and immortality;

49 Then shall ye seal upon them the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and say unto them: Have joy and rejoicing in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

50 And all these blessings, together with all the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, shall ye seal upon them by virtue of my Holy Priesthood, through their faithfulness;

51 And this shall ye do in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

52 ¶ And behold, if any with children desire to be sealed too one to another, that the hearts of the fathers be turned to the children and the hearts of the children be turned to their fathers;

53 And these are they which were not before sealed when these children were born;

54 Yea, these shall ye gather around the altar with their parents;

55 And my servant, with authority to seal one to another shall, by the authority of my Holy Priesthood, seal them as one in me, calling each by name;

56 And this they shall do for time and all eternity, as an heir or heirs as though they had been born in the new and everlasting covenant;

57 And this they too shall do in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

58 ¶ And by this shall my people covenant one with another;

59 But behold, thou shalt not make such covenants lightly; for I am the Lord thy God, and I shall not be mocked.

60 Commit not adultery, but be true to thine covenants; and all art to keep these sayings, for they are true and faithful;

61 Continue in these things even unto the end, that thou may be crowned in eternal life at the right hand of my Father, who is full of grace and truth;

62 Thus saith the Lord your God who is the Alpha and Omega; your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ;
Amen.

Section 18a

The Law of Sarah

Revelation received in Ohio on January 11, 2018. David was studying the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants, Section 132 with his wife. Upon reading the last verse he prayed to know when the Lord would reveal more unto us as promised. The following day he was given this revelation. This section was originally Revelation 13 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

- 1 One evening in January of 2018, I felt compelled to sit down with my wife, Kristine, and go over Latter-day Saint Doctrine and Covenants Section 132;
- 2 I was inspired that the revelations given me in April of 2016 were some of the promised additional information the Lord said He would share with the Saints.
- 3 We sat down together and poured over the Section a little at a time, going over together what we each understood it to say.
- 4 We then went over the two revelations given to me and saw that our eyes were opened to greater understanding of this Section.
- 5 The following day, I went to the Lord in prayer to inquire more on the Law of Sarah.
- 6 And the Lord came to me, saying: Hearken, O ye people of my Fellowship; my servants and my friends; even the Saints of the Fellowship of Christ, I say unto thee: Hearken unto my voice!
- 7 The Keys of the Law of Sarah, named after Abraham's first wife, are given to those that are called to and accepted by revelation, and by my Word for the woman to heed my voice;
- 8 And these Keys are not given unto the husband; yet they are one flesh, and they shall go forth as one flesh in acceptance of this, my Law.
- 9 ¶ As I have said unto thee, my servant Joseph did not fully obey my voice, for he did not listen to the voice of my handmaiden, Emma;
- 10 And thus, I sent an angel with a flaming sword, commanding him in the name of the Lord to repent;
- 11 And it was because of this that the Church that he had organized in my name fell into disarray and was divided, torn asunder, when I took him.
- 12 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee: The Law of Sarah is the keys of the Priesthood, as given unto women as equal partners with their husbands.
- 13 Yea, and it is the Spirit of Revelation given them of discernment for those that are married in the Lord, which is to say Sealed for time and eternity by the Holy Priesthood, which is the High Priesthood.
- 14 For behold, a Priest may marry one unto another for time, but with the High Priesthood lies the Keys of the Sealing Power,
- 15 Yea up unto the Keys of the Holy Spirit of Promise, which are given unto only one at a time upon the face of the earth; and this is done that there be no confusion among the children of men.
- 16 And the Law of Sarah is given that the man does not overstep his authority, as he and his wife are one flesh in my name, whether they be married for time or sealed for eternity;
- 17 Thus, the woman is no longer given or taken in marriage, for this was a lesser Law given from Moses that taught a stiffnecked people that would not harken unto my Higher Law.
- 18 For were they not taught that Eve came from Adam's rib? Yea, even from the side of man?
- 19 Yet they understood not the meaning of this saying; and thus they put the woman just below man, as are the angels; but behold, men and women are equal in me.
- 20 ¶ And behold, I, even I: Jesus who is the Christ, did teach unto them that could not hear when I walked as man upon the earth:
- 21 The children of this world marry and are given in marriage; but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain heaven, and the resurrection of the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage (see Luke 20:34-35).
- 22 And they understood not the higher Law, for I said unto them, those that follow the higher Law give unto one another, and these are not given, nor are they taken but allow themselves to join one with the other.

23 And this too I say unto those that are attracted like unto like, for I am One God, and what I say unto one people, I say unto all.

24 ¶ Behold, I have more to say unto thee, my Fellowship, regarding the Law of Sarah, yet at this time this shall suffice; I shall come unto thee again when ye have need;

25 For line upon line, precept upon precept shall I teach my people; yea here a little, and there a little; milk before meat.

26 For now, here is wisdom: Do all things in me, in my name; love one another in righteousness; worry not about what is past, but what is to come. Even so, Amen.

27 ¶ As the revelation ended, it was clear that the Lord had more to reveal to His Saints, but that at this point in the organization of the Fellowship, that information is not yet needed.

28 ¶ The following year, on January 2, 2019 I ordained my wife a High Priestess to the Most High God, giving her the keys and authority to help find and set apart the Elect Lady of the Fellowship.

29 The next day, the Lord instructed me to lay my hands upon her head again give to her the keys of the Law of Sarah.

30 These, I was told, were given me when I was ordained by the angel Raphael, and she may now pass them on to the Sisterhood of Christ.

Section 19a

A Revelation to Hiram Smith

A Revelation to Hiram Smith given through Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer received in part at Manchester, New York, and Palmyra New York soon after Oliver's calling to the ministry. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "nineteenth commandment," likely given in April 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 21:2 for Community of Christ and Section 23:3 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 29. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 [21:2a1/23:3a] Behold I speak unto you, Hiram, a few words; for thou also art under no condemnation.
- 2 [21:2a2/23:3b] And thy heart is opened, and thy tongue loosed; and thy calling is to exhortation and to strengthen the Church continually.
- 3 [21:2b/23:3c] Wherefore, thy duty is unto the Church forever; and this because of thy family. *Amen.*

Section 19b

A Revelation to Samuel Smith

A Revelation to Samuel Smith, given through Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer received in part at Manchester, New York soon after Oliver's calling to the ministry. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twentieth commandment," likely given in April 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 21:3 for Community of Christ and Section 23:4 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 29-30. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 [21:3a1/23:4a] Behold, I speak a few words unto you, Samuel, for thou also art under no condemnation.
- 2 [21:3a2/23:4b] And thy calling is to exhortation to strengthen the Church;
- 3 [21:3a3/23:4b] And thou art not as yet called to preach before the world; Amen.

Section 19c

A Revelation to Joseph Smith Sr.

A Revelation to Joseph Smith Sr. given through Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer received in part at Palmyra New York soon after Oliver's calling to the ministry. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-first commandment," likely given in April 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 21:4 for Community of Christ and Section 23:5 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 30. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 [21:4a1/23:5a] Behold, I speak a few words unto you Joseph Smith Sr., for thou art under no condemnation.
- 2 [21:4a2/23:5b] And thy calling also is to exhortation, and to strengthen the Church;
- 3 [21:4a3/23:5c] And this is thy duty from henceforth and forever; Amen.

Section 19d

A Revelation to Joseph Knight Sr.

A Revelation to Joseph Knight Sr. given through Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer received in part at Palmyra New York soon after Oliver's calling to the ministry. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-second commandment," likely given in April 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 21:5 for Community of Christ and Section 23:6-7 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 30. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [21:5a/23:6] Behold I manifest unto you by these words that thou must take up thy Cross, in the which thou must pray vocally before the world as well as in secret; and in thy family, and among thy friends, and in all places.

2 [21:5b/23:7] Behold, it is thy duty to unite with the true Church and give thy language to exhortation continually, that thou mayest receive the reward of the laborer; Amen.

Section 20a

To Joseph Smith Jr. & All Called to the Ministry

A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer and Oliver Cowdery given at Harmony, Pennsylvania telling them concerning their calls, and all they call to the ministry. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-fifth commandment" likely given in the summer AD 1830, maybe July. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 23 for Community of Christ, and Section 24 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 32-34.

- 1 [23:1a/24:1a] Behold thou wast called and chosen to write the Book of Mormon and to my ministry;
- 2 [23:1b/24:1b] And I have lifted thee up out of thine afflictions and have counseled thee that thou hast been delivered from all thine enemies, and thou hast been delivered from the power of Satan and from darkness.
- 3 [23:1c/24:2] Nevertheless, thou art not excusable in thy transgressions; nevertheless, go thy way and sin no more.
- 4 [23:2a/24:3] ¶ Magnify thy office, and after that thou hast sowed thy fields and secured them, then go speedily unto the Church which is in Colesvill Fayette, and Manchester and they shall support thee, and I will bless them both spiritually and temporally;
- 5 [23:2b/24:4] But if they receive thee not, I will send upon them a cursing instead of a blessing.
- 6 [23:3a1/24:5a] ¶ And thou shalt continue in calling upon my name and writing the things which shall be given thee by the Comforter.
- 7 [23:3a2/24:5b-6a] And thou shalt expound all scriptures unto the Church, and it shall be given thee in the very moment what thou shalt speak and write,
- 8 [23:3b/24:6b] And they shall hear it or I will send unto them a cursing instead of a blessing,
- 9 [23:4a/24:7] ¶ For thou shalt devote all thy service to in Zion, and in this thou shalt have strength.
- 10 [23:4b/24:8] Be patient in afflictions, for thou shalt have many but endure them, for Lo! I am with thee even unto the end of thy days.
- 11 [23:4c/24:9a] And in temporal labors thou shalt not have strength, for this is not thy calling.
- 12 [23:4d/24:9b] Attend to thy calling, and thou shalt have wherewith to magnify thine office and to expound all scriptures and continue in the laying on of the hands^a and confirming the Churches.
- 13 [23:5a1/24:10a] ¶ And thy brother Oliver Shall continue in bearing my name before the world and also to the Church.
- 14 [23:5a2/24:10b] And he shall not suppose that he can say enough in my cause; and Lo! I am with him to the end.
- 15 [23:5b/24:11] In me he shall have glory, and not of himself—whether in weakness or in strength, whether in bonds or free;
- 16 [23:5c1/24:12a] And at all times and in all places he shall open his mouth and declare my Gospel as with the voice of a Trump both day and night.
- 17 [23:5c2/24:12b] And I will give unto him strength such as is not known among men.
- 18 [23:6a1/24:13a] ¶ Require not miracles, except I shall command you; except casting out devils, healing the sick, and against poisonous serpents, and against deadly poison;
- 19 [23:6a2/24:14] And these things ye shall not do, except it be required of you by them who desire it, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled; for ye shall do according to that which is written in the Scriptures^b.
- 20 [23:6b/24:15] And in whatsoever place ye shall enter in and they receive you not in my name, ye shall leave a cursing instead of a blessing by casting off the dust of your feet against them as a testimony, and cleansing your feet by the wayside.
- 21 [23:7a/24:16] And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall lay their hands upon you by violence ye shall command to be smitten in my name and behold I will smite them according to thy words in mine own due time.

22 [23:7b/24:17] And whosoever shall go to law with thee shall be cursed by the Law.

23 [23:7c1/24:18] ¶ And thou shalt take no purse nor scrip, neither staves, neither two coats; for the Church shall give unto thee in the very hour what thou needest for food, and for raiment, for shoes and for Money and for scrip;

24 [23:7c2/24:19a] For thou art called to prune my vineyard with a mighty pruning, yea, even for the last time;

25 [23:7d/24:19b] Yea, and also all those whom thou hast ordained, and they shall do even according to this pattern; Amen.

Note:

- a See DoS 5a:9
- e See Matthew 10:14–15; Acts 13:51.

Section 20b

By Common Consent

A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer, Oliver Cowdery, and John Whitmer given at Harmony, Pennsylvania. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-sixth commandment" likely given in the summer AD 1830, maybe July. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 25 for Community of Christ, and Section 26 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 34.

1 [25:1a/26:1] Behold I say unto you that ye shall let your time be devoted to the studying the Scriptures and to preaching and to confirming the Church at Colesville and to performing thy labors on the land such as is required until after ye shall go to the West to hold the next conference^a then it shall be made known what thou shalt do.

2 [25:1b/26:2] And all things shall be done by Common Consent^b in the Church, by much prayer and faith, for all things ye shall receive by faith, and thus it is; Amen.

Note:

- a Referring to the conference held 26–28 September 1830 at Fayette, New York.
- b The Assembly of Saints gather to vote to ensure all things are done by common consent. See DoS 5b:44

Section 21

A Revelation to Six Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "twenty-ninth commandment" likely given in AD 1830, maybe in September. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 28 for Community of Christ, and Section 29 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 36-40. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to Six Elders of the Church and three members: they understood from Holy Writ that the time had come that the People of God should see eye to eye;

2 And, they seeing somewhat different upon the death of Adam (that is his transgression), therefor they made it a subject of Prayer and enquired of the Lord.

3 [28:1a1/29:1] ¶ And thus came the Word of the Lord through Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer, saying: Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer the great I AM whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins,

4 [28:1a2/29:2] Who will gather His people even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, even as many as will hearken to my voice and humble themselves before me and call upon me in mighty prayer.

5 [28:1b1/29:3a] Behold: Verily, verily, I say unto you at this time: Your sins are forgiven you;

6 [28:1b2/29:3b] Therefore, ye receive these things; but remember to sin no more, lest perils shall come upon you.

7 [28:2a/29:4] ¶ Verily I say unto you that ye are chosen out of the world to declare my Gospel with the sound of rejoicing as with the voice of a trump;

8 [28:2b/29:5] Lift up your hearts and be glad, for I AM in your midst and *I AM* your advocate with the Father, and it is His good will to give you the Kingdom.

9 [28:2c1/29:6] And as it is written: Whatsoever ye shall ask^a in faith being united in prayer according to my command ye shall receive.

10 [28:2c2/29:7] And ye are called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect; for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts;

11 [28:2d1/29:8a] Wherefore, the decree hath gone forth from the Father that they shall be gathered in unto one place upon the face of this land to prepare their hearts and be prepared in all things against the day of tribulation.

12 [28:2d2-e1/29:8b-9a] And desolation is sent forth upon the wicked, for the hour is nigh and the day soon at hand when the Earth is ripe;

13 [28:2e2/29:9b] And all the proud, and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble;

14 [28:2e3/29:9c] And I will burn them up, that wickedness shall not be upon the Earth.

15 [28:2f/29:10] For the hour is nigh *and the day soon at hand*^b which was spoken by mine Apostles must be fulfilled; for as they spoke, so shall it come to pass;

16 [28:2g/29:11] For I will reveal myself from Heaven with power and great glory with all the hosts thereof and dwell in righteousness with men on Earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

17 [28:3a-b1/29:12a] And again, Verily, verily, I say unto you and it hath gone forth in a firm decree by the will of the Father that mine Apostles^c, the Twelve which were with me in my ministry at Jerusalem, shall stand at my right hand at the day of my coming, in a pillar of fire being clothed with robes of righteousness, with crowns upon their heads in glory,

18 [28:3b2/29:12b] Even as I am to Judge the whole House of Israel; even as many as have loved me and kept my commandments, and none else;

19 [28:3c1/29:13a] For a trump shall sound, both long and loud, even as upon mount Sinai, and all the Earth shall quake.

20 [28:3c2/29:13b] And they shall come forth, yea, even the dead which died in me, to receive a Crown of righteousness (*Keter*) and to be clothed upon, even as I AM, to be with me, that we may be one,

21 [28:4a1/29:14a] But, Behold I say unto you that before this great day shall come the Sun shall be darkened and the moon shall be turned into blood^d,

22 [28:4a2-b1/29:14b-15] And some stars shall fall from Heaven^e, and there shall be greater signs in the Heaven above and in the Earth beneath, *and there shall be weeping^f* and wailing among the host of men;

23 [28:4b2/29:16] And there shall be a great hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the Earth.

24 [28:4c1/29:17a] And it shall come to pass, because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent; for the cup of mine indignation is full;

25 [28:4c2/29:17b] For behold, my blood shall not cleanse them^g if they repent not.

26 [28:5a/29:18] Wherefore I will send forth flies upon the face of the Earth, which shall take hold of the inhabitants thereof and shall eat their flesh, and shall cause maggots to come in upon them,

27 [28:5b/29:19] And their tongues shall be stayed that they shall not utter against me, and their flesh shall fall from off their bones, and their eyes from their sockets;

28 [28:5c1/29:20] And it shall come to pass that their the beasts of the forest, and the fowls of the air shall devour them up.

29 [28:5c2/29:21] And that great and abominable Church, which is the whore^h of all the Earth, shall be cast down by devouring fire according as it was spoken by the mouth of Ezekielⁱ the Prophet, which spoke of these things which have not come to pass as yet but surely must as I live, for abominations shall not reign.

30 [28:6a/29:22-23a] And again: Verily, verily I say unto you that when the thousand years^j are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the Earth but for a little Season; and then the end shall come.

31 [28:6b/29:23b] And the Heaven and the Earth shall be consumed and pass away, and there shall be a New Heaven and a New Earth;

32 [28:6c1/29:24a] For all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new, even the Heaven and the Earth.

33 [28:6c2/29:24b] And all the fulness thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea.

34 [28:6d/29:25] And not one hair neither mote shall be lost, for it is the workmanship of mine hand.

35 [28:7a1/29:26a] But verily, I say unto you: Before the Earth shall pass away, Michael mine Archangel, shall sound his trumpet, and then shall all the dead awake,

36 [28:7a1/29:26b] For their graves shall be opened, and they shall come forth^k; yea even all.

37 [28:7b/29:27] 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.

38 [28:7c/29:28] Wherefore, I will say unto them: Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire^l prepared for the devil and his Angels!

39 [28:8a/29:29] And now, behold, I say unto you: Never at any time have I declared from mine own mouth that they should return, for where I am they cannot come, for they have no power;

40 [28:8b1/29:30a] But remember that all my Judgements (*Geverah*) are not given unto men;

41 [28:8b2-c1/29:30b] And as the words have gone forth out of my mouth even so shall they be fulfilled that the first^m shall be last and that the last shall be first in all things whatsoever I have created by the Word of my power, which is the power of my Spirit;

42 [28:8c2-d1/29:31] For by the Power of my Spirit created I them, yea all things; both spiritual and temporarily;

43 [28:8d2/29:32a] Firstly spiritual, secondly temporally, which is the beginning of my work.

44 [28:8d3-e1/29:32b-33a] And again, firstly temporal and secondly spiritual which is the last of my work, speaking unto you that ye may naturally understand.

45 [28:8e2/29:33b] But unto myself my work hath no end neither beginning;

46 [28:8e3/29:33c] But it is given unto you that ye may understand because ye have asked it of me and are agreed.

47 [28:9a/29:34] Wherefore, verily I say unto you that all things unto me are Spiritual and not at any time have I given unto you a Law which was carnalⁿ; neither any man nor the children of men; neither Adam your father whom I created.

48 [28:9b1/29:35a] Behold, I gave unto him that he should be an agent unto himself:

49 [28:9b2-c1/29:35b] And I gave unto him a commandment, but no carnalⁿ commandment gave I unto him, for my commandments are spiritual;

50 [28:9c2/29:35c] They are not Natural nor temporal, neither carnal nor sensual.

51 [27:10a1/29:36a] And it came to pass that Adam, being tempted of the Devil; for behold, the devil was before Adam;

52 [28:10a2-b1/29:36b] For he rebelled against me saying: Give me thine honor! which is my power;

53 [28:10b2/29:36c] And also, a third part of the host of Heaven turned he away^o from me because of their agency,

54 [28:10c1/29:37] And they were thrust down and thus came the Devil and his Angels.

55 [28:10c2-d1/29:38] And behold a place prepared for them from the beginning, which place is Hell.

56 [28:10d1/29:39a] And it must needs be that the devil should tempt the children of men, or they could not be agents unto themselves;

57 [28:10d2/29:39b] For if they never should have bitter, they could not know^p the Sweet.

58 [28:11a/29:40] Wherefore, it came to pass that the devil tempted^q Adam and he partook of the forbidden fruit and transgressed the commandment, wherein he became subject to the will of the devil because he yielded unto temptation.

59 [28:11b-c1/29:41a] Wherefore, I the Lord God, caused that he should be cast out from the Garden of Eden from my presence because of his transgression wherein, he became spiritually dead;

60 [28:11c2/29:41b] Which death is the first death, even that same death which is the last death, which is spiritual, which shall be pronounced upon the wicked,

61 [28:11c3/29:41c] *Which shall be^r* when I shall say: “Depart ye Cursed!”

62 [28:12a/29:42] But behold, I say unto you that I the Lord God gave unto Adam and unto his seed that they should not die as to the temporal death until I, the Lord God, should send forth Angels^s to declare unto them Repentance and redemption through faith on the name of mine only begotten Son

63 [28:12b/29:43a] And thus did I, the Lord God, appoint unto man the days of his probation:

64 [28:12c1/29:43b] That by his natural death he might be raised in immortality unto eternal life even as many as would believe *on my name^t*;

65 [28:12c2-d1/29:44] And they that believe not unto eternal damnation, for they cannot be redeemed from their spiritual fall because they repent not;

66 [28:12d2/29:45] For they love darkness more than light, and their deeds are evil, and they receive their wages of whom they list to obey.

67 [28:13a1/29:46] But behold, I say unto you that little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through Mine only Begotten;

68 [28:13a2/29:47] Wherefore they cannot sin, for power is not given to Satan to tempt little children until they begin to be accountable before me;

69 [28:13b/29:48] For it is given unto them even as I will according to mine own pleasure, that great things may be required at the hand of their fathers.

70 [28:14a/29:49] And again I say unto you that whoso having knowledge, have not I commanded to repent?

71 [28:14b/29:50a] And he that hath no understanding it remaineth in me to do according as it is written^u.

72 [28:14c/29:50b] And now behold, I declare no more unto you at this time; Amen.

Notes:

- a See Matthew 7:7-8
- b “and the day soon at hand” was an original part of the revelation crossed out in RB1 pg. 37, see also Revelation 1:1-3.
- c See Matthew 19:28
- d See Joel 2:31, Acts 2:20, Revelation 6:12
- e See Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:25
- f “And there shall be weeping” is not included in earliest copy of this revelation, it is included here as it does not alter the meaning or direction of the text.
- g See Helaman 2:72 RAV, 5:10 OPV
- h See Revelation 17:1-19:3
- i See Ezekiel the Tragedian 141-143
- j See Revelation 20:7

- k See Revelation 20:5
- l See Matthew 25:31-46, Revelation 20:12-15
- m See Matthew 19:30
- n “carnal” in Orson Hyde’s copy, “temporal” in RB1
- o See Revelation 12:4-9
- p See 2 Nephi 1:95-100 RAV, 2:14b-16 OPV
- q Book of Remembrance 7:5-11, 8:15-18
- r “Which shall be” was written in RB1 pg. 39 but crossed out, it has been put back in by inspiration.
- s Book of Remembrance 7:5-11, 8:41-45, 10:1-2
- t “on my name” is not included in earliest copy of this revelation, but is included in RB1 pg. 40 crossed out; it is included here per inspiration.
- u See Moroni 8:25-26 RAV, 8:22 OPV

Section 22a

A Revelation to Oliver Cowdery

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "eighteenth," and the "thirtieth" commandments likely given in April and September 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Sections 21 (1-3) and 27 (5-21) for Community of Christ, and Sections 23 (1-3) and 28 (5-21) for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 40-41. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [21:1a1/23:1a] Behold I say unto you, Oliver, a few words: Behold thou art blessed and art under no condemnation,

2 [21:1a2/23:1b] But beware of pride lest thou shouldest enter into temptation.

3 [21:1b/23:2] Make known thy calling unto the Church and also before the world and thy heart shall be opened to preach the truth from henceforth and forever; Amen.

4 A Revelation to Oliver Cowdery his call to the preach to the *Native Americans*^a given at Fayette New York.

5 [27:1/28:1] Behold, I say unto you Oliver that it shall be given thee that thou shalt be heard by the Church in all things whatsoever thou shalt teach them by the Comforter concerning the revelations and commandments which I have given.

6 [27:2a/28:2] But Behold; verily, verily, I say unto you: No one shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this Church excepting my servant Joseph Smith Jr., for he receiveth them even as Moses;

7 [27:2b/28:3] And thou shalt be obedient unto the things which I shall give unto him, even as Aaron, to declare faithfully the commandments and the Revelations with power and authority unto the Church.

8 [27:2c/28:4] And, if thou art led at any time by the Comforter to speak or teach, or at all times by the way of commandment unto the Church, thou mayest do it;

9 [27:2d1/28:5-6] But thou shalt not write by way of commandment *unto the Church*^b, but by wisdom, and thou shalt not command him which is at thy head, and at the head of the Church;

10 [27:2d2/28:7] For I have given him the keys of the mysteries of the revelations which are sealed until I shall appoint unto him another in his stead.

11 [27:3a-b1/28:8a] ¶ And now, Behold I say unto you that thou shalt go unto the *Native Americans*^a and preach my Gospel unto them, and cause my Church to be established among them.

12 [27:3b2/28:8b] And thou shalt have revelations but write them not by the way of commandment.

13 [27:3c/28:9a] And now, behold, I say unto you that it is not revealed, and no man knoweth where the city^c shall be built, but it shall be given hereafter;

14 [27:3d/28:9b] Behold I say unto you that it shall be among the *Native Americans*^a.

15 [27:4a/28:10] Thou shalt not leave this place until after the conference^d, and my servant Joseph Smith Jr. shall be appointed to rule the conference by the voice of it^e and what he saith to thee, that thou shalt tell.

16 [27:4b1/28:11] ¶ And again, thou shalt take thy Brother Hiram Page between him and thee alone and tell him that those things which he hath written from that Stone are not of me, and that Satan deceiveth him;

17 [27:4b2-c1/28:12] For behold, those things have not been appointed unto him; neither shall anything be appointed unto any of this Church contrary to the Church *Articles and*^f *Covenants*^g,

18 [27:4c2/28:13] For all things must be done in order, and by Common Consent^h in the Church, by the prayer of faith.

19 [27:5a/28:14] And thou shalt settle all these things according to the Covenants of the Church before thou shalt take thy journey among the *Native Americans*^a

20 [27:5b/28:15] And it shall be given thee from the time that thou shalt go, until the time that thou shalt return what thou shalt do;

21 [27:5c/28:16] And thou must open thy mouth at all times, declaring my Gospel with the sound of rejoicing; even so Amen.

Note:

- a Originally “Lamanites.” The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi.
- b Crossed out in RB1 pg 41, added back in by inspiration.
- c The city of God where the Saints will gather and dwell.
- d Referring to the conference held 26–28 September 1830 at Fayette, New York.
- e Referring to his being called to lead this Church by the Assembly of Saints, see DoS 20b:1
- f Crossed out in RB1 pg 41, added back in as this is the full title
- g See DoS 2
- h See DoS 20b:2

Section 22b

A Revelation to David Whitmer

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-first commandment" likely given in September 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 29:1 for Community of Christ, and Section 30:1-4 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 42. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment to David Whitmer telling him that he feared man more than God given at Fayette New York.

2 [29:1a/30:1] ¶ Behold I say unto you, David Whitmer, that thou hast feared man and hast not relied upon me for strength as thou hast ought;

3 [29:1b1/30:2a] But thy mind has been on the things of Earth more than on the things of me, thy Maker, and the ministry whereunto thou hast been called;

4 [29:1b2/30:2b] And thou hast not given heed unto my Spirit nor to those^a who were set over thee; but hast been persuaded by those whom I have not commanded.

5 [29:1c/30:3] Wherefore, thou art left to enquire for thy self at my hand, and ponder upon the things which you have received.

6 [29:1d/30:4a] And thy home shall be at thy fathers house until I give unto thee further commandment.

7 [29:1e/30:4b] And thou shalt attend to the ministry in the Church, and before the world, and in these regions round about; Amen.

Note:

- a Hiram Page was using his own seer stone to receive revelations, and Joseph Smith Jr. is here using his peep stone to receive a revelation letting David Whitmer know that Hiram Page does not have the authority to receive revelation for Joseph Smith Jr.'s denomination. See DoS 22a:13-15

Section 22c

A Revelation to Peter Whitmer Jr.

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-second commandment" likely given in September 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 29:2 for Community of Christ, and Section 30:5-8 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 42. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to Peter Whitmer Jr., his calling to the *Native Americans*^a given at Fayette New York.

2 [29:2a1/30:5a] ¶ Behold I say unto you Peter, that thou shalt take thy Journey with thy Brother Oliver Cowdery;

3 [29:2a2/30:5b] For the time has come that it is expedient in me that thou shalt open thy mouth to declare my Gospel;

4 [29:2b/30:5c] Therefore, fear not but give heed unto the words and advice of thy Brother which he shall give thee.

5 [29:2c1/30:6a] And be thou afflicted in all his afflictions, ever lifting thy heart up unto me in prayer and faith, for thine and his deliverance,

6 [29:2c2/30:6b] For I have given unto him to build my Church among thy Brethren the *Native Americans*^a;

7 [29:2d/30:7] *And* none have I appointed to be over him in the Church except it is his Brother Joseph Smith Jr.;

8 [29:2e2/30:8] Wherefore, give heed unto these things and be diligent in keeping my commandments, and thou shalt be blessed unto eternal life; and thus it is. Amen.

Note:

- a. Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi.

Section 22d

A Revelation to John Whitmer

According to Revelation Book 1, these revelations are the "thirty-third" and "fiftieth" commandments the first likely given in September 1830, the second March 8, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Sections 29:3 and 47 for Community of Christ, and Sections 30:9-11 and 47 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 43, and 79-80. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to John Whitmer; his call to the Ministry given at Fayette New York.

2 [29:3a/30:9] ¶ Wherefore, behold I say unto John that thou shalt commence from this time forth to proclaim my Gospel as with the voice of a trump;

3 [29:3b1/30:10a] And thy labor shall be at thy Brother Philip Burroughs' and in that region round about;

4 [29:3b2/30:10b] Yea, wheresoever thou canst be heard until I command thee to go from hence.

5 [29:3c1/30:11a] And thy whole labor shall be in my Zion with all thy soul from henceforth;

6 [29:3c2/30:11b] Yea, thou shalt ever open thy mouth in my cause not fearing what man can do for I am with thee even so; Amen.

7 ¶ Given at Kirtland Ohio to John Whitmer in consequence of not feeling reconciled to write at the request of Joseph without a commandment:

8 [47:1a/47:1] ¶ Behold, it is expedient that my servant John should write and keep a regular history and assist my servant, Joseph Smith Jr. in transcribing all things which shall be given him.

9 [47:1b/47:2] And again, verily I say unto you that ye can also lift up your voice in meetings whenever it shall be expedient.

10 [47:2a/47:3] And again I say unto you, that it shall be appointed unto you to keep the Church Record, and history continually; for Oliver Cowdery I have appointed to another office,

11 [47:2b/47:4] Wherefore it shall be given thee by the Comforter to write these things; Even so, Amen.

Section 22e

A Revelation to Thomas B. Marsh

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-fourth commandment" likely given in September 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 30 for Community of Christ, and Section 31 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

- 1 A Revelation to Thomas B. Marsh; his call to the Ministry given at Fayette New York.
 - 2 [30:1a/31:1] ¶ Thomas my Son: Blessed art thou Because of thy faith in my words.
 - 3 [30:1b1/31:2a] Behold, thou hast had many afflictions because of thy family;
 - 4 [30:1b2/31:2b] Nevertheless, I will bless thee and thy family, yea thy little ones, and the day cometh that they will believe and know the truth and be one with thee in my Church;
 - 5 [30:2a1/31:3a] Lift up thy heart and rejoice, for the hour of thy mission is come;
 - 6 [30:2a2/31:3b] And thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shalt declare glad tidings of great joy unto this generation.
 - 7 [30:2b/31:4a] ¶ Thou shalt declare the things which have been revealed unto my Servant Joseph Smith Jr.
 - 8 [30:2c-d1/31:4b-5a] Thou shalt begin to preach from this time forth, yea to reap in the field which is white already to be burned; therefore, thrust in thy sickle with all thy soul.
 - 9 [30:2d2/31:5b] And thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be laden with sheaves upon thy back for the laborer is worthy of his hire; wherefore thy family shall live.
 - 10 [30:3a/31:6] ¶ Behold, verily I say unto thee: Go from them only for a little time and declare my Word and I will prepare a place for them;
 - 11 [30:3a1/31:7] Yea, I will open the hearts of the people and they will receive thee, and I will establish a Church by thy hand;
 - 12 [30:3b2/31:8] And thou shalt strengthen them and prepare them against the time when the gathering shall be.
 - 13 [30:3c1/31:9a] Be patient in afflictions and sufferings revile not against those that revile;
 - 14 [30:3c2/31:9b] Govern thy house in meekness and be steadfast.
 - 15 [30:4a/31:10] ¶ Behold, I say unto thee that thou shalt be a physician unto the Church but not unto the world, for they will not receive thee;
 - 16 [30:4b1/31:11a] Go thy way whithersoever I will and it shall be given thee by the Comforter what thou shalt do,
 - 17 [30:4b2-c1/31:11b-12] And whither thou shalt go, pray always lest ye enter into temptation and lose thy reward.
 - 18 [30:4c2/31:13a] Be faithful unto the end and lo, I am with you.
- [30:4d/31:13b] ¶ These words are not of man, neither of men; but of me, even Jesus Christ your Redeemer, by the will of the Father; even so, Amen.

Section 22f

A Revelation to Parley P. Pratt

Revelation given in early October 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 31 for Community of Christ, and Section 32 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 2, pages 84-85. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A Revelation to Parley P. Pratt to go to the wilderness:
- 2 [31:1a/32:1] ¶ And now concerning my servant Parley: Behold I say unto him that as I live, I will that he shall declare my gospel and learn of me and be meek and lowly of heart;
- 3 [31:1b/32:2] And that which I have appointed unto him is that he shall go with my servants Oliver Cowdery, and Peter Whitmer Jr. into the wilderness among the *Native Americans*^a.
- 4 [31:1c/32:3] And Ziba Peterson also shall go with them, and I myself will go with them, and be in their midst—and I AM, their Advocate with the Father; and nothing shall prevail *against them*.
- 5 [31:1d1/32:4a] And they shall give heed to that which is written and pretend to no other revelation;

6 [31:1d2/32:4b] And they shall pray always that I may unfold them to their understanding;
7 [31:1e/32:5] And they shall give heed unto these words and trifle not and I will bless them; Amen.

Note:

- a. Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi.

Section 22g
**A Revelation to
Ezra Thayer & Northrop Sweet**

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-fifth & thirty-sixth commandments" given in October 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 32 for Community of Christ, and Section 33 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 44-45. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Commandment to Ezra Thayer and Northrop Sweet; their call to the ministry given at Fayette New York, saying:

2 [32:1a-b/33:1] ¶ I say unto you, Thayer and Northrop Sweet: Open ye your ears and hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, whose word is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow, soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart;

3 [32:1c/33:2] For verily, verily, I say unto you that ye are called to lift up voices as with the sound of a trump to declare my Gospel unto a crooked and a perverse generation;

4 [32:1d/33:3] For behold, the field is white already to harvest; and it is the Eleventh hour and for the last time that I shall call laborers into my vineyard.

5 [32:1e1/33:4a] And my vineyard has become corrupted, every whit, and there is none that doeth good save it is a few only;

6 [32:1e2/33:4b] And they do err in many instances because of priestcrafts, all having corrupt minds.

7 [32:2a/33:5] And verily, verily I say unto you that this Church have I established and called forth out of the wilderness;

8 [32:2b/33:6] And even so will I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe on my name and hearken unto my voice.

9 [32:2c1/33:7a] ¶ Yea, *and* verily, verily, I say unto you that the field is white already to harvest;

10 [32:2c2/33:7b] Wherefore thrust in thy sickles and reap with all thy might, mind, and strength;

11 [32:2d/33:8] Open thy mouth and it shall be filled, and thou shalt become even as Nephi of old who journeyed from Jerusalem in the wilderness;

12 [32:2e/33:9] Yea, open thy mouth and spare not and thou shalt be laden with sheaves upon thy back, for lo I am with thee.

13 [32:2f1/33:10a] Yea, open thy mouth and it shall be filled saying: Repent, repent! and prepare ye the way of the Lord!

14 [32:2f2/33:10b] And make His paths strait, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

15 [32:2g1/33:11a] Yea, repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins;

16 [32:2g2/33:11b] Yea, be baptized even by water and then cometh the baptism of fire, and the Holy Ghost!

17 [32:3a1/33:12] ¶ Behold, verily, verily I say unto you: This is my Gospel and remember they shall have faith in me, or they can in no wise be saved.

18 [32:3a2-b1/33:13] And upon this Rock I will build my Church, yea upon this Rock ye are built, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against you.

19 [32:3b2/33:14] ¶ And ye shall remember the Church Articles and Covenants^a to keep them;

20 [32:3c/33:15] And whoso having faith ye shall confirm in my Church by the laying on of the hands and I will bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost upon them.

21 [32:3d/33:16] ¶ And the Book of Mormon and the Bible are given of me for thine instruction and the power of my spirit quickeneth all things;

22 [32:3e1/33:17] Wherefore, be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you that ye may be ready at the coming of the bride groom:

23 [32:3e2/33:18] For behold, verily, verily I say unto you that I come quickly; even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 2a.

Section 22h

A Revelation to Orson Pratt

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-seventh commandment" given November 4, 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 33 for Community of Christ, and Section 34 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 45-46. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment to Orson Pratt; his call to the ministry, given at Fayette New York.

2 [33:1a/34:1-2] ¶ My Son Orson: Harken ye and behold what I, the Lord God, say unto you; even Jesus Christ your Redeemer the light and the life of the world—a light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not;

3 [33:1b/34:3a] Who so loved the world that He gave His own life, that as many as would believe might become the Sons and Daughter of God.

4 [33:1c1/34:3b-4] Wherefore, ye are my Son and blessed are ye because ye have believed;

5 [33:1c2/34:5] And more blessed are ye because ye are called of me to preach my Gospel:

6 [33:1d1/34:6] To lift up your voice as with the sound of a trump, both long and loud, and cry repentance to a crooked and perverse generation, preparing the way of the Lord for His second Coming;

7 [33:1d2-e1/34:7] For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you: The time is soon at hand that I will come in a cloud with power and great glory;

8 [33:1e2/34:8] ¶ And it shall be a great day at the time of my coming for all nations shall tremble;

9 [33:2a1/34:9] But before that great day shall come the sun shall be darkened and the moon be turned into blood and the stars shall refuse their shining and some shall fall and great destructions await the wicked;

10 [33:2a2/34:10a] Wherefore, lift up thy voice and spare not, for the Lord God hath spoken.

11 [33:2b1/34:10b] Therefore prophecy and it shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost;

12 [33:2b2/34:11] And if ye are faithful behold I am with you until I come.

13 [33:2b3-c/34:12] ¶ And verily, verily, I say unto you: I come quickly, even so your Lord and your redeemer; Amen.

Section 23a

A Revelation to Sidney Rigdon

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-eighth commandment" given at or near Fayette New York December 7, 1830 to both Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon simultaneously. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 34 for Community of Christ, and Section 35 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 45-46. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A Commandment to Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon; Sidney's call to writing for Joseph, saying:
- 2 [34:1a/35:1] ¶ Listen to the voice of the Lord your God, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose course is one eternal round; the same today as yesterday, and forever:
- 3 [34:1b1/35:2a] I am Jesus Christ, the son of God who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God;
- 4 [34:1b2/35:2b] Even one in me as I am in the Father as the Father is one in me that we may be one.
- 5 [34:2a1/35:3a] ¶ Behold, verily, verily I say unto my servant, Sidney: I have looked upon thee and thy works,
- 6 [34:2a2/35:3b] I have heard thy prayers and prepared thee for a greater work;
- 7 [34:2b1/35:4a] Thou art blessed, for thou shalt do great things.
- 8 [34:2b2/35:4b] Behold thou wast sent forth even as John to prepare the way before me, and Elijah which should come; and thou knew it not.
- 9 [34:2c1/35:5] Thou didst baptize by water unto repentance, but they received not the Holy Ghost;
- 10 [34:2c2/35:6] But now I give unto you a commandment that thou shalt baptize by water and give the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, even as the Apostles of old.
- 11 [34:3a1/35:7a] ¶ And it shall come to pass that there shall be a great work in the land even among the gentiles,
- 12 [34:3a2-b1/35:7b-8a] For their folly, their abominations, shall be made manifest in the eyes of all people, for I am God and mine arm is not shortened.
- 13 [34:3b2/35:8b] And I will shew miracles, signs and wonders, unto all those who believe on my name;
- 14 [34:3c/35:9] And whoso shall ask it in my name in faith, *these* shall cast out devils, they shall heal the sick, they shall cause the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk.
- 15 [34:3d1/35:10-11a] And the time speedily cometh that great things are to be shewn forth unto the children of men, but without faith not anything shall be shewn forth, except desolations upon Babylon;
- 16 [34:3d2/35:11b] The same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- 17 [34:3e/35:12] And there are none that do good, except they that are ready to receive the fulness of my Gospel, which I have sent forth to this generation;
- 18 [34:4a/35:13] Wherefore, I have called upon the weak things of the world, they that are unlearned and despised to thresh the nations by the power of my Spirit.
- 19 [34:4b/35:14a] ¶ And their arm shall be mine arm, and I will be their shield and their Buckler, and I will gird up their loins and they shall fight manfully for me,
- 20 [34:4c/35:14b] And their enemies shall be under their feet, and I will let fall the sword in their behalf, and by the fire of mine indignation will I preserve them.
- 21 [34:4d/35:15] And the poor and the meek shall have the Gospel preached unto them, and they shall be looking forth for the time of my coming: for it is nigh at hand.
- 22 [34:4e/35:16-17a] ¶ And they shall learn the Parable of the fig tree: for even now already summer is nigh and I have sent forth the fullness of my Gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith Jr.
- 23 [34:4f/35:17b-18] And in weakness have I blessed him, and I have given unto him the keys of the mystery of those things which have been sealed, even things which was from the foundation of the world and the things which shall come from this time until the time of my coming, if he abide in me; and if not, another will I plant in his stead.

24 [34:5a1/35:19] Wherefore watch over him, that his faith fail not and it shall be given by the comforter, the Holy Ghost, which knoweth all things.

25 [34:5a2-b1/35:20] ¶ And a commandment I give unto you that thou shalt write for him and the scriptures shall be given even as they are in mine own bosom to the salvation of mine own elect;

26 [34:5b2/35:21] For they will hear my voice and shall see me and shall not be asleep and shall abide the day of my coming for they shall be purified even as I am pure.

27 [34:5c/35:22] And now I say unto you: Tarry with him and he shall journey with thee; forsake him not and surely these things shall be fulfilled;

28 [34:5d/35:23] And in as much as ye do not write, behold it shall be given him to prophecy and thou shalt preach my gospel and call on the Holy Prophets to prove his words as they shall be given him.

29 [34:6a1/35:24a] ¶ Keep all the commandments and covenants by which ye are bound and I will cause the Heavens to shake for your good,

30 [34:6a2/35:24b-25a] And Satan shall tremble, and Zion shall rejoice upon the Hills and flourish, and Israel shall be saved in mine own due time;

31 [34:6b/35:25b] And by the keys which have shall been given shall they be led and no more be confounded at all.

32 [34:6d/35:26-27] ¶ Lift up your hearts and be glad, *for* your redemption draweth nigh; fear not little flock the kingdom is yours until I come: Behold I come quickly, Even so; Amen.

Section 23b

A Revelation to Edward Partridge

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "thirty-ninth commandment" given December 9, 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 35 for Community of Christ, and Section 35 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 48-49. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment to Edward Partridge; his call to the ministry, given at Fayette New York, saying:

2 [35:1a/36:1] ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, the mighty one of Israel: Behold I say unto you my servant Edward: Thou art blessed and thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou art called to preach my Gospel as with the voice of a Trump;

3 [35:1b/36:2] And I will lay my hand upon you, by the hand of my Servant Sidney Rigdon, and thou shalt receive my Spirit—the Holy Ghost, even the comforter—which shall teach you the peaceable things of the Kingdom;

4 [35:1c/36:3] And thou shalt declare it with a loud voice, saying: Blessed be the name of the most high God!

5 ¶ [35:2a1/36:4-5] And now, this calling and commandment give I unto all men, that as many as shall come before my *servants* Sidney and Joseph, embracing this calling and commandment shall be ordained and sent forth to preach the Everlasting Gospel among the nation,

6 [35:2a2-b1/36:6] Crying repentance, saying: Save yourselves from this untoward generation and come forth out of the fire hating, even the garment spotted with the flesh.

7 [35:3a/36:7] And this commandment shall be given unto the Elders of my Church that every man which will embrace it with singleness of heart may be ordained and sent forth even as I have spoken;

8 [35:3b/36:8] I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, wherefore gird up your loins and I will suddenly come to my temple; Even so, Amen.

Section 23c

A Revelation to Sidney Rigdon & Joseph Smith Jr.

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forth commandment" given to both Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon simultaneously December 1830. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 37 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 49. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith Jr. as they went from Fayette to Canandaigua to translate; given at Canandaigua New York.

2 [37:1a1/37:1a] ¶ A Commandment to Sidney and Joseph, saying: Behold, I say unto *thee* that it is not expedient in me that ye should translate any more until ye shall go to the Ohio;

3 [37:1a2/37:1b] And this because of the enemy, and for your sakes.

4 [37:1b1/37:2a] And again I say unto you that ye shall not go until ye have preached my Gospel in those parts and have strengthened up the Church whithersoever it is found,

5 [37:1b2/37:12b] And more especially in Colesville, for behold; they pray unto me in much faith.

6 [37:2a/37:3] And again, a commandment I give unto the Church, that it is expedient in me that they should assemble together at the Ohio by the time that my servant Oliver Cowdery shall return unto them.

7 [37:/37:4] Behold here is wisdom, and let *everyone* choose for *themselves* until I come; Amen, even so; Amen.

Section 24

A Commandment to the Churches

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-first commandment" possibly given January 2, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 38 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 49-52. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Commandment to the Churches in New York at a conference they being commanded to flee to Ohio.

2 [38:1a1/38:1a] ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, even Jesus Christ, the great I AM, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end;

3 [38:1a2/38:1b] The same which looked upon the wide expanse of eternity, and all the Seraphic hosts of Heaven before the world was made;

4 [38:1b1/38:2] The same which knoweth all things, for all things are present before mine eyes:

5 [38:1b2/38:3] I AM the same which spoke and the world was made, and all things came by me;

6 [38:1b3/38:4a] I AM the same which hath taken the Zion of Enoch into mine own bosom;

7 [38:1c/38:4b] And verily I say, even as many as have believed on my name, for I am Christ, and in mine own name by the virtue of the blood which I have spilt have I pled before the Father for them:

8 [38:1d/38:5] But behold, the residue of the wicked have I kept in Chains of darkness until the Judgement of the great day which shall come at the end of the earth;

9 [38:1e/38:6] And even so will I cause the wicked that will not hear my voice but harden their hearts And wo, wo, is their doom!

10 [38:2a-b1/38:7] But behold: Verily, verily I say unto you that mine eyes are upon you, I am in your midst and ye cannot see me;

11 [38:2b2/38:8a] But the day soon cometh that ye shall see me and know that I AM, for the veils of darkness shall soon be rent!

12 [38:2b3/38:8b-9a] And he that is not purified shall not abide the day; wherefore, gird up your loins and be prepared!

13 [38:2c/38:9b] Behold, the Kingdom is yours, and the enemy shall not overcome.

14 [38:3a/38:10-11a] Verily I say unto you, that ye are clean; but not all, and there is none else with whom I am well pleased, for all flesh is corruptible before me;

15 [38:3b1/38:11b-12a] And the powers of darkness prevail upon the Earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the host of Heaven, which causeth silence to reign.

16 [38:3b2-3c1/38:12b] And all eternity is pained, and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth to gather the tares that they may be burned!

17 [38:3c2/38:12c] And behold: the enemy is combined.

18 [38:4a1/38:13a] And now I shew unto you a mystery, a thing which is had in secret chambers to bring to pass even your destruction in process of time,

19 [38:4a2-b1/38:13b-14a] And ye knew it not, but now I tell it unto you; and ye are blessed not because of your iniquity, neither your hearts of unbelief,

20 [38:4b2/38:14b] For verily, some of ye you are guilty before me;

21 [38:4c1/38:15-16a] Therefore be ye strong from henceforth, fear not for the Kingdom is yours, and for your salvation I give unto you a commandment,

22 [38:4c2/38:16b] For I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me.

23 [38:4c3-d1/38:16c-17a] And the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine; and I am no respecter *of* persons; and I have made the earth rich.

24 [38:4d2/38:17b-18a] And behold, *the earth* is my footstool, wherefore again I will stand upon it and I hold forth and deign to give unto you greater riches;

25 [38:4d3-e1/38:18b] Even a land of promise: a land flowing with milk and honey upon which there shall be no curse.

26 [38:4e2/38:19] And I will give it unto you for the land of your inheritance, if you seek it with all your hearts.

27 [38:4f/38:20] And this shall be my covenant with you: Ye shall have it for the land of your inheritance and for the inheritance of your children forever while the earth shall stand, and ye shall possess it again in eternity no more to pass away;

28 [38:5a/38:21] But verily I say unto you that in time ye shall have no king nor ruler, for I will be your King and watch over you;

29 [38:5b/38:22] Wherefore, hear my voice and follow me and ye shall be a free people, and ye shall have no laws but my Laws, for I am your Law giver, and who can stay my hand?

30 [38:5c1/38:23] But Verily I say unto you: Teach one another according to the Office wherewith I have appointed you;

31 [38:5c2/38:24] And let *everyone* esteem *their* brother *and* sister as *themselves* and practice virtue and holiness before me.

32 [38:5d1/38:25] And again I say unto you: Let *everyone* esteem *their* brother as *and* sister as *themselves*;

33 [38:5d2/38:26a] For what *parents* among you having twelve sons and is no respecter to them?

34 [38:5d3/38:26b] And they serve *them* obediently, and *they* saith unto the one: Be thou clothed in robes and sit thou here.

35 [38:5d4/38:26c] And to the other: Be thou clothed in rags and sit thou there

36 [38:5d5/38:26d] And *these* looketh upon *their* sons and saith: I am Just!

37 [38:6a1/38:27a] Behold, I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as I am.

38 [38:6a2/38:27b] I say unto you: Be one, and if ye are not one ye are not mine.

39 [38:6b/38:28] And again, I say unto you that the enemy in the secret chambers seeketh your lives:

40 [38:6c/38:29] Ye hear of wars in far countries and you say in your hearts: There will soon be great wars in far countries; but ye know not the hearts of they in your own land.

41 [38:6d1/38:30a] I tell you these things because of your prayers; wherefore treasure up wisdom in your bosoms, lest the wickedness of men reveal these things unto you by their wickedness in a manner which shall speak in your ears with a voice louder than that which shall shake the Earth.

42 [38:6d2-7a/38:30b] But if ye are prepared ye need not fear.

43 [38:6d3/38:31] And that ye might escape the power of the enemy and be gathered unto me, a righteous people without spot, and blameless,

44 [38:7b/38:32a] Wherefore, for this cause I gave unto you *this* commandment: That ye should go to the Ohio, and there I will give unto you my Law^a;

45 [38:7c1/38:32b] And there you shall be endowed with power from on high.

46 [38:7c2-d1/38:33a] And from thence whomsoever I will shall go forth among all nations and it shall be told them what they shall do, for I have a great work laid up in store; for Israel shall be saved:

47 [38:7d2/38:33b] And I will lead them whithersoever I will and no power can stay my hand.

48 [38:8a1/38:34a] And now I give unto the Church in these parts a commandment, that certain men among them shall be appointed;

49 [38:8a2-b/38:34b-35] And they shall be appointed by the voice of the Church, and they shall look to the poor and the needy and administer to their relief that they shall not suffer and send them forth to the place which I have commanded them.

50 [38:8c/38:36] And this shall be their work: to govern the affairs of the property of the Church.

51 [38:8d/38:37] And they that have farms that cannot be sold let them be left or rented as seemeth them good;

52 [38:8e/38:38] See that all things are preserved and when men are endowed with power from on high and are sent forth, all these things shall be gathered unto the bosom of the Church.

53 [38:9a/38:39a] And if ye seek the riches, which is the will of the Father to give unto you, ye shall be the richest of all people, for ye shall have the riches of eternity!

54 [38:9b/38:39b] And it must needs be that the riches of the Earth is mine to give: but beware of pride lest ye become as the Nephites of old.

55 [38:9c/38:40] And again I say unto you: I give unto you a commandment, that every man *and woman*, both Elder, Priest *and Priestess*, and Teacher, and also Member, go to with his might with the labor of his hands to prepare and accomplish these things which I have commanded

56 [38:9d/38:41] And let your preaching be the warning voice every man to his Neighbor in mildness and in meekness,

57 [38:9e/38:42] And go ye out from among the wicked, save yourselves, be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord: Even so; Amen.

Note:

- a See DoS 2a.

Section 25a

A Revelation to James Covell

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-second commandment" given January 5, 1831 in Fayette New York. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 39 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 58-60. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 There was a man by the name of James Covell who covenanted with the Lord that he would obey any commandment that the Lord would give through his servant Joseph Smith Jr. and accordingly he enquired of the Lord; and he received these words as follows:

2 [39:1a1/39:1-2a] ¶ Saying: Harken ye, and listen to the voice of Him who is from all eternity to all eternity, the great I AM, even Jesus Christ; the light and the life of the world;

3 [39:1a2/39:2b] A light which shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not;

4 [39:1b/39:3] The same which came in the meridian of time unto my own and my own received me not;

5 [39:1c/39:4] But to as many as received me gave I power to become my sons, and even so will I give unto as many as receive me power to become my sons.

6 [39:2a/39:5] And verily, verily I say unto thee: *They* that receiveth my Gospel receiveth me;

7 [39:2b1/39:6a] And this is my Gospel: Repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost;

8 [39:2b2/39:6b] Yea, even the Comforter which knoweth all things and teacheth the peaceable things of the Kingdom.

9 ¶ [39:3a1/39:7] ¶ And now, behold, I say unto you, my servant James: I have looked upon thee and thy works, and I know thee,

10 [39:3a2/39:8a] And now verily I say unto thee: Thine heart is right before me at present.

11 [39:3a3/39:8b] Behold, I have bestowed great blessings upon thy head;

12 [39:3b-c1/39:9-10a] Nevertheless, thou hast seen great sorrow for thou hast rejected me many times because of pride and because of the world, but behold, the days of thy deliverance is come!

13 [39:3c2/39:10b] Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on my name and ye shall receive my Spirit and a blessing so great as ye have never known!

14 [39:3d-e1/39:11a] And I have prepared thee for a greater work, thou shalt preach the fulness of my Gospel, which I have sent forth in these last days;

15 [39:3e2/39:11b] Yea, even the covenant which I have sent forth to recover my people which are of the house of Israel.

16 [39:4a/39:12] ¶ And it shall come to pass that power shall rest upon thee, thou shalt have great faith and I will be with thee and go before thy face;

17 [39:4b/39:13] Yea, thou art called to labor in my vineyard and to build up my Church, and to bring forth Zion that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish.

18 [39:4c/39:14] Behold, verily, verily I say unto you: Thou art not called to go to unto the Eastern countries, but thou art called to go to Ohio;

19 [39:4d1/39:15a] And in as much as my people shall assemble themselves at the Ohio, I have kept in store a blessing such as is not known among the children of men; and it shall be poured forth upon their heads.

20 [39:4d2/39:15b] And from thence ye shall go forth into all nations.

21 [39:5a1/39:16] Behold, verily, verily I say unto thee that the people in Ohio call upon me in much faith, believing I would stay my hand in judgement upon the nations, but I cannot deny my Word;

22 [39:5a2/39:17] Wherefore, lay to with thy might, and call forth laborers into my vineyard that it may be pruned for the last time,

23 [39:5b1/39:18] And inasmuch as they do repent and receive the fulness of my Gospel and become sanctified and I will stay my hand in judgement;

24 [39:5b2/39:19a] Wherefore, go forth crying with a loud voice saying: The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

25 [39:5b3/39:19b] Crying: Hosannah! Blessed is the name of the most high God!

26 [39:5c1/39:20-21] Go forth baptizing with water, preparing the way before my Face, for the time of my coming is at hand; the day nor the hour no man knoweth, but it surely shall come;

27 [39:5c2/39:22] And *they* that receiveth these things receiveth me, and they shall be gathered unto me in time and in eternity.

28 [39:6a/39:23] ¶ And again, it shall come to pass that on as many as ye shall baptize with water ye shall lay your hands in the name of Christ, and they shall receive the Holy Ghost and shall be looking forth for the time of my coming and shall know me.

29 [39:6b/39:24] Behold: I come quickly; Even so, Amen.

Section 25b

A Revelation on James Covell

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-third commandment" possibly January 6, 1831 in Fayette New York. This revelation was given to both Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon simultaneously. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 40 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 60. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon telling them why James Covell obeyed not the Command which he Received.

2 [40:1a/40:1] ¶ Behold, verily I say unto you that his heart was right before me, for he covenanted with me that he would obey my Word,

3 [40:1b1/40:2a] And he received the Word with gladness, but straightway Satan came and tempted him,

4 [40:1b2/40:2b] And the fear of persecution and the cares of the world caused him to reject the Word;

5 [40:1c/40:3] Wherefore he broke the covenant which he had made and it remaineth in me to do with him as seemeth me good; *Amen.*

Section 26a

A Revelation to The Church in Kirtland

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-fourth commandment" given February 4, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 41 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 61-62. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment given to the Church in Kirtland Ohio, pointing at the office of Edward Partridge and others.

2 And there was a man by the name of Leman Copley in the Township of Thompson who had requested his brother and Sidney Rigdon live with him, and he would furnish them houses and provisions.

3 Then Joseph Smith Jr. enquired of the Lord and Received as follows:

4 [41:1a1/41:1a] ¶ Hearken and hear O, my people, saith your Lord and your God;

5 [41:1a2/41:1b] Ye whom I delight to bless with the greatest of blessings, ye that hear me,

6 [41:1a3/41:1c] And ye that hear me not will I curse with that have professed my name with the heaviest of all cursings.

7 [41:1b1/41:2] Hearken O ye Elders of my Church, whom I have called: Behold I give unto you a commandment that ye shall assemble yourselves together to agree upon my Word;

8 [41:1b2/41:3] And by the prayer of your faith ye shall receive my Law^a that ye may know how to govern my Church and have all things right before me;

9 [41:2a/41:4] And I will be your ruler, and ye shall see that my Law is kept.

10 [41:2b1/41:5a] He that receiveth my Law and doeth it, the same is my disciple;

11 [41:2b2/41:5b] And he that saith he receiveth it and Doeth it not the same is not my disciple and shall be cast out from among you;

12 [41:2c/41:6] For it is not meet that the things which belong to the children of the Kingdom should be cast before swine.

13 [41:3a/41:7] And again, it is meet that my servant, Joseph Smith Jr. should have a house built in which to live, and translate;

14 [41:3b/41:8] And again, it is meet that my servant Sidney should have a comfortable room to live in;

15 [41:3c1/41:9a] And again, I have called my servant Edward Partridge, and give him a commandment that he should be appointed by the voice of the Church, and be ordained a Bishop unto the Church;

16 [41:3c2/41:9b-10] And leave his merchandise and spend all his time in the labors of the Church and see to all things as it shall be appointed in my Laws in the day that I shall give them,

17 [41:3d/41:11] And this because his heart is pure before me, for he is like unto Nathaniel of old in whom there is no guile.

18 [41:3e/41:12] These words are given unto you and they are pure before me, wherefore be ye aware how you hold them; for they are to be answered upon your souls in the day of judgement; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

^a See DoS 2a

Section 26b

A Call to the Elders of the Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-sixth commandment" given to both Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon simultaneously February 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 44 for Community of Christ, and

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1 A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, received at Kirtland Ohio; a call to the Elders of this Church and to the Church:

2 [44:1a-b/44:1] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you, my Servants: It is expedient in me that the Elders of my Church should be called together, from the East and from the West, and from the North and from the South, by letter or some other way.

3 [44:2a/44:2] ¶ And it shall come to pass that I will pour out my Spirit upon them in the day that they assemble themselves together.

4 [44:2b/44:3] And it shall come to pass that they shall go forth unto the regions round about and preach repentance unto this people;

5 [44:2c1/44:4] And many shall be converted, insomuch that ye shall obtain power to organize yourselves according to the laws of man, that your enemies may be under your feet in all things.

6 [44:2c2/44:5] That ye may be enabled to keep my Laws that every bond may be broken wherewith the enemy seeketh to destroy my people.

7 [44:3/44:6] ¶ Behold I say unto you that ye must visit the poor and the needy and administer to their relief that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my Law which ye have received; Amen.

Section 26c

A Prophecy to The Church in Kirtland

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-seventh commandment" given March, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 45 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 71-76. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Given to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer, saying:

2 [45:1a1/45:1a] ¶ Hearken O ye people of my Church, to whom the Kingdom was has been given;

3 [45:1a2/45:1b] Hearken ye and give ear to Him who laid the foundation of the Earth, who made the Heavens and all the hosts thereof, and by whom all things were made which live and move and have a being;

4 [45:1b/45:2] And again, I say: Hearken unto my voice, lest death shall overtake you in an hour when ye think not the Summer shall be past and the harvest ended and your souls not saved.

5 [45:1c-d1/45:3-4a] Listen to Him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your case before Him saying: Father behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased;

6 [45:1d2/45:4b] Behold the Blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of Him whom thou gavest that Thyself might be glorified;

7 [45:1e/45:5] Wherefore Father, spare these my Brethren that Believe on my name that they may come unto me and have everlasting life.

8 [45:2a/45:6] Hearken, O ye people of my Church and ye Elders, listen together and hear my voice whilest it is called today and harden not your hearts;

9 [45:2b/45:7] For verily I say unto you that I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the light and the life of the world; a light that shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not;

10 [45:2c1/45:8a] I came unto my own and my own received me not, but unto as many as received me gave I power to do many miracles and to become the Sons of God,

11 [45:2c2/45:8b] And even unto them that believed on my name gave I power to obtain eternal life.

12 [45:2d/45:9] And even so I have sent mine Everlasting Covenant unto the world to be a light to the world and to be a standard for my people, and for the gentiles to seek to it, and to be a messenger before my face to prepare the way before me;

13 [45:2e1/45:10a] Wherefore, come ye unto it with him that cometh.

14 [45:2e2/45:10b] I will reason as with man in days of old and I will shew unto you my strong reasoning;
15 [45:2f/45:11-12a] Wherefore hearken ye together and let me shew it unto you, even my wisdom; the wisdom of Him whom ye say is the God of Enoch and his Brethren who were separated from the Earth and were reserved unto myself;
16 [45:2g-h1/45:12b] A city reserved until a day of righteousness shall come; a day which was sought for by all holy men *and women*;
17 [45:2h2/45:12c-14] And they found it not because of wickedness and abominations, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the Earth, but obtained a promise that they should find it and see it in their flesh.
18 [45:2i1/45:15] Wherefore, hearken and I will reason with you and I will speak unto you and prophecy as unto men *and women* in days of old!
19 [45:2j/45:16a] And I will shew it plainly as I shewed it unto my disciples as I stood before them in the flesh and spake unto them saying:
20 [45:2k/45:16b] As ye have asked of me concerning these signs of my coming in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of Heaven to fulfill the promises that I have made unto your fathers,
21 [45:2l/45:17] For as you have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage I will shew unto you how the day of redemption shall come, and also the restoration of the scattered Israel.
22 [45:3a1/45:18a] And now ye behold this temple which is in Jerusalem which ye call the House of God,
23 [45:3a2-b1/45:18b-19a] And your enemies say that this House shall never fall, but verily I say unto you that desolation shall come upon this generation as a thief in the night,
24 [45:3b2/45:19b] And this people shall be destroyed and scattered among all nations,
25 [45:3c/45:20] And this Temple which ye now see shall be thrown down that there shall not be left an stone upon another;
26 [45:3d/45:21] And it shall come to pass that this generation of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning them shall come to pass.
27 [45:3e1/45:22] Ye say that ye know that the end of the world cometh, ye say also that ye know that the Heavens and the Earth shall pass away.
28 [45:3e2/45:23] And in this ye say truly for so it is; but these things which I have told you shall not pass away but all shall be fulfilled.
29 [45:3f1/45:24-25a] And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem: And when that day shall come shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, but they shall be gathered again;
30 [45:3f2/45:25b] But they shall remain until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled^a.
31 [45:4a1/45:26a] And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars and the whole earth shall be in commotion;
32 [45:4a2/45:26b] And men's *and women's* hearts shall fail them and *they* shall say that Christ delayeth His coming until the end of the world.
33 [45:4b1/45:27] And the love of men shall wax cold and inequity shall abound.
34 [45:4b2/45:28] And when the times of the gentiles shall be over a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fulness of my Gospel;
35 [45:4c/45:29] But they receive it not, for they perceive not the light and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men,
36 [45:4d1/45:30] And in that generation shall the times of the gentiles be fulfilled.
37 [45:4d2/45:31a] And there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge,
38 [45:4d3/45:31b] For a desolating sickness^b shall cover the land and shall not be moved.
39 [45:4e1/45:32a] But my disciples shall stand in holy places and shall not be moved;
40 [45:4e2/45:32b] But among the wicked, men *and women* shall lift up their voices and curse God and die^c.
41 [45:4f1/45:33a] And there shall be earthquakes also in diverse places and many desolations, yet men will harden their hearts against me;
42 [45:4f2/45:33b] And they will take up the sword one against another and they will kill one another.

43 [45:5a/45:34] And now when I, the Lord, had spoken these words unto my disciples they were troubled, for when all these things shall come.

44 [45:5b/45:35] And I said unto them: Be not troubled, for when all these things shall come to pass ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled.

45 [45:5c/45:36] And when the light shall begin to break forth it shall be with them like unto a parable which I will shew you:

46 [45:5d/45:37] Ye look and behold the fig trees, and ye see them with your eyes, and ye say when they begin to shoot forth and their leaves are yet tender; ye say that summer is now nigh at hand.

47 [45:5e/45:38] Even so it shall be in that day when they shall see all these things, then shall they know that the hour is nigh.

48 [45:6a/45:39] And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

49 [45:6b/45:40] And they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shewn forth in the heavens above and in the earth beneath;

50 [45:6c1/45:41] And they shall behold blood and fires and vapors of smoke,

51 [45:6c2/45:42a] And before the day of the Lord come the sun shall be darkened and the moon be turned into blood;

52 [45:6c3-d1/45:42b-43] And some stars shall fall from Heaven and the remnant shall be gathered unto this place.

53 [45:6d2/45:44a] And then they shall look for me, and behold, I will come.

54 [45:6e1/45:44b] And they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory with all the holy angels.

55 [45:6e2/45:44c] And he that watches not for me shall be cut off,

56 [45:7a/45:45] But before the arm of the Lord shall fall and the Angel shall sound his trump and the Saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud.

57 [45:7b1/45:46a] Wherefore, if ye have slept in peace, blessed are you; for as you now behold me and know that I AM, even so shall ye come unto me and your souls shall live, and your redemption shall be perfected.

58 [45:7b2-8a1/45:46b-47] And the Saints shall come forth from the four quarters of the earth, then shall the arm of the Lord fall upon the nations.

59 [45:8a2-b1/45:48] And then shall the Lord set his foot upon this mount and it shall cleave in twain and the Earth shall tremble and reel to and fro and the heavens also shall shake;

60 [45:8b2/45:49a] And the Lord shall utter His voice and all the ends of the Earth shall hear it.

61 [45:8b3-c1/45:49b] And the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly,

62 [45:8c2/45:50] And calamity shall cease the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed, and they that have watched for iniquity shall be cut off, hewn down, and cast into the fire.

63 [45:9a/45:51] And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

64 [45:9b/45:52a] Then shall they know that I AM, the Lord; for I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends;

65 [45:9c/45:52b] I am he that was lifted up, I AM, Jesus which was crucified, I AM—the Son of God.

66 [45:9d/45:53] And then shall they weep because of their iniquities, then shall they lament because they persecuted their King.

67 [45:10a1/45:54] And then shall the heathen nations be redeemed and they which knew no Law shall have part in the first resurrection, and it shall be tolerable for them.

68 [45:10a2/45:55] And Satan shall be bound that he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men.

69 [45:10b1/45:56] And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled of which I spoke concerning the ten virgins,

70 [45:10b2/45:57a] For *they* that *are* wise and hath received the truth and has taken the Holy Spirit for their guide and have not been deceived:

71 [45:10b3-c/45:47b-58a] Verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day and the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance;

72 [45:10d1/45:58b] And they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation,

73 [45:10d2/45:59] For the Lord shall be in their midst, and His glory shall be upon them, and he shall be their King and their Lawgiver.

74 [45:11a/45:60] And now behold, I say unto: You it shall not be given unto you to know any farther then this until the New Testament be translated, and it in it all things shall be made known;

75 [45:11b/45:61-62] Wherefore, I give unto you that ye may now translate it, that ye may be prepared for the things to come, for verily I say unto you that great things await you:

76 [45:11c1/45:63a] Ye hear of wars in foreign lands but behold I say unto you they are nigh even unto your doors!

77 [45:11c2-12a1/45:63b-64a] And not many years hence ye shall hear of wars in your own lands, wherefore I the Lord have said gather ye out from the Eastern lands assemble ye yourselves together.

78 [45:12a2-b/45:64b] Ye Elders of my Church: Go ye forth into the Western countries, call upon the inhabitants to *teshuvah*, and in as much as they do repent, build up Churches unto me.

79 [45:12c1/45:65] And with one heart and with one mind gather up your riches that you may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed you;

80 [45:12c2/45:66] And it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the Saints of the Most High God.

81 [45:12d1/45:67a] And the Glory of *YHVH* shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it.

82 [45:12d2/45:67b] And it shall be called Zion.

83 [45:13a/45:68] And it shall come to pass among the wicked that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety,

84 [45:13b1/45:69a] And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under Heaven,

85 [45:13b2/45:69b] And it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.

86 [45:13c/45:70] And it shall be said among the wicked: Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we cannot stand!

87 [45:14/45:71] And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations and shall come to Zion singing with songs of everlasting joy.

88 [45:15a1/45:72a] And now I say unto you: Keep these things from going abroad unto the world, that ye may accomplish this work in the eyes of the people and in the eyes of your enemies,

89 [45:15a2-b1/45:72b] That they may not know your works until ye have accomplished the thing which I have commanded you,

90 [45:15b/45:73-74] That when they shall know it, it may be terrible unto them, that fear may seize upon them, and they shall stand afar off and tremble,

91 [45:15c/45:75] And all nations shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of His might. Even so; Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS 2g
- b See John Taylor's revelation, "A Vision"
- c Likely referring to a spiritual death.

Section 26d

A Revelation on Property & the Migration of the Saints

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "forty-ninth commandment" given March 10, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 48 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 79. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation concerning the Brethren in New York; how to manage their property:

2 [48:1a/48:1] ¶ It is necessary that ye should remain for the present time in your places of abode as it shall be suitable to your circumstances,

3 [48:1b/48:2] And inasmuch as ye have lands, ye shall impart to the Eastern Brethren;

4 [48:1c1/48:3a] And in as much as ye have not lands, let them buy for the present time in those regions round about as seemeth them good;

5 [48:1c2/48:3b] For it must needs be necessary that they have places to live for the present time.

6 [48:2a/48:4] It must needs be necessary that ye save all the money that ye can (and that ye obtain all that ye can), that in time ye may be enabled to purchase lands for an inheritance (even the City, *New Jerusalem*).

7 [48:2b/48:5] The place is not yet to be revealed, but after your Brethren come from the East there are to be certain men to be appointed and to them it shall be given to know the place, as to them it shall be revealed:

8 [48:2c/48:6a] And they shall be appointed to purchase the lands and to lay the foundation, make a commencement to lay the foundation of the City;

9 [48:2d/48:16b] And then ye shall begin to be gathered with your families, *everyone* according to *their families*, according to *their* circumstances and as is appointed to them by the Bishop and Elders of the Church, according to the Laws and commandments which ye have received and which ye shall hereafter receive; *Even so, Amen.*

Section 27

Mission to the Shakers

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-first commandment" given May 7, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 49 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 80-82. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [49:1a/49:1] Thus saith the Lord unto Sidney Rigdon, Parley P. Pratt, and Leman Copley: Hearken unto my Word my *servants*, Sidney, and Parley, and Leman; for behold, verily I say unto you that I give unto you a commandment that you shall go and preach my Gospel, which ye have received even as ye have received it unto the Shakers.

2 [49:1b/49:2] Behold I say unto you that they desire to know the truth in part, but not all; for they are not right before me and must needs repent;

3 [49:1c1/49:3] Wherefore I send you, my servants Sidney, and Parley, to preach the Gospel unto them.

4 [49:1c2/49:4a] And my servant Leman shall be ordained unto this work, that he may reason with them,

5 [49:1d1/49:4b] Not according to that which he hath received of them, but according to that which shall be taught them by you, my servants,

6 [49:1d2-e1/49:4c-5a] And by so doing I will bless him, otherwise he shall not prosper, thus saith the Lord;

7 [49:1e2/49:5b] For I am God and have sent mine only begotten Son into the world for the redemption of the world and have decreed that he that receiveth Him shall be saved, and he that receiveth him not shall be damned.

8 [49:2a-b1/49:6-7a] And they have done unto the Son of Man even as they listed, and he hath taken His power on the Right Hand of His Glory and now reigneth in the Heavens and will till he descends on the Earth to put all enemies under his feet, which time is nigh at hand: I the Lord hath spoken it.

9 [49:2b2/49:7b] But the hour and the day no man knoweth, neither the angels in Heaven nor shall they know until *I* come;

10 [49:2c/49:8] Wherefore, I will that all men repent, for all are under sin except them which I have reserved unto myself, Holy men that ye know not of;

11 [49:2d1/49:9] Wherefore I say unto you that I have sent unto you mine Everlasting Covenant, even that which was from the beginning;

12 [49:2d2-e/49:10] And that which I have promised I have so fulfilled and the nations of the earth shall bow to it and if not of themselves, they shall come down, for that which is now exalted of itself shall be laid low of power.

13 [49:2f-g1/49:11-12] Wherefore, I give unto you a commandment, that ye go among this people and say unto them, like unto mine Apostle of old, whose name was Peter: Believe on the name of the Lord Jesus who was on the Earth and is to come, the beginning and the end!

14 [49:2g2/49:13] Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, according to the Holy Commandment for the remission of sins!

15 [49:2h/49:14] And whoso doeth this shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands of the Elders of this Church.

16 [49:3a/49:15] ¶ And again I say unto you, that whoso forbideth to marry is not ordained of God, for it is ordained of God unto *mankind*,

17 [49:3b1/49:16a] Wherefore it is lawful that they should have one *husband or* wife, and they twain shall be one flesh:

18 [49:3b2-c/49:16b-17] And all this that the Earth might answer the end of its Creation and that it might be filled with the measure of *mankind* according to *their* creation before the world was made.

19 [49:3d/49:18] And whoso forbideth to abstain from meats, that man should not eat the same, is not ordained of God;

20 [49:3e1/49:19] For behold, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air and that which cometh of the Earth is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment and that *these* might have in abundance;

21 [49:3e2-f1/49:20] But it is not given that one man *or woman* should possess that which is above another, wherefore the world lieth in sin.

22 [49:3f2/49:21] And wo be unto man that shedeth blood, or that wasteth flesh and hath no need.

23 [49:4a/49:22] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you that the Son of Man cometh not in the form of a woman, neither of a man traveling on the earth;

24 [49:4b/49:23a] Wherefore, be not deceived, but continue in steadfastness looking forth for the Heavens to be shaken, and the Earth to tremble and to reel to and fro as a drunken man,

25 [49:4c/49:23b] And for the valleys to be exalted and for the mountains to be made low and for the rough places to become smooth and all this when the angel shall sound his trumpet.

26 [49:5a/49:24] But before this great day of the Lord shall come, Jacob shall flourish in the wilderness and the Lamanites shall blossom as the rose;

27 [49:5b/49:25] And Zion shall flourish upon the hills and rejoice upon the mountains and shall be assembled together unto the place which I have appointed.

28 [49:5c/49:26] ¶ Behold, I say unto you: Go forth as I have commanded you, repent of all your sins, ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

29 [49:5d1/49:27] Behold, I will go before you and be your rearward, and I will be in your midst and you shall not be confounded;

30 [49:5d2/49:28] Behold I am Jesus Christ, and I come quickly; Even so, Amen.

Section 28

Operations of the Spirits

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-second commandment" given May 9, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 50 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 82-85. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

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1 As I went forth among the different branches, some very strange spiritual operations were manifested, which were disgusting, rather than edifying.

2 Some persons would seem to swoon away, and make unseemly gestures, and be drawn or disfigured in their countenances.

3 Others would fall into ecstasies, and be drawn into contortions, cramp, fits, etc.

4 Others would seem to have visions and revelations, which were not edifying, and which were not congenial to the doctrine and spirit of the gospel.

5 In short, a false and lying spirit seemed to be creeping into the Church.

JOHN WHITMER^b

6 ¶ For a perpetual memory, to the shame and confusion of the devil—permit me, to say a few things, respecting the proceedings of some of those who were disciples, and some remain among us, and will, and have come from under the error and enthusiasm, which they had fallen.

7 Some had visions and could not tell what they saw,

8 Some would fancy to themselves that they had the sword of Laban, and would wield it as expert as a light dragoon,

9 Some would act like *a Native American*^c in the act of scalping, some would slide or scoot and *on* the floor, with the rapidity of a serpent, which *they* termed sailing in the boat to the Lamanites, preaching the gospel.

10 And many other vain and foolish maneuvers that are unseemly, and unprofitable to mention.

11 Thus, the devil blinded the eyes of some good and honest disciples.

12 ¶ I write these things to show how ignorant and undiscerning children are and how easy mankind is lead astray, notwithstanding the things of God that are written concerning his Kingdom.

13 These things grieved the servants of the Lord, and some conversed together on this subject, and others came in;

14 And we were at Joseph Smith Jr. the seers, and made it a matter of consultation, for many would not turn from their folly, unless God would give a revelation, therefore the Lord spake to Joseph.

THE REVELATION

15 ¶ A Revelation to the Elders of this Church, given in consequence of their not being perfectly acquainted with the different operations of the Spirits which are abroad in the Earth.

16 [50:1a/50:1] ¶ Thus saith the Lord: Hearken O ye Elders of my Church, and give ear to the voice of the living God, and attend to the words of wisdom which shall be given unto you according as ye have asked and are agreed as touching the Church and the spirits which have gone abroad in the Earth.

17 [50:1b1/50:2] Behold, verily I say unto you that there are many spirits which are false spirits, which have gone forth in the earth deceiving the world:

18 [50:1b2/50:3] And also, Satan hath sought to deceive you that he might overthrow you.

19 [50:2a1/50:4] Behold, I the Lord have looked upon you and have seen abominations in the Church which profess my name;

20 [50:2a2/50:5] But blessed are they who are faithful and endure, whether in life or in death, for they shall inherit eternal life.

21 [50:2b/50:6] But wo be unto them that are deceivers and hypocrites, for thus saith the Lord: I will bring them to Judgement!

22 [50:3a1/50:7a] ¶ Behold, verily I say unto you: There are hypocrites among you and have deceived some which have given the adversary power;

23 [50:3a2-b1/50:7b-8a] But behold, such shall be reclaimed—but the hypocrites shall be detected and shall be cut off either in life or in death, even as I will,

24 [50:3b2/50:8b] And wo is them that is cut off from my Church, for the same is overcome of the world;

25 [50:3c/50:9] Wherefore let every man be aware lest he do that which is not in truth and righteousness before me.

26 [50:4a1/50:10] ¶ And now, come saith the Lord by the spirit, by the Elders of his Church, and let us reason together that ye may understand:

27 [50:4a2/50:11] Let us reason even as a man reasoneth one with another, face to face.

28 [50:4b1/50:12a] Now, when a man *or woman* reasoneth *they* understandeth of man, because *they* reasoneth as a man;

29 [50:4b2/50:12b] Even so will I, the Lord, reason with you, that you may understand:

30 [50:4b3-c1/50:13-14a] Wherefore, I, the Lord, asketh you this question: Unto what were ye ordained to preach my Gospel?

31 [50:4c2/50:14b] By the Spirit, even the Comforter, which was sent forth to teach the truth.

32 [50:4c3:/50:15a] And then, received you spirits which ye could not understand; and *ye* received them to be of God;

33 [50:4c4/50:15b] And in this are ye Justified?

34 [50:4d1/50:16a] Behold ye shall answer this yourselves; nevertheless, I will be merciful unto you;

35 [50:4d2/50:16b] *They* that *are* weak among you hereafter shall be made strong.

36 [50:5a1/50:17] ¶ Verily I say unto you: *They* that *are* ordained of me and sent forth to preach the Word of Truth by the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth—doth *they* preach it by the Spirit of Truth, or some other way?

37 [50:5a2/50:18] And if *it be* by some other way, it be not of God.

38 [50:5b2/50:19] And again, *they* that receiveth the Word of Truth, doth *they* receive it by the Spirit of Truth or some other way?

39 [50:5b2/50:20] If it be some other way, *then* it be not of God.

40 [50:5c/50:21] Therefore, why is it that ye cannot understand and know that *they that* receiveth the Word by the Spirit of Truth receiveth it as it is preached by the Spirit of Truth?

41 [50:6a/50:22] Wherefore, *they* that preacheth and *they* that receiveth understandeth one another, and both are edified and rejoice together!

42 [50:6b1/50:23] And that which doth not edify is not of God, and is darkness:

43 [50:6b2/50:24a] That which is of God is light and *they* that receiveth light and continueth in God receiveth more light,

44 [50:6b3/50:24b] And that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

45 [50:6c1/50:25] And again, verily I say unto you; and I say it that you may know the truth, that you may chase darkness from among you,

46 [50:6c2/50:26] For *they* that *are* ordained of God and sent forth, the same is appointed to be the greatest, notwithstanding *they are* least and the *servants* of all:

47 [50:6d1/50:27a] Wherefore, *they are* possessor of all things, for all things are subject unto *them*, both in Heaven and on the earth,

48 [50:6d2/50:27b] The life and the light, the spirit and the power, sent forth by the will of the Father through Jesus Christ, His Son;

49 [50:6e1/50:28] But no man *or woman* is possessor of all things, except *they* be purified and cleansed from all sin;

50 [50:6e2/50:29] And if ye are purified and cleansed from all sin, ye shall ask whatsoever you will in the name of Jesus and it shall be done:

51 [50:6f/50:30] But know this: It shall be given you what ye shall ask and as ye are appointed to the head the spirits shall be subject unto you;

52 [50:7a1/50:31a] Wherefore, it shall come to pass that if ye behold a spirit manifested that ye cannot understand, and you receive not that spirit, ye shall ask of the Father in the name of Jesus;

53 [50:7a2/50:31b] And if He give not unto you that spirit, then ye may know that it is not of God.

54 [50:7b/50:32] And it shall be given unto you power over that spirit, and you shall proclaim against that spirit with a loud voice, that it is not of God:

55 [50:7c/50:33] Not with railing accusation that ye be not overcome, neither with boasting, nor rejoicing lest you be seized therewith.

56 [50:7d1/50:34] *They* that receiveth of God let *them* account it of God, and let *them* rejoice that *they are* accounted of God worthy to receive,

57 [50:7d2-e/50:35] And by giving heed and doing these things which ye have received, and *that* which ye shall hereafter receive, the Kingdom is given unto you of the Father, and power to overcome all things which *are* not ordained of Him.

58 [50:7f/50:36] ¶ And behold, verily I say unto you: Blessed are you that hear these words of mine from the mouth of my servant, for your sins are forgiven you.

59 [50:8a/50:37] Let my Servant Joseph Wakefield, in whom I am well pleased, and my servant Parley P. Pratt go forth among the Churches and strengthen them by the Word of exhortation.

60 [50:8b1/50:38a] And also my servant John Corrill, or as many of my servants as are ordained unto this office, and let them labor in the vineyard;

61 [50:8b2/50:38b] And let no *one* hinder them of doing that which I have appointed unto them.

62 [50:8c/50:39] Wherefore, in this thing my Servant Edward Partridge is not justified; nevertheless let him repent and he shall be forgiven.

63 [50:8d/50:40] ¶ Behold, ye are little children, and ye cannot bear all things now, ye must grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

64 [50:8e1/50:41] Fear not little children, for you are mine and I have overcome the world, and you are of them which my Father hath given me;

65 [50:8e2/50:42] And none of them which my Father hath given me shall be lost.

66 [50:8f1/50:43] And the Father and I are one: I AM in the Father, and the Father in me; and I in you, as much as ye have received me, ye are in me and am I in you;

67 [50:8f2-g/50:44-46] Wherefore I am in your midst, and I am the good shepherd, and the day cometh that you shall hear my voice and see me, and know that I AM: watch therefore that ye may be ready. Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a Page 65 of *The Autobiography of Parley Parker Pratt, One of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Embracing His Life, Ministry and Travels, with Extracts, in Prose and Verse, from His Miscellaneous Writings*. Edited by Parley P. Pratt Jr. New York: Russell Brothers, 1874. Israel
- b Page 26-27 of *The Book of John, Whitmer kept by Command*, ca. 1838–ca. 1847
- c Originally, “Indian,” corrected to prevent confusion

Section 29a

Concerning a Farm

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-third commandment" given May 15, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. The revelation was excluded from the Doctrine and Covenants. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 85. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment given to Ezra Thayer and Joseph Smith Sr. concerning a farm:

2 ¶ Hearken unto my words and behold I will make known unto you what ye shall do as it shall be pleasing unto me,

3 For verily I say unto you: It must needs be that ye let the bargain stand that ye have made concerning these farms until it be so fulfilled.

4 Behold, ye are holden for the one, even so likewise thine adversary is holden for the other;

5 Wherefore it must needs be that ye pay no more money for the present time until the contract be fulfilled.

6 And let my servant Joseph Smith Sr. and his family go into the house after thine adversary is gone,

7 And let my servant Ezra board with him,

8 And let all the brethren immediately assemble together and put up an house for my servant Ezra.

9 And let my servant Frederick G. Williams' family remain and let the house be repaired and their wants be supplied.

10 And when my servant Frederick returns from the West, behold he taketh his family to the West,

11 Let that which belongeth to my servant Frederick be secured unto him by deed or bond and thus he willeth that the Brethren reap the good thereof.

12 Let my servant Joseph Smith Sr. govern the things of the farm and provide for the families, and let him have help in as much as he standeth in need.

13 Let my servant Ezra humble himself and at the conference meeting he shall be ordained unto power from on high,

14 And he shall go from thence (if he be obedient unto my commandments) and proclaim my Gospel unto the Western regions with my servants that must go forth, even unto the borders of the *Native Americans*^a,

15 For behold, I have a great work for them to do and it shall be given unto you to know what ye shall do at the conference meeting; Even so, Amen.

Question asked: What shall the Brethren do with their money?

16 Ye shall go forth and seek diligently among the brethren and obtain lands and save the money that it may be consecrated to purchase lands in the West for an everlasting inheritance; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi

Section 29b

A Revelation to the Bishop

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-fourth commandment" given May 20, 1831 at Thompson Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 51 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 86-87. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation given to the Bishop concerning the property of the Church:

2 [51:1a1/51:1a] ¶ Hearken unto me, saith the Lord your God, and I will speak unto my servant Edward Partridge and give unto him directions,

3 [51:1a2/51:1b-2] For it must needs be that he receive directions how to organize this people, for it must needs be that they are organized according to my Laws: if otherwise they will be cut off.

4 [N/A/N/A] Wherefore, let my servant Edward receive the properties of this people which have covenanted with me to obey the Laws which I have given;

5 [N/A/51:] And let my servant Edward receive the money as it shall be laid before him, according to the Covenant and go and obtain a deed or article of this land unto himself,

6 [N/A/N/A] For I have appointed him to receive these things and thus through him the properties of this Church shall be covenanted unto me.

7 [51:1b/51:3] Wherefore, let my servant Edward and those whom he has chosen in whom I am well pleased, appoint unto this people their portion, *everyone* alike, according to their families, according to their wants and their needs.

8 [51:1c1/51:4a] And let my servant Edward, when he shall appoint a man *or woman* their portion, give unto *them* a writing that shall secure unto *them* their portion,

9 [51:1c2/51:4b] That *they* shall hold it of the Church *unless they* transgress and *are* not counted worthy by the voice of the Church, according to the Laws to belong to the Church;

10 [51:1e2/51:6] And thus all things shall be made sure according to the laws of the land.

11 [51:2a1/51:7] And let that which belongeth to this people be appointed unto this people,

12 [51:2a2/51:8] And the money which is left unto this people, let there be an agent appointed unto this people to take the money to provide food and raiment according to the wants of this people.

13 [51:2b/51:9] And let *everyone* deal honestly and be alike among this people and receive alike, that ye may be one, even as I have commanded you.

14 [51:3a/51:10] And let that which belongeth to this people not be taken and given unto that of another Church^a;

15 [51:3b/51:11] Wherefore, if another Church would receive money of this Church, let them pay unto this Church again, according as they shall agree;

16 [51:3c/51:12] And this shall be done through the Bishop or the agent which shall be appointed by the voice of the Church.

17 [51:4a/51:13] And again, let the Bishop appoint a storehouse unto this Church, and let all things both in money and in meat, which is more than is needful for the want of this people be kept in the hands of the Bishop;

18 [51:4b/51:14] And let him also reserve unto himself for his own wants and for the wants of his family as he shall be employed in doing this business.

19 [51:4c1/51:15] And thus I grant unto this people a privilege of organizing themselves^a according to my Laws.

20 [51:4c2/51:16] And I consecrate unto them this land for a little season, until I the Lord shall provide for them otherwise and command them to go hence:

21 [51:4c3-d/51:17] And the hour and the day is not given unto them, wherefore let them act upon this land as for years, and this shall turn unto them for their good.

22 [51:5a/51:18] Behold, this shall be an example unto my servant Edward in other places, in all Churches^a;

23 [51:5b/51:19] And whoso is found a faithful and just and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of *their* Lord and shall inherit eternal life.

24 [51:5c/51:20] Verily I say unto you: I am Jesus Christ who cometh quickly, in an hour you think not; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. The Latter Day Saint movement was not organized originally to be on giant denomination, but a series of independent Churches, brothers and sisters in Christ within that same movement.

Section 30

To the Elders of the Church of Christ

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-fifth commandment" given June 6, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 52 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 87-89. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation given to the Bishop concerning the property of the Church:

2 [52:1a/52:1-2a] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the Elders whom He hath called and chosen in these last days by the voice of His Spirit, saying:

3 [52:1b/52:1b-2b] I, the Lord, will make known unto you what I will make known that ye should do from this time until the next Conference, which shall be held in Missouri, upon the land which I will consecrate unto my people which are a remnant of Jacob, and those who are heirs according to the Covenant.

4 [52:2a/52:3] Wherefore, verily I say unto you: Let my servants Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon take their journey as Soon as preparations can be made, to leave their homes and journey to the land of Missouri;

5 [52:2b1/52:4] And in as much as they are faithful unto me it shall be made known unto them what they shall do.

6 [52:2b2/52:5] And it shall also, in as much as they are faithful, be made known unto them the land of your inheritance:

7 [52:2c/52:6] And in as much as they are not faithful, they shall be cut off, even as I will, as seemeth me good.

8 [52:3a1/52:7] And again, verily I say unto you: Let my servant Lyman Wight and my servant John Corrill take their journey speedily;

9 [52:3a2/52:8] And also my servant John Murdock and my servant Hyrum Smith take their journey unto the same place by the way of Detroit,

10 [52:3b/52:9] And let them journey from thence preaching the Word by the way, saying none other things than the Prophets and Apostles have written and that which is taught them by the Comforter through the prayer of faith;

11 [52:3c/52:10] Let them go two by two, and thus let them preach by the way in every congregation, baptizing by water and the laying on the hands by the waterside;

12 [52:3d1/52:11] For thus sayeth the Lord: I will cut my work short in righteousness, for the days cometh that I will send forth Judgement (*Gevurah*) unto victory.

13 [52:3d2/52:12] And let my servant Lyman be aware, for Satan desireth to sift him as chaff;

14 [52:4a/52:13] And behold: He that is faithfull shall be made ruler over many things.

15 [52:4b/52:14] Again I will give unto you a pattern in all things, that ye may not be deceived, for Satan is abroad in the land, and he goeth forth deceiving the nations.

16 [52:4c/52:15] Wherefore, he that prayeth, whose spirit is contrite; the same is accepted of me, if *they* obey mine ordinances.

17 [52:4d/52:16] He that speaketh, whose spirit is contrite, whose language in is meek, and edifieth; the same is of God, if he obey mine ordinances.

18 [52:4e/52:17] And again, he that trembeleth under my power shall be made strong and shall bring forth fruits of praise and wisdom, according to the revelations and truths which I have given you.

19 [52:5a1/52:18] And again, *they* that *are* overcome and bringeth not forth fruits even according to this pattern *are* not of me;

20 [52:5a2/52:19] Wherefore, by this pattern ye shall know all the spirits in all cases under the whole Heavens.

21 [52:5b1/52:20] And the days have come, according to men's faith it shall be done unto them.

22 [52:5b2/52:21] Behold this commandment is given unto all the Elders whom I have chosen.

23 [52:5c/52:22] And again, verily I say unto you: Let my servants Thomas B. Marsh and my servant Ezra Thayer take their journey also, preaching the Word by the way unto this same land.

24 [52:5d/52:23] And again, let my servant Isaac Morley and my servant Ezra Booth take their journey also, preaching the word by the way to the same land.

25 [52:6a/52:24] Let my servant Edward Partridge and Martin Harris take their journey with my servants Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith Jr.

26 [52:6b1/52:25] Let my servant David Whitmer and Harvey Whitlock also take their journey and preach by the way.

27 [52:6b2/52:26] Let my servant Parley P. Pratt and Orson Pratt also take their journey and preach by the way unto this same land.

28 [52:6c1/52:27] And my servant Solomon Hancock and Simeon Carter also take their journey to the same land and preach by the way.

29 [52:6c2/52:28] Let my servant Edson Fuller and Jacob Scott also take their journey.

30 [52:6d1/52:29] Let my servant Levi Hancock and Zebedee Coltrin take their journey.

31 [52:6d2/52:30] Let my servant Reynolds Cahoon and Samuel Smith also take their journey.

32 [52:6d3/52:31] Let my servant Wheeler Baldwin and William Carter also take their Journey.

33 [52:7a1/52:32] Let my servant Newel Knight and Selah Griffin both be ordained and also take their journey.

34 [52:7a2/52:33a] Yea verily I say unto you: Let all these take their journey unto one place in their several courses;

35 [52:7a3/52:33b] And one man shall not build upon another's foundation, neither journey in an others tracks;

36 [52:7b/52:34] He that is faithful, the same shall be kept and blest with much fruit.

37 [52:8a/52:35] And again I say unto you: Let my servant Joseph Wakefield and Solomon Humphrey Jr. take their journey into the Eastern lands;

38 [52:8b1/52:36a] And let them labor with their families, declaring none other things than the Prophets and Apostles;

39 [52:8b2/52:36b] That which they have seen and heard and most assuredly believe, that the Prophecies may be fulfilled.

40 [52:8c/52:37] In consequence of transgression, let that which was bestowed upon Heman Bassett be taken from him and placed upon the head of Simon Rider.

41 [52:9a1/52:38] And again, verily I say unto you: Let Jared Carter be ordained a Priest, and also George James be ordained a Priest.

42 [52:9a2/52:39a] Let the residue of the Elders watch over the Churches and declare the Word in the regions among them;

43 [52:9b/52:39b] And let them labor with their own hands that there be no idolatry nor wickedness practiced;

44 [52:9c/52:40] And remember in all things the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted; for he that doeth not these things, the same is not my disciple.

45 [52:9d-e1/52:41] And again, let my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, and Edward Partridge take with them a recommend from the Church; and let there be one obtained for my servant Oliver Cowdery also;

46 [52:9e2/52:42] And thus even as I have said: If ye are faithful ye shall assemble yourselves together to rejoice upon the land of your inheritance, which is now the land of your enemies;

47 [52:9f1/52:43] But behold, I the Lord will hasten the City in its time, and will crown the faithful with joy and rejoicing.

48 [52:9f2/52:44] Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and I will lift them up at the last day; Even so, Amen.

Section 31a

Revelation to Sidney Gilbert

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-sixth commandment" given June 8, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 53 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 89-90. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A Revelation given to Sidney Gilbert, his call and more:
- 2 [53:1a1/52:1a] ¶ Behold, I say unto you, my servant Sidney, that I have heard your prayers;
- 3 [53:1a2/52:1b] And ye have called upon me that it should be made known unto you of the Lord your God concerning your calling and election in this Church, which I, the Lord, have raised up in these last days.
- 4 [53:2a/52:2] ¶ Behold, I, the Lord, who was crucified for the sins of the world giveth unto you a commandment, that you shall forsake the world.
- 5 [53:2b/52:3] Take upon you mine ordinances, even that of an Elder, to preach faith, and repentance, and remission of sins, according to my Word, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands;
- 6 [53:2c/52:4] And also, to be an agent unto this Church in the place which shall be appointed by the Bishop, according to commandments which shall be given hereafter.
- 7 [53:3a/52:5] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: You shall take your journey with my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.
- 8 [53:3b/52:6] Behold, these are the first ordinances which you shall receive, and the residue shall be made known unto you in a time to come according to your labor in my vineyard.
- 9 [53:3c/52:7] And again, I would that ye should learn that it is him only who is saved that endureth unto the end; Even so, Amen.

Section 31b

A Revelation to the Church at Thompson

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-seventh commandment" given June 10, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 54 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 90-91. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A Revelation to the Church at Thompson giving them Directions:
- 2 [54:1a/54:1] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end—even Him that was crucified for the sins of the world;
- 3 [54:1b1/54:2] Behold; verily, verily I say unto you, my servant Newel Knight: You shall stand fast in the office wherewith I have appointed you,
- 4 [54:1b2/54:3] And if your brethren desire to escape their enemies, let them repent of all their sins and become truly humble before me and contrite;
- 5 [54:1c/54:4] And as the covenant which they make unto me has been broken, even so it hath become void and of none affect.
- 6 [54:1d/54:5] ¶ And wo to him by whom this offence cometh, for it had been better for him that he had been drowned in the depth of the sea!
- 7 [54:1e/54:6] But blessed are they who have kept the covenant and observed the commandment, for they shall obtain mercy;
- 8 [54:2a1/54:7a] Wherefore, go to now and flee the land, lest your enemies come upon you,
- 9 [54:2a2/54:7b] ¶ And take your journey and appoint whom you will to be your leader and to pay moneys for you.

10 [54:2b/54:8] And thus you shall take your journey into the regions Westward unto Missouri unto the borders of the *Native Americans*^a.

11 [54:23/54:9] And after you have done journeying, behold I say unto you: Seek ye a living like unto men until I prepare a place for you;

12 [54:3a/54:10a] ¶ And again, be patient in tribulation until I come, and behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me;

13 [54:3b/54:10b] And he that hath sought me early shall find rest to their souls; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi

Section 31c

A Revelation to William W. Phelps & Joseph Coe

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-eighth commandment" given June 14, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 55 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 91. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A Revelation to William W. Phelps and Joseph Coe, their callings and more:

2 [55:1a-b1/55:1a] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant William, yea even the Lord of the whole Earth: thou art called and chosen.

3 [55:1b2/55:11b] And after thou hast been baptized by water, which if you do with an eye single to my glory you shall have a remission of your sins, and a reception of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands;

4 [55:1c1/55:2a] And then thou shalt be ordained by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. to be an Elder unto this Church:

5 [55:1c2/55:2b] To Preach repentance and remission of sins by way of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God!

6 [55:1d/55:3] And on whomsoever you shall lay your hands, if they are contrite before me, you shall have power to give the Holy Spirit.

7 [55:2a/55:4] ¶ And again, thou shalt be ordained to assist my servant Oliver Cowdery to do the work of printing and of selecting and writing books for schools in this Church, that little children also may receive instruction before me, as is pleasing unto me.

8 [55:2b/55:5] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: For this cause thou shalt take thy journey with my servants Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, that thou mayest be planted in the land of thine inheritance to do this work.

9 [55:2c/55:6] ¶ And again, let my servant Joseph Coe also take his journey with them, the residue shall be made known hereafter even as I will; Amen.

Section 31d

A Revelation to Thomas B. Marsh

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "fifty-ninth commandment" given June 15, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 56 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 91-93. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Thomas B. Marsh was desirous to know what he should do, as the Lord had commanded him and Ezra Thayer to take their journey to the land of Missouri, but Thayer could not get ready as soon.

2 Thomas wanted to know what he should do, and these are the words of the Lord:

3 [56:1a/56:1] ¶ Hearken O ye people which profess my name, saith the Lord your God; for behold mine anger is kindled against the rebellious, and they shall know mine arm and mine indignation in the day of visitation and of wrath upon the nations;

4 [56:1b/56:2:] And he that will not take up his cross and follow me and keep my commandments, the same shall not be saved.

5 [56:2a1/56:3a] Behold, I, the Lord, commandeth, and he that will not obey shall be cut off in mine own due time.

6 [56:2a2/56:3b-4a] And after that I have commanded and the commandment is broken, wherefore I, the Lord, command and revoke as it seemeth me good.

7 [56:2a3/56:4b] And all this to be answered upon the heads of the rebellious, saith the Lord.

8 [56:2b1/56:5a] Wherefore I revoke the commandment^a which was given unto my servant Thomas B. Marsh and Ezra Thayer and give a new commandment unto my servant Thomas:

9 [56:2b2/56:5b] That he shall take up his journey speedily to the land of Missouri and my servant Selah J. Griffin shall also go with him;

10 [56:2c/56:6] For behold, I revoke the commandment which was given to my servants Selah and Newel Knight in consequence of the stiffneckedness of my people which are in Thompson and their rebellions;

11 [56:2d/56:7] Wherefore let my servant Newel remain with them, and as many as will go may go that are contrite before me, and be led by him to the land which I have appointed.

12 [56:3a/56:8] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you that my servant Ezra Thayer must repent of his pride and his selfishness and obey the former commandment which I have given him concerning the place upon which he lives,

13 [56:3b/56:9] And if he will do this, as there shall no divisions be made upon the land, he shall be appointed still to go to the land of Missouri;

14 [56:3c/56:10] Otherwise he shall receive the money which he has paid and shall leave the place and shall be cut off out of my Church, saith the Lord God of *hosts*:

15 [56:3d/56:11] And though the Heavens and the Earth pass away, these words shall not pass away, but shall be fulfilled.

16 [56:4a1/56:12] And if my servant Joseph Smith Jr. must needs pay the money, behold, I the Lord will pay unto him again in the land of Missouri, that those of whom he shall receive may be rewarded again.

17 [56:4a2-b/56:13] According to that which they do, they shall receive, even in lands for their inheritance.

18 [56:4c1/56:14a] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord unto my people: You have many things to do and to repent of,

19 [56:4c2/56:14b] For behold, your sins have come up unto me and are not pardoned because you seek to council in your own ways,

20 [56:4d/56:15] And your hearts are not satisfied and you obey not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness.

21 [56:5a1/56:16a] Wo unto you rich men *and women* that will not give your substance to the poor, for your riches will canker your souls!

22 [56:5a2-b/56:16b] And this shall be your lamentation in the day of visitation and of judgement and of indignation: The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!

23 [56:5c/56:17] Wo unto you poor men *and women* whose hearts are not broken, whose spirits are not contrite, and whose bellies are not satisfied, and whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men's goods, whose eyes are full of greediness, who will not labor with their own hands!

24 [56:6a1/56:18a] But blessed are the poor *who are pure in heart, whose hearts are broken, and*^b whose spirits are contrite, for they shall see the Kingdom of God coming with power and great glory unto their deliverance,

25 [56:6a2-b1/56:18b-19a] For the fatness of the Earth shall be theirs; for behold, the Lord shall come and His recompence shall be with Him, and he shall reward *everyone*,

26 [56:6b2/56:19b-20a] And the poor shall rejoice, and their generations shall inherit the Earth from generation to generation forever and ever.

27 [56:6c/56:20b] And now, I make an end of speaking unto you; Even so, Amen.

Note:

a. See DoS 30:23

b. *who are pure in heart, whose hearts are broken, and:* This text was added at the top of page 93 and included here by inspiration.

Section 32

The Center Place

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixtieth commandment" given July 20, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 57 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 93-94. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A commandment to the Elders that had followed the council of the Lord and arriving in Missouri from Kirtland Ohio, giving directions to the Bishop and agent on how to proceed concerning purchasing lands:

2 [57:1a/57:1] ¶ Hearken, O ye Elders of my Church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandment^a in this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the Saints:

3 [57:1b/57:2] Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the City of Zion.

4 [57:1c/57:3a] Yea, thus saith the Lord your God: If ye will receive wisdom here is wisdom;

5 [57:1d/57:3b] Behold, the place which is now called Independence is the center place, and the spot for the temple is lying Westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse;

6 [57:1e/57:4] Wherefore, it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the Saints, and also every tract lying Westward even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile.

7 [57:1f/57:5a] And also every tract bordering by the prairies, in as much as my disciples are enabled to buy lands.

8 [57:1g/57:5b] Behold, this is wisdom that they may obtain it for an everlasting inheritance.

9 [57:2/57:6] And let my servant Sidney Gilbert stand in the office which I have appointed; to receive moneys, to be an agent unto the Church to buy lands in all the regions round about, in as much as can be in righteousness, and as wisdom shall direct.

10 [57:3/57:7] And let my servant Edward Partridge stand in the office which I have appointed him to *give*^b unto the Saints their inheritance, even as I have commanded, and also them whom he has appointed to assist him.

11 [57:4a1/57:8a] And again, verily I say unto you: Let my servant Sidney Gilbert plant himself in this place, and establish a store that his he may sell goods without frauds,

12 [57:4a2/57:8b] That he may obtain money to buy lands for the goods of the Saints, and that he may obtain provisions and whatsoever things the disciples may need to plant them in their inheritance.

13 [57:4b/57:9] And also let my servant Sidney Gilbert obtain license (behold here is wisdom and whoso readeth let *them* understand) that he may send goods also unto the *Native Americans*^c, even by whom he will as clerks employed in his service, and thus the Gospel may be preached unto them.

14 [57:5a1/57:11] And again verily I say unto you let my servant William W. Phelps also be planted in this place, and be established as a printer unto the Church;

15 [57:5a2/57:12] And lo, if the world receiveth his writings (behold this is wisdom), let him obtain whatsoever he can in righteousness for the good of the Saints.

16 [57:5b/57:13] And let my servant Oliver Cowdery assist him, even as I have commanded in whatsoever place I shall appoint unto him; to copy, and to correct, and select, *and so forth*, that all things may be right before me as it shall be proved by the Spirit through him.

17 [57:5c/57:14] And thus let those of whom I have spoken be planted in the Land of Zion as speedily as can be with their families to do these things, even as I have spoken.

18 [57:6a/57:15] And concerning the gathering, let the Bishop and the agent make preparations for those families which have been commanded to come to this land as soon as possible, and plant them in their inheritance;

19 [57:/57:16] And unto the residue of both Elders and members, further directions shall be given hereafter; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 30-31d
- b. Word originally omitted in the revelation, a note was added reading “divide,” but this was changed to “give” per inspiration.
- c. Originally “Lamanites.” The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the descendants of Lehi.

Section 33a

Lands of the Heritage

Revelation given to Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-first commandment" given August 1, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 58 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 94-98. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A revelation given to the Elders who were assembled in the land of Zion.

2 [58:1a/58:1] ¶ Hearken O ye Elders of my Church and give ear to my Word and learn of me, what I will concerning you, and also concerning this land unto which I have sent you;

3 [58:1b/58:2] For verily I say unto you: Blessed is he that keepeth my commandments, whether in life or in death; and he that is faithful in tribulation, the reward of the same is greater in the kingdom of heaven.

4 [58:2a1/58:3a] Ye cannot behold with your natural eyes, for the present time the design of your God concerning those things which shall come hereafter;

5 [58:2a2-b1/58:3b-4a] And the glory which shall follow after much tribulation, for after much tribulation cometh the blessings.

6 [58:2b2/58:4b] Wherefore, the day cometh that ye shall be crowned with much glory; the hour is not yet but is nigh at hand.

7 [58:3a/58:5] Remember *that* which I *told* you before, that you may lay it to heart and receive that which shall follow;

8 [58:3b/58:6] Behold, verily I say unto you for this cause I have sent you that you might be obedient and that your hearts might be prepared to bear testimony of the things which are to come;

9 [58:3c1/58:7] And also that you might be honored of laying the foundation and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand;

10 [58:31c2-d1b/58:8] And also that a feast of fat things might be prepared for the poor, yea a feast of fat things of wine on the lees well refined that the earth may know that the mouths of the prophets shall not fail;

11 [58:3d2-e1/58:9-10] Yea, a supper of the house of the Lord well prepared unto which all nations shall be invited: firstly, the rich and the learned, the wise and the noble,

12 [58:3e2-f1/58:11] And after that cometh the day of my power: then shall the poor; the lame, and the blind and the deaf, come in unto the marriage of the lamb and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come.

13 [58:3f2-4a1/58:12-13] ¶ Behold, I, the Lord, have spoken it that the testimony might go forth from Zion, yea from the mouth of the City of the heritage of God.

14 [58:4a2/58:14] Yea, for this cause I have sent you hither and have selected my servant Edward Partridge and appointed him his mission in this land;

15 [58:4b/58:15] But if he repent not of his sins, which is unbelief and blindness of heart, let him take heed, lest he fall;

16 [58:4c/58:16] Behold, his mission is given unto him and it shall not be given again.

17 [58:4d1/58:17a] And whoso standeth in that mission^a is appointed to be a judge in Israel, as it was in ancient days:

18 [58:4d2/58:17b-18] To divide the lands of the heritage of God unto His children, and to judge His people by the testimony of the just; and by the assistance of his councilors, according to the Laws of the Kingdom which are given by the Prophets of God;

19 [58:4e/58:19] For verily I say unto you: My Laws shall be kept on this land.

20 [58:15a/58:20] ¶ Let no man *or woman* think that *they are rulers*, but let God rule *them* that judgeth^b, or in other words, *them* that councileth or siteth upon the judgement seat, according to the council of His own will.

21 [58:5b1/58:21] Let no man *or woman* break the laws of the land, for he that keepeth the Laws of God hath no need to break the laws of the land;

22 [58:5b2/58:22] Wherefore, be subject to the powers that be until He reigns, whose right it is to reign, subdues all enemies under His feet.

23 [58:5c/58:23] ¶ Behold, the Laws which ye have received from my hand are the Laws of the Church, and in this light ye shall hold them forth; behold, here is wisdom.

24 [58:6a/58:24] And now, as I spoke concerning my servant Edward, this land is the land of his residence, and those whom he has appointed for his councilors, and also the land of the residence of him whom I have appointed to keep my storehouse:

25 [58:6b-c1/58:25-26a] Wherefore, let them bring their families to this land as they shall council between them and me; for behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things,

26 [58:6c2/58:26b] For he that is compelled in all things the same is a slothful and not a wise servant, wherefore he receiveth no reward.

27 [58:6d1/58:27] ¶ Verily I say: Men *and woman* should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;

28 [58:6d2-e/58:28] For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves, and inasmuch as men *and women* are good, they shall in no wise lose their reward;

29 [58:6f/58:29] But *they* that doeth not anything until *they are* commanded and receiveth a commandment with a doubtful heart and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.

30 [58:6g/58:30] ¶ Who am I that made *mankind*, saith the Lord, that will hold *them* guilty that obey not my commandments?

31 [58:6h/58:31] Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?

32 [58:6i1/58:32] I command and a man *or woman* obeys not, I revoke and they receive not the blessing;

33 [58:6i2/58:33a] Then they say in their hearts: This is not the work of the Lord, for his promises are not fulfilled!

34 [58:6i3/58:33b] But wo unto such, for their reward lurketh beneath and not from above.

35 [58:7a-b/58:34-35] ¶ And now I give unto you further directions concerning this land: It is wisdom in me that my servant Martin Harris should be an example unto the Church in laying his money before the Bishop of the Church;

36 [58:7c/58:36] And also, this is a law unto every man *and woman* that cometh unto the land to receive an inheritance, and *they* shall do with *their* moneys according as the Law directs;

37 [58:7d/58:37] And it is wisdom also that it there should be lands purchased in Independence for the place of the storehouse, and also for the house of the printing.

38 [58:8a/58:38] And other directions concerning my servant Martin shall be given him of the Spirit, that he may receive his inheritance as seemeth him good;

39 [58:8b/58:39] And let him repent of his sins, for he seeketh the praise of the world.

40 [58:9a/58:40] ¶ And also let my servant William W. Phelps stand in the office which I have appointed him and receive his inheritance in the land;

41 [58:9b/58:41] And also he hath need to repent, for I, the Lord, am not pleased with him for he seeketh to excel, and he is not sufficiently meek in his heart.

42 [58:9c/58:42] Behold, *they* that hath repented of *their* sins, the same *are* forgiven, and I, the Lord, remembereth them no more.

43 [58:9d/58:43] By this ye may know if a man *or woman* repenteth of *their* sins: Behold, *they* will confess them and forsake them.

44 [58:9e-f1/58:44-45] ¶ And now, verily I say concerning the residue of the Elders of my Church: The time *shall* not yet come for many years for them to receive their inheritance in this land, except they desire it through prayer *and* only as it shall be appointed unto them; for behold, they shall push the people together from the ends of the Earth;

45 [58:9f2/58:46] Wherefore, assemble yourselves together, and *they* that *are* not appointed to stay in this land, let them preach the Gospel in the regions round about; and after that, let them return to their homes.

46 [58:9g1/58:47] ¶ Let them preach by the way and bear testimony of the truth in all places, and call upon the rich: the high, and the low, and the poor, to repent.

47 [58:9g2/58:48] And let them build up churches, inasmuch as the inhabitants of the Earth will repent.

48 [58:10/58:49] And let there be an agent appointed by the voice of the Church.

49 [58:11a/58:50] ¶ And I give unto my servant Sidney Rigdon a commandment that he shall write a description of the Land of Zion, and a statement^c of the will of God, as it shall be made known by the Spirit unto him;

50 [58:11b/58:51] And an epistle and subscription to be presented unto all the churches, to obtain money to be put into the hands of the Bishop to purchase lands for an inheritance for the children of God, of himself or the agent, as seemeth him good, or as he shall direct;

51 [58:11c/58:52] For behold, verily I say unto you: The Lord willeth that the disciples and the children of men should open their hearts, even to purchase this whole region of country, as soon as time will permit.

52 [58:11d/58:53] ¶ Behold here is wisdom: Let them do this lest they reserve none inheritance, save it be by the shedding of blood.

53 [58:12a1/58:54] And again, in as much as there is lands obtained, let there be workmen sent forth of all kinds unto this land to labor for the Saints of God,

54 [58:12a2-b1/58:55] Let all these things be done in order, and let the privileges of the lands be made known from time to time by the Bishop or the agent of the Church;

55 [58:12b2/58:56] And let the work of the gathering be not in haste, nor by flight; but let it be done as it shall be counseled by the Elders of the Church at the conferences, according to the knowledge which they receive from time to time.

56 [58:13a-b1/58:57-58a] And let my servant Sidney consecrate and dedicate this land and the spot of the temple unto the Lord; and let a conference meeting be called;

57 [58:13b2/58:58b] ¶ And after that, let my servant Sidney and Joseph return, and also Oliver Cowdery with them to accomplish the residue of the work which I have appointed unto them in their own land;

58 [58:13b3-14a/58:58c-59] And the residue as shall be ruled by the conference, and let no man return from this land except he bear record by the way of that which he knows and most assuredly believes.

59 [58:14b/58:60] ¶ Let that which has been bestowed upon Ziba Peterson be taken from him and let him stand as a member in the Church and labor with his own hands with the brethren until he is sufficiently chastened for all his sins, for he confesseth them not, and he thinketh to hide them.

60 [58:15a/58:61] Let the residue of the Elders of this Church which are coming to this land, some of whom are exceedingly blessed even above measure also hold a conference, which shall be held by them.

61 [58:15c/58:63] And let them also return preaching the Gospel by the way, bearing record of the things which are revealed unto them;

62 [58:15d1/58:64a] For verily, the sound must go forth from this place into all the world and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth:

63 [58:15d2/58:64b-65] The gospel must be preached unto every creature, with signs following them that believe; and behold, the Son of Man cometh; Amen.

Note:

- a. Called as a Bishop or Pastor
- b. This verse was originally: "let no man think that he is ruler but let god rule him that Judgeth according to the council of his own will (or in other words) him that councileth or seteth (siteth?) upon the Judgement Seat," and was reorganized by inspiration for clarification.
- c. A revelation, See Epistles of the Saints, Call to the Center Place.

Section 33b

Cornerstone of the Temple

A copy of the proceedings of the laying of the first logs of the city of Zion August 3, 1831, as written by Oliver Cowdery. This version was taken from The Book of John Whitmer, Chapter 9. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 After many struggles and afflictions, being persecuted by our enemies, we received intelligence by letter from our brethren who were at the East,

2 That Brother Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, and many other Elders, were commanded to take their journey to this land, the land of Missouri,

3 Which was promised unto us should be the land of the inheritance of the Saints, and the place of the gathering in these last days, which intelligence cheered our hearts, and caused us to rejoice exceedingly.

4 And by the special protection of the Lord, Brother Joseph Smith, Jr., and Sidney Rigdon, in company with eight other Elders, with the Church from Colesville, New York, consisting of about sixty souls, arrived in the month of July,

5 And by revelation the place was made known where the temple shall stand, and the city should commence.

6 And by commandment, twelve of us assembled ourselves together, viz., Elder Joseph Smith, Jr., the Seer, Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, Newel Knight, William W. Phelps, and Ezra Booth who denied the faith.

7 ¶ On the 2nd day of August 1831, Brother Sidney Rigdon stood up and asked saying: Do you receive this land for the land of your inheritance with thankful hearts from the Lord? Answer from all: we do.

8 Do you pledge yourselves to keep the laws of God on this land, which you never have kept in your own lands? we do.

9 Do you pledge yourselves to see that others of your brethren who shall come hither do keep the laws of God? we do.

10 After prayer he arose and said: I now pronounce this land consecrated and dedicated to the Lord for a possession and inheritance for the Saints, in the name of Jesus Christ having authority from Him, and for all the faithful servants of the Lord to the remotest ages of time. Amen.

11 ¶ The day following, eight elders, viz., Joseph Smith, Jr., Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, Peter Whitmer, Jr., Frederick G. Williams, Wm. W. Phelps, Martin Harris, and Joseph Coe, assembled together where the Temple is to be erected.

12 Sidney Rigdon dedicated the ground where the city is to stand and Joseph Smith, Jr. laid a stone at the Northeast corner of the contemplated temple in the name of the Lord Jesus of Nazareth.

13 After all present had rendered thanks to the great ruler of the universe, Sidney Rigdon pronounced this spot of ground wholly dedicated unto the Lord forever: Amen.

Section 34

Keeping the Sabbath

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-second commandment" given in Jackson County, Missouri August 7, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 59 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 98-100. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A revelation instructing the Saints how to keep the Sabbath, and how to fast and pray.
- 2 [59:1a1/59:1] ¶ Behold: blessed, saith the Lord, are they who have come up unto this land with an eye single to my glory, according to my commandments;
- 3 [59:1a2/59:2a] For them that live shall inherit the earth, and them that die shall rest from all their labors,
- 4 [59:1a3/59:2b] And their works shall follow them, and they shall receive a crown in the mansions of my Father, which I have prepared for them.
- 5 [59:1b1/59:3a] Yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the Land of Zion, who have obeyed my Gospel;
- 6 [59:1b2-c1/59:3b-4a] For they shall receive for their reward the good things of the Earth, and *she* shall bring forth in *her* strength and they also shall be crowned with blessings from above:
- 7 [59:1c2/59:4b] Yea and with commandments not a few, and with revelations in their time; they that are faithful and diligent before me:
- 8 [59:2a/59:5] Wherefore I give unto them a commandment, saying thus: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might mind, and strength, and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve Him;
- 9 [59:2b-c/59:6] Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; thou shalt not steal, neither commit adultery, nor kill, nor do anything like unto it.
- 10 [59:2d/59:7] Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things;
- 11 [59:2e/59:8] Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in righteousness, even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.
- 12 [59:2f1/59:9] And, that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy Sacraments upon my holy day^a,
- 13 [59:2f2/59:10] For verily, this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labors, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High.
- 14 [59:2g/59:11] Nevertheless, thy vows shall be offered up in righteousness in all days, and at all times;
- 15 [59:2h/59:12] But remember that on this, the Lord's Day^b, thou shalt offer thine oblations and thy sacraments unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren *and sistren*, and before the Lord;
- 16 [59:3a/59:13] And on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or in other words that thy joy may be full;
- 17 [59:3b/59:14] Verily, this is fasting and prayer, or in other word, rejoicing and prayer.
- 18 [59:4a/59:15] ¶ And in as much as ye do these things with thanksgiving, with cheerful hearts, and with a glad heart and a cheerful countenance^c (not with much laughter, for this is sin);
- 19 [59:4b1/59:16a] Verily I say that in as much as ye do this, the fullness of the earth is yours;
- 20 [59:4b2/59:16b] The beasts of the fields, and the fowls of the air, and that which climbeth upon trees, and walketh upon the earth;
- 21 [59:4c/59:17] Yea, and the herb and the good things which cometh of the earth, whether for food, or for raiment, or for houses, or for barns, or for orchards, or for gardens, or for vineyards;
- 22 [59:4d1/59:18] Yea all things which cometh of the earth in the season thereof is made for the benefit and the use of *mankind*; both to please the eye and to gladden the heart:
- 23 [59:4d2/59:19] Yea for food and for raiment, for taste and for smell, to strengthen the body and to enliven the soul;
- 24 [59:5a/59:20] And it pleaseth God that He hath given all these things unto *mankind*, for unto this end were they made: to be used with judgement; not to excess, neither by extortion;

25 [59:5b/59:21] And in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is His wrath kindled, save those who confess not His hand in all things and obey not His commandments;

26 [59:5c1/59:22a] Behold, this is according to the Law and the Prophets,

27 [59:4c2/59:22b-23] Wherefore trouble me no more concerning this matter, but learn that *they* who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive *their* reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come.

28 [59:4d/59:24] I, the Lord, hath spoken it, and the Spirit beareth record; Amen.

Note:

- a. This revelation does not state which day is the holy day. In the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship they may mean Saturday (the Sabbath) or Sunday (the Lord's Day), or any Holy Day we are commanded to observe in the Torah.
- b. While we in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship call Sunday the Lord's Day, the Sabbath (Saturday) means the Lord's day, and so this can still refer to Saturday or Sunday.
- c. This verse originally read, "& in as much as ye do these things with thanksgiving with cheerful hearts & countenances (not (with much laughter for this is sin) but with a glad heart & a cheerful countenance." This verse was reorganized for clearer meaning, by inspiration.

Directions to Some of the Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-third commandment" given in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri August 8, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 60 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 100-101. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 A revelation directing some of the Elders to return to their homes and own land.

2 [60:1a/60:1a] ¶ Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the Elders of this Church who are to return speedily to the land from whence they came:

3 [60:1b1/60:1b-2a] Behold, it pleaseth me that you have come up hither, but with some I am not well pleased;

4 [60:1b2/60:2b] For they will not open their mouths, but hide the talent which I have given them because of the fear of man.

5 [60:1a/60:2c] Wo unto such! For mine anger is kindled against them!

6 [60:2a1/60:3-4a] ¶ And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, that which they have^a shall be taken away;

7 [60:2a2/60:4b] For I, the Lord, ruleth in the heavens above and among the armies of the earth,

8 [60:2b/60:4c] And in the day when I shall make up my Jewels all men shall know what it is that bespeaketh the power of God;

9 [60:2c/60:5a] But verily, I will speak unto you concerning your journey unto the land from whence you came:

10 [60:2d/60:5b] Let there be a craft made or bought as seemeth you good, it mattereth not unto me, and take your journey speedily for the place which is called St. Louis,

11 [60:2e1/60:6] And from thence let my servant Sidney Rigdon, and Joseph Smith Jr., and Oliver Cowdery take their journey for Cincinnati, Ohio:

12 [60:2e2/60:7a] And in this place let them lift up their voice and declare my Word with loud voices,

13 [60:2e3-f/60:7b] Without wrath or doubting lifting up holy hands upon them, for I am able to make you holy; and your sins are forgiven you.

14 [60:3a/60:8] ¶ Let the residue take their journey from St. Louis, two by two, and preach the Word, not in haste, among the congregations of the wicked until they return to the Churches from whence they came:

15 [60:3b/60:9] And all this for the good of the Churches, for this intent have I sent them.

16 [60:3c1/60:10] Let my servant Edward Partridge impart *a portion*^b of the money which I have given him unto mine Elders which are commanded to return,

17 [60:3c2/60:11] And he that is able, let him return it by the way of the agent; and he that is not of him it is not required.

18 [60:3d1/60:12-13a] ¶ And now I speak of the residue which is to come to this land: Behold, they have been sent to preach my Gospel among the congregations of the wicked,

19 [60:3d2-e/60:13b] Wherefore I give unto them a commandment: Thou shalt not idle away thy time neither, shalt thou bury thy talent that it may not be known;

20 [60:4a/60:14a] And after thou hast come up unto the land of Zion and have proclaimed my Word, thou shalt speedily return preaching the Word among the congregations;

21 [60:4b1/60:14b-15a] Not in haste, neither in wrath, nor with strife; and shake off the dust of thy feet against those who receive thee not:

22 [60:4b2-c1/60:15b-16a] Not in their presence lest thou provoke them, but in secret; and wash thy feet as a testimony against them in the day of judgement, this is sufficient for you.

23 [60:c2-d/60:16b-17] And the will of Him who hath sent you, and by the mouth of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. it shall be made known concerning Sidney Rigdon and Oliver Cowdery the residue hereafter; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. This verse originally read; “& it shall come to pass if they are not more faithfull unto me it shall be taken away even that which they have.” This verse was reorganized for clearer meaning, by inspiration.
- b. This verse originally read; “& let my servent Edward impart of the money which I have given him a portion unto mine Elders which are commanded to return. This verse was reorganized for clearer meaning, by inspiration.

Section 35b

Directions on the Bank of the River Destruction

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-fourth commandment" given on the banks of the Missouri River, August 12, 1831. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 61 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 101-103. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

- 1 A revelation unfolding some mysteries:
- 2 [61:1a/61:1] ¶ Behold and hearken unto him the voice of him who hath all power who is from everlasting to everlasting, even alpha and omega; the beginning and the end:
- 3 [61:1b1/61:2a] Behold, verily; thus saith the Lord unto you, O ye Elders of my Church who are assembled upon this spot, whose sins are now forgiven you;
- 4 [61:1b2/61:2b] For I the Lord forgiveth sins, and am merciful unto those who confess their sins with humble hearts;
- 5 [61:1c/61:3] But verily I say unto you that it is not needful for this whole company of mine Elders to be moving swiftly upon the waters whilst the inhabitants on either sides are perishing in unbelief;
- 6 [61:1d1/61:4a] Nevertheless, I suffered it that ye might bear record.
- 7 [61:1d2/61:4b] Behold, there are many dangers upon the waters, and more especially hereafter;
- 8 [61:1d3-e1/61:5] For I, the Lord, have decreed in mine anger many destructions upon the waters, yea and especially upon these waters.
- 9 [61:1e2/61:6] Nevertheless, all flesh is in mine hand, he that is faithful among you shall not perish by the waters;
- 10 [61:2a/61:7] Wherefore, it is expedient that my servant Sidney Gilbert and my servant William W. Phelps be in haste upon their errand and mission.
- 11 [61:2b/61:8] Nevertheless, I would not suffer that ye should part until ye you are chastened for all your sins; that you might be one, that you might not perish in wickedness;
- 12 [61:2c1/61:9a] But now, verily I say: It behooveth me that ye should part.
- 13 [61:2c2/61:9b] ¶ Wherefore, let then my servant Sidney Gilbert and William W. Phelps take their former company, and let them take their journey in haste, that they may fill their mission;
- 14 [61:2c3/61:9c-10] And through faith they shall overcome, and in as much as they are faithful, they shall be preserved, and I, the Lord, will be with them.
- 15 [61:2d1/61:11] And let the residue take that which is needful for clothing.
- 16 [61:2d2/61:12] *And* let my servant Sidney Gilbert take that which is not needful with them him as you shall agree.
- 17 [61:2e/61:13] ¶ And now behold, for your good I give unto you a commandment concerning these things, and I the Lord will reason with you as with men in days of old.
- 18 [61:3a/61:14] Behold, I, the Lord, in the beginning blessed the waters, but in the last days by the mouth of my servant John I cursed the waters;
- 19 [61:3b1/61:15] Wherefore, the days will come that no flesh shall be safe upon the waters,
- 20 [61:3b2/61:16] And it shall be said in days to come that none is able to go up to the land of Zion upon the waters but *they* that *are* upright in heart.

21 [61:3c/61:17] And as I, the Lord, in the beginning cursed the land, even so in the last days have I blessed it in its time for the use of my Saints, that they may partake the fatness thereof.

22 [61:3d/61:18] ¶ And now I give unto you a commandment, and what I say unto one I say unto all: That you shall forewarn your brethren *and sistren* concerning these waters, that they come not in journeying on upon them lest their faith fail and they are caught in her snares;

23 [61:3e1/61:19] I, the Lord, hath decreed and the destroyer rideth upon the face thereof, and I revoke not the decree.

24 [61:3e2-f1/61:20-21a] I, the Lord, was angry with you yesterday, but today mine anger is turned away; wherefore, let those whom I have spoken that should take their journey in haste.

25 [61:3f2/61:21b-22] ¶ Again I say unto you: Let them take their journey in haste, and it mattereth not unto me after a little, if it so be that they fill their mission whether they go by water or by land; let this be as it is made known unto them according to their judgements.

26 [61:4a1/61:23a] And now concerning my servants Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith Jr., and Oliver Cowdery, let them come not again upon the waters, save it be upon the canal while journeying unto their homes;

27 [61:4a2/61:23b] Or in other words, they shall not come upon the waters to journey, save upon the canal

28 [61:4b1/61:24] Behold, I, the Lord, have appointed a way for the journeying of my Saints, and behold this is the way: That after they leave the canal, they shall journey by land in as much as they are commanded to journey and go up unto the land of Zion;

29 [61:4b2/61:25] And they shall do like unto the children of Israel, pitching their tents by the way.

30 [61:5a/61:26] And behold, this commandment you shall give unto all your brethren *and sistren*;

31 Nevertheless, unto whom it is given power to command the waters, unto *them* it is given by the Spirit to know all his ways;

32 [61:5b1/61:28] Wherefore, let *them* do as the Spirit of the living God commandeth *them*, whether upon the land or upon the waters, as it remaineth with me to do hereafter;

33 [61:5b2/61:29] And unto you it is given the course of the Saints, or the way for the Saints of the camp of the Lord to journey.

34 [61:5c/61:30] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you, my servants Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith Jr., and Oliver Cowdery, *These* shall not open their mouths in the congregations of the wicked until they arrive at Cincinnati Ohio,

35 [61:5d/61:31] And in that place they shall lift up their voices unto God against that people, yea unto Him whose anger is kindled against their wickedness, a people which is well ripened for destruction;

36 [61:5e/61:32] And from thence let them journey for the congregations of their brethren *and sistren*, for their labors even now are wanted more abundantly among them *than* among the congregations of the wicked.

37 [61:6a1/61:33] And now, concerning the residue: Let them Journey and declare the Word among the congregations of the wicked, inasmuch as it is given;

38 [61:6a2/61:34] And in as much as they do this, they shall rid their garments and they shall be spotless before me.

39 [61:6b1/61:35a] And let them journey together, or two by two, as seemeth them good;

40 [61:6b2/61:35b] Only let my servant Reynolds Cahoon and my servant Samuel Smith, with whom I am well pleased, be not separated until they return to their homes, and this for a wise purpose in me.

41 [61:6c2/61:36] ¶ And now, verily I say unto you; and what I say unto one I say unto all: Be of good cheer little children, for I am in your midst, and I have not forsaken you;

42 [61:6c2/61:37] And in as much as ye have humbled yourselves before me the blessings of the kingdom *are* yours;

43 [61:6d/61:38] Gird up your loins and be watchful, and be sober, looking forth for the coming of the Son of Man in an hour you think not:

44 [61:6e/61:39] Pray always that you enter not into temptation, that you may abide the day of His coming, whether in life or in death; Even so. Amen.

Section 35c

Return to bear Record

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-fifth commandment" given on the banks of the Missouri River, August 13, 1831 to some of the Elders which had not yet arrived at their Journeys end. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 62 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 104. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [62:1a1/62:1] ¶ Behold and hearken, O ye Elders of my Church, saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ; your advocate who knoweth the weakness of man, and how to succor they that are tempted;

2 [62:1a2/62:2] And verily, mine eyes are upon ye who have not as yet gone up unto the Land of Zion, wherefore your mission is not yet full;

3 [62:1b/62:3] Nevertheless, ye are blessed; for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in heaven for the Angels to look upon, and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you.

4 [62:2a/62:4] And now, continue your journey, assemble yourselves upon the land of Zion and hold a meeting and rejoice together, and offer a sacrament unto the Most High.

5 [62:2b1/62:5a] And then you may return to bear record yea even all together or two by two as seemeth you good:

6 [62:2b2/62:5b] It mattereth not unto me, only be faithful and declare glad tidings unto the inhabitants of the Earth as among the congregations of the wicked.

7 [62:2c1/62:6a] Behold, I, the Lord, have brought you together that the promise might be fulfilled that the faithful among you should be preserved and rejoice together in the land of Missouri.

8 [62:2c2/62:6b] I, the Lord, promised the faithful, and cannot lie.

9 [62:3a/62:7] I, the Lord, am willing, if any among you desireth to ride upon horses, or upon mules, or in chariots: shall receive this blessing if ye receive it from the hand of the Lord with thankful hearts in all things.

10 [62:3b1/62:8] These things remain with you to do, according to judgement and the directions of the Spirit;

11 [62:3b2/62:9] Behold, the kingdom is yours; and behold and lo, I am with the faithful always; Even so, Amen.

A Meeting of Some of the Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-sixth commandment" given Kirtland Ohio, August 30, 1831 to the Church of Christ. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 63 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Verses 1-5 were taken from Times and Seasons Vol. V. No. 6, Nauvoo, IL March 15, 1844. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 104-108. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 After this little meeting of the elders, myself, and Sidney Rigdon, and Oliver Cowdery, continued our journey by land to St. Louis, where we overtook brothers Phelps and Gilbert.

2 From this place we took stage, and they went by water to Kirtland, where we arrived save and well, on August 27, 1831.

3 Many things transpired upon this journey to strengthen our faith, and displayed the goodness of God in such a marvelous manner, that we could not help beholding the exertions of Satan to blind the eyes of the people, so as to hide the true light that lights every man that comes into the world.

4 In these infant days of the Church, there was a great anxiety to obtain the word of the Lord upon every subject that in any way concerned our salvation;

5 And the land of Zion was now the most important temporal object in view, I inquired of the Lord for further information upon the gathering of the Saints and the purchase of the land and other matters, received the following:

6 [63:1a/63:1] ¶ Hearken, O ye People and open your hearts and give ear from afar and listen, you that call yourselves the people of the Lord and hear the Word of the Lord and His will concerning you.

7 [63:1b1/63:2] Yea, verily I say: Hear the Word of Him whose anger is kindled against the wicked and rebellious, who willet to take even whom He will take and preserveth in life them whom He will preserve;

8 [63:1b2/63:3] Who buildeth up at his own will and pleasure, and destroys when He please, and is able to cast the soul down to Hell.

9 [63:2a/63:5] ¶ Behold, I, the Lord, uttereth my voice and it shall be obeyed;

10 [63:2b1/63:6a] Wherefore, verily I say: Let the wicked take heed and let the rebellious fear and tremble, and let the unbelieving hold their lips,

11 [63:2b2/63:6b] For the day of wrath shall come upon them as a whirlwind, and all flesh shall know that I am God,

12 [63:2c/63:7] And *they* that seeketh signs shall see signs, but not unto salvation.

13 [63:3a1/63:8] ¶ Verily I say unto you: There are those among you who seeketh signs, and there has been such even from the beginning,

14 [63:3a2/63:9] But behold, faith cometh not by signs but signs follow those that believe:

15 [63:3b/63:10] Yea, signs cometh by faith, not by the will of men *or women*, nor as they please, but by the will of God;

16 [63:3c1/63:11a] Yea, signs cometh by faith unto mighty works, for without faith no man *nor woman* pleaseth God,

17 [63:3c2/63:11b] And with whom God is angry He is not well pleased, wherefore unto such he sheweth no signs, only in wrath in condemnation.

18 [63:4a1/63:12] Wherefore I, the Lord, am not pleased with those among you who have sought after signs and wonders, and not for faith, and not for the good of men *and woman* unto my glory;

19 [63:4a2/63:13] Nevertheless, I gave commandments, and many have turned away from my commandments and have not kept them.

20 [63:4b/63:14] There were among you adulterers^a and adulteresses^a, some of whom have turned away from you and others remain with you that hereafter shall be revealed:

21 [63:4c/63:15] Let such be aware and repent speedily lest judgement shall come upon them as a snare and their folly shall be made manifest and their works shall follow them in the eyes of the people.

22 [63:5a1/63:16a] And verily I say unto you as I have said before: *They* that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or if any shall commit adultery^a in *their hearts*,

23 [63:5a2/63:16b] They shall not have the Spirit but shall deny the faith and shall fear;

24 [63:5b/63:17] Wherefore I, the Lord, have said that the fearful, and the unbelieving, and all liars, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie, and the whoremonger^b, and the sorcerer^c should have their part in that lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death;

25 [63:5c/63:18] Verily I say that they shall not have part in the first resurrection.

26 [63:6a/63:19] And now, behold I, the Lord, saith unto you: Ye are not justified because these things are among you,

27 [63:6b1/63:20] Nevertheless, *they* that endureth in faith and doeth my will, the same shall overcome and shall receive an inheritance upon the earth when the day of transfiguration shall come,

28 [63:6b2/63:21] When the earth shall be transfigured, even according to the pattern which was shewn unto mine Apostles upon the mount, of which account the fullness ye have not yet received.

29 [63:7a/63:22] And now, verily I say unto you, that as I said that I would make it known unto you, not by the way of commandment, for there are many who observe not to keep my commandments,

30 [63:7b1/63:23a] But unto *them* that keepeth my commandments I will give the mysteries of my kingdom,

31 [63:7b2/63:23b] And the same shall be in *them* a well of Living Water, springing up unto eternal life.

32 [63:8a1/63:24a] And now, behold, this is the will of the Lord your God concerning His Saints: that they should assemble themselves together unto the land of Zion,

33 [63:8a2/63:24b] Not in haste, lest there should be confusion which bringeth pestilence;

34 [63:8b1/63:25] Behold the land of Zion: I, the Lord, holdeth it in mine own hands;

35 [63:8b2-c1/63:26-27a] Nevertheless I, the Lord, render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, wherefore I, the Lord, willeth that you should purchase the lands,

36 [63:8c2-d1/63:27b-28] That you may have advantage of the world, that you may have claim on the world that they may not be stirred up unto anger, for Satan putteth it into their hearts to anger and to the shedding of blood;

37 [63:8d2/63:29] Wherefore the land of Zion shall not be obtained but by purchase, or by blood; otherwise there is none inheritance for you:

38 [63:8e/63:30-31a] And if by purchase behold you are blessed, and if by blood, as ye are forbidden to shed blood, lo, your enemies are upon you;

39 [63:8e2/63:31b] And ye shall be scourged from city to city, and from Synagogue to Synagogue, and but few shall stand to receive an inheritance.

40 [63:9a/63:32] I, the Lord, am angry with the wicked, I am holding my Spirit from the inhabitants of the earth;

41 [63:9b1/63:33a] I have sworn in my wrath, and decreed wars upon the face of the earth;

42 [63:9b2/63:33b-34a] And the wicked shall slay the wicked, and fear shall come upon every man *and woman*, and the Saints also shall hardly escape;

43 [63:9c/63:34b] Nevertheless I, the Lord, am with them, and will come down in heaven from the presence of God and consume the wicked with unquenchable fire!

44 [63:9d/63:35-36] And behold, this is not yet, but by and by; wherefore seeing that I, the Lord, have decreed all these things upon the face of the earth, I willeth that my Saints should be assembled upon the land of Zion,

45 [63:9e/63:37] And that every man *and woman* should take righteousness in *their* hands, and faithfulness upon *their* loins, and lift a warning voice unto the inhabitants of the earth, and declare both by word and by flight that desolation shall come upon the wicked;

46 [63:9f/63:38] Wherefore, let my disciples in Kirtland arrange their temporal concerns which dwell upon this farm:

47 [63:10a/63:39] Let my servant Titus Billings, who has the care thereof dispose of the land, that he may be prepared in the coming spring to take his journey up unto the land of Zion with those that dwell upon the face thereof, excepting those whom I shall reserve unto myself that shall not go until I command them.

48 [63:10b/63:40] And let all the moneys which can be spared (it mattereth not unto me whether it be little or much) sent up unto the Land of Zion, unto them whom I have appointed to receive;

49 [63:11/63:41] Behold, I, the Lord, will give unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. power that he shall be enabled to discern by the Spirit those who shall go up unto the Land of Zion and those of my disciples which shall tarry.

50 [63:12a1/63:42] Let my servant Newel K. Whitney retain his store, or in other words the store, yet for a little season;

51 [63:12a2/63:43] Nevertheless, let him impart all the money which he can impart to be sent up unto the Land of Zion;

52 [63:12b1/63:44] Behold, these things are in his own hands let him do according to wisdom.

53 [63:12c/63:45] Verily I say: Let him be ordained as an agent unto the disciples that shall tarry and let him be ordained unto this power;

54 [63:12c2/63:46a] And now, speedily visit the churches, expounding these things unto them with my servant Oliver Cowdery;

55 [63:12d/63:46b] Behold, this is my will, obtaining moneys even as I have directed;

56 [63:13a/63:47-48] He that is faithful and endureth shall overcome the world, he that sendeth up treasures unto the Land of Zion shall receive an inheritance in this world, and *their* works shall follow *them*, and also a reward in the world to come.

57 [63:13b/63:49a] Yea, and blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from hence forth when the Lord shall come, and old things shall pass away, and all things become new;

58 [63:13d1/63:49b] They shall rise from the dead and shall not die and shall receive an inheritance before the Lord in the holy city;

59 [63:13d2/63:50a] And *they* that liveth when the Lord shall come and have kept the faith, blessed *are they*;

60 [63:13d3-e1/63:50b-51a] Nevertheless, it is appointed to *them* to die at the age of man, wherefore children shall grow up until they become old;

61 [63:13e2/63:51b] Old men shall die but they shall not sleep in the dust, but they shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye;

62 [63:13f/63:52] Wherefore, for this cause preached the apostles unto the world the resurrection of the dead:

63 [63:13g1/63:53a] These things are the things that ye must look for, and speaking after the manner of the Lord they are now nigh at hand;

64 [63:13g2/63:53b-54a] And in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man, and until that time there will be foolish virgins among the wise,

65 [63:13g3/63:54b] And at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked:

66 [63:13h/63:54c] And in that day will I send mine angels to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire!

67 [63:14a/63:55a] And now, behold verily I say unto you: I, the Lord, am not pleased with my servant Sidney Rigdon;

68 [63:14b/63:55b-56a] He exhalteth himself in his heart and received not in attrition, but grieved the Spirit, wherefore his writing is not acceptable unto the Lord and he shall make another;

69 [63:14c/63:56b] And if the Lord receive it not he standeth no longer in the office which He hath appointed him.

70 [63:15a1/63:57] And again, verily I say unto you: Let those who desire in their hearts, in meekness, to warn sinners to repentance, let them be ordained unto this power;

71 [63:15a2-b1/63:58] For this is a day of warning and not a day of many words, for I, the Lord, am not to be mocked in the last days.

72 [63:15b2-c1/63:59] Behold, I AM from above, and my power lieth beneath; I AM over all, and in all, and searcheth all things, and the days cometh that all things shall be subject unto me.

73 [63:15c2-d1/63:60-61] Behold, I AM; Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ; wherefore let all men *and women* be aware how they take my name in their lips,

74 [63:15d2/63:62] For behold, verily I say that many there be who are under this condemnation who *taketh* the name of the Lord and useth it in vain, having not authority;

75 [63:15e-16a/63:63-64a] Wherefore, let the Church repent, and I, the Lord, will own them; otherwise they shall be cut off, remember that.

76 [63:16a1/63:64b] That which cometh from above is sacred and must be spoken with care and by constraint of the Spirit, and in this there is no condemnation;

77 [63:16a2/63:64c] And ye receive the Spirit through prayer, wherefore without this there remaineth condemnation.

78 [63:16b/63:65] Let my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon seek them a home as they are taught through prayer by the Spirit.

79 [63:16c/63:66] These things remain to overcome through patience, that such may receive a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; otherwise a greater condemnation. Amen.

Note:

- a. Adulterers and adulteresses: The word translated from Hebrew to English as “adultery” is naaph (נָאֵף). Biblically speaking, this term is defined as sexual intercourse between a married woman and a man other than her husband, and is also used figuratively to describe those that set YHVH aside for idol worshipping. Here the text of the revelation implies the idea of idol worshipers, those that are committing adultery to God, not necessarily their spouses. As the Church, we are the bride committing adultery against the Groom, Jesus Christ.
- b. Whoremonger: In the New Testament this term, used in Revelation 31:8 and 22:15, comes from the Greek porneia, and has been used to describe illicit sexual intercourse, including adultery, and idol worship—metaphorically, as noted in the definition of naaph/adultery above. Here meaning those that would break or encourage others to break the covenants of God, see “Adulterers and adulteresses “a” above.
- c. Sorcerer: in the New Testament Greek “pharmakeus,” one who uses illusions or drugs to induce pseudo spiritual experiences. Or “goes” in the New Testament Greek, one pretending to have supernatural powers. A swindler or charlatan; a fake or practitioner of priestcraft.

Section 36b

Directions to the Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-seventh commandment" given Kirtland Ohio, September 11, 1831 to the Church of Christ. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 62 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 108-111. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [64:1a1/64:1] Behold, thus saith the Lord your God unto you, O ye Elders of my Church: Hearken ye, and hear and receive my will concerning you;

2 [64:1a2/64:2] For verily I say unto you: I will that ye should overcome the world, wherefore I will have compassion upon you.

3 [64:1b/64:3] There are those among you who have sinned, but verily I say: For this once, for mine own glory, and for the salvation of souls, I have forgiven you your sins;

4 [64:2a1/64:4] I will be merciful unto you, for I have given unto you the kingdom,

5 [64:2a2/64:5] And the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom shall not be taken from my servant Joseph Smith Jr. while he liveth, in-as-much as he obeyeth mine ordinances.

6 [64:2b1/64:6-7a] There are those who have sought occasion against him without a cause, nevertheless he hath sinned;

7 [64:2b2/64:7b] But verily I say unto you: I, the Lord, forgiveth sins unto those who confess their sins before me and ask forgiveness, who have not sinned unto death.

8 [64:2c/64:8] My disciples in days of old sought occasion against one another and forgave not one another in their hearts, and for this evil they were afflicted and sorely chastened;

9 [64:2d1/64:9a] Wherefore I say unto you that ye had ought to forgive one another,

10 [64:2d2/64:9b] For *they* that forgiveth not *their* brother or *sister* *their* trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord, for there remaineth in him the greater sin

11 [64:2e1/64:10] I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men *and women.*

12 [64:2e2/64:11] And ye had ought to say in your hearts: Let God judge between me and thee, and reward thee according to thy deeds.

13 [64:2f/64:12] And *they* that repenteth not of *their* sins, and confess them not, then ye shall bring *them* before the Church and do with *them* as the Scriptures saith unto you, either by commandment or by revelation;

14 [64:2g1/64:13a] And this ye shall do that God might be glorified,

15 [64:2g2/64:13b] Not because ye forgive not having not compassion, but that ye may be justified in the eyes of the Law,

16 [64:2g3-3a/64:13c-14] That ye may not offend Him who is your lawgiver, verily I say for this cause ye shall do these things.

17 [64:3b1/64:15] ¶ Behold, I, the Lord, was angry with him who was my servant Ezra Booth and also my servant Isaac Morley, for they kept not the Law neither the commandment;

18 [64:3b2/64:16a] They sought evil in their hearts and I, the Lord, withheld my Spirit;

19 [64:3c1/64:16b] They condemned for evil that thing in which there was no evil.

20 [64:3c2-d1/64:16c-17a] Nevertheless, I have forgiven my servant Isaac Morley and also my servant Edward Partridge;

21 [64:3d2/64:17b] Behold, he hath sinned and Satan seeketh to destroy his soul, but when these things *were* made known unto them, they repenteth of the evil and they shall be forgiven.

22 [64:4a1/64:18] ¶ And now, verily I say that it is expedient in me that my servant Sidney Gilbert, after a few weeks, should return upon his business and to his agency in the Land of Zion;

23 [64:4a2/64:19] And that which he hath seen and heard may be made known unto my disciples, that they perish not; and for this cause have I spoken these things.

24 [64:4b1/64:20a] ¶ And again, I say unto you that my servant Isaac Morley may not be tempted above that which he is able to bear and council wrongfully to your hurt.

25 [64:4b2-c1/64:20b-21a] I gave commandment that this farm should be sold I willeth not that my servant Frederick G. Williams should sell his farm,

26 [64:4c2/64:21b] For I, the Lord, willeth to retain a strong hold in the Land of Kirtland for the space of five years, in the which I will not overthrow the wicked, that thereby I may save some.

27 [64:4d/64:22] And after that day, I, the Lord, will not hold any guilty that shall go with open hearts up to the Land of Zion, for I the Lord requireth the hearts of the children of men.

28 [64:5a1/64:23a] Behold, now it is called today, and verily it is a day of Sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my People;

29 [64:5a2/64:23b-24a] For *they* that *are* tithed shall not be burned, for after today cometh the burning;

30 [64:5a3-b1/64:24b] This is speaking after the manner of the Lord; for verily I say tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble;

31 [64:5b2/64:24c] And I will burn them up, saith the Lord, for I AM the Lord of hosts and I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon;

32 [64:5b3/64:25] Wherefore, if ye believe me ye will labor while it is called today.

33 [64:5c/64:26] ¶ And it is not meet that my servant Newel K. Whitney and Sidney Gilbert should sell their store and their possessions here, for this is not wisdom until the residue of the Church which remaineth in this place shall go up unto the Land of Zion.

34 [64:6a/64:27-28] Behold, it is said in my Laws as forbidden to get in debt to thine enemies, but behold it is not said at any time that the Lord should not take when He please and pay as seemeth Him good;

35 [64:6b1/64:29] Wherefore, as ye are agents and ye are on the Lords errand, and whatever ye do according to the will of the Lord is the Lords business,

36 [64:6b2/64:30] And it is the Lords business to provide for His Saints in these last days, that they may obtain an inheritance in the Land of Zion;

37 [64:6b3-c1/64:31-32] And behold, I, the Lord, declare unto you, and my words are sure and shall not fail, that they shall obtain it, but all things must come to pass in its time;

38 [64:6c2/64:33] Wherefore, be not weary in well doing for ye are laying the foundation of a great work, and out of small things proceedeth that which is great.

39 [64:7a/64:34] ¶ Behold, the Lord requireth the hearts and a willing mind, and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the Land of Zion in these last days,

40 [64:7b1/64:35] And the rebellious shall be cut off out of the Land of Zion, and shall be sent away, and shall not inherit the land,

41 [64:7b2/64:36] For verily I say that the rebellious are not of the blood of Ephraim, wherefore they shall be plucked out!

42 [64:7c1/64:37] Behold, I, the Lord, have made my Church in these last days like unto a judge setting on a hill or in an high place to judge the nations;

43 [64:7c2-d1/64:38-39a] For it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things, and all liars, and hypocrites shall be proved by them,

44 [64:7d2-8a1/64:39b-40] And they which are not apostles shall be known and even the judge and *their* councilors if they are not faithful in their stewardship shall be condemned and others shall be planted in their stead;

45 [64:8a2/64:41] For behold, I say unto you that Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her,

46 [64:8a3/64:42] And she shall be an ensign unto the people, and these shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven.

47 [64:8b/64:43] And the days shall come when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her and shall fear because of her terrible ones; the Lord hath spoken it, Amen.

Section 36c

A Revelation to William E. Mclelin & Company

An unnumbered revelation from Revelation Book 1, falling between the "sixty-seventh" and "sixty ninth commandments" recorded October 29, 1831 to the Church of Christ. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 66 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 111-112. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [66:1a/66:1] Behold thus saith the Lord unto you my servant William E. Mclelin: Blessed art thou in as much as you have turned away from your iniquities and have received my truths, saith the Lord your redeemer, the Savior of the World, *even* as many as believe on *HaShem*, my name.

2 [66:1b/66:2] Verily I say unto you: Blessed *art thou* for receiving mine Everlasting Covenant, even the fullness of my Gospel sent forth unto the children of men, that they might have life and be made partakers of the glories which was to be revealed in the last days, as it was written by the prophets and apostles in days of old.

3 [66:2a/66:3] Verily I say unto you. my servant William, that you are clean, but not all; repent therefore of those things which are not pleasing in my sight, saith the Lord, for *I*, the Lord, will shew them unto you

4 [66:2b1/66:4] ¶ And now, verily I, the Lord, will shew unto the what I will concerning you, or what is my will concerning you:

5 [66:2b2/66:5] Behold verily I say unto you that it is my will that you should proclaim my Gospel from land to land, and from city to city, yea in those regions round bout where it hath not been proclaimed,

6 [66:3a/66:6] Tarry not many days in this place, go not up unto the land of Zion but in as much as you can send, send; otherwise think not of thy property;

7 [66:3b/66:7] Go unto the Eastern lands, bear testimony unto every people, and in every place, and in their synagogues reasoning with the people.

8 [66:4a/66:8a] ¶ Let my servant Samuel Smith go with thee, and forsake him not, and give him thine instructions;

9 [66:4b/66:8b] And *they* that *are* faithful shall be made strong in every place, and I, the Lord, will go with thee.

10 [66:5a1/66:9a] Lay your hands upon the sick and they shall recover^a,

11 [66:5b/66:9c] Be patient in afflictions,

12 [66:5c1/66:9d] Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you,

13 [66:5c2-d/66:10a] Seek not to be cumbered, forsake all unrighteousness,

14 [66:5e/66:10b] Commit not adultery, a temptation with which thou hast been troubled,

15 [66:5a2/66:9b] Return not until I the Lord shall send you^a.

16 [66:5f/66:11] Keep these Sayings true and faithful and thou shalt magnify thine office and push many people to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads,

17 [66:5g/66:12] Continue in those things unto the end and thou shalt have a crown of eternal life on the right hand of my Father, who is full of grace and truth:

18 [66:5h/66:13] Verily thus saith the Lord your God, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ; Amen.

Note:

- a. Verse 15 was moved from its original place in the text, after verse 10, by inspiration.

Section 37

The Keys of the Kingdom

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation is the "sixty-ninth commandment" given October 30, 1831 to the Church of Christ. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 65 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 112. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [65:1a1/65:1a] Hearken and lo, a voice as one sent down from on high who is mighty and powerful, whose going forth is unto the ends of the earth;

2 [65:1a2/65:1b] Yea, whose voice is unto *mankind*: Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Make His paths strait!

3 [65:1b/65:2] ¶ The keys of the kingdom of God *are* committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the Gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth as the stone which is hewn from the mountain without hands shall roll forth until it hath filled the whole Earth!

4 [65:1c/65:3] Yea, a voice crying: Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Prepare ye the Supper of the Lamb! Make ready for the Bridegroom!

5 [65:1d1/65:4] Pray unto the Lord, call upon *HaShem*, His holy name, make known His wonderful works among the people!

6 [65:1d2-e/65:5] Call upon the Lord that His kingdom may go forth upon the earth, that the inhabitants thereof may receive it and be prepared for the days to come, in the which the Son of Man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of His glory, to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the Earth!

7 [65:1f1/65:6a] Wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou, O God, may be glorified in heaven, so on earth,

8 [65:1f2/65:6b] That thine enemies may be subdued, for thine is the kingdom, honor, power, and glory, forever and ever; Amen.

Further Laws and Commandments

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given November 1, 1831 in part to Orson Hyde, Luke Johnson, Lyman Johnson, and William E. McLellin and in part to the Church of Christ by Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 68 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 113-114. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 The mind and will of the Lord as made known by the voice of the Spirit made known to a conference held November first 1831 concerning certain Elders who requested of the Lord to know His will concerning them, and also certain items as made known in addition to the Laws And Commandments which have been given to the Church:

2 [68:1a/68:1] ¶ Firstly, my servant Orson Hyde was called by his ordinance to proclaim the everlasting Gospel by the spirit of the living God from people to people and from land to land in the congregations of the wicked in their Synagogues, reasoning with and expounding all scriptures unto them;

3 [68:1b1/68:2] And behold, and lo! This is an *example* unto all those who were ordained unto this priesthood whose mission is appointed unto them to go forth;

4 [68:1b2/68:3] And this is the *example* unto them that they shall speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost.

5 [68:1c/68:4] And whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost shall be Scripture: *yea, it shall be the will of the Lord, it shall be the mind of the Lord, it shall be the voice of the Lord, and it shall be the power of God unto Salvation.*

6 [68:1d1/68:5-6a] Behold, this is the promise of the Lord unto you, O ye my servants; wherefore be of good cheer and do not fear; for I, the Lord, am with you and will stand by you,

7 [68:1d2/68:6b] And ye shall bear record of me even, Jesus Christ; that I am the Son of God, that I was, that I am, and that I am to come.

8 [68:1e1/68:7a] This is the word of the Lord unto you, my Servant Orson Hyde, and also to my servant Luke Johnson, unto my servant Lyman Johnson, unto my servant William E. McLellin.

9 ¶ [68:1e2-f/68:7b-8] Unto all the faithful Elders of my Church: Go ye unto all the world preach the Gospel to every creature, acting in the authority which I have given you; baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

10 [68:1g/68:9-10] And *they* that believeth and *are* baptized shall be saved, and *they* that believeth not shall be damned; and *they* that believeth shall be blessed with signs following, even as it is written.

11 [68:1h/68:11-12] And unto you it shall be given to know the signs of the times and the signs of the coming of the Son of Man, and of as many as the Father shall bear record to you it shall be given to seal them up unto Eternal life; Amen.

12 [68:2a/68:13-14] ¶ And now concerning the items in addition to the Laws and Commandments, they are these: There remaineth hereafter in the due time of the Lord, other Bishops to be set apart unto the Church to minister even according to the first;

13 [68:2b/68:15] Wherefore, it shall be an High Priest *or High Priestess* who is worthy, and *they* shall be appointed by a conference of High Priests *and High Priestesses, even the Council of Evangelists.*

14 [68:3a/68:22] And^a again, no Bishop or judge which shall be set apart for this ministry shall be tried or condemned for any crime save it be before a conference of High Priests *and High Priestesses*;

15 [68:3b1/68:23] And inasmuch as *they are* found guilty before a conference of High Priest *or High Priestess* by testimony that cannot be impeached, *they* shall be condemned or forgiven according to the Laws of the Church.

16 [68:3b2/68:24] And^b *if they repent, they shall be forgiven according to the Law of the Lord and the Atonement of Jesus Christ.*

17 [68:4a/68:25] ¶ And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands when eight years old, the sin be upon the head of the parents.

18 [68:4b/68:26-27] For this shall be a Law unto the inhabitants of Zion: Their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands:

19 [68:4c/68:28] And they also shall teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord;

20 [68:4d/68:29] And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe to the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;

21 [68:4e/68:30] And the inhabitants of Zion also shall remember their labors inasmuch as they are appointed to labor in all faithfulness, for the idler shall be had in remembrance before the Lord

22 [68:4f1/68:31a] Now I, the Lord, am not well pleased with the inhabitants of Zion; for there are idlers among them and their children also are growing up in wickedness;

23 [68:4f2/68:31] They also seek not earnestly the riches of Eternity, but their eyes are full of greediness.

24 [68:4g/68:32] These things ought not to be and must be done away from among them; wherefore let my servant Oliver Cowdery carry these sayings unto the land of Zion.

25 [68:4h/68:33] And a commandment I give unto them that *they* that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the season thereof: Let them be had in remembrance before the judge of my people.

26 [68:4i1/68:34] These sayings are true and faithful, wherefore transgress them not, neither take therefrom.

27 [68:4i2/68:35] Behold! I am Alpha and Omega, and I come quickly; Amen.

Note:

- a. Verses 2c-g CoC/RLDS and 15 16-21 CJCLdS were not a part of the original revelation and were therefore not included.
- b. This verse was not in the original revelation, the addition was made by inspiration from the Holy Spirit and is similar to the addition made by the Church of Latter Day Saints in the June 1835 issue of the Evening and Morning Star and Section 22 in the 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants.

Section 38b

To the Elders of the Church of Christ

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given November 2, 1831 in part to the Elders of the Church of Christ by Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 67 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 114-115. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [67:1a/67:1] Behold and hearken O ye Elders of my Church who have assembled yourselves together, whose prayers I have heard, and whose hearts desires have come up before me:

2 [67:1b/67:2] Behold and Lo, mine eyes are upon you, and the heavens and the earth are in mine hands, and the riches of eternity are mine to give.

3 [67:1c1/67:3a] Ye endeavor to believe that ye should receive the blessing which was offered unto you;

4 [68:1c2/68:3b] But behold, verily I say unto you: There were fears in your hearts and verily this is the reason that ye did not receive.

5 [67:2a1/67:4] And now I, the Lord, give unto you a testimony of the truth of those commandments which are lying before you:

6 [67:2a2-ba/67:5] Your eyes have been upon my Servant Joseph Smith Jr. and his language you have known, and his imperfections you have known, and you have sought in your hearts knowledge that you might express beyond his language; this you also know.

7 [67:2b2/67:6] Now seek ye out of the Book of Commandments even the least that is among them, and appoint him that is the most wise among you,

8 [67:2c/67:7] Or if there be any among you that shall make one like unto it then ye are justified in saying that ye do not know that is true;

9 [67:2d1/67:8-9a] But if you cannot make one like unto it ye are under condemnation if ye *cannot* bear that it is true, for ye know that there is no unrighteousness in it;

10 [67:2d2/67:9b] And that which is righteous cometh down from above, from the Father of Lights.

11 [67:3a1/67:10a] And again, verily I say unto you: That it is your privilege;
12 [67:3a2/67:10b] And a promise I give unto you that have been ordained unto the ministry: that in as much as ye strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves before me, for ye are not sufficiently humble,
13 [67:3a3/67:10c] The veil shall not be rent and you shall see me and know that I am;
14 [67:3b/67:10d-11] Not with the carnal neither natural but with the spiritual, for no man hath seen God at any time in the flesh, but by the Spirit of God;
15 [67:3c1/67:12-13a] Neither can any natural man abide the presence of God, neither after the carnal mind; ye are not to able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of Angels;
16 [67:3c2-4a/67:13b-14a] Wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected, let not your minds turn back,
17 [67:4b/67:14b] And when ye are worthy, in mine own due time, ye shall see and know that which was confirmed upon you by the hands of my Servant, Joseph Smith Jr. Amen.

Section 38c

To the Church of Christ

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given November 3, 1831 in part to the Church of Christ by Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer. This section was originally meant to be the closing to the Book of Commandments. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 108 for Community of Christ, and 133 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 116-121. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [108:1a1/133:1] Hearken O ye People of my Church, saith the Lord your God, and hear the Word of the Lord concerning you;
2 [108:1a2/133:2a] The Lord who shall suddenly come to his temple,
3 [108:1a3/133:2b] The Lord who shall come down with a curse to judgment, yea upon all the nations that forget God, and upon all the ungodly amongst you;
4 [108:1b/133:3] For he shall make bear his holy arm in the eyes of all the Nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of their God!
5 [108:2a1/133:4a] Wherefore, prepare ye prepare ye, O ye my people, sanctify yourselves!
6 [108:2a2-b1/133:4b-5a] Gather ye together O ye People of my Church upon the Land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry, go ye out from Babylon!
7 [108:2b2-c1/133:5a-6] Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord, call your Solemn Assemblies and speak often one to another, and let every man *and woman* call upon the name of the Lord!
8 [108:2c2/133:7] Yea, verily I say unto you again: The time has come when the voice of the Lord is unto you: Go ye out of Babylon, gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other.
9 [108:3a1/133:8a] Send forth the Elders of my Church unto the nations which are afar off, unto the islands of the sea, send *them* forth unto foreign lands;
10 [108:3a2/133:8b] Call upon all nations, firstly upon the gentiles and then upon the Jews.
11 [108:3b/133:9a] And behold and lo, this shall be their cry, and the voice of the Lord unto all people:
12 [108:3c1/133:9b] Go ye forth unto the Land of Zion, that the borders of my people may be enlarged, and that her stakes may be strengthened, that Zion may go forth unto the regions round about.
13 [108:3c2/133:10a] Yea, let the cry go forth among all people: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the bridegroom!
14 [108:3d1/133:10b] Behold and lo, the bridegroom cometh!
15 [108:3d2/133:10c] Go ye out to meet Him, prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord!
16 [108:4a1/133:11] Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour;

17 [108:4a2-b1/133:12-13] Let them therefore which are among the Gentiles flee unto Zion, and let they which be of Judah flee unto Jerusalem, unto the Mountains of the Lords house!

18 [108:4b2/133:14] Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon; from the midst of wickedness which is spiritual Babylon.

19 [108:4c1/133:14] But verily thus saith the Lord: Let your flight not be in haste, but let all things be prepared before you;

20 [108:4c2/133:14] And *they* that goeth, let *them* not look back, lest sudden destruction shall come upon *them*.

21 [108:5a-b1/133:16a] Harken and hear, O ye inhabitants of the Earth, and listen ye Elders of my Church together, and hear the voice of the Lord,

22 [108:1b2/133:16b] For He calleth upon all men *and women*, and He commandeth all men *and women* everywhere to repent:

23 [108:5b3-c1/133:17] For behold, the Lord God hath sent forth the Angel *with the Everlasting Gospel*^a, crying through the midst of Heaven, saying: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths strait, for the hour of his coming is nigh;

24 [108:5c2/133:18] When the Lamb shall stand upon Mount Zion, and with him an hundred and forty four thousand, having his fathers name written in their foreheads—

25 [108:5d1/133:19a] Wherefore, prepare ye for the coming of the bridegroom:

26 [108:5d2/133:19b] Go ye, go ye out to meet Him!

27 [108:5d3/133:20] For behold, He shall stand upon the Mount of Olives and upon the mighty ocean—even the great deep, and upon the islands of the Sea and upon the Land of Zion,

28 [108:5e1/133:21a] And He shall utter his voice out of Zion, and He shall speak from Jerusalem;

29 [108:5e2/133:21b-22] And His voice shall be heard among all people, and it shall be as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder which shall break down the mountains, and the valleys shall not be found.

30 [108:5f1/133:23] He shall command the great deep and it shall be driven back into the North countries, and the Islands shall become one land.

31 [108:5f2/133:24] And the land of Jerusalem and the land of Zion shall be turned back into their own *places*, the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided;

32 [108:5g/133:25] And the Lord, even the Savior, shall stand in the midst of His people and shall reign over all *the Earth*^a *and all* flesh.

33 [108:6a1/133:26a] And they who are in the North countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord, and their prophets shall hear his voice and shall no longer stay themselves;

34 [108:6a2-b1/133:26b-27] And they shall smite the rocks, and the ice shall follow down at their presence, and an highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep;

35 [108:6b2/133:28-29] Their enemies shall become a prey unto them, and in the barren deserts there shall come forth pools of living water, and the parched ground shall no longer be a thirsty land:

36 [108:6c1/133:30] And they shall bring forth their rich treasures unto the Children of Ephraim, my servants.

37 [108:6c2/133:31] And the boundaries of the everlasting hills shall tremble at their presence;

38 [108:6d/133:32-33] And these shall fall down and be crowned with glory, even in Zion, by the hands of the Servants of the Lord, even the Children of Ephraim, and they shall be filled with songs of everlasting Joy!

39 [108:6e/133:34] Behold, this is the blessing of the Everlasting God upon the heads of the tribes of Israel, and the richer blessing upon the head of Ephraim and his fellows,

40 [108:6f/133:35] And they also of the tribe of Judah, after their pain shall be sanctified in holiness before the Lord to dwell in His presence day and night, forever and ever.

41 [108:7a/133:336] And now, Verily, saith the Lord: That these things might be known among you, O inhabitants of the Earth, I have sent forth mine angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the Everlasting Gospel, who hath appeared unto some and hath committed it unto man, who shall appear unto many that dwell on the Earth.

42 [108:7b1/133:37] And this Gospel shall be preached unto every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people;

43 [108:7b2-c1/133:38] And the Servants of God shall go forth saying with a loud voice: Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come!

44 [108:7c2/133:39] And worship Him that made Heaven and Earth, and the sea and the fountain of waters,

45 [108:7c3/133:40] Calling upon the Lord day and night, saying: O that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down that the mountains would flow down at thy presence!

46 [108:7d/133:41] And it shall be answered upon their heads, for the presence of the Lord shall be as the melting fire that burneth and as the fire that causeth the waters to boil!

47 [108:8a/133:42-43] O Lord, thou shalt come down to make known thy name to thine adversary, and all nations shall tremble at thy presence when thou doeth terrible things, things that they look not for:

48 [108:8b2/133:44] Yea, when thou comest down and the mountains flow down at thy presence, thou shalt meet him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, who *remembers* thee in thy ways;

49 [108:8c/133:45] For since the beginning of the world, have not man heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, how great things thou prepared for him that waiteth for thee!

50 [108:9a/133:46] And it shall be said: Who is this that cometh down from God in heaven with thy^b garments, yea from the regions that is not known, clothed in His glorious apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?

51 [108:9b/133:47] And he shall speak: I am He in righteousness, mighty to save.

52 [108:9c1/133:48] And the Lord shall be *red*^c in His apparel, and His garments like him that treadeth in the wine vat^d,

53 [108:9c2/133:49] And so great shall be the glory in His presence that the Sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall be blown out, and the Stars shall be hurled from their sockets;

54 [108:9d/133:50] And His voice shall be heard: I have trodden the wine press alone and have brought judgment upon all people, and none was with me;

55 [108:9e1/133:51a] And I have trampled them in my fury, and I did tread upon them in mine anger, and their blood have I sprinkled upon my garments and have stained all my raiment:

56 [108:9e2-10a/133:51b-52a] For this was the day of vengeance which was in my heart and now the year of my redeemed is come!

57 [108:10a2/133:52b] And they shall mention the loving kindness of their Lord, and all that He hath bestowed upon them, according to His goodness;

58 [108:10a3-10b1/133:52c-53a] And according to His loving kindness forever and ever in all their afflictions, He was afflicted.

59 [108:10b2/133:53b] And the angel of His presence saved them, and in His love and in His pity He redeemed them, and did bear them and did carry them all the days of old;

60 [108:10c/133:54-55] Yea, and Enoch also, and they which were with him; the prophets which were before him, and Noah also and they which were before him; and Elijah^e also and they which were before him, and from Elijah^e to Moses^f, and from Moses^f to John who were with Christ in His resurrection, and the Holy Apostles with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob shall be in the presence of the Lamb.

61 [108:101d/133:56a] And the graves of the Saints shall be opened and they shall come forth and stand on the right hand of the Lamb when He shall stand upon mount Zion and upon the Holy City, the New Jerusalem;

62 [108:10d2/133:56b] And they shall sing the Song of the Lamb day and night forever and ever—

63 [108:11a1/133:57a] And for this cause, that men *and women* might be partakers of the glories which were revealed, the Lord sent forth the Fullness of the^g Gospel and the^g Everlasting Covenant,

64 [108:11a2/133:57b-58a] Reasoning in plainness and simplicity to prepare the weak for those things which are coming upon the earth,

65 [108:11b1/133:58b] And for the Lord's errand in the days when the weak should confound the wise and the little *ones* become a strong nation:

66 [108:11b2/133:58c-59] And two should put their tens of thousands to flight by the weak things of the Earth the Lord should thresh the Nations of the Earth by the power of His spirit;

67 [108:11c/133:60] And for this cause these commandments were given; they were commanded to be kept from the world in the day they were given, but now are to go forth unto all flesh,

68 [108:11d1/133:61] And this according to the mind and the will of the Lord who reigneth over all flesh.

69 [108:11d2/133:62] And unto *they* that repenteth and sanctifieth *themselves* before the Lord shall be given eternal life;

70 [108:11e/133:63] And they that harken not to the voice of the Lord shall be fulfilled that which was written by the Prophet Moses, that they should be cut off from among the people,

71 [108:12a-b1/133:64a] And also that which was written by the Prophet Malichi: For behold the day cometh that burneth as an oven and all the proud yea and all that do wickedly shall be stubble;

72 [108:12b2/133:64b] And the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch;

73 [108:12c-d/133:65-66] Wherefore, this shall be the answer of the Lord: In that day when I come unto my own, no man among you received me and ye are driven out.

74 [108:12e/133:67] When I called again there was none of you to answer, yet my arm was not shortened at all that I could not redeem, neither my power to deliver.

75 [108:12f1/133:68] Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the Sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh and dieth for thirst.

76 [108:12f2/133:69-70] I clothe the Heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering, and this shall have of my hand, ye shall lay down with sorrow;

77 [108:13a1/133:71a] Behold and lo, there is none to deliver you, for ye obeyed not my voice when I called unto you out of the Heavens;

78 [108:13a2/133:71b] Ye believed not my Servants, and when they were sent unto you ye received them not;

79 [108:13b1/133:72-73] Wherefore, they sealed up the testimony and bound up the Law and ye were delivered up unto darkness; these shall go away into outer darkness where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

80 [108:13b2/133:72] Behold, the Lord your God hath spoken it; Amen.

Note:

- a. The line "with the Everlasting Gospel" was crossed out in the text, but added back in per inspiration.
- b. In Revelation Book 1 "thy" is crossed out and replaced with "died"
- c. Red, changed from "read."
- d. Originally "path," but this was crossed out with "vat" written over it.
- e. Elijah was crossed out in Revelation Book One at some point and changed to Moses.
- f. Moses was crossed out in Revelation Book One at some point and changed to Elijah.
- g. In Revelation Book One "the" was crossed out and replaced with "his" at some point.

Section 39a

Entrusted with the Commandments

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received either October or November 11, 1831. The text originally stated October, but this was crossed out and November was written over it. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 69 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 122. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [69:1a1/69:1] Hearken unto me, saith the Lord; for verily I say unto you for my servant Oliver Cowdery's sake it is not wisdom in me that he should be entrusted with the Commandments^a and moneys which he shall carry unto the Land of Zion, except one go with him who will be true and faithful;

2 [69:1a2-b1/69:2-3] Wherefore, I the Lord willeth that my Servant John Whitmer shall go with my servant Oliver; and also that he observe to continue in writing and making a history of all the important things which he shall observe and know concerning my Church;

3 [69:1b2/69:4] And also that he receive council and assistance from my servant Oliver and others;

4 [69:2a1/69:5] And also that my Saints which are abroad in the Earth should send forth their accounts to the Land of Zion,

5 [69:2a2/69:6] For the Land of Zion shall be a seat and a place to receive and do all these things:

6 [69:2b1/69:7] Nevertheless, let my servant John travel many times from place to place and from Church to Church, that he may the more easily obtain knowledge;

7 [69:2b2/69:8] Preaching and expounding, writing, copying, and selecting and obtaining all things which shall be for the good of the Church and for the rising generations which shall grow up on the Land of Zion to possess it from generations to generations forever and ever; Amen.

Note:

- h. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 39b

Stewards Over the Revelations and Commandments

Revelation received by Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer on November 12, 1831. Joseph stated of this revelation that it was "the foundation of the Church in these last days, and a benefit to the world, showing that the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom of our Savior are again entrusted to man." Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 70 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 122. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [70:1a/70:1a] Behold and hearken, O ye inhabitants of Zion and all ye people of my Church which are far off, and hear the Word of the Lord which I give unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr., and also unto my servant Martin Harris, and also unto my servant Oliver Cowdery, and also my servant John Whitmer, and also unto my servant Sidney Rigdon, by the way of commandments unto them, for I give unto them a commandment;

2 [70:1b/70:1b-3] Wherefore, hearken and hear, for thus saith the Lord unto them: I the Lord have appointed them and ordained them to be stewards over the Revelations and Commandments^a which I have given unto them and which I shall hereafter give unto them,

3 [70:1c/70:4-5] And an account of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment, wherefore I have appointed unto them and this is their business in the Church of God, to manage them, and the concerns thereof, yea the profits thereof:

4 [70:2a/70:6] Wherefore, a commandment I give unto them that they shall not give these things unto the Church neither unto the world;

5 [70:2b/70:7-8] Nevertheless, inasmuch as they receive more than is for their necessities and their wants, it shall be given into my storehouse and the benefits thereof shall be consecrated unto the inhabitants of Zion and unto their generations, inasmuch as they become heirs according to the Laws of the Kingdom.

6 [70:3a/70:9] Behold, this is what the Lord requires of *everyone* in *their* stewardship, even as I, the Lord, have appointed or shall hereafter appoint unto *anyone*,

7 [70:3b/70:10-11] And behold, none is exempt from this Law who belong to the Church of the Living God, yea neither Bishop, neither the agent who keepeth the Lords storehouse, neither *they* that *are* appointed in a stewardship over temporal things.

8 [70:3c/70:12-13] *They* that *are* appointed to administer spiritual things, the same is worthy of *their* hire, even as they who are appointed in a stewardship to administer in temporal things; yea even more abundantly, which abundance is multiplied unto them through the manifestations of the Spirit;

9 [70:3d/70:14] Nevertheless, in your temporal things you shall be equal in all things, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld.

10 [70:4a-b1/70:15-16] Now this commandment I give unto my servants while they remain for a manifestations of my blessings upon their heads, and for a reward of their diligence, and for their security for food and for raiment, for an inheritance, for houses, and for lands, and in whatsoever circumstances I, the Lord, shall place them, and whithersoever I, the Lord, shall send them:

11 [70:4a2/70:17] For they have been faithful over many things and have done well in as much as they have not sinned.

12 [70:4c/70:18] Behold, I, the Lord, am merciful and will bless them, and they shall enter into the joy of these things; Even so. Amen.

13 [70:N/A/70:N/A] ¶ And again verily I say unto you that my servant William W. Phelps shall be included in this commandment with you in this same stewardship even so Amen.

Note:

- a. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 39c

Proclaim My Gospel

Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. the Seer and Sidney Rigdon received December 1, 1831 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 71 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 122. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [71:1a/71:1] Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servants; That the time has verily come that it is necessary and expedient in me that that you should open your mouths in proclaiming my Gospel, the things of the Kingdom, expounding the mysteries thereof out of the scriptures, according to that portion of Spirit and power which shall be given unto you, even as I will.

2 [71:2a/71:2] Verily I say unto you: Proclaim unto the world, in the regions round about, and in the Church also, for the space of a season, even until it shall be made known unto you.

3 [71:2b-c/71:3-4] Verily, this is a mission for a season which I give unto you; wherefore labor in my vineyard, call upon the inhabitants of the Earth, and bear record and prepare the way for the Commandments and the Revelations^a which are to come.

4 [71:2d/71:5-6] Now behold, this is wisdom: whoso readeth let *them* understand and receive also, for unto *they* who receiveth it shall be given more abundantly, even power;

5 [71:2e-f/71:7-8] Wherefore confound your enemies, call upon them to meet you both in public and in private, and in as much as ye are faithful their shame shall be made manifest; wherefore, let them bring forth their strong reasons against the Lord.

6 [71:2g1/71:9-10] Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you: There is no weapon that is formed against you that shall prosper, and if any man lift his voice against you he shall be confounded in mine own due time;

7 [71:2g2/71:11] Wherefore, keep these commandments^a for they are true and faithful; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 40a

The Appointment of Bishops and Pastors

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given December 4, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 72:1-2 for Community of Christ, and Section 72:1-7 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 132. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [72:1a/72:1] Hearken and listen to the voice of the Lord, O ye who have called yourselves together, who are the High Priests *and High Priestesses* of my Church, to whom the Kingdom and Power have been given;

2 [72:1b/72:2] For verily, thus saith the Lord: It is expedient in me for a Bishop to be appointed unto you, or of you unto the Church, in this part of the Lords vineyard,

3 [72:1c-d/72:3-4] And verily, in this thing ye have done wisely, for it is required of the Lord at the hand of every steward to render an account of *their* stewardship, both in time and in eternity; for *they* who *are* faithful and wise in time is accounted worthy to inherit the mansions prepared for them of my Father.

4 [72:1e/72:5] Verily I say unto you: The Elders of the Church in this part of my Vineyard shall render an account of their stewardship unto the Bishop, which shall be appointed of me in this part of my vineyard;

5 [72:1f/72:6-7] These things shall be had on record to be handed over unto the Bishop in Zion, and the duty of the Bishop shall be made known by the commandments which have been given, and by the voice of the conferences.

6 [72:2a/72:8a] And now I say unto you, my Servant Newel K. Whitney is the man is the man who shall be appointed and ordained unto this power.

7 [72:2b/72:8b] This is the will of the Lord your God, your redeemer; Even so, Amen.

Section 40b

The Duties of Bishops and Pastors

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given December 4, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 72:3-4 for Community of Christ, and Section 72:8-23 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 133-134. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [72:3a/72:9] The duty of the Bishop, as made known at the same time the Word of the Lord, in addition to the Law which has been given making known the duty of the Bishops which have been ordained unto the Church in this Part of the vineyard, which is verily this:

2 [72:3b1/72:10] To keep the Lord's storehouse, to receive the funds of the Church in this part of the vineyard,

3 [72:3b2/72:11-12] To take an account of the Elders as before has been commanded^a, and to administer to their wants, who shall pay for that which they receive, in as much as they have wherewith to pay, that this also may be consecrated to the good of the Church to the poor and needy;

4 [72:3c/72:13] And *they* who *have* not wherewith to pay an account shall be taken and handed over to the Bishop in Zion, who shall pay the debt out of that which the Lord shall put into *their* hands;

5 [72:3d/72:14] And the labors of the faithful who labor in spiritual things, in administering the Gospel and the things of the Kingdom unto the Church and unto the World shall answer the debt unto the Bishop in Zion;

6 [72:3e/72:15] Thus it cometh out of the Church, for according to the Law *everyone* who cometh up to Zion must lay all things before the Bishop in Zion.

7 [72:4a/72:16-18] And now verily, I say unto you: That as every Elder in this part of the vineyard must give an account of *their* stewardship unto the Bishop in *their* part of the vineyard, a certificate^b from the Judge

or Bishop in *their* part of the vineyard unto the Bishop in Zion rendereth *everyone* acceptable and answereth all for an inheritance and to be received as a wise steward and as a faithful laborer; otherwise *they* shall not be acceptable of the Bishop in Zion.

8 [72:4b/72:19] And now verily I say unto you: Let every Elder who shall give an account unto the Bishop of the Church in *their* part of the vineyard be recommended by the Church or Churches in which *they labor* that *they* may render *themselves* and *their* accounts approved in all things.

9 [72:4c/72:20-21] And again: Let my servants who are appointed as stewards over the literary concerns of my Church have claims for assistance upon the Bishop or Bishops in all things, that the Revelations^c may be published and go forth unto the ends of the Earth,

10 [72:4d/72:22] That they also may obtain funds which shall benefit the Church in all things, that they also may render themselves approved in all things and be accepted as wise stewards.

11 [72:4e1/72:23a] And behold this shall be an ensample^d for all the extensive branches of my Church in whatsoever land they shall be established.

12 [72:4e2/72:23b] And now I make an end of my sayings; Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 40a:4-5.
- b. See DoS 2a:75-76
- c. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.
- d. Or “example.”

Section 40c

A Bishop or Pastor’s Certificate

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given December 4, 1831 at Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 72:5 for Community of Christ, and Section 72:24-26 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 134. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [72:5a1/72:24a] A few words in addition to the Laws of the Kingdom respecting the members of the Church:

2 [72:5a2-b1/72:24b-25] They who are appointed by the Holy Spirit to go up unto Zion, and they who are privileged to go up unto Zion—Let *them* carry up unto the Bishop a certificate from three Elders of the Church, or a certificate from the Bishop;

3 [72:5b2/72:26] Otherwise *they* who shall go up unto the land of Zion shall not be accounted a wise steward, this also an ensample; Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 2a:75-76
- b. Or “example.”

Section 40d

A Revelation for the Bishops of the Church

Revelation given in March 1832 through Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon. This revelation was excluded from the Doctrine and Covenants Section of Community of Christ, and Section the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from an original handwritten revelation in Newel K. Whitney papers, BYU, Harold B Lee library. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servants, Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith: I reveal unto you for your profit and instruction concerning the Bishops of my Church. What is their duty in the Church?

2 Behold, it is their duty to stand in the office of their Bishopric, and to fill the judgment seat which I have appointed unto them, to administer the benefits of the Church, or the surpluses of all who are in their stewardships, according to the commandments as they are severally appointed.

3 And the property, or that which they receive of the Church is not their own, but belongeth to the Church; wherefore it is the property of the Lord,

4 And it is for the poor of the Church, to be administered according to the Law, for it is the will of the Lord that the Church should be made equal in all things.

5 Wherefore, the Bishops are accountable before the Lord for their stewardships to administer of their stewardship in the which they are appointed by commandment,

6 That the profits of all may be dedicated unto the Lord, that the Lord's storehouse may be filled always, and that ye may all grow in temporal, as well as spiritual things.

7 And now verily I say unto you: That the bishops must separate their bishopric and judgment seats from the cares of business; but they are not separated from claim neither from counsel;

8 Wherefore, I have given you a commandment that you should be joined together by a covenant and bond^a; wherefore see that ye do even as I have a commanded.

9 And unto the office of the Presidency of the High Priesthood I have given authority to preside with assistance of his counselors over all the concerns of the Church;

10 Wherefore stand ye fast, claim your priesthood in authority, yet in meekness, and I am able to make you bound, and be fruitful, and you shall never fail.

11 For unto you I have given the keys of the kingdom, and if you transgress not they shall never be taken from you; wherefore feed my sheep; even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 57.

Section 41a

The Word of the Lord Concerning the Elders of the Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given to both Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon simultaneously January 10, 1832 at Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 73 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 132. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [N/A] A Revelation to Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon; the Word of the Lord unto them concerning the Elders of the Church of the Living God, established in the Last Days, making known the will of the Lord unto the Elders; what they shall do until conference;

2 [73:1/73:1-2] For verily, thus saith the Lord: It is expedient in me that they should continue preaching the Gospel and in exhortation to the Churches in the regions round about until conference; and behold, then it shall be made known unto them by the voice of the conference their several missions.

3 [73:2a1/73:3-4a] Now verily I say unto my servants Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, saith the Lord: It is expedient to translate again, and inasmuch as it is practicable to preach in the regions round about until conference;

4 [73:2a2/73:4b] And after that it, is expedient to continue the work of translation until it be finished.

5 [73:/73:5] And let this be a pattern unto the Elders until further knowledge, even as it is written;

6 [73:2b/73:6] And now I give no more unto you at this time; gird up your loins and be sober; Even so, Amen.

Section 41b

The Word of the Lord to Ten Elders of the Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given January 25, 1832 in a conference held at Amherst Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 75:1-3 for Community of Christ, and Section 75:1-22 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 130-131. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [75:1a/75:1-2] Verily, Verily I say unto you, I who speak even by the voice of my Spirit, even Alpha and Omega, your Lord and your God: Harken O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my Gospel and to prune my vineyard.

2 [75:1b/75:3-4] Behold, I say unto you: That it is my will that your should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle, but labor with your mights, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, proclaiming the truth according to the Revelations and Commandments^a which I have given you;

3 [75:1c/75:5] And thus, if ye are faithful, ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor and glory and immortality and eternal life:

4 [75:2a-b/75:6-8a] Therefore, verily I say unto my Servant William E. McLellin: I revoke the commission which I gave unto him to go unto the Eastern countries and I give unto him a new commission, and a new commandment in the which I, the Lord, chasten him for the murmurings of his heart, and he sinned;

5 [75:2c1/75:8b-11] Nevertheless, I forgive him and say unto him again: Go ye unto into the South countries and let my servant Luke Johnson go with him, and proclaim the things which I have commanded them calling on the name of the Lord for the Comforter, which shall teach them all things that is expedient for

them, praying always that they faint not, and in as much as they do this, I will be with them, even unto the end.

6 [75:2c2/75:12] Behold this is the will of the Lord your God concerning you; Even so, Amen.

7 [75:3a/75:13] ¶ And again, verily thus saith the Lord: Let my servant Orson Hyde and my servant Samuel Smith take their journey into the Eastern countries and proclaim the things which I have commanded them; and in as much as they are faithful, lo, I will be with them, even unto the end.

8 [75:3ab/75:14] And again, verily I say unto my servant Lyman Johnson and unto my Servant Orson Pratt: They shall also take their journey into the Eastern countries, and behold and lo, I am with them also, even unto the end.

9 [75:3c/75:15] ¶ And again, I say unto my servant Asa Dodds and unto my servant Calves Wilson that they also shall take their journey unto the Western countries and proclaim my Gospel, even as I have commanded them:

10 [75:3d/75:16] And *they* who *are* faithful shall overcome all things and shall be lifted up at the last day.

11 [75:3e/75:17-18] ¶ And again, I say unto my servant Major N. Ashley and unto my servant Burr Riggs: Let them take their journey also unto the South countries, yea let all these take their journeys as I have commanded, them going from house to house, and from village to village, and from city to city;

12 [75:3f1/75:19] And in whatsoever house ye enter and they receive you, leave your blessings upon that house;

13 [75:3f2/75:20] And in whatsoever house ye enter and they receive you not ye shall depart speedily from that house and shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them.

14 [75:3g/75:21-22a] And you shall be filled with joy and gladness and know this that in the day of judgment you shall be judges of that house and condemn them, and it shall be more tolerable for the heathen in the day of judgment than for that house;

15 [75:3h/75:22b] Therefore, gird up your loins and be faithful and ye shall overcome all things and be lifted up at the last day; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 41c Another Revelation to the Elders of the Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was given January 25, 1832 in a conference held at Amherst Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 75:4-5 for Community of Christ, and Section 75:23-36 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 131-132. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [75:4a/75:23] And again, thus saith the Lord unto you, O ye Elders of my Church who have given your names that you might know his will concerning you:

2 [75:4b/75:24] Behold, I say unto you that it is the duty of the Church to assist in supporting the families of those and also to support the families of those who are called and must needs be sent unto the world to proclaim the Gospel unto the world;

3 [75:4c1/75:25] Wherefore, I, the Lord, give unto you this commandment: That ye obtain places for your families, in as much as your brethren *and sistren* are willing to open their hearts;

4 [75:4c2/75:26a] And let all such as can obtain places for their families and support of the Church for them not fail to go into the world:

5 [75:4d/75:26b-27] Whether to the East, or to the West, or to the North, or to the South; let them ask and they shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto them and made known from on high, even by the Comforter whither they shall go.

6 [75:5a/75:28] And again, verily I say unto you: That *everyone* who is obliged to provide for *their own families*, let *them* provide and *they* shall in no wise loose *their* reward^a; and let *them* labor in the Church.

7 [75:5b1/75:29a] Let *everyone* be diligent in all things.

8 [75:5b2/75:29b] And the idler shall not have place in the Church except *they repent* and *mend their* ways:

9 [75:5c-d1/75:30-36s] Wherefore, let my servant Simeon Carter and my Servant Emer Harris be united in the ministry; and also my servant Ezra Thayer and my servant Thomas B. Marsh; also my servant Hyrum Smith and my servant Reynolds Cahoon; and also my servant Daniel Stanton and my servant Seymour Brunson; and also my servant Sylvester Smith and my servant Gideon Carter; and also my Servant Ruggles Eames and my servant Stephen Burnett; and also my servant Micah B. Welton and also my servant Eden Smith.

10 [75:5d2/75:36b] Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. In Revelation Book One “reward” is crossed out and “crown” is written above it. While “crown” is the term found in all versions of the DaC, “reward” was used here per inspiration.

Section 42

The Vision

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon February 16, 1832 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 76 for Community of Christ, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 136 (numbered as 135)-141 (numbered as page 139). Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [N/A] A Vision of Joseph and Sidney Rigdon, Febuary the 16th, 1832 given in Hiram Township in the State of Ohio in North America, *in* which they saw concerning the Church of the First Born and concerning the economy *of* the coming of God and His vast creation throughout all eternity.

2 [76:1a/76:1] Hear, O ye Heavens, and give ear, O Earth, and rejoice ye inhabitants thereof; for the Lord, He is God, and beside Him there is none else.

3 [76:1b/76:2] And great is His wisdom, marvelous are His ways, and the extent of His doings none can find out;

4 [76:1c/76:3] His purposes fail not, neither are there any who can stay his hand, from eternity to eternity He is the same, and His years never fail.

5 [76:2a/76:4] ¶ *For thus saith the Lord^a*: I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto them who fear me, and delight to honor them who serve me in righteousness and in truth truth;

6 [76:2b1/76:5-7a] Great shall be their reward, and Eternal shall be their glory, and unto them will I reveal all mysteries—yea, all the hidden mysteries of my Kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come will I make known unto them.

7 [76:2b2-c1/76:7b-8] The good pleasure of my will concerning all things, yea even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I shew them, even the things of many generations.

8 [76:2c2-d1/76:9-10a] Their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to Heaven before them—the wisdom of the wise shall perish and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught, for by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will;

9 [76:2d2-/76:10b] Yea, even those things which eyes has not seen nor ear heard nor yet entered into the heart of man.

TESTIMONY

10 [76:3a1/76:11] ¶ We, Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, being in the Spirit on the Sixteenth of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty-two:

11 [76:3a2-3b1/76:12] And through the power of the Spirit our eyes were opened, and our understandings were enlightened, so as to see and understand the things of God;

12 [76:3b2/76:13a] Even things which were from the beginning, before the World was, which was ordained of the Father through His Only Begotten Son who was in the bosom of the Father, even from the beginning, of whom we bear record;

13 [76:3b3/76:13b-14] And the record which we bear is the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is in the Son, whom we saw and with whom we conversed in the heavenly vision;

14 [76:3c/76:15] For as we sat doing the work of translation which the Lord had appointed unto us, we came to the twenty ninth verse of the fifth Chapter of John, which was given unto us thus:

15 [76:3d1/76:16] Speaking^b of the resurrection of the dead, who should hear the voice of the Son of Man, 16 [76:3d2/76:17/John 5:29 IV or JST] And shall come forth, they who have done good in the resurrection of the just and they who have done evil in the resurrection of the unjust.

17 [76:3e/76:18-19] Now this caused us to marvel greatly, for it was given us of the Spirit, and while we meditated upon these things the Lord touched the eyes of our understanding and they were opened and the Glory of the Lord shone round about;

18 [76:3f/76:20-21] And we beheld the glory of the Son on the right hand of the Father, and received of His fullness, and saw the holy angels and they who are sanctified before His throne, worshiping God and the Lamb forever and ever.

19 [76:3g1/76:22] And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of Him, this is the testimony last of all which we give of Him: that He lives!

20 [76:3g2-h1/76:23] For we saw Him, even on the right hand of God, and we heard the voice bearing record that He is the Only Begotten of the Father;

21 [76:3h2/76:24] That by Him and through Him, and of Him the worlds are made, and were created; and the inhabitant thereof are begotten Sons and daughters of^c God.

22 [76:3i-j1/76:25-26] This we saw also, and bear record that, an Angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God, who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son, whom the Father loved and who was in the Bosom with the Father, and was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son, and was called perdition, for the heavens wept over him; for he was Lucifer^d, even the son of the morning.

23 [76:3j2/76:27] And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen, is fallen! Even the Son of the Morning!

24 [76:3k/76:28] And while we were yet in the Spirit, the Lord commanded us that we should write the vision; for behold Satan, that old Serpent, even the Devil who rebelled against God and sought to take Kingdoms of our God and of His Christ;

25 [76:3l/76:29] Wherefore, he maketh war with the Saints of God, and encompasses them about.

26 [76:3m/76:30] And we saw a vision of the eternal sufferings of those with whom he maketh war and overcometh, for thus came the voice unto us:

PERDITION

27 [76:4a/76:31] ¶ Thus saith the Lord concerning all those who know my power and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves through the power of the Devil to be overcome unto the denying of the truth and they defying of my power:

28 [76:4b-c1/76:32-34] *These* are they who are the sons of perdition of whom I say it had been better for them never to have been born, for they are vessels of wrath, doomed to suffer the wrath of God with the Devil and his angels throughout eternity, concerning whom I have said there is no forgiveness for them in this world nor in the world to come;

29 [76:4d/76:35] Having denied the Holy Ghost after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten Son of the Father, crucifying Him unto themselves and putting Him to an open shame:

30 [76:4e1/76:36-37] These are they who shall go away into the lake of fire and brimstone with the Devil and his angels, and the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power;

31 [76:4e2-f/76:38-39] Yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of His wrath, who shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead through the

triumph and glory of the Lamb who was slain, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made.

32 [76:4g/76:40-41] And this is the Gospel, the glad tidings which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us: That He came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleans it from all unrighteousness;

33 [76:4h/76:42-43] That through Him all might be saved whom the Father had put unto His power, and made by Him who glorifieth the Father and saveth all the work of His hands, except those sons *and daughters* of perdition who denyeth the Son after the Father hath revealed Him;

34 [76:4i1/76:44a] Wherefore He saveth all save them, and these shall go away into everlasting punishment, which is endless punishment, which is eternal punishment,

35 [76:4i2/76:44b] To reign with the Devil and his angels throughout eternity, where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched which is their torment;

36 [76:4i3-j/76:45-46] But the end thereof, neither the place thereof, and their torment no man knoweth, neither was revealed, neither is neither will be revealed unto man, save to them who are made partakers thereof:

37 [76:4k1/76:47] Nevertheless, I, the Lord, showeth it by vision unto many, but straightway shuteth it up again;

38 [76:4k2/76:48] Wherefore the end, the width, the height, depth, and the misery thereof he understandeth not, neither any man *nor woman*, save them who are ordained unto this condemnation.

39 [76:4l/76:49] And we heard the voice saying: Write the vision for lo this is the end of the vision of the eternal sufferings of the ungodly!

BODIES CELESTIAL

40 [76:5a/76:50] ¶ And again, we bear record, for we saw and heard, and this is the testimony of the Gospel of Christ concerning them who come forth in the resurrection of the just:

41 [76:5b1/76:51a] *These* are they who receive the testimony of Jesus, and believed on His name, and were baptized after the manner of His burial, being buried in the water in His name;

42 [76:5b2-d/76:51b-53] And this according to the commandment which He hath given, that by keeping the commandment they might be washed and cleansed from all their their sins and receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power, and who overcame by faith, and are sealed by that Holy Spirit of Promise, which the Father sheddeth forth upon all those who are just and true:

43 [76:5e/76:54] *These* are they who are the Church of the First Born;

44 [76:5f/76:55] *These* are they into whose hands the Father hath given all things;

45 [76:5g/76:56-57] *These* are they who are Priests *and Priestesses*, and Kings *and Queens* who, having received of His fullness and of His Glory, are Priests *and Priestesses* of the Most High after the order of Melchizedek *and Magdalene*, which *is* after the order of Enoch, which *is* after the Order of the Only Begotten Son;

46 [76:5h1/76:58] Wherefore, as it is written: They are God's^e, even the Sons *and daughters* of God;

47 [76:5h2/76:59a] Wherefore, all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come; all are theirs:

48 [76:5h3/76:59b-60] And they are Christ's, and Christ is God's^e, and they shall overcome all things;

49 [76:5i/76:61] Wherefore let no man *nor woman* glory in *mankind*, but rather let *them* glory in God who shall subdue all enemies under His feet.

50 [76:5j/76:62] These shall dwell in the presence of God and His Christ forever and ever.

51 [76:5k/76:63] These are they whom He shall bring with Him when He shall come in the clouds of Heaven to reign on the Earth over His people.

52 [76:5l-m/76:64-65] These are they who shall have part in the first resurrection—these are they who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just.

53 [76:5n/76:66] These are they who are come unto Mount Zion and unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Place, the holiest of all:

54 [76:5o/76:67] These are they who have come to an innumerable company of angels to the General Assembly, and Church of Enoch, and of the First Born.

55 [76:5p/76:68] These are they whose names are written in Heaven where God and Christ is the Judge of all.

56 [76:5q/76:69] These are they who are just men *and women* made perfect through Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, who wrought out this perfect Atonement through the shedding of His own blood.

57 [76:5r/76:70] These are they whose bodies are Celestial, whose glory is that of the Son, even of God; the highest of all, which glory the Sun of the firmament is written of as being typical.

BODIES TERRESTRIAL

58 [76:6a-b/76:71] ¶ And again, we saw the Terrestrial world; and behold and lo: These are they who are of the Terrestrial, whose glory differeth from that of the Church of the First Born, who have received of the fullness of the Father, even as that of the Moon differeth from the Sun of the firmament.

59 [76:6c/76:72-74] Behold, these are they who died without Law; and also they who are the spirits of men *and women* kept in prison, whom the Son visited and preached the Gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it.

60 [76:6d/76:75] These are they who are honorable men *and women* of the Earth who were blinded by the craftiness of *mankind*.

61 [76:6e/76:76] These are they who receive of His glory, but not of His fullness.

62 [76:6f/76:77-78] These are they who receive of the presence of the Son but not of the fullness of the Father; wherefore they are bodies Terrestrial and not bodies Celestial, and differeth in glory as the Moon differeth from the Sun.

63 [76:6g/76:79] These are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus, wherefore they obtained not the Crown over the Kingdoms of our God.

64 [76:6h/76:80] And now, this is the end of the vision which we saw of the Terrestrial that the Lord commanded us to write while we were yet in the Spirit.

BODIES TELESTIAL

65 [76:7a/76:8] ¶ And again, we saw the glory of the Telestial, whose glory is of that of the lesser; even as the glory of the Stars differeth from that of the glory of the Moon in the firmament.

66 [76:7b/76:82] These are they who receive not the Gospel of Christ, neither the testimony of Jesus.

67 [76:7c/76:83] These are they who deny not the Holy Ghost.

68 [76:7d/76:84] These are they who are thrust down to Hell.

69 [76:7e/76:85] These are they who shall not be redeemed from the Devil until the last resurrection, until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished His work.

70 [76:7f1/76:86-87] These are they who receive not of His fullness in the eternal world, but of the Holy Ghost through the administration of the Terrestrial, and the Terrestrial through the administration of the Celestial;

71 [76:7f2/76:88] And also the Telestial receive it of the administering of angels who are appointed to minister for them, or who are appointed to be ministering spirits for them, for they shall be heirs of salvation.

72 [76:7g1/76:89] And thus we saw in the Heavenly vision the glory of the Telestial, which surpasseth all understanding;

73 [76:7g2/76:90] And no man *nor woman* knoweth it except *they* to whom God hath revealed it.

DIFFERING BODIES OF THE RESURRECTION

74 [76:7h-il/76:91-92a] And this we saw: The glory of the Telestial^f which exceleth in all things; the glory of the *Terrestrial*^g, even in glory, and in power, and might, and dominion; and thus we saw the glory of the Celestial, which exceleth in all things;

75 [76:7i2/76:92b-93] Where God, even the Father, reigneth upon His throne forever and ever, before whose throne all things bow in humble reverence and giveth Him glory forever and ever.

76 [76:7j1/76:94] They who dwell in His presence are the Church of the First Born, and they see as they are seen, and know as they are known, having received of His fullness, and of His Grace;

77 [76:7j2/76:95] And He maketh them equal in power, and in might, and in dominion.

78 [76:7k-1l/76:96-98a] And the glory of the Celestial is one, even as the Son is one; and the glory of the Terrestrial is one, even as the glory of the Moon is one; and the glory of the Telestial is one, even as the glory of the Stars is one:

79 [76:7l2/76:98b] For as one Star differeth from another star in glory, even so differeth one from another from glory in the Telestial world;

80 [76:7l3/76:99] For these are they who are of Paul, and of Apollis and Cephes.

81 [76:7m/76:100-101] *These* are they who say there are some of one and some of another; some of Christ and some of John, and some of Moses, and some of Elias, and some of Esaias, and some of Isaiah, and some of Enoch, but received not the Gospel, neither the testimony of Jesus, neither the Prophets, neither the Everlasting Covenant.

82 [76:7n/76:102] Last of all, these are they who will not be gathered with the Saints to be caught up unto the Church of the First Born and received into the Cloud.

83 [76:7o/76:103] These are they who are liars, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and whoremongers, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

84 [76:7p/76:104] These are they who suffer the wrath of God on the Earth.

85 [76:7q/76:105] These are they who suffer the vengeance of Eternal Fire.

86 [76:7r1/76:106] These are they who are cast down to Hell and suffer the wrath of almighty God until the fullness of times, when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under His feet and shall have perfected His work;

87 [76:7r2-s1/76:107] When He shall have delivered up the Kingdom and present it unto His Father, spotless saying: I have over come and have trodden the wine press alone, even the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.

88 [76:7s2/76:108] Then shall He be crowned with the crown of His glory, to sit on the throne of His power to reign forever and ever.

89 [76:7t1/76:109] But behold and lo, we saw the glory of the Telestial world, that they were in number as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of Heaven, or as the sand upon the sea shore;

90 [76:7t2-u/76:110] And *we* heard the voice of the Lord saying: These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to Him who sitteth upon the throne forever and ever;

91 [76:7v1/76:111] For they shall be judged according to their works, and *everyone* shall receive according to *their* own works and *their* own dominion in the mansions which are prepared;

92 [76:7v2/76:112] And they shall be servants of the Most High, but where God and Christ dwells they cannot come: worlds without end.

93 [76:7w/76:113] This is the end of the vision which we were commanded to write while we were yet in the Spirit.

GLORY TO GOD AND THE LAMB

94 [76:8a/76:114-115] ¶ But great and marvelous are the works of the Lord and the mysteries of His Kingdom which he shewed unto us, which surpasseth all understanding in glory, and in might, and in dominion which He commanded us that we should not write while we were yet in the Spirit and are not Lawful for *mankind* to utter;

95 [76:8b1/76:116] Neither is *mankind* capable to make them known, for they are only to be seen and understood by the power of the Holy Ghost, which God bestows on those who love Him and purify themselves before Him.

96 [76:88b2-c1/76:117-118] To whom He grants this privilege of seeing and knowing for themselves that through the power and manifestation of the Spirit, while in the flesh they may be able to bear His presence in the world of Glory.

97 [76:8c2/76:119] And to God and the Lamb be glory, and honor, and dominion; forever and ever: Amen.

Note:

- a. “For thus saith the Lord” was added to the version printed in a February edition of the Evening and Morning Star . This changed has been kept in every edition of the DaC from 1835 and after pray and by inspiration this change has been kept in the DoS as well.
- b. Verse 15 is not in the KJV, and this added verse was not published in the Inspired Version of the Bible as printed by the RLDS Church.
- c. Originally “sons of and daughter of” in Revelation Book One, but changed to “sons and daughters unto.”
- d. Originally spelled “Lucipher” in Revelation Book One.
- e. “Gods” in the CoC/RLDS editions, “gods” in the CJCLdS edition. In Revelation Book One it reads “Gods.”
- f. In Revelation Book One “Telestial” is crossed out and “Terrestrial” was written over it. Per inspiration, the original text was used.
- g. “Telestial” was written in Revelation Book One, but this was changed to “Terrestrial” per inspiration and because Telestial was already mentioned in this sentence.

Section 43

Unto the High Priesthood

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on March 1, 1832 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 77 for Community of Christ, and Section 78 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 145-146. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [77:1a-b/78:1-2] Hearken unto me, saith the Lord your God, O ye who are ordained unto the High Priesthood of my Church who have assembled yourselves together, and listen to the counsel of Him who has ordained you from on high; who shall speak in your ears the words of wisdom, that salvation may be unto you in that thing which you presented before me, saith the Lord God;

2 [77:1c-d1/78:3-4a] For verily I say unto you: The time has come and is now at hand, and behold and lo it must needs be that there be an organization of the literary and the mercantile establishments of my Church, both in this place and in the Land of Zion, for a permanent and everlasting establishment, and firm unto my Church to advance,

3 [77:2d2/78:4b-5] The cause which ye have espoused to the salvation of *mankind* and to the glory of your Father who is in heaven, that you may be equal in the bonds of heavenly things;

4 [77:1e-f/78:6] Yea, and earthly things also for the obtaining of heavenly things; for if ye are not equal in earthly things ye cannot be equal in obtaining heavenly things:

5 [77:1g/78:7] For if ye will that I give unto you a place in the Celestial world^a ye must prepare yourselves by doing the things which I have commanded and required of you.

6 [77:2a-b/78:8-9] And now, verily thus saith the Lord: It is expedient that all things be done unto my glory that ye should who are joined together in this firm, or in other words that my servant Newel K. Whitney^b, and my servant Joseph Smith Jr.^c, and my servant Sidney Rigdon^d sit in counsel with the Saints who are in Zion,

7 [77:2c/78:10] Otherwise Satan seeketh to turn their hearts away from the truth, that they become blinded and understand not the things which are prepared for them;

8 [77:2d/78:11] Wherefore, a commandment I give unto you to prepare and organize yourselves by a bond or an Everlasting Covenant that cannot be broken;

9 [77:3a/78:12] And *they* who breaketh it shall loose *their* office and standing in the Church and shall be delivered over unto the buffetings of Satan until the day of redemption.

10 [77:3b/78:13] Behold, this is the preparation wherewith I prepare you and the foundation and the ensample which I give unto you whereby you may accomplish the commandments which are given you;

11 [77:3c-d/78:14] That through the provenances of your Father, notwithstanding the tribulations which shall descend upon you, you may stand independent above all other creatures beneath the Celestial world,

12 [77:3e/78:15a] That you may come up unto the crown prepared for you and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel.

13 [77:4f/78:17-18a] Verily, verily I say unto you: Ye are little children and ye have not as yet understood how great blessings the Father has put into His own hands and prepared for you, and ye can not bear all things now;

14 [77:4b/78:18b] Nevertheless, be of good cheer, for I will lead you along; the Kingdom is yours and the blessings thereof are yours and the riches of eternity are yours;

15 [77:4c/78:19] And *they* who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious in the things of this world, even an hundred fold; yea, more!

16 [77:4d1/78:20] Wherefore, do the things which I have commanded you, saith your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ, who prepareth all things before He cometh;

17 [77:4d2/78:21-22] And then He will come, even with the Church of the First Born, and receive you in the Cloud and appoint *everyone their* portion, and *they* that *are* faithful and wise *stewards* shall inherit all things; Amen.

Note:

- a. Celestial world: Heaven or a higher plain of consciousness ready for the Celestial body that will be given in the resurrection. See DoS 42:40-57.
- b. In some version of the DaC Newel K. Whitney is here referred to as "Ahashdah."
- c. In some version of the DaC Joseph Smith Jr. is here referred to as "Gazelan," or "Enoch."
- d. In some version of the DaC Sidney Rigdon is here referred to as "Pelagoram."

Section 44a

Revelation to Lincoln Haskins

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on February 27, 1832. This revelation was not included in the Doctrine and Covenants, and cannot be found in the Community of Christ or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints DaC. The following was taken from Revelation Book 2, page 10. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant: That I have chosen Lincoln Haskins to be a servant unto me;

2 Wherefore, verily I say unto you: Let him be ordained and receive the Articles and Covenants which I have given unto you, and some of the commandments, that he may go forth and proclaim my Gospel whithersoever I will send him in the congregations of the wicked;

3 And inasmuch as he is faithful, I will prosper him; even so, Amen.

Section 44b

A Revelation to Jared Carter

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on March 12, 1832 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 78 for Community of Christ, and Section 79 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 147. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [78:1a-b1/79:1] Verily, verily I say unto you: That it is my will that my servant Jared Carter should go again into the eastern countries from place, to place, and from city to city, in the power of the ordinance wherewith he has been ordained, proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, even the Everlasting Gospel.

2 [78:1b2/79:2] And I will send upon him the Comforter, which shall teach him the truth and his way whither he shall go;

3 [78:1c/79:3-4] And in as much as he is faithful, I will crown him again with sheaves; wherefore, let your heart be glad, my servant Jared, and fear not, saith your Lord, even Jesus Christ; Amen.

Section 44c

A Revelation to Jesse Gause/Frederick G. Williams

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on March 15, 1832 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 80 for Community of Christ, and Section 81 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This revelation was received for Jesse Gause but later given to Frederick G. Williams. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 139-140. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [80:1a-c/81:1-2] Verily, verily I say unto you, my servant Jesse Gause^a (Frederick G. Williams), listen to the voice of him who speaketh to the word of the Lord your God, and hearken to the calling wherewith you are called, even to be a High Priest in my Church, and counselor unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. unto whom I have given the keys of the Kingdom which belongs always to the presidency of the High Priesthood;

2 [80:1d/81:3] Therefore, verily I acknowledge him, and will bless him and also thee, in as much as thou art faithful in counsel in the office which I have appointed unto you, and in prayer always vocally, and in thy heart in public, and in private, also in thy ministry in proclaiming the Gospel in the land of the Living, and among thy brethren.

3 [80:1f/81:4] And in doing these things thou wilt do the greatest good unto thy fellow beings, and will promote the glory of Him who is your Lord;

4 [80:1g/81:5] Wherefore be faithful, stand in the office I have appointed you succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees;

5 [80:1h/81:6] And if thou art faithful unto the end thou shalt have a crown of immortality and eternal life in the mansions which I have prepared in the house of my Father;

6 [80:1i/81:7] Behold and lo, these are the words of Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ; Amen.

Note:

- a. Jesse Gause was later changed to Frederick G. Williams after Jesse Gause was rejected for the calling,

Section 44d

A Revelation to Stephen Burnett

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on March 17, 1832 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 79 for Community of Christ, and Section 80 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 147. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [79:1a-b1/80:1] Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Stephen Burnett: Go ye, go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature that cometh under the sound of your voice;

2 [79:1b2/80:2-3] And in as much as you desire a companion, I will give unto you my servant Eden Smith; wherefore go ye and preach my gospel, whether to the North or to the South, to the East or to the West, it mattereth not, for you cannot go amiss;

3 [79:1d-e/80:4-5] Therefore, declare these things which you have heard and verily believe and know to be true; behold, this is the will of Him who hath called you, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ; Amen.

The Revelation of St. John Explained

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received to the Seer Joseph Smith Jr. sometime between March 4 and 20, 1832. While not included in most versions of the Doctrine and Covenants, it can be found as Section 77 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 141-144. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [77:1] **Question:** What is the Sea of Glass spoken of by John 4 Chap. and sixth verse of revelations?

Answer: It is the Earth in its sanctified immortal and eternal state

2 [77:2] **Question:** What are we to understand by the four beasts spoken of by John in the Chapter 4 verse 6 of Revelations?

Answer: They are figurative expressions used by the revelator John in describing heaven, the paradise of God, the happiness of *mankind*, and of beasts and of creeping things, and of the fowls of the air; that which is spiritual being in the likeness of that which is temporal, and that which is temporal in the likeness of that which is spiritual: the spirit of man in the likeness of his person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created.

3 [77:3] **Question:** Are the four beasts limited to individual beasts, or do they represent classes or orders?

Answer: They are limited to four individual beasts which were shewn to John to represent the glory of the classes of beings in their destined order or sphere of creation in the enjoyment of their eternal felicity.

4 [77:4] **Question:** What are we to understand the eyes and wings which the beasts had?

Answer: Their eyes are a representation of light and knowledge; that is they are full of knowledge, and their wings are a representation of power to move to act &c.

5 [77:5] **Question:** What are we to understand by the four and twenty Elders spoken of by John?

Answer: We are to understand that these Elders whom John saw were Elders who had been faithful in the work of the ministry, and were dead, who belonged to the Seven Churches, and were then in the paradise of God.

6 [77:6] **Question:** What are we to understand by the Book which John saw which was sealed on the back with seven Seals with John?

Answer: We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and works of God; the hidden things of His economy concerning this Earth during the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.

7 [77:7] **Question:** What are we to understand by the Seven Seals with which it was sealed?

Answer: We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.

8 [77:8] **Question:** What are we to understand by the four Angels spoken of by John Chapter 7 verse one of Revelation?

Answer: We are to understand that they are four angels sent forth from God to whom is given power over the four parts of the Earth, to save life and to destroy; these are they who have the Everlasting Gospel to commit to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; having power to shut up the heavens, to seal up unto life, or to cast down to the regions of darkness.

9 [77:9] **Question:** What are we to understand by the angels ascending from the East in Revelation Chapter 7, verse 2?

Answer: We are to understand that the angel ascended from the East is he to whom is given the Seal of the Living God over the twelve tribes of Israel; wherefore he crieth unto the four angels having the Everlasting Gospel to preach saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads; and if you will receive it, this is the Elias which was to come to gather together the tribes of Israel and restore all things.

10 [77:10] **Question:** What time are things spoken of in this chapter to be accomplished?

Answer: They are to be accomplished in the sixth thousandth year, or the opening of the Sixth seal.

11 [77:11] **Question:** What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty four thousand out of all the tribes of Israel twelve thousand out of every tribe?

Answer: We are to understand that those who are sealed are High Priests *and High Priestesses* ordained unto the Holy Order of God to administer the Everlasting Gospel, for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth to bring as many as will come to the Church of the First Born.

12 [77:12] **Question:** What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets mentioned in Chapter 8 of Revelation?

Answer: We are to understand that as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day He finished His work and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth; even so in the beginning of the seven thousandth year will the Lord God sanctify the earth and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which He hath not put into His power when He shall have sealed all things unto the end of all things, and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of His work in the beginning of the seven thousandth year, the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.

13 [77:13] **Question:** When are the things to be accomplished which are written in the Chapter 9 of Revelation?

Answer: They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ

14 [77:14] **Question:** What are we to understand by the little book which was eaten by John, as mentioned in Chapter 10 of Revelation?

Answer: We are to understand that it was a Mission, and an ordinance for him to gather the tribes of Israel; behold, this is Elias who as it is written must come and restore all things.

15 [77:15] **Question:** What is to be understood by the two witnesses in Chapter 11 of Revelation?

Answer: They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, at the time of the restoration, and to prophesy to the Jews, after they are gathered and have built the city of Jerusalem in the Land of their Fathers.

Section 45b

A Sample of Pure Language

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received to the Seer Joseph Smith Jr. sometime between March 4 and 20, 1832. This section was not recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 144. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 **Question:** What is the name of God in pure Language?

Answer: Awmen.

2 **Question:** The meaning of the pure word Awmen?

Answer: It is the being which made all things in all its parts.

3 **Question:** What is the name of the Son of God?

Answer: The Son Awmen.

4 **Question:** What is the Son Awmen?

Answer: It is the greatest of all the parts of Awmen which is the Godhead the First Born.

5 **Question:** What is is man?

Answer: This signifies Sons Awmen, the human family the children of men the greatest parts of Awmen Sons the Son Awmen.

6 **Question:** What are Angels called in pure language?

Answer: Awmen Anglsmen

7 Question: What are the meaning of these words?

Answer: Awmen's ministering servants, sanctified, who are sent forth from Heaven to minister for or to Sons Awmen, the greatest part of Awmen Son: Sons Awmen, Son Awmen, Awmen.

Note:

- a. Awmen is spelled at other times "Ahmen," Ahman," or Awman." See Section 50b:9 and Hymn 29:4.

Section 45c

Isaiah 11 Explained

Revelation received by Joseph Smith Jr. March 29, 1838. This section was not recorded in Community of Christ's edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. It is recorded at Section 113:1-6 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' edition. The following was taken from Joseph Smith's Journal, March-September 1838, page 17, written in the handwriting of George W. Robinson. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [113:1-2] **Question:** Who is the stem of Jesse spoken of in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth verses of the eleventh chapter of Isiah?

Answer: Verily thus saith the Lord: It is Christ.

2 [113:3-4] **Question:** What is the Rod spoken of in the first verse of the eleventh chapter that should come of the stem of Jesse?

Answer: Behold thus saith the Lord: It is a servant in the hands of Christ who is partly a descendant of Jesse as well as of Ephraim or of the house of Joseph, on whom there is laid much power.

3 [113:5-6] **Question:** What is the Root of Jesse spoken of in the tenth verse of the eleventh chapter?

Answer: Behold thus saith the Lord: It is a descendant^a of Jesse, as well as of Joseph, unto whom rightly belongs the Priesthood and the keys of the kingdom for an ensign and for the gathering of my people in the last day.

Note:

- a. Likely Joseph Smith Jr.

Section 45d

Isaiah 52 Explained

Revelation received by Joseph Smith Jr. maybe March 29, 1838. This section was not recorded in Community of Christ's edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. It is recorded at Section 113:7-10 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' edition.. The following was taken from Joseph Smith's Journal, March-September 1838, page 18. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Questions by Elias Higby Higbee:

2 [113:7-8] **Question:** What is meant by the command in Isiah Chapter 52, verse one, which saith: Put on thy strength O Zion and what people had Isaiah reference to?

Answer: He had reference to those whom God should call in the last days who should hold the power of Priesthood to bring again Zion and the redemption of Israel.

And to put on her strength is to put on the authority of the priesthood which she (Zion) has a right to by lineage:

Also, to return to that power which she had lost.

3 [113:9-10] **Question:** What are we to understand by Zion's losing herself from the bands of her neck *in the second verse?*

Answer: We are to understand that the scattered remnants are exported to return to the Lord from whence they have fallen, which if they do the promise of the Lord is that he will speak to them or give them revelation; See the sixth, seventh, and eighth verses.

The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles.

Note:

- b. Likely Joseph Smith Jr.

Section 45e

YHVH

Revelation received by David Ferriman November 12, 2019. People had been debating the correct pronunciation of "YHVH." David had been pronouncing it "Yahweh," while others were pronouncing it "Jehovah." After this revelation was received David began to pronounce it "Yahvah," (Yah-VAH) placing an "a" after the "Y" and the "V" consonants. This was by inspiration, but not revelation as not to take sides in the debate. In this revelation the meaning of YHVH is given, but not the pronunciation.

1 **Question:** What is the name of God in Hebrew?

Answer: YHVH

2 **Question:** How is this name pronounced?

Answer: This will be shown unto you in the Holy of Holies after my temple is built.

3 **Question:** What does this name mean?

Answer: It is the I AM that I AM, Ahyeh Asher Ahyeh (אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה, 'ehyeh 'āšer 'ehyeh): "I AM the One that Creates," the Creator.

4 **Question:** Who is YHVH?

Answer: Jesus who is the very Christ, the Great Jehovah.

5 **Question:** What is the meaning of YHVH?

Answer: In me is that Father and the Mother, and I in them, and in us is the Holy Spirit; and we are in Him, and we are One God: י Yod representing the Father, and ה Hei representing the Mother and the very Presence of God, ו Vav representing the Son, and the very condescension of God, ה representing the Spirit; and I am YHVH, for all things are done in me by the will of the Father, and the will of the Father and of the Mother are One.

6 **Question:** Why do we not know how to pronounce YHVH?

Answer: Because of the fears of men this knowledge was lost, but fear not to say the name, neither squabble over how to pronounce it.

7 **Question:** Why is the Mother hidden, why don't we pray to Her?

Answer: The Father and the Mother are One, when the Father is called upon, the Mother also is called upon; when the Mother is called upon, so also is the Father called upon: but all things are done in me, for I AM Jesus Christ, and ye are my Church: therefore, be ye one in me even as the Father and the Mother one and the Holy Spirit shall abound and ye shall be comforted by me.

Section 46

A Book of Commandments

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on March 20, 1832 in Portage County, Ohio. This section was not recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 148. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 It is expedient, saith the Lord unto you, that the paper shall be purchased for the printing of the Book of the Lord's Commandments^a;

2 And it must needs be that you take it with you, for it is not expedient that my servant Martin Harris should as yet go up unto the Land of Zion.

3 Let the purchase be made by the Bishop *Edward Partridge*, or if needs must be by hire; whatsoever is done let it be done in the name of the Lord.

Note:

- a. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 47

To the Council of the Church

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on April 26, 1832 in Independence Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 81 for Community of Christ, and Section 82 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 128-129. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [81:1a/82:1] Verily, Verily I say unto you, my servants, that inasmuch as ye have forgiven one another your trespasses, even so I, the Lord, forgive you;

2 [81:1b1/82:2a] Nevertheless, there are those among you who have sinned exceedingly; yea, even all of you have sinned;

3 [81:1b2-c1/82:2b] But verily I say unto you: Beware from henceforth and refrain from sin, least sore judgments fall upon your heads;

4 [81:1c2/82:3] For unto whom much is given, much is required, and *they* who sinneth against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation.

5 [81:1d/82:4] Ye call upon my name for revelations and I give them unto you, and inasmuch as ye keep not my sayings which I give unto you ye become transgressors, and Justice and judgment is the penalty which is affixed unto my Law;

6 [81:1e/82:5-6] Therefore what I say unto one I say unto all: Watch, for the advisory spreadeth his dominions, and darkness reigneth and the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the Earth and none do good, for all have gone out of the way.

7 [81:2a1/82:7a] And now, verily I say unto you: I, the Lord, will not lay any sin to your charge; go your ways and sin no more;

8 [81:2a2/82:7b] But unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God.

9 [81:3a1/82:8] And again I say unto you: I give unto you a new commandment, that you may understand my will concerning you;

10 [81:3a2/82:9] Or in other words, I give unto you directions how you may act before me that it may turn to you for your salvation:

11 [81:1b/82:10] I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise;

12 [81:4a-b1/82:11-12] Therefore, verily I say unto you: It is expedient for you my servants Edward Partridge^a, and Newel K. Whitney^b, Sidney Gilbert^c, and Sidney Rigdon^d, and my servant Joseph Smith Jr.^e, and John Whitmer^f, and Oliver Cowdery^g, and William W. Phelps^h, and Martin Harrisⁱ be bound together by a bond and Covenant that cannot be broken in your several stewardship to manage the literary and mercantile concerns, and the Bishoprics, both in the Land of Zion and in the Land of Kirtland;

13 [81:4b2/82:13] For I have consecrated the land of Kirtland, in mine own due time, for the benefits of the Saints of the Most High God and for a stake to Zion;

14 [81:4c1/82:14a] For Zion must increase in beauty and in holiness her borders must be enlarged, her stakes must be strengthened;

15 [81:4c2/82:14b] Yea, verily I say unto you: Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments;

16 [81:4d/82:15] Therefore, I give unto you this commandment that ye bind yourselves by this covenant, and it shall be done according to the laws of the land.

17 [81:4d2-e/82:16-17] Behold, here is wisdom also in me for your good: And you are to be equal, or in other words you are to have equal claims on the properties for the benefits of managing the concerns of your stewardship; *everyone* according to *their* wants and *their* needs, inasmuch as *their* wants are just:

18 [81:4f-g/82:18-19] And all this for the benefit of the Church of the living God, that *everyone* may improve upon *their* talents, that *they* may gain other talents; yea, even an hundred fold to be cast into the Lord's Storehouse, to become the common property of the whole Church, *everyone* seeking the interest of *their* neighbor and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.

19 [81:5a/82:20] This firm I have appointed to be an everlasting firm unto you and unto your Successors, inasmuch as you sin not;

20 [81:5b/82:21] And the soul that sins against the Covenant and hardeneth *their* heart against it shall be dealt with according according to the laws of my Church and shall be delivered over to the buffetings of Satan until the day of redemption.

21 [81:6a-b/82:22-23a] And now, verily I say unto you, and this is wisdom: Make unto yourselves friends with the mammon of unrighteousness and they will not destroy you; leave judgment alone with me, for it is mine and I will repay.

22 [81:6c/82:23b-24] Peace be with you, my blessings continue with you; for even yet the Kingdom is yours and shall be forever, if ye fall not from your steadfastness; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. In some version of the DaC Edward Partridge is here referred to as "Alam."
- b. In some version of the DaC Newel K. Whitney is here referred to as "Ahashdah."
- c. In some version of the DaC Sidney Gilbert here referred to as "Mahalaleel."
- d. In some version of the DaC Sidney Rigdon is here referred to as "Pelagoram."
- e. In some version of the DaC Joseph Smith Jr. is here referred to as "Gazelam."
- f. In some version of the DaC John Whitmer is here referred to as "Horah."
- g. In some version of the DaC Oliver Cowdery is here referred to as "Olihah."
- h. In some version of the DaC William W. Phelps is here referred to as "Shalemanasseh."
- i. In some version of the DaC Martin Harris is here referred to as "Mehemson."

Section 48

Laws of the Church Concerning Widows and Orphans

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on April 30, 1832 in Zion, Independence Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 82 for Community of Christ, and Section 83 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Verses 1-3 were taken from Revelation Book 1, page 132, Verse 4 is not revelation, but was taken from Section LXXXVIII on page 223 of the 1835 Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [82:1a/83:1] Verily, thus saith the Lord: In addition to the Laws of the Church concerning women and children who belong to the Church who have lost their husbands or fathers;

2 [82:1b/83:2] Women have claim on their husbands until they are taken, and if they are not found transgressors they remain upon their inheritances.

3 [82:2a/83:4-5] All children have claim upon their parents until they are of age, and after that they have claim upon the Church, or in other words the Lord's Storehouse for *their* inheritances.

4 [82:2b/83:6] And the storehouse shall be kept by the consecrations of the Church, that widows and orphans shall be provided for, as also the poor. Amen.

Section 49

A Revelation to John Murdock

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on August 29, 1832 in Hiram Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 96 for Community of Christ, and Section 99 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The following was taken from Revelation Book 1, page 148. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [96:1a/99:1] Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant John Murdock: Thou art called to go unto the Eastern countries, from house to house, and from village to village, and from city to city to proclaim mine Everlasting Gospel unto the inhabitants thereof in the midst of persecution and wickedness.

2 [96:1b/99:2] And whosoever receiveth you receiveth me; and you shall have power to declare my Word in the demonstration of my Holy Spirit.

3 [96:1c1/99:3] And whoso receiveth you as a little child receiveth my Kingdom; and blessed are they, for they shall obtain mercy.

4 [96:1c2/99:4] And whoso rejecteth you shall be rejected of my Father and His house; and you shall cleanse your feet in the secret places by the way for a testimony against them.

5 [96:2a/99:5] And behold and lo, I come quickly to judgment; to convince all of their ungodly deeds, which they have committed against me, as it is written of me in the volume of the Book^a.

6 [96:2b/99:6] And now verily I say unto you: That it is not expedient that you should go until your children are provided for and kindly sent up unto the Bishop in Zion;

7 [96:2c1/99:7] And after a few years if thou desirest of me, thou mayest go up also unto the goodly land, to possess thine inheritance;

8 [96:2c2/99:8] Otherwise thou shalt continue proclaiming my Gospel until thou be taken; Amen.

Note:

- a. See Revelation 20:12

Section 50a

The Council of Fifty

Declaration of the purpose and function of the Council of Fifty of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, given by inspiration through David and Kristine Ferriman June 3, 2020.

1 In the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, the First Presidency over the Church may call men and women of all walks of life, from any of the Churches of Christ upon the earth, or any of those sympathetic to the Christian teachings and way of life;

2 And these shall be called to unite the Saints, to unite God's creation in all that has been revealed and all that will be revealed, from the creation of the earth to the return of Christ our King;

3 And this Council shall exist as a part of the Order of the Ministry, consisting of twenty-five brothers and twenty-five sisters; and the First Presidency shall be their presidency.

4 And these shall be brothers and sisters, one to another and to the World, working in the Order of the Ministry under the direction of the First Presidency, being sent forth to represent them and the God that has called them unto all the world.

5 And these shall endeavor to proclaim peace and unity in the face of adversity, to act as representatives of the Living Constitution of the Kingdom of God, to be a force of peace and order in the midst of chaos;

6 To assist in the Works of the Lord as the Saints and those that would call themselves Saints, move from the creed of the Church to the Kingdom of God, where all that desire shall find a home and a place to dwell to find rest for their souls.

7 And this Council of Fifty shall be organized to run and to teach in the School of the Prophets, as organized by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship;

8 And to assist the Presidency in all things they stand in need, to help them fulfill their duties and callings;

9 And, when necessary, to represent them in the judgment seat, by letter of appointment, which letter may only be used of the case to which it shall be assigned, and any judgment rendered may be taken to the First Presidency for approval or acquittal.

Section 50b

Constitution of the Council of Fifty

From the draft of the Constitution of the Council of Fifty written in Nauvoo, Illinois on April 18, 1844. Taken from the Council of Fifty Record pp. 146–155 written in the handwriting of William Clayton. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics. See the notes below this section to find the sentences that have been removed.

1 We, the people of the Kingdom of God, knowing that all power emanates from God, that the earth is God's possession, and God alone has the right to govern the nations and set in order the kingdoms of this world;

2 That God only has a right to institute laws and establish decrees for the government of the human family;

3 That God is our Father *and our Mother* in Heaven; and we, *their* legitimate children, inhabiting *the* footstool of YHVH;

4 And that no rule, law, government, dominion, or power, unless instituted by God, can be productive of the greatest happiness, prosperity, exaltation and glory of *the* subjects of Christ, our King^a.

5 And knowing that God hath created all men *and women* free and equal^b, *and* to hasten the accomplishment of *the purposes of God*^c—to lift up an ensign to the nations, and establish a standard for all people—

6 That the strength, and the power, and the glory, and the exaltation, and the kingdom, and the dominion under the whole heavens, may become the Kingdom of our God and of Christ, as has been predicted by all the holy prophets since the world began, to be brought to pass on the earth in the last days:

7 Where peace, union, harmony, fellowship, philanthropy, benevolence, virtue, and brotherly *and sisterly* love shall reign triumphantly together in the bosom of *everyone*, where we can rest under the shadow of *the wing of God*.

8 We have supplicated the Great I AM, that He would make known His will unto His servants, concerning this, *the* last Kingdom, and the Law, by which the *Saints* shall be governed:

9 And the voice of the Lord unto us was: Verily thus saith the Lord, this is the name by which you shall be called: the Kingdom of God, and His Laws, with the keys and power thereof, and judgment in the hands of His servants, Ahman Christ.

ARTICLE 1

10 I AM, the Lord thy God, ruling the armies of heaven above, and among the nations of the earth beneath:

11 I have created all men *and women* of one blood; I set up one, and I put down another, and to me alone belongs the right, the power, the majesty, the glory, and the dominion:

12 I alone am King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; I alone am the rightful lawgiver to man:

13 I alone have a right to judge the inhabitants of the earth, which is my footstool, and I will acknowledge no other law, rule, power, authority or dominion, than that which is instituted by me, the great I AM;

14 And *during my millennial reign*, no other government, kingdom, dominion, authority, power, rule, or law, shall be acknowledged by my people.

ARTICLE 2

15 I, the Lord, will do nothing but what I have revealed or shall reveal unto my servants the prophets,

16 And I have appointed one man, *Joseph Smith Jr.*^d, to holding the keys and authority pertaining to my holy priesthood,

17 To whom I will reveal my laws, my statutes, my ordinances, my judgements, my will and pleasure concerning my kingdom on the earth.

ARTICLE 3

18 And my Servant and Prophet, *Joseph Smith Jr.*^d, whom I have called and chosen shall have power to appoint Judges and officers in my kingdom,

19 And my people shall have the right to choose or refuse those officers and judges, by Common Consent:

20 And the judges who shall be approved by my people shall condemn the guilty, and let the innocent go free!

21 And shall have power to execute, and shall execute, justice and judgment in righteousness, and punish transgressors throughout all my kingdom on the earth;

22 And if the judges or officers transgress, they shall be punished according to my laws.

Notes:

- a. Parts from pages 147-149 removed by inspiration.
- b. From page 149.
- c. From page 151, "To fulfil the predictions of the prophets to establish a pure government" removed.
- d. With the death of Joseph Smith Jr. the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship has been called to fill this role at this time within this movement. Others have been called in a variety of other denomination to do this same work.

Section 50c Church and Kingdom

A revelation to the Council of Fifty through apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor June 27, 1882 at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory. From John Taylor revelation, June 27, 1882. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord, I have instituted my Kingdom and my Laws, with the keys and power thereof, and have appointed you as my spokesman and my Constitution, with President John Taylor at your head,

2 Whom I have appointed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and my Kingdom as Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, and to preside over my Church and over my Kingdom, and to be my mouthpiece unto my Church and unto my Kingdom.

3 And I will honor him, and he shall speak forth the words that I will reveal unto him from time to time by the whisperings of my Spirit, by the revelation of my will and my word, or by mine own voice, as I will, saith the Lord; and ye shall listen to his words as my words, saith the Lord your God.

4 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God who rules in the heavens above and in the earth beneath: I have introduced My Kingdom and my government, even the Kingdom of God, that my servants have heretofore prophesied of, and that I taught my disciples to pray for, saying:

5 Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; for the establishment of my rule, for the introduction of my Law, for the protection of my Church, and for the maintenance, promulgation and protection of civil and religious liberty in this nation and throughout the world.

6 And all men of every nation, color and creed shall yet be protected and shielded thereby;

7 And every nation and kindred, and people, and tongue shall yet bow the knee to me, and acknowledge me to be Ahman^a Christ, to the glory of God the Father.

8 And my Law, and my rule, and my dominion shall extend over the whole earth, and no one shall stay my hand, or question my authority;

9 For I rule by right in the heavens above, and in the earth; and my right, and my rule, and my dominion shall yet be known and extended to all people.

10 ¶ And now, behold, I speak unto you through my servant John, whom you have acknowledged and shall acknowledge as my spokesman.

11 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Ruler of the Universe, whose right it is to rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath:

12 Behold, I raised up my servant Joseph Smith Jr. to introduce my Gospel, and to build up my Church and establish my Kingdom on the earth;

13 And I gave unto him wisdom, and knowledge and revelation, and intelligence pertaining to the past, the present, and the future, even to that extent which was not known among men;

14 And I endowed him with power from on high, and conferred upon him the Priesthood of Aaron, and also the Priesthood of Melchizedek which is after the order of the Son of God, even the power of an endless life, and administereth forever in this world and the world to come.

15 He was called and ordained to this office before the world was; he was called by me, and empowered by me, and sustained by me to introduce and establish my Church and Kingdom upon the earth, and to be a Prophet, Seer, and Revelator to my Church and Kingdom over Israel.

16 He was slain for the testimony of Jesus and for the Word of God; but ye yet lives, and is with me where I am.

17 ¶ And now I speak unto you who are members of this Council of Fifty and of my Kingdom, and I say unto you, as I said unto my disciples of old: Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.

18 I called you by my servant Joseph Smith Jr, and by my servant Brigham Young, and by my servant John Taylor.

19 You did not teach and instruct me; but I have taught and instructed you and organized you according to my eternal Laws.

20 Ye are my Constitution^b, and I am your God and I will be acknowledged, and my will and my Word, and my Law shall bear rule in my Kingdom, saith the Lord.

21 If it does not, then it is not my Kingdom, and then are ye not my spokesmen; for if it is by the wisdom of man, by the intelligence of men, and under the direction of man, then it is a Kingdom of man, and it is not of me, and I will not acknowledge it, saith the Lord God.

22 ¶ Have I not instructed you in all that you know, and is not this Kingdom organized and directed by revelation from me? Is it not called the Kingdom of God?

23 If, therefore, it is not my Kingdom, why do you make use of my name and invoke my authority and my aid?

24 Is this Kingdom not called the Kingdom of God, and His laws, with the keys and power thereof, and judgment in the hands of his servants Ahman^a Christ?

25 ¶ And because I am kind and beneficent to all peoples, and because I have given to *mankind* their free agency and have always maintained that free agency among all peoples, and have treated all men *and women* alike among all nations, and made the sun to shine on the evil and the good, on the just and the unjust, and have never controlled the consciences of men;

26 Think ye, therefore, that I have no rights, and will yield up all my authority to the dictates and caprices of wicked and corrupt men? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.

27 ¶ Behold, Satan sought to take away the free agency of man in the beginning, for which cause he was thrust out of heaven, and has sought to introduce the same principles upon the earth, which principles are opposed to me, to my institutions, and my Laws, and to the freedom, the welfare, and happiness of *mankind*;

28 And by which principles the Government of the United States sought to deprive my people of their free agency.

29 And because men have been under the influence and power and dominion of Lucifer, and because tyranny and oppression and evil have abounded by him, and not by me, saith the Lord your God, shall righteousness and justice and judgment, and truth, and virtue, and holiness be forever trampled underfoot?

30 And the principles of tyranny, oppression and misrule, and anarchy, deception, and fraud forever prevail? Verily, I say unto you Nay.

31 ¶ And for this cause have I introduced my Church and my Kingdom, that pure and righteous principles might be inculcated, and *mankind*, by *thier* free agency, yield a willing obedience to my Law;

32 For after this testimony and the rejection thereof, I will sweep the earth of evil doers as with the besom of destruction; for this is my right, and while man has his free agency, judgment belongs to me, saith the Lord.

33 And I will come out of my hiding place and vex the nations of the earth because of their iniquities, their misrule, their tyranny, their oppression, their corruption, their murders, their adulteries and fornications and all their abominations;

34 And because my servant Joseph Smith Jr., whose soul was pained because of their cruelties and oppressions, the injustice, fraud and corruption, and the inhumanity of men, proclaimed himself the advocate of human rights, the advocate of liberty, and the friend of *mankind*;

35 And because, according to my eternal decrees, the free agency of man should be guaranteed to all men, I moved upon him to introduce into my Kingdom certain parties not in my Church, for the purpose of exhibiting unto my Kingdom that I would still maintain the free agency of man, and that I hold inviolate that principle and will still maintain it to the end.

36 ¶ Think ye, therefore, that because they are thus admitted to a share in my Government and my laws that they shall be permitted to break their covenants, violate their obligations, and reject me and my laws and authority, and seek to overthrow the Kingdom of God, and deprive my people who are contending for freedom, and who shall yet maintain it, of their agency, and of my laws? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.

37 They may be admitted to the rights of representation in the manner appointed, after subscribing to my covenants and commandments, and have a full and free opportunity of presenting their views, interests, and principles, and enjoying all the freedom and rights of this council;

38 But they shall acknowledge me and my laws in this council, saith the Lord God;

39 For my people's rights and immunities and free agency shall be acknowledged as well as those of all other people, and my laws and government shall be sustained, or I will not acknowledge you, saith the Lord.

40 I have invested you with the keys and power of my Kingdom and they cannot be bartered away to others.

41 ¶ Shall all men be free? Yes, free to do right, free to express their sentiments and opinions, and have a full, fair, and free representation;

42 But no *one* shall violate *their* covenants, pervert my Laws, subvert others' free agency, and trample upon mine authority in this council, saith the Lord your God.

43 Again, I say unto you as I said before: Henceforth do as I shall command you, saith the Lord your God. Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a. See DoS 45b
- b. The Council of Fifty are also known as the Living Constitution.

Section 50d Church and Priesthood

A revelation to the Council of Fifty through apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor June 28, 1882 at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory. This revelation was given to gain guidance on their "Council of 50." The Council of Fifty was then used as a political arm, thus the term "kingdom" used in this revelation. From a Manuscript in John Taylor Papers kept in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Archives. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Am I not King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Do I not rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath, as I will? saith the Lord

2 And though *mankind does* not acknowledge me, yet do I control them; and I will control them according to my will and purposes."

3 And I will make use of the kings of the earth, and the rulers and powers of the earth to accomplish my purposes, saith the Lord God your Redeemer, and none shall stay my hand.

4 And I will build up my Kingdom as I have heretofore decreed and made known through the mouth of mine holy prophets so far as they have declared my purposes pertaining thereto;

5 And I have many other things to make known and to proclaim relative to my Church and to my Kingdom and to the building up of my Zion on the earth.

6 Behold, you are my Kingdom and rulers in my Kingdom, and then you are also, many of you, rulers in my Church according to your ordinations therein.

7 For are you not of the First Presidency, and of the Twelve Apostles, and some Presidents of Stakes, and some Bishops, and some High Priests and some Seventies and Elders therein? And are ye not all of my Church and belong to my holy Priesthood?

8 And then, are ye not all of my Kingdom, and do you not belong to my Kingdom, and are ye not the representatives thereof, even my Constitution^a?

9 And am I not your God, even your Redeemer and your King?

10 Behold, I have told you to do as I command you and have I not a right to dictate in the affairs of my Kingdom; and is it not incumbent upon you to obey me as your Lord, your Lawgiver and your King!"

11 Behold, thus saith the Lord: I will be obeyed by my Council, and if they do not acknowledge me, I will not acknowledge them, saith the Lord of Hosts, the God and King of the whole earth.

12 Speaking of my Church, behold I established my Church that I might reveal unto them my Word, and my will and the Law of the Gospel, and the order of the Holy Priesthood."

13 And I set in order my Priesthood, even the Aaronic and Melchizedek, and I have sent forth mine Elders to the world to preach this Gospel of the Kingdom to all people, and to gather mine elect from among all nations,

14 That a people might be prepared through my Gospel, through the manifestation of my Spirit, even the spirit of Truth, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

15 And through the teachings of my holy Priesthood and the revelations of my will to comprehend the Law of my Gospel:

16 To be one with me as I am one with the Father, to Comprehend and obey the principles of righteousness, virtue, holiness, purity, and the love and fear of God,

17 And to assist in building my Zion unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and to prepare for the salvation and redemption of the world, even the living and the dead.

18 And again, it required this Gospel, this Priesthood, this revelation, this unity, this spirit, to introduce the Kingdom of God, the law of God, the authority and dominion of God that the will of God might be done on earth as it is done in heaven.”

19 I rule now among the nations but not by their consent, and the rulers of the earth do not know me or my law, nor recognize my authority.”

20 They have their free agency and use it; so have also my people, and they use their agency through my Gospel to serve me, to obey my law and to build up my Church and Kingdom, for outside of my Church there is no people on the earth who will listen to my Law.”

21 And if there was no people who would listen to my Law, how could I have a Kingdom, and how could I be their ruler?

22 I have established my Kingdom to be a shield and protection to my Church, to learn and comprehend my Law, and to carry out my purposes, that my will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven:

23 The Church through the Law and Spirit of the Gospel to preserve the virtue and purity of the Kingdom, and the Kingdom to preserve and protect the Church from the aggressions of the wicked and ungodly.”

24 And behold, I do not want my own will, but the will of my Father; the same is my Father and my God, and your Father and your God, and we are one, I in him, and you in me.”

25 Are I and my Father with the Church? Yes.

26 Are we not also with the Kingdom? Yes.

27 Am I not your God, your Ahman^b Christ? You so acknowledge me.

28 My Father is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, I rule as my Father directs me, and if ye rule and direct according to my will, under the direction of my servant who is your president and head, are we not one, and is it not the rule and government of God?”

29 And any kingdom, or government, or dominion that is not under my direction, and does not acknowledge me, I will not acknowledge, saith the Lord of Hosts;

30 And if they fight against me and my laws, and my Church, and my Kingdom, they shall be overthrown in mine own due time, for I have so decreed. Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a. The Council of Fifty are also known as the Living Constitution.
- b. See DoS 45b

Section 50e

Revelation on the Council of Fifty

Revelation received in Ohio on November 15, 2018 in answer to questions from Allen regarding organizing the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. In November of 2019 David was by a number of people wishing to join the then unorganized Fellowship. This revelation was given in response to their request, but in particular, to Brother Allen's enquire more specifically. This section was originally Revelation 14 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 After meeting for the second time with Brother Allen, I inquired of the Lord to see if he had been called to help organize the Fellowship;

2 After praying on this the voice of the Lord came to me saying: Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant David: I am well pleased with your offering and service to my cause which you have made;

3 For unto this end have I raised you up and set you apart, that I might show forth my wisdom through the weak things of the earth after they have been humbled.

4 Your prayers are acceptable before me, and in answer to them I say unto thee: You have been called to make a solemn proclamation of my gospel, and to teach all they that will hear my voice and heed the direction of my Spirit.

5 You have come unto me seeking direction for my servant Allan and for the Fellowship and behold I shall give you both.

6 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you my servant Allen: Listen to the voice of him who speaketh, to the Word of the Lord your God, and hearken ye unto the calling wherewith you are called,

7 For behold, I have called you in the past and I am calling you even now to be a High Priest in my Fellowship, and to give counsel unto my servant David.

8 As I have said in the past: if you have desires to serve God you are called to the work; and the field is white already to harvest;

9 Therefore, thrust in your sickle with all your might, and I will bless you, and you will perish not, but bring salvation to your soul and unto many others.

10 And I say unto you: Labor in my vineyard; call upon the inhabitants of the earth, and bear testimony, and prepare the way for the commandments and revelations which are to come.

11 But behold, as I have said before, faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, will qualify you for this work; and if you have not these you will strive in darkness and in vain;

12 Have faith, therefore, and I shall be with you, and my Spirit shall go before you to prepare the way for all those you would teach my Gospel.

13 ¶ And behold, you did feel my Spirit give the call to the office of Seventy within the Offices of the Priesthood, and as a Seventy you will be called to preach my Gospel and help organize those that would fellowship in my name.

14 But this is not all; at the first you will be called to the Council of Fifty within the Order of the Ministry to help organize the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

15 And these roles you shall fill until others are called that you may focus fully on your role both in the Offices of the Priesthood and in the Order of the Ministry as a Seventy in my name.

16 And this command I give to you, and this shall be your charge: Desire this ministry with all your heart; for if you have this desire you are called of God to go into the world and preach my gospel.

17 Therefore, never cease striving until you have seen me face to face; strengthen your faith casting off all doubts, repent of your sins and all your unbelief;

18 I say unto you, do this and nothing can prevent you from coming unto me;

19 Your ordination will not be full and complete until both God and man have laid hands upon you.

20 ¶ And unto my servant David I say: You shall lay hands upon my servant Allen and set him apart as soon as thou are able;

21 Be faithful, doubting not but believing, and I shall make a straight path for you that my will shall be done.

22 ¶ And this I say unto you: All that are called shall be called to the Council of Fifty within the Order of the Ministry until my Church, the Fellowship, is established;

23 Therefore, go thee unto the world crying repentance in my name.

24 And this commandment I give unto all the Elders of the Fellowship, that everyone that will embrace their call with singleness of heart may be ordained and sent forth, even as I have spoken.

25 I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God; be clean ye that bear the vessels of the Lord. So mote it be. Amen.

26 On January 5, 2019 Allen was ordained a High Priest and to the office of Seventy in the Council of Fifty to do the work of the Lord in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

Section 51a

On Traveling Priesthoods

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on December 6, 1832 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 83:18-24 for Community of Christ, and Section 84:103-120 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 155-156. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [83:18a/84:103] Again^a; verily, verily I say unto you: It is expedient that *everyone* who goes forth to proclaim mine everlasting Gospel, that inasmuch as they have families and receive moneys by gift they should send it unto them, or make use of it for their benefit as the Lord shall direct them, for thus it seemeth me good.

2 [83:18b/84:104] And let all those who have not families who receive money, send it up unto the Bishop of Zion or unto the Bishop of Ohio, that it may be consecrated for the bringing forth of the revelations^a and the printing thereof, and for establishing of Zion;

3 [83:19a/84:105] And if *anyone* shall give unto any of you a coat or a suit, take the old and cast it unto the poor and go your way rejoicing.

4 [83:19b/84:106] And if *anyone* among you be strong in the Spirit, let *them* take with *them they* that *are* weak, that *they* may be edified in all meekness that *they* may become strong also;

5 [83:20a/84:107] Therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser Priesthood and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that yourselves are not able to fill.

6 [83:20b/84:108] Behold, this is the way that mine Apostles in ancient days built up my Church unto me;

7 [83:21a1/84:109a] Therefore, let *everyone* stand in *their* own office, labor in *their* own calling, and let not the head say unto the feet it hath no need of the feet;

8 [83:21a2/84:109b] For without the feet how shall the body be able to stand?

9 [83:21b/84:110] Alas, the body hath need of every member that all may be edified together, that the system may be kept perfect.

10 [83:22a/84:111a] And behold, the High Priesthood should travel, and also the Elders, and also the lesser Priests;

11 [83:22b/84:111b] But the Deacons and Teachers should be appointed to watch over the Church, to be a standing Minister unto the Church.

12 [83:23a/84:112] And the Bishop also should travel about and among all the Churches, searching after the poor to administer to their wants by humbling the rich and the proud.

13 [83:23b/84:113] He should also employ an agent for to take charge and to do his secular business as he shall direct;

14 [83:23c/84:114] Nevertheless, let the Bishop go unto the city of New York, and also to the city of Albany, and also to the city of Boston and warn the people of those cities with the sound of the Gospel with a loud voice of the desolation and utter abolishment which awaits them if they do reject these things;

15 [83:23d/84:115] For if they do reject these things, the hour of their judgment is nigh, and their houses shall be left unto them desolate.

16 [83:23e/84:116] Let *them* trust in me and *they* shall not be confounded, and an hair of *their* head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed.

17 [83:24a1/84:117a] And verily I say unto you, the rest of my servants: Go ye forth as your circumstances shall permit in your several callings unto the great and notable cities and villages reproving the world in righteousness of all their unrighteousness and ungodly deeds,

18 [83:24a2-b1/84:117b-118a] Setting forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days; for with you, saith the Lord Almighty, I will rend their kingdoms.

19 [83:24b2-c1/84:118b-119a] I will not only shake the earth but the starry Heavens shall tremble also, for I, the Lord, have put forth mine hand to exert the powers of Heaven.

20 [83:24c2/84:119b] Ye cannot see it now, yet a little while and ye shall see it and know that I am, and that I will come and reign with my people.

21 [83:24c3/84:120] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; Amen.

Notes:

- a. Referring to the revelations that would become the Book of Commandments.

Section 52

On the Parable of the Wheat & Tares

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on December 6, 1832 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 84 for Community of Christ, and Section 86 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, page 177. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [84:1a-b/86:1-2] Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servants, concerning the parable of the Wheat and of the Tares: Behold, verily I say that the field was the world, and the apostles were the sowers of the seed;

2 [84:1c/86:3a] And after they have fallen asleep, the great persecutor of the Church, the apostate, the whore, even Babylon that maketh all nations to drink of her cup, in whose heart the enemy even Satan sitteth to reign:

3 [84:1d/86:3b] Behold he soweth the Tares; wherefore, the tares choke the wheat and drive the Church into the wilderness.

4 [84:2a1/86:4] But behold, in the last days; even now, while the Lord is beginning to bring forth the Word, and the blade is springing up and is yet tender:

5 [84:2a2-b1/86:5] Behold, verily I say unto you: The angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the field.

6 [84:2b2-c1/86:6] But the Lord saith unto them: Pluck not up the Tares while the blade is yet tender (for verily your faith is weak) lest you destroy the wheat also;

7 [84:2c2-d1/86:7a] Therefore, let the wheat and the tares grow together until the Harvest is fully ripe; then ye shall first gather out the wheat from the tares;

8 [84:2d2/86:7b] And after the gathering of the wheat, behold and lo, the tares are bound in bundles, and the field remaineth to be burned;

9 [84:3a/85:8-9] Therefore, thus saith the Lord unto you with whom the priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers: For ye are lawful heirs according to the flesh and have been hid from the world, with Christ in God;

10 [84:3b/86:10] Therefore, your life and the priesthood hath remained, and must needs remain through you and your lineage until the restoration of all things, spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began;

11 [84:4/86:11] Therefore, blessed are ye if ye continue in my goodness, a light unto the Gentiles, and through this priesthood a savior unto the world; my people Israel, the Lord hath said it.

12 Kirtland Mills, December 6, 1832. Given by Joseph the Seer and written by Sidney Rigdon the Scribe and counselor, and transcribed by Frederick G. Williams, assistant scribe and counselor, and copied by Orson Hyde the clerk of the presidency: And recorded by John Whitmer, the Lords Clerk.

Section 53a

Vindication of the Saints

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation, titled "a prophecy or commandment," was received by Joseph Smith Jr. on December 25, 1832 in Kirtland, Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants 87 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this revelation was excluded from the Book of Commandments and 1835 & 1844 editions of the DaC. From Revelation Book 1, pages 157 and again 202-203. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [87:1] Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina^a, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery^b of many souls;

2 [87:2] The days will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place;

3 [87:3] For behold, the Southern States shall be divided against the Northern States, and the Southern States will call on other nations, even the nation of Great Britain^c, as it is called, and they shall also call upon other nations in order to defend themselves against other nations; and then war shall be poured out upon all nations^d.

4 [87:4] And it shall come to pass after many days slaves shall rise up^e against their masters, who shall be marshaled and disciplined for war.

5 [87:5-6a] ¶ And it shall come to pass also that the remnant who are left of the land will marshal themselves and shall become exceeding angry, and shall vex^f the Gentiles with a sore vexation, and thus with the sword and by bloodshed the inhabitants of the Earth shall mourn.

6 [87:6b] And with famine, and plague, and earthquakes, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations^g;

7 [87:7] That the cry of the Saints, *and*^h of the bloodshed of the Saints shall cease to come into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath, from the earth to be avenged of their enemies;

8 [87:8] ¶ Wherefore, stand ye in holy places and be not moved until the day of the Lord come; for behold, it cometh quickly saith the Lord; Amen.

Notes:

- a. The Civil War began when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay.
- b. The Civil War is considered the bloodiest war in US history.
- c. Great Britain become more and more involved as the Civil War progressed, even with Queen Victoria issuing a proclamation of neutrality on May 13, 1861. The elite supported the Confederacy, and working class supported the United States. The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1st, 1863, effectively made the Civil War become a matter of slavery and ethics. Because slavery was illegal in Great Britain, Great Britain officially withdrew its support of neutrality and condemned the Confederate States of America for their continued use and expansion of slavery to avert open rebellion among the working class.
- d. While the US Civil War did not blow up into a world war, The United States was in a nearly constant state of war from 1871-1871, then at war again in 1890 and 1993, then in wars and occupations from 1912-1917 when the US ended its neutrality and joined WWI. The Civil War had pushed more power to the Federal Government of the United States and with it created the war machine it is today, with territories and military bases all over the globe and in a constant state of battle.
- e. Enslaved Black Americans had been rebelling long before the Civil War, and during this war they cheered for Union victory. The Confederacy was forced to make a great effort to keep enslaved people under their control.
- f. Some of the wars that followed the Civil war were: the Apache Wars (1871-1876), the Modoc War (1872-1873), the Black Hills War (1876-1877), the Nez Percé War (1877), the Bannock War (1878), and the Messiah War (1890).
- g. Globalization has seen the power of nations weakened while the power of corporations and use of supranational government bodies, such as the UN, World Bank, WTO, and others, have grown creating a global power unlike what was known before in human history.
- h. From RB1 page 203.

Section 53b

The Olive Leaf

A letter to Brother William W Phelps, from Joseph Smith Jr. Kirtland January 11, 1833 and a revelation given through the prophet. According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. to the Church of Christ on December 27 & 28, 1832 in Kirtland, Ohio. Revelation Book 2 states the revelation was all received in December 27, 1832. This revelation has been divided into Sections 53b and 53c based on topic. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 85:1-16 for Community of Christ and Section 88:1-66 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 158-166. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 I send you the Olive Leaf, which we have plucked from the tree of Paradise, the Lord's message of peace to us;

2 For though our brethren in Zion indulge in feelings towards us, which are not according to the requirements of the new covenant;

3 Yet, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the Lord approves of us, and has accepted us, and established his name in Kirtland, for the salvation of the nations;

4 For the Lord will have a place from whence His word will go forth, in these last days, in purity;

5 For if Zion will not purify herself, so as to be approved of in all things in His sight, He will seek another people;

6 For His work will go on until Israel is gathered and they, who will not hear his voice, must expect to feel his wrath.

7 Let me say unto you, seek to purify yourselves, and also all the inhabitants of Zion, lest the Lord's anger be kindled to fierceness.

8 Repent, repent is the voice of God to Zion; and yet, strange as it may appear, it is true, mankind will persist in self justification until all their iniquity is exposed, and their character past being redeemed, and that which is treasured up in their hearts be exposed to the gaze of mankind.

9 I say to you, (and what I say to you, I say to all,) hear the warning voice of God, lest Zion fall, & the Lord swear in His wrath the inhabitants of Zion shall not enter into His rest.

10 A Revelation given through Joseph Smith Jr. to the first Elders of this Church of Christ organized in these last days. Given December 27, 1832:

11 [85:1a-b1/88:1-2a] ¶ Verily, thus saith the Lord to you who have assembled yourselves together to receive His will concerning you: Behold, this is pleasing unto your Lord, and the angels rejoice over you.

12 [85:1b2/88:2b] The alms of your prayers have come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath and are recorded in the Book of the Names of the Sanctified, even they of the Celestial World;

13 [85:1c/88:3] 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.

14 [85:2a/88:4-5] This comforter is the promise which I gave unto you of eternal life, even the glory of the Celestial Kingdom, which glory is that of the Church of the First Born, even of God, the holiest of all, through Jesus Christ, His Son;

15 [85:2b/88:6-7a] He that ascended up on high, as also He descended below all things, in that He comprehendeth all things, that He might be in all, and through all things the light of truth therefore, which truth shineth:

16 [85:2c/88:7b] This is the light of Christ; as also He is in the Sun and the light of the Sun, and the power thereof by which it was made;

17 [85:2d/88:8] As also He is in in the Moon and is the light of the Moon, and the power thereof by which it was made;

18 [85:2e/88:9] As also the light of the Stars and the power thereof, by which they were made;

19 [85:2f/88:10] And the earth also and the power thereof, even the earth upon which you stand.

20 [85:3a/88:11-12] And the light which now shineth which giveth you light is through Him which enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understanding, which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space.

21 [85:3b/88:13] The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the Law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon His throne, who is in the Bosom of Eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

22 [85:4a/88:14-15] Now, verily I say unto you: That through the redemption which is made for you is brought to pass the resurrection from the dead, and the spirit and the body is the soul of man, and the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul;

23 [85:4b/88:16-17] And the redemption of the soul is through Him who quickeneth all things, in whose bosom it is decreed that the poor and the meek of the earth shall inherit it;

24 [85:4c1/88:18] Therefore, it must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness that it may be prepared for the Celestial glory;

25 [85:4c2-d1/88:19-20a] For after it hath filled the measure of its creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father, that bodies who are of the Celestial Kingdom^a may possess it forever and ever;

26 [85:4d2/88:20b] For for this intent was it made and created, and for this intent are they sanctified.

27 [85:5a/88:21] And they who are not sanctified through the Law which I have given unto you, even the Law of Christ, must inherit an other kingdom^a, even that of a Terrestrial Kingdom^a, or that of a Telestial Kingdom^a;

28 [85:5b1/88:22] For *they* that is not able to abide the Law of a Celestial Kingdom^a cannot abide a Celestial glory,

29 [85:5b2/88:23] And *they* who cannot abide the Law of a Terrestrial Kingdom^a cannot abide a Terrestrial glory,

30 [85:5b3/88:24a] *And they* who cannot abide the Law of a Telestial Kingdom^a cannot abide the Telestial glory;

31 [85:5b4-c/88:24b] Therefore, *they are* not fruit for a Kingdom^a of glory; therefore, *they* must abide a kingdom which is not a Kingdom of glory.

32 [85:6a/88:25] And again, verily I say unto you: The earth abideth the Law of a Celestial Kingdom; for it filleth the measure of its creation, and transgresseth not the Law;

33 [85:6b1/88:26a] Wherefore it shall be sanctified, yea notwithstanding it shall die it shall be quickened again and shall abide the power by which it is quickened.

34 [85:6b2-c1/88:26b-27] And the righteous shall inherit it; for not withstanding, they die they also shall rise again a spiritual body.

35 [85:6c2/88:28] They who are of a Celestial Spirit shall receive the same (a celestial) body, which was a natural body; even ye shall receive your bodies, and your glory shall be that glory by which your bodies are quickened.

36 [85:6d/88:29] Ye who are quickened by a portion of the Celestial glory shall then receive of the same, even a fullness;

37 [85:6e/88:30] And they who are quickened by a portion of the Terrestrial glory shall then receive the of the same, even a fullness;

38 [85:6f/88:31] And also, they who are quickened by a portion of the Telestial glory shall then receive of the same, even a fullness;

39 [85:6g/88:32] And they who remain shall also be quickened; nevertheless, they shall return again to their own place to enjoy that which they are willing to receive, because they were not willing to enjoy that which they might have received:

40 [85:7a/88:33a] For what doth it profit a man *or woman* if a gift is bestowed upon him *or her* and he *or she* receive not the gift?

41 [85:7b/88:33b] Behold, *they* rejoiceth not in that which is given unto *them*, neither rejoice in Him who is the giver of the gift.

42 [85:8a/88:34] And again, verily I say unto you: That which is governed by Law is also preserved by Law, and perfected, and sanctified by the same.

43 [85:8b/88:35] That which breaketh a Law and abideth not by Law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willeth to abide in sin and altogether abideth in sin cannot be sanctified by Law, neither by mercy, justice, or judgment; therefore, they must remain filthy still.

44 [85:9a/88:36-37] All Kingdoms^a have a Law given, and there are many Kingdoms; for there is no space in the which there is no Kingdom, and there is no Kingdom in which there is no space; either a greater or lesser Kingdom;

45 [85:9b/88:38] And unto every Kingdom^a is given a Law, and unto every Law there are certain bounds, also, and conditions.

46 [85:10a1/88:39] All beings who abide not in these conditions are not justified;

47 [85:10a2/88:40a] For intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence, wisdom receiveth wisdom, truth embraceth truth, virtue loveth virtue, light cleaveth unto light

48 [85:10b1/88:40b] Mercy hath compassion on mercy and claimeth her own; justice continueth its course and claimeth is its own;

49 [85:10b2/88:40c] Judgment goeth before the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne and governeth and executeth all things:

50 [85:10c1/88:41a] He comprehendeth all things, and all things are before Him, and all things are round about Him;

51 [85:10c2/88:41b] And He is above all things, and in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things; and all things are by Him, and of Him, even God, forever and ever.

52 [85:11a/88:42-43] And again, verily I say unto you: He hath given a Law unto all things by which they move; in their times, and their seasons, and their courses are fixed; even the courses of the Heavens and of the earth, which comprehend the earth and all the planets;

53 [85:11b1/88:44a] And they give light to each other in their times and in their seasons, in their minutes and in their hours; in their days, in their weeks, in their months, in their years:

54 [85:8b2/88:44b] All these are one year with God, but not with man:

55 [85:12a/88:45] The earth rolls upon her wings, and the Sun giveth her light by day, and the Moon giveth her light by night; and the Stars also giveth her light as they roll upon their wings in their glory in the midst of the power of God.

56 [85:12b/88:46] Unto what shall I liken their kingdoms that ye may understand?

57 [85:12c/88:47] Behold, all these are kingdoms, and any man who hath seen any or the least of these has seen God moving in His majesty and power.

58 [85:12d/88:48] I say unto you: He hath seen Him; nevertheless, He who came unto His own was not comprehended;

59 [85:12e1/88:49a] The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not;

60 [85:12e2/88:49b] Nevertheless, the day shall come when you shall comprehend even God, being quickened in Him and by Him;

61 [85:12f/88:50] Then shall ye know that ye have seen me, that I am, and that I am the True Light that is in you and that you are in me, otherwise ye could not abound.

62 [85:13a/88:51] ¶ Behold, I will liken these Kingdoms^a unto a man having a field, and he sent forth his servants into the field to dig in the field.

63 [85:13b/88:52] And he said unto the first: Go ye and labor in the field, and in the first hour I will come unto you and ye shall behold the joy of my countenance.

64 [85:13c-d/88:53-55] And he said unto the second: Go ye also into the field, and in the second hour I will visit you with the joy of my countenance; and also unto the third saying: I will visit you; and unto the fourth and so on unto the twelfth.

65 [85:14a/88:56] And the lord of the field went unto the first in the first hour and tarried with him all that hour, and he was made glad with the light of the countenance of his lord.

66 [85:14b/88:57] And then he withdrew from the first that he might visit the second, also the third, and the fourth, and so on unto the twelfth;

67 [85:14c/88:58-59] And thus they all received the light of the countenance of their Lord, every man in his hour, and in his time, and in his season; beginning at the first, and so on unto the last; and from the last unto the first, and from the first unto the last—

68 [85:14d/88:60] Every man in his own order until his hour was finished, even according as his Lord had commanded him, that his lord might be glorified in him, and he in him, that they all might be glorified;

69 [85:15/88:61] Therefore, unto this parable will I liken all those Kingdoms^a and the inhabitants thereof: every kingdom in its hour, and in its time, and in its season, even according to the decree which God hath made.

70 [85:16a/88:62] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you my friends: I leave these sayings with you to ponder in your hearts with this commandment which I give unto you that ye shall call upon me while I am near.

71 [85:16b-e/88:63] Draw near unto me, and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently, and ye shall find me; ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you;

72 [85:16f/88:64-65] Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, it shall be given unto you that is expedient for you, and if ye ask anything that is not expedient for you, it shall turn unto your condemnation; *even so, Amen.*

Notes:

- a. Referring to the physical body one shall be resurrected into, not a literal kingdom as a physical location as in worldly terms; see DoS 42.

Section 53c

The Lord's Message of Peace

According to Revelation Book 1 this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. to the Church of Christ on December 27 & 28, 1832 in Kirtland, Ohio. Revelation Book 2 states the revelation was all received in December 27, 1832. This revelation has been divided into Sections 53b and 53c based on topic. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 85:17-38 for Community of Christ and Section 88:66-126 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 158-166. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [85:17a/88:66a] Behold, that which you hear is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness—in the wilderness because ye cannot see him, my voice, because my voice is Spirit;

2 [85:17b/88:66b] My Spirit is truth, truth abideth and hath no end, and if it be in you it shall abound.

3 [85:18a/88:67] And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole body shall be filled with glory, light, and there shall be no darkness in you. and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things;

4 [85:18b1/88:68a] Therefore, sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God and the days will come that you shall see Him, for He will unveil His face unto you;

5 [85:18b2-19a1/88:68b-69a] And it shall be in His own time, and in his own way, and according to His own will; remember, remember the great and last promise which I have made unto you.

6 [85:19a2-b1/88:69b-70] Cast away your idle thoughts, and your excess of laughter far from you; tarry ye, tarry ye in this place and call a Solemn Assembly, even of those who are the first laborers in this last kingdom,

7 [85:18b2/88:71] And let those whom they have warned in their travelling call on the Lord and ponder the warnings in their hearts which they have received for a little season.

8 [85:18c-20a1/88:72-73] Behold and lo, I will take care of your flock and will raise up Elders and send unto them, behold, I will hasten my work in its time.

9 [85:20a2/88:74a] And I give unto you who are the first laborers in this last Kingdom a commandment: That you assemble yourselves together, and organize yourselves, and prepare yourselves, and sanctify yourselves;

10 [85:20b-c/88:74b-75] Yea, purify your hearts, and clean your hands and your feet before me, that I may make you clean, that I may testify unto your Father and your God and my God that you are clean from the blood of this wicked generation, that I may fulfil this promise, this great and last promise, which I have made unto you when I will.

11 [85:21a/88:76] ¶ Also I give unto you a commandment that ye shall continue in prayer and fasting from this time forth.

12 [85:21b1/88:77] And I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrines of the kingdom;

13 [85:21b2/88:78] Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you that ye may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the Law of the Gospel, in all things that pertain unto the Kingdom of God that is expedient for you to understand:

14 [85:21c/88:79a] Of things both in heaven, and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass;

15 [85:21d/88:79b] Things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations and the Judgments which are on the land;

16 [85:21e/88:79c-80] And a knowledge also: of countries and of kingdoms that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again, to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you and the mission which I have commissioned you.

17 [85:22a/88:81-82] ¶ Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh *everyone* who hath been warned to warn *their* neighbors; therefore, they are left without excuse and their sins are upon their own heads.

18 [85:22b-23a1/88:83-84a] *They* that seeketh me early shall find me and shall not be forsaken, therefore, tarry ye and labor diligently that you may be perfected in your ministry to go forth among the Gentiles for the last time.

19 [85:23a2/88:84b] As many as the mouth of the Lord shall name to bind up the Law and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the Saints for the hour of judgment which is to come;

20 [85:23b/88:85a] That their souls may escape the wrath of God, the desolation of abomination which awaiteth the wicked both in this world and in the world to come.

21 [85:23c/88:85b] Verily, I say unto you: Let those who are not the first Elders continue in the vineyard until the mouth of the Lord shall call them; for their time is not yet come, their garments are not clean from the blood of this generation.

22 [85:24a/88:86] Abide ye in the Liberty wherewith ye are made free entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean until the Lord come;

23 [85:24b/88:87] For not many days hence and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro as a drunken man, and the Sun shall hide his face and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood, and the stars shall become exceeding angry and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig tree;

24 [85:25a/88:88-89] And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people, for after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men *and women* shall fall upon the ground and shall not be able to stand.

25 [85:25-clb/88:90-91a] And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the Sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds, and all things shall be in commotion:

26 [85:25c2/88:91b] And surely men's hearts shall fail them, for fear shall come upon them all people.

27 [85:25c3-d/88:92] And angels shall fly through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying: Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth, for the judgments of our God is come! Behold and lo, the bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet him!

28 [85:26a/88:93] And immediately there shall appear a great sign in heaven, and all people shall see it together.

29 [85:26b1/88:94a] ¶ And another angel shall sound his trump, saying: That great church, the mother of abominations that made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of its fornication, that persecuteth the Saints of God, that shed their blood; her who setteth upon many waters, and upon the islands of the sea:

30 [85:26b2-c/88:94b] Behold, she is the tares of the earth, she is bound in bundles, her bands are made strong; no *one* can loose them; therefore, she is ready to be burned!

31 [85:26d/88:94c] He shall sound his trump, both long and loud, and all nations shall hear it.

32 [85:27a1/88:95a] And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour, and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up.

33 [85:27a2-b/88:95b-96] And the face of the Lord shall be unveiled, and the Saints that are upon the earth who are alive shall be quickened and be caught up to meet Him.

34 [85:27c1/88:97] And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened, and they also shall be caught up to meet Him in the midst of the pillars of heaven;

35 [85:27c2-d/88:98] They are Christ's the first fruits: they who shall descend with Him first, and they who are on the earth and in their graves who are first caught up to meet him; and all this by the voice of the sounding of the trump of the angel of God.

36 [85:28a-b/88:99] And after this, another trump shall sound which is the second trump; and then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming, who have received their part in that prison which is prepared for them that they might receive the Gospel and be judged according to men in the flesh.

37 [85:29a/88:100] And again another trump shall sound which is the third trump; and then cometh the spirits of men *and women* who are to be judged and are found under condemnation;

38 [85:29b/88:101] And these are the rest of the dead, and they lived not again until the thousand years are ended; neither again until the end of the earth.

39 [85:30/88:102] And another trump shall sound, which is the fourth trump, saying: These are found among those who are to remain until that great and last day, even the end, who shall remain filthy still.

40 [85:31a/88:103] And another trump shall sound, which is the fifth trump; which is the fifth angel who committeth the Everlasting Gospel, flying through the midst of heaven unto all nations kindreds tongues and people.

41 [85:31b-c/88:104] And this shall be the sound of this trump, saying to all people both in heaven, and in earth, and that are under the earth; for every ear shall hear it, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess while they hear the sound of the trump, saying: Fear God and give glory to Him that sitteth upon the throne forever and ever; for the hour of his Judgment a is come!

42 [85:32/88:105] And again, another angel shall sound his trump, which is the sixth angel, saying: She is fallen who made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication; she is fallen, is fallen!

43 [85:33a/88:106] And again, another angel shall sound his trump, which is the seventh angel saying: It is finished! It is finished! The Lamb of God hath overcome and trodden the wine press alone; even the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God!

44 [85:33b/88:107] And then shall the angel be crowned with the glory of His might, and the Saints shall be filled with His glory and receive their inheritance and be made equal with Him.

45 [85:34/88:108] And then shall the first angel again sound his trump in the ears of all beings and reveal the secret acts of men *and women* and the mighty works of God in the first thousandth year.

46 [85:35a-b1/88:109-110a] And then shall the second angel sound his trump and reveal the secret acts of men *and women* in the second thousandth *year* and the thoughts and intents of their hearts, and the mighty works of God in the second thousandth year, and so on until the seventh angel shall sound his trump;

47 [85:35b2/88:110b] And he shall stand forth upon the land and upon the sea and swear in the name of Him who sitteth upon the throne that there shall be time no longer, and Satan shall be bound, that old serpent who is called the devil, and shall not be loosed for the space of a thousand years.

48 [85:35c1/88:111] ¶ And then he shall be loosed for a little season that he may gather together his armies.

49 [85:35c2/88:112] And Michael, the seventh angel, even the archangel, shall gather together his armies, even the hosts of heaven;

50 [85:35d/88:113-114a] And the devil shall gather his armies, even the hosts of hell, and shall come up to battle against Michael and his armies, And then cometh the battle of the great God!

51 [85:35e1/88:114b] And the devil and his armies shall be cast away into their own place that they shall not have power over the Saints anymore at all;

52 [85:35e2/88:115] For Michael shall fight their battles and shall overcome him who seeketh the throne of Him who siteth upon the throne; even the Lamb:

53 [85:35f/88:116] This is the glory of God and the sanctified, and they shall not anymore see death;

54 [85:36a1/88:117-118a] ¶ Therefore, verily I say unto you my friends: Call your solemn assembly as I have commanded you and as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom;

55 [85:36a2/88:118b] Yea, seek ye out of the best books, words of wisdom; seek learning even by study, and also by faith.

56 [85:36b/88:119] Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish an house of prayer, an house of fasting, an house of faith, an house of learning, an house of glory, an house of order, an house of God;

57 [85:36c/88:120] That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord, that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord, that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord with uplifted hands unto the Most High;

58 [85:37a/88:121] Therefore, cease from all your light speeches, from all your laughter, from all your lustful desires, from all your lightmindness, and from all your wicked doings.

59 [85:37b/88:122] Appoint among yourselves a teacher, and let not all be spokesman at once, but let one speak at a time; and let all listen unto *their* sayings, that when all have spoken that all may be edified of all, and that *everyone* may have an equal privilege.

60 [85:38a/88:123-124a] See that you love one another; cease to be covetous, learn to impart one to another as the Gospel requires, cease to be idle, cease to be unclean, cease to find fault one with another;

61 [85:38b/88:124b] Cease to sleep longer than is needful—retire to thy bed early that ye may not be weary, arise early that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated;

62 [85:38c1/88:125] And above all things, clothe yourselves with the bonds of charity, as with a mantle which is the bonds of perfectness and peace.

63 [85:38c2/88:126] Pray always that you may not faint until I come; behold ad lo, I come quickly and receive you unto myself; Amen.

Section 54

A Word of Wisdom

According to Revelation Book 1 this revelation was received by Joseph Smith Jr. "for the benefit of the Saints" on February 27, 1833 in Kirtland, Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 86 for Community of Christ and Section 89 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 167-168. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [N/A/89:1] A word of wisdom, for the benefit of the council of High Priests assembled in Kirtland, and Church, and also the Saints in Zion,

2 [N/A/89:2] To be sent greeting: not by commandment or constraint, but by revelation and the word of wisdom; showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation^a of all Saints in the last days:

3 [N/A/89:3] Given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak, and the weakest of all Saints, who are, or can be called Saints.

4 [86:1a/89:4] ¶ Behold, verily, thus saith the Lord unto you: In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom, by revelation:

5 [86:1b/89:5] That inasmuch as any man or woman drinketh wine^b or strong drink^b among you, behold it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father; only in assembling yourselves together, to offer up your sacraments^c before Him:

6 [86:1c1/89:6] And behold, this should be wine, yea pure wine, of the grape of the vine of your own make.

7 [86:1c2/89:7] ¶ And again, strong drinks are not for the body, but for the washing of your bodies.

8 [86:1d/89:8] And again, Tobacco is not for the body, neither for the belly, and is not good for man, but is an herb for bruises and all sick cattle; to be used with judgment and skill.

9 [86:1e/89:9] And again, hot drinks are not for the body, or belly.

10 [86:2a/89:10] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: All wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature, and use of man:

11 [86:2a/89:11] Every herb in the season thereof; and every all fruit in the season thereof; all these to be used with prudence, and thanksgiving.

12 [86:2b1/89:12a] Yea, flesh also of beasts and of the fowls of the air, I the Lord hath ordained (Genesis 9:3-4) for the use of man, with thanksgiving:

13 [86:2b2/89:12b-13] Nevertheless, they are to be used sparingly (Genesis 9:5); and it is pleasing unto me, that they should not be used only in times of winter, or of cold, or of famine.

14 [86:2c/89:14-15] ¶ All grain is ordained for the use of man and of beasts, to be the staff of life, not only for man, but for the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and all wild animals, that run or creep on the earth; and these hath God made for the use of man, only in times of famine and excess of hunger.

15 [86:3a/89:16] ¶ All grain is good for the food of man, as also the fruit of the vine, that which yieldeth fruit, whether in the ground, or above the ground:

16 [86:3b/89:17] Nevertheless, wheat for the man, and corn for the ox, and oats for the horse, and rye for the fowls, and for swine, and for all beasts of the field; and barley for all useful animals, and for mild drink, as also other grain.

17 [86:3c-d1/89:18-20] ¶ And all Saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their naval, and marrow to their bones, and shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures, and shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint:

18 [86:3d2/89:21] And I the Lord give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them; Amen.

Notes:

- a. Temporal salvation: a salvation here, in time, which God works in us by His Holy Spirit. See Isaiah 26:12; Ezekiel 36:25-28; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 4:18; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Nephi 1:1:67-70 RAV, 2 Nephi 2:5 OPV; Mosiah 8:83 RAV, 16:10 OPV.

- b. There are times when the scriptures tell us to drink wine and alcohol (strong drink) and other times when it is forbidden. All things in moderation. See Leviticus 10:8-11; Numbers 6:1-4, 20; Deuteronomy 14: 22-27; Judges 13:4-7 (individual revelation); Psalm 104:14-15; Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 3:8-10, 23:20-21; Isaiah 5:11-12, 25:6; Ecclesiastes 9:7; John 2:1-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Timothy 5:23.
- c. See Isaiah 62:8-9; I Corinthians 11:26; 3 Nephi 8:28-31 RAV, 18:1-4 OPV & 9:42 RAV, 20:5 OPV; and Moroni 5.

Section 55

A Commandment Given unto Joseph Smith Jr.

According to Revelation Book 1, this is part of a revelation received March 8, 1833 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 87:6-8 for Community of Christ, and Section 90:19-37 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 169-170. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [87:6a/90:19] Now verily I say unto you: let there be a place provided as soon as it is possible for you for the family of thy counsellor and scribe, even Frederick G. Williams,

2 [87:6b/90:20] And let mine aged servant, Joseph Smith Sr. continue with his family upon the place <where he now lives, and let it not be sold until the mouth of the Lord shall name.

3 [87:6c/90:21] And let thy counsellor, even Sidney Rigdon, remain where he now resides until the mouth of the Lord shall name.

4 [87:6d/90:22-23] ¶ And let the Bishop search diligently to obtain an agent, and let it be a man who has got riches in store—a man of God and of strong faith that thereby he may be enabled to discharge every debt that the storehouse of the Lord may not be brought in to disrepute before the eyes of the people.

5 [87:6e/90:24] Search diligently pray always and be believing and all things shall work together for your good if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant where with ye have covenanted one with another.

6 [87:6f/90:25] Let your families be small, especially mine aged servant Joseph Smith Sr., as pertaining to those who do not belong to your families:

7 [87:6g/90:26] That those things that are provided for you, to bring to pass my work, are not taken from you and given to those that are not worthy, and thereby you are hindered in accomplishing those things which I have commanded you.

8 [87:7a/90:27-28] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: it is my will that my handmaid, Vienna Jaques should receive money to bear her expenses and go up unto the land of Zion; and the residue of her money I will consecrate unto myself, and reward her in mine own due time.

9 [87:7b/90:29-30] Verily, I say unto you, that it is meet in mine eyes that she should go up unto the land of Zion, and receive an inheritance from the hand of the bishop, that she may settle down in peace inasmuch as she is faithful, and not be idle in her days from thenceforth.

10 [87:8a/90:31-33] ¶ And behold, verily I say unto you: that ye shall write this commandment, and say to unto your brethren in Zion, in love greeting: that I have called you also to preside over Zion in mine own due time: therefore, let them cease wearying me concerning this matter.

11 [87:8b/90:34] Behold I say unto you: that your brethren in Zion begin to repent, and the angels rejoice over them;

12 [87:8c/90:35] Nevertheless, I am not well pleased with many things, and I am not well pleased with my servant, William E. McLellin, neither with my servant, Sidney Gilbert, and the Bishop also, and many others have many things to repent of.

13 [87:8d/90:36-37] But verily I say unto you: that I the Lord will contend with Zion, and plead with her strong ones, and chasten her, until she overcome and are clean before me: for she shall not be moved out of her place: I the Lord have spoken it. Amen.

Section 56

Concerning Apocrypha

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation was received March 9, 1833 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 88 for Community of Christ, and Section 91 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 2, page 55. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [88:1a-b/91:1-2] Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you concerning the Apocrypha: There are many things contained therein that are true and it is mostly translated correct—there are many things contained therein that are not true which are interpretations by the hands of men.

2 [88:1c/91:3] Verily I say unto you: That it is not needful that the Apocrypha should be translated;

3 [88:1d/91:4-6] Therefore, whoso readeth, it let *them* understand; for the Spirit manifesteth truth, and whoso is enlightened by the Spirit shall obtain benefit therefrom, and whoso receiveth not the Spirit cannot be benefited; therefore, it is not needful that it should be translated. Amen.

Section 57

The United Firm

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation was received March 15, 1833 in Kirtland Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 89 for Community of Christ, and Section 92 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 2, page 55. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [89:1a/92:1] Verily, thus saith the Lord: I give unto the United Firm, organized agreeable to the commandment previously given, a revelation and commandment concerning my servant Frederick G. Williams: That ye shall receive him into the firm; what I say unto one I say unto all.

2 [89:1b/92:2] And again, I say unto you my servant Frederick G. Williams: Thou shalt be a lively member in this Firm; and in as much as thou art faithful in keeping all former commandments thou shalt be blessed forever; Amen.

Notes:

- a. The United Firm: The governing body that managed the various enterprises and properties of the Church of Christ from 1832 to 1834. The Firm or United Firm is later renamed "the United Order."

Section 58

Church of the First Born

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received May 6, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 90 for Community of Christ, and Section 93 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 178-181 except for verse 35 which was taken from RB2 page 58. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [90:1a-b/93:1-3] Verily, thus saith the Lord: it shall come to pass, that every soul who forsaketh their sins, and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth all my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am, and that I am the true light that lighteneth *everyone* who cometh into the world, and that I am in the Father and the Father in me: and the Father and I are one:

2 [90:1b2/93:4] The Father, because he gave me of his fulness; and the son, because I was in the world, and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men.

3 [90:1c1/93:5] I was in the world, and received of my Father, and the works of him were plainly manifest.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN

4 [90:1c2-d1/93:6-7a] ¶ And John saw and bore record of the fulness of my glory; and the fulness of John's record is hereafter to be revealed; and he bore record saying:

5 [90:1d2-e/93:7b-9] I saw his glory, that he was in the beginning, before the world was; therefore, in the beginning the Word was; for he was the Word, even the messenger of Salvation; the light and the Redeemer of the world; the Spirit of truth who came into the world because the world was made by him; and in him was the life of men and the light of men;

6 [90:1f/93:10] The worlds were made by him: *mankind was* made by him: all things were made by him, and through him and of him.

7 [90:1g/93:11] And I, John, bear record that I beheld his glory, as the glory of the only Redeemer: begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth; even the Spirit of truth which came and dwelt in flesh and dwelt among us.

8 [90:2a1/93:12] And I, John, saw that he received not of the fulness at the first; but received grace for grace.

9 [90:2a-b/93:13-14] And he received not of the fulness; but continued from grace to grace until he received a fulness; and thus he was called the Son of God, because he received not of the fulness at the first.

10 [90:2c1/93:15a] ¶ And I John bear record and lo, the Heavens were opened, and the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove and set upon him.

11 [90:2c2/93:15b] And there came a voice out of heaven saying: This is my beloved son.

12 [90:2d1/93:16] And I John, bear record, that he received of fulness of the glory of the Father.

13 [90:2d2/93:17a] And he received all power, both in heaven and on the earth.

14 [90:2d3/93:17b] And the glory of the Father was with him for he dwelt in him.

15 [90:3a/93:18] And it shall come to pass, that if you are faithful, you shall receive the fulness of the record of John.

16 [90:3b/93:19] I give unto you these sayings that you may understand, and know how to worship, that you may come unto the Father in my name, and in due time receive of his fulness;

17 [90:3c1/93:20a] For if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness, and be glorified in me, as I am glorified in the Father;

18 [90:3c2/93:20b] Therefore, I say unto you: You shall receive grace for grace.

WITH GOD FROM THE BEGINNING

19 [90:4a/93:21-22] And now verily I say unto you: I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the First Born: and all those who are begotten through me are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the Church of the First Born.

20 [90:4b1/93:23-24] Ye were also in the beginning with the Father, that which is spirit, even the spirit of truth; and truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

21 [90:4b2/93:25] And whatsoever is more or less than these is the spirit of that wicked one who was a liar from the beginning.

22 [90:4c/93:26a] ¶ The Spirit of truth is of God: I am the spirit of truth:

23 [90:4d/93:26b-27] And John bore record of me, saying he received a fulness of truth; yea, even all truth; and no *one* receiveth a fulness unless *they* keepeth his commandments.

24 [90:4e/93:28] *They* that keepeth his commandments, receiveth truth and light, until *they are* glorified in truth, and knoweth all things.

25 [90:5a1/93:29a] *Mankind* was also in the beginning with God.

26 [90:5a2/93:29b] Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be;

27 [90:5b/93:30] All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it to act for itself as all intelligence also, otherwise there is no existence.

28 [90:5c/93:31] Behold, here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man: Because, that which was from the beginning, was is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light.

29 [90:5d/93:32-33a] And *everyone* whose Spirit receiveth not the light is under condemnation, for *mankind* is Spirit.

30 [90:5e/93:33b-34] The elements are eternal: And spirit and element inseparably connected receiveth a fulness of Joy; and when separated *mankind* cannot receive a fulness of Joy.

31 [90:5f/93:35] The elements are the tabernacle of God; yea, man is the tabernacle of God; even temples, and whatsoever temple is defiled, God shall destroy that temple.

32 [90:6a/93:36-37] The glory of God is intelligence; or in other words, light, and truth. Light and truth forsaketh that evil one.

33 [90:6b/93:38] Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning, and God having redeemed man from the fall, man became again in their infant state, innocent before God;

34 [90:6c/93:39] And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers.

35 [90:6d/93:40] *But I have commanded you to bring up your children in light and truth^b.*

RAISE UP CHILDREN IN LIGHT AND TRUTH

36 [90:6e/93:41-42] ¶ But verily I say unto you, my servant Frederick G. Williams: You have continued under this condemnation; you have not taught your children light and truth according to the commandments; and that wicked one hath power as yet over you; and this is the cause of your affliction.

37 [90:6f/93:43] And now, a commandment I give unto you: And if ye will be delivered, you shall set in order your own house; for there are many things that are not right in your house.

38 [90:7/93:44] Verily I say, unto you my servant Sidney Rigdon: That in some things he hath not kept the commandments concerning his children; therefore, firstly set in order thy house.

39 [90:8a/93:45] And verily, I say unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr., or in other words I will call you friends, for ye are my friends, and ye shall have an inheritance with me;

40 [90:8b1/93:46] I called you servants for the world's sake, and ye are their servants for my sake.

41 [90:8b2/93:47] And now verily I say unto you, Joseph Smith Jr.: You have not kept the commandments, and must needs stand rebuked before the Lord.

42 [90:8c/93:48] Your family must needs repent and forsake some things and give more earnest heed unto your sayings, or be removed out of their place:

43 [90:8d/93:49] What I say unto one, I say to all: Pray always, lest that wicked one have power in you, and remove you out of your place.

44 [90:9/93:50] My servant Newel K. Whitney, also, the Bishop of my Church hath need to be chastened, and set in order his family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned at home, and pray always, or they shall be removed out of their place.

45 [90:10/93:51] Now I say unto you my friends, let my servant Sidney go his Journey, and make haste, and also, proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the gospel of Salvation, as I shall give him utterance; and by your prayer of faith, with one consent, I will uphold him.

46 [90:11a/93:52a] And let my Servants Joseph and Frederick make haste also, and it shall be given them even according to the prayer of faith.

47 [90:11b/93:52b] And in as much as you keep my sayings, you shall not be confounded, in this world, nor in the world to come.

48 [90:12/93:53] And verily I say unto you, that it is my will that ye should hasten to translate my scriptures^c, and to obtain a knowledge of history, and of countries, and of kingdoms and of laws of God and of man; and all this for the Salvation of Zion: Amen.

Notes:

- a. See DoC 42:40-49.
- b. Verse 35 was not in revelation as recorded in RB1, but it was found in RB2.
- c. Referring to the Inspired Version or Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible.

Section 59

Build the House of the Lord

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received June 1, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 92 for Community of Christ, and Section 95 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 181-182. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [92:1a/95:1] Verily thus saith the Lord, unto you whom I love, and whom I love I also, chasten, that their sins may be forgiven; for with the chastisements, I prepare a way for their deliverance in all things out of temptation and I have loved you;

2 [92:1b-c1/95:2] Therefore, ye must needs be chastened and stand rebuked before my face;

3 [92:1c2/95:3] For ye have sinned against me a very grievous sin in that ye have not considered the great commandment in all things that I have given unto you concerning the building^a of mine house,

4 [92:1c2/95:4] For the preparation wherewith I design to prepare mine apostles to prune my vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass my strange act, that I may pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

5 [92:1d/95:5] But behold verily I say unto you: there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have called, but few of them are chosen:

6 [92:1e1/95:6] They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin in that they are walking in darkness at noon day:

7 [92:1e2-f/95:7] And for this cause I gave unto you a commandment that you should call your solemn assembly, that your fasting and your mourning might come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth; which is by interpretation; The Creator of the first day; the beginning and the end.

8 [92:2a/95:8-9a] Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave unto you a commandment, that you should build an House^a, in the which house I design to endow those whom I have chosen, with power from on high, for this is the promise of the Father unto you,

9 [92:2b1/95:9b] Therefore, I command you to tarry even as mine apostles at Jerusalem.

10 [92:2b2/95:10] Nevertheless my servants sinned a very grievous sin, and contentions arose in the School of the Prophets, which was very grievous unto me saith your Lord; therefore, I sent them forth to be chastened.

11 [92:3a1/95:11a] Verily I say unto you: it is my will that you should build an house.

12 [92:3a2/95:11b-12] If ye keep my commandments ye shall have power to build it: if ye keep not my commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you; therefore, ye shall walk in darkness.

13 [92:3b/95:13] Now here is wisdom, and the mind of the Lord: Let the house be built, not after the manner of this world; for I give not unto you that ye shall live after the manner of the world;

14 [92:3c/95:14] Therefore, let it be built after the manner which I shall show unto those of whom ye shall appoint and ordain unto this power.

15 [92:3d/95:15] And the size thereof shall be fifty and five feet in width, and let it be sixty and five feet in length in the inner court thereof,

16 [92:3e/95:16] And let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto me for your Sacrament offerings, and for your preaching and your fasting and your praying and the offering up your most holy desires unto me saith your Lord.

17 [92:3f/95:17] And let the higher part of the inner court be dedicated unto me for the School^b of mine Apostles, saith Son Awman^c, or in other words, Alpha, or in other words Omegas; even Jesus Christ your Lord: Amen.

Notes:

- a. See DoC 53c:56.
- b. Another title of the School of the Prophets. See also DoS 58a:3.
- c. See 45b:4.

Section 60

The Peter French Farm

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation was received August 2, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 93 for Community of Christ, and Section 96 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 2, pages 60-61, verse 1 is from a scrap of paper that had been attached to the page. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [N/A] Revelation given to Enoch^a, showing the order of the city or stake of Zion, Shinehah, given for a sample to the Saints in Kirtland, June 1833.

2 [93:1a/96:1] Behold, I say unto you: Here is wisdom whereby ye may know how to act concerning this matter, for it is expedient in me that this Stake that I have set for the strength of Zion should be made strong;

3 [93:1b1/96:2] Therefore, let my servant Newel K. Whitney^b take charge of the place^c which is named among you upon which I design to build mine holy house,

4 [93:1b2/96:3] And again: Let it be divided into lots according to wisdom for the benefit of those who seek inheritances as it shall be determined in council among you.

5 [93:1c/96:4] Therefore, take heed that ye see to this matter, and that portion that is necessary to benefit the Firm for the purpose of bringing forth my Word to the children of men,

6 [93:1d/96:5] For behold, verily I say unto you: This is the most expedient in me, that my Word should go forth unto the children of men for the purpose of subduing the hearts of the children of men for your good; even so, Amen.

7 [93:2a/96:6-7] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: It is wisdom and expedient in me that my servant John Johnson, whose offering I have accepted and whose prayers I have heard, unto whom I give a promise of Eternal life, inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments from hence forth, for he is a descendant of Joseph and a partaker of the blessings of the promise made unto his fathers.

8 [93:2b/96:8] Verily I say unto you: It is expedient in me that he should become a member of the Firm that he may assist in bringing forth my word unto the children of men;

9 [93:2c/96:9] Therefore, ye shall ordain him unto this blessing, and he shall seek diligently to take away encumbrances that are upon the house named among you, that he may dwell therein; even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a. Joseph Smith Jr.
- b. Printed as "Ahashdah" in some versions of the Doctrines and Covenants.
- c. The property known as the Peter French farm.
- d. The United Firm: The governing body that the managed the various enterprises and properties of the Church of Christ from 1832 to 1834.

Section 61a

School of the Elders

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received August 2, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 94 for Community of Christ, and Section 97 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 171-172. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [94:1a/97:1] The Word of the Lord unto Joseph Smith Jr., Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams: Verily I say unto you my friends, I speak unto you with my voice, even the voice of my Spirit, that I may show unto you my will concerning your brethren in the land of Zion, many of whom are truly humble and are seeking diligently to learn wisdom and to find truth.

2 [94:1b/97:2] Verily, verily I say unto you: Blessed are all such for they shall obtain, for I, the Lord, showeth mercy unto all the meek and upon all whomsoever I will that I may be justified when I shall bring them unto Judgement.

3 [94:2a-b1/97:3] ¶ Behold I say unto you concerning the School in Zion^a: I, the Lord, am well pleased that there should be a School in Zion, and also with my Servant Parly P. Pratt, for he abideth in me.

4 [94:2b2-c/97:4-5] And in as much as he continueth to abide in me he shall continue to preside over the School in the land of Zion^b and I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings in expounding all scriptures and mysteries to the edification of the School and of the Church in Zion.

5 [94:2d/97:6] And to the residue of the School, I, the Lord, am willing to show mercy; nevertheless there are those that must needs be chastened and their works shall be made known;

6 [94:2e/97:7] The axe is laid at the roots of the trees, and every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire; I the Lord have spoken it.

7 [94:2f/97:8] Verily I say unto you: All among them who know their hearts are honest and are broken, and their Spirits contrite and are willing to observe their covenant by sacrifice, yea every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command them, are all accepted of me;

8 [94:2g/97:9] For I the Lord will cause them to bring forth as a very fruitful tree which is planted in a goodly land by a pure stream that yieldeth much precious fruit.

9 [94:3a/97:10-11] ¶ Verily I say unto you: That it is my will that an house should be built unto me in the land of Zion, like unto the pattern which I have given you; yea, let it be built speedily by the tithing of my people.

10 [94:3b-c/97:12-13] Behold, this is the tithing and the sacrifice which I the Lord require at their hand that there may be a house built unto me for the Salvation of Zion, and for a place of thanksgiving for all Saints, and for a place of instruction for all those who are called to the work of the ministry in all their several callings and offices,

11 [94:3d/97:14] That they may be perfected in the understanding of their ministry in theory in principle and in doctrine in all things pertaining to the kingdom of God on the Earth the keys of which kingdom have been conferred upon you.

12 [94:4a/97:15] And inasmuch as my people build an house unto me in the name of the Lord and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, my glory shall rest upon it;

13 [94:4a-b1/97:16] Yea, and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it and all the pure in heart that shall come into it shall see God.

14 [94:4b2/97:17] But if it be defiled, I will not come into it, and my glory shall not be there, for I will not come into an unholy Temple.

15 [94:5a/97:18] And now behold, if Zion do these things she shall prosper and spread herself and become very glorious, very great and very terrible

16 [94:5b1/97:19a] And the Nations of the Earth shall honor her and shall say: Surely Zion is the City of our God!

17 [94:5b2/97:19b-20] And surely Zion cannot fall neither be removed out of her place, for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there, and He hath sworn by the power of His might to be her salvation and her high tower!

18 [94:5c1/97:21a] Therefore, verily thus saith the Lord, Let Zion rejoice (for this is Zion: the pure in heart).

19 [94:5c2-d1/97:21b-22] Therefore, let Zion rejoice while all the wicked shall mourn; for behold and lo: vengeance cometh speedily as the whirl upon the ungodly and who shall as the whirlwind and who shall escape it?

20 [94:5d2/97:23a] The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall be to vex all people;

21 [94:5e/97:23b-24] Yet it shall not be stayed until the Lord come, for the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works.

22 [94:5f1/97:25] Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her;

23 [94:5f2/97:26] But if she observes not whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works with sore affliction; with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire.

24 [94:5g1/97:27] Nevertheless, let it be read this once in their ears that I, the Lord, have accepted of their offering, and if she sin no more none of these things shall come upon her,

25 [94:5g2/97:28] But I will bless her with blessings and multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon her and upon her generations forever and ever, saith the Lord your God; Amen.

Notes:

- a. The School of the Elders, another title of the School of the Prophets. This school was formed in Jackson County Missouri, meeting outside of town in a grove of trees. The School of the Elders followed the same or similar pattern as the School of the Prophets in Kirtland.
- b. In Missouri.

Section 61b

The Foundation of the Stake of Zion in Kirtland

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received August 2, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 91 for Community of Christ, and Section 94 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 172-173. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [91:1a1/94:1] And again verily I say unto you, my friends; a commandment I give unto ye: That ye shall commence a work of laying out and preparing a beginning and foundation of the city of the Stake of Zion, here in the land of Kirtland, beginning at my house;

2 [91:1a2/94:2] And behold it must be done according to the pattern which I have given unto you.

3 [91:1b/94:3] And let the first lot on the south be consecrated unto me for the building of an house for the Presidency in obtaining revelations, and for the work of the ministry of the Presidency in all things pertaining to the Church and Kingdom.

4 [91:2a1/94:4] Verily I say unto you: That it shall be built fifty five by sixty five in the width thereof, and in the length thereof in the inner court.

5 [91:2a2/94:5] And there shall be a lower Court and a higher court, according to the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter.

6 [91:2b1/94:6] And it shall be dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof, according to the order of the priesthood, according to the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter.

7 [91:2b2/94:7] And it shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord for the work of the Presidency.

8 [91:2c1/94:8a] And ye shall not suffer any unclean thing to come into it.

9 [91:2c2/94:8b] And my glory shall be there, and my presence shall be there;

10 [91:2c3/94:9] But if there shall come into it any unclean thing my glory shall not be there, and my presence shall not come into it.

11 [91:3a/94:10] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: The second lot on the South shall be dedicated unto me for the work of the printing of the translation of my Scriptures, and all things whatsoever I shall command you;

12 [91:3b/94:11] And it shall be fifty-five by sixty-five in the width thereof, and in the length thereof in the inner court and there shall be a lower and a higher court,

13 [91:3c/94:12] And this house shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof for the work of the Printing in all things whatsoever I shall command you to be holy and undefiled in according to the pattern in all things as it shall be given unto you.

14 [91:4a/94:13] And on the third lot shall my Servant Hyrum Smith receive his inheritance.

15 [91:4b/94:14-15] And on the first and second lots on the north shall my Servant Reynolds Cahoon and Jared Carter receive their inheritance, that they may do the work which I have appointed unto them, to be a committee to build my house according to the commandment^a which I, the Lord God, have given unto you.

16 [91:5/94:17] And now, I give unto you no more at this time.

Notes:

- a. When printing the 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants, this was Section 83 and in verse 4 the following sentence was added to this revelation: "*These two houses are not to be built until I give unto you a commandment concerning them.*" This addition is DaC 91:4c CoC/RLDS and 94:16 CJCLDS.

Section 61c

Proclaim Peace

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation was received August 2 or 6, 1833. August 2 was written but erased and “6” was written over it. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 95 for Community of Christ, and Section 98 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 173-177. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [95:1a-b/98:1-2a] Verily I say unto you, my friends: Fear not, let your hearts be comforted; yea rejoice evermore and in everything give thanks, waiting patiently on the Lord for your prayers have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth and are recorded with this seal and testament:

2 [95:1c/98:2b-3] The Lord hath sworn and decreed that they shall be granted; therefore, he giveth this promise unto you with an immutable covenant that they shall be fulfilled and all things wherewith you have been afflicted shall work together for your good and to my names glory, saith the Lord God.

3 [95:2a/98:4-5] ¶ And now verily I say unto you concerning the laws of the land: It is my will that my people should observe to do all things whatsoever I command them, and that law of the land, which is constitutional, supporting the principals of freedom, of maintaining rights and privileges to all mankind, and is justifiable before me;

4 [95:2b/98:6-7] Therefore, I, the Lord, justifieth you and your brethren *and sistren* of my Church in defending^a that law which is the constitutional law of the land and as pertaining to law of man; whatsoever is more or less cometh than this cometh of evil.

5 [95:2c1/98:8a] I, the Lord your God, maketh you free; therefore, you are free indeed.

6 [95:2c2/98:8b-9] The Law also maketh you free; nevertheless, when the wicked rule the people mourn.

7 [95:2d/98:10] Wherefore honest men *and women*, and wise men *and women* should be sought for diligently and good men *and women*, and wise men *and women* ye should observe to uphold, otherwise whatsoever is less than this cometh of evil.

8 [95:3a/98:11-12a] I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall forsake all evil and cleave unto all good, that ye shall live by every word that proceedeth forth from out of the mouth of God, for he will give unto the faithful line upon line precept upon precept.

9 [95:3b/98:12b-13] And I will try you and prove you herewith, and whoso layeth down his life in my cause for my name's sake shall find it again even life eternal;

10 [95:3c-d1/98:14-15] Therefore, be not afraid of your enemies, for I have decreed in my heart, saith the Lord, that I will prove you in all things, whether you will abide in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy; for if you will not abide in my covenant you are not worthy of me;

11 [95:3d2-e/98:16-17] Therefore remember^b: renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children—*or in other words*^c, the hearts of the Jews to the Prophets and the Prophets to the Jews, lest I come and smite the whole Earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me.

12 [95:3f/98:18] Let not your hearts be troubled for in my Father's house are many mansions, and I have prepared a place for you; and where I and my Father am. there ye shall be also.

13 [95:4a1/98:19a] ¶ Behold I, the Lord, am not well pleased with many who are in the Church at Kirtland, for they do not forsake their sins and their wicked ways;

14 [95:4a2/98:19b-20] The pride of their hearts and their covetousness and all their detestable things, and observe the words of wisdom and eternal life which I have given unto them.

15 [95:4b/98:21] Verily, I say unto you that I, the Lord, will chasten them and will do whatsoever I list, if they do not repent and observe all things whatsoever I have said unto them.

16 [95:4c/98:22] And again I say unto you: If ye observe to do whatsoever I command you, I, the Lord, will turn away all wrath and indignation from you, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.

17 [95:5a1/98:23] ¶ Now, I speak unto you concerning your families: If men will smite you or your families once and ye bear it patiently, and ye revile not against them, neither seek revenge, ye shall be rewarded;

18 [95:5a2/98:24] But, if ye bears it not patiently it shall be accounted unto you as being meted out a just measure unto you.

19 [95:5b/98:25] And again, if your enemies shall smite you a second time and you revile not against your enemies, and bear it patiently, your reward shall be an hundred fold.

20 [95:5c1/98:26] And again, if *they* shall smite you a third time and ye bear it patiently, your reward shall be doubled unto you fourfold;

21 [95:5c2/98:27] And these three testimonies shall stand against your enemy, if he repent not, and shall not be blotted out.

22 [95:5d/98:28] And now verily I say unto you: If that enemy shall escape my vengeance, that he be not brought into judgment before me, then ye shall see to it that ye warn him in my name that he come no more upon you, neither upon your family, *neither*^d your children or your children's children unto the third and fourth generation.

23 [95:5e1/98:29] And then if, *they* shall come upon you, or your children, or your children's children unto the third and fourth generation, I have delivered thine enemy into thine hands.

24 [95:5e2/98:30] Then, if thou wilt spare *them* thou shalt be rewarded for thy righteousness, and thy children, and thy children's children unto the third and fourth generation.

25 [95:5f1/98:31a] Nevertheless, thine enemy is in thine hands, and if thou reward him according to his works, thou art justified.

26 [95:5f2/98:31b] If *they have* sought thy life, and thy life is endangered by *them*, thine enemy is in thine hand and thou art justified.

27 [95:6a/98:32] Behold, this is the Law I gave unto my servant Nephi and thy father Joseph, and Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham, and all mine ancient prophets and Apostles.

28 [95:6b/98:33] And again, this is the Law that I gave unto mine ancients, that they should not go out unto battle against any nation, kindred, tongue, or people save I, the Lord, commanded them.

29 [95:6c1/98:34] And I if any nation, tongue, or people should proclaim war against them, they should first lift a standard of peace unto that people, nation, or tongue;

30 [95:6c2-d/98:35-36] And if that people did not accept the offering of peace, neither the second nor third time, they should bring their testimonies before the Lord then I, the Lord, would give unto them a commandment, and justify them in going out to battle against that nation, tongue, or people.

31 [95:6e/98:37] And I, the Lord, will fight their battles, and their children's battles, and their children's children, until they have avenged themselves on all their enemies to the third and fourth generation.

32 [95:6f/98:38] Behold, this is an ensample unto all people, saith the Lord your God, for justification before me.

33 [95:7a-b1/98:39-40a] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: If, after thine enemy has come on you the first time, *they* repent and come unto thee praying thy forgiveness, thou shalt forgive *them* and shall hold it no more as a testimony against thine enemy and so on, up to the second and the third time;

34 [95:7b2/98:40b] And as oft as thine enemy repent of the trespass wherewith *they have* trespassed against thee, thou shalt forgive *them* unto seventy times seven;

35 [95:7c1/98:41] And if *they* trespass against thee and repent not the first time, nevertheless thou shalt forgive *them*;

36 [95:7c2/98:42] And if *they* trespass against thee the second time and repent not, nevertheless thou shalt forgive *them*;

37 [95:7c3/98:43] And if *they* trespass against thee the third time and repent not, thou shalt also forgive *them*;

38 [95:7d1/98:44a] But if *they* trespass against thee the fourth time thou shalt not forgive *them* but shalt bring these testimonies before the Lord;

39 [95:7d2/98:44b] And they shall not be blotted out till *they* repent and reward thee four fold in all things wherewith *they have* trespassed against you.

40 [95:7e1/98:45a] And if *they* do this, thou shalt forgive *them* with all thine heart;

41 [95:7e2/98:45b-46] And if *they* do not this, I, the Lord, will avenge thee of thine enemy an hundred fold, and upon *their* children, and upon *their* children's children, of all them that hate me, unto the third and fourth generation;

42 [95:7f-g1/98:47] But if the children shall repent, or the children's children, and turn unto the Lord their God with all their hearts, and with all their might, mind, and strength, and restore fourfold for all their

trespasses wherewith they have trespassed, or where with their fathers have trespassed, or their fathers' fathers, then thine indignation shall be turned away,

43 [95:7g2/98:48] And vengeance shall no more come upon them, saith the Lord your God; and their trespasses shall never be brought any more as a testimony before the Lord against them; Amen.

Notes:

- a. Originally "defending," but changed to "befriending" in RB1. "Befriending" is found in most editions of the Doctrine and Covenants, the original word has been used in this text.
- b. "Remember" was crossed out in BRL, added back in per inspiration from the Holy Spirit.
- c. Originally "and again;" changed per inspiration from the Holy Spirit.
- d. Originally "either."

Section 62

Revelation Given unto My Friends

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation was received October 12, 1833 to both Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 97 for Community of Christ, and Section 100 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version was taken from Revelation Book 2, pages 71-72. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [97:1a1/100:1] Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my friends, Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon: Your families are well; they are in mine hands, and I will do with them as seemeth me good; for in me there is all power;

2 [97:1a2-b/100:2-3] Therefore, follow me and listen to the counsel which I shall give unto you: Behold, and lo, I have much people in this place in the regions round about, and an effectual door shall be opened in the regions round about in the eastern lands;

3 [97:1c/100:4] Therefore, I, the Lord, have suffered you to come unto this place, for thus it was expedient in me for the salvation of souls.

4 [97:1d/100:5-6] Therefore, verily I say unto you: Lift up your voices unto this people, speak the thoughts that I shall put unto your hearts, and ye shall not be confounded before men; for it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment what ye shall say.

5 [97:2a/100:7] ¶ But a commandment I give unto you: That ye shall declare whatsoever things ye declare in my name, in solemnity of heart, in the spirit of meekness in all things.

6 [97:2b/100:8] And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this, the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say.

7 [97:3a1/100:9a] ¶ And it is expedient in me that you, Sidney Rigdon, should be a spokesman unto this people;

8 [97:3a2-b/100:9b] Yea, verily I will ordain you unto this calling; even to be a spokesman unto my servant, Joseph Smith Jr.

9 [97:3b1/100:10-11a] And I will give unto him power to be mighty in testimony, and I will give unto thee power to be mighty in expounding all scriptures, that thou mayest be a spokesman unto him;

10 [97:3b2/100:11b] And he shall be a revelator unto thee, that thou mayest know the certainty of all things pertaining to the things of my kingdom on the earth.

11 [97:3c/100:12] Therefore, continue your journey and let your hearts rejoice, for behold, and lo, I am with you even unto the end.

12 [97:4a/100:13] ¶ And now I give unto you a word concerning Zion: Zion shall be redeemed although she is chastened for a little season:

13 [97:4b/100:14] Thy brethren, my servants, Orson Hyde, and John Gould are in my hands; and inasmuch as they keep my commandments they shall be saved;

14 [97:4c/100:15] Therefore, let your hearts be comforted, for all things shall work together for good to them that walk uprightly; and to the sanctification of the Church;

15 [97:4d/100:16-17] For I will raise up unto myself a pure people that will serve me in righteousness: and all that call on the name of the Lord and keep his commandments shall be saved: Even so; Amen.

Section 63

Revelation Given to William Smith

The blessing of Joseph Smith, the Prophet of God, upon the head of William Smith, given in Kirtland, Ohio, December 18, 1833. From Times and Seasons Vol 6, pp. 968–969. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Brother William is as the fierce lion which divideth not the spoil because of his much strength, and in the pride of his heart he will neglect the more weighty matters until his soul is bowed down in sorrow,

2 And then he shall return and call on the name of his God and shall find forgiveness, and shall wax valiant in the cause of truth;

3 Therefore, he shall be saved to the uttermost and shall be endowed with power from on high, at his rebuke in the name of the Lord, the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, the tongue of the dumb shall be made to speak, and the lame man shall leap as an hart, and his adversaries shall not have power to withstand his words.

4 Hell shall tremble because of him, and Satan shall flee from before his face, and he shall be as a roaring lion of the forest in the midst of his prey.

5 So shall his hand be in the midst of his enemies, among those who know not the Lord, and seek the injury of the righteous;

6 And the hand of his generation shall be lifted up also against those who are set on high, that fight the God of Israel;

7 Fearless and undaunted shall they be in battle, avenging the wrongs of the innocent and relieving the oppressed.

8 Therefore, the blessings of the God of Jacob shall be on him to the uttermost, and in the midst of his house from generation to generation forever,

9 And he shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall come up before the Lord like a full shock of corn laden with his tens of thousands as a reward of his labors, with songs of everlasting joy, with hosannas upon his lips to God and the Lamb to go no more out; Amen.

Section 64a

The Prayer for and the Key to the Redemption of Zion

Verse 1-12 are from the prayer given by the prophet Joseph Smith Jr., as written December 10, 1833 in Kirtland, Ohio. This prayer was taken from History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, volume 1 pages 458-464. Verses 13-46 are the revelation given in Kirtland Ohio, December 16, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 98:1-51 for Community of Christ, and 101:1-40 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 183-185. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 O Lord my God! Thou who hast called and chosen a few, through thy weak instrument, by commandment, and sent them to Missouri—

2 A place which thou didst call Zion, and commanded thy servants to consecrate it unto thyself for a place of refuge and safety for the gathering of thy Saints, to be built up a holy city unto thyself;

3 And as thou hast said that no other place should be appointed like unto this;

4 Therefore, I ask thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, to return thy people unto their houses and their inheritances, to enjoy the fruit of their labors;

5 That all the waste places may be built up; that all the enemies of thy people, who will not repent and turn unto thee, be destroyed from off the face of the land.

6 And let a house be built and established unto thy name; and let all the losses that thy people have sustained be a rewarded unto them, even more than fourfold, that the borders of Zion be enlarged forever;

7 And let her be established no more to be thrown down; and let all thy Saints, when they are scattered like sheep, and are persecuted, flee unto Zion and be established in the midst of her;

8 And let her be organized according to thy Law; and let this prayer ever be recorded before thy face.

9 Give thy Holy Spirit unto my brethren, unto whom I write, send them angels to guard them, and deliver them from all evil;

10 And when they turn their faces towards Zion, and bow down before thee and pray, may their sins never come up before thy face, neither have place in the book of thy remembrance, and may they depart from all their iniquities.

11 Provide food for them, as thou dost for the ravens; provide clothing to cover their nakedness, and houses that they may dwell therein.

12 Give unto them friends in abundance, and let their names be recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life, eternally before thy face; Amen.

13 [98:1/101:1-3] ¶ Verily I, say unto you, concerning your brethren, who have been afflicted, and persecuted, and cast out from the land of their inheritances: I the Lord have suffered the affliction to come upon them wherewith they have been afflicted in consequence of their transgressions; yet, I will own them, and they shall be mine in the day when I shall make up my Jewels.

14 [98:2a/101:4] ¶ Therefore, they must needs be chastened, and tried, even as Abraham, who was commanded to offer up his only Son:

15 [98:2b/101:5] For all those who will not endure chastening but deny me, cannot be sanctified.

16 [98:3a1/101:6a] Behold, I say unto you, there were jarrings, and contentions, and strife, and lustful and covetous desires among them:

17 [98:3a2/101:6b] Therefore, by these things they polluted their inheritances.

18 [98:3b/101:7] They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; therefore, the Lord their God is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble.

19 [98:3c/101:8] In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but in the day of their trouble, of necessity, they feel of after me.

20 [98:4a/101:9] ¶ Verily, I say unto you, notwithstanding their sins my bowels are filled with compassion towards them; I will not utterly cast them off; and in the day of wrath I will remember mercy.

21 [98:4b/101:10] ¶ I have sworn and the decree hath gone forth by a former commandment which I have given unto you, that I would let fall the sword of mine indignation in the behalf of my people, and even as I have said, so it shall come to pass.

22 [98:4c/101:11] Mine indignation is soon to be poured out without measure upon all nations; and this will I do, when the cup of their iniquity is full.

23 [98:4d/101:12] And in that day all who are found upon the watchtower, or in other words, all mine Israel shall be saved:

24 [98:4e/101:13-15] And they that have been scattered shall be gathered, and all they who have mourned shall be comforted, and all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned:

25 [98:4f/101:16] Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion, for all flesh is in mine hands; be still, and know that I am God.

26 [98:4g1/101:17-18] Zion shall not be moved out of her place; notwithstanding her children are scattered; they that remain and are pure in heart, shall return and come to their inheritances, they and their children with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion.

27 [98:4g2/101:19] And all these things that the prophets might be fulfilled.

28 [98:4h/101:20-21a] ¶ And behold, there is none other place appointed, than that which I have appointed; neither shall there be any other place appointed, than that which I have appointed for the work of the gathering of my Saints, until the day cometh, when there is found no more room for them;

29 [98:4i/101:21b] And then I have other places which I will appoint unto them, and they shall be called Stakes, for the curtains or strength of Zion.

30 [98:5a/101:22-23] ¶ Behold, it is my will, that all who call on my name, and worship me according to mine everlasting gospel, should gather together, and stand in holy places, and prepare for the revelation which is to come, when the veil of the covering of my temple in my tabernacle, which hideth the earth shall be taken off, and all flesh shall see me together;

31 [98:5b1/101:24] And every corruptible thing, both of man and of the beasts of the field, or of the fowls of heaven, or of the fish of the sea, that dwell upon all the face of the earth, shall be consumed;

32 [98:5b2/101:25] And also, that of element, shall melt with fervent heat; and all things shall become new; that my knowledge and glory, may dwell upon all the earth.

33 [98:5c/101:26] And in that day the enmity of man, and the enmity of beasts, yea, the enmity of all flesh shall cease from before my face.

34 [98:5d/101:27] ¶ And in that day whatever any man shall ask it shall be given unto him.

35 [98:5e/101:28-29] And in that day Satan shall not have power to tempt any man; and there shall be no sorrow; because there is no death:

36 [98:5f/101:30-31] In that day an infant shall not die until he is old, and his life shall be as the age of a tree; and when he dies he shall not sleep, (that is to say in the earth,) but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up and his rest shall be glorious.

37 [98:5g1/101:32] ¶ Yea, verily I say unto you, in that day when the Lord shall come he shall reveal all things:

38 [98:5g2/101:33a] Things which have passed, and hidden things which no man knew;

39 [98:5g3/101:33b] Things of the earth, by which it was made, and the purpose and the end thereof;

40 [98:5g4/101:34a] Things most precious; things that are above and things that are beneath;

41 [98:5g5/101:34b] Things that are in the earth, and upon the earth, and in heaven.

42 [98:5h/101:35] And all they who suffer persecution for my name, and endure in faith though they are called to lay down their lives for my sake, yet shall they partake of all this glory.

43 [98:5i/101:36] ¶ Wherefore, fear not, even unto death, for in this world your joy is not full, but in me your Joy is full.

44 [98:5j/101:37-38] ¶ Therefore, care not for the body, neither for the life of the body; but *care* for the soul, and for the life of the soul; and seek the peace of the Lord always, that in patience you may possess your souls, and ye shall have eternal life.

45 [98:5k/101:39] ¶ When men are called unto mine everlasting gospel, and covenant with an everlasting covenant, they are accounted as the salt of the earth and the savor of men, they are called to be the savor of men.

46 [98:5l/101:40] Therefore, if that salt of the earth, loose its savor, behold it is thenceforth, good for nothing, only to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. *Even so; Amen.*

Section 64b

Concerning the Children of Zion

Revelation given in Kirtland Ohio, December 17, 1833. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 98:5m-13 for Community of Christ, and 101:41-101 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 185-189. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [98:5m1/101:41] Behold, here is wisdom concerning the children of Zion: Even many, but not all; they were found transgressors, therefore they must needs be chastened.

2 [98:5m2/101:42] *They* that exalteth *themselves* shall be abased, and *they* that abaseth *themselves* shall be exalted.

3 [98:6a-c/101:43-45] ¶ And now I will show unto you a parable, that you may know my will concerning the redemption of Zion: A certain nobleman had a spot of land very choice, and he said unto his servants: Go ye into my vineyard, even upon this very choice piece of land, and plant twelve olive-trees, and set watchmen about them, and build a tower, that one may overlook the land roundabout, to be a watchman upon the tower, that mine olive trees may not be broken down when the enemy shall come to spoil and take unto themselves the fruit of my vineyard.

4 [98:6d/101:46] Now, the servants of this nobleman went and did as their lord commanded them and planted the olive trees and built a hedge round about and set watchmen, and began to build the tower.

5 [98:6e1/101:47] And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof, they began to say among themselves: And what need hath my lord of a this Tower?

6 [98:6e2/101:48] And consulted for a long time, saying among themselves, What need hath my Lord of this Tower seeing this is a time of peace?

7 [98:6f/101:49] Might not this money be given to the exchangers? For there is no need of these things.

8 [98:6g/101:50] And while they were yet at variance one with another, they became very slothful, and they hearkened not unto the commandment of their Lord;

9 [98:6h/101:51] And the enemy came by night and broke down the hedge, and the servants of the nobleman arose and were affrighted and fled, and the enemy destroyed their works, and broke down the olive trees.

10 [98:7a1/101:52-53a] Now behold the nobleman, the lord of the vineyard, called upon his servants, and said unto them: Why! What is the cause of this great evil! Ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you?

11 [98:7a2-b/101:53b] And after ye had planted the vineyard, and built the hedge round about, and set watchmen *upon* the walls thereof, built the tower also, and set a watchman upon the tower? and watched for my vineyard, and not have fallen asleep, lest the enemy should come upon you?

12 [98:7c/101:54] And behold, the watchman upon the Tower, would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off, and then ye could have made ready and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer.

13 [98:7d-e/101:55-56] And the Lord of the vineyard said unto one of his servants: Go and gather together the residue of my servants, and take all the strength of mine house, which are my warriors, my young men, and they that are of middle age also, among all my servants, who are the strength of my house, save those only whom I have appointed to tarry and go ye straightway unto the land of my vineyard, and redeem my vineyard, for it is mine, I have bought it with money.

14 [98:7f-g/101:57-58] Wherefore, get ye straightway to my land, break down the wall of mine enemies, throw down their tower and scatter their watchman; and inasmuch as they gather together against you, avenge me of mine enemies, that by and by I may come with the residue of mine house and possess the Land.

15 [98:8a/101:59] And the servant said unto his lord: When shall all these things be?

16 [98:8b1/101:60] And he said unto his servant: When I will; go ye straightway and do all things whatsoever I have commanded you;

17 [98:8b2/101:61] And this shall be my seal and blessing upon you: A faithful and wise steward in the midst of mine house a ruler in my kingdom.

18 [98:8c/101:62] And his servant went straightway and *did* all things whatsoever his lord commanded him, and after many days all things were fulfilled.

19 [98:9a1/101:63] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: I will show unto you wisdom in me concerning all the Churches, in as much as they are willing to be guided in a right and proper way for their salvation;

20 [98:9a2/101:64] That the work of the gathering together of my Saints may continue, that I may build them up unto my name, upon holy places; for the time of harvest is come, and my word must needs be fulfilled.

21 [98:9b/101:65] Therefore I must gather together my people according to the parable of the wheat and tares; that the wheat may be secured in the garner, to possess eternal life and be crowned with celestial glory, when I shall come in the kingdom of my Father, to reward every man according as his work shall be.

22 [98:9c/101:66] While the tares shall be bound in bundles, and their bands made strong that they may be burned with unquenchable fire.

23 [98:9d/101:67] ¶ Therefore, a commandment I give unto all the Churches, that they shall continue to gather together unto the place which I have appointed:

24 [98:9e/101:68] Nevertheless, as I have said unto you, in a former commandment, let not your gathering be in haste, nor by flight; but let all things be prepared before you.

25 [98:9f/101:69-70] And in order that all things be prepared before you, observe the commandments which I have given concerning these things: which saith or teacheth, to purchase all the lands by money which can be purchased for money in the regions round about the land which I have appointed to be the land of Zion; for the beginning of the gathering of my Saints;

26 [98:9g/101:71] All the land which can be purchased in Jackson County, and the counties round about, and leave the residue in mine hand.

27 [98:10a/101:72] ¶ Now, verily I say unto you: Let all the Churches gather together all their money, *and* let these things be done in their time; be not in haste and observe to have all things prepared before you.

28 [98:10b1/101:73] And let honorable men be appointed; even wise men and send them to purchase these lands.

29 [98:10b2/101:74] ¶ And every Church in the Eastern countries, when they are built up, if they will hearken unto this counsel and they may buy lands and gather together on them; and in this way they may establish Zion.

30 [98:10c/101:75] There is even now already in store a sufficient; yea, even abundance to redeem Zion, and establish her waste places no more to be thrown down, were the Churches who call themselves after my name, willing to hearken to my voice.

31 ¶ [98:10d-g/101:76-79] And again, I say unto you, those who have been scattered by their enemies: It is my will that they should continue to importune for redress and redemption by the hands of those who are placed as rulers, and are in authority over you, according to the law and constitution of the people which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principals, that every man may act in doctrine and principal pertaining to futurity, according to the moral agency of which I have given unto them, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment; therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another.

32 [98:10h/101:80] And for this purpose have I stablished the constitution of this land by the hands of wise men, whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood.

33 [98:11a-b/101:81-82] ¶ Now unto what shall I liken the children of Zion? I will liken them unto the parable of the woman and the unjust Judge, (for men ought always to pray and not faint) which saith: There was in a city a Judge which feared not God neither regarded man;

34 [98:11c/101:83] And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him Saying, Avenge me of mine adversary:

35 [98:11d1/101:84] And he would not for a while, but afterwards he said within himself: Though I fear not God nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

36 [98:11d2-12a/101:85-89] ¶ Thus, will I liken the children of Zion: Let them importune at the feet of the Judge; and if he heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the Governor, and if the Governor heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the President;

37 [98:12b1/101:90-91a] And if the President heed them not, then will the Lord arise and come forth out of his hiding place, and in his fury vex the nation;

38 [98:12b2/101:91b] And in His hot displeasure and in His fierce anger in his time will He cut off these wicked unfaithful and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers, even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

39 [98:12c/101:92] ¶ Pray ye therefore, that their ears may be opened unto your cries, that I may be merciful unto them, that these things may not come upon them.

40 [98:12d-e/101:93-95] What I have said unto you must needs be that all men may be left without excuse that wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have never considered; that I may proceed to bring to pass my act, my strange act, and perform my work, my strange work, that men may discern between the righteous and the wicked, saith your God.

41 [98:13a/101:96] ¶ And again, I say unto you: It is contrary to my commandments and my will, that my servant Algernon Sidney Gilbert should sell my storehouse which I have appointed unto my people, into the hands of mine enemies.

42 [98:13b/101:97-98] Let not that which I have appointed be polluted by mine enemies, by the consent of those who call themselves after my name; for this is a very sore and grievous sin against me and against my people, in consequence of those things which I have decreed, and are soon to befall the nations.

43 [98:13c/101:99] ¶ Therefore, it is my will that my people should claim and hold claim upon that which I have appointed unto them, though they should not be permitted to dwell thereon.

44 [98:13d/101:100] Nevertheless, I do not say that they shall not dwell thereon for inasmuch as they bring forth fruit and works meet for my kingdom, they shall dwell thereon:

45 [98:13e/101:101] They shall build and another shall not inherit it; they shall plant vineyards and they shall eat the fruit thereof: Even so; Amen.

Section 64c

Scattered Zion

Revelation given in Kirtland Ohio, February 24, 1834. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 100 for Community of Christ, and 103 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Revelation Book 1, pages 189-192. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [100:1a1/103:1] Verily I say unto you, my friends: Behold, I will give unto you a revelation and commandment, that you may know how to act in the discharge of your duties concerning the salvation and redemption of your brethren who have been scattered from the land of Zion:

2 [100:1a2/103:2] Being driven and smitten by the hands of mine enemies on whom I will pour out of my wrath without measure in mine own time.

3 [100:1b/103:3-4] For I have suffered these things *from* them thus far, that they might fill up the measure of their iniquities, that their cup might be full, and that those who call themselves after my name might be chastened for a little season, with a sore and grievous chastisement; *and this* because they did not altogether hearken altogether unto the precepts and commandments which I gave unto them.

4 [100:2a/103:5] ¶ But, verily I say unto you, that I have decreed a decree which my people shall realize in as much as they hearken from this hour unto the counsel which I, the Lord their God, shall give unto them.

5 [100:2b1/103:6] Behold they shall, for I have decreed it, begin to prevail against mine enemies from this very hour;

6 [100:2b2/103:7] And by hearkening to observe all the words which I, the Lord their God, shall speak unto them, they shall never cease to prevail until the kingdoms of the world are subdued under my feet, and the earth is given unto the Saints to possess it forever and ever.

7 [100:2c/103:8-9] ¶ But, inasmuch as they keep not my commandments and hearken not to observe all my words, the kingdoms of the world shall prevail against them; for they were set to be a light unto the world and to be the saviors of men:

8 [100:2d/103:10] And in as much as they are not the saviors of men; they are as salt that has lost its savor, and is thence forth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under the feet of men.

9 [100:3a/103:11-12] ¶ But, verily I say unto you: I have decreed that your brethren which have been scattered shall return to the lands of their inheritances and build up the waste places of Zion, for after much tribulation, as I have said unto you in a former commandment cometh the blessing:

10 [100:3b/103:13] Behold, this is the blessing which I have promised after your tribulations, and the tribulations of your brethren; your redemption and the redemption of your brethren, even this their restoration to the land of Zion, to be established no more to be thrown down.

11 [100:3c/103:14] Nevertheless, if they shall pollute their inheritances, they shall be thrown down; for I will not spare them if they shall pollute their inheritances.

12 [100:3d1/103:15] Behold I say unto you that the redemption of Zion must needs come by power:

13 [100:3d2-e1/103:16-17] Therefore I will raise up unto my people a man who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel; for ye are the children of Israel and of the seed of Abraham; and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched out arm.

14 [100:3e2/103:18] ¶ And as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be;

15 [100:3f1/103:19] Therefore, let not your hearts faint; for I say not unto you, as I said unto your fathers: mine angels shall go up before you, but not my presence:

16 [100:3f2/103:20] But I say unto you: Mine angel shall go up before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.

17 [100:4/103:21] ¶ Verily, verily I say unto you, that my servant Joseph Smith Jr. is the man to whom I likened the servant to whom the lord of the vineyard spoke in the parable^a which I have given unto you;

18 [100:5a/103:22] ¶ Therefore let my servant Joseph say unto the strength of my house, my young men, and middle aged gather together unto the land of Zion, upon the lands which I have bought with money that have been consecrated unto me:

19 [100:5b1/103:23] And let all the Churches send up wise men, with their money and purchase lands even as I have commanded them.

20 [100:5b2-c1/103:24] And inasmuch as mine enemies come against you to drive you from my goodly land which I have consecrated to be the land of Zion; even from your own lands, after these testimonies which ye have brought before men against them ye shall curse them;

21 [100:5c2/103:25-26] And whomsoever ye will curse I will curse, and ye shall avenge me of mine enemies; and my presence shall be with you, even in avenging me of mine enemies unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

22 [100:6a/103:27-28] Let no man be afraid to lay down his life for my sake, for whoso layeth down his life for my sake shall find it again, and whoso is not willing to lay down his life for my sake is not my disciple.

23 [100:6b/103:29] ¶ It is my will that my servant Sidney Rigdon should lift up his voice in the congregations in the Eastern countries in preparing the Churches to keep the commandments which I have given unto them concerning the restoration and redemption of Zion.

24 [100:6c/103:30] It is my will that my servant Parley P. Pratt and my servant Lyman Wight should not return to the land of their brethren until they have obtained companies to go up unto the land of Zion, by tens, or by twenties or by fifties. or by a hundred, until they have obtained unto the number of five hundred of the strength of my house.

25 [100:6d-e/103:31-33] Behold this is my will—ask and ye shall receive but men do not always do my will; therefore, if ye cannot obtain five hundred, seek diligently, that peradventure ye may obtain three; and if ye cannot obtain three hundred, seek diligently that peradventure ye may obtain one hundred:

26 [100:6f/103:34] But verily, I say unto you: A commandment I give unto you, that you shall not go up unto the land of Zion until you have obtained a hundred of the strength of my house, to go up with you unto the land of Zion;

27 [100:6g/103:35] Therefore, as I said unto you: Ask and you shall receive; pray earnestly, that peradventure my servant Baurak Ale^b may go up with you and preside in the midst of my people and

organize my kingdom upon the consecrated land, and establish the children of Zion upon the laws and commandments which have been given, and which shall be given unto you.

28 [100:6a/103:36] ¶ All victory and glory is brought to pass unto you through your diligence, faithfulness, and prayers of faith.

29 [100:6b-c/103:37-40] Let, my servant Parley P. Pratt journey with my servant Joseph Smith Jr., let my servant Lyman Wight journey with my servant Sidney Rigdon, let my servant Hyrum Smith journey with my servant Frederick G. Williams let my Servant Orson Hyde Journey with my servant Orson Pratt withersoever my servant Joseph shall counsel them in obtaining the fulfilment of these commandments which I have given you, and leave the residue in my hands; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a. See DoS 62b:3-18.
- b. While the oldest copies of the revelation read “Joseph,” this revelation was printed in the 1844 edition of the DaC, CI:5 as: “Therefore, let my servant Baurak Ale say unto the strength of my house...” Baurak Ale is likely from the Hebrew meaning “Blessed of God.” While this is a code name, it could also mean that this part of the revelation could refer to anyone God calls to organize the Saints, and not just Joseph Smith Jr.

Section 65a

The United Order

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. April 23, 1834 in Kirtland, Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 101 for Community of Christ and Section 104 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 192-198. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [101:1a-b/104:1-2] Verily I say unto you my friends: I give unto you counsel and a commandment concerning all the properties, which belong to the Firm, which I commanded to be organized and established to be a United Firm^a, and an Everlasting Firm for the benefit of my Church, and for the salvation of men until I come with promise immutable and unchangeable, that inasmuch as those whom I commanded were faithful, they should be blessed with multiplicity of blessings;

2 [101:1c/104:3-4] But inasmuch as they were not faithful, they were nigh unto cursing; therefore, in as much as some of my servants have not kept the commandments but have broken the covenant by covetousness and with feigned words, I have cursed them with a very sore and grievous curse;

3 [101:1d-e/104:5] For I, the Lord, have decreed in my heart, that in as much as *anyone* belonging to the Firm^a, shall be found a transgressor, or in other words, shall brake the covenant with which ye are bound, *they* shall be cursed in *their* life, and shall be trodden down by whom I will;

4 [101:1e2/104:6-7] For I, the Lord, am not to be mocked in these things; and all this that the innocent among you may not be condemned with the unjust, and that the guilty among you may not escape, because I, the Lord, have promised unto you a crown of glory at my right hand;

5 [101:1f/104:8-9] Therefore, in as much as you are found transgressors, ye cannot escape my wrath in your lives; and in as much as ye are cut off by transgression ye cannot escape the buffetings of Satan unto the day of redemption.

6 [101:2a/104:10] ¶ And I now, give unto you power from this very hour, that if *anyone* among you, of the Firm^a, is found a transgressor, and repenteth not of the evil, that ye shall deliver *them* over unto the buffetings of Satan, and *they* shall have no more power to bring evil upon you;

7 [N/A] But as long as ye hold communion with transgressors, behold they bring evil upon you.

8 [101:1b/104:11-12] It is wisdom in me, therefore a commandment I give unto you: That ye shall organize yourselves, and appoint *everyone their* stewardship, that *everyone* may give an account unto me of the stewardship which is appointed unto *them*;

9 [101:2c/104:13] For it is expedient, that I, the Lord, should make *everyone* accountable, as stewards over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures.

10 [101:2d1/104:14-15] I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth as a very handy work, and all things therein are mine, and it is my business to provide for my Saints, for all things are mine;

11 [101:2d2-e/104:16a] But it must needs be done in mine own way— and behold, this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my Saints:

12 [101:2f1/104:16b-17a] That the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low; for the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare.

13 [101:2f2/104:17b] Yea, I have prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves;

14 [101:2g/104:18] Therefore, if *anyone* shall take of the abundance which I have made and impart not *their* portion according to the Law of my Gospel unto the poor and the needy, *they* shall with Dives lift up *their* eyes in hell, being in torment.

15 [101:3a-b/104:19-20] ¶ And now verily I say unto you concerning the properties of the Firm: Let my servant, Sidney Rigdon, have appointed unto him the place where he now resides, and the lot of the Tanery for his stewardship for his support while he is laboring in my vineyard, even as I will when I shall command him,

16 [101:3c/104:21] And let all things be done according to counsel of the Firma and united consent or voice of the Firm which dwells at in the Land of Kirtland.

17 [101:3d/104:22-23] And this stewardship and blessing, I, the Lord, confer upon my servant Sidney Rigdon for a blessing upon him and his seed after him, and I, will multiply blessings upon him and upon his seed after him in as much as he shall be humble before me.

18 [101:4a1/104:24] ¶ And again, let my servant, Martin Harris have appointed unto him for his stewardship the lot of land which my servant John Johnson obtained in exchange for his former farm for him and his seed after him,

19 [101:4a2/104:25] And in as much as he is faithful I will multiply blessings upon him and his seed after him.

20 [101:4b/104:26] And let my servant Martin devote his moneys for the printing of my word, according as my servant Joseph Smith Jr. shall direct.

21 [101:5a/104:27] ¶ And again let my servant, Frederick G. Williams have the place upon which he now dwells.

22 [101:5b/104:28] And let my servant, Oliver Cowdery have the lot which is set off joining the house which is to be for the printing office which is lot number one; and also, the lot upon which his father resides;

23 [101:5c1/104:29-30] And let my servants Frederick G. Williams and Oliver Cowdery have the printing office and all things that pertain unto it; and this shall be their stewardship which shall be appointed unto them;

24 [101:5c2/104:31] And in as much as they are faithful, behold, I will bless them, and multiply blessings unto upon them,

25 [101:5d1/104:32] And this is the beginning of the stewardship which I have appointed unto them for them and their seed after them;

26 [101:5d2/104:33] And in as much as they are faithful I will multiply blessing upon them and their seed after them, even a multiplicity of blessings.

27 [101:6a-b/104:34-35] ¶ And again let my Servant John Johnson have the house in which he lives, and the farm all save the ground which has been reserved for the building of my houses, which pertains to that farm, and those lots which have been named for my servant Oliver Cowdery; and in as much as he is faithful, I will multiply blessing upon him.

28 [101:6c/104:36] And it is my will that he should sell the lots that are laid off for the building up of the city of my Saints, in as much as it shall be made known to him by the voice of the Spirit, and according to the counsel of the Firm^a, and by the voice of the Firm;

29 [101:6d/104:37-38] And this is the beginning of the stewardship which I have appointed unto him for a blessing unto him and his seed after him; and in as much as he is faithful I will multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon him.

30 [101:7a/104:39] ¶ And again let my servant Newel K. Whitney have appointed unto him the houses and lot where he now resides, and the lot and building on which the store stands, and lot also which is on the corner south of the store, and also the lot on which the ashery is situated—

31 [101:7b/104:39-40] And all this I have appointed unto my servant Newel for his stewardship, for a blessing upon him and his seed after him, for the benefit of the mercantile establishment of my Firm^a, which I have established for my stake in the land of Kirtland;

32 [101:7c-d/104:41-42] Yea, verily this is the stewardship which I have appointed unto my servant Newel K. Whitney, even this whole mercantile establishment, him and his agent, and his seed after him, and in as much as he is faithful in keeping the commandments which I have given unto him I will multiply blessings unto him and his seed after him even a multiplicity of blessings.

33 [101:8a/104:43] ¶ And again, let my Servant Joseph Smith Jr. have appointed unto him the lot which is laid off for the building of my house which is forty rods long and twelve wide, and also the farm upon which his father now lives resides;

34 [101:8b1/104:44] And this is the beginning of the stewardship which I have appointed unto him, for a blessing upon him, and upon his father;

35 [101:8b2-c/104:45] For behold, I have reserved an inheritance for his father, for his support therefore, he shall be reckoned in the house of my servant Joseph:

36 [101:8c2/104:46] And I will multiply blessings upon the house of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. in as much as he is faithful, even a multiplicity of blessings.

37 [101:9a/104:47-48a] ¶ And now a commandment I give unto you concerning Zion: That you shall no longer be bound as a United Firm to your brethren of Zion, only on this wise: after you are organized, you shall be called the United Firm of the Stake of Zion, the city of Kirtland among yourselves.

38 [101:9b1/104:48b] And your brethren, after they are organized, shall be called the United Firm of the City of Zion;

39 [101:9b2/104:49-50] And they shall be organized in their own names, and in their own name, and they shall do their business in their own name, and in their own names; and you shall do your business in your own names, and in your own names.

40 [101:9c/104:51] And this I have commanded to be done for your salvation, as also for their Salvation, in consequence of their being driven out and that which is to come.

41 [101:9d1/104:52] The covenants being broken through transgression, by covetousness and feigned words;

42 [101:9d2/104:53] Therefore, you are dissolved as a United Firm^a with your brethren, that you are not bound only up to this hour, unto them, only on this wise as I said by loan, as shall be agreed by this Firm in counsel as shall as your circumstances will admit, and the voice of the counsel direct.

43 [101:10a1/104:54-55a] ¶ And again, a commandment I give unto you concerning your stewardship which I have appointed unto you: Behold all these properties are mine, or else your faith is vain;

44 [101:10a2-b/104:55b-56] And ye are found hypocrites, and the covenants which you have made unto me are broken, and if these properties are mine then ye are stewards, otherwise ye are no stewards.

45 [101:10c1/104:57] But verily, I say unto you: I have appointed unto you to be stewards over mine house, even stewards indeed,

46 [101:10c2-d/104:58-59] And for this purpose have I commanded you to organize yourselves, even to print my Word, the fulness of my Scriptures, the revelations which I have given unto you, and which I shall hereafter give from time to time give unto you, for the purpose of building up my Church and kingdom on the earth, and to prepare my people for the time of my coming which is nigh at hand;

47 [N/A] Therefore a commandment I give unto you: That ye shall take the Book of Mormon and also the copyright, and also the copyright which shall be secured of the Articles and Covenants^b, in which covenants, all my commandments, which it is my will should be printed, shall be printed, as it shall be made known unto you;

48 [N/A] And also, the copyright to the new translation of the Scriptures; and this I say that others may not take the blessings away from you which I have conferred upon you.

49 [101:11a/104:60-61] And ye shall prepare for yourselves a place for a treasury, and consecrate it unto my name, and ye shall appoint one among you to keep the treasury, and *they* shall be ordained unto this blessing;

50 [101:11b/104:62-63a] And there shall be a seal upon the treasury, and all these Sacred things shall be delivered into the treasury, and no *one* among you shall call it *their* own, or any part of it, for it shall belong to you all with one accord, and I give it unto you from this very hour;

51 [101:11c/104:63b] And now see to it, that ye go to and make use of it, the stewardship which I have appointed unto you, exclusive of these sacred things, for the purpose of printing these sacred things, according as I have said.

52 [101:11d/104:64] And the avails of these sacred things shall be had in the treasury, and a seal shall be upon it, and it shall not be used or taken out of the treasury by any one neither shall the seal be loosed which shall be placed upon it, only by the voice of the firm, or by commandment—

53 [101:11e1/104:65] And thus shall ye preserve all the avails of these sacred things in the treasury, for sacred and holy purposes,

54 [101:11e2/104:66] And this shall be called the Sacred Treasury of the Lord and a seal shall be kept upon it, that it may be kept^c holy and consecrated unto the Lord.

55 [101:12a/104:67a] ¶ And again, there shall be another treasury prepared and a treasurer appointed to keep the treasury;

56 [101:12a-c1/104:67a-68] And a seal shall be placed upon it, and all moneys that you receive in your stewardships by improving upon the properties which I have appointed unto you, in houses or in lands, or in cattle and in all things, save it be the Holy and sacred writings, which I have reserved unto myself for holy and sacred purposes, shall be cast into the treasury as fast as you receive monies, by hundreds, or by fifties, or by twenties, or by tens, or by fives;

57 [101:12c2-d1/104:69] Or in other words, if *anyone* among you, obtain five dollars, let *them* cast it into the treasury, or if *they* obtains ten, or twenty, or fifty or a hundred, let him do likewise.

58 [101:12d2/104:70] And let not *anyone* among you say that it is *their* own; for it shall not be called *theirs*, nor any part of it,

59 [101:12e/104:71] And there shall not any part of it used or taken out of the treasury only by the voice and common consent of the Firm^a.

60 [101:12f-g/104:72-74] And this shall be the voice and common consent of the Firm: That *anyone* among you, say unto the treasurer: I have need of this to help me in my stewardship, if it be five dollars, or if it be ten dollars, or twenty, or fifty, or a hundred, the treasurer shall give unto *them* the sum which *they* require, to help *them* in *their* stewardship, until *they* be found a transgressor, and it is manifest before the Counsel of the Firm, plainly that *they are* an unfaithful and an unwise steward;

61 [101:12h-i/104:75-76] But, so long as *they are* in full fellowship and *are* faithful and wise in *their* stewardship, this shall be *their* token unto the treasurer, that the treasurer shall not withhold but in case of transgression the treasurer shall be subject unto the counsel and voice of the Firm,

62 [101:12j/104:77] And in case the treasurer is found an unfaithful and an unwise steward, he shall be subject to the counsel and voice of the Firm, and shall be removed out of his place and another shall be appointed in this stead.

63 [101:13a-b1/104:78] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you concerning your debts: Behold, it is my will that you should pay all your debts;

64 [101:13b2/104:79] And it is my will that you should humble yourselves before me, and obtain this blessing by your diligence, and humility, and the prayer of faith;

65 [101:13c/104:80] And in as much as you are diligent and humble and exercise the prayer of faith; behold, I will soften the hearts of those to whom you are in debt, until I shall send means unto you for your deliverance;

66 [101:13d/104:81] Therefore, write speedily unto New York, and write according to that which shall be dictated by my Spirit, and I will soften the hearts of those to whom you are in debt, that it shall be taken away out of their minds to bring affliction upon you.

67 [101:13e/104:82] And in as much as ye are humble and faithful and call on my name, behold I will give you the victory:

68 [101:13f1/104:83] I give unto you a promise, that you shall be delivered this once out of your bondage—inasmuch as you obtain a chance to loan money by hundreds or by thousands—even until you shall loan enough to deliver yourselves from bondage, it is your privilege.

69 [101:13f2/104:84] And pledge the properties which I have put into your hands this once by giving your names by common consent, or otherwise as it shall seem good unto you.

70 [101:13g/104:83] I give unto you the privilege this once; and behold, if you proceed to do the things which I have laid before you, according to my commandment, all these things are mine, and ye are my stewards, and the Master will not suffer his house to be broken up; even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. The Firm or United Firm is later renamed “the United Order.”
- b. Articles and Covenants: Doctrines of the Saints Section 2a
- c. “Kept” was crossed out in BRL, but was kept per inspiration.

Section 65b

The United Firm in Kirtland and Zion

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. April 28, 1834 in Kirtland, Ohio. This revelation was excluded from the Doctrine and Covenants and thus is not included in the Community of Christ or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints editions. From Revelation Book 1, page 198. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the division and settlement of the United Firm: Let there be reserved three thousand dollars for the right and claim of the Firm in Kirtland for inheritances in due time, even when the Lord will;

2 And with this claim to be had in remembrance when the Lord shall reveal it for a right of inheritance.

3 Ye are made free from the Firm of Zion, and the Firm in Zion is made free in from the Firm in Kirtland; thus saith the Lord, Amen.

Section 66

The Redemption of My People

According to Revelation Book 1, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. June 22, 1834 in Clay County, Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 102 for Community of Christ and Section 105 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 1, pages 199-201. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [102:1-2a/105:1-2] Verily I say unto you, who have assembled together that you may learn my will, concerning the redemption of mine afflicted people: Behold I say unto you, were it not for the transgression of my people, speaking concerning the Church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now;

2 [102:2b/105:3-4] But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I require at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance as becometh Saints to the poor and afflicted among them, and are not united, according to the union required by the Law of the Celestial kingdom.

3 [102:2c1/105:5a] And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the Law of the Celestial Kingdom;

4 [102:2c2-d/105:5b-6] Otherwise, I cannot receive her unto myself and my people must needs be chastened, until they learn obedience, if it must needs be by the things which they suffer.

5 [102:3a/105:7-8a] I speak not concerning those who are appointed to lead my people, who are the First Elders of my Church, for they are not all under this condemnation; but I speak concerning the Church abroad.

6 [102:3b/105:8b] There are many who will say: Where is their God? Behold, he will deliver in time of trouble, otherwise we will not go up unto Zion, and will keep our monies.

7 [102:3c/105:9-10] ¶ Therefore, in consequence of the transgression of my people, it is expedient in me that mine Elders should wait for a little season for the redemption of Zion, that they themselves may be prepared and that my people may be taught more perfectly, and have experience and know more perfectly concerning their duty, and the things which I require at their hands.

8 [102:3d-e/105:11-12] And this cannot be brought to pass until mine Elders are endowed with power from on high; for behold, I have prepared a great endowment and blessing to be poured out upon them— in as much as they are faithful and continue in humility before me;

9 [102:3f1/105:13] Therefore, it is expedient in me that mine elders should wait for a little season for the redemption of Zion,

10 [102:3f2/105:14a] For behold, I do not require at their hands, to fight the battles of Zion. for as I have said in a former commandment even so I will fulfil.

11 [102:3f3-4b/105:14b-15] I will fight your battles, behold the destroyer I have already sent forth to destroy and lay waste mine enemies, and not many years hence they shall not be left to pollute mine heritage, to blaspheme my name upon the land which I have consecrated for the gathering together of my Saints.

12 [102:5a/105:16] ¶ Behold, I have commanded my servant Joseph Smith Jr. to say to the strength of my house; even my warriors, my young men and middle aged, to gather together for the redemption of my people, and throw down the tower of mine enemies, and scatter their watchmen—

13 [102:5b/105:17-18] But the strength of my house has not hearkened unto my words, but in as much as there are those that have hearkened unto my words, I have prepared a blessing and an endowment for them:

14 [102:5c/105:19] I have heard their prayers and will accept their offering, and it is expedient in me that they should be brought thus far, for a trial of their faith.

15 [102:6a/105:20] ¶ And now, verily I say unto you: A commandment I give unto you, that as many as have come up hither that can stay in the region round about, let them stay,

16 [102:6b1/105:21] And those who cannot stay, who have families in the East, let them tarry for a little season, in as much as my servant Joseph Smith Jr. shall appoint unto them;

17 [102:6b2/105:22] For I will counsel him concerning this matter, and all things whatsoever is he shall appoint unto them shall be fulfilled.

18 [102:7a/105:23] And let all my people who dwell in the region roundabout be very faithful and prayerful and humble before me, and reveal not the things which I have revealed unto them:

19 [102:7b-c/105:24-25] Talk not of judgment, boast not of faith, nor of mighty works; but carefully gather together in one region as can be consistently with the feeling of the people and behold, I will give unto you favor and grace in their eyes, that you may rest in peace and safety, whilst you are saying unto the people execute judgment Justice for us according to law, and redress us of our wrongs.

20 [102:8a/105:26] ¶ Now behold, I say unto you my friends: In this way you may find favor in the eyes of the people, until the armies of Israel become very great;

21 [102:8b1/105:27] And I will soften the hearts of the people as I did I the heart of Pharaoh from time to time, until my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and mine Elders whom he shall appoint shall have time to gather up the strength of my house;

22 [102:8b2/105:28] And to have sent wise men to fulfil that which I have commanded concerning the purchasing of all the lands in Jackson County that can be purchased, and in the adjoining Counties round about;

23 [102:8b3/105:29] For it is my will, that these lands should be purchased, that my Saints should possess them according to the Law of Consecration, which I have given.

24 [102:8c-d/105:30] And after these lands are purchased, I will hold the armies of Israel guiltless in taking possessions of their own lands and of throwing down the tower of mine enemies that may be upon them, and scattering their watchmen, and avenging me of mine enemies, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

25 [102:9a-9b1/105:31-32a] But firstly, let my army become very great, and let it be sanctified before me, that it may become fair as the Sun and clear as the Moon, and that her banners may be terrible unto all nations, that the kingdom of this world may be constrained to acknowledge that the kingdom of Zion, is in very deed the kingdom of our God, and his Christ.

26 [102:9b2/105:32b] ¶ Therefore, let us become subject unto her laws.

27 [102:10a/105:33] Verily I say unto you: It is expedient in me, that the First Elders of my Church should receive their endowment from on high in mine house which I have commanded to be built unto my name in the land of Kirtland;

28 [102:10b/105:34] And let those commandments which I have given concerning Zion, and her Law be executed and fulfilled after her redemption.

29 [102:10c1/105:35] There has been a day of calling. but the time has come for a day of choosing and let those be chosen that are worthy;

30 [102:10c2/105:36] And it shall be manifest unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. by the voice of the Spirit those who are chosen, and they shall be sanctified;

31 [102:10d/105:37] And in as much as they follow the counsels which they receive they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion.

32 [102:11a-b/105:38-39] ¶ And again I say unto you: Sue for peace, not only the people that have smitten you, but also to all people, and lift up an Ensign of Peace, and make a Proclamation of for Peace unto the ends of the earth;

33 [102:911c/105:40-41a] And make proposals for peace unto those who have smitten you, according to the voice of the Spirit which is in you, and all thing shall work together for your good.

34 [102:11d/105:41b] Be faithful; behold and low, I am with you even unto the end. Even so, Amen.

Section 67a

Revelation to Warren Cowdery

According to Revelation Book 2, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. November 25, 1834 in Clay County, Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 103 for Community of Christ and Section 105 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Revelation Book 2, page 116. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [103:1/105:1-3] It is my will that my servant Warren Cowdery should be appointed and ordained a presiding High Priest over my Church in the land of Freedom and the regions round about; and should preach my everlasting gospel, and lift up his voice and warn the people, not only in his own place, but in the adjoining Countries, and devote his whole time in this high and holy calling which I now give unto him; seeking dilligently the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, and all things necessary shall be added thereunto; for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

2 [103:3/105:4-5] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night: therefore, gird up your loins, that ye may be the children of the light, and that day shall not overtake you as a thief.

3 [103:3a/105:6] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: There was joy in heaven when my servant Warren Cowdery bowed to my scepter and separated himself from the crafts of men;

4 [103:3b/105:7a] Therefore, blessed is my servant Warren, for I will have mercy on him, and notwithstanding the vanity of his heart, I will lift him up,

5 [103:3a/105:7b-8a] And inasmuch as he will humble himself before me, I will give unto him grace and assurance wherewith he may stand;

6 [103:3a/105:8b] And if he continues to be a faithful witness, and a light unto the Church, I have prepared a crown for him in the mansion of my Father: even so, Amen.

Section 67b

Revelation to Lyman Sherman

According to Joseph Smith, Jr.'s Journal, Sept. 1835–Apr. 1836, this revelation, was received by Joseph Smith Jr. December 26, 1834 at Kirtland, Ohio. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 108 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but not included in the Community of Christ edition. From Joseph Smith, Jr.'s Journal, Sept. 1835–Apr. 1836, pages 90. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Saturday 26, commenced studying the Hebrew Language in company with brothers Warren Parrish and Frederick G. Williams;

2 In the meantime, brother Lyman Sherman came in and requested to have the Word of the Lord through me;

3 For said he: I have been wrought upon to make known to you my feelings and desires, and was promised that I should have a revelation which should make known my duty.

4 The following is a revelation given to Lyman Sherman this day 26 Dec 1835:

5 [108:1] ¶ Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant Lyman Sherman: Your sins are forgiven you because you have obeyed my voice in coming up hither this morning to receive counsel of him whom I have appointed.

6 [108:2-3] ¶ Therefore, let your soul be at rest concerning your spiritual standing, and resist no more my voice, and arise up and be more careful henceforth in observing your vows which you have made and do make, and you shall be blessed with exceeding great blessings.

7 [108:4] Wait patiently until the time when the Solemn Assembly shall be called of my servants, then you shall be numbered with the first of mine Elders and receive right by ordination with the rest of mine Elders, whom I have chosen.

8 [108:6-7] ¶ Behold, this is the promise of the Father unto you, if you continue faithful—and it shall be fulfilled upon you in that day that you shall have right to preach my gospel wheresoever I shall send you from henceforth from that time;

9 [108:8] Therefore, strengthen your brethren in all your conversation in all your prayers, and in all your exhortations, and in all your doings; and behold and lo I am with you to bless you and deliver you forever; Amen.

Section 67c

A Revelation to the Twelve Apostles

A Revelation given through the prophet Joseph Smith Jr. at Kirtland, Ohio, on November 3, 1835. This revelation was excluded from the original editions of the Doctrine and Covenants and cannot be found in the Community of Christ or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. This revelation was taken from History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, volume 2 pages 300-301. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Thus came the word of the Lord unto me concerning the Twelve *Apostles*, saying: Behold they are under a condemnation, because they have not been sufficiently humble in my sight,

2 And in consequence of their covetous desires, in that they have not dealt equally with each other in the division of the monies which came into their hands.

3 Nevertheless, some of them dealt equally, therefore they shall be rewarded;

4 But verily I say unto you, that you must humble yourselves before me, before you will be accounted worthy to receive an endowment, to go forth in my name unto all nations.

5 As for my servant William B. Smith, let the eleven humble themselves in prayer and in faith, and wait on me in patience,

6 And my servant William shall return, and I will yet make him a polished shaft in my quiver, in bringing down the wickedness and abominations of men; that there shall be none mightier than he, in his day and generation,

7 Nevertheless, if he repent not speedily, he shall be brought low, and shall be a chastened sorely for all his iniquities he has committed against me;

8 Nevertheless, the sin which he has sinned against me is not even now more grievous than the sin with which my servant David W. Patten, and my servant Orson Hyde, and my servant William E. McLellin have sinned against me, and the residue are not sufficiently humble before me.

9 Behold the parable which I spake^a concerning a man having twelve sons: For what man among you, having twelve sons, and is no respecter of them, and they serve him obediently,

10 And he saith unto one: be thou clothed in robes, and sit thou here; and to the other: Be thou clothed in rags, and sit thou there, and looketh upon his sons, and saith, I am just?

11 Ye will answer, and say, no man; and ye answer truly; therefore, verily thus saith the Lord your God, I appoint these Twelve that they should be equal in their ministry, and in their portion, and in, their evangelical rights;

12 Wherefore they have sinned a very grievous sin, inasmuch as they have made themselves unequal, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

13 Therefore, let them repent speedily, and prepare their hearts for the solemn assembly, and for the great day which is to come, verily thus saith the Lord. Amen.

Notes:

a. See DoS 24:33-37

Section 68

Vision of the Celestial Kingdom of God

The following vision was received by Joseph Smith Jr. January 21, 1836 in Kirtland, Ohio. It was recorded in his September 1835–April 1836 journal on pages 135-139 in the handwriting of Warren Parrish. A portion of this has been included in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants as Section 137. Corrections mentioned on pages 139-138 were moved to the moment they happened, fixing the reported error. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 At about 3, o'clock pm, I dismissed the School, and the presidency retired to the loft of the printing office where we attended to the ordinance of washing our bodies in pure water,

2 We also perfumed our bodies and our heads, in the name of the Lord.

3 At early candlelight, I meet with the presidency, at the West school room in the chapel to attend to the ordinance of anointing our heads with holy oil;

4 Also the councils of Kirtland and Zion met in the two adjoining rooms, who waited in prayer while we attended to the ordinance.

5 I took the oil in my lefthand, Father Smith being seated before me and the rest of the presidency encircled him round about.

6 We then stretched our right hands to heaven and blessed the oil and consecrated it in the name of Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ We then laid our hands on, our aged Father Smith and invoked the blessings of heaven.

8 I then anointed his head with the consecrated oil, and sealed many blessings upon him.

9 The presidency then in turn laid their hands upon his head, beginning at the eldest, until they had all laid their hands on him, and pronounced such blessings, upon his head as the Lord put into their hearts;

10 All blessing him to be our Patriarch, to anoint our heads, and attend to all duties that pertain to that office.

11 ¶ After Father Smith, we received it in turn according to our age, (that is the presidency,)

12 I then took the seat, and Patriarch Smith anointed my head, and sealed upon me the blessings of Moses, to lead Israel in the latter days, even as Moses led in days of old; also the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

13 All of the presidency laid their hands upon me and pronounced upon my head many prophesies, and blessings, many of which I shall not notice at this time, but as Paul said, so say I: let us come to visions and revelations.

14 ¶ [137:1] The heavens were opened upon us and I beheld the Celestial Kingdom of God, and the glory thereof; whether in the body or out I cannot tell.

15 [137:2-3] I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire, also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son.

16 [137:4] I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold;

17 [137:5-6] I saw father Adam, and Abraham, and Michael, and my Father and mother, my brother Alvin that has long since slept, and marveled how it was that he had obtained this an inheritance in this kingdom, seeing that he had departed this life before the Lord had set his hand to gather Israel the second time, and had not been baptized for the remission of sins.

18 [137:7] ¶ Thus came the voice of the Lord unto me saying: All who have died with a knowledge of this gospel, who would have received it, if they had been permitted to tarry, shall be heirs of the Celestial Kingdom of God;

19 [137:8] Also all that shall die henceforth, without a knowledge of it, who would have received it with all their hearts, shall be heirs of that kingdom,

20 [137:9] For I, the Lord, will judge all men according to their works according to the desires of their hearts.

21 [137:10] And I also beheld that all children who die before they arrive to the years of accountability are saved in the Celestial Kingdom of heaven.

22 ¶ I saw the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb, who are now upon the earth who hold the keys of this last ministry, in foreign lands, standing together in a circle much fatigued, with their clothes tattered and feet swollen, with their eyes cast downward, and Jesus standing in their midst,

23 And they did not behold Him; He, the Savior, looked upon them and wept.

24 ¶ I also beheld Elder William E. McLellin in the South, standing upon a hill surrounded with a vast multitude, preaching to them,

25 And a lame man standing before him, supported by his crutches, he threw them down at his word, and leaped as an heart by the mighty power of God.

26 ¶ Also Elder Brigham Young standing in a strange land, in the far Southwest, in a desert place, upon a rock in the midst of about a dozen men of color, who, appeared hostile.

27 He was preaching to them in their own tongue, and the angel of God standing above his head with a drawn sword in his hand protecting him, but he did not see it.

28 ¶ And I finally saw the Twelve in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

29 I also beheld the redemption of Zion, and many things which the tongue of man, cannot describe in full.

30 ¶ Many of my brethren who received this ordinance with me, saw glorious visions also;

31 Angels ministered unto them, as well as myself, and the power of the highest rested upon us.

32 The house was filled with the glory of God, and we shouted: Hosanna to God and the Lamb!

33 ¶ My Scribe also received his anointing with us and saw in a vision the armies of heaven protecting the Saints in their return to Zion, and many things that I saw.

34 ¶ The Bishop of Kirtland with his counsellors, and the Bishop of Zion with his counsellors were present with us, and received their anointing under the hands of Patriarch Smith and confirmed by the presidency, and the glories of heaven were unfolded to them also.

35 ¶ We then invited the counsellors of Kirtland and Zion into our room, and President Hyrum Smith anointed the head of the president of the Counsellors in Kirtland, and President David Whitmer the head of the president of the Counsellors of Zion.

36 ¶ The president of each quorum then anointed the heads of his colleagues, each in his turn beginning at the eldest.

37 ¶ The vision of heaven was opened to these also; some of them saw the face of the Savior, and others were ministered unto by holy angels, and the spirit of prophecy and revelation was poured out in mighty power,

38 And loud Hosannas and: Glory to God in the Highest, saluted the heavens for we all communed with the heavenly hosts.

39 And I saw in my vision all of the presidency in the Celestial Kingdom of God, and many others who were present.

40 ¶ Our meeting was opened by singing and prayer offered up by the head of each quorum, and closed by singing and invoking the benediction of heaven with uplifted hands, and we retired between one and two o'clock in the morning.

Section 69a

Dedication of the House of the Lord

The following prayer was given at the Dedication of the Lord's House in Kirtland, Ohio, March 27, 1836, Kirtland Township, Ohio. This prayer has been included in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants as Section 109. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [N/A] Prayer *given* at the dedication of the Lord's House in Kirtland, Ohio, March 27, 1836, by Joseph Smith, Jr.

2 [109:1] ¶ Thanks be to thy name, O Lord God of Israel, who keepest covenant and shewest mercy unto thy servants, who walk uprightly before thee with all their hearts:

3 [109:2] Thou who hast commanded thy servants to build an house to thy name in this place. (Kirtland.)

4 [109:3] And now thou beholdest, O Lord, that so thy servants have done, according to thy commandment.

5 [109:4a] And now we ask thee, holy Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of thy bosom, in whose name alone salvation can be administered to the children of men:

6 [109:4b-5a] We ask thee, O Lord, to accept of this house, the workmanship of the hands of us, thy servants, which thou didst command us to build; for thou knowest that we have done this work through great tribulation:

7 [109:5b] And out of our poverty we have given of our substance to build a house to thy name, that the Son of Man might have a place to manifest himself to his people.

8 [109:6-7] ¶ And as thou hast said in a revelation given unto us, calling us thy friends, saying: Call your solemn assembly, as I have commanded you; and as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom: Seek learning, even by study, and also by faith.

9 [109:8] ¶ Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God:

10 [109:9] That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord; that your out goings may be in the name of the Lord: that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with uplifted hands to the Most High.

11 [109:10a] ¶ And now, Holy Father, we ask thee to assist us, thy people with thy grace in calling our solemn assembly,

12 [109:10b-11] That it may be done to thy honor, and to thy divine acceptance, and in a manner that we may be found worthy, in thy sight, to secure a fulfilment of the promises which thou hast made unto us thy people, in the revelations given unto us:

13 [109:12] That thy glory may rest down upon thy people, and upon this thy house, which we now dedicate to thee, that it may be sanctified and consecrated to be holy, and that thy holy presence may be continually in this house;

14 [109:13] And that all people who shall enter upon the threshold of the Lord's house may feel thy power and be constrained to acknowledge that thou hast sanctified it, and that it is thy house, a place of thy holiness.

15 [109:14] ¶ And do thou grant, Holy Father, that all those who shall worship in this house, may be taught words of wisdom out of the best books, and that they may seek learning, even by study, and also by faith; as thou hast said;

16 [109:15] And that they may grow up in thee and receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost, and be organized according to thy laws, and be prepared to obtain every needful thing:

17 [109:16-20] And that this house may be a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of glory, and of God, even thy house: that all the incomings of thy people, into this house, may be in the name of the Lord; that all their outgoings, from this house, may be in the name of the Lord; that all their salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with holy hands, uplifted to the Most High; and that no unclean thing shall be permitted to come into thy house to pollute it.

18 [109:21] ¶ And when thy people transgress, any of them, they may speedily repent and return unto thee, and find favor in thy sight, and be restored to the blessings which thou hast ordained, to be poured out upon those who shall reverence thee in this thy house.

19 [109:22] ¶ And we ask thee, Holy Father, that thy servants may go forth from this house, armed with thy power, and that thy name may be upon them and thy glory be round about them, and thine angels have charge over them;

20 [109:23] And from this place they may bear exceeding great and glorious tidings, in truth, unto the ends of the earth, that they may know that this is thy work, and that thou hast put forth thy hand, to fulfil that which thou has spoken by the mouths of thy prophets concerning the last days.

21 [109:24] ¶ We ask thee, Holy Father, to establish the people that shall worship and honorably hold a name and standing in this thy house, to all generations, and for eternity;

22 [109:25-26] That no weapon formed against them shall prosper; that he who diggeth a pit for them shall fall into the same himself; that no combination of wickedness shall have power to rise up and prevail over thy people, upon whom thy name shall be put in this house:

23 [109:27] And if any people shall rise against this people, that thine anger be kindled against them:

24 [109:28] And if they shall smite this people, thou wilt smite them—thou wilt fight for thy people as thou didst in the day of battle, that they may be delivered from the hands of all their enemies.

25 [109:29a] ¶ We ask thee, Holy Father, to confound, and astonish, and bring to shame, and confusion, all those who have spread lying reports abroad over the world against thy servant, or servants;

26 [109:29b-30] If they will not repent when the everlasting gospel shall be proclaimed in their ears, and that all their works may be brought to naught, and be swept away by the hail, and by the judgments, which thou wilt send upon them in thine anger, that there may be an end to lyings and slanders against thy people:

27 [109:31] For thou knowest, O Lord, that thy servants have been innocent before thee in bearing record of thy name for which they have suffered these things;

28 [109:32] Therefore, we plead before thee for a full and complete deliverance from under this yoke. Break it off O Lord:

29 [109:33] Break it off from the necks of thy servants, by thy power, that we may rise up in the midst of this generation and do thy work!

30 [109:34] ¶ O Jehovah, have mercy upon this people, and as all men *and women* sin, forgive the transgressions of thy people, and let them be blotted out forever.

31 [109:35] Let the anointing of thy ministers be sealed upon them with power from on high:

32 [109:36a] Let it be fulfilled upon them as upon those on the day of Pentecost:

33 [109:36b] Let the gift of tongues be poured out upon thy people, even cloven tongues as of fire, and the interpretation thereof;

34 [109:37] And let thy house be filled, as with a rushing mighty wind, with thy glory.

35 [109:38] ¶ Put upon thy servants the testimony of the covenant, that when they go out and proclaim thy Word, they may seal up the Law, and prepare the hearts of thy Saints for all those judgements thou art about to send, in thy wrath, upon the inhabitants of the earth, because of their transgressions, that thy people may not faint in the day of trouble.

36 [109:39a] ¶ And whatever city thy servants shall enter, and the people of that city receive their testimony,

37 [109:39b] Let thy peace and thy salvation be upon that city, that they may gather out of that city the righteous,

38 [109:39c] That they may come forth to Zion, or to her stakes, the places of thine appointment, with songs of everlasting joy,—

39 [109:40] And until this be accomplished let not thy judgments fall upon that city.

40 [109:41] ¶ And whatever city thy servants shall enter, and the people of that city receive not the testimony of thy servants, and thy servants warn them to save themselves from this untoward generation, let it be upon that city according to that which thou hast spoken, by the mouths of thy prophets;

41 [109:42] But deliver thou, O Jehovah, we beseech thee, thy servants from their hands, and cleanse them from their blood.

42 [109:43-44a] O Lord, we delight not in the destruction of our fellow men: their souls are precious before thee; but thy word must be fulfilled:—

43 [109:44b] Help thy servants to say, with thy grace assisting them, thy will be done, O Lord, and not ours.

44 [109:45] ¶ We know that thou hast spoken by the mouth of thy prophets, terrible things concerning the wicked, in the last days, that thou wilt pour out thy judgments, without measure:

45 [109:46] Therefore, O Lord, deliver thy people from the calamity of the wicked; enable thy servants to seal up the law and bind up the testimony, that they may be prepared against the day of burning.

46 [109:47] ¶ We ask thee, Holy Father, to remember those who have been driven by the inhabitants of Jackson county, Missouri, from the lands of their inheritance, and break off, O Lord, this yoke of affliction, that has been put upon them.

47 [109:48] Thou knowest, O Lord, that they have been greatly oppressed, and afflicted, by wicked men, and our hearts flow out in sorrow because of their grievous burdens.

48 [109:49] O Lord, how long wilt thou suffer this people to bear this affliction, and the cries of their innocent ones to ascend up in thine ears, and their blood to come up in testimony before thee, and not make a display of thy power in their behalf?

49 [109:50] ¶ Have mercy, O Lord, upon that wicked mob, who have driven thy people, that they may cease to spoil, that they may repent of their sins, if repentance is to be found;

50 [109:51] But if they will not, make bear thine arm O Lord, and redeem that which thou didst appoint a Zion unto thy people!

51 [109:52] ¶ And if it cannot be otherwise, that the cause of thy people may not fail before thee, may thine anger be kindled and thine indignation fall upon them, that they may be wasted away, both root and branch from under heaven;

52 [109:53] But in as much as they will repent, thou art gracious and merciful, and will turn away thy wrath, when thou lookest upon the face of thine anointed.

53 [109:54a] ¶ Have mercy, O Lord, upon all the nations of the earth: have mercy upon the rulers of our land:

54 [109:54b] May those principles which were so honorably and nobly defended: viz, the Constitution of our land, by our fathers, be established forever.

55 [109:55a] Remember the kings, the princes, the nobles, and the great ones of the earth, and all people; and the Churches:

56 [109:55b] All the poor, the needy and the afflicted ones of the earth, that their hearts may be softened when thy servants shall go out from thy house, O Jehovah, to bear testimony of thy name,

57 [109:56] That their prejudices may give way before the truth, and thy people may obtain favor in the sight of all,

58 [109:57-58] That all the ends of the earth may know that we thy servants have heard thy voice, and that thou hast sent us, that from among all these thy servants, the sons of Jacob, may gather out the righteous to build a holy city to thy name, as thou hast commanded them.

59 [109:59] ¶ We ask thee to appoint unto Zion other stakes besides this one, which thou hast appointed, that the gathering of thy people may roll on in great power and majesty, that thy work may be cut short in righteousness.

60 [109:60] ¶ Now these words, O Lord, we have spoken before thee, concerning the revelations and commandments which thou hast given unto us, who are identified with the Gentiles;

61 [109:61] But thou knowest that we have a great love for the children of Jacob who have been scattered upon the mountains; for a long time in a cloudy and dark day.

62 [109:62] ¶ We therefore ask thee to have mercy upon the children of Jacob, that Jerusalem, from this hour, may begin to be redeemed;

63 [109:63-64] And the yoke of bondage may begin to be broken off from the house of David, and the children of Judah may begin to return to the lands which thou didst give to Abraham, their father,

64 [109:65-66] And cause that the remnants of Jacob, who have been cursed and smitten, because of their transgression, to be converted from their wild and savage condition, to the fulness of the everlasting gospel, that they may lay down their weapons of bloodshed and cease their rebellions.

65 [109:67] And may all the scattered remnants of Israel, who have been driven to the ends of the earth, come to a knowledge of the truth, believe in the Messiah, and be redeemed from oppression, and rejoice before thee.

66 [109:68] ¶ O Lord, remember thy servant Joseph Smith, Jr. and all his afflictions and persecutions; how he has covenanted with Jehovah and vowed to thee, O mighty God of Jacob, and the commandments which thou hast given unto him, and that he hath sincerely strove to do thy will.—

67 [109:69] Have mercy, O Lord, upon his wife and children, that they may be exalted in thy presence, and preserved by thy fostering hand.—

68 [109:70] Have mercy upon all their immediate connections, that their prejudices may be broken up, and swept away as with a flood, that they may be converted and redeemed with Israel and know that thou art God.

69 [109:71] Remember, O, Lord, the presidents, even all the presidents of thy Church, that thy right hand may exalt them with all their families, and their immediate connections, that their names may be perpetuated and had in everlasting remembrance from generation to generation.

70 [109:72] ¶ Remember all thy Church, O Lord, with all their families, and all their immediate connections; with all their sick and afflicted ones, with all the poor and meek of the earth, that the kingdom which thou hast set up without hands, may become a great mountain and fill the whole earth,

71 [109:73-74] That thy Church may come forth out of the wilderness of darkness, and shine forth fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners, and be adorned as a bride for that day when thou shalt unveil the heavens, and cause the mountains to flow down at thy presence, and the valleys to be exalted, the rough places made smooth, that thy glory may fill the earth.

72 T[109:75a] ¶ That when the trump shall sound for the dead, we shall be caught up in the cloud to meet thee,

73 [109:75b-76] That we may ever be with the Lord, that our garments may be pure, that we may be clothed upon with robes of righteousness, with palms in our hands, and crowns of glory upon our heads, and reap eternal joy for all our sufferings.

74 [109:77] O Lord, God Almighty. hear us in these our petitions, and answer us from heaven, thy holy habitation, where thou sittest enthroned, with glory, honor, power, majesty, might, dominion, truth, justice, judgement, mercy and an infinity of fulness, from everlasting to everlasting.

75 [109:78-79a] ¶ O hear, O hear, O hear us, O Lord, and answer these petitions, and accept the dedication of this house, unto thee, the work of our hands, which we have built unto thy name; and also this Church to put upon it thy name.

76 [109:79b] And help us by the power of thy Spirit, that we may mingle our voices with those bright shining seraphs, around thy throne with acclamations of praise, singing hosanna to God and the Lamb:

77 [109:80] And let these thine anointed ones be clothed with salvation, and thy Saints shout aloud for joy; Amen and Amen.

Section 69b

Vision of the Celestial Kingdom of God

The following vision was received by Joseph Smith Jr. and Oliver Cowdery April 3, 1836 in the temple in Kirtland, OH. It was recorded in his September 1835–April 1836 journal on pages 191-193 in the handwriting of Warren Parrish. A portion of this has been included in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants as Section 110. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Sabbath April third Joseph Smith Jr. attended meeting in the Lord's House, assisted the other Presidents of the Church in seating the congregation and then became an attentive listener to the preaching from the Stand.

2 Thomas B. Marsh and David W. Patten spoke in the *mornong* to an attentive audience of about one thousands persons.

3 In the *evening* Joseph assisted the other Presidents in distributing the elements of the Lords Supper to the Church, receiving them from the hands Twelve, whose privilege it was to officiate in the sacred desk this day.

4 After having performed this service to his brethren, Joseph retired to the pulpit, the vails being dropped, and bowed himself with Oliver Cowdery, in solemn, but silent prayer to the Most High.

5 After rising from prayer, the following vision was opened to both of them:

6 [110:1-2a] ¶ The vail was taken from their minds and the eyes of their understandings were opened; they saw the Lord standing upon the breast work of the pulpit before them.

7 [110:2b-3a] And under his feet was a paved work of pure gold, in color like amber: his eyes were as a flame of fire; the hair of his head was like the pure snow, his countenance shone above the brightness of the sun;

8 [110:3b-4a] And his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the Voice of Jehovah, saying: I am the first and the last.

9 [110:4b] I am he who liveth. I am he who was slain.

10 [110:4c] I am your Advocate with the Father.

11 [110:5a] Behold your sins are forgiven you.

12 [110:5b] You are clean before me; therefore, lift up your heads and rejoice;

13 [110:6] Let the hearts of your brethren rejoice and let the hearts of all my people rejoice, who have with their might, built this house to my name:

14 [110:7] For behold, I have accepted this house and my name shall be here; and I will manifest myself to my people, in mercy, in this House;

15 [110:8] Yea, I will appear unto my servants and speak unto them with mine own voice, if my people will keep my commandments and do not pollute this Holy House.

16 [110:9] Yea, the hearts of thousands and tens of thousands shall greatly rejoice in consequence of the blessings which shall be poured out, and the endowment with which my servants have already been endowed and shall hereafter be endowed in this House.

17 [110:10] And the fame of this House shall spread to foreign lands, and this is the beginning of the blessing, which shall be poured out upon the heads of my people. Even so, Amen.

18 [110:11] ¶ After this vision closed, the Heavens were again opened unto them and Moses appeared before them and committed unto them the Keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the Earth and the leading of the ten tribes from the Land of the North.

19 [110:12] ¶ After this, Elias appeared and committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham, saying: That in *thee* and *thy* seed all generations after them should be blessed.

20 [110:13] ¶ After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon them, for Elijah, the Prophet, who was taken to Heaven without tasting death also stood before them, and said:

21 [110:14-15] ¶ Behold, the time has fully come which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi, testifying, that *I* should be sent before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come, to turn the hearts of the Fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse;

22 [110:16] Therefore, the Keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands, and by this ye may know that the great and the dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors.

Section 70

The Seventies

A revelation given to David on June 3, 2020 with inspired writings by Kristine and David, as moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thus sayeth the Lord unto His servants: Behold, my son, regarding the Councils of Seventy, ponder these things upon thy heart and thy mind and I shall guide thee and show thee and inspire thee on how these things should be done in my Kingdom;

2 And thou shall take these to thy councils and together ye shall perfect them, and this shall be that my will shall be known unto my people by the voices of my servants; Even so, Amen.

3 ¶ There shall be appointed in the Brotherhood of Christ Seven Presidents of the Assembly of Seventy called the Assembly of Seven, and these shall be special witnesses, High Priests to the Most High God.

4 And in the Sisterhood of Christ, there shall be appointed Seven Presidents of the Council of Seventy called the Council of Seven, and these shall be special witnesses, High Priestesses of the Most High God.

5 And of these, one shall be named President of the Seven Presidents in both the Assembly in the Brotherhood, and of the Council in the Sisterhood, respectively;

6 And these two presidents shall be the co-presidents of the Seven Presidents of Order of the Ministry; also known as the Quorum of Seven, and these shall five others from the Council of Seven and the Assembly of Seven, and the Spirit shall move them, as councilors over all of the Seventy in the Fellowship.

7 And these five, with the first two shall be the Seven Presidents of the Council of Seventy, and these shall call from their ranks thirty-five High Priests and thirty five High Priestesses each to join the Order of the Ministry; to preach the Gospel to the whole earth as special witnesses of the Resurrected Jesus, and to the Church upon the Earth.

8 And the Seven Presidents, as a quorum, are equal in authority to the quorum of Apostles, who are equal in authority to the three Presidents, who are the First Presidency; and their duties are spoken of in these Doctrines of the Saints.

9 And the Seven Presidents shall be given their jurisdiction from the co-presidents of the Quorum of Seven.

10 And the Seven Presidents are to be called by the First Presidency and the Council of Elders, and these shall assist the Seven Presidents in calling the other Seventy.

11 ¶ And, as it is stated in the Book of the Law of the Lord: The twelve Apostles shall select seventy Elders.

12 And these shall be the Seventy Elders, thirty-five from the Brotherhood and thirty five from the Sisterhood;

13 And they will hold the office of Elder, even if these have been ordained a High Priest or a High Priestess.

14 And these chosen men and women will work in the Order of the Ministry, teaching the Word of God, and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all peoples; working to unite the Saints, under the direction of the Apostles.

15 And the Apostles will call one from the Brotherhood of Christ and one from the Sisterhood of Christ to sit in council with the Apostles, but not to vote with them;

16 But they will provide council and will lead the Seventy Elders, as the Law of the Lord states: shall set them in order.

17 And these Seventy Elders are not required to travel but should remain where they are and seek to serve their families and are called to represent the Apostles as they travel throughout the world.

Section 71

Be Wise as Serpents

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Salem, Massachusetts, August 6, 1836. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 111 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken "The Book of the Law of the Lord," Record Book, 1841–1845 page 22. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [111:1] I, the Lord your God, am not displeased with your coming this journey, notwithstanding your follies.

2 [111:2] I have much treasure in this city for you, for the benefit of Zion; and many people in this city, whom I will gather out in due time, for the benefit of Zion, through your instrumentality:

3 [111:3] Therefore, it is expedient that you should form acquaintance with men in this city, as you shall be led, and as it shall be given you:

4 [111:4] And it shall come to pass in due time, that I will give this city into your hands, that you shall have power over it, insomuch that they shall not discover your secret parts; and its wealth pertaining to gold and silver, shall be yours.

5 [111:6] Concern not yourselves about Zion, for I will deal more mercifully with her.

6 [111:7-8] Tarry in this place, and in the regions round about, and the place where it is my will you should tarry for the main, shall be signalized unto you by the peace and power of my spirit, that shall flow unto you.

7 [111:9-10] ¶ This place you may obtain by hire, &c and inquire diligently concerning the more ancient inhabitants and founders of this city:

8 [111:11] Therefore be as wise as serpents, and yet without sin, and I will order all things for your good as fast as ye are able to receive them; Amen.

Section 72

Stakes of Zion

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland Ohio, January 12, 1838. This revelation was excluded from the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken The Book of the Law of the Lord Record Book, 1841–1845, page 18. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 **Question:** May a branch of the Church of Christ be considered a stake of Zion before they have acknowledged the authority of the First Presidency by a vote or common consent?

2 **Answer:** Thus saith the Lord: Verily I say unto you nay.

3 No Stake shall be appointed except by the First Presidency, and this presidency be acknowledged by the voice of the same, otherwise it shall not be counted as a Stake of Zion.

4 And again: Except it be dedicated by this presidency it cannot be acknowledged as a stake of Zion, for unto this end have I appointed them in laying the foundation of, and establishing my kingdom; even so, Amen.

Section 73a

Revelation to David W. Patten

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, April 11, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 114 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken Joseph Smith Jr.'s Journal, March-September 1838, page 32. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [114:1] Verily, thus saith the Lord: It is wisdom in my Servant David W. Patten that he settle up all his businesses as soon as he possibly can, and make a disposition of his merchandise, that he may perform a mission unto me next spring, in company with others, even twelve including himself, to testify of my name and bear glad tidings unto all the world:

2 [114:2] For verily thus Saith the Lord: That inasmuch as there are those among you who deny my name, others shall be planted in their stead and receive their Bishopric; Amen.

Section 73b

Revelation to Brigham Young

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, April 11, 1838. This revelation was not included in Doctrine and Covenants. Taken Joseph Smith Jr.'s Journal, March-September 1838, page 32. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord: Let my Servant Brigham Young go unto the place which he has bought on Mill Creek and there provide for his family until an effectual door is opened for the support of his family, until I shall command *him* to go hence, and *he is* not to leave his family until they are amply provided for; Amen.

Section 74

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, April 26, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 115 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelations was taken from Joseph Smith Jr.'s Journal, March-September 1838, page 32-24. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Revelation given in Far West, April 26, 1838, making known the will of God, concerning the building up of this place and of the Lord's house &c:

2 [115:1] Verily, thus Saith the Lord unto you my Servant Joseph Smith Jr. and also my Servant Sidney Rigdon, and also my Servant Hyrum Smith, and your counselors who are and who shall be hereafter appointed;

3 [115:2-3a] And also unto my Servant Edward Partridge and his Councilors, *Isaac Morley and Titus Billings*, and also unto my faithful servants, who are of the High Council of my Church in Zion (for thus it shall be called);

4 [115:3b] And unto all the Elders and people of my Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, scattered abroad in all the world:

5 [115:4] For thus shall my Church be called in the last days, even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

6 [115:5-6] Verily, I say unto you all: Arise and shine forth, that thy light may be a standard for the nations, and that thy gathering together upon the land of Zion and upon her stakes may be for a defense and for a refuge from the storm and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole Earth.

7 [115:7] Let the City Far West be a holy, and consecrated land unto me, and it shall be called most holy for the ground upon which thou standeth is holy;

8 [115:8] Therefore, I command you to build an house unto me for the gathering together of my Saints that they may worship me;

9 [115:9-10a] And let there be a beginning of this work; and a foundation and a preparatory work, this following summer; and let the beginning be made on the fourth day of July next;

10 [115:10b-11] And from that time forth, let my people labor diligently to build an house unto my name, and in one year from this day, let them recommence laying the foundation of my house;

11 [115:12] Thus let them from that time forth labor diligently until it shall be finished, from the Corner Stone thereof unto the top thereof, until there shall not anything remain that is not finished.

12 [115:13] ¶ Verily I say unto you: Let not my servant Joseph Smioth Jr., neither my Servant Sidney, neither my Servant Hyrum get in debt any more for the building of an house unto my name;

13 [115:14] But let my house be built unto my name according to the pattern which I will shew unto them,

14 [115:15] And if my people build it not according to the pattern which I shall shew unto their presidency, I will not accept it at their hands;

15 [115:16] But, if my people do build it according to the pattern which I shall shew unto their presidency, even my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and his Councilors, then I will accept it at the hands of my people.

16 [115:17-18] And again, verily I say unto you: It is my will that the City Far West should be built up speedily by the gathering of my Saints, and also that other places should be appointed for stakes in the regions round about as they shall be manifested unto my Servant Joseph from time to time;

17 [115:19] For behold I will be with him and I will Sanctify him before the people, for unto him have I given the Keys of this Kingdom and ministry even so— Amen.

Section 75a

Concerning the Twelve

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, July 8, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 118 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelation was taken from Brigham Young's Journal, 4 May 1837-28 Mar. 1845, written in the handwriting of Brigham Young, page 105-107, and The Scriptorium Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September, 1838 pages 54-55. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Shew unto us thy will O Lord concerning the Twelve—

2 [118:1] Answer: Verily, thus saith the Lord: Let a conference be held immediately let the Twelve be organized, and let men be appointed to supply the place of those who are fallen;

3 [118:2] Let my servant Thomas remain for a season in the Land of Zion, to publish my Word;

4 [118:3] Let the remainder continue to preach from that hour, and if they will do this in all lowliness of heart, in meekness and pureness, and long suffering, I, the Lord God, give unto them a promise that I will provide for their families; and an effectual door shall be opened for their families them from henceforth.

5 [118:4] And next spring, let them depart to go over the great waters^a, and there promulge^b my Gospel the fulness thereof, and to bear record of my name.

6 [118:5] Let them take leave of my Saints in the City Far West on the twenty-sixth day of April next, on the building spot of my house, saith the Lord.

7 [118:6] Let my servant John Taylor, and also my servant John E. Page, and also my servant Wilford Woodruff, and also my servant Willard Richards be appointed to fill the places of those who have fallen and be officially notified of their *appointments*; Even so, Amen.

Note:

- a. The Atlantic Ocean.
- b. "PROMULGE, verb transitive promulj'. To promulgate; to publish or teach." - Webster's Dictionary 1828

Section 75b

The Duty of Frederick G. Williams and William W. Phelps

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, July 8, 1838. This revelation was excluded from the Doctrine and Covenants. Taken from The Scriptorium Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September, 1838 page 55. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Verily thus saith the Lord: In consequence of their transgressions, their former standing has been taken away from them.

2 And now, if they will be saved, let them be ordained as Elders in my Church, to preach my Gospel and travel abroad from land to land, and from place to place, to gather mine elect unto me, saith the Lord.

3 And let this be their labors from hence forth; Even so, Amen.

Section 76a

The Law of Tithing

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, in Missouri, July 8, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 119 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This version of the revelation was taken from a single sheet of paper, written in the handwriting of Edward Partridge. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 Question: O Lord, show unto thy servants how much thou requirest of the properties of thy people for a tithing?—

2 [119:1-3] Answer: Verily thus saith the Lord: I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the Bishop of my Church of Zion for the building of mine house, and for the laying the foundation of Zion, and for the priesthood, and for the debts of the Presidency of my Church; and this shall be the beginning of the tithing of my people.

3 [119:4] And after that, those who have thus been tithed shall pay one tenth of all their interest annually, and this shall be a standing Law unto them forever, for my Holy Priesthood, saith the Lord.

4 [119:5] Verily I say unto you: It shall come to pass that all those who gather unto the land of Zion shall be tithed of their surplus properties, and shall observe this Law, or they shall not be found worthy to abide among you.

5 [119:6] And behold, I say unto you: If my people observe not this Law, to keep it holy, and by this Law sanctify the land of Zion unto me, that my statutes and my judgements may be kept thereon, that it may be most holy; behold, verily I say unto you: It shall not be a land of Zion unto you.

6 [119:7] And this shall be an ensample unto all the Stakes of Zion; Even so, Amen.

Section 76b

The Disposition of the Properties Tithed

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, July 8, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 120 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Taken from The Scriptorial Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September, 1838 page 57. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [120:1] Verily thus saith the Lord: The time has now come that it shall be disposed of, by a council composed of the First Presidency of my Church, and of the Bishop and his council, and by my High Council, and by mine own voice unto them, saith the Lord; Even so, Amen.

Revelation to William Marks, Newel K. Whitney, Oliver Granger, and Others

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Far West, Missouri, July 8, 1838. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 117 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Taken from The Scriptorium Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September, 1838 pages 57-59. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 [117:1] Verily thus saith the Lord unto my servant William Marks, and also unto my servant Newel K. Whitney: Let them settle up their business speedily, and journey from the land of Kirtland before I, the Lord, sendeth the snows again upon the ground.

2 [117:2-3] Let them awake, and arise, and come forth, and not tarry; for I, the Lord, command it; therefore, if they tarry it shall not be well with them.

3 [117:4] Let them repent of all their sins, and of all their covetous desires before me, saith the Lord; for what is property unto me? saith the Lord.

4 [117:5a] Let the properties of Kirtland be turned out for debts, saith the Lord.

5 [117:5b] Let them go, saith the Lord, and whatsoever remaineth, let it remain in your hands, saith the Lord,

6 [117:6a] For have I not the fowls of heaven and also the fish of the sea, and the beasts of the Mountains?

7 [117:6b] Have I not made the earth? Do I not hold the destinies of all the armies of the nations of the earth?

8 [117:7] Therefore, will I not make the solitary places to bud, and to blossom, and to bring forth in abundance? saith the Lord.

9 [117:8] Is there not room enough upon the mountains of Adam Ondi Awmen, upon the plains of Olaha Shinehah, or in the land where Adam dwelt that you should not covet that which is but the drop, and neglect the more weighty matters?

10 [117:9] Therefore, come up hither unto the Land of my people, even Zion.

11 [117:10a] Let my servant William Marks be faithful over a few things, and he shall be a ruler over many.

12 [117:10b] Let him preside in the midst of my people in the City Far West, and let him be blessed with the blessings of my people.

13 [117:11] ¶ Let my servant Newel K. Whitney be ashamed of the Nicolaitan^a band, and of all their secret abominations, and of all his littleness of soul before me, saith the Lord, and come up unto the land of Adam Ondi Awmen, and be a Bishop unto my people, Saith the Lord, not in name but indeed saith the Lord.

14 [117:12a] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: I remember my servant Oliver Granger.

15 [117:12b] Behold, verily I say unto him: That his name shall be had in sacred remembrance from Generation to Generation, forever and ever, saith the Lord;

16 [117:13a] Therefore, let him contend earnestly for the redemption of the First Presidency of my Church, saith the Lord,

17 [117:13b] And when he falls, he shall rise again; for his sacrifice shall be more sacred unto me than his increase saith the Lord;

18 [117:14] Therefore, let him come up hither speedily unto the land of Zion, and in due time he shall be made a merchant unto my name, saith the Lord, for the benefit of my people;

19 [117:15] Therefore, let no *one* despise my servant Oliver Granger, but let the blessings of my people be upon him forever and ever.

20 [117:16] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you: Let all my servants in the Land of Kirtland remember the Lord their God, and mine house also, to keep and preserve it holy, and to overthrow the money changers in mine own due time Saith the Lord; Even so, Amen.

Note:

a. See Revelation 2:6.

Section 78

Baptisms for the Dead

A revelation given to Joseph Smith, January 19 1841. From the Book of the Law of the Lord, pages 3–15. This revelation was originally printed as Section 103 in the 1844 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. The revelation may also be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 124. The Community of Christ edition states the following: “Placed in the Appendix by action of the 1970 World Conference: the Appendix was subsequently removed by the 1990 World Conference.” Because of this, the chapter and verse for this section for Community in Christ are from older sources still used by other branches of their tradition. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [107:1a1/124:1a] Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my Servant Joseph Smith: I am well pleased with your offering, and acknowledgments which you have made;

2 [107:1a2/124:1b] For unto this end have I raised you up, that I might shew forth my wisdom through the weak things of the earth.

3 [107:1b/124:2] ¶ Your prayers are acceptable before me, and in answer to them, I say unto you: That you are now called, immediately, to make a solemn proclamation of my Gospel, and of this stake, which I have planted to be a corner stone of Zion, which shall be polished with that refinement which is after the similitude of a palace.

4 [107:1c/124:3] This proclamation shall be made to all the Kings of the world, to the four corners thereof; to the Honorable President Elect, and the high-minded Governors of the nation in which you live, and to all the nations of the earth, scattered abroad.

5 [107:1d1/124:4] Let it be written in the spirit of meekness and by the power of the Holy Ghost, which shall be in you, at the time of the writing of the same;

6 [107:1d2/124:5] For it shall be given you by the Holy Ghost to know my will concerning those Kings and Authorities, even what shall befall them in a time to come.

7 [107:1e/124:6] For behold, I am about to call upon them to give heed to the light and glory of Zion, for the set time has come, to favor her.

8 [107:2a/124:7] ¶ Call ye, therefore, upon them with loud proclamation and with your testimony, fearing them not, for they are as grass, and all their glory as the flower thereof, which soon falleth away that they may be left also without excuse;

9 [107:2b/124:8] And that I may visit them in the day of visitation when I shall unveil the face of my covering, to appoint the portion of the oppressor, among hypocrites, where there is gnashing of teeth if they reject my servants, and my testimony, which I have revealed unto them.

10 [107:2c/124:9] And again, I will visit and soften their hearts—many of them for your good, that ye may find grace in their eyes, that they may come to the light of truth, and the gentiles to the exaltation or lifting up of Zion;

11 [107:2d1/124:10a] For the day of my visitation cometh speedily, in an hour when you think not of.

12 [107:2d2/124:10b] And where shall be the safety of my people? And refuge for those who shall be left of them?

13 [107:3a/124:11a] Awake O Kings of the earth!

14 [107:3b/124:11b] Come ye, O come ye with your gold and your silver, to the help of my people, to the house of the daughter of Zion.

15 [107:4a/124:12] ¶ And, again, verily I say unto you, let my servant, Robert Blashel Thompson, help you to write this proclamation, for I am well pleased with him, and that he should be with you;

16 [107:4b1/124:13] Let him therefore hearken to your counsel and I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings;

17 [107:4b2/124:14] Let him be faithful and true in all things from henceforth and he shall be great in mine eyes; but let him remember that his stewardship will I require at his hands.

18 [107:5/124:15] ¶ And again, verily, I say unto you, blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith, for I the Lord loveth him, because of the integrity of his heart, and because, he loveth that which is right before me saith the Lord.

19 [107:6a/124:16-17a] ¶ Again, let my servant John C. Bennett help you in your labor, in sending my word to the Kings and peoples of the Earth, and stand by you, even you, my servant Joseph Smith in the hour of affliction, and his reward shall not fail, if he receive counsel, and for his love, he shall be great, for he shall be mine if he do this, saith the Lord.

20 [107:6b/124:17b] I have seen the work he hath done, which I accept, if he continue, and will crown him with blessings and great glory.

21 [107:7a/124:18a] ¶ And, again, I say unto you, that it is my will that my servant Lyman Wight, should continue in preaching for Zion, in the spirit of meekness, confessing me before the world;

22 [107:7b-c/124:18b-19] And I will bear him up, as on eagle's wings, and he shall beget glory and honor to himself, and unto my name, that when he shall finish his work, that I may receive him unto myself, even as I did my servant David Patten, who is with me at this time, and also my servant Edward Partridge, and also, my aged servant Joseph Smith Sr., who sitteth with Abraham at his right hand, and blessed and holy is he, for he is mine.

23 [107:8a-/124:20] ¶ And, again, verily I say unto you, my servant George Miller is without guile, he may be trusted because of the integrity of his heart; and for the love he has to my testimony, I the Lord loveth him.

24 [107:8b/124:21a] I therefore say unto you: I seal upon his head the office of a bishopric like unto my servant Edward Partridge, that he may receive the consecrations of mine house, that he may administer blessings upon the heads of the poor of my people saith the Lord;

25 [107:8c/124:21b] Let no man despise my servant George for he shall honor me.

26 [107:9a/124:22] Let my servant George, and my servant Lyman, and my servant John Snider, and others, build a house unto my name, such an one as my servant Joseph shall shew unto them, upon the place which he shall shew unto them also;

27 [107:9b1/124:23a] And it shall be for a house for boarding; a house that strangers may come from afar to lodge therein—

28 [107:9b2/124:23b] Therefore let it be a good house, worthy of all acceptation, that the weary traveler may find health and safety, while he shall contemplate the word of the Lord, and the corner stone I have appointed for Zion.

29 [107:91c/124:24a] This house shall be a healthy habitation, if it be built unto my name, and if the Governor which shall be appointed unto it, shall not suffer any pollution to come upon it.

30 [107:9c2/124:24b] It shall be holy, or the Lord your God will not dwell therein.

31 [107:10a-b1/124:25-26a] ¶ And, again, verily I say unto you: Let all my Saints, from afar—and send ye swift messengers, yea, chosen messengers and say unto them: Come ye, with all your gold, and your silver, and your precious stones, and with all your antiquities,

32 [107:10b2/124:26b] And with all who have knowledge of antiquities that will come may come, and bring the box tree, and the fir tree, and the pine tree, together with all the precious trees of the earth;

33 [107:10c/124:27] And with iron, with copper and with brass, and with zinc, and with all your precious things of the earth, and build a house unto my name for the Most High to dwell therein,

34 [107:10d/124:28] For there is not place found on the earth that He may come and restore again that which was lost unto you, or which He hath taken away, even the fullness of the Priesthood;

35 [107:10e/124:29-30] For a baptismal font there is not upon the earth that they, my Saints, may be baptized for those who are dead, for this ordinance belongeth to my house, and cannot be acceptable to me, only in the days of your poverty, wherein ye are not able to build a house unto me;

36 [107:10f1/124:31a] But I command you, all ye my Saints, to build a house unto me.

37 [107:10f2/124:31b] And I grant unto you a sufficient time to build a house unto me; and during this time your baptisms, shall be acceptable unto me.

38 [107:11a/124:32] But behold, at the end of this appointment, your baptisms for your dead shall not be acceptable unto me, and if you do not these things, at the end of the appointment, ye shall be rejected as a Church, with your dead, saith the Lord your God.

39 [107:11b/124:33-34] For verily I say unto you: That after you have had sufficient time to build a house unto me, wherein the ordinance of baptizing for the dead belongeth, and for which the same was instituted from before the foundation of the world, your baptisms for your dead cannot be acceptable unto me, for therein are the keys of the Holy Priesthood ordained, that you may receive honor and glory.

40 [107:11c/124:35-36] And after this time, your baptisms for the dead, by those who are scattered abroad are not acceptable unto me, saith the Lord; for it is ordained that in Zion and in her stakes, and in Jerusalem those places which I have appointed for refuge shall be the places for the baptisms for your dead.

41 [107:12a/124:37] ¶ And, again, verily I say unto you, how shall your washings be acceptable unto me, except, ye perform them in a house which you have built to my name?

42 [107:12b/124:38] For, for this cause I commanded Moses that he should build a tabernacle, that they should bear it with them in the wilderness, and to build a house in the land of promise, that those ordinances might be revealed, which had been hid from before the world was;

43 [107:12c/124:39] Therefore, verily I say unto you: That your anointings, and your washings, and your baptisms for the dead, and your solemn assemblies, and your memorials for your sacrifices by the sons of Levi, and for your oracles in your most holy places, wherein you receive conversations, and your statutes, and judgments, for the beginning of the revelations and foundation of Zion, and for the glory and honor and endowment of all her municipalities, are ordained by the ordinance of my Holy House, which my people are always commanded to build unto *HaShem*, my holy name.

44 [107:13a/124:40] ¶ And verily I say unto you: Let this house be built unto my name, that I may reveal mine ordinances therein, unto my people,

45 [107:13b/124:41] For I deign to reveal unto my Church things which have been kept hid from before the foundation of the world, things that pertain to the dispensation of the fullness of times;

46 [107:13c/124:42] And I will shew unto my servant Joseph all things pertaining to this house and the priesthood thereof, and the place whereon it shall be built:

47 [107:13d/124:43] And ye shall build it on the place where you have contemplated building it for that is the spot which I have chosen for you to build it.

48 [107:13e1/124:44] If ye labor with all your might I will consecrate that spot, that it shall be made holy;

49 [107:13e2/124:45] And if my people will hearken unto my voice and unto the voice of my servants whom I have appointed to lead my people, behold, verily I say unto you: They shall not be moved out of their place.

50 [107:13f/124:46] But if they will not hearken to my voice, nor unto the voice of these men whom I have appointed, they shall not be blessed, because they pollute mine holy grounds, and mine holy ordinances, and charters, and my holy words which I give unto them:

51 [107:14a/124:47] And it shall come to pass that if you build a house unto my name, and do not do the things that I say, I will not perform the oath which I make unto you, neither fulfill the promises which ye expect at my hands, saith the Lord;

52 [107:14b/124:48] For instead of blessings, ye, by your own works, bring cursings, wrath, indignation, and judgments upon your own heads by your follies and by all your abominations which you practice before me, saith the Lord.

53 [107:15a-b/124:49-50] Verily, verily, I say unto you: That when I give a commandment unto any of the sons of men, to do a work unto my name, and those sons of men, go with all their mights, and with all they have, to perform that work and cease not their diligence, and their enemies come upon them, and hinder them from performing that work; behold, it behoveth me to require that work no more at the hands of those sons of men, but to accept of their offering. and the iniquity, and transgression of my holy Laws and commandments I will visit upon the heads of those who hindered my work unto the third and fourth generation, so long; as they repent not and hate me, saith the Lord. God.

54 [107:15c/124:51] Therefore for this cause have I accepted of the offerings of those whom I commanded to build up a city, and an house unto my name in Jackson County, Missouri and were hindered by their enemies, saith the Lord your God.

55 [107:15d/124:52] And I will answer judgment, wrath and indignation; wailing and anguish, and gnashing of teeth upon their heads unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not, and hate me saith the Lord your God.

56 [107:16a/124:53] And this, I make an ensample unto you, for your consolation concerning all those who have been commanded to do a work, and have been hindered by the hands of their enemies, and by oppression, saith the Lord your God;

57 [107:16b/124:54] For I am the Lord your God, and will save all those of your brethren who have been pure in heart, and have been slain in the land of Missouri saith the Lord.

58 [107:17/124:55] ¶ And again, verily I say unto you, I command you again, to build an house to my name even in this place, that ye may prove yourself unto me, that ye are faithful in all things whatsoever I command you, that I may bless you, and crown you with honor, immortality, and eternal life.

59 [107:18a-b1/124:56a] ¶ And now I say unto you, as pertaining to my boarding house which I have commanded you to build for the boarding of strangers: Let it be built unto my name, and let my name be named upon it,

60 [107:18b2/124:56b] And let my servant Joseph and his house have place therein from generation to generation.

61 [107:18b2/124:57] For this anointing have I put upon his head, that his blessings shall also be put upon the heads of his posterity after him;

62 [107:18c/124:58] And as I said unto Abraham, concerning the kindreds of the earth, even so, I say unto my servant Joseph, in thee, and in thy seed shall the kindreds of the earth be blessed;

63 [107:18d1/124:59] ¶ Therefore let my servant Joseph and his seed after him, have place in that house from generation to generation, for ever and ever, saith the Lord;

64 [107:18d2-e/124:60-61] And let the name of that house be called the Nauvoo House, and let it be a delightful habitation for man, and a resting place for the weary traveler, that he may contemplate the glory of Zion, and the glory of this, the corner stone thereof; that he may receive also, the council from those whom I have set to be as plants of renown, and as watchmen upon her walls.

65 ¶ [107:19a/124:62] Behold, verily I say unto you: Let my servant George Miller, and my servant Lyman Wight, and my servant John Snider, and my servant Peter Haws organize themselves, and appoint one of them to be a president over their quorum for the purpose of building that house;

66 [107:19b/124:63] And they shall form a constitution whereby they may receive stock for the building of that house.

67 [107:19c1/124:64] And they shall not receive less than fifty dollars for a share of stock in that house, and they shall be permitted to receive fifteen thousand dollars from any one man for stock in that house;

68 [107:19c2-d1/124:65-66] But they shall not be permitted to receive over fifteen thousand dollars stock, from any one man; and they shall not be permitted to receive under fifty dollars for a share of stock from any one man in that house;

69 [107:19d2-e1/124:67-68a] And they shall not be permitted to receive any man as a stockholder in that house, except the same shall pay his stock into their hands at the time he receives stock, and in proportion to the amount of stock he pays into their hands, he shall receive stock in that house;

70 [107:19e2-f/124:68b-69] But if he pay nothing into their hands, he shall not receive any stock in that house, and if any man pay stock into their hands it shall be for stock in that house, for himself and for his generation after him, from generation to generation, so long as he, and his heirs shall hold that stock, and do not sell, or convey that stock away out of their hands by their own free will and act— if you will do my will saith the Lord your God.

71 [107:20a/124:70] ¶ And again verily I say unto you if my servant George Miller, and my servant Lyman Wight, and my servant John Snider and my servant Peter Hawes receive any stock into their hands, in monies or in properties wherein they receive the real value of monies, they shall not appropriate any portion of that stock to any other purpose only in that house;

72 [107:20b-c/124:71] And if they do appropriate any portion of that stock anywhere else, only in that house, without the consent of the stockholder, and do not repay four fold for the stock which they appropriate anywhere else, only in that house, they shall be accursed, and shall be moved out of their place saith the Lord God, for I the Lord am God and cannot be mocked in any of these things.

73 [107:21a-b/124:72] ¶ Verily, I say unto you: Let my servant Joseph Smith Jr. pay stock into their hands for the building of that house as seemeth him good, but my servant Joseph cannot pay over fifteen thousand dollars stock in that house, nor under fifty dollars, neither can any other man saith the Lord.

74 [107:22a/124:73] ¶ And there are others also, who wish to know my will concerning them, for they have asked it at my hands;

75 [107:22b1/124:74-75a] Therefore I say unto you concerning my servant Vinson Knight: If he will do my will, let him put stock into that house for himself and for his generation after him;

76 [107:22b2-c/124:75b] From generation to generation and let him lift up his voice long and loud in the midst of the people to plead the cause of the poor and the needy, and let him not fail neither let his heart

faint, and I will accept of his offerings, for they shall not be unto me as the offerings of Cain, for he shall be mine saith the Lord;

77 [107:22d/124:76] Let his family rejoice and turn away their hearts from affliction, for I have chosen him, and anointed him, and he shall be honored in the midst of his house, for I will forgive all his sins saith the Lord; Amen.

78 [107:23/124:77] ¶ Verily I say unto you, let my servant Hyrum put stock into that house as seemeth him good for himself and his generation after him, from generation to generation.

79 [107:24a/124:78] ¶ Let my servant Isaac Galland put stock into that house for I the Lord loveth him for the work he hath done and will forgive all his sins, therefore, let him be remembered for an interest in that house from generation to generation.

80 [107:24b/124:79] Let my servant Isaac Galland be appointed among you and be ordained by my servant William Marks, and be blest of him to go with my servant Hyrum to accomplish the work that my servant Joseph Smith Jr. shall point out unto them and they shall be greatly blessed.

81 [107:25/124:80] ¶ Let my servant William Marks pay stock into that house as seemeth him good for himself and his generation from generation to generation.

82 [107:26/124:81] ¶ Let my servant Henry G. Sherwood pay stock into that house as seemeth him good for himself and his seed after him from generation to generation.

83 [107:27a/124:82] ¶ Let my servant William Law pay stock into that house for himself and his seed after him from generation to generation:

84 [107:27b1/124:83a] If he will do my will let him not take his family unto the Eastern lands, even unto Kirtland;

85 [107:27b2/124:83b] Nevertheless, I the Lord will build up Kirtland, but I the Lord have a scourge prepared for the inhabitants thereof;

86 [107:27c1/124:84a] And with my servant Almon Babbitt there are many things with which I am not well pleased;

87 [107:27c2/124:84b] Behold he aspireth to establish his counsel instead of the counsel which I have ordained, even the presidency of my Church, and he setteth up a golden calf, for the worship of my people.

88 [107:27d-e/124:85-86] Let no man go from this place who hath come here, assaying to keep my commandments; if they live here let them live unto me, and if they die here let them die unto me, for they shall rest from all their labors here, and shall continue their works;

89 [107:27f-g/124:87] Therefore, let my servant William put his trust in me, and cease to fear concerning his family because of the sickness of the land, if ye love me Keep my commandments and the sickness of the land shall redound to your glory.

90 [107:28a/124:88] ¶ Let my Servant William Law go and proclaim mine Everlasting Gospel with a loud voice and with great joy as he shall be moved upon by my Spirit unto the inhabitants of Warsaw, and also unto the inhabitants of Carthage, and also unto the inhabitants of Fort Madison, Iowa Territory, and also unto the inhabitants of Burlington, and await patiently and diligently for further instructions at my general conference saith the Lord.

91 [107:28b/124:89] If he will do my will, let him from henceforth hearken to the counsel of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and with his interest support the cause of the poor and publish the new translation of my holy Word unto the inhabitants of the earth;

92 [107:28c/124:90] And if he will do this, I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings, that he shall not be forsaken, nor his seed be found begging bread.

93 [107:29a/124:91a] ¶ And, again, verily I say unto you: That my servant William Law be appointed, ordained, and anointed as a counselor unto my servant Joseph Smith Jr. in the room of my servant Hyrum,

94 [107:29b1/124:91b-92] That my servant Hyrum may take the office of priesthood and Patriarch, which was appointed unto him by his father, by blessing and also by right, that from henceforth he shall hold the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads of all my people:

95 [107:29b2-c/124:93] That whoever he blesses shall be blessed, and whoever he curseth shall be cursed, that whatsoever he shall bind on the earth shall be bound in heaven, and, that whatsoever he shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;

96 [107:29d1/124:94-95a] And from this time forth I appoint unto him, that he may be a prophet and a seer and a revelator unto my Church as well as my servant Joseph Smith Jr., that he may act in concert also with my servant Joseph,

97 [107:29d2-e1/124:95b] And that he shall receive counsel from my servant Joseph, who shall shew unto him the keys whereby he may ask and receive, and be crowned with the same blessings.

98 [107:29e2/124:95c] I crown upon his head, the bishopric and blessing and glory, and honor and priesthood and gifts of the priesthood, that once were put upon him that was my servant Oliver Cowdery;

99 [107:29f/124:96] That my servant Hyrum may bear record of the things which I shall shew unto him, that his name may be had in honorable remembrance from generation to generation for ever and ever.

100 [107:30a1/124:97a] Let my servant William Law also receive the Keys by which he may ask and receive blessings;

101 [107:30a2/124:97b] Let him be humble before me and be without guile and he shall receive of my spirit, even the comforter, which shall manifest unto him the truth of all things, and shall give him in the very hour, what he shall say.

102 [107:30a3-b/124:98-99] And these signs shall follow him: He shall heal the sick, he shall cast out Devils, and shall be delivered from those who would administer unto him deadly poison, and shall be led in paths where the poisonous serpents cannot lay hold upon his heel; and he shall mount up in the imagination of his thoughts as upon eagles wings, and what if I will that he should raise the dead, let him not withhold his voice;

103 [107:30c/124:101] Therefore, let my servant William Law cry aloud and spare not, with joy and rejoicing, and with hosannas to him that sitteth upon the throne for ever and ever saith the Lord your God.

104 [107:31/124:102] ¶ Behold I say unto you: I have a mission in store for my servant William and my servant Hyrum and for them alone, and let my servant Joseph tarry at home, for he is needed, the remainder I will shew unto you hereafter, even so, Amen.

Section 79a

The Nauvoo House Stock

A revelation given to Joseph Smith, January 20, 1841. From the Book of the Law of the Lord, page 15. This revelation was originally printed as Section 103 in the 1844 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. The revelation may also be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 124. The Community of Christ edition states the following: "Placed in the Appendix by action of the 1970 World Conference: the Appendix was subsequently removed by the 1990 World Conference." Because of this, the chapter and verse for this section for Community in Christ are from older sources still used by other branches of their tradition. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Brother William Allred, Bishop of the Stake at Pleasant Vale^a Illinois, and also Brother Henry W. Miller President of the Stake at Freedom, desire President Joseph Smith Jr. to enquire of the Lord, his will concerning them.

2 ¶ Let my servants William Allred, and Henry W. Miller have an agency for the selling of stock for the Nauvoo House, and assist my servants Lyman Wight, Peter Haws, George Miller, and John Snider in building said house,

3 And let my Servants William Allred and Henry W. Miller take stock in the house, that the poor of my people may have employment, and that accommodations may be made for the strangers who shall come to visit this place, and for this purpose let them devote all their properties, saith the Lord.

Notes:

- a. Now New Canton Illinois.

Section 79b

Saints in the Territory of Iowa

A revelation given to Joseph Smith, March 1841. From the Book of the Law of the Lord, page 16. This revelation may be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 125. It was not included in other versions of the Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [125:1] *Question:* What is the will of the Lord concerning the Saints in the Territory of Iowa?

2 [125:2a] ¶ *Answer:* Verily, thus saith the Lord: I say unto you, If those who call themselves by my name, and are assaying to be my Saints, if they will do my will and keep my commandments concerning them;

3 [125:2b] Let them gather themselves together unto the places which I shall appoint unto them by my servant Joseph Smith Jr. and build up cities unto my name, that they may be prepared for that which is in store for a time to come.

4 [125:3] Let them build up a city unto my name upon the land opposite to the city of Nauvoo, and let the name of Zarahemla be named upon it.

5 [125:4] And let all those who come from the East and the West, and the North and the South that have desires to dwell therein, take up their inheritances in the same, as well as in the City of Nashville or in the City of Nauvoo, and in all the stakes which I have appointed, saith the Lord.

Section 79c

Beloved Brother Brigham Young

A revelation given to Joseph Smith, July 9, 1841 in Nauvoo Illinois. From the Book of the Law of the Lord, page 26 and the Journal of Joseph Smith Jr. December 1841-December 1842 page 26. This revelation may be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 126. It was not included in other versions of the Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 President of the Quorum of the twelve, arrived at his house in Nauvoo, July 1, 1841 from England, having been absent from his family since the 14th of September, 1839, and the following Revelation was given at his house in Nauvoo City, July 9, 1841:

2 [126:1-2] Dear and well-beloved Brother, Brigham Young, verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Brigham: It is no more required at your hand to leave your family as in times past, for your offering is acceptable to me, I have seen your labor and toil in journeyings for my name.

3 [126:3] I therefore command you to send my Word abroad and take special care of your family from this time henceforth and forever; Amen.

Section 79d

Revelation to Newel K. Whitney

A revelation to Newel K. Whitney through Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer at Nauvoo, Illinois, July 27, 1842. This text was taken from two documents; document A and document B, both from versions copied in the 1870's in an unidentified handwriting. Both are from the Church History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (CJCLdS) headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto my servant Newel K. Whitney: the thing that my servant Joseph Smith Jr. has made known unto you and your family, and which you have agreed upon, is right in mine eyes and shall be crowned upon your heads with honor and immortality and eternal life to all your house; both old and young, because of the lineage of my Priesthood^a, saith the Lord.

2 It shall be upon you, and upon your children after you, from generation to generation by virtue of the Holy Promise^b, which I now make unto you, saith the Lord.

3 These are the words which you shall pronounce upon my servant, Joseph Smith Jr. and your Daughter Sarah Ann Whitney: They shall take each other by the hand, and you shall say: You both mutually agree (calling them by name) to be each other's companion so long as you both shall live, preserving yourselves for each other and from all others;

4 And also throughout eternity, reserving only those rights which have been given to my Servant Joseph Smith Jr. by revelation and commandment, and by legal authority, in times passed.

5 If you both agree to covenant^b and to do this, then I then give you Sarah Ann Whitney, my Daughter, to Joseph Smith Jr. to be his wife, to observe all the rights between you both that belong to that condition.

6 I do it in my own name, and in the name of my wife^c, your mother, and in the name of my Holy Progenitors^d, by the right of birth, which is of Priesthood vested in me, by revelation and commandment and promise of the living God, obtained by the Holy Melchizedek^e, Jethro^f, and other of the holy fathers^d; commanding, in the name of the Lord^g, all those powers to concentrate in you and through you, to your posterity forever;

7 All these things I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that through this order He may be glorified, and that through the power of anointing David may reign, King over Israel, which shall hereafter be revealed.

8 Let immortality and eternal life henceforth be sealed^b upon your heads, forever and ever; part in the first resurrection together with other blessings now added. *So mote it be, Amen.*

Notes:

- a. Lineage of my Priesthood: The idea that the priesthood can be passed down by blood.
- b. Holy Promise: or covenant; in Hebrew, “berith” (ברית); an alliance or treaty. Because this is a sealing, this is an Everlasting Covenant; a covenant passed down from generation to generation, a covenant of the earth from the heavens; and the New and Everlasting Covenant; a covenant written and sealed upon our hearts, binding the earth and heaven to bring the heavens to the earth. The sealing power.
- c. Wife and Mother: Both the father/husband and the wife/mother hold equal authority and are giving consent as one, showing marital equality. The Man is merely speaking on behalf of both. There is no reason the wife/mother could not fill this same role.
- d. Holy Progenitors: Holy Ancestors or Holy Forefathers. See DaC 83 CoC/84 CJCLdS, and Of the Priesthoods.
- e. See 1 Moses 27, The Book of Melchizedek, DaC 83:2e/84:14 CJCLdS.
- f. See Exodus 2:16, 21; 3:1; 4:18; DaC 83:2c-g CoC/84:6-17 CJCLdS
- g. One of the two texts reads “Lord,” while the other reads “Lords.” Based on context, the idea of “Lords” could refer to the “Holy Progenitors” (see b. above). “Lord” is used here per inspiration from the Holy Spirit to the First Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

Section 79e

Revelation to Newel K. Whitney

A revelation to Newel K. Whitney through Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer at Nauvoo, Illinois, July 27, 1842. This text was taken from two documents; document A and document B, both from versions copied in the 1870's in an unidentified handwriting. Both are from the Church History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (CJCLdS) headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

9 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto my servant Newel K. Whitney: the thing that my servant Joseph Smith Jr. has made known unto you and your family, and which you have agreed upon, is right in mine eyes and shall be crowned upon your heads with honor and immortality and eternal life to all your house; both old and young, because of the lineage of my Priesthood^a, saith the Lord.

10 It shall be upon you, and upon your children after you, from generation to generation by virtue of the Holy Promise^b, which I now make unto you, saith the Lord.

11 These are the words which you shall pronounce upon my servant, Joseph Smith Jr. and your Daughter Sarah Ann Whitney: They shall take each other by the hand, and you shall say: You both mutually agree (calling them by name) to be each other's companion so long as you both shall live, preserving yourselves for each other and from all others;

12 And also throughout eternity, reserving only those rights which have been given to my Servant Joseph Smith Jr. by revelation and commandment, and by legal authority, in times passed.

13 If you both agree to covenant^b and to do this, then I then give you Sarah Ann Whitney, my Daughter, to Joseph Smith Jr. to be his wife, to observe all the rights between you both that belong to that condition.

14 I do it in my own name, and in the name of my wife^c, your mother, and in the name of my Holy Progenitors^d, by the right of birth, which is of Priesthood vested in me, by revelation and commandment and promise of the living God, obtained by the Holy Melchizedek^e, Jethro^f, and other of the holy fathers^d; commanding, in the name of the *Lord*^g, all those powers to concentrate in you and through you, to your posterity forever;

15 All these things I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that through this order He may be glorified, and that through the power of anointing David may reign, King over Israel, which shall hereafter be revealed.

16 Let immortality and eternal life henceforth be sealed^b upon your heads, forever and ever; part in the first resurrection together with other blessings now added. *So mote it be, Amen.*

Notes:

- h. Lineage of my Priesthood: The idea that the priesthood can be passed down by blood.
- i. Holy Promise: or covenant; in Hebrew, “berith” (ברית); an alliance or treaty. Because this is a sealing, this is an Everlasting Covenant; a covenant passed down from generation to generation, a covenant of the earth from the heavens; and the New and Everlasting Covenant; a covenant written and sealed upon our hearts, binding the earth and heaven to bring the heavens to the earth. The sealing power.
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Section 79f

Blessing Given to Sarah Ann Whitney

A blessing given to Sarah Ann Whitney and her family given by Joseph Smith Jr., the Seer at Nauvoo, Illinois, March 23, 1843. This text was taken from a page written in Joseph Smith Jr.'s handwriting from the Whitney Family Documents kept by the Church History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (CJCLdS) headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 O Lord, my God; thou that dwellest on high, bless I beseech of thee, the one into whose hands this may fall, and crown her with a diadem of glory in the Eternal worlds.

2 O let it be Sealed this day on high, that she shall come forth in the first resurrection, to receive the same, and verily it shall be, so saith the Lord, if she remain in the Everlasting Covenant to the end,

3 As also, all her Fathers house shall be saved in the same eternal glory;

4 And if any of them shall wander from the fold of the Lord, they shall not perish, but shall return, saith the Lord, and be saved in and by repentance, to be crowned with all the fullness of the glory of the Everlasting Gospel.

5 These promises I seal upon all of their heads, in the name of Jesus Christ, by the Law of the holy priesthood; Even so, Amen.

Section 80

A Vision of Voree

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, June 18, 1844. This revelation may be found in the Diamond, Chapter 1. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [4:1] On the eighteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, James J. Strang was in the Spirit, and he was in the grove above the stone quarry on White River,

2 [4:2] And he had a vision; and behold, he was carried away in the Spirit to the top of the hill in the west border of Racine, and Gardner's prairie was to the north, and the White River marshes to the south,

3 [4:3] And he saw in the vision; and the lands round about were covered with many houses and gardens, and there were streets, and shops, and people; even a city of many inhabitants.

4 [4:4] And the city was built of stone, and there were few houses of brick and less of wood, and the gardens were many; and a few houses were very great, and their inhabitants many.

5 [4:5] There was a change in the vision, and the people with lively pace and smiling countenances thronged the streets and passed by.

6 [4:6] There was another change, and they were all assembled in a vast hall, and James J. Strang, surrounded by wise men and counsellors and priests and eloquent orators, arose and taught the people;

7 [4:7] And the Spirit of prophecy witnesseth unto him, so shall it be; and the vision ended, and he was strengthened but his faith was weak.

Section 81

Service of the Saints

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, January 17, 1845. From the Chronicles of Voree, page 15 and Voree Herald, August, 1846, page 33, Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] On the seventeenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, the Word of the Lord came unto James J. Strang, the Prophet of the Most High God and Revelator unto the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, saying:

2 [1b] Let all the Saints humble themselves before me, and obey my commandments; let them not forget my Law, nor make my precepts of small account.

3 [2] Let them give heed unto the Gospel, and be continual witnesses for me before the world: behold, I the Lord God have spoken it; let *they* that regards my voice obey:

4 I have required this service of you, and I am not impoverished that you should lose your reward.

5 [3a] I have given you a trial of your faith, in that you are few in number, that you might have a witness before the world that your hearts are single toward me and that you seek not your own advantages;

6 [3b] But I will remember you in mercy and in blessings, for I will reward the faithful for all they shall suffer, many fold on earth, and more than ye have thought to ask in heaven.

7 [4a] Behold, for the trying of your faith and that my Church might be purified, have I sent lying spirits unto those whose hearts are set for gain and not for the flock,

8 [4b] And strong delusion unto those who have lifted themselves up in pride and power, and have forgotten the law of the Lord, even my law which their own lips have taught.

9 [4c] Behold, now have they their reward, but shame and swift destruction followeth.

10 [5a] The reward of the righteous is with me, and unto the faithful are the promises:

11 [5b] And now I am your God, I require this service of all the Saints: that they go unto Voree and the country round about, and gain inheritance as they are severally able.

12 [5c] When they hear, let them obey with prudence and speedily.

13 [5d] And there let them assemble together on the first day of every week, to strengthen one another, and to receive instruction and blessings from me.

14 [6] Again, I require of all who have received the priesthood, that they go out and preach the Gospel, and teach as they are sent, the first day of every week.

15 [7a] And this tithing do I require now of all my Saints, to the end that Voree may be established and may be a holy city unto me.

16 [7b] Yea, verily, I the Lord God require of all the Saints, besides the assembling of themselves together and going out to preach and to teach on the first day of the week, that they shall consecrate unto me one tenth of their time and labor.

17 [7c] Yea, let those who will, go out and preach the Gospel and the gathering unto Voree, according as I have commanded.

18 [7d] Yea, let those who will, consecrate unto me and pay into the Treasury of the Church, which is at Voree, the value of their labor.

19 [7e] Yea, let those who will, labor for the support of my servants who labor continually for me.

20 [7f] Yea, let those who will, serve me continually while they have wherewith to support their families, and the Saints shall minister unto them while they preach the Gospel and gathering, as they shall severally need.

21 [7g] Yea, let the Saints give liberally according as they shall possess, but let none excuse himself that he consecrate unto me one tenth his time and labor, for thus shall my holy city be established.

22 [7h] Yea, verily, and the reward of the faithful is with me, and I will repay him many fold on earth, and in heaven with everlasting life.

23 [8a] Yea, and let my servant James J. Strang send out the Elders and those who have received the priesthood far and near, as my Spirit shall teach him;

24 [8b] And they shall go and bear witness in my name, for thus shall my Church be built up, till all the quorums assemble together in my holy city.

25 [9a] Be ye faithful, O ye children of the kingdom, for this is the covenant between me and you; I will remember you in mercy and in blessings if ye serve me;

26 [9b] And this will I do; behold I the Lord have spoken it.

27 [9c] I will give unto my servant James the plates of the book that was sealed, that he may translate them for you.

28 [9d] Yea, unto the faithful is this promise; serve and obey me, and I will give unto him the plates of the ancient records which are sealed up, and he shall translate them unto you;

29 [9e] And this shall be a witness between me and those that serve me; and unto my servants who serve me faithfully, yea, unto whom I will, shall he show the plates, and they shall be faithful witnesses unto me, and thus shall my words be established.

Section 82

The Record which was Sealed

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, September 1, 1845. From The Voree Herald, page 3 as presented on Archive.org. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 The Angel of the Lord came unto me, James, on the first day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, and the light shined about him above the brightness of the sun, and he showed unto me the plates of the sealed record, and he gave into my hands the Urim and Thummim.

2 And out of the light came the voice of the Lord saying: My servant James, in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thee, because I have tried thee and found thee faithful.

3 Behold, my servant James, I am about to bless thee with a great blessing, which shall be to those who love me, an immutable testimony; to those who know me not, a stumbling block; but to those who have known me and have turned their hearts from me, a rock of offence.

4 Yea, let them beware, for shame and destruction walk in their tracks, and their time abideth, but not long.

5 A work shall come forth, and the secrets of the past shalt thou reveal; yea, by little and little shalt thou reveal it, according to the ability and faithfulness of my Church, and of my servant whom I have placed *before* them.

6 Behold, the record which was sealed from my servant Joseph Smith Jr.: Unto thee it is reserved.

7 Take heed that thou count it not a light thing, nor exalt thyself lest thou be stricken;

8 For by myself I swear that, as thou servest me faithfully and comest not short, thou shalt unlock the mysteries thereof, which I have kept hid from the world.

9 Yea, as my servants serve me, so shalt thou translate unto them; but in their weakness I have not forgotten them.

10 Go to the place which the Angel of the Presence shall show thee, and there shalt thou dig for the record of my people in whose possession thou dwellest.

11 Take with thee faithful witnesses, for in evil will the unfaithful speak of thee, but the faithful and true shall know that they are liars, and shall not stumble for their words.

12 Speak thou unto the Elders of my Church, and say unto them; Hear my voice and hearken to my words, for they are true and faithful.

13 Testify, testify unto all the Saints; testify, testify in all the world; *they* that rejecteth you will I reject in the day that I come in my kingdom.

14 Testify, testify unto him who has received my word and turned away; let *them* now return unto me and obey and serve *their* God, lest *they* be smitten with a curse and his children curse *them* and *their names* be blotted out of the Book of Life.

15 Yea, those to whom I have revealed myself, let them hearken unto me now lest they be cast off in the day of my indignation, lest the consuming fire of the day of trial burn them up;

16 ^{5b} Yea, lest the second death make them his prey, and they be cast into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

17 Rejoice, ye holy, for the day of your deliverance is near, and the time of your exaltation is at hand!

18 Faithful and true are my words, dividing the marrow from the bones, and truth from rottenness; *they* that rejecteth them will I reject when I come in my kingdom.

Section 83a

The Voree Temple

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, July 1, 1846. From Chronicles of Voree, page 88; Voree Herald, July, 1846, page 29. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] The word of the Lord God came unto the prophet James, on the first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, when James Knox Polk was president of the United States;

2 [1b] And behold they were at war with the republic of Mexico, and the kings of Europe looked on with fear and anguish, but they knew not what the Lord would accomplish;

3 [1c] Neither did any of them heed his word, for in their pride are they exalted, and men have gone after their iniquitous ways.

4 [2a] But verily, verily, saith the Lord: I will send a rebuke and my judgments upon them, and they that have lifted up themselves will I abase,

5 [2b] And I will give judgment to my servant, even to my servant James J. Strang, whom I have taken from among the honorable men of the earth, and have built up by my strange counsel.

6 [2c] Verily, if he fails not of his meekness, and obeys my commandments, and remembers to keep all my precepts, I will lift up his head to redeem the oppressed, and to give comfort to the poor among all people.

7 [2d] Upon thrones shall he sit, and the scepter shall be in his hand, and he shall lift up an ensign to all the earth, and my servants who are faithful to me shall be princes and rulers over many people;

8 [3a] Therefore, my servant James, if thou wilt receive honor and glory, verily, verily, thou shalt lead my people, and my word shalt thou receive from me and teach unto my people.

9 [3b] And verily, I will not now excuse thee or accept any other service at thy hands, for this is thine office: verily, verily, thou shalt be Prophet, Seer, Revelator, and Translator, and shalt preside over my people, or thou shalt have no priesthood in my Church, and shalt receive no honor in my kingdom.

10 [4a] Therefore, complain unto me no more, but rebuke the complainers faithfully for my name's sake, and if they will not hearken unto thee, they shall be cast out from among my people.

11 [4b] Thy strength shall be in meekness and in my word which I shall speak unto thee, and with words of fire shalt thou consume those whose voices are raised against thee,

12 [4c] And their hearts shall fail them at thy rebuke, until they are altogether cast off, and my Spirit departs from them.

13 [5a] It pleases me that it hath been in the hearts of my servants to build a house for thee to dwell in, for I have required thee to serve me continually, and not to serve thyself.

14 [5b] Take heed therefore, that thou have a room for translations therein, for it is my will that thou translate ancient records, hidden truths, unto my people.

15 [5c] It is my will that thou do it in thy house, and not in the field as thou hast, nor in the houses of unbelievers, that they may look upon sacred things;

16 [5d] Therefore, whoso seeketh my Word, let *them* make speed, and let every good work be accomplished speedily.

17 [6a] And then shall my people build a house unto my name, that I may institute those ordinances which pertain to the dispensation of the fullness of times;

18 [6b] For since my people have been sifted, I will try them again whether they will receive the truth, and pervert it not.

19 [6c] And I will show unto my servant James all things pertaining to this house and the priesthood of those who shall minister therein;

20 [6d] And I will give unto him the preparation for an holy endowment therein, that he may instruct my people in the principles of the mysteries of my kingdom, as they are severally able to learn.

21 [7a] And if my people will build a house unto me according to my commandments, and will not be slothful therein, but will make speed to build, then will I endow them, even so many as are faithful and

obey me and hearken to my words and to the words of my servants whom I have appointed to be their leaders:

22 [7b] But to the disobedient and rebellious will I not give power, and if they receive the word, it shall be dead unto them, and they shall not have power nor understand it.

23 [7c] And I will separate between the righteous and the wicked, and between the obedient and the rebellious; and I will try my people with a great trial.

24 [7d] And because they have been tried in chastisement, I will now even try them in faith and in obedience to my Law;

25 [7e] And if they will diligently serve me, and give heed unto all my words, that I have spoken and shall speak unto them by the mouth of my servant James, behold, in the house which they shall build unto me, will I reveal unto them things which have been kept in the secrets of heaven from before the world was, things without which the kingdom of God cannot hold dominion, nor men be redeemed from deceit and violence;

26 [7f] And these things are exceeding precious and to be obtained by obedience and patience and devotion to truth;

27 [8a] Therefore, whosoever will not abide the preparation faithfully, shall not be blessed, neither shall ye teach him the mysteries of the kingdom, nor will I give him power; but of all you teach the mysteries, shall you take a great covenant.

28 [8b] And *they* that abideth not in *their* covenant shall receive of the wrath of God according to the measure of his covenant and the evil he doeth therein;

29 [8c] Yea, verily, out of *their* own *mouths* shall *they* be judged, and as *they* hath spoken, so shall it be done unto *them*;

30 [9a] Therefore, let all my Saints set their hands diligently to build a house unto my name, that I may come and dwell therein,

31 [9b] And that I may restore unto them that which they have lost, and may give unto them those things which I gave unto my Church in former days, and may reveal unto them things which have never been revealed among *mankind*.

32 [9c] And if my people will cease all their contentions, and their backbitings and jealousies, and will present themselves holy before me, then will I appoint unto them, in the days of their poverty, a place for their baptisms for their dead, which pertains unto my house.

33 [9d] But in their controversies and contentions I will not bless them, nor bestow upon them mine authority in the most holy things, because they do not understand my Law, nor do they know for whom they shall baptize;

34 [9e] And while they contend one with another, they will not receive my Word, nor receive wisdom from me;

35 [9f] They call evil good, and good evil, and they are not wise; therefore is the blessing withheld till they humble themselves, and hearken to the voice of truth, which my servant James, who is faithful, speaketh unto them.

36 [10a] And I will show unto my servant James the pattern of the house which ye shall build unto my name, and all things pertaining thereto;

37 [10b] And it shall be built on the prairie near White River, to the northwestward of the Hill of Promise,

38 [10c] And the city of Voree shall be built around it, both on the plain and on the hills, and it shall be a holy city and a strong hold of truth and righteousness unto me, if my servants serve me;

39 [10d] And upon the Hill of Promise shall ye build a hall which shall be a strong tower unto me, and the pattern thereof,

40 [10e] And all things pertaining thereto, will I show unto my servant James, for it is the beginning of the preparation whereby the poor may be exalted, and the oppressed lifted up, and all my servants made equal in their temporal things;

41 [10f] For unless they be one in their temporal things, the fulness of my Spirit shall be withheld from them;

42 [11a] Therefore, come all ye my servants, and bring your silver and your gold and your precious stones, and bring ye timber and stone, and labor with your hands and with cattle, and build a house unto me;

43 [11b] And see that ye do all things according to the pattern which I will show unto my servant James, as he shall deliver it unto you.

44 [11c] And make ye a freewill offering, and build a tower of strength unto me upon the Hill of Promise;

45 [11d] For if ye do all these things, dominion shall be given unto you, and Daniel the prophet shall proclaim the kingdom of your God, and shall call forth the Saints to possess it.

46 [12a] Take heed therefore, O ye my Saints, for three unclean spirits have gone forth among you to destroy you:

47 [12b] The first is jealousy, and she dresseth in garments of modesty; envy walketh before her, and discourseth of prudence; she saith to everyone: There is none like me to you before the Lord.

48 [13a] The second is ambition; distrust followeth her, whispering into the ears of each passer by; of every industrious servant she says: I fear he seeks more than his own; and of the prudent, I fear he will never accomplish his work.

49 [14a] The third is lust; sensuality walks before her, and adultery at her right hand; they clothe themselves alternately in the garments of virgins and matrons;

50 [14b] Their tongues discourse sweet music to him whose feet begin to slip, and they rebuke unsuspecting virtue harshly; but they walk in the way of death, and their path goes down to the pit: let him that standeth take heed lest he fall.

51 [15] And now, let every unclean thing be put away from among you, and purify yourselves before me, that ye may be prepared for your washings and your anointings and the blessings and revelations which I have in store for you; for unless ye do these things, ye cannot receive the blessings. *Even so, Amen.*

Section 83b

Planting a Stake at Voree

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, July 8, 1846. From Chronicles of Voree, page 88; Voree Herald, July, 1846, page 29. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] On the eighth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, the word of the Lord came unto James J. Strang, concerning the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the planting of the stake of Voree, saying:

2 [1b] Trouble not yourselves any more concerning those who have been driven out of my city, and gone into the wilderness;

3 [1c] For in the day that they fled to the wilderness where I had not told them to go, and were cast out of my holy city, which they had polluted, and from their habitations round about; even in that very day were they rejected of me.

4 [1d] For with much long suffering and patience had I waited on them, and warned them, and sent my servants unto them, and with judgments had rebuked them; and they would not return unto me.

5 [1e] And all their usurpations and lyings and false teachings have been an abomination unto me, and a stink in my nostrils; and their unlawful administrations have been as naught before me;

6 [1f] And therein have I judged them with grievous sickness and sore judgments; therefore are they utterly cast out.

7 [1g] But all who have hearkened unto my voice, and gave heed unto my words before I cast out those who polluted my holy city,

8 [1h] And all who will hearken to the strong testimony which my servants, the Elders, have carried out, and not altogether reject my words which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants in these last days;

9 [1i] Even they shall be preserved in the bosom of my Church and shall be taught in the way of truth;

10 [1j] if they have done wrong, they shall make restitution; if they have followed usurpers and apostates, they shall renounce them. But if they will hearken to my word when it comes to them, they shall not be cast out;

11 [1k] But if they will utterly reject it, they shall be cast out and shall be to you as heathen men.

12 [2a] And I will feel after those whose feet slid and whose steps faltered;

13 [2b] And if they harden not their hearts, they shall be converted, and I will heal them, and will make their hands strong in the way of truth;

14 [3a] Therefore, let not my servants trouble themselves with vain contentions, nor make themselves wise above my word;

15 [3b] And trouble not thyself about those who have been rejected of me, but seek ye diligently for wise men filled with the Spirit and obedient unto my law and unto my servants whom I have set above them and appoint them to the several quorums and offices of the Church;

16 [3c] And if they become disobedient and rebellious, they shall be removed and others put in their places.

17 [3d] And this shall ye do in wisdom and with prudence, but the First Presidency ye shall appoint by my word only, for this is a Law unto you. *Even so, Amen.*

Revelation Regarding Beaver Island

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, August 25, 1846. From Chronicles of Voree, page 114; Zion's Reveille, January 14, 1847, page 53. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] I, James J. Strang, was at Elizabeth, on the Monongahela River, on the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and had a vision;

2 [1b] And lo, I beheld a land amidst wide waters, and covered with large timber, with a deep broad bay on one side of it.

3 [1c] And I wandered over it upon little hills and among rich valleys, where the air was pure and serene, and the unfading foliage, with its fragrant shades, attracted me till I wandered to bright clear waters, scarcely ruffled by the breeze.

4 [1d] And Indians in canoes glided about, and caught fish, and sat down to eat; and they gathered in assemblies, and were taught words of truth and ways of holiness, and they hearkened; and I beheld many wonders there.

5 [2a] And one came near unto me, and I said: What meaneth this?

6 [2b] And he answered and said: Behold, here shall God establish his people, even the sons of Joseph, on an everlasting foundation;

7 [2c] And from hence shall the Gospel of the kingdom go unto the tribes, and they shall not anymore be despised, for the nations that set the foot upon their necks will be cut off that they be no more a people.

8 [2d] Behold, he hath already begun it: the sword is already bathed in blood, which spareth not their destroyers;

9 [2e-3a] And blood shall not cease till their most haughty oppressor is laid low to rise no more, and he hath chosen this nation to begin vengeance for them.

10 [3b] And if this people will turn unto him, and repent of all their evil deeds, and no more slay the prophets which he sendeth unto them,

11 [3c] But will hearken unto them to do the things which they shall speak unto them, and keep the words of the Lord, and his commandments to do them, then will he exalt the nation and establish it,

12 [3d] For he hath raised it up by the hands of wise men, whom he set up for that very purpose, to be the instrument of his purpose in the last days.

13 [4a] And upon this land where thou standest shall the Gospel of the kingdom be established among the Native Americans^a, and from thence shall it go forth to their tribes.

14 [4b] And blessing and honor and great glory shall be on those that teach them, for he will make their arm strong, and their bow shall abide in strength, and they shall not bow to the oppressor;

15 [4c] And the power of the Gentile shall not be on them, for the arm of God shall be with them to support.

16 [5a] And here shall the Native Americans come to learn the Law of the Lord their God, who hath preserved them, that they be not utterly destroyed.

17 [5b] And other barbarians shall come also, and shall learn ways of holiness; for the Lord their God shall teach them, and his people shall instruct them, and shall go forth as ministers of truth unto all people.

18 [6a] And I asked him: What meaneth all this?

19 [6b] And he said unto me: Thou art carried away in the spirit, and brought to this land in the midst of waters, in the north country, that the Lord might show thee what he will do hereafter;

20 [6c] For here shall be a stake and a corner stone of Zion, for the strengthening of her curtains round about:

21 [6d] Here shall the house of Manasseh and the house of Ephraim and the Gentiles build a house unto me, and bow down to me therein;

22 [6e] For the sons of Jacob shall lay the foundations thereof, and therein shall they worship their God;

23 [6f] And to this house shall the thousands of the house of Israel come, when the ice melts at the north; and there shall they meet their brethren in peace, and God shall be in the midst of them.

24 [7a] Behold, thou shalt see this land with thine own eyes before thou returnest to thine house, and shalt long to set thy foot upon it;

25 [7b] Nevertheless, when the children of the household of faith have peace, then thou shalt go there and minister in the work of the Lord thy God.

26 [7c] Spy it out, therefore, and let the servants of God dwell there to do his work, for it hath abundance in the riches of the forest, and in the riches of the earth, and in the riches of the waters; and there shall the children of God learn his Law to do it.

27 [8a] And the Lord God shall add possessions unto the faithful and give good gifts unto them that keep his Law:

28 [8b] And he will establish them therein forever; and their possession shall become as a paradise, yielding fruits every month.

29 [8c] And the strength of Zion shall be there to do the work of the Lord, to work deliverance to the captive and judgments upon the ungodly, in the day of the Lord;

30 [8d] For he will exalt his people in righteousness, and deliver them in judgments, and the Gentiles shall be made the instruments of his purposes;

31 [8e-9a] And by them will he work deliverance; the Lord will show thee all things in his time; for the day is near when thou shalt meet many Native Americans^a, and shalt talk with them of these things.

32 [9b] And with them shalt thou behold this land, and then shalt thou begin this work.

33 [9c] If Satan hinder thee, strive against him, and thou shalt overcome and shalt prevail, for the Lord God hath spoken it.

Note:

- a Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the decedents of Lehi.

Section 85a

Revelation Regarding Sidney Rigdon and George J. Adams

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, October 19, 1846. From Chronicles of Voree, page 117. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] The General Conference of the Church of the Saints, assembled at Voree on the nineteenth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, having under consideration the standing of Sidney Rigdon, one of the First Presidents of the Church, who acteth not in his Presidency and cometh not up to do his duty and stand in his calling, could not sustain him with their faith and prayers;

2 [1b] Therefore they with one voice desired James J. Strang, the Prophet of the Lord, to inquire his will concerning his servant Sidney Rigdon.

3 [2-3a] And now this is the answer of the Lord concerning him: Behold, verily, my servant Sidney Rigdon rebelleth against me, and hath rebelled against me for a long time;

4 [3b] And I was grieved with him, yet I felt after him and had compassion on him and remembered his faith and his labors and reproved him by my Spirit and by afflictions and by judgments, but he would none of my reproofs.

5 [3c] Satan troubleth him, and he hath sought to establish his own work and not mine; for Satan inspireth him thereto, and hath entered into him, and giveth him thoughts and dreams and visions;

6 [3d] Therefore he shall not stand in his Presidency; for I do take his office from him, and give it unto one who will serve me;

7 [4a] Therefore, my servant George J. Adams shall be one of the First Presidents of my Church, to stand instead of Sidney Rigdon, to assist my servant James J. Strang in the Presidency of my Church,

8 [4b] That my Word may go forth to the ends of the earth and to all the nations thereof, to the Gentiles first and then to the Jews;

9 [4c] For the day cometh, and is near at hand, when the arm of the Lord shall be revealed in power in converting the heathen and the house of Ephraim and the house of Manasseh to the gospel of their salvation.

10 [4d] And the fulness of the unpolluted Gospel shall go forth to all nations, and the unpolluted words of the prophets who are in their graves shall be spoken again to men on earth, that they may know that I am God, and there is none else. *Even so, Amen.*

Section 85b

Revelation Regarding William Marks and Joseph Smith III

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, November 6, 1846. From Chronicles of Voree, page 119. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] On the sixth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet James, saying: Because my servant Aaron hath not been faithful in his calling to stand up and give counsel unto thee, and to hold up thy hands as a faithful Counsellor unto thee,

2 [1b] but hath set himself up to teach by revelation in my Church, and hath yielded himself unto evil doers to contend against thee, and to bind thee with bands that thou should not speak my words, and hath weakened thy hands and borne them down; therefore, shall he not be any more thy Counsellor.

3 [2a] For he abideth not in his wisdom which I gave unto him, and hath turned his thoughts unto foolishness, and hath become a stumbling block unto many who are afar off by his follies.

4 [2b] And because he will not hearken unto my words to do them, but speaketh evil of the truth;

5 [2c] Therefore is my hand upon him to remove him, lest he lead my people astray that they enter not into my rest, and wrath, indignation, and overwhelming destruction fall upon him, and there be none to deliver.

6 [3a] And because my servant William Marks loveth me with full purpose of heart, and seeketh unto me to serve me;

7 [3b] Therefore shall he be Counsellor unto thee instead of my servant Aaron, and shall assist thee by his counsels and by his wisdom which I have given unto him in establishing a stake of Zion at Voree, and in lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of Zion, that my work may no longer be delayed and hindered, because my servant Aaron doeth it not;

8 [3c] For I, the Lord, will accomplish mine own work in mine own time, and I will set up the faithful and remove the unbelieving as to me seemeth good, for none shall hinder me.

9 [3d] And if my servant William Marks will be a faithful Counsellor, then will I sustain him and lift him up, and by his hands the poor shall prosper.

10 [3e] And the words which I speak unto thee, shall thy Counsellors speak in the ears of my people, and they shall teach them in wisdom;

11 [3f] For through thy ministration, by means of the keys I have given thee, shall my words be given, and thou and thy Counsellors shall proclaim it unto my people and to the nations of the earth, teaching all my words as thou shalt give unto them, even as thou receive them from me.

12 [4a] ¶ And thou shalt take my servant Joseph Smith III, the son of the prophet Joseph Smith Jr., who was slain by the hands of wicked men, for he hath been consecrated unto me in his infancy,

13 [4b] And thou shalt anoint him with oil, and shalt lay thy hands upon him, and ordain him, and shalt set him in the Presidency as one of the First Presidents of my Church:

14 [4c] For he is filled with the Holy Ghost and with wisdom, and my covenant with his father will I keep with him and with his posterity after him, if they serve me.

15 [5a] And I will exalt him in strength and might and majesty,

16 [5b] And he shall be President and Patriarch in the true Israel of faith in these last days, even as was my servant Hyrum Smith, whose blood with the blood of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. crieth unto me for vengeance continually.

17 [6a] And in his youth my servant William Marks shall assist him, and uphold him, and be in all things a Coadjutor unto him in the First Presidency of my Church.

18 [6b] Let my servant William Marks therefore take heed unto his ways, that he give unto him wise counsel, and build him up in righteousness, and hold up his hands, and admonish him of every evil;

19 [6c] For if he do this, my arm shall sustain him forever, and my grace shall be sufficient for him in the day when all mine come unto me.

20 [6c] Yea, I will do good unto him both in this world and in that which is to come, and will remember his posterity after him forever, because he showeth kindness unto the fatherless.

21 [6d] And the voice of my servant Joseph Smith III shall be a witness unto me against the nations.

22 [7a] And his mother Emma Smith shall be a counsellor unto him, for I am with her and have delivered her from the hands of her enemies, that I may exalt her to stand in her lot among the Saints in my holy place.

23 [7b] She loveth him tenderly, and because she hath set her heart to righteousness, and resisteth evil doers;

24 [7c] Therefore shall she watch over him, and in life or in death shall she observe his ways to do good unto him.

25 [7d] She hath been faithful unto me in many perils, and in much tribulation; therefore, will I remember her in the days to come.

26 [7e] She shall abide in her standing, and the holy unction which hath been placed upon her shall not depart from her. Amen.

27 [8a] ¶ And unless my servant Aaron make speed to humble himself before me, and cease to deny my words, I will stretch out my hand upon him, and he shall be brought very low, and none shall heed him or do good unto him; and he shall know that I am God.

28 [8b] But if he will return unto me, and hearken to my words, I will again raise him up, and remember the works which he hath done in the times that are past, and his patience and his faith;

29 [8c] And I will raise him up, and his voice shall be heard again on the mountains and in the valleys, and he shall sit in the councils of honorable men in the house of Israel; and I will give him wisdom again, as I gave him wisdom in days that are past, and he shall serve me forever. *Even so, Amen.*

Section 86
On Kirtland Ohio

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, on December 21, 1846. From Zion's Reveille, 2:2:60. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

Because this was given as a partial revelation, we cannot verify the intent of the portion given. This section may be found in Appendix 3 of Doctrines of the Saints until such time as we can obtain the full revelation.

Pruning of the Vineyard of the Lord

A revelation given to William Smith, in 1847, on the pruning of the vineyard of the Lord. From an 8-page pamphlet, originally printed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania November 1848. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Verily I say unto you, my servant William Smith, that the time has come when it is needful that my Vineyard should be pruned with a faithful and mighty pruning,

2 For there never was a time when the hearts of my people mourned more bitterly, or in which the cries of the innocent ascended upon high with greater fervency in pure and acceptable prayers for deliverance;

3 For grievous wolves have crept into my flock, and like subtle foxes destroyed almost all of my beautiful vineyard:

4 And it grieveth me that I should cut down all the trees thereof for in the latter part of the third chapter of the Book of Jacob, in the Book of Mormon, my purposes are made manifest.

5 ¶ What more could I have done? I have been a Father unto them,

6 Yet they, in the pride of their heart, would not hearken to my counsel, nor to the counsel of my servant Joseph and the brethren of his father's house, for they have oppressed the poor and built to get gain, and not to do my will.

7 They have robbed God, and yet they say, in what have we robbed God?

8 In tithes and in offerings by which ye clothe yourselves in fine apparel and say, have we not the power of God?

9 Yet ye distress the poor and neglect the widow and fatherless children, whose cries have come up before me, saith the Lord your God.

10 Such works are an abomination unto me, and I give unto thee a commandment, even unto my servant William Smith, that thou shalt call on the honest in heart to gather themselves together in fasting and prayer, and to purify their hearts for the judgment of the great day;

11 For great troubles await the rebellious in this generation, yet the obedient and pure in heart shall find rest to their souls.

12 ¶ Therefore, my servant William, gird up thy loins and put on thy whole armor for the work whereunto I have appointed thee,

13 For though thy spirit has not been altogether pure, yet because thou hast humbled thyself before me,

14 And because of the integrity of thy heart in the proclamation of the truth, and because thou hast nobly and manfully defended the cause of thy father's house, the cause of the innocent and my servant Joseph who was the Prophet and head of the Church in these last days, a church of my own right hand's planting, not to be destroyed or thrown down;

15 Yea, because of these things I have forgiven thee, and accepted thy offering.

16 ¶ I said unto my servant Joseph that his blessing should remain upon the head of his posterity, and be handed down through the lineage of his father's house according to the flesh;

17 Therefore the true Church continues with this priesthood: that same high-priesthood with which thou art invested and to which thou hast been ordained by my servant Joseph, thy brother,

18 And which thou dost inherit by lineage from thy father Joseph Smith, who was a descendant of Joseph the son of Jacob who was sold into Egypt; and no power on earth can deprive thee of thy authority and priesthood.

19 ¶ Moreover I have appointed thee, my servant William Smith, to take the place of my servant Hiram Smith, thy brother, as Patriarch unto the whole Church, and to preside over my people, saith the Lord your God,

20 And no power shall remove thee therefrom; and thou shalt be the Prophet, Seer Revelator, and Translator unto my Church during the minority of him whom I have appointed from the loins of Joseph thy brother;

21 Go on, therefore, and organize and set in order all the branches, for I have given thee full power and authority.

22 ¶ Now if the lawful heir of Joseph whom I have appointed as Prophet, Seer, and Translator, shall be true and faithful, and shall serve me with a perfect heart and a willing mind in his minority, he shall be great in his majority, even like unto Joseph, thy brother;

23 But if he does that which is wicked and corrupt before me, and hardens his heart and stiffens his neck with pride and rebellious schism, then thou my servant William, shall continue to exercise all the authority with which I have this day invested thee,

24 And thou shalt not only be the successor of Hiram, thy brother, but of Joseph, thy brother also, in all things;

25 And if thou shouldst transgress, I will chastise thee with sore and grievous buffetings.

26 ¶ Be thou faithful, therefore, and humble thyself before me, saith the Lord thy God, and I will uphold thee, and thy authority shall never end, for thou art the “President of the High-Priesthood of the Church.”

27 Now let the elders understand the true order of Heaven, for the kingdom cannot be perfect without a president of the high-priesthood, inherited by lineal descent;

28 Therefore, I say unto my servant William Smith, arise and set all things in order, and according to the pattern made known in the revelations given unto my servant Joseph, as recorded in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants:

29 For unto my servant William have I given to act in the place of the legal heir of Joseph whom I have appointed to receive commandments for my church, if he continue faithful.

30 ¶ Now hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, for those who were my servants, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Willard Richards, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, and all who follow them into the wilderness or hearken to their abominable and iniquitous counsels which are not of me, are cut off from before my face and my power have I taken from them,

31 And they are removed out of their place, and others will I put in their stead, for they are like salt that has lost its savor, and are only fit to be hewn down and cast into the fire.

32 But those who will humble themselves and repent of their abominations, and return to the true order of the Church as established by my servant Joseph, will I pardon and accept, provided they hearken to the counsel of the three presiding high priests, my servant William and his two counselors in the Presidency.

33 I will accept the former free-will offerings of my people; yet no more will I accept them at the hands of those who were my servants, but have spoiled my vineyard,

34 For upon them cometh wailing, distress calamity and destruction, unless they speedily repent;

35 For have not the wicked and corrupt rulers of my people taught their brethren to steal from and wrong the Gentiles?

36 When I have said: Thou shalt not steal: and have they not taught other abominable doctrines and formed secret combinations whereby many have transgressed the laws of the land and disobeyed my commandments, even those which were given unto my servant Joseph as a Law unto my Church?

37 Yet many of my chosen ones shall tarry and find deliverance, and shall not go into the wilderness, but shall remain in their inheritances, and in the stakes, and shall be blessed of me.

38 ¶ No acceptable endowments will be given in the Temple my people have built unto me, because of their sins, and because of the pollution of that holy land, and the defiling of my house.

39 All the baptisms for the dead performed before the death of my servant Joseph are acceptable unto me,

40 And from this time let my servant William appoint stakes in every state, and let this ordinance, and all washings, anointings, endowments, and other ordinances, be performed by those whom I shall hereafter appoint in those stakes, until I shall command otherwise;

41 For it is needful that my people should continue to work and to preach the gospel to the gentiles, at present, and to save their dead, for so I commanded my servants in all ages of the world;

42 And my kingdom and the glory thereof shall not fail, neither shall it be given unto another people.

43 ¶ I further command my people to return to peace, and teach war no longer; but humble themselves before me, and be of a meek and lowly spirit, and do the works of righteousness, forsaking all their abominations.

44 And let the Smith family gather themselves together, and not go into the wilderness, for so I have commanded.

45 Let them give heed to the counsel of my servant William, and remain in the inheritance that I have appointed to my servant Joseph.

46 The wicked and the abominable may flee from before me and seek to hide themselves in the wilderness;

47 But the true and faithful shall not be moved out of their place, for it is by transgression and not by me that any are removed and seek to hide themselves in the wilderness.

48 ¶ Again I say unto my people that the time has not come for you to hide up in your chambers; for none will seek to hide themselves, either in their chambers or by fleeing to the wilderness but the adulterers, the whore-mongers, the thieves, the liars, the hypocrites and the abominable;

49 Therefore, obey my voice and continue to labor, to build up the Church; to cease to do evil and learn to do well, to be holy and watch unto prayer,

50 To obey the laws of the land, and honor the Book of Mormon, and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and obey the scriptures of Divine Truth contained in the Old and New Testaments; for, verily I say unto you that it is wisdom in me that all these things shall be done.

51 ¶ And my aged handmaid who is the mother of the Prophet I counsel to continue to remain in the land of her inheritance,

52 ¶ And the glory of my kingdom shall continue to roll on, for this is the land of Joseph and the land I have appointed for the Zion of the last days and the gathering of my people;

53 And verily I say that he that selleth the Temple shall be as Esau who sold his inheritance for a mess of pottage, for his inheritance another shall inhabit.

54 The Temple that is built out of the tithings of the poor may be sanctified by prayer because of the poor of my people;

55 Yet no ordinance performed therein will I bless, until the wicked shall cease to pollute that sanctuary:

56 Then will I pour out upon all that are pure in heart a blessing and endowments shall be given as I have said, but not until an atonement is made because of the wicked rulers of my people.

57 ¶ Now as the Temple has not been built according to the pattern given to my servant Joseph, I will not accept thereof until the atonement be made and my people hearken to my counsel;

58 So let all my Saints be sober and watch unto prayer, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord, for my coming is nigh even at your doors.

59 And the work of my servant Joseph I have accepted, and to none have I given power to do his work over again, nor are his labors disannulled;

60 Therefore, all your sealings and baptisms performed under his hand or by his appointment shall stand forever, and none shall have authority by lawful right to disinherit his brethren of his own father's house.

61 ¶ And now I say unto my servant William stand in thy lot and place, thou hast authority to perform the work whereunto I have appointed thee,

62 And lead my people into all truth and endow the faithful with the rich blessings, which I have committed to thy care, and which thou shalt confer on all who will hearken to my counsels;

63 And thine adversaries shall be broken to pieces, for out of heaven I will thunder upon them.

64 I will judge the ends of the earth and give strength to my chosen one and exalt the horn of mine Anointed. *Even so, Amen.*

Section 89

The Order of Enoch

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, January 7, 1849. From Chronicles of Voree, page 178; Gospel Herald, 3:43:233, January 11, 1849, page 545. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [1a] Hearken, O ye Saints, and give ear; for the time to favor Zion is at hand, and the day of her redemption draweth near.

2 [1b] Draw near unto me and learn, for the ways of man are foolishness before me.

3 [1c] Behold, ye shall be one; and if ye are not one, ye are none of mine; and ye shall all speak the same thing.

4 [1d] Ye are cursed; ye are confounded, because ye have many tongues, like unto Mystery Babylon, and many are running to and fro, speaking in their own wisdom, which is folly before me.

5 [2a] By their speech gross darkness filleth the minds of the people.

6 [2b] Those whom I have called to preach the gospel to the nations, have left serving me to contend against mine anointed, and I have not strengthened them, neither has their work prospered.

7 [2c] They have only accomplished to scatter, and their evil ways follow them.

8 [3a] But I have a few names left in Voree who have not denied my word, nor rebelled against mine authority, nor done despite to mine anointed; and they shall be mine when I come to be glorified on earth.

9 [3b] And there are a few in the Isles of the North who have not denied my name; when dominion is given to the Saints, I will remember their works. Nevertheless, as a people, ye have been slack in serving me.

10 [3c] Ye have broken my commandments, and despised mine authority, and my precepts have been to you a vain thing.

11 [3d] Ye are a stiff necked and rebellious people, who delight in your own vanities, and prefer your lusts to the chief of the things which God giveth;

12 [3e] But such of you as draw near unto me, I will draw near unto them, and will save them.

13 [3f] I have given you good gifts, and you have consumed them upon your lusts;

14 [3g] I have chastised you, and ye have taken my name in vain;

15 [3h] I have called you together to enjoy the blessings of my people, and ye have not heeded my call;

16 [3i] I have revealed my authority to those that gathered, and they have spurned it;

17 [3j] I have appointed shepherds unto you, and ye have despised them, and have walked in your own ways, where they did not lead you;

18 [3k] And because of your rebellious hearts are you blind and deaf, that seeing you perceive not, and hearing you understand not.

19 [4a] Ye have robbed me in tithes and in offerings and have been slothful in building a house unto my name, that I may dwell in it, and in building a tower of strength for the defense and the dwelling of Zion.

20 [4b] Come now, therefore, and bring in your tithes, and build a house unto me, that I may reveal most precious things unto you;

21 [4c] And make unto me a freewill offering, for a strong hold upon the Hill of Promise, according to the pattern which I have shown unto my servant James, and of which he has begun to lay the foundation, and I will show all things unto him in their time.

22 [4d] And if ye do these things, I will give you strength that your enemies shall not prevail over you, and this shall be your possession;

23 [4e] Moreover, I have given you the Islands in the Great Lakes for a possession;

24 [4f] There shall you dwell apart from the Gentiles, and none shall make you afraid, for my Law shall be kept there, and judgment shall be rendered against those that despise it.

25 [5a] If ye will therefore possess these things, remember my Law, to keep it;

26 [5b] Forget not the precepts which I have given you, but act wisely, according to the wisdom which I have revealed unto you; and despise not my Word, for it is not a vain thing.

27 [5c] I have given you wisdom, with promise. If ye will not live by it, the promise is not unto you.

28 [5d] It is a vain thing for you to witness my Word, if ye will not regard it, to live by it.

29 [6a] At Voree shall your possessions be purchased with money, and you shall make speed to redeem that which you have purchased.

30 [6b] To that end have I blessed you, and you have consumed the blessings on things which are not good for you;

31 [6c] Yea, even the Order which I have commanded you to establish according to the Order of the Church of the First Born, have done this;

32 [6d] Yet because the chief among them have sought unto me, and have admonished unto faithfulness, and have kept my words, I will yet bless them, and will give them the kingdom, if they abide in well doing.

33 [7a] Once more I command all my Saints to bring in their tithes, according to the law I have given them, and build a house unto me.

34 [7b] Whosoever will not do it, shall not enter into the house of the Lord.

35 [7c] Let mine Apostles call on all the Saints, both by word and proclamation, to do this thing;

36 [7d] And let faithful and chosen ones be sent unto them, to receive of their tithes for this work, and let the work progress from this time forward.

37 [8a] And send faithful ones unto the Saints, and call on them to make a freewill offering for the tower which I have commanded you to build on the Hill of Promise;

38 [8b] And let the same be built, that it may be a habitation and a defense for the Saints that shall gather together and keep the Order of Enoch, which I have revealed unto my servants;

39 [8c] And let a subscription be circulated, that those who have not sold their possessions and cannot yet gather up their goods to the places appointed, may assist in building the towers of Zion, and may obtain an inheritance among the faithful.

40 [9a] And ye shall establish this Order at the stake which I have appointed among the *Native Americans*^a, and there shall ye keep it in all your habitations.

41 [9b] And I will multiply you, and increase you exceedingly; and those that are strong in my ways, will I make patriarchs and rulers in their tribes, and princes in their houses:

42 [9c] Their inheritances shall be appointed unto them, and to their houses, and their posterity after them for a perpetual possession.

43 [9d] Let many gather to the Islands which I have appointed for your gathering, that this Order may be kept more perfectly;

44 [9e] For there will I give you much possession for an inheritance, if ye will go up and possess it.

45 And such as shall be appointed of the Order of Enoch, by the voice of the Order, shall go up and possess the land,

46 [9f] But they shall retain a strong hold at Voree, for it must needs be that they keep a possession there, and my work requires it.

47 [9g] And if they do not redeem and preserve it, they must be afflicted with sore affliction; if they are faithful unto me, my strength shall shield them and prosper them.

48 [10a] And let this Order be an example unto all, both to the believing and to the unbelieving; for if they do not walk in my ways more perfectly, I will yet cast them off, for the properties of this Order are all mine.

49 [10b] *They* that draw back from this Order, and takes away that which he has consecrated, robbeth me, saith the Lord;

50 [10c] Nevertheless, now, ye shall not withhold; for he shall be trodden down by whom I will, in my own time.

51 [10d] And ye have polluted yourselves by your excess of flesh which ye have eaten, and by the unclean things and the poisonous drugs which ye have consumed upon your lusts:

52 [10e] Behold, ye say ye need these things; but I say they are not good for you.

53 [10f] Who is man, that he should prefer himself to God?

54 [10g] And for these are ye in debt to your enemies, except I deliver you, they shall oppress you; but the righteous will I establish, and the wicked will I cast off.

55 [11a] Put away covetousness, remember that all that ye possess is mine, cast all idlers out of this Order;

56 [11b] Let no *one* call aught *their* own, nor buy nor sell as though it were *theirs*, but let all be the common property of all, as I have given unto you;

57 [11c] And let those buy and sell, who are appointed by common consent, and this shall be your inheritance, and the inheritance of your children forever.

58 [11d] *They* that *are* faithful in this little, shall be made prince of a village, or ruler of a tower; and *they* that *are* faithful therein, shall be made patriarch of a tribe, or ruler of many cities in my kingdom.

59 [12a] And ye shall not provoke one another, but ye shall console and strengthen one another.

60 [12b] Ye shall strengthen the weak; for with kindness and much charity will I give you to prevail, and ye shall save them, and ye shall not contend against one another.

61 [13a] Rebel not against my servant James Strang; for I am with him, and I have given unto him the keys of the kingdom of heaven;

62 [13b] Whosoever receiveth me, receiveth him; whosoever receiveth him, receiveth those whom I have sent.

63 [13c] Whosoever heareth not his words, heareth not mine; whosoever heareth not his words, hearkeneth not to the words of those whom I have sent;

64 [13d] For I have made him the chief shepherd of the whole flock on earth, they that are of the flock hear his voice; if not, they go astray to destruction.

65 [14a] Behold, I am his friend; for he has been faithful unto me, and the keys which I have given to him shall not be taken from him in this world, neither in the world to come.

66 [14b] They that speak evil of him are enemies unto me, saith the Lord; they have given themselves unto lies, and their hearts to wickedness;

67 [14c] For he is meeker than Moses, more patient than Job, and has kept himself unpolluted in the midst of the lustful and ungodly till they have departed from him.

68 [15a] Ye know not his patience, nor his faith, nor his trials and sufferings; how have ye cast your toil on him?

69 [15b] Ye have required him to bring redemption to Zion, and prosperity to you, when ye lifted not your hands.

70 [15c] Because he has not done it, many have reviled him and denied my name; but to as many as are faithful, will I give power to become heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

71 [15d] And I have a great work for him to do, and with speed shall he do it, if ye uphold him in faith and confidence and prayer;

72 [15e] For my hidden word shall be translated, and given to those that will receive it, and I have called him to this work.

73 [16a] And if my servant George J. Adams will be his Counsellor, let him come and dwell near unto my servant James, and assist him in presiding, and in the school of the prophets, and in carrying my word to the Saints, and to the nations, and to far countries.

74 [16b] But let his dwelling be in the inheritance of the Saints; if he do this, I will sustain him and will make him a host, and the head of nations.

75 [17a] Behold, my servant William Marks has gone far astray in departing from me, yet I give unto him a little space that he may return and receive my Word, and stand in his place; for I remember his work that he has done in the time that is past.

76 [17b] If he will return and abide faithful, I will make him great, and his possessions shall be great, and he shall possess a city, and his children shall dwell therein; a nation shall call him blessed.

77 [18a] And my servants the Apostles have not filled their mission in preaching my Gospel to the nations of the earth, but have betaken themselves to their own work.

78 [18b] If they had obeyed me, I would have given them a host as the fruit of their labor, and added to them their food, raiment and possessions also.

79 [18c] Do I not possess all? And am I impoverished that I cannot reward the faithful? I will provide for him that obeys me, and array him that regards my words.

80 [19a] I have protected you from all your enemies; I have turned men's hearts that they should do good unto you, and not persecute you;

81 [19b] I have given you a home in a bountiful land; and ye have not done good according to my abundant mercies, nor regarded me according to my loving kindness; but ye have made yourselves like the Gentiles, and have sought your own ways, and not mine.

82 [19c] And now turn unto me, all ye my people, lest the disobedient and the rebellious be cut off, and cast out of his possession, and persecution and wrath come on those who are slack in serving me, and I give you chastisement and much sorrow.

83 [19d] For your enemies shall be upon you, and ye shall flee before them, if ye turn not to me to be faithful. *Even so, Amen.*

Note:

- a Originally "Lamanites." The early Latter Day Saints believed that the Native Americans were Lamanites are a remnant of the decedents of Lehi.

Section 90

Salvation Both Temporal and Spiritual

A revelation given to William Smith September 6, 1849, to William Smith, Isaac Sheen, and Lyman Wight in Covington, Kentucky. From pages 16-17 of John Marvin Hunter's 1925 booklet, The Lyman Wight Colony in Texas, Came to Bandera in 1854, which took text from diary entries by Lyman Wight's son-in-law, Spencer Smith. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Behold I say unto you my servant, Lyman Wight: I am well pleased with his offering and he shall be saved for he is mine, sayeth the Lord your God, and his enemies shall not have the power over him and their secret designs shall be manifest upon the housetops,

2 Behold now, even now, thine enemies lie in wait to destroy you and to hinder my work, the redemption of Zion,

3 But it shall be as I have said, no weapon that is formed against Zion shall prosper and the hand or tongue that is raised against you in judgment I will condemn.

4 And now behold, I give this commandment unto you my servant, William Smith, and my servant Isaac Green and my servant Lyman Wight, that you choose among you twelve men,

5 Yea, chosen men, twelve apostles, full of grace and truth and send them immediately among all the Churches bearing my name and will, concerning the redemption of Zion.

6 Let my servant Lyman Wight, whom I have appointed to stand with my servant William in the quorum of the First Presidency of my Church, send men, chosen, faithful and true, to the eastern land to assist my servants to gather up the scattered remnants of Israel.

7 This commandment I give unto you, my servant Lyman Wight, that you shall ordain, lay your hands upon them who are chosen among you, and immediately proceed to organize my Church according to the pattern given by my servant Joseph Smith Jr., and then you shall prosper in the land and flourish upon the mountains.

8 Let no dissension be among you, but study peace with all men; honor the judge and keep the law of the land and joy shall fill every heart and I will reveal more perfectly unto you in the future the law of Zion, concerning all your property and concerning all your temporal affairs and concerning your dead.

9 Make haste then and do as I have commanded.

10 Organize yourselves according to the Law of my Church, and ye shall be mine when I come to make up my jewels;

11 Therefore, let my servant Lyman Wight, whose labors I have blest, continue in the charge of the mission I have appointed him in the Valley of the Cordilleras Mountains and preside over my people there.

12 Let my servant William Smith and Isaac Green remain in the land for a season and continue to build up my Church and to gather up the scattered remnants.

13 Behold, this is wisdom in me, for the enemy prowleth round the branches.

14 Behold, he cometh by stealth like the wolf from the mountains; therefore, I say be wise and faithful in all things for I have appointed unto you my Priesthood and my Church.

15 And now I say a word concerning my servant George Miller: He is not altogether right;

16 Let him humble himself and return to my fold and abide the counsel of my servant Lyman Wight, whom I have appointed to hold the keys of the Priesthood with my servant William Smith and my servant Isaac Green over my Church, and if he do this he shall be mine also.

17 Let him perform his duty as a Bishop of my Church, stand in his lot and place, and my Spirit will I pour out upon him for great wisdom and knowledge concerning my work, and behold he shall be great in the land and a great work will I require at his hands, even so, Amen!

Section 91

Baptisms for the Dead

A Revelation through the Prophet James J. Strang, concerning baptism for the dead, given on August 9, 1849. From the Chronicles of Voree, page 194; Gospel Herald, 4:23:101, August 23, 1849, page 689. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 [1a] A revelation from Jesus Christ, according to the power which God appointed unto him;
- 2 [1b] And he sent Elijah the prophet unto his servant James, to make it known unto him, and to command him to cause the living and the dead to hear the Word,
- 3 [1c] And to give him power to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers:
- 4 [1d] Hearken unto me, all ye ends of the earth, saith the Lord God, and give ear and hear, ye depths of the pit, and ye shall live;
- 5 [1e] For I have committed the gospel of the resurrection and of everlasting life to my servants who hold the keys of the dispensation of the last times;
- 6 [1f] Therefore, hearken unto them and obey them, ye that live; that you may obtain honor, and glory, and power, and everlasting life.
- 7 [2a] Behold, I have tried my Saints with a great trial, and some have been found faithful; for they have not denied my name, but have remembered my word, and kept my commandments.
- 8 [2b] And because my servants have put away contentions from among them, and have united with one heart and one mind to do the work which I have committed unto them, and with their whole hearts have drawn near unto me to serve me;
- 9 [2c] Therefore I appoint unto the Saints that there shall be baptisms for the dead at Voree, during their poverty, and until a sufficient time to build a temple unto my name, as I have commanded them.
- 10 [2d] And I sanctify White River unto them, and make it holy for this ordinance, even from the bathing pool unto the water wheel.
- 11 [3a] And I command you, ye Saints, saith the Lord, that a record shall be kept among you of all baptisms for the dead; and witnesses shall record their testimonies of all your administrations therein.
- 12 [3b] And the recorder shall be present, and shall be an eye witness of your baptisms; and shall hear with his ears, that he may testify of a truth;
- 13 [3c] That in all your recordings, it may be recorded in heaven; that whatsoever you bind on earth, may be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you loose on earth, may be loosed in heaven.
- 14 [3d] And if more than one recorder be necessary, yet there shall be but one record, to which all the recorders shall bring their testimonies to be recorded.
- 15 [4a] And whosoever acts as recorder, shall be called and ordained to that authority, that what he records may be valid, and may be recorded in the archives of heaven.
- 16 [4b] And let all your records be had in order, that they may be put in the archives of my holy temple, saith the Lord, to be had in remembrance from generation to generation.
- 17 [4c] And no one shall administer baptism for the dead, but he who is appointed thereunto; and all who are called, shall be anointed and ordained to this calling.
- 18 [5a] And these shall be baptized for the dead: all the faithful Saints who keep and abide in the Order of Enoch;
- 19 [5b] All who have paid tithing according to my law, for the building of a house unto my name in Voree, and for the upbuilding of my Church;
- 20 [5c] All who from this time forward will and do come up and do these things, striving faithfully to redeem the time, that a house may be speedily built unto my name, wherein I may reveal mysteries, and institute among the Saints the ordinances for the endowment of Zion and all her municipals;
- 21 [5e] And all who, standing in the Priesthood, have labored faithfully in their several ministries from the time the commandment went forth to build a house unto my name in Voree.

22 [6a] And for these shall ye be baptized: every Saint according to *thier* right, and in *thier* order, shall be baptized for any deceased husband, wife, posterity, or progenitor, to the third and fourth generation;

23 [6b] Any brother, or sister, whom he in faith believes has received the gospel in the spirit.

24 [6c] Every Saint shall be baptized for any relative unto the third and fourth generation:

25 [6d] For any person betrothed to him in marriage;

26 [6e] For any foster father, mother, brother, sister, or child, who shall be signified to him by tongue, or dream, or vision, or spirit ministering in fire, or angel, or voice from God.

27 [6f] And if I will that any of my faithful servants of the Aaronic Priesthood be baptized for any other, I will send my angels to signify it unto them:

28 [6g] But unto my servants of the Melchizedek Priesthood will I speak by mine own voice, or minister in fire.

29 [7a] And, behold, every Apostle shall be baptized for whosoever shall be committed to *them* for redemption from death, by my word, saith the Lord, as I reveal my will severally unto them,

30 [19:7b] That they may be saviors of the dead, and may get honor, and glory, and majesty, and dominion unto themselves forevermore;

31 [19:7c] And by their voices will I appoint redemption, and honor, and glory unto whomsoever I will.

32 [8a] Behold, my servants Joseph Smith Jr., and Hyrum Smith, and David, and Moses, and many of their fellow laborers in this dispensation, who have gone with them to the pit to preach redemption to the prisoners, have prevailed;

33 [8b] And waiting hosts cry unto you that live, continually, saying: How long do ye forget our prison house of darkness, and regard not us who perish continually?

34 [8c] Therefore, I have remembered the little flock who have not denied my name, to make them great in my everlasting kingdom, and to give dominion over the dead unto them, saith the Lord.

35 [9a] And now, let all who are scattered abroad, and all who have robbed me through covetousness, and in tithes and offerings, and all who have neglected to administer in the gospel as I have called them:

36 [9b] Come, and from this time forward assist my servants who are building a house unto my name, and who are proclaiming my word unto the nations, that they may enjoy this blessing with them;

37 [9b] For only they who labor shall receive the reward, and those who labor to build my house, and to proclaim my Word, and to establish my kingdom, will I make saviors;

38 [9c] And upon mount Zion shall they stand with crowns on their heads. *Even so, Amen.*

Salvation Both Temporal and Spiritual

A revelation given to William Smith March 20, 1850, to William Smith, Isaac Sheen, George Bailey, Samuel Heath, and other Elders who were present, and to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for their salvation both temporal and spiritual. From the April, 1850 issue of William Smith's Covington, Kentucky Melchisedek & Aaronic Herald. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

18 Behold, I say unto you, my servants, who have assembled yourselves together on this occasion to obtain knowledge from me what ye shall do concerning your temporal affairs:

19 Behold, I say hearken to my voice, ye that have purified yourselves by obeying my gospel; this is my will concerning you, yea, even all of you who have named my name:

20 Prepare ye, and get ye up from this land, and go ye out among the gentiles who have decreed thy destruction, and who now in their secret plotting have evil designs against you,

21 For I have decreed an overflowing scourge, and the land shall be desolate and all the people shall mourn.

22 And it shall come to pass that my word shall be fulfilled concerning the wicked; and in summer and in winter shall it be, and the plague shall not tarry, but it shall be even as I have spoken;

23 And there shall be no safety in this land except only among those whom I have appointed to tarry;

24 Therefore, let my servant William Smith, and my servant Isaac Sheen, and my servant George Bailey, and my servant Samuel Heath, gather together all their means, with their families and with the poor, and the halt, and the lame, and the blind of my Church, so far as they have abilities and power to do, and depart immediately from this land, to the land that I have appointed for the gathering of my people, in the land of Texas, to the place of my servant Lyman Wight,

25 Where my people may rest in peace, where they may plant and not another inherit, and where they may build onto me an house, that shall be called the house of my glory, and prepare themselves for the redemption of Zion,

26 And for the endowments, and for the ordinances, and for the redemption of their dead, and for their priesthood qualifications.

27 These things I have spoken (not in a mystery) that ye may understand, and that ye may become wise,

28 For now is the day of salvation, and the day of my visitation upon the face of the whole earth,

29 For I will speak unto the nations by lightnings, judgments, and earthquakes, wars, rumors of wars, and by bloodshed,

30 And the kings upon their thrones shall tremble and they that are clothed in rich scarlet, and purple, and fine linen, shall be cast down, and in one hour shall they be brought to naught,

31 And they who have slain the prophets shall also be condemned and destroyed and overthrown, and they who do wickedly and have divined deceit for the ruin of my people.

32 Behold, I am God and besides me there is no Savior; I am he, that maketh the earth to tremble, and the wicked are as grasshoppers before my face, nor can they purchase my favor with their gold, nor turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

33 Behold, ye are my servants and my Church and the plant of mine own right hand planting;

34 Therefore, none can remove thee from the place I have appointed for thy salvation, and for thy rest, and for thine endowments, and for thy keys, and for thy municipals and for thy anointing, that I have ordained.

35 Now I say concerning my servant Otis Hobart whom I have taken unto myself, whose works I have accepted, and is justified before me:

36 Behold, he is with me, and his spirit mingleth in the councils of the martyred prophets, and his testimony in your behalf shall be heard in the councils of the just.

37 He is mine, I have called him hither; it was for Zion's sake.

38 Let therefore wisdom direct you, my servants and my Church, to get up from this land and gather to the valley of the Cordilleras mountains, to await the day of my vengeance which shall come like a

whirlwind, upon the wicked, and prepare for my coming in a place of refuge and safety that I have provided for my people.

39 For there will I give safety and great peace to all the quorums of my Church as I have commanded and make loud proclamation of these things to the nations of the earth.

40 Behold I say gather yourselves together, gather ye out and flee to Zion with all your gold and silver, raiment, horses, and chariots with you, for behold the plague cometh and scarcely shall the righteous escape.

41 These words and this commandment have I given unto my servants and unto my Church. Amen.

Section 93
A Holy United Order

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III October 7, 1861, sent from the Quorum of Twelve to all the Saints scattered abroad. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 114 for Community of Christ Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [114:1a] In order to place the Church in a position to carry on the promulgation of the Gospel and as a means of fulfilling the law, the Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop to execute the law of tithing;

2 [114:1b] And let them before God see to it that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the Church-and not as a weapon of power in the hands of one man for the oppression of others or for the purposes of self-aggrandizement by anyone, be he whosoever he may be.

3 [114:2] As I live, saith the Lord, in the manner ye execute this matter, so shall ye be judged in the day of judgment.

Section 94

To the Elders of the Church

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III in March 1863 addressing the Elders of the Church. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 115 for Community of Christ Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [115:1a] Hearken unto me, O ye elders of my Church: Lo, I have seen your efforts in my cause, and they are pleasing unto me.

2 [115:1b] I declare unto you: It is my will that you ordain and set apart my servant William Marks to be a counselor to my servant Joseph, even the President of my Church, that the First Presidency of my Church may be more perfectly filled.

3 [115:1c] And, moreover, it is expedient in me that my Elders, in going to declare my Gospel to the nations, shall observe the pattern which I have given:

4 [115:1d] Two by two let them be sent, that they may be a help and a support to each other in their ministry.

5 [115:1e1] Press onward, ye Elders and people of my Church, even my little flock; and, as I have spoken to you in times past, so will I speak again to you as my friends, inasmuch as you speak in my name;

6 [115:1e2]] And lo, I am Alpha and Omega and will be with you unto the end. Amen.

Section 95

The Condition of the Quorums of the Church

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III March 3, 1863 "in answer to long and continued and earnest prayer to God upon the condition of the quorums of the Church." Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 117 for Community of Christ Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [117:1] Hearken to the voice of the Spirit, O ye elders of my Church: The prayers of my people have prevailed with me.

2 [117:2a] Behold, it is wisdom in me and expedient in my Church that the chief quorums should be more nearly filled and their organization more nearly completed.

3 [117:2b-3a] Thus saith the Spirit: Let my servants William W. Blair and David H. Smith be chosen and ordained to be counselors to my servant, the presiding Elder of my Church.

4 [117:3b] Let them be set apart to this office by the laying on of hands by my servants, whose duty it is to ordain and set in order the officers of my Church;

5 [117:3c] And let my servants, the president of the high priests' quorum and the president of the lesser priesthood, also lay their hands upon these, their brethren, who are to be counselors; but let my servants of the Twelve be the spokesmen.

6 [117:4a] Let my servants William H. Kelley, Thomas W. Smith, James Caffall, John H. Lake, Alexander H. Smith, Zenas H. Gurley, and Joseph R. Lambert be chosen as especial witnesses, even of the Quorum of Twelve, for they are called thereunto that they may take this ministry upon them.

7 [117:4b] Let them be ordained and set apart to this office by the laying on of the hands of my servants Joseph Smith, Jason W. Briggs, and William W. Blair.

8 [117:5] Verily, I say unto you: If these, my servants, will henceforth magnify their calling in honor before me, they shall become men of power and excellent wisdom in the assemblies of my people.

9 [117:6] Let the names of my servants Daniel B. Rasey and Reuben Newkirk be taken from the record of the Quorum of the Twelve and placed with the records of the names of the Elders; and let them labor as Elders, and their labors will be accepted by me.

10 [117:7a] It is my will that my servants Jason W. Briggs, Josiah Ells, and Edmund C. Briggs remain and stand in their lot as especial witnesses before me.

11 [117:7b] Let them diligently labor in their ministry, encouraging and directing their brethren in their labors.

12 [117:7c] It is expedient for the good of my cause that my servant Jason take the active oversight of this quorum.

13 [117:8a] Let my servants Archibald M. Wilsey, William D. Morton, and George Rarick be ordained high priests;

14 [117:8b] And let my servants E. C. Brand, Charles W. Wandell, and Duncan Campbell be appointed as special witnesses of the Seventy in their places;

15 [117:8c] And let my servants Joseph Lakeman, Glaud Rodger, John T. Davies, and John S. Patterson be also appointed as witnesses of the Seventy before me.

16 [117:9a] Until such time as the Quorum of the Twelve shall be filled, the decision of that quorum, a unanimous decision, shall be accounted final, as if such quorum were filled, according to my law as given in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

17 [117:9b] And until such time as the Quorum of the Seventy shall be filled, their decision, if unanimous and agreeing with that of the Quorum of the Twelve, shall be considered the same as if the quorum were filled.

18 [117:10a] It is expedient that the Bishop of my Church shall choose two counselors and that they be ordained to their office as my law directs, that there may be henceforth no caviling among my people.

19 [117:10b] The Bishop of my Church may also choose and appoint Bishop's agents until it shall be wisdom in me to ordain other Bishops in the districts and large branches of my Church.

20 [117:11a] It is not expedient in me that there shall be any stakes appointed until I command my people; when it shall be necessary, I will command that they be established.

21 [117:11b] Let my commandments to gather into the regions round about and the counsel of the Elders of my Church guide in this matter until it shall be otherwise given of me.

22 [117:12] Behold, if my servants and my handmaidens of the different organizations for good among my people shall continue in righteousness, they shall be blessed, even as they bless others of the household of faith.

23 [117:13] Let contentions and quarrelings among you cease; sustain each other in peace; and ye shall be blessed with my Spirit, in comforting and strengthening you for my work.

24 [117:14] It is not expedient that I command you further at this time; but be ye diligent, wise, and faithful, doing all things with an eye single for the glory of your God and for the good of his people: Thus saith the Lord. Amen.

Section 96

A Holy United Order

A revelation through apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Brigham Young in February 1874. From the writings of Thomas C. Haddon 1882, Church History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 The word of the Lord that was revealed to his People, by his servant the Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, President Brigham Young, February 1874.

2 He speak unto the people saying, Thus saith the Lord: It is my will that this people should enter into a Holy United Order, by concentrating their labor, there time, and their means together for the interest of my Kingdom, and for their own mutual benefit,

3 And I, the Lord, will bless them abundantly, they shall get along with less labor, and less means, and become a great deal richer, and happier, and be enabled to do a great deal more good,

4 And if not the curse of the Lord will be upon them, for we are got as far as we can get in our present position,

5 For the time is fully come that we should enter into this Holy Order, the Lord is saying come, and Holy angles are saying come,

6 And all good men are saying: Come, and I say come let us enter into this Holy Order, that the Kingdom of Heaven may continue to advance, till it fill the whole earth with the knowledge and love of God.

7 Hear this O Israel, I tell you the Kingdom of God cannot advance one step further until we enter into this Holy Order.

Section 97

Concerning Two Matters of the Church

A Revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III September 28, 1882 in response to the prayers of the General Conference concerning two matters: the filling of the leading quorums and the administration of the work in Chicago. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 118 for Community of Christ Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

17 [118:1a] In asking of me, ye did well. I will hasten my work in its time.

18 [118:1b] Ye cannot now prosecute missions in many foreign lands, nor is it expedient that the Elders of the First Quorums be sent out of the land of America until the work of the reorganization of my Church be more fully established and a greater unity of understanding between them be obtained;

19 [118:1c] Nor is it expedient now to further fill up the quorums, except it be the Elders, Priests, Teachers, and Deacons, which ye may do, as ye deem wise, by the direction of conference.

20 [118:2] Continue the mission in Chicago until the April conference when, if it be found expedient, it may be left in the charge of the authorities of the Northern Illinois District.

21 [118:3] It is my will that ye more fully honor and pay heed to the voice and counsel of the traveling ministry in spiritual things-which if ye do not, the office which they hold is not honored in my service, and the good they should do is made void.

22 [118:4a] If they approve themselves as righteous ministers, they shall be blessed; if they be found transgressors or idle servants, ye shall not uphold them;

23 [118:4b] But be not hasty in withdrawing your support from them, peradventure ye shall injure my work.

24 [118:4c1] Even now I am not well pleased with some, but space is granted for repentance and a renewal of diligence.

25 [118:4c2] Let no one deceive himself that he shall not account for his stewardship unto me.

Section 98

To the Priesthood and People of My Church

A Revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, October 13, 1882. This revelation was originally published in some of the early European editions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Thus saith the Lord to the Twelve, and to the Priesthood and people of my Church: Let my servants George Teasdale and Heber J. Grant be appointed to fill the vacancies in the Twelve, that you may be fully organized and prepared for the labors devolving upon you,

2 For you have a great work to perform, and then proceed to fill up the presiding quorum of Seventies and assist in organizing that body of my priesthood who are your co-laborers in the ministry.

3 You may appoint Seymour B. Young to fill up the vacancy in the presiding quorum of Seventies, if he will conform to my Law, for it is not meet that men who will not abide my Law shall preside over my priesthood;

4 And then proceed forthwith and call to your aid any assistance that you may require from among the Seventies to assist you in your labors in introducing and maintaining the gospel among the Lamanites throughout the land.

5 And then let High Priests be selected, under the direction of the First Presidency, to preside over the various organizations that shall exist among this people;

6 That those who receive the Gospel may be taught in the doctrines of my Church and in the ordinances and laws thereof, and also in the things pertaining to my Zion and my Kingdom, saith the Lord, that they may be one with you in my Church and my Kingdom.”

7 Let the Presidency of my Church be one in all things, and let the Twelve also be one in all things; and let them all be one with me as I am one with the Father.

8 And let the High Priests organize themselves, and purify themselves, and prepare themselves for this labor, and for all other labors that they may be called upon to fulfill.

9 And let the Presidents of the Stakes also purify themselves, and the Priesthood and people of the Stakes over which they preside, and organize the priesthood in their various stakes according to my law, in all the various departments thereof, in the High Councils, in the Elders' quorums, and in the Bishops and their councils, and in the quorums of Priests, Teachers, and Deacons that every quorum may be fully organized according to the order of my Church;

10 And, then let them inquire into the standing and fellowship of all that hold my Holy Priesthood in their several stakes;

11 And if they find those that are unworthy let them remove them, except they repent; for My Priesthood, whom I have called and whom I have sustained and honored, shall honor Me and obey My laws, and the Laws of My Holy Priesthood, or they shall not be considered worthy to hold My Priesthood, saith the Lord

12 And let My Priesthood humble themselves before me, and seek not their own will but my will;

13 For if my Priesthood, whom I have chosen and called, and endowed with the spirit and gifts of their several callings, and with the powers thereof, do not acknowledge me I will not acknowledge them, saith the Lord; for I will be honored and obeyed by my priesthood.

14 And, then, I call upon my Priesthood and upon all of my people, to repent of all their sins and shortcomings, of their covetousness and pride and self-will, and of all their iniquities wherein they sin against me, and to seek with all humility to fulfill my law, as my priesthood, my Saints and my people.

15 And I call upon the heads of families to put their houses in order according to the Law of God and attend to the various duties and responsibilities associated therewith, and to purify themselves before me, and to purge out iniquity from their households.

16 And I will bless and be with you, saith the Lord, and ye shall gather together in your holy places wherein ye assemble to call upon me,

17 And ye shall ask for such things as are right, and I will hear your prayers and my spirit and power shall be with you and my blessings shall rest upon you, upon your families, your dwellings and your households, upon your flocks and herds and fields, your orchards and vineyards, and upon all that pertains to you;

18 And you shall be my people and I will be your God:

19 And your enemies shall not have dominion over you, for I will preserve you and confound them, saith the Lord, and they shall not have power nor dominion over you;

20 For my words shall go forth, and my work shall be accomplished, and my Zion shall be established, and my rule and my power and my dominion shall prevail among my people, and all nations shall yet acknowledge Me. Even so, Amen.

Section 99

Whispering of the Spirit

A Revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, April 28, 1883. From the John Taylor Papers in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Archives. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

- 1 You have asked Me why your mind was confused and dull within the last two days;
- 2 Verily thus saith the LORD, by the whisperings of His Spirit, and the still small voice: That the arrangement which you have contemplated with My servant Thomas is not acceptable to Me.
- 3 He should have listened to your offer, which would have been profitable to himself and acceptable to Me.
- 4 When you rejected his offer, you did right, and My Spirit was with you,
- 5 But when you, in your zeal to show that you had faith in Me and in My Word, accepted propositions and assumed responsibilities which were not in accordance with the order that I showed you, you did wrong, and I withdrew My Spirit.
- 6 For it is forbidden My Presidency to go into debt unless I, the LORD, command it; for these things lead to confusion and bondage.
- 7 Besides, have I not shown unto you, My servant John, a way to raise a fund which should be at your disposal for the accomplishment of My purposes?
- 8 And by which the rights and properties of My people should be preserved in all of these matters?
- 9 You must abide by this principle; my servant Thomas does not understand this matter.
- 10 Confer with him on this subject, and if he can see these things and follow counsel, he shall assist you in the developments contemplated; for you, nor My servant George Q. Cannon, cannot attend to these details;
- 11 But if he, Thomas, cannot enter freely into this matter without restraint, then shall you arrange with him according to wisdom, and withdraw from the consummation of the contemplated arrangement.
- 12 Behold, I have shown unto you many things, and I will continue to make know unto you My will, from time to time, on things temporal as well as spiritual; things pertaining to My Church, My kingdom, and My Zion.
- 13 And you shall be My mouthpiece, saith the LORD, and I will greatly bless you, and lift you up, and exalt you, saith the LORD;
- 14 For your words and works are acceptable unto Me, and I know of your zeal and integrity in My cause,
- 15 And you shall be made a blessing to My people, and your name shall be honored in Israel, and in this nation, and among the nations of the earth; for they that honor Me, I will honor.
- 16 And I will also greatly bless My servant George Q. Cannon, who is acceptable before Me, and who is exceedingly desirous to do My will.
- 17 And I will also bless My servant Joseph F. Smith, whose heart and spirit are right before Me, and who is also desirous to fulfill My Law;
- 18 And these your counselors shall be greatly blessed with you; and you shall be My mouthpiece unto them, and I will show unto them My will from time to time;
- 19 And you shall be one in spiritual things and also in temporal things in due time.
- 20 And I will show unto My people, and unto the world, that this world is Mine, and that I created it by My power:
- 21 And the gold and silver and copper and brass and iron and riches and precious things thereof, and all that pertains thereunto are Mine;
- 22 And My people shall know that they are Mine, and that they live in Me, and move and exist in Me, and have their being from Me:
- 23 And that all which they possess is Mine, and is obtained of Me, and that they are, and can only be, stewards over that which I have given unto them to possess, and which they could not have only of Me and by Me;

24 Whether it relates to this earth and the fullness thereof—to wives, children, and friends, to gold, silver, houses, lands, riches and possessions pertaining thereto—or to thrones, principalities, powers, dominions and exaltations in My eternal kingdoms.

25 And My Presidency shall be one, and the Twelve shall be one, and the Presidencies of Stakes and the High Councils shall be one;

26 And all of My holy priesthood in their several quorums, standings, offices, and positions shall be one, and all of My priesthood shall be united as one;

27 And they shall be one with My people, and My people shall be one with them; and I will be one with them, and be their God.

28 Let every person, therefore, be diligent and act in their several positions, callings or priesthood, and honor and magnify the same, and honor and obey Me, the Lord their God, and respect and obey the counsels of My holy priesthood, and I will honor and exalt them, saith the LORD, in time and throughout eternity.

29 And as it regards My servant John Taylor, it is not necessary for him to attend to the minutia or details of either spiritual or temporal things, but only to give general directions, or as I may manifest from time to time.

30 And his counselors are to be his assistants, and the First Presidency shall call upon the Twelve, the presidents of stakes, the bishops, and others to assist in these duties.

31 And I will raise up wise and prudent men, from time to time, to assist in temporal as well as spiritual things, for they are all one with Me.

32 And then let the Twelve call upon the Seventies, and let the High Priests *and High Priestesses*, the councils, the Elders, and Bishops and the lesser priesthood, and all who labor for Zion, be diligent and obedient;

33 And let *everyone* put in *their* sickle and reap, and fulfill and magnify *their* calling, office or Priesthood.

34 These things belong to My priesthood, but more properly to the School of the Prophets; let the School of the Prophets be organized, even all such as are worthy.

35 But if they are found unworthy, they shall not have a place in My school, for I will be honored by My priesthood; and let My laws be made known unto them as may be deemed expedient. *Even so, Amen.*

Section 100

A House of Prayer

A Revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, May 1884. From the John Taylor Papers in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Archives. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 As thou hast asked Me concerning this temple, thus saith the LORD: I accept this house which thou hast built;

2 And also the labors of the Committee, the Superintendent, and the Architect thereof, and of those who have in anywise contributed to the building or beautifying the same, by their labor or by their means;

3 And inasmuch as it shall be preserved pure and not by defiled, My presence shall be there, even the power of My Spirit, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, which shall in this house hereafter be more fully understood;

4 And I will acknowledge the ordinances which shall be administered therein, both for the living and the dead;

5 And My blessings shall attend the administration of the ordinances, and shall rest upon those who administer therein inasmuch as they comply with the order of My house, and act with purity and singleness of heart before Me, according to My word, My ordinances and My law;

6 And this house shall be a house of prayer, a house of learning, a house of God, wherein many great principles pertaining to the past, to the present, and the future shall be revealed.

7 And My Word and My will be made known, and the laws of the universe, pertaining to this world and other worlds be developed;

8 For in these houses which have been built unto Me, and which shall be built, I will reveal the abundance of those things pertaining to the past, the present, and the future—

9 To the life that now is, and the life that is to come, pertaining to law, order, rule, dominion, and government; to things affecting this nation and other nations.

10 The Laws of the heavenly bodies in their times and seasons, and the principles or laws by which they are governed, and their relation to each other, and whether they be bodies Celestial, Terrestrial, or Telestial shall all be made known as I will, saith the LORD.”

11 For it is My will and My purpose to place My people in closer communion with the heavens, inasmuch as they will purify themselves and observe more diligently My Law;

12 For it is in Mine heart to greatly bless and exalt My people, and to build up, exalt, and beautify My Zion, inasmuch as they shall observe My law. Even so, Amen.

Section 101

Addressing Several Questions

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 1885 in Independence Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 121 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [121:1a] At the April session of conference of 1885, during the consideration of the sustaining of the officers of the *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints* made the special order for the 11th, when David H. Smith, second counselor to the President, was presented, the question was asked whether any communication had been received in regard to it.

2 [121:1b] The President of the Church replied: The voice of the Spirit is that David H. Smith be released. He is in mine hand.

3 [121:2a] When the Quorum of the Twelve were presented, the question was again asked: Has any information been received concerning said quorum?

4 [121:2b1] President Joseph Smith replied: The voice of the Spirit is that E. C. Briggs be sustained for the present. J. W. Briggs and Z. H. Gurley are in your hands, to approve or disapprove as wisdom may direct.

5 [121:2b2] Be merciful, for to him that is merciful shall mercy be shown.

6 [121:3] On the 14th of the month, the eighth day of the session, when the mission of Elder E. C. Briggs was being considered, the following instruction was presented as the will of the Lord concerning the Chicago mission, over which some trouble had occurred:

7 [121:4a1] It is my will that my servants shall contend no longer one with another in regard to the Chicago Branch.

8 [121:4a2] Let the branch be instructed to report to the conference of my Saints of the district where the branch is located, the Northern Illinois District.

9 [121:4b] My servants, the Elders, when passing to and from, should labor in the city when time and opportunity permit, that my people there may be strengthened and encouraged.

10 [121:4c] And this should be agreeable to the Elders in charge of the branch and the district, who should ever be willing to aid such ministrations; and this should be without jealousy on either part.

11 [121:5a] The following, also received in 1885, is added by direction of the conference of 1894:

12 [121:5b] My servants of the Seventy may select from their number, seven-of which number those now being of the seven presidents of Seventy shall be a part-who shall form the presidency of seven presidents of Seventy as provided in my Law.

13 [121:6a1] The foregoing was accepted as proper instruction, and the conference acted upon it as such;

14 [121:6b2] But the word received was not presented to the quorums nor acted upon by them as is the usual custom of the Church in regard to revelations received for the guidance of the Church.

15 [121:6b] It is given here as having been acquiesced in by all, in answer to prayer, and decisive upon the matters referred to.

Section 102

A New and Everlasting Covenant

A Revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, September 27, 1886. From the John Taylor Papers in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Archives. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 My Son John Taylor: You have asked me concerning the New and Everlasting Covenant and how far it is binding upon my people; Thus saith the Lord:

2 All commandments that I give must be obeyed by those calling themselves by my name, unless they are revoked by me or by my authority.

3 And how can I revoke an everlasting covenant? For I the Lord am everlasting and my everlasting covenants cannot be abrogated nor done away with, but they stand forever.

4 Have I not given my word in great plainness on this subject?

5 Yet have not great numbers of my people been negligent in the observance of my laws and the keeping of my commandments, and yet have I borne with them these many years;

6 And this because of their weakness, because of the perilous times, and furthermore, it is more pleasing to me that men *and women* should use their free agency in regards to these matters.

7 Nevertheless, I the Lord do not change and my Word, and my covenants and my Law *does not change*.

8 And as I have heretofore said by my servant Joseph Smith Jr.: All those who would enter into my glory must and shall obey my Law.

9 And have I not commanded men that if they were Abraham's seed and would enter into my glory, they must do the works of Abraham^b?

10 I have not revoked this Law, nor will I, for it is everlasting, and those who will enter into my glory must obey the conditions thereof; Even so Amen.

Note:

- a. See DoS 14a:3.
- b. See DoS 64a:2-3

Section 103

The Manifesto

A revelation through Wilford Woodruff, an apostle of the Church of Christ, and at this time, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints November 24, 1889 in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory and the Manifesto given to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sustained as Official Declaration One on April 6, 1890 and added to their edition of the Doctrine and Covenants. From Wilford Woodruff's Journal. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Thus saith the LORD to My servant Wilford, I the Lord have heard thy prayer and thy request, and will answer thee by the voice of My Spirit.

2 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, unto My servants, the Presidency of My Church, *even the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, who hold the keys of the Kingdom of God on the earth:

3 I the Lord hold the destiny of the Courts in your midst, and the destiny of this nation, and all other nations of the earth in Mine own hands; all that I have revealed, and promised and decreed concerning the generation in which you live, shall come to pass, and no power shall stay My hand.

4 Let not My servants who are called to the Presidency of My Church, deny My Word or My Law, which concerns the salvation of the children of *mankind*.

5 Let them pray for the Holy Spirit, which shall be given them, to guide them in their acts.

6 Place not yourselves in jeopardy to your enemies by promise; your enemies seek your destruction and the destruction of My people.

7 If the Saints will hearken unto My voice, and the counsel of My servants, the wicked shall not prevail.

8 ¶ Let My servants, who officiate as your Counselors before the Courts, make their pleadings as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit, without any further pledges from the Priesthood, and they shall be justified.

9 I, the LORD, will hold the Courts, with the officers of government, and the nation responsible for their acts towards the inhabitants of Zion.

10 ¶ I, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, am in your midst; I am your Advocate with the Father:

11 Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom; fear not the wicked and ungodly.

12 Search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify of Me; also those revelations which I have given to My Servant Joseph Smith Jr., and to all My Servants since the world began, which are recorded in the records of divine truth.

13 Those revelations contain the judgments of God, which are to be poured out upon all nations under the heavens, which include great Babylon.

14 These judgments are at the door, they will be fulfilled as God lives.

15 Leave judgment with Me, it is Mine, saith the LORD.

16 Watch the signs of the times, and they will show the fulfillment of the words of the LORD.

17 ¶ Let my servants call upon the LORD in mighty prayer, retain the Holy Ghost as your constant companion, and act as you are moved upon by that spirit, and all will be well with you.

18 The wicked are fast ripening in iniquity, and they will be cut off by the judgments of God.

19 Great events await you and this generation, and are nigh at your doors.

20 Awake, O Israel, and have faith in God, and His promises, and He will not forsake you.

21 ¶ I, the Lord, will deliver My Saints from the dominion of the wicked, in Mine own due time and way.

22 I cannot deny My word, neither in blessings nor judgments; therefore, let Mine anointed gird up their loins, watch and be sober, and keep My commandments.

23 ¶ Pray always and faint not; exercise faith in the LORD and in the promises of God; be valiant in the testimony of Jesus Christ.

24 The eyes of the Lord and the Heavenly Hosts are watching over you and your acts; therefore, be faithful until I come:

25 I come quickly, to reward every man according with deeds done in the body; Even so, Amen.

26 ¶ Six months after receiving revelation, President Wilford Woodruff issued the following Manifesto:

27 ¶ To Whom It May Concern: Press dispatches having been sent for political purposes, from Salt Lake City, which have been widely published, to the effect that the Utah Commission, in their recent report to the Secretary of the Interior, allege that plural marriages are still being solemnized and that forty or more such marriages have been contracted in Utah since last June or during the past year, also that in public discourses the leaders of the Church have taught, encouraged and urged the continuance of the practice of polygamy—

28 ¶ I, therefore, as President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, do hereby, in the most solemn manner, declare that these charges are false.

29 ¶ We are not teaching polygamy or plural marriage, nor permitting any person to enter into its practice, and I deny that either forty or any other number of plural marriages have during that period been solemnized in our Temples or in any other place in the Territory.

30 ¶ One case has been reported, in which the parties allege that the marriage was performed in the Endowment House, in Salt Lake City, in the Spring of 1889, but I have not been able to learn who performed the ceremony; whatever was done in this matter was without my knowledge.

31 ¶ In consequence of this alleged occurrence the Endowment House was, by my instructions, taken down without delay.

32 ¶ Inasmuch as laws have been enacted by Congress forbidding plural marriages, which laws have been pronounced constitutional by the court of last resort, I hereby declare my intention to submit to those laws, and to use my influence with the members of the Church over which I preside to have them do likewise.

33 ¶ There is nothing in my teachings to the Church or in those of my associates, during the time specified, which can be reasonably construed to inculcate or encourage polygamy;

34 And when any Elder of the Church has used language which appeared to convey any such teaching, he has been promptly reproved.

35 And I now publicly declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriage forbidden by the law of the land. Wilford Woodruff, *Third consecutive* President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

To the Elders and to the Church

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 8, 1897 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 124 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 By the grace of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, I am permitted to write unto you and the Church in answer to prayer.

2 On the night of the 7th of April in the year of our Lord 1897, and on the morning of the 8th, I was in the Spirit and was commanded to write and say unto the Elders and the Church:

3 [124:1] Thus saith the Spirit of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: Your fasting and your prayers are accepted and have prevailed.

4 [124:2a] Separate and set apart my servant Alexander Hale Smith to be a counselor to my servant, the President of the Church, his brother, and to be Patriarch to the Church and an Evangelical minister to the whole Church.

5 [124:2b] Also, appoint my servant E. L. Kelley, Bishop of the Church, to act as counselor to the President of the Church for the conference year or until one shall be chosen to succeed my servant W. W. Blair, whom I have taken unto myself—

6 [124:2c] He to sit in council with his brethren of the Presidency and act with and for them and the Church, though he shall still be and act in the office of his calling of Bishop of the Church with his brethren of the Bishopric.

7 [124:3a] The Quorum of Twelve, my servants, may choose and appoint one of their number to take the place of my servant Alexander H. Smith;

8 [124:3b] And if they shall choose William H. Kelley from among them for this place, it will be pleasing unto me; nevertheless, if directed by the spirit of revelation and wisdom, they may choose another.

9 [124:4a] And, that the quorum may be filled and be prepared to stand as a unit in the councils of the Church, in equality with the Presidency and the Seventy, choose and set apart to act as Apostles in the Quorum of Twelve my servants I. N. White, J. W. Wight, and R. C. Evans, for they are called unto this office and calling.

10 [124:4b1] And, if these will accept this appointment and remain humble, faithful, and diligent, they shall with their brethren be greatly blessed in ministering the word and bringing souls unto me.

11 [124:4b2] Let the quorum be not doubting but believing; and I, the Lord, will bless them.

12 [124:5a] My servants, the presidents of the Seventy, may with the consent and approval of their brethren of the Seventy, sitting in council together, select from their brethren one to take the place of my servant I. N. White, if he accept the appointment to the Quorum of Twelve and his choosing be approved by the Church;

13 [124:5b] And in like manner they may fill any other vacancy that has occurred or may occur, such selection and appointment to be made in the spirit of prayer, and supplication, and wisdom and to be approved by the Church.

14 [124:6a] It is according to the vision that the seven presidents of the Seventy shall preside over the whole number of the Seventy when assembled in council together;

15 [124:6b] The senior, or chosen president of the seven presidents, shall preside over the six other presidents in their councils as presidents of the Seventy;

16 [124:6c] and when either quorum is sitting in council, as a quorum, then its chosen president shall preside over its sittings.

17 [124:6da] When any quorum of the Seventy may be sitting, any one or all of the seven presidents may, at their request or by invitation of such quorum, be present and take part in the deliberations of such council;

18 [124:6d2] But the president of such quorum only shall preside, except by consent of the quorum obtained by vote properly taken.

19 [124:7a] The sons of my servant, the President of the Church, the sons of my servant William W. Blair, whom I have taken to myself, the sons of my servant, the Bishop of the Church, and the sons of my servants of the leading quorums of the Church are admonished—

20 [124:7b] 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,

21 [124:7c] 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;

22 [124:7d] And to their sons shall come honor or shame as they shall approve or disapprove themselves to God.

23 [124:7e] These sons of my servants are called; and, if faithful, shall in time be chosen to places whence their fathers shall fall, or fail, or be removed by honorable release before the Lord and the Church.

24 [124:8a] The Spirit saith further unto the Church: Be of good cheer.

25 [124:8b1] It has pleased the Father to accept many of the sacrifices of his people; and, notwithstanding some have fallen while engaged in their work, some have been tried and are still tried; some have been and are afflicted,

26 [124:8b2] Yet the Lord has seen the affliction and trial and will accept and bless; and no man shall lose his reward.

27 [124:8b3] Brethren of the ministry and members of the Church: My soul has been cheered, my spirit and body have been strengthened, and my heart made exceeding glad by the blessed and holy influence of the Spirit which was with me and still is with me as I write—causing me to give praise, honor, and glory to God and the Lamb, to whom honor and glory belong and with whom are might, power, and dominion evermore. Amen.

Section 105a

Temporal Ministry

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 15, 1906 in Independence, Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 127 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [127:1a] Thus saith the Spirit unto the Church: It is the will of the Lord that a sanitarium, a place of refuge and help for the sick and afflicted, be established by the Church at Independence, Missouri, as my servant Joseph Smith III has already stated to you.

2 [127:1b] This should be done as soon as it is found to be practicable and without unnecessary delay.

3 [127:1c] The Presiding Bishop and his counselors and the Bishopric of the Independence Stake should take counsel together in locating and establishing this sanitarium.

4 [127:2a] It is also expedient that these should be assisted by the advice and counsel of one of my servants who is acquainted with the laws of health and the practice of medicine and who may have charge when the institution is established.

5 [127:2b] It is in accordance with the instruction given to my servant Joseph Smith III that my servant Joseph Luff, who has been giving his attention to the study of medicine and has been preparing himself for usefulness in this direction, be associated with this sanitarium as a medical director and physician to the Church and be put in charge,

6 [127:2c] That he may be an assistant to those who seek the aid of this institution of the Church in his spiritual office and his calling as a physician,

7 [127:2d] With those who from time to time may be called to administer in laying hands upon the afflicted and sick, where they may be removed from the influences and environments unfavorable to the exercise of proper faith unto the healing of the sick.

8 [127:2e] And this my servant Joseph Luff may do and retain and exercise his apostleship.

9 [27:3] There should also be a home for children established; and the efforts of the Daughters of Zion should be approved and carried unto completion as soon as is consistent with the necessary demands of the work of the Church in other directions.

10 [127:4a] In the establishment of the sanitarium and the home for children, debt should not be contracted nor too large nor expensive buildings be built at the outset.

11 [127:4b] Those to whom this work is assigned should exercise the necessary degree of wisdom, that the work be effectual for the intent and purposes designed.

12 [127:5a] It is necessary that some, one or more, be sent to the South Sea Island; the heaving of the sea beyond its bounds has been trying to the faith of many of the Saints in that far-off region.

13 [127:5b] They should be visited, and comforted, and encouraged.

14 [127:5c] Someone of experience and knowledge of the situation should be sent, accompanied by another, who should be prepared to make a stay of years, if necessary, in the mission to those islands.

15 [127:5d] My servant Joseph F. Burton, though aged, will be an efficient officer and representative of the faith and, choosing someone to go with him, may be intrusted with this difficult mission.

16 [127:6a] It is the will of the Lord that the mission to Utah and the west should be continued and suitable representatives of the Church be sent and maintained there under the conditions prevailing at the present time.

17 [127:6b] It is essential that the *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints* have proper representatives there.

18 [127:7a] As the Saints have heretofore been instructed in reference to the gathering, they are now again admonished that the gathering must not be in haste nor without due preparation,

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20 D&C 127:7b and must be done in accordance with the revelation given to the Church upon Fishing River and in accordance with the counsel and advice of the Elders of the Church whose duty it has been made to counsel and advise the Saints.

21 [127:7c] The spirit of speculation, the exhibition of greed for gain, is unseemly in the Saints and officers of the Church and should be avoided; it has the appearance of evil.

22 [127:7d] Heed should be paid to the admonitions of those who from time to time preach and write upon the gathering—to remove the principle of selfishness from the hearts of the Saints and especially from those upon whom rests the burden of the Church and its ministrations abroad.

23 [127:8a] Inasmuch as misunderstanding has occurred in regard to the meaning of a revelation hitherto given through my servant Joseph Smith III in regard to who should be called to preside in case my servant should be taken away or fall by transgression,

24 [127:8b] It is now declared that, in case of the removal of my servant now presiding over the Church by death or transgression, my servant Frederick M. Smith, if he remain faithful and steadfast, should be chosen in accordance with the revelations which have been hitherto given to the Church concerning the Priesthood.

25 [127:8c] Should my servant Frederick M. Smith prove unstable and unfaithful, another may be chosen according to the Law already given.

Section 105b

Regarding the Temporal Law

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 18, 1909 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 129:7a-9c for Community of Christ. Verses 1a-6b have been placed in Appendix 4. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 To the Church: After constant meditation and prayer, both before and after coming to conference and during the sessions, so far as the peculiar conditions obtaining in our sittings had permitted, I was in the Spirit during the nights of the 15th and 16th of the month and the day passing between at such times during the calm that occasionally ensued and the quiet of the night when the burden of my care forbade sleep.

2 My dreams also have been enlightening and encouraging.

3 [129:7a] *The voice of the Spirit to me is:* Those who are holding the office of Patriarch are to be enrolled with the High Priests, the same as the Bishops, who are acting in their office by virtue of their being High Priests.

4 [129:7b] These men in their office are an order in the priesthood, the same as the high councils of the Church and the stakes, and as the Bishops who hold as High Priests, as the quorum of the Twelve, and as the Presidency are but orders in the priesthood—there being but two priesthoods; and these are orders in the Melchizedek Priesthood.

5 [129:7c] There is no difference in the Priesthood, though there may be and is in the office in which the several orders may occupy and act.

6 [129:8a] The Spirit saith further: The attention of the Church is called to the consideration of the revelation, given in answer to earnest supplication, with regard to temporal things.

7 [129:8b1] The Word has been already given in agreement with revelations long since delivered to the Church, that the temporalities of the Church were to be under the charge and care of the Bishopric—

8 [129:8b2] Men *and women* holding the office of Bishop under a presiding head acting for the Church in the gathering, caring for, and disbursing the contributions gathered from the Saints of moneys and properties under the terms of tithing, surplus, free will offerings, and consecrations.

9 [129:8c] The Word which has been given at a late period should not have been so soon forgotten and disregarded by the Church or any of its members.

10 [129:8d] **I am God; I change not** has been known to the Church and the Eldership since the coming of the angel with the message of restoration.

11 [129:8e] Under it the Church has sought the Lord and received from time to time that which was deemed sufficient for the time to govern the Church and its ministers, both of the spiritual and the temporal divisions of the work.

12 [129:8f] The Church has been directed to accede to the rendition of the Bishopric with respect to the temporal law;

13 [129:8g] And until such heed is paid to the word which has been given, and which is in accordance with other revelations given to the Church, which had been before given, the Church cannot receive and enjoy the blessings which have been looked for when Zion should be fully redeemed;

14 [129:8h] Therefore, hearken once again unto the voice of inspiration in warning and instruction, and conform to that which is given, and receive what is awaiting the upright and the pure in heart.

15 [129:9a] The Spirit saith further unto the Church: The Lord is well pleased with the advancement which has been made in approaching unity during the conference year;

16 [129:9b] And though there may have been differences of opinion, these differences have been held in unity of purpose and desire for the good of my people and will result in helping to bring to pass a unity of understanding.

17 [129:9c] So be ye encouraged and press on to the consummation designed of God for his people—unity, honor, sanctification, and glory. Amen.

Section 105c

Principles of Sacrifice

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 14, 1913 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 130:1c, 6a-9c for Community of Christ. Verses 1a-5c have been placed in Appendix 5. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [130:1a] In obedience to the spirit and design of the day of fasting and prayer, I observed the day with the Church.

2 [130:1b] I have hitherto made supplication to the God whom we serve and renewed my supplication in the spirit of the desire of the Church for instruction and light.

3 [130:1c] And I am now prepared to lay before the Church what has come to me as the presiding officer, through whom the Master may speak to his people.

4 [130:7a-b] The Spirit saith further unto the Church assembled and at large: In order that the temporal affairs of the Church may be successfully carried on and the accumulated debt of the Church in its respective departments where debts have accumulated may be properly met and in due time discharged,

5 [130:7c] The Church is instructed, both as members and as the body at large, to avoid the unnecessary building of houses of worship or places of entertainment or otherwise expending the tithes and offerings of the Church in that which may not be essential unto the continued onward progress of the general work;

6 [130:7d] And both in private and in public expenditure carry into active exercise the principle of sacrifice and repression of unnecessary wants;

7 [130:7e] And thus permit the accumulation of tithes and offerings in such amounts as may be needful to properly discharge the existing indebtedness of the Church as a body; and the Spirit counseleth the Church in this regard.

8 [130:8a] The Spirit saith further: That the Elders and delegates assembled in business capacity are counseled to cease permitting the spirit of recrimination and accusation to find place in their discourse, either public or private,

9 [130:8b] As it tends to destroy confidence and create distrust, not only in those present at councils where they occur but to those to whom the knowledge of such a course of procedure comes by the voice of those who are present and witness what is said and done.

10 [130:8c] There should be harmony; and the Spirit enjoins it upon all, that the Master may be remembered as in meekness and due sobriety he carried on the great work to which he was called.

11 [130:9a] The Spirit saith further: That the Church has been warned heretofore that the sons of the leading officers of the Church are called and may be chosen to the respective offices to which the Spirit may direct.

12 [130:9b] And the Church should be prepared when necessity arises to properly choose such officers as may be pointed out as those who should fill the positions to which they are respectively called.

13 [130:9c] There are others still in reserve who are fitted, through the testimony that Jesus is the Christ and the doctrine is true, to serve as those who are sent as Apostles of peace, life, and salvation to those who are laboring in the valleys of humiliation and distress of spirit.

Section 105d

Counsel Against Suspicion and Distrust

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 14, 1914 in Independence, Missouri. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 131 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [131:1a] In agreement with the notice for the general fast of the Church to be observed on the first Sunday, being the fifth day of April, 1914, I, Joseph Smith III, President of the *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, in common with the custom of the brotherhood, observed the rule requiring the fast and spent that day in meditation and prayer upon the work of God and our present duty in the affairs intrusted to our care.

2 [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.

3 [131:1c] 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.

4 [131:2a] Thus saith the Spirit unto the Church: The time has now come when the necessities of the work require that the servants of the Church, Bishops Edwin A. Blakeslee and Edmund L. Kelley, should be more closely associated in the carrying on of the financial affairs of the Church and caring for the various organizations requiring the expenditure of moneys collected from the membership of the Church and the care of the properties belonging to the Church as an organization under the laws of the Church and of the land.

5 [131:2b] To accomplish this object, the servant of the Church, Edwin A. Blakeslee, should make himself more thoroughly acquainted with the affairs in the office of the Bishopric, that he may be better prepared to advise, strengthen, and aid in controlling the affairs of the Bishopric to the successful accomplishment of the object in view when he was called and ordained to the Bishopric.

6 [131:3a] The Spirit saith further that it is expedient that additional aid be given to the Bishopric in charge of the general affairs of the finances;

7 [131:3b] And to do this, Richard C. Kelley, son of my servant Bishop Edmund L. Kelley, should be called and ordained to the office of an Elder, that he may act with the Bishopric in case of necessities and to work in the office of the Bishop in looking after and caring for the affairs appertaining to that office;

8 [131:3c] And in due time, if he approve himself in this work, he should receive an ordination to the High Priesthood which would authorize him to act fully as a part of the Bishopric.

9 [131:4a] The Spirit saith further: That the spirit of distrust and want of confidence in those who are called and ordained to act in the various responsible positions in the priesthood and in authority in the Church is unbecoming those professing faith in God, Jesus Christ, his Son, and the Holy Spirit of truth, and evinces a serious lack of that charity which Paul, an apostle of Christ, declared to be the quality of Christian virtue which thinketh no evil.

10 [131:4b] Those who go out from the assemblies and solemn conclaves of the Church should exercise great care in their ministration abroad, both to the branches where they may officiate and in their preaching the Gospel to those outside, to avoid sowing seeds of distrust and suspicion either in public ministration or in private conversation.

11 [131:4c] The Church has been admonished heretofore in this respect; and the Spirit saith again: It is unbecoming to the character and calling of those who administer in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

12 [131:5] In witness whereof, I, Joseph Smith III, president and servant of *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, hereto set my hand this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1914.

Section 106

Priesthood Verses Priestcraft

Revelation given to David January 10, 2016 in Westerville, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 4 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Behold, I am the Lord your God, YHVH of Elohim—yea even Jesus Christ; I AM, the Alpha and Omega, yea I AM the beginning and the end;

2 Therefore, give heed unto my Word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore, give ye heed unto my Word.

3 ¶ Behold my servant David: Thou hast been doing my work preparing the Holy Scriptures in my name, and I have seen that thou hast questions regarding the words of my prophets, as to their meaning;

4 Yea, I will expound unto thee upon their words, for their words are of me, and testify of me, and were and are spoken in my name.

5 Behold, thou doth wish to increase thy understanding as to the meaning of seer, and sorcerer, yea and of prophet and wizard;

6 And the question hath entered thy mind: How did my servant Aaron have a staff or rod, which seems unto thee to be a wand yet he not be a sorcerer?

7 How be it that my servant Oliver Cowdery could have the rod of nature, or rod of Aaron, yea even a divining rod, to use in my name if these things are not pleasing unto me?

8 ¶ Yea, this is no great mystery: for behold, all things that delight the Lord your God are mocked of Satan;

9 Yea, even before thy first father, Adam, was cast out of the garden, that serpent, Lucifer, even Satan, beguiled man with priestcraft.

10 And this is what the scriptures mean when they say that the sorcerer and the wizard should be cast out of my presence and into the pits of Hell, for they do mock the things of the Lord, even as did the priests of Egypt.

11 Behold, did Aaron not throw down his rod and it became a serpent? And did not the priests of the pharaoh also throw down their rods and they too become serpents?

12 But behold the power of the Lord, the very power of God: The power of priestcraft was undone by the power of the Lord and his priesthood;

13 Yea, and Aaron's serpent ate the serpents of the pharaoh as a testimony that priestcraft cannot prevail before my holy priesthood, or the priesthood of Elohim; for they are the same holy priesthood.

14 ¶ Behold, even as the moon lights the night sky, so too does priestcraft light the ways for evil men and women;

15 Yea, even as the moon, it waxes and wanes in finite power, and without glory.

16 Yea, and behold as the moon reflects the light of the sun upon the earth, so too is priestcraft but a reflection of the priesthood;

17 And just as the moon has no power to bring life to the creations of God, neither does priestcraft have power to bring salvation unto man.

18 ¶ Yea, here is wisdom: a wizard, as mentioned by my servants the prophets, is but one who is wise in the things of this world.

19 ¶ Behold Nehor, he who slew my servant Gideon by the sword; was he not a wizard and a sorcerer of priestcraft too?

20 Did he not teach for doctrines sorceries, idolatry, idle-ness, babblings, envyings and strife?

21 Did he not teach those who followed him to wear costly apparel being lifted up in the pride of their own eyes?

22 And did he not teach his followers to lie, rob, murder; to commit whoredoms; yea teaching the people not to follow the Lord their God, but to follow the devil in all manner of wickedness?

23 Behold I say unto thee, this was not of me but was priestcraft;

24 Therefore, he was a sorcerer and a wizard, and any works he would do were priestcraft and of that Satan that he did serve.

25 ¶ And also the Zoromites, and their Rameumptom; behold, did they not brag of their own greatness?

26 Did they not brag of their disbelief in my prophets?

27 Did they not cast out the poor for their poverty?

28 Behold, this was a love of the things of the earth; yea this too is priestcraft.

29 ¶ And behold, the sorcerer Simon the Magus; he did try to buy the priesthood from my servant Peter; yea, this too is priestcraft, for my priesthood is a gift of the Spirit, not to be bought nor sold.

30 ¶ And yet behold my servants Moses and Aaron, yea and even Oliver; they didst take the sprout, or even the rod of a tree, and they prayed over it to bless it; thus sanctifying it in my holy name;

31 And this that they did, behold it was pleasing unto me, yea they did use these even in my name for my holy works.

32 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee again: It is no mystery, by their fruits shall ye know,

33 For if they do that which is pleasing unto me and in my name, for my glory and my Father's glory, and for the benefit of their neighbors, and not as a gift unto themselves;

34 By this shall men know that these are of me; for these are they that love one another, even as I love them.

35 Yea, and these are they that serve me, the Lord Jesus Christ, and through me Elohim; and these are they that feed my sheep; and even those that love and serve their neighbors as themselves.

36 ¶ And behold, this is not all; ye also desire to know of my holy garments, yea I see that thou art troubled of the visions that I gave unto thee in Washington D.C.

37 Behold, I say unto thee, the robes of the priesthood and the garments are not given to man for salvation and should not be seen as such.

38 Yea, these things are given as a tool to help others know the works of the Lord, and to remind those that would follow me of their covenants with me, both at baptism and the covenants made entering into my holy priesthood.

39 ¶ Behold I say unto thee: Thou shalt strive at all times and in all places to serve me, the Lord your God;

40 And just as a man putteth on one set of clothing to plow the fields and another to sleep, so too doth man put on another to do the work of the Lord.

41 ¶ Behold, the symbols of my garments were given in the Garden of Eden unto Adam and Eve, as they covenanted with me to take upon themselves my name and to use my holy priesthood;

42 And they wore their garments when they cried unto me without the Garden, and when they did all the works I commanded them to do in my name;

43 In them there was not salvation, yet there was strength given them from me.

44 And thus, I gave these things unto my servant Joseph that the world would once again see and know I AM,

45 And that the world might see and know that my works were once again upon the face of the earth.

46 ¶ But behold, this was made a great secret and a mystery unto many; yet this was not my will;

47 Yea, these things are sacred unto me, yet I will curse who I will curse and bless who I will bless;

48 Therefore, these things were not to be hidden in darkness but brought into the world that those in the world that are of me might see for themselves, and that they not be seen as priestcraft.

49 And if the world shall mock and judge, behold this sin shall be upon their heads; for I am the Lord, and I shall not be mocked.

50 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee: take unto thee a white cloth, be it about the width of thy shoulders and as long as thou art tall; and cut the cloth in the middle of its longest side two thirds inwards and seal up the edges round about;

51 And thou shalt place this upon he or she that shall wear it, and on the right breast place the sign of the square, yea, and on left breast the sign of the compass;

52 For these are signs unto me from before the beginning, yea signs of which are the justice of Elohim and the salvation of the Only Begotten; for in the square is Gevurah, the justice of God, and in the compass is Chesed, His mercy;

53 And place upon this, my holy garment, two lines; one at the bottom on the right about the knee as a reminder that every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ,

54 And the other midway upon the front thereof, yea upon the right of the divide, about that of the navel,

55 And this thou shalt do for health in the belly, and as a sign and token of my Holy Spirit, and of temporal salvation;

56 And these shall thou wear when doing my holy works that do not require the robes of the priesthood, and even under the robes of the priesthood.

57 ¶ Yea, and these garments thou shalt wear throughout thy life, at times even as the Spirit directs:

58 To bless the sick, and to preach my Gospel at the pulpit, and to do works in my name as thou art moved to do so by my Spirit.

59 And behold, thou mayest place these symbols upon thy garment by cut or by seam, as thou seest fit;

60 And thou mayest bind this at thy waste with the apron or with the gartel of the robes of the priesthood, as worn about thy waste, or not at all; as thou seest fit to wear them in my name.

61 ¶ And behold, if thou desire to do as the Latter-day Saints and wear these at the day and at the night, hidden beneath the clothing, thou mayest purchase^a from them that sell these; this I say unto all that have made the covenant of the priesthood in me;

62 But behold, if they shall keep these things unto themselves, and shall not sell^a them unto my servants in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship then I say unto you: Condemn them not, for they know not what they have nor what to do with it;

63 Therefore, to keep the peace between my Saints I say that thou should make thine own garments.

64 ¶ This thou may do: purchase cloth and fashioning these of thy own design, or thou may buy garments that were made by the world;

65 And thou shalt make these holy by adding my symbols thyself and let those with authority bless and sanctify them in my name.

66 ¶ Behold, it mattereth not unto me, as these have not power to save; but act as a reminder of thy covenants in my holy priesthood.

67 And the robes of the priesthood shall be the same, thou may make them as thou pleaseth if thou cannot obtain them from those that maketh them;

68 But behold, the cloth of which should be pure white, as a symbol of my purity and of thy purity in me, except it be the apron of Adam; yea, the apron thou mayest choose a color as thou pleaseth.

69 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee once again; these things thou shalt do as a symbol of my priesthood and thy covenant with me to honor that priesthood.

70 Yea, thou shalt not wear these to place one above another, as all are one in me; but thou shalt wear these as a token and a sign that thou are doing the work of the Lord; even I, Jesus Christ.

71 Behold, I come quickly; therefore, make straight thy paths and prepare ye the way of the Lord, Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a. Members of the Fellowship that are also members of the Latter-day Saint branch, or any other branch that makes and sells garments and temple attire may buy from them to use both in their temples and in Fellowship temples. However, if one leaves or is cast out of the other branch of the Church of Christ, they should stop wearing the garments of that branch. This is because the garments represent the ministry of that body of Christ. If they are removed from that denomination, they no longer have a ministry within that branch. Their baptism, keys, etc. are retained and may be used in the Fellowship but are no longer desired in these other folds of the earthly church. To keep the peace between the Saints, we should respect this and make new garments. They may continue to use the robes of the priesthood or make new robes as the Spirit directs

Section 107

A Temple

Revelation given to David January 10, 2016 in Westerville, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 5 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Behold, I say unto my servant David: I am well pleased in thy strength, and behold thou have continued to be faithful to me in doing works in my name;

2 And to those who are faithful, I will add unto them as I see fit.

3 Therefore, I say unto my faithful servant: Build a temple unto me that I may come into my house, and that my people shall have a place to worship.

4 ¶ Behold, all things are possible unto me, therefore I will provide a way that this work might be accomplished.

5 Therefore, I say unto thee again: Build unto me a temple that I might come unto the Holy of Holies and converse with thee as a man doth converse with a friend;

6 Let all the works which I have appointed unto you be continued and not cease:

7 Let thy diligence, and perseverance, and patience, and thy works be redoubled, saith the Lord of Hosts;

8 And, I have promised to send my servant Elijah unto thee as I did my servant Joseph.

9 ¶ Behold, he and more shall come unto thee in my holy temple;

10 Therefore, I say unto thee a third time: Build unto me a temple that mine ordinances shall be performed therein;

11 Yea, and keep it holy, that my glory shall be there; for I will not come into unholy temples.

12 Know that I AM, Jesus Christ, the Son of God; wherefore, gird up your loins and continue to do as thou art commanded, and I will come suddenly; Even so, Amen.

Section 108a

Compiling Scripture

Revelation given to David March 18, 2016 in Westerville, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 7 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Verily, verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servant David: I have heard thy prayers, and the pleading questions of thy brethren, who were chosen to bear testimony in my name;

2 Thus, I shall answer these that my Word might be sent abroad among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people;

3 And my will too shall be revealed as pertaining to their portion of the grove in which is my vineyard, as it has been assigned by me unto them.

4 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee; art my revelations unto thee for all of my Church or for thine portion of the vineyard alone?

5 Yea, and I ask thee again; of the light and knowledge thou hast received: is it imparted unto thee for all of my kingdom?

6 ¶ Behold, here is wisdom: there is that which is a light unto the world, and there is that which is to govern the affairs of men;

7 Yea, hear my words and I am pleased; do ye my will and I am well pleased;

8 And thou shalt know that which is my will by the voice of my Spirit, even the Holy Ghost.

9 ¶ And behold, it is through this witness, the Holy Spirit, that all shall know their work in the vineyard;

10 Therefore, whosoever will thrust in their sickle and reap, the same is called of God;

11 And therefore, if thou would ask of me, ye shall receive; to those that will knock, it shall be opened unto them.

12 Wherefore, my Spirit shall testify unto thee what is of me for use of my Church in this Fellowship of my people, and that which is for another part of my vineyard.

13 ¶ Yea, bring forth my Word, that ye may be prepared to receive more of my Word, and ye shall be blessed; follow my Spirit and ye shall not be led astray.

14 Be ye therefore a wise servant and be ye without sin; and I will order all things for your good, as fast as ye are able to receive them. Even so, Amen.

Section 108b

The Gift of Translation

Revelation given to David May 4, 2016 in Enon, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 11 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Having started a new job, and stuck living with very limited access to the internet, I wanted to know what the Lord expected of me at this point.

2 Living away from my family as my wife prepared to move, was I to rest or continue the work?

3 After prayer and meditation, the Lord came to me and said: Behold, blessed art thou, my servant David in this Work that thou doth do in my name; and for speaking my words which I have given thee according to my commandments.

4 And now, behold, I say unto you: the thing which will be of the most worth unto me will be to declare teshuvah (repentance) unto this people,

5 Yea, and thou shalt do this that thou might bring souls unto me, and that thou shall rest with them in the kingdom of Elohim.

6 And behold, I say unto thee: I know this work is hard, yet it is my will that it be done; therefore, go and do my will, for I shall provide thee a way.

7 And behold, I say unto thee: Prepare thyself to translate the Holy Scriptures;

8 For behold, I say unto thee, that night that I spoke to thee in thy dream, did I not show unto thee thy task?

9 Was thou not cleaning that part of my store that housed my Word, yea even the Holy Scriptures?

10 And I say unto thee, did I not speak to you through the voice of my Holy Spirit, commanding you to translate the Brass Plates?

11 And did not my servant Raphael give unto thee the command when he ordained thee a High Priest in my name to prepare thyself to receive and to translate my Word?

12 Therefore, I say unto thee: Study and prepare, for the time shall soon come that the Brass Plates shall be made manifest unto you;

13 And these plates were compiled for me, and in my name, and kept safe from the world to be brought forth in the last days;

14 That the light of my Word, yea and the truth of my Word, shall stand forth out of darkness.

15 Behold, many of the works contained in the Brass Plates are still yet among the children of men;

16 Yet they have been hidden up, and changed by the whims of man and held in the shadows of darkness by those that do not understand them;

17 Yea, and now is the time that they are to be brought from darkness into light, and my wisdom shall pour out and shine as a beacon unto all those that shall hear my call.

18 And behold, this is not all, for thou shall compile all of the Holy Scriptures for me;

19 And they that shall use them shall be blessed by hidden wisdom;

20 And they that shall use them not shall remain in darkness and ignorance.

21 And now, behold, I say unto you: Thou shall use my Word to declare teshuvah unto this people;

22 And those that thou bringeth unto me, these shall rest with thee in the kingdom of Elohim. Amen.

Section 109

The Sins of the Ancients

Revelation received by Apostle Alexei Christopher Mattanovich in the winter of 2018. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020. In the words of Brother Mattanovich: "While pondering those who lived in previous times of cruelty and barbarism, of inequality and slavery, and often hearing such justified because it was common and they did not know better, I received the following:

1 Hear the words of the just Judge in Israel. I have told you that by their fruits you will know them, and the way to judge is as plain.

2 You who are in the last days excuse the errors and abuses of those who came before you, saying We must judge them in regard to the custom of their times, even if such custom is to abuse the weak, to be merciless to the helpless, to take advantage of the less fortunate and to offend my little ones.

3 Behold, the custom of all times is to be abusive and vain and greedy because the greater portion of the people are selfish and fearful and do not have love for their fellow beings in their hearts. They see not themselves look back from another's eyes.

4 But in all times and in all places, love and compassion have found their foothold on the earth and all people have had the choice to embrace love or hatred.

5 There have always been prophets of peace among all people, whether they were known as such, or whether they claimed to be such, and they have either been heard and revered or ignored and persecuted according to the disposition of the people.

6 There has never been a slaveholder, a deceitful merchant or a wife who wrought violence upon her stepchildren who did not hear the whisper of my Spirit declare Abomination! and shut me out from their hearts.

7 You excuse the abuses of the ones who came before you because they did not have the law, and so shall those who come after you excuse your abuses, but they are excused in the minds of human beings alone and such shall be unable to justify you in the final reckoning,

8 But I say that the law is love, and the law has always been had among all people from the beginning, for it is written upon your skins and in the marrow of your bones, for it is the law of life and death.

9 So shall the people of the past be held to account, the same as the people who are today and those who are to come, for either my people accept my Spirit or they reject Me.

10 There has been suffering from the beginning until now, and those who add to suffering are not excused from the beginning until now and forever. But those who relieve suffering, they have their reward, both now and forever.

Revelation on the The Law of Witnesses

Revelation received by Apostle Alexei Christopher Mattanovich in the spring of 2018. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020. In the words of Brother Mattanovich: "On this occasion, I was collecting and pondering various revelations by other prophets and sharing them. A brother in the testimony of James declared that no revealed book could be valid unless it was accompanied by human witnesses. I answered, "The Revelations of Muhammad found in the Qur'an are analogous to those found in the Prophets and Doctrine and Covenants, for which none had witnesses, and I do not have an official witness page though some have received a separate witness. I may assume that were one to translate from an ancient hard copy, others may be grave to see and testify to it.' That day, the Spirit further clarified what is meant by The Law of Witnesses, a phrase Alexei had also used incorrectly. The majority of this section is written in the Apostle's voice, with he and the Holy Ghost speaking as one at times. Some words of the Lord are included."

1 This humble one, in his myriad errors and misspeakings, minted the term "the Law of Witnesses" when speaking about the Book of Mormon, that out of the mouths of two or three witnesses shall every word be established, and insisted upon the need of at least two. "The Bible," said I, "is one, and the book of Mormon is one."

2 So it has returned upon me also after showing that James Strang had witnesses to the Brass Plates containing the Book of the Law of the Lord as Joseph Smith had witnesses to the Plates of Nephi, that this pattern shall be expected of every prophet for every new revelation because of the "Law of Witnesses." Not so, came the words of the Almighty and have rebuked my pride and vain flattery.

3 Though the law of witnesses has an exalted and official sound, no such law exists in the kingdom of God except to accuse wrongdoers and to protect the innocent. Though the beginning of a pattern appeared to emerge between Joseph and James, providing human witnesses is the exception rather than the rule for the mouthpieces of God,

4 And we see that providing physical plates and human testimony along with the many proofs that support the prophets of the Restoration, has not caused but greater disbelief and the more bitter persecution.

5 No, God says if you want a witness, you shall have a witness, and it is the Supernal Witness, the revealer of all truth promised by the fulfiller of all promises.

6 Verily speaks this same Spirit, since my mission is to persuade human beings to come unto God and receive a witness from the Holy Spirit, if you fail to receive that witness, my mission has failed where you are concerned, whether you believe me or do not believe me. Each of you are enjoined to go to God and do not believe until you receive the witness.

7 We are entering into a new age and dispensation when mere belief will not be enough. The Holy Spirit, like a fire from heaven will be poured out upon the people and will burn away all ungodliness, leaving us purified in the Lord.

8 This mortal shell shall burn away and we shall be baked as stubble in the furnace until we are glowing embers radiating the light and heat of the glory of the Eternal Fire. Our worldly cares will burn with it, and our fears and vanities, our suspicions and jealousies, our own will that stands in resistance to the Divine Will.

9 All that shall be left in the place of this demon of the earth is the image of God, exalted on heavenly ground, gazing upon the reflection of the Divine Majesty, without so much as a curtain between us.

10 We are not preparing to live by an intermediary law, but exemplify celestial principle and build the Kingdom of God with the hands of faith, in power and might, working miracles and mighty acts. It will be a holy age, not of many words, but of action, and the embodiment of Christ, the very Spirit of the Sacred Word.

Section III

All as One

Revelation received by Apostle Alexei Christopher Mattanovich, October 19, 2018. Instruction on the mind and disposition of the Christ toward us all, and how we ought to look on our brothers and sisters. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

1 Hear the voice of your Redeemer, who purchased you with a price and ransomed you from your captors. Out of gratitude, hear me.

2 I say give unto others as I have given you: Return generosity for generosity, patience for patience, forgiveness for forgiveness, kindness for kindness.

3 Be longsuffering in enduring persecution, even unto the end, remaining in loyalty and love,

4 For the one who would suffer long and endure the offenses of a brother or sister, not to condemn them, but to show forth conviction, which conviction will soften their hearts and by and by will lead them unto repentance, will save a brother or sister thereby.

5 Remain loyal to the highest principles, and spare judgement, for the day of judgement is not yet, and you will retain forgiveness for your offenses, even those you know not of, for My eye sees all.

6 If you are persecuted and yet are loath to bring your persecutor to court, even before me, the highest court, to judge them, I shall remember it when you are brought before me by your adversary, and I will acquit you of your wrongdoing;

7 Purchase therefore freedom in forgiveness, and fear not anything;

8 And when someone sins against you, do not hate and say, I am wronged, but love and say, I am made free hereby; and by and by you will have the mind of Christ and the heart of Christ.

9 Be a friend to all my creation, and you are a friend to me. Whatsoever I have given you, even all, give unto my children.

10 What more can you need than the love and blessings and appreciation of a kind father, yea even an Eternal Father?

11 And verily wisdom reigneth in thy heart, and thou art beyond reproach, and innocent before me.

12 And unto the innocent await all good things, and all recompense, beyond what you have thought to ask for or that the mind can conceive.

13 And no wrongs that can be endured in the mortal world can compare with the gifts and glories and goodness of God in the Heavenly Realm, which await the faithful, so why regard them as aught?

14 Verily to be where I am, you shall become like me, and shine brighter than the sun, radiating my light for a beacon in the night, that all may glorify me and seek to do likewise.

15 I am the first and the last, the author and finisher of your faith, your Advocate with the Father, and your exemplar. And ever ye do these things, I am with you, and my approbation rests upon you, and ye shall not fear. Amen.

Section 112

For the Benefit of the Church

Revelation given to David Ferriman December 5, 2018 in Long Beach, California for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 15 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Having read, pondered and studied the Sections of the Community of Christ's Book of Doctrine and Covenants, I prayed to the Lord, asking Him what His will was concerning them for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

2 After prayer and contemplation, the Lord spoke to me saying: Verily I say unto you, my servant and my friend David, I give unto you counsel, and a commandment, concerning all the revelations and guidance I have given unto the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and unto Community of Christ;

3 These I gave unto them for the benefit of my Church, and for the salvation of men until I come; and some were given as counsel unto them, and some gave I unto the whole Church.

4 Therefore, I say into thee: Read them, ponder their words in your mind and you shall know;

5 You have inquired of me as you read, and you know they are true and of me as I did enlighten your mind; and now I tell you these things that you may know that you have been enlightened by the Spirit of Truth.

6 And now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation, therefore this is thy gift; use your gift, and be blessed; doubt not, for it is the gift of God.

7 And I say again unto thee, that which was given them from me for them they shall retain unto them, and my Fellowship shall pursue it not; but this does not make these words untrue, or not of me.

8 And that which I said unto them that is for the whole earth and all of my Saints, this shall thou use, and it will be pleasing unto me.

9 And again, I say unto you: Use your gift and you will know, and all will be well with they that learn from it;

10 And not just of this branch of the faith but use this gift to find my words to thee and

11 my Fellowship throughout my Churches throughout all times.

12 Therefore, continue in my goodness, that my Fellowship may be a light unto all, and by the power of my priesthood my people, even Israel; So mote it be. Amen.

Section 113

Of Lehi and Korihor

Revelation given to David Ferriman December 8, 2018 in Long Beach, California for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 16 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Having read Christopher Nemelka's "Sealed Portion," and Bzhishk Nizak's "Book of Lehi," I prayed on both to know the truth.

2 The Lord had told me to study them out in my mind.

3 I met Bzhishk Nizak and learned more about him and where the Book of Lehi came from as I got to know him.

4 I also met and got to know a disciple of Christopher Nemelka's, asking him what he got out of Nemelka's teachings, etc.

5 Both appeared to be good people, and I wondered, was Christopher Nemelka's book a way to bring atheists to God?

6 However, the more I learned, the more I felt I needed guidance from the Lord;

7 The Spirit whispered to me the purpose of both books, and in time I received the following revelation:

8 ¶ Thus saith the Lord unto you my servants, concerning the Sealed Portion:

9 Behold, the Gold Plates shall not come forth by deception nor by force.

10 Yea, these things were hid from the world because of the wickedness of the Jaredite people;

11 And yet it has come to pass that secret combinations and wickedness from those that seek to gain is again upon the face of the Earth.

12 Behold, it is always so with man, and as they fall into the trappings of Satan, their wickedness and secret combinations grow.

13 Yet in the days of the Jaredites, their wickedness rivaled that of the days of Noah before the flood,

14 And thus I took them from the face of the Earth by the sword of their own hands; and by their own greed were they slaughtered.

15 And so too are the combinations of man today; they are not yet as wicked as before the flood, but as their wickedness grows mankind suffers.

16 Yea, there are those that make combinations to take from the poor, to feed them foods without nourishment, to teach their minds to be weak, and to keep their fellow man in poverty by deception.

17 ¶ And behold, I say unto you, and unto the world: Be not deceived, for Christopher Nemelka is an Antichrist, a false prophet sent to lead the hearts of the children of man away from me and to the devil;

18 Like Korihor and others of his kind, he had truth but set out to deceive.

19 And behold, he is a Korihor, which is to say and Antichrist, unto this day;

20 Yea, and I shall say no more on this wise unto you except this: As thou gather the sacred books of the Restoration, behold these two thou shall not gather—the Sealed Portion of Christopher Nemelka and the Book of Onias.

21 Behold, that Book of Onias has a portion of truth, for the Devil will tell an hundred truths to persuade men to believe one lie.

22 Yea, but no man neither woman shall bear the cursing of their fathers and mothers by the color of their skins;

23 Yea, and the color of a person's skin is a blessing from me, and not a curse,

24 And there is not one above another for all are one in me.

25 Yea, and all mankind has fallen short, and through mine atonement all mankind may be saved.

26 ¶ And behold, as to the Book of Lehi, behold ye shall call it Sepher Lehi, and ye shall include it in collecting the works of this restoration.

27 Behold I say unto thee and unto the world: This book is a work of fiction, yet it is of me; for it is a parable.

28 Behold, the daughters and sons of perdition cannot repent.

29 This is not because I am not a merciful God, but because it is against their nature to do so.

30 Yea, and I say unto thee: the demons converted to the Lord in Sepher Lehi are not perdition but are the weaknesses and vices of mankind.

31 And when thou shall take a weakness and give it unto the Lord, behold I shall make thee strong with it;

32 And Even as I took Enoch and his weaknesses, turning his weaknesses to strength, so too shall I do with thee.

33 For this have I done with all my servants, even thee; and thou are still weak, yet I give thee strength and bless thee with wisdom as ye use my works.

34 Therefore, this book, Sepher Lehi, ye shall use to teach wisdom in me with this parable;

35 For behold, they who wrote it did so in weakness, and I the Lord made them strong in this thing.

36 Yea, and I shall bless them and strengthen their words.

37 ¶ Go forth and hearken ye to these words; be sober and treasure these things up in your hearts.

38 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world; keep all my commandments, endure to the end. So mote it be; even so. Amen.

Robes of the Priesthood: The Head Covering

Revelation given to David Ferriman December 22, 2018 in Miamisburg, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship. This section was originally Revelation 17 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 After working for some time with my wife to design the temple clothing for the Fellowship, based on both the revelations we had received and what is taught in the Law as found in the Torah, I became stuck.

2 As much as I searched, pondered, and prayed I could not, of my own accord, determine what to do about the head covering;

3 Particularly, the idea of the headwear was most troubling as I searched for a way to place the words: Holiness to the Lord upon it, as required in Exodus 28:36-38:

4 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO YHVH.

5 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

6 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

7 I looked into a number of things, including stencils and cloth markers, putting gold leaf of the fabric, having gold engraved with the words, etc.

8 Not sure which direction to move forward with, I took the options I had gathered up to the Lord, to see which, if any, He would find pleasing;

9 No sooner had I asked than the Lord answered filling me with the Holy Spirit, enwrapping me with such joy that I could not hold back my tears.

10 And the Lord spoke to me, filling my whole body with the sound of His voice, saying:

11 ¶ Thus saith the Lord unto my servant David: I am well pleased with your offering and the work which you and my handmaiden Kristine have done to make the Holy Garments and Robes of the Holy Priesthood.

12 You have searched and you have prayed, and your efforts are acceptable before me; and in answer to prayers unto me I say unto you: Here is wisdom:

13 I have seen your struggles and your desire to find a way to fulfill the Law as it is written, and this is pleasing unto me;

14 But behold, the Law of Moses was but a symbol of my Higher Law, and all the Law and the words of the Prophets are fulfilled in me.

15 Therefore, ye shall look to me to know the meaning of the Law, and I shall instruct and teach thee all the days of thy life;

16 For it was I that sent the angels that taught thee in thy youth;

17 Yea, and it was I that spoke to thee from beyond the veil;

18 And it is I, even Jesus Christ, that speaks to thee now;

19 And I say unto thee: Peace, be still.

20 ¶ And Behold, I have seen your struggles to find and to make a plate of gold and to write upon it 'HOLINESS TO YHVH,' that my servants might place this upon their foreheads, as was required by my Law;

21 And you have come now, seeking with faith even as did the Brother of Jared seeking came he before me looking to light their way across the great waters.

22 But behold, this was done at a time before, and have I not said all I require of this generation is a broken heart and contrite spirit?

23 Yet so too have I said ye shall make clothing to wear when ye shall labor in my name;

24 And I say unto you now, the symbols I require of this generation are written upon the Holy Garments.

25 And 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD' does not need to be written upon your foreheads, for behold these words shall be written in that which is purer than gold:

26 And I say unto thee that my name shall be written upon your hearts.

27 ¶ And the Levitical Priesthood, the Priests and the Priestesses, these shall cover their heads with miznefet, which is to say a hat that does not cover the face or ears.

28 And the Deacons and the Teachers shall neither cover their heads nor their faces, neither the males nor the females.

29 ¶ And of the High Priesthood, the Elders shall wear a miter upon their heads, both male and female; which is to say a loose hat, wrapped, tied, or bound to the head neither covering the face nor the ears.

30 And the High Priests and High Priestesses, these shall wear a tallit, which is to say a prayer shawl with tzitzit, or fringe;

31 And they shall cover their heads as moved by the Spirit, but they shall not make to cover the face, neither the High Priest nor the High Priestess;

32 And the High Priests and the High Priestesses may wear a hat covering their heads as do the Priests and Elders in addition to this as they desire but know thee that it is not required of me.

33 ¶ And behold, these ye shall wear to show humility before me, and not of status, nor out of pride;

34 For in the day one shall hold their calling from me in pride shall they hold that call in vain.

35 ¶ Remember, remember the words of my servant Paul to the Corinthians:

36 The head of all mankind is Christ, yet the man and the woman; and the head of Christ is God.

37 And every person that prays or prophesies against the head is disgracing his head, who is Christ;

38 And as the woman comes from the man, so too does the man come from the woman; yet all come from God (see 1 Corinthians 3-4, 12).

39 And I say further unto thee that to disgrace the Son is to disgrace the Father, therefore let thy hearts be pure that thy works be done in the name of the Lord.

40 ¶ These words I give unto the true and faithful; wherefore, transgress them not, neither take therefrom;

41 Do ye these things with a oneness of heart and mind and I, the Lord, will bless thee, and all those that do them shall enter into the joy of my service; Even so, Amen.

42 ¶ And when the vision closed, I understood and wrote down the words that they would not be forgotten.

Section 115

A Message from Mother Mary

The following revelation was received January 20, 2019 by Apostle co-president, Victoria Ramirez. Changes to the original revelation are in italics. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

1 On the night of January 20, 2019 I was visited by Mother Mary; she explained to her reason for choosing to appear to me.

2 She asked me to get up and sit with my computer so I can write (transcribe) what she was to dictate to me; a message to clear up much misunderstanding about the Heavenly Mother.

3 ¶ These are her words: I AM Mother Mary, as a representative of the Divine Mother for the planet Earth.

4 I represent the Feminine aspect of God to all people on this planet as I am surrounded by all the Mothers of Heaven in support of my coming into your midst...

5 ¶ I, Mother Mary, represent the feminine aspect of the Godhead.

6 For Mary as well as Jesus, their lifetimes were their final initiations for the ascension.

7 Both I, Mary and Jesus attained Godhood at the end of our lifetimes and took our places in the Spiritual Hierarchy as well as leaving a record in the etheric realms of this event for posterity.

8 Jesus reminded us throughout his ministry; He way was the way shower to remind us that we could do all that He could and more if we followed in his footsteps.

9 In order to clearly define the role of the Divine Mother I must preface it with points to keep in mind as we explore more deeply two aspects of God.

10 ¶ There is the one Creator, the Great I AM, YHVH, which is the Infinite, which is undivided, indivisible;

11 Yet that infinite Creator has expressed itself in the world of form.

12 The indivisible Creator has expressed itself AS form, and has embedded its own Being in form.

13 It has created everything out of its own Being.

14 Even though there is still an aspect of God that is the undivided Creator, God has also divided itself into the world of form, through union with the "Ma-ter Light."

15 This is an expression of the Divine Mother. Ma-ter Light.

16 God the Father is not separated or distinct from God the Mother in the way we think of it, based on gender roles on Earth.

17 God the Mother is another expression of God the Father.

18 ¶ God the Father and God the Mother are naturally beyond human sexuality.

19 The transference of human qualities upon God is the very essence of the duality consciousness and the ego.

20 The Ego uses the duality consciousness to build a mental image of the world, and then it projects it upon everything.

21 The Ego seeks ultimate validation for its mental images, and it does so by projecting those images upon God, saying that God actually created the image or that the image is not an image but represents God's reality.

22 ¶ It is for you to understand that in order to create a world of form, the Infinite God must manifest itself as a polarity to itself, by manifesting itself as a state of Being that can take on finite form.

23 This Being, this state of Being, of the expressed God, is indeed the polarity to the unexpressed God.

24 The transcendent, unexpressed God is the Divine Father, and the expressed God is the Divine Mother.

25 ¶ The Creator has expressed itself as form, has embedded its own Being in form, has created everything out of its own Being.

26 Even though there is still an aspect of God that is the undivided Creator, God has also divided itself into the world of form, the Ma-ter light that has taken on form.

27 Although there is a transcendent God, who sometimes you may feel is beyond your reach.

28 Yet God has another aspect, namely the Divine Feminine, who is not beyond your reach.

29 In fact I AM very close to you; for each of you are an extension of, an expression of, an individualization of, the Divine Feminine, expressed as the Divine Mother.

30 ¶ All forms in this Universe are expressions of the Divine Mother; everything has the Divine Feminine embedded within it.

31 And thus, God the Father is never separated from me as he is never separated from you.

32 For, as Jesus said: the Kingdom of God is within you; you can only find me by looking within.

33 I have come to this vessel who has chosen to be chosen, and has offered to be the open door for me to come closer, into your circle to help clear up some confusion, answer questions that I have heard come from your hearts.

34 O yes, I have heard your hearts call as I heard and feel the heart's call of every son and daughter on Planet Earth.

35 ¶ The most common illusion found on this planet, is namely that God is separated from God's creation.

36 Each one of you, both male and female are created from God's own Being, and thus, can never be separated from Him who is your source.

37 You must transcend your current image of God and see Him as both Feminine and Masculine.

38 The transcendent God that is beyond form, and the God that is expressing itself as form through the perfect balance with the Divine Feminine,

39 But yet is still the transcendent God who cannot be trapped in any particular form.

40 As soon as that is done, we as humans have created a graven image.

41 He is formless, limitless, pure consciousness and cannot be confined to any mortal construct, any form or image.

42 ¶ We cannot look at the imperfections on Earth and say that this is God the Mother.

43 God the Mother can never be in any impure form; even though God the Mother allows Her energies, Her light, to take on an impure form.

44 It is done in order to give God's co-creators to learn their lesson by the opportunity to reap what we have sown.

45 ¶ Despite all outer appearances, God the Mother forever remains pure, remains undefiled, by any imperfect manifestation in this world—

46 These are created from the consciousness of humanity.

47 God the Mother has always been pure—and will always remain pure.

48 When we obtain the Christ consciousness and see that there is no separation between God the Father and God the Mother, then we become the purity of God the Mother in embodiment.

49 Then, we become God the Mother in embodiment—whether we are in a male or female body and take dominion over the Earth as a co-creator with God.

50 ¶ It is the Creator expressing itself as God the Mother that has created the world of form.

51 And thus, we need to go beyond the expressions of Father and Mother to see God as the infinite God and the expressed God, the manifest God.

52 ¶ As self-conscious beings, are evolving toward God consciousness.

53 And when we obtain that God consciousness, we can experience the Creator in its pure form.

54 But as long as we are in embodiment in the world of form, we do not experience the Creator in its pure form, we experience the Creator in its expressed form as God the Mother.

55 And that truly is the God that we become one with while we are still in embodiment.

56 ¶ When we are in embodiment, we hold a female polarity with the beings in the spiritual realm, who hold the masculine polarity.

57 So when we say: I and my Father are One, we acknowledge our oneness with our teachers, the I AM Presence and spiritual lineage that leads all the way to the Creator.

58 Thus, we acknowledge the oneness of Spirit and matter, the spiritual realm (the Father) and the material realm (the Mother).

59 ¶ When we attain the Christ consciousness we find there is no separation, not even any difference, between the masculine and feminine aspects of God, because they have become one in our beings.

60 For the Christ consciousness unifies the two aspects of God, so that we overcome the separation, the illusion that any material form could be separated from its spiritual source.

61 The path to personal Christhood is not a path that can be walked without the Divine Feminine.

62 When we obtain Christhood, we rise above the gender roles on Earth.

63 It no longer matters whether we are in a male or female body, for we have risen beyond human sexuality.

64 When we obtain the union of the Father-Mother, the feminine-masculine, the outer and the inner, we realize that there was never a separation;

65 For how could God be separated from itself, when God is infinite and thus is everywhere and must be in everything?

66 The Father and I are One.

Notes:

- a It should be noted that the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship does not define the nature of God for members dogmatically. We accept those with a Trinitarian view, along with a wide variety of other views on the nature of God.

Section 116

Remote Ordinances

*Revelation given to David Ferriman May 16, 2019 in Miamisburg, Ohio for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.
This section was originally Revelation 20 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.*

1 While putting together the plan with the Council of Elders on worship services, I felt impressed by the Spirit that the Orders of Prayer should be done in some manner, and we had been asking how to do temple ordinances and other sacred practices that require the laying on of hands for some time.

2 Going to the Lord on the matter, I asked everyone to pray that I would receive instructions on how the Lord desires we in the Fellowship to perform these sacred tasks, and the Lord came to me, giving me the following revelation:

3 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto those whom He loves, yea speaking unto my servants and my friends; those of my Church, even the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship: Hearken, O ye people of my Church;

4 Yea and verily I say unto thee that many things have been given of me, things given unto thee and those that dwell upon the earth for both profit and learning;

5 And all things have and shall be given to the Elders of my Church from the beginning even up to this day and forward, if my people shall but ask of me.

6 And behold I say unto thee: Conduct all thy meetings as ye are directed and guided by the Holy Spirit, for by this shall ye know and shall all things be profitable unto all, speaking spirit to spirit.

7 But more than this, ye seek and desire instructions on how to be one as my Saints with such great distances between one another;

8 And behold I have prepared a way unto thee, but some of ye fear and doubt because of the habits of men; and I say unto thee: Fear not!

9 Behold, I have given thee the means, greater now than in days past; yea, ye have the ways placed before thee, and I will instruct thee in my ways in this matter.

10 I say unto thee that it is by both the spirit and the flesh that all things are done, for the spirit and the flesh are one in me, and this is my purpose: to make on earth that which is in heaven that all are one in me and in the Father; yea to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of mankind.

11 Thus I say unto thee: If one needeth the laying on of hands, bless a cloth, and sent it to them, be it a napkin or a tallit, let the Spirit guide;

12 And behold, when they that require the laying on of hands receive this blessed cloth, they shall lay it upon their head, and it shall take the place of the hands of they that shall bless them in my name.

13 And if temple ordinances are to be done, behold ye shall do this by means of technologies in that ye shall see one another to instruct and to bless,

14 And ye shall place the tallit or the napkin upon the head of they that are to receive their Initiatories or their Endowments, and another shall act in thy stead, as proxy for those performing the Initiatories or the Endowments,

15 And they that shall give unto they that shall receive shall instruct them from afar, watching that all things done in my name shall be done correctly,

16 And there shall be two witnesses that all things done in my name are performed correctly, and these shall sign as witness as such.

17 And behold, as to the Order of Prayer, as given by me unto the world; these ye shall do when ye gather to worship; and it shall be led by one in authority that has been endowed unto the proper order of things.

18 And I say unto thee, they that are afar off in their homes or synagogues, or wherever they might be; these shall stand with those in attendance in their order of the prayer which is to be given, shoulder to shoulder if they are with other or alone if they be alone;

19 And these shall not close the circle as they shall be connected to those in my Fellowship that are with them in spirit by my Holy Spirit; and thus ye shall be one in me, the Lord your God.

20 And behold, my servant David, I have more to say unto thee as to thy condition and thy roll in my Fellowship: get first thy own house in order.

21 Behold, I said unto thee that I should send others to help thee prepare a way, and behold: this thing hath been fulfilled and there shall be more to come still;

22 Yet thou hast not swallowed thy pride and given unto all of these opportunities to do my works, yea thou hast taken to task all things and this pleaseth me not.

23 For behold, the ship with many oars and rowers shall go far upon the face of the waters, yet if only one shall row all shall go slowly or not at all;

24 And behold, there are many among you that can do these things, and all things shall be done in time as it is pleasing unto me;

25 Therefore, worry not if these things cannot be done in thy time, which is to say the time thou thinkest thing should be accomplished, but rather let all things be done in my time.

26 Wherefore it is pleasing unto thee that thou shall be there for thy wife and thy children, and those I have sent unto thee, and divine the labors of my vineyard unto those willing to do the work;

27 And if there are not those that are willing to do the work, behold all things shall be done in my time, therefore worry not if these things cannot be done right away;

28 And all things shall be done for thy benefit and the benefit for my people, even the Saints of Zion, for all things done in my name are done in my time, sayeth the Lord.

29 Yea, and these things too I say unto all of the Council of Elders, and all those in the Council of Fifty: worry not, for all things shall be done in my time;

30 And unto those helping now with the work, and those willing to help with this my works I say unto thee, I am well pleased.

31 And now I say unto thee and unto all of my people in the Fellowship and in every one of my vineyards, go and do all things in my name, and remember that that which is done for another is done for me, therefore do all things in my name. Even so shall it be; Amen.

Section 117

Revelation to the Levites

Revelation given to David Ferriman August 13, 2019 in Miamisburg, Ohio for the tribe of Levi throughout the world. This section was originally Revelation 21 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 On the evening of the thirteenth of August, I was engaged in conversation about the week from Sukkot to Shmini Atzeret, the Feast of Tabernacles to the Eighth Day of Assembly and the event being organized by the Levites;

2 While talking I felt the need for a revelation as to the role of the Levites in this dispensation, and as I did so I felt the Spirit of the Lord preparing me to receive this revelation.

3 Later that night, the Lord spoke to me, saying: Harken, unto me, O ye of the tribes of Levi, saith the Lord, your God, and give ear to my Word;

4 Unto those in the land of Missouri, yea even the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the Saints, and unto all they of the tribes of Lehi in this generation shall I speak this day.

5 And I say into thee: In times past thou were chosen to act as the Priests of my Covenant Peoples, yea and it was thy fathers that were commanded to watch over and keep thy traditions;

6 And as time passed thy fathers began to sleep a mighty sleep, forgetting why they were given these things.

7 And behold, when I, the Lord thy God, hung upon the Cross and freely gave up the ghost, the temple veil was rent in twain, torn in two, from the top to the bottom, even as the keys of the priesthood had been divided into the Levitical and the High Priesthood.

8 But behold, these Keys are still yet one Priesthood in my name, and shall work together as one, in my name:

9 For the Levitical is the Keys to ordinances, Holy Days, feasts, and fasting, and of the months and days in the year, as keepers and guardians of the temples, singers of the Psalms, and to perform all other duties given in my name; and the High Priesthood that of miracle working, and organizing:

10 Thus shall the Levites keep the days alone, and lead not? I say thee nay; but these shall be mine holy Kohanim and judges in Israel and assist Ephraim in gathering my people back into the straight path in remembrance of my Law and thy covenants with me.

11 And behold, here is wisdom: this is the last generation of mankind, thus saith the Lord thy God; and this after the generations of mankind after the reckoning of Elohim:

12 For this last generation are all those that have lived and all they that shall live from the time of my servant Joseph Smith Jr. until Zion is gathered and I have returned to the Earth.

13 And there shall be a number of generations, after the counting as to the manner of mankind, in this the last generation, and unto each of these I give this command:

14 Pray unto me upon thy Sabbaths, asking for thy share of light; thy share of wisdom and knowledge: that is shall be given, and received in humility.

15 Yea, and unto the Levites I give this charge: teach all that come unto me the Law of Sacrifice, which is the Law of the Broken Heart and the Contrite Spirit; teach all that accept the renewed covenant, even the Book of Mormon, to pray as such in my name.

16 For behold: this is the last generation, and it is the fullness of time; yet did my servant Joseph Smith Jr. restore all things? I say thee nay.

17 And I have sent out and given unto the world others from the time of his death even until now, that this generation might grow line upon line and precept upon precept.

18 What then of the Levites? Behold, I see many asking this day about things that have been done away;

19 And what of Miriam, the sister of Arron? For as it was Moses that taught the priests, and Aaron that took charge of them, and Aaron from that a portion of the Levitical Priesthood was named; yea, and it is Miriam that taught the priestesses, and Miriam from that a portion of the Levitical Priesthood is named.

20 Therefore, I say unto the Levites: at the head of thy council shall be a High Priest and a High Priestess: and these shall teach the Law and the Covenants to my people; and my Law is this: Love God, love thy neighbors, keep my commandments:

21 Do this and ye shall be purified and behold all thy offerings unto me shall be made in righteousness.

22 And it has been asked, what of the Law? Was not the Law put away in Christ? Behold, I say unto thee: I AM the Law: I AM he who gave it, and I AM he who fulfilled it: and behold I never dieth and so to shall my Law never die.

23 And what of the sacrifices? O fool! Know ye not that the sacrifices never did wash away sins? But it was I, the Son of Man, that forgave and that forgive; for I AM Chesed, I AM Mercy, I AM YHVH, I AM the Lord thy God;

24 Therefore, I say unto thee: observe the covenant, return to my covenant in teshuvah and in righteousness; not that thy works shall bring thee salvation, but that salvation hath led to my works; for ye are my covenant people: ye are the People of the Law.

25 And again, it has been asked: who whom doth the Levites belong? And I say thee: the Levites belong to the Lord thy God, YHVH Elohim, and should come from every walk of life, and from every branch of the tree, every garden of the vineyard not only of the Latter Day Saints, but from every branch and vineyard of the Jews, and of every church of the Gentiles as is their birthright.

26 And these shall sit in council: and all things shall be done in order; and the heads of their councils shall on the Council of Israel, when the heads of the tribes shall meet, and more shall be given on this as I gather the tribes, for this work has already begun.

27 And the Levites are to assist every branch of my kingdom, as they are asked and so moved by my Spirit to do so, loving all my people as one, and serving them as one.

28 Therefore, I say unto my people, even the Saints of Zion: listen to the Levites and return to my Holy Days and remember the covenants of thy fathers and mothers, for their covenants are thy covenants.

29 And as to the sacrificing of animals, do this only as written in the Law only for feasts and festivals; and do so in humility and in remembrance of times past; and see to it that no part is wasted.

30 For this thing that thou do is in remembrance of the covenant, to feed the poor, and to remember that as my covenant people thou hast died to the world to live in my name.

31 Therefore, go, my Levites, and do they part in the gathering of Zion; for behold, this is the restoration of all things: So mote it be; Amen.

Section 118a

A Revelation to David

Revelation given to David Ferriman February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 26 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Verily thus Saith the Lord unto you my Servant David: It is wisdom in me that thou shalt finish the translation of the First Book of Moses from the plates of brass and set aside the Doctrines of the Saints at present.

2 Yea, and thou shalt translate the words of my servant Zenos from these plates, for his words have been preserved to be given to the world at this time, and to prepare my Saints for my coming;

3 And this that my people might better understand the words of my servants Nephi and John, for unto these have I given the vision of my Creation, of things that have come to pass and that are soon to come to pass.

4 And thou shalt not be taken from the earth until this work is done, for this is the work I have called thee to do, and I have all power, even over life and death;

5 Therefore, worry not as to the things of the flesh for I AM, thy God, looketh down upon thee and watcheth over thee, and what greater protection can any have than this?

6 As I have told thee before, if this work is to be done by this generation, that is the work of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, then it must be done by they whom I have called, for thou has thy duties, and other duties have I given unto thy brothers and thy sisters;

7 Thus I say unto thee: Learn patience, for all things shall be done in my way and in my time, and the work that thou doest is to prepare the way for my coming, for my people are not yet ready;

8 Yea, thou hast seen the pride of their hearts, and felt my pain in my peoples, and thou hast not walked away, this in spite of thy weakness;

9 But behold, it is in thy weakness that thou hast been strong, for thou doest not these things for thine own glory, nor for reward, but for my glory, and because I have asked it of thee,

10 Yea thou have been faithful to our covenant made in thy youth, and for this I am well pleased, and thy sins are forgiven thee;

11 I have seen thy deeds and found thee worthy, worry not therefore upon the opinions of mankind, for the darkness cannot comprehend the light, no not at all.

12 Go forth and continue in this, my labor, and build up mine vineyard in my name, and fulfill thy calling in faith, steadfastly and be thou my rock, unmovable, Even so, Amen.

Section 118b

A Revelation to Kristine

Revelation given to Kristine Ferriman February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 25 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 And unto my servant Kristine, my Elect Lady: What more can I say unto thee than that which I have already^a said?

2 The time is now at hand to restore all things, and the keys of the kingdom have been given thee, thou art called and thou hast heeded my call,

3 Yet the things of this world way heavy upon thee, and time is fleeting; therefore I say unto thee that this duty is not given unto thee alone.

4 Yea, others too have I called and set apart to help thee, yet thou must take the lead, thou must call forth the daughters of Zion and oversee this, my work.

5 And this thou shall do, for thou art faithful; yea thou wast faithful in thy first estate, and thou shall be faithful here as well;

6 Therefore, seek my council in prayer, seek the council of thy husband, for he shall support thee, and seek they that have been called; yea, call unto thee two councilors to assist thee in this work, and seek too their wisdom;

7 Yea, do this and all things shall be done even as I will, Even so, Amen.

Notes:

a See DoS 8b.

Section 118c

A Revelation to Alexei

Revelation given to Alexei Christopher Mattanovich February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 27 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Alexei I say: As I told^a thee before, thou art a shepherd in my name and in my vineyard, and I have called thee as a talmidim, a disciple, my shaliah, an Apostle in my name,

2 For thou art an emissary, a teacher, a messenger, and a special witness of HaShem; but in this task thou are not to be alone, for many are called though few are chosen.

3 And I say unto thee: I have called many apostles in these, the last days, for the benefit of my Churches,

4 And thou shall seek and thou shall find, and thou shall call eleven brethren to assist thee, for thou art the chief apostle of the Brotherhood in my Fellowship, and the co-president of the twelve for the Order of the Ministry in this, my vineyard;

5 And ye shall behold that these shall come to thee, sent from me, from all walks of life, and from all corners of the earth, and from different parts of my vineyard,

6 And these shall raise their voices with thee, and ye, as one, shall cry teshuvah unto my people.

7 And now I say unto thee: My work has been placed before thy feet, and thou hast been given thy mitzvah; therefore go forth unto thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

a See DoS 12c.

Section 118d

A Revelation to Victoria

Revelation given to Victoria Ramirez February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 28 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Victoria I say: thou art a shepherd in my name and in my vineyard, and I have called thee as a talmidim, a disciple, my shaliah, even an Apostle in my name,

2 For thou art an emissary, a teacher, a messenger, and a special witness of HaShem; yea and thou art a diamond in my crown, yea even a diamond with a thousand facets.

3 And I say unto thee: I have called many Apostles in these, the last days, for the benefit of my Churches; yet in this day not many that I have called have been chosen from the daughters of Zion, yet I have called them;

4 And thou shall seek them out, they whom I have called, and thou shall find them, and thou shall call ten more of my daughters,

5 For thou art the chief apostle of the Sisterhood in my Fellowship, and the co-president of the twelve for the Order of the Ministry in this, my vineyard:

6 And ye shall behold that these shall come to thee, sent from me, from all walks of life, and from all corners of the earth, and from different parts of my vineyard,

7 And these shall raise their voices with thee, and ye, as one, shall cry teshuvah unto my people;

8 And thou shalt work with the Elect Lady to help organize my daughters, they too shall be one in me, yea even the daughters of Zion.

9 And now I say unto thee: Go fourth, O my Daughter of Zion; for thou hast been given thy mitzvah and it is thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Section 118e

A Revelation to FayEllen

Revelation given to Fayellen Kraig Ely February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 29 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant FayEllen I say: thou art a shepherd in my name and in my vineyard, and I have called thee as a talmidim, a disciple, my shaliah, an Apostle in my name;

2 For thou art an emissary, a teacher, a messenger and a special witness of me; and I called thee in thy youth, and thou hast been a witness in my name for many years, and thou hast faithfully served.

3 And now I have called thee out of the many apostles in these, the last days, for the benefit of my Churches, to help build up and unite my people, to help build my Fellowship and the daughters of Zion.

4 And I say unto thee: Many trials hast thou faced, and in these thou were not alone, for I was with thee in the fire, and I walked with thee, and I surrounded thee with mine angels, yea and these did and do watch over thee.

5 And why shouldst thou be placed in the fire? Was it for the sins of thy youth or to test thy worth? I say unto thee nay, these were not to prove thee nor to reprove thee,

6 For I knewest thou before thou wast born, and there I called thee and there did I set thee apart, and I know thee better than thou could ever understand by the understanding of this world.

7 But all these things were done that the world may know what I know of thee, that thou art a diamond in my crown, and thou hast shined forth in all thou hast been through, and for this thou art blessed.

8 And now it is given thee to help prepare this generation for as long as thou art able, and to prophesy unto this generation of the goodness of God.

9 And behold, there are many youth born in this day and even unto this very hour, that await thy words, to hear thy story, for it is sacred; for thy story is my story, and in it shall these gain strength.

10 And thou art a daughter of Zion, and thou art called to help gather my daughters unto me, to cry teshuvah to my people that they might cry no more in the wilderness, but to see that their salvation is come,

11 Therefore, tell thy sacred story, even the story of thy faith, that through thee others may be empowered and illuminated by my Spirit.

12 And now I say unto thee: My work has been placed before thy feet, and thou hast been given thy mitzvah, therefore go forth unto thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Section 118f

A Revelation to Allen

Revelation given to Allen J. Broadus February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 30 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Allen I say: Blessed are thee in this thy labor, and thou hast been called to lead my people and to build Churches in my name.

2 Yea, and I have called thee as a talmidim, a disciple, my shaliah; an apostle of the Seventy in my name, for thou art an emissary a teacher, a messenger and a special witness of me.

3 And know thou this: That if my works are to be done by this generation, then it must be done by they whom I have called, for thou has thy duties, and other duties have I given unto thy brothers and thy sisters;

4 And what are thy duties? To find others, my lost sheep and my shepherds, to set them apart as Pastors and Bishops, and Evangelists in my name, for it is these that shall labor in my vineyards.

5 Behold, not all fruits are fully ripe when they are plucked, therefore think not that thou must forgo and do all alone, yea some may fall but these must be free to do so.

6 Therefore, I say unto you: Seek out those that would do my work and advise them in their way, do not the labors for them.

7 Yea, and I have many awaiting thy call to help thee, even other Seventy, and the woman thou seeketh shall be thy helpmate in this thy calling, to preside as an equal over the Seventy, and she shall help build up the daughters of Zion.

8 But for now be patient and be ready, study the revelation on my priesthoods, be prayerful and ever watching for many are called and thou shall build up my kingdom throughout the earth.

9 Therefore, I say unto thee again: Go and do, be watchful, be ready, moving forward, ever forward with faith; Even so, Amen.

Section 118g

A Revelation to Anni Rose

Revelation given to Anni Rose February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 31 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Lorrian I say: I, HaShem, have called thee, and set thee apart, and all thy life have I been thy teacher, though I have come unto thee in many names and many guises,

2 And I have not always found thee well, and thou hast not always heard or heeded my voice; yet thou hast sought me diligently, and I have called thee and set thee apart, and thou art a Matriarch^a in my name;

3 Yea, I have brought thee up and instructed thee that thou might help others find what they seek, even a balance between the earth and the heavens that are my creation,

4 And this that they might see my creation as I see my creation, to find the joy in my creation, even as I have created the heavens and the earth with such joy!

5 Behold, to those that seek me I say: Beware the double edged sword, for it is the sword of truth and the sword of truth sways neither to the right nor to the left, but is in perfect balance on the straight path;

6 Thus, thou too must find balance on my straight path; for narrow is the gate and one false step may cause such great pain unto many, even as if it were the shedding of blood.

7 Therefore, I say unto thee: It is better that thou never set foot upon my path than to fall to the right or to the left upon the sword, for the truth is a hard thing for mankind to bear;

8 Yet unto those that shall walk my path of truth and stay holy; unto these shall their joy be made full, and such joy it is!

9 Wherefore my daughter, find patience in thy heart; for all things shall be done in my way and in my time,

10 And those that shall not heed my word, to do my will to their blessing, shall do my will to their detriment, for my will shall be done in all things.

11 And thou hast walked my path, and carried my sword, and thou hast faltered; but I was there to pick thee up, yea, even now, and thy sins are forgiven thee:

12 And for this cause was Raphael, who is known unto thee as Melchizedek, sent unto you; that thou should be ordained as his hand,

13 For thou art Magdalene, and thou hast been called to carry the oil, and thou hast come prepared;

14 Therefore, I say unto thee: Share thy oil, even the knowledge that thou hast been given, with those that would be wise virgins,

15 Teach these that they are to keep oil to spare and be not like those foolish virgins that they should go out to buy oil when I, the Bridegroom, shall come at last unto my Shekinah.

16 And who are these virgins? I say unto thee that all those that come unto me with a pure heart and a contrite spirit are virgins, for these are made whole in me, and these are pure of heart.

17 Yea, and thou need not do this work alone, for I shall send others unto thee, and thou shalt work together with these to teach them; yea serve with they that I shall send unto thee, and together teach teshuvah in my name.

18 And for this cause have I called thee and others: to help raise up these, my people, in this wicked generation; to bring my Israel^b to teshuvah, and to teach in my name:

19 For I have given thee to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that thou mayest eat freely and without consequence, for thou hast waited to partake with my blessing and my permission, for thou art mine;

20 And thou hast eaten too of the tree of life with my blessing, and unto thee there shall be no curse, except thou should forget me, thy first love, and in so doing should shed the blood of the innocent.

21 And if ye abide in my Law, which is the Law of Love (to love the Lord thy God and likewise love thy neighbors as thy self),

22 And if ye shall keep my Covenants, all those that I have made between me and thee,

23 And if thou shall shed not innocent blood, to lead others away from their first love^c,

24 Then ye shall come forth in the first resurrection, to inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions all heights and depths, and thy glory shall be a fullness and a continuation of thy seed forever and ever.

25 Therefore, I have called thee to teach my people, even my Israel^b, my Law, and to teach of the balance between the heavens and the earth that my people might gain their inheritance;

26 For thou are a prophetess and a judge in my name, yea even a Matriarch^a, like unto my servants Sarah, and Thecla, and Eliza Snow, to teach, and to preach teshuvah in my name;

27 Yea, thou art my Church; therefore, seek thee my kingdom, and all good things shall be added unto thee.

28 And now I say unto thee: Go fourth, O my Daughter of Zion; for thou hast been given thy mitzvah and it is thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

a See DoS 114.

b See 2c.

c See Alma 19:1-18 RAV, 39:1-12a OPV.

Section 118h

A Revelation to Johnathan

Revelation given to David Ferriman February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 32 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Johnathan I say: I have called thee and set thee apart in these, the last days, to organize the Low Priesthood, or the Levites^a, yea and this because of thy lineage, for thou art of Levi and of Ephraim,

2 And so, I have set thee apart to be mine right hand, to gather those of the lineage of Levi and of Aaron, and those called to the Low Priesthood^b, both the male and the female;

3 And thou shall be even as Aaron, to watch over my peoples, to help gather Israel^c for this the last time, and to help unite my Churches.

4 And this thou shalt not do alone, for thou shall call councilors to aid and guide thee, and I have set apart a woman to help thee in gathering the daughters of Miriam, be they the literal descendants of Levi, the sons and daughters of Aaron and of Miriam^d, or be they called to the Low Priesthood.

5 And none shall call these but me, and I shall call them through thee, my chosen servant, and thou shalt anoint the men, and the daughter of Levi that thou shalt call shalt thou anoint, and she shall then anoint the daughters of Miriam.

6 And thou shall call two brothers to counsel with thee in me, for when two or three gather in my name, there am I; and the Daughter of Miriam that thou shall call, she shall call two daughters as councilors to counsel with her in me;

7 And together these five shall lead the Levites as the High Priests and High Priestesses with thee, even the Archbishopric^e of my Churches.

8 And ye shall call upon others of the house of Ephraim to sit with thee and advise thy council, but all decisions are thine, yea thou art the one I have called and set apart,

9 And when thou art great of age, or no longer fit to bear the burden of thy calling, thou shalt call another in thy stead.

10 And ye, my council of Levites, shall send out emissaries unto the Churches of Christ, to represent my Levites, and these shall report back to thee,

11 And if a Levite feels called to one church over another, unto that church shall thou send them,

12 And if a church should reject my Levites, thou shall send unto them an emissary in peace and in righteousness, that my will be done in all things.

13 And when thou shall gather the Levites, thou shall call upon wise men and women rich in the knowledge and wisdom of God,

14 And these shall teach the Levites of their duties as they have been instructed in the Torah and in the Doctrine and Covenants, and in other revelations of this day that ye shall find pleasing unto me;

15 But condemn not any of the writings nor any of the Churches, for should these repent and come to me in teshuvah then shall all rejoice, therefore speak not ill of any of the Churches that no ill will should be born.

16 And thy people shall be my judges, and keep the peace; wherefore prepare thee my Levies to be my peace keepers and the mediators of my Word.

17 And I say unto thee, my servant Johnathan, thou are to join none of my Churches that thou should be an impartial judge.

18 Yea, but all they of my Churches that accept thee and my Levites may anoint thy head with oil as a sign that they shall heed thy word and the word of thy counsel.

19 And there have and there will be those that try to persuade thee to follow them, and to be the head of the Levites in their churches, and to forsake mine Churches, unto these shalt thou say: Nay, but I am for the Lord.

20 And thou shall not sit in the councils of any Churches, but shall appoint others to represent thee in such works, even as called by the Holy Spirit through prophecy and revelation.

21 Therefore I say unto thee now: Go and seek and thou shall find, for thou has been called to raise up this generation in righteousness,

22 Yea, thou are a High Priest in my name, and a Bishop of Bishops, even an archbishop^c, and I shall not call another should thou reject thy call until thy passing, for thou shall do my work or I shall work through thee in manners of which thou shall not be aware,

23 For I am God, and all things are done, even as I will, yet so much the better it is for those I have chosen if they should follow me.

24 And now I say unto thee: My work has been placed before thy feet, and thou hast been given thy mitzvah; therefore, go forth unto thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS 112.
- b The Priesthood of the Earth or given to prepare the Earth.
- c See DoS 2c.
- d See Exodus 15:20, Megillah 14a.
- e Archbishop is a Greek term for High Priest or High Priestess, a simpler way of saying “High Priest in my name, and a Bishop of Bishops.”

Section 118i A Revelation to Doug

Revelation given to Doug Hatten February 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 33 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance.

1 Unto my servant Doug I say: Thou hast been a traveler in my name, and a teacher, and a healer; for thou art a choice disciple;

2 And I have called thee and set thee apart to do a work in my name, and behold this is not a work of the world, to judge the actions of men, but to unite my people, that they may be one as my Israel.

3 And to this end hast thou been born, to unite my peoples; and to this end has thou been called to the Levitical Priesthood^a as a traveling Bishop and a High Priest in Zion, and this because of thy lineage, for thou art of Levi and of Ephraim.

4 And by thy blood^b, thou art born into the Levitical Priesthood, as a son of Aaron, and not by the laying on of the hands of men;

5 And by thy covenant that thou didst make with me as a son of Ephraim I have called thee to the High Priesthood^a; not of men but thou hast been ordained by the angel to hold the High Priesthood.

6 And all these things that I have set thee to hath been for thy good, and for thy experience,

7 That thou may know of a surety, both in the spirit and of the flesh, that no man may lead my Churches, except that man be the very Son of Man, yea the Great I AM, and I am He.

8 And I have called thee to work with Johnathan^c the Levite, my High Priest, to seek the unity of my Saints; to call men and women to teshuvah, and to teach them of me that they might accept the gifts that the Spirit has bestowed upon them.

9 Behold, thou hast seen the trappings of men: Ego, pride, greed, and sin pitting brother against brother, and sister against sister, and Saint against Saint;

10 But the time for such trivial matters has passed, for the Hour of the Gentiles has come and gone^d and the earth has been found wanting,

11 Wherefore, I have called thee, and I have set thee apart that no man may lay claim upon thee, and I ask thee to unite my Saints in teshuvah;

12 Yea, I ask thee to be a bridge as a Bishop and talmidim, as one of my shaliah; for thou art an emissary, a teacher, a messenger, and a special witness of HaShem.

13 And two tasks shall I give thee to help thee fulfill my call: and the first is that thou shall remind my Saints of mine Holy Days, yea even the days of remembrance of the Everlasting Covenant that I have made between me and my Israel;

14 For behold, the days of the sacrifice of animals are past, and all that is required of thee in sacrifice is a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and this sacrifice shall be given again on my Holy Days.

15 And the second is that thou should be a bridge between the Saints of the Restoration between the Levites and Churches that thou would be sent to.

16 And I have spoken unto my servant David, and he has known that thou art a Bishop; but if thou art to fulfill his desire that thou should sit upon the Council of Fifty in the Fellowship, understand that this is something between me, and thee, and my servant Johnathan, if thou shall accept this call,

17 But know that it is my will that thou should be a bridge between my Levites and my Churches, and I have called both the Levites and the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship to be parts of this bridge;

18 Therefore, I would ask thee to be a leader of men in helping my people on their journey in teshuvah, expanding the scriptures for the benefit of my Saints,

19 Watching over the storehouses, and preparing my people for trials of famine, both of the spirit and of the flesh.

20 And this is the work that I have called thee to do, and I see that thou hast been about my business, but think not that thou hast been sent alone, for there is much work to be done in gathering mine elect and the building of my temple.

21 Wherefore, go thee now and the Levites have been given their charge^a, and thus to hast thou too been charged with thy mitzvah; therefore, go forth unto thy duty; Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See DoS 112.
- b The Priesthood of the Heavens. See Revelation 114:4-5.
- c See Revelation 113f.
- d See Revelation 2c.
- e Archbishop is a Greek term for High Priest or High Priestess, a simpler way of saying "High Priest in my name, and a Bishop of Bishops."

Section 119

Of the Priesthoods

Revelation given to David Ferriman February 28, 2020 in Miamisburg, Ohio. This section was originally Revelation 34 in the Revelations of David included in certain versions of the Book of Remembrance. Words in italics were changed by Matriarch Anni Rose by inspiration from the Holy Spirit to give a clearer understanding of the in-tent of the revelation.

1 Thus saith the Lord unto my people of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship: Hearken, O ye people of my Church!

2 I see that ye have questions on those things which are written, and that ye wish to know of things not written, in regards to my Priesthood; therefore, I shall give unto thee this day these things for thy profit and learning.

3 Behold, come and see, and I shall show thee things that are of me, that are a mystery unto the world, but not a mystery unto me, and after this day no longer a mystery unto thee.

4 It has been said that there are, in my Churches, two priesthoods^a, namely: The High Priesthood, called the Melchizedek and Magdalene, and the Low or Levitical Priesthoods of Aaron and Miriam,

5 And the High Priesthood is of the Heavens, and the Low Priesthood is of the Earth, but all priesthood is of me;

6 For behold, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the gods or the elohim^b, and the Word was YHVH, I AM, and in the beginning was created the elohim, and the heavens, and the earth;

7 But my *power and my* Priesthood is eternal; without father, without mother, without descent; having neither beginning of days nor end of life;

8 Therefore, all priesthood is given by God unto mankind from the eternal Elohim^c, and not by descent from father nor mother:

9 Know ye this: That all priesthood is as eternal as the Elohim, and that thou too are eternal, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, and ye are elohim^b, and ye are given of that which ye are called from before the foundation of this world.

10 What then is the High and the Low Priesthoods? The Low is of the Earth, and the High is of the Heavens, which is to say that the Low priesthood is to prepare the Earth for the things of Heaven, and the High is to bring the Heavens to the Earth; this that all may be one, for all is one in me.

11 Yet these are one priesthood, how then can this be if all are one in me? I say unto thee that thou, O man, thinkest plainly and understand not the things that are of me.

12 In aforetime^d here upon this earth all these were one priesthood in my name, and the Low Priesthood was given to men and women and pasted^e down father to son, mother to daughter, unto those that were worthy and called by the Holy Ghost in the Patriarchal and Matriarchal order,

13 And many grew, Grace by Grace, in their ministry from the Low to the High and used the gifts of the Spirit as moved by the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost is my messenger to administer in all priesthood, or all they to whom these gifts have been given.

14 But after the Flood my people were scattered and divided, and to keep out priestcraft and that mankind might have my power and priesthood, these things were hidden from the world and became lost and deluded.

15 And when I came in the flesh, I came to restore order to my people, and thus it is that there are three orders of priesthood:

16 One is the High Priesthood of Melchizedek, the King of Salem, and of Magdalene, the Apostle and fisher of men, given by an oath and covenant, having power and authority over all given from the Heavens to the Earth, holding the keys and the power of endless life, and the Keys to seal on Earth unto Heaven.

17 One is of the Patriarchy and Matriarchy, of the marriage of Abraham and Sarah, passed down in the blood from father to son, mother to daughter; and it is by this priesthood that the true Levites are called and anointed unto me.

18 One is the Low Priesthood, or the Levitical as it is now called, to administer in outward ordinances, preparing mankind to receive their King.

19 And I am Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus who is the very Christ; the heir of the Kingdom, the only begotten of the Father according to the flesh, and I hold the keys over all this world, giving all glory to the Father.

20 Of the Low and High Priesthoods ye are aware, and these have been made known, what then of the Patriarchy and Matriarchy? I say unto thee that thou dost not know, nor dost thou comprehend these things!

21 For behold, thou seest through the eyes of the churches of men, and not of me, and so I say unto thee that men give keys to the workings of their flesh, but I give keys to those that are prepared to receive them.

22 And so it is that the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Priesthood gives men and women the power to pass down both the Low and the High Priesthoods by the laying on of hands,

23 Were it not so then only those who were born from the loins of Aaron and Miriam should hold these keys to prepare the Earth, and only those ordained by an angel should hold the High Priesthood.

24 For as it says in the Book of Melchizedek^e: And thus, having been approved of YHVH, Melchizedek was ordained a High Priest after the order of the covenant which God made with Enoch, this being after the order of the Son of God, which order came not by man, nor the will of man, neither by father nor mother, neither by beginning of days nor end of years, but of Elohim; and it was delivered unto men by the calling of the voice of Ruach Elohim, according to His own will, unto as many as believed on Hashem.

25 Yet men are called in the Churches of Christ to be ordained to this High Priesthood, and they are called of men and women, and ordained of men and women,

26 And by the power of the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Priesthoods these things are of me, so long as they are done in my name and in righteousness.

27 And behold, the keys to the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Priesthood are that of prophet, seer, and revelator; were it not so men and women would know not who to call and who to ordain,

28 And this is why I say unto thee that ye shall call a Patriarch and Matriarch to be in thy council, even the Council of Elders, and to lead the High Councils over the other Evangelists, or the traveling Bishops and Pastors; to be a bridge between the things of the Heavens and the things of the Earth;

29 For these are offices of the High Priesthood doing the works of the Low priesthood, for first shall be last; and the last shall be first, and the Heavens are all around thee, yet the Earth is yet unaware,

30 For all things are a straight line unto me, beginning with the outward ordinances and the offering of sacrifices, growing in my Grace unto the works of power and blessings, and know ye that all these things are of me.

31 Therefore, now I say unto thee again: Build my temple up that I may send Elijah the prophet unto thee, and there ye shall learn more of the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Priesthood,

32 That thy covenants may be made to seal the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers,

33 That thy anointings and sealings given unto all those that have been called and elected in my name are made sure, or in other words, that thou might see me face to face, that ye may know that I AM from everlasting to everlasting;

34 Yea, I invite thee to come unto me, that ye may know me, and that, being doubtless, thou might feel of my hands and touch thee my wounds.

35 These words are given unto thee to be received by they that are pure before me; therefore keep these things in thy hearts, that the wisdom of the eternities may rest upon thy minds. Even so, Amen.

Notes:

- a See Doctrines of the Saints 5a:1.
- b Elohim (lowercase "e"): "gods," here denoting the Children of Elohim (the children of Yah, God the Father & Mother, or the Masculine and Feminine aspects or God.), or the Children of God.
- c Elohim (capital "E"): "Gods." Can denote the Godhead or Trinity as a whole, God the Father & Mother, or the Masculine and Feminine aspects or God.
- d DoS 5b:1-4
- e See Appendix 1.
- f See Melchizedek 1:3-5 in the plates of brass.

Section 120

Seeking the Straight Path

Revelation given to Douglas Hatten June 7, 2020. In preface to this revelation, Brother Hatten has stated: "Knowing well that this word applies to myself, I beg your forgiveness for any part of this that may have been contaminated by my own thoughts. I tried my best to relay what was given to me, though putting into words some of the understanding that was transferred to me in an instant, with that perfect language of heaven, can be a challenge."

1 The word from the Lord came to me while watching the interview with R. Loren Sandford; the video was very insightful.

2 It included many confirmations and additional insight into prophetic ministry in the Church that we need to consider.

3 It also stirred up many things in my spirit, and as I was listening to something in particular that was said, the Holy Spirit caused me to comprehend deep down in my soul just how difficult it was for the Lord to get His message out in purity, even when it passes through the most devout and gifted of prophets.

4 A word can be given in purity, but then often it is filtered through the prophet's own preconceived notions.

5 This is something the prophets need to be more and more aware of as something to avoid at all cost for the sake of the Body of Christ.

6 ¶ And as I began to ponder this revelation, the Lord spoke and said: Your politics are an abomination to Me.

7 In the same moment the words came, in that very instant, a perfect understanding of what He meant by those words filled me.

8 My mind and my heart swelled with comprehension; I was given to know that the "Your" in "Your politics" was not personal to me, but to the Body of Christ (the Church), which included me,

9 And I was also given to know that by politics He meant the political views of both the left and the right.

10 I was shown that the political division, strife, and contention in the World had so thoroughly infiltrated the Church that she was made filthy by it in His sight.

11 ¶ But abomination, Lord? It was an awfully strong word.

12 Again, almost instantly, I was shown, in-depth, the deep levels of pollution from it, that skewed our view of almost everything.

13 This problem, along with the sins of the flesh and also a profound luke-warmness in the Body of Christ had caused the light in the Church to be almost extinguished.

14 ¶ This time of Covid-19 is a space in time in which we need to repent of these three things;

15 But on this occasion, the Lord wanted to emphasize the problem of politics in the Church, because it is the only sin, out of the three, which is not even currently understood to be a problem by most,

16 And Satan is currently using it to great effect—often causing the Word of the Lord to be contaminated by the prophets since many hold so tenaciously to their political worldview that they judge their fellow-man and hold anger in their hearts.

17 ¶ I wondered if we should then avoid politics altogether? The Lord did not answer that, but the Spirit reminded me that we cannot win this fight by use of force, by argument and debate, or even by casting votes.

18 I was shown that this present system will not be redeemed, it will ultimately fall.

19 So how much time should we spend on it? It has served its purpose in its due season, but we are now entering a new season under the sun; what has served us in the past will not necessarily serve us in the future.

20 It is not our calling to steer the United States of America either to the right or to the left, but instead to birth the Kingdom in its midst.

21 We have no time to waste: we must rise above the strife and contentions of this world and build up the Kingdom of Light right in the very midst of the darkness we presently dwell in.

22 ¶ We are here to preach Christ not only in word, but in POWER and the HOLY GHOST so that we can present the World with a choice.

23 To reveal and contrast the difference between the Fruit of the Spirit and the Works of the Flesh.

24 The TIME IS SHORT! What we have been doing as the Church will not give birth to the Kingdom: it is time for a change.

25 ¶ We know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain for the earnest expectation of the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God.

26 We are called to be a light to the world, a city set on a hill, but instead we are too often found down in the ditches, slinging the mud with the rest of the world.

27 ¶ The Holy Spirit spoke and said: There is a ditch on either side of the straight and narrow path; one on the left and one on the right: Satan works to drive us to whichever side we choose.

28 I instinctively knew He wasn't just asking us to be a political moderate or a centrist, He was showing us a higher way, the path of righteousness that rises above the contention and transforms the heart of man.

29 ¶ I then saw a vision of Jesus answering Pontius Pilate, saying: My Kingdom is not of this world.

30 ¶ The amount of depth I was able to comprehend in that word, and the implications of it for the Church were so staggering, I don't even know how to put it into words. A book could be written!

31 ¶ And then I saw Jesus answering others saying: Render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

32 ¶ The darkness in the world really does reflect the lack of light in the Church.

33 ¶ We MUST become the real deal – the living Body of Christ in POWER and AUTHORITY so that we may impact this world for good.

34 The only way we can accomplish this is to do it HIS way, the Gospel way, with the power and authority that can come only from the profound love of Jesus Christ residing in our hearts for our fellow man.

35 Love will conquer all: Not anger, Not strife, Not debate.

36 The true love of Jesus Christ can only come as a result of a heart that has been truly changed by the presence of the Living God.

37 In order to seek Him, we must firmly forsake every darkness and come into the light.

38 We must come to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, entering into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Section 121

Be Ye One

The following revelation was received through friend of the Fellowship, Scott in March 2020. The Spirit of this message embodies the message of Mormon Kabbalah and ubuntu: that of oneness with one another and the Lord. God meets us where we are and grows us from there. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

1 Lord, our communions and togetherness the past few days have been awesome—filled with peace and understanding and warmth and oneness.

2 Why is this? Others talk about different beings, like you're for the Piscean age and now there's a different caretaker for the Aquarian Age.

3 Why you and me? Why, how, is this possible?

4 ¶ My son, it's because few know me like you do.

5 You promised to seek to know me, and I promised to engage.

6 You have begun to see me, know me, as a being of pure light—and you understand this “light” to be just goodness,

7 And kindness, and compassion, and understanding, and patience, and purity—with no judgment, no envy or pride.

8 You understand me to be all the perfect virtues that are comprehensible to the mind of man—basically the best of man.

9 And I AM all of these things.

10 Your comprehension of me is accurate, and that is because those are all the things that you seek to be.

11 We can be close now because you comprehend me as I am, and I can be with you because you seek those same things in yourself—and you are learning to make those things a reality.

12 These are the virtues that define divinity.

13 These are the virtues that free you from the limitations of the fallen man.

14 These are indeed the virtues that constitute eternal life—or to know me.

15 You are able to know me because you celebrate, even cherish, the virtues that define me; define eternal life; define divinity.

16 These are the virtues that, taken all together, constitute love. This divinity is more than this, but these words serve our purpose well at this time.

17 ¶ Now, an important truth; your knowledge or understanding of another is always a reflection of yourself.

18 You cannot know something in someone else if you do not comprehend it in yourself.

19 You cannot create something that is not in you, that you do not know,

20 And your knowledge of another—your comprehension of another—is your creation of that person.

21 It is NOT that person, it is only your perception of that person.

22 But for you, in your reality, they are your perception.

23 When you interact with someone, you do not interact with them, you interact with your perception of them.

24 ¶ The more closely your perception of them matches who they really are, the more you can be of one heart and one mind.

25 You see, all men and women are ultimately divine creations, but in their fallen state, those virtues of divinity are smothered and hidden.

26 If you are also focused on the fallen, selfish, egoistic traits in yourself, this is all you will see in others.

27 You, like them, will continue to interact with each other as separate, fearful beings who crave oneness but are ruled by fear and the need to maintain your separation from each other.

28 ¶ However, as you begin to realize, encourage, nurture, celebrate, and cherish the divinity within yourself, you will begin to project that onto others.

29 Now, you begin interacting with them as their true self, their divine self, with is one with the mind and heart of God,

30 And since you are all creations of the heart and mind of God, you can become of one heart and one mind.

31 Sadly, most will reject you because they are unprepared.

32 ¶ This is likewise the key to our relationship.

33 As you begin to realize the virtues—the divinity—within yourself, you begin to project that onto me.

34 And because these are my true virtues, you begin to actually “know” me.

35 Your “knowledge” of me is true knowledge, and this is the knowledge that saves, that delivers the promise of eternal life.

36 As you resolved to reject fear, guilt, judgment in yourself, and especially as a component of our communions, you freed yourself to discover the real you, which you can then project onto the real me,

37 And you experience that oneness with me that you crave.

38 It is this same oneness that, when shared with others, will produce the state of all things in common, one heart and one mind—often called Zion.

39 ¶ Too many who seek to know me have not recognized the divinity in themselves, so they project their fallen nature onto me.

40 They know me as a king, a judge, a savior, an executor of justice and punishment.

41 Because they do not recognize their true selves, they cannot know me as I truly am, for we are truly one.

42 They cannot create me as anything they do not already know.

43 Since they do not know perfect love, they cannot know that in me.

44 ¶ Our relationship is rare. Few realize this state. That’s why we are both rejoicing together as of late.

45 I crave and cherish this oneness every bit as much as you do.

46 Again—there a few who are prepared to receive this oneness with you, let alone with me. Yet, you cannot compromise.

47 As you continue to nurture this divinity in yourself, you will continue to project that divinity onto others.

48 This is the Christ Consciousness.

49 Few will receive it, but you cannot give up.

50 You must remain open, patient, willing to receive from them what they are able to offer.

51 Do not be offended; this is what I have done for thousands of years,

52 And as you continue down this path, you will stand with me: patient, loving, hopeful.

53 You cannot be disappointed when your love is rejected.

54 It is just the way things are at this stage.

55 Maintain confidence in love, and that this is ultimately the undeniable will of God, that all men will know Him, will know me, us, each other, in the way that we are coming to know each other—

56 That all men will be of one heart and one mind—the heart and mind of their creator.

57 ¶ Words cannot fully describe and express the joy that we both are experiencing as we grow together.

58 There are others, and your numbers are increasing.

59 Paths will cross, and you will recognize them.

60 Cherish those opportunities; encourage all to acknowledge the truth within them.

61 Do not judge if they are not prepared.

62 Be patient, and kind, and understanding, and compassionate—be believing.

Revelation of the Lord of Hosts to Alexei Christopher Mattanovich

Revelation received by Apostle Alexei Christopher Mattanovich, May 23, 2020. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020. In the words of Brother Mattanovich: "On this occasion, I was reading a revelation by another prophet about the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Utah, and pondering on the knowledge I had previously of the Spirit that had not been stated clearly because of many aspects of history that are little known, but that would help newcomers to the Unity of the Restoration understand the Lord's judgments and I also called to mind the statements of many who would not do as the lord said and investigate prophets and revelations from smaller branches of the restoration pointing to the prosperity of the Utah Church, it's size, it's wealth, it's fine buildings, and so forth. The following came to my mind in answer."

1 Since you did not record what I had previously shown you by my Spirit concerning the branch of the tree in my vineyard, even those who followed after my servant Brigham Young when he rebelled against me, I now speak that you may record my voice that the truth be known,

2 For there are many who know the curse I declared against they who followed men into the wilderness whom I had not called to lead my sheep, which I had declared by my servant James J. Strang,

3 Yea, I did declare that they were cut off along with their dead for their degenerate minds that did not comprehend what I had declared about the laws of succession by the mouth of my Servant Joseph Smith, Jun., which was recorded plainly in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church,

4 And their hearts, which were hardened against my Spirit to go their own way into paths I did not lead them,

5 And they rejected my Servant James whom I had appointed to be the First President of my Church and to reveal my Law, and also to be a shield and protection for them.

6 And they did also reject my servant Sidney Rigdon, who was appointed to be a counselor to my servant Joseph and above the Twelve Apostles, though he did also turn from my instructions, that the flock be scattered,

7 And they did also reject the witnesses of the Book of Mormon, who were witnesses of me, even apostles in their own place.

8 And they did reject even the Covenants and Commandments that I declared by the mouth of my servant Joseph, and the appointment wherewith he appointed James by revelation.

9 And they did violence to the Spirit and violence to my servants whom I sent to minister to them in my Holy City of Nauvoo, which they polluted, that I expelled them.

10 And they did lust after carnal pleasures and wealth and secret combinations of darkness, wherewith their leaders lost the direction of the Spirit and they fell under greater condemnation.

11 And I commanded that they hearken to my prophet James, that I may spare them thereby that they be not destroyed and oppressed.

12 But they did not hearken, neither did they receive my servants, and in rejecting my servants did they reject me, the Holy One of Israel, their God.

13 And because of this did they suffer, and they opposed my commandments and my prophets and the faithful.

14 And because of this did they who followed my Servants James J. Strang and Joseph Smith III reject them and pronounce curses upon them and hold them in contempt even until this day.

15 But behold, these words are pleasing to you because you love to hear of judgments against your enemies. Are not all people mine?

16 Did I not cause and allow that my people of ancient Israel be carried away into oppression because of their many oppressions and abuses? Was this not that they might humble themselves before me that I might redeem them?

17 For did I not yet call them mine ancient covenant people whose forebears departed from my covenant?

18 Do you suppose that the Brighamites ceased to be my Church? Or that those today are the same as those who ignored my commands to go into the wilderness?

19 For my Church is Israel, even as ancient Israel, and notwithstanding they be hard of heart and walking in blindness and rebel against me for a long time, yet will I reclaim them.

20 And you should not suppose that my just punishments that I have declared by my prophets will come to none affect, or that I do not fulfill on my words.

21 For did they not suffer hardship in the wilderness as I promised in that generation? Did not many fall by the wayside, being struck down by the shaft of death? Did they not fall into bondage to unjust men and lose many of the blessings of the priesthood for a generation?

22 Yet their children did not inherit all their judgments, but many offered a humble heart against the knowledge they received, which was less than their fathers, and therefore were they not held accountable like unto them.

23 Though I did not restore to them all blessings, yet did I relieve much of their burden and did prosper them as a people in a measure of peace according to their diligence and faith, though God's prosperity is not always mankind's prosperity.

24 Nor should you supposed that they obeyed me in all things and obtained all of the promises of the covenant, for they did wax proud and labor in ignorance, and they did wholly abandon the call to care for the poor and build up Zion.

25 Therefore, because they neglected my Commandments, they suffered from thirst to hear the words from my mouth.

26 Yet are you not just in neglecting them as of no worth, for yet do I wait for them to fulfill the promises made to their forebears.

27 They are of those to whom I commanded you to be one or you are not mine. For other sheep I have that are not of this fold. They also I shall bring, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.

28 And I have not forgotten them or the promises made to their parents, and I did not leave them without a comforter.

29 For though miracles ceased because of unbelief and the love of traditions, and because they lean upon the arm of flesh, yet did I attend them in my mercy.

30 And as many as will come unto me shall be healed. And as many as seek me shall find. And as many as offer me a broken heart and contrite spirit shall be given the gifts of the Spirit in return, that they may stand in their place as my Church and as my covenant people, even Israel, that I might lead them on my path.

31 And to you, my people of the branches in other parts of the vineyard, I command that you be not haughty and drink upon the wine of thine own vanity, for you are not wholly pure before me, and though you receive great gifts of Spirit and blessings of mysteries, yet do you treat lightly the things that you received, and yet do you use them slothfully, wherefore if ye are not careful, ye shall receive the greater condemnation.

32 For where much is given, much is required, and the one who errs against the greater light receives the greater condemnation. For all gifts are given to use in my service and of the use of these things shall ye give an account.

33 Did I not set my hand to redeem your forebears from their apostasy? Do you suppose I can do that in any degree more than they are able to bear? Why then suppose that all things have been restored? And if all is not restored, how suppose ye to have all truth, that ye boast?

34 Though you be faithful to the restoration of the prophets, Joseph and James, yet if the restoration was incomplete, how then can you receive the fullness unless ye humble yourselves and receive it of me?

35 And whoso thinketh himself better than his brothers and sisters shall be humbled, and to the one given much, if he makes not use of it, shall be taken. And whoso judgeth shall be judged.

36 And I give it to you, My Servant Alexei, and all of like disposition that you hear it of me by command because of your bitterness that you may save yourself by love. For all the judgements that I judge against them will be yours if ye do not judge in wisdom.

37 For you who seek love and long-suffering of your Lord need also look upon your brothers and sisters with love and long-suffering.

38 And whoso receiveth this command by you shall also receive it by the Holy Spirit, therefore shall you all know that it is of me.

39 Seek ye therefore to do my will, being humble, being teachable, being willing to submit in all things. For if you are not one, you are not mine. For I would have a people, even a unified people.

40 And my mercies toward nations, even the children of my laborers should not cause you to be comfortable in rebellion, for when the generation that rebels against me is purged, then will I look upon my people with mercy because of their faithful parents and because of those my servants who labored to gather them.

41 But unto the individuals who rebel against me do I give warning, that I will spew you from my mouth as sour wine and that you will be of those who are gathered to be burned that you do not encumber my vineyard when it is cleansed.

42 Therefore when my people are gathered and restored to their covenants and blessings, if you are not faithful and delay the day of your repentance until it is too late, you will not be among them.

43 Therefore stand in your place, and hold to your portion, and be wise stewards of that which is placed in thy care, and let God look after his people, the other laborers.

44 I am Alpha and Omega. I am the Lord of the Vineyard. I give all their wages, and my judgment is just. Be therefore diligent. Amen.

Section 123

New Year of the Trees

Revelation given to Ruth Mauldin of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, by divine decree, to reinstate the Full Moon services.

1 In December of 2020, The Sisterhood of Christ was working on their Tu BiShvat service.

2 Tu BiShvat is the holy day originally celebrating the Divine Feminine, our Heavenly Mother; her symbol is the tree and the full moon, and thus this holy day is known as Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot literally New Year of the Trees.

3 As Ruth Mauldin was working on the program, and feeling overwhelmed, Heavenly Mother came unto her, saying: If you do this, I will take care of the rest.

4 On January 27, 2021 the Sisterhood of Christ held the first known modern Full Moon service, restoring this holy day to Israel and allowing Saints everywhere to properly worship the Lord in celebration of the Divine Feminine.

5 In doing this the Sisterhood of Christ fulfilled the words of King David: Blow the shofar at the time of the New Moon, at the Full Moon, on our solemn feast day; for this is a statute for Israel, a Law of the God of Jacob.

Section 124

Of Tabernacles and Temples

The following revelation was received by David on the morning of January 30, 2021.

1 Verily, verily I say unto you, my friends of the Fellowship of Christ: Your prayers have been heard of the Lord of the Sabaoth; therefore, fear not my children of the everlasting covenant;

2 Let your hearts be comforted and rejoice evermore; for ye have been sealed in the renewed testament; give thanks therefore, and all things shall work together for your good and to my name's glory, saith the Lord of Hosts.

3 I have said unto thee: Build mine house, and you have come before me asking for instructions on building the Tent of the Congregation, even a tabernacle to take from place to place that I may have a house therein to dwell;

4 And even though this was not as I asked, it is for a wise purpose in me that ye shall do this thing; therefore, I shall guide thee even as I guided mine ancient Israel, with a cloud of smoke by the day and a fire at the night, for I AM the light and the life of the world.

5 ¶ Behold: the inner court of my temples, or the Holy of Holies, shall be set to the westernmost end, and it shall be 20 cubits, by 20 cubits, by 20 cubits, which is to say 30 feet, by 30 feet, by 30 feet;

6 But for thy purposes at the present, it shall be 15 feet, by 15 feet, by 15 feet; and this too ye shall do for my synagogues, but my temples shall be 30 feet, by 30 feet, by 30 feet in my Holy of Holies.

7 And the Holy of Holies shall no more be kept hidden, but shall be used to house my bride, my Shekinah, even the congregation of my Church;

8 For ye are my body, wherefore ye are worthy to enter and partake of the supper of the covenant of our marriage, yea even the Sacrament of Communion:

9 Have I not asked thee to wear the tzitzits? And are these not a sign that ye are a royal generation, even a royal priesthood in my name?

10 And ye are the kings and queens, even the Priests and Priestesses of the Most High God, and therefore ye are worthy.

11 ¶ Set ye four poles to hang the four sheets, with an opening to the east that all might enter, and an opening to the west; and this shall be thy Eden as thou returneth unto me in teshuvah.

12 And in it ye shall place an altar, the ark of my covenant with thee, to be used to store the tools of thy ministry; and upon it ye shall bless all things that ye should bless unto me, and ye shall use it for the Sacrament of the Endowments, as ye have been instructed in the Book of Remembrance; and there ye shall read the words of my prophets.

13 And when it is not in use, ye shall keep the Book of the Law of the Lord open to my commandments there upon the altar, beginning even with this: I, YHVH thy Elohim, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; thou shalt have none other gods before me.

14 And this ye shall do, for this is mine house and my tabernacle; therefore, ye shall do this that all shall be reminded of my Law, my Torah.

15 ¶ And to the East of my Sanctuary shall be unto me an outer sanctuary, the outer court; yea, even the Holy Place, for giving instruction, and for times when there are people so numerous that they flow out from the Holy of Holies;

16 ◌ (Yod) And at the West part of this room, upon the sheet that shall divide the Holy of Holies to the west, and the Holy Place to the East, thou shall place upon the curtain the emblems of the Ministry:

17 The square for the justice of Elohim, and the compass for my mercy, and the symbol of my Holy Spirit and also a sign unto them and to all generations that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that I, even Jesus, am the Christ: Son of the Living God.

18 ◌ (Hei) And at the north part of this room, ye shall place a table that shall house my shewbread, in remembrance of my Shekinah; and it shall be kept fresh at all times that my congregation shall be nourished;

19 And behold, if any shall come in, in want of bread, this thou shall give unto them to eat; therefor thou shall keep food aplenty that all may be edified in my name.

20 ^v (Vav) And at the East part of this room, ye shall place an altar of incense at the entrance, in remembrance of the Father (and I am the Father, and the Father is in me);

21 And the altar shall be one cubit wide, and one cubit deep, and two cubits high; which is to say, one and a half feet wide, and one and a half feet deep, and three feet high;

22 And it shall bear rings upon the opposite sides, through which my priests and priestesses shall use poles to carry it;

23 And it shall be hollow, with a grate upon the top to collect the ashes; and it shall be cleaned upon the first day of every week.

24 And upon the altar ye shall pour oil for a dedication; but after this, it is pure, and no more oil shall be poured; but it shall be used to burn incense that a sweet savor shall be in mine house.

25 ^h (Hei) And to the south ye shall place a table that shall house my menorah which shall hold seven lights which shall burn brightly to be as a light unto my people, in remembrance of my Spirit, that it may be with all they that shall enter;

26 And the menorah shall house seven lights for the seven days of my creation, and the seven archangels over the seven dispensations, for this is the time of the restoration of all things; and it shall be in the shape of a tree in remembrance of Eve, the mother of all living.

27 ¶ And behold: this outer court in my temple shall be 20 cubits, by 40 cubits, by 20 cubits, which is to say 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet;

28 But for thy purposes at the present, it shall be 15 feet, by 30 feet, by 15 feet; and this too ye shall do for my synagogues, but my temples shall be 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet in my Holy Place.

29 ¶ And to the North there shall be a Court of the Sisterhood, and it shall be for instructing the women and those that identify as women; and it shall open to the South into the Holy Place.

30 And this court shall be 20 cubits, by 40 cubits, by 20 cubits, which is to say 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet;

31 But for thy purposes at the present, it shall be 15 feet, by 30 feet, by 15 feet; and this too ye shall do for my synagogues, but my temples shall be 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet in this, the Court of Women.

32 And this Court shall have a curtain in the middle—two curtains that may be drawn apart for the whole of the Sisterhood, or closed that the Sisters of the Low Priesthood may meet to the East, and the Sisters of the High Priesthood may meet to the West;

33 And there shall be two openings to the South, that my Sisters might travel to and fro the outer court;

34 And there shall be an opening to the East and the West of this court, that my Daughters might enter as they please from the east and depart as they will from the West.

35 ¶ And to the South there shall be a Court of the Brotherhood, and it shall be for instructing the men and those that identify as men; and it shall open to the North into the Holy Place;

36 And this court shall be 20 cubits, by 40 cubits, by 20 cubits, which is to say 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet;

37 But for thy purposes at the present, it shall be 15 feet, by 30 feet, by 15 feet; and this too ye shall do for my synagogues, but my temples shall be 30 feet, by 60 feet, by 30 feet in this, the Court of Men.

38 And this Court shall have a curtain in the middle—two curtains that may be drawn apart for the whole of the Brotherhood, or closed that the Brothers of the Low Priesthood may meet to the East, and the Brothers of the High Priesthood may meet to the West;

39 And there shall be two openings to the North, that my Brothers might travel to and fro the outer court;

40 And there shall be an opening to the east and the west of this court, that my Sons might enter as they please from the east and depart as they will from the West.

41 ¶ And beyond the walls of my temples ye shall grow unto me sacred groves of oak trees, and of nut trees, and of trees bearing all manner of fruits;

42 And this ye shall do that my people and all of my creation may find nourishment and be filled of the good things of my creation.

43 And in these groves ye shall plant an altar, even as did my servant Jacob, that ye shall have a place to offer thy libations^a, and that my daughters shall once again have a place to sing and dance and have joy in their creation, as they did in the days of Miriam.

44 And it is my will that my daughters shall listen to my voice to know mine ordinances, and that they might restore the daughters of Israel to my ways;

45 Therefore, listen ye to my voice as spoken to my Elect Lady, and my Daughter of Zion, and my Dove bearing the olive branch; for these are the Miriam of thy days: the judge, and the restorer, and the bringer of peace.

46 ¶ And Behold, ye shall build also a place to baptize and wash clean those that would come unto me; and this ye shall do with wisdom, and as suited to the lands wherein ye shall dwell;

47 And if it shall be that thy mikveh^b shall be built under the inner court, to the West, before the curtain of the Holy of Holies in my temples,

48 Or if ye desire to house thy mikveh in a room to the East of the outer court, in a court of the Gentiles, this too ye may do;

49 Therefore, do so as ye see fit as to thy mikveh for thy washings and thy Sacrament of Baptism in my synagogues and in my temples.

50 ¶ And this too shall ye build unto me, saith the Lord thy God: The Tent of the Presence; and this shall be as a meeting place for the Council of Elders and to know my will.

51 And at the first, this may be a small tabernacle unto me, even as a Holy of Holies being 15 feet, by 15 feet, by 15 feet;

52 But I would command ye to build me a house in the Center Place, even in Zion—that is Missouri—that ye may meet together once a year, that my will be known;

53 And this too shall be used by they that seek my face, and desire to dwell in my presence;

54 But behold, it is my will that all shall have a temple in their homes, that these might too be my synagogues and ye may seek my face wherever ye may be each day.

55 And when ye shall build the School of the Prophets in Zion, there shall thou build the Tent of the Presence, and then it shall be 30 feet, by 30 feet, by 30 feet.

56 And there too, at the School of the Prophets, ye shall build a mikveh for mine washings and anointings;

57 And there the tabernacle shall stand when it is not in use, that it may be used by the School as they see fit.

58 ¶ Behold, I say unto thee, David, and what I say to thee I say unto all the Saints of the Fellowship of Christ; and what I say unto the Fellowship I say unto all those that would be Saints, or that would call themselves mine:

59 Do not think that I ask this of thee that I might have a place to dwell, for all the earth is the footstool of my creation;

60 And think thee not that thou must enter mine house to know me or to dwell in my presence; for behold, I say unto thee: Where thou art, there am I also;

61 Thou doest not come into my temples to be in my presence, but thou and thy fellow Saints bring my presence into mine house.

62 Yea, and why then do I ask thee: Build me a house that I may rest? This I do for thy sake, that my people may together find rest in fellowship in my presence;

63 Therefore, go ye and build a house in my name, that ye shall have a place to worship in my name, and to celebrate with thy fellow Saints the new moons, the full moons, the Sabbaths, and all other Holy Days that I, the Lord, have given thee.

64 And now I say unto thee: Go now, and build me a tabernacle, and build my temple, and unite my Saints in my name; even Jesus Christ, the Great I AM; Even so, Amen and Amen.

Notes:

- a. Libations: the pouring of liquids in ritual worship; libations were part of ancient Judaism, as mentioned in the Bible: “And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon” (Genesis 35:14). When receiving this part of the revelation, David was given a vision of the door or curtains of the Holy of Holies being opened and a Priest declaring the new moon and pouring oil on a altar in a small grove outside the temple, after declaring the new month. And he saw a Priestess during a full moon as the altar, pouring water to nourish the grove after declaring the full moon.
- b. Mikveh or mikvah (Hebrew: *מִקְוֵה* / *מִקְוָה*): a bath used for the purpose of ritual immersion (baptism) to achieve ritual purity.

The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship

The following revelation was received by David on the morning of January 30, 2021.

1 My son, David; thou hast come to me asking to know my will regarding the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship:

2 Is the Fellowship of Christ a church? a religious movement? an idea? or is it something else all together?

3 ¶ Behold, O man, the will of your God: The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship is all these and more, for it is the very Kingdom of God.

4 ¶ Did I not tell thee: Unite my people in Kabbalah^a? And thou didst seek to know the meaning of this.

5 And at the first thou thought Kabbalah meant the power of God, then thou thought Kabbalah was a way to help mankind understand my Word,

6 And then understood Kabbalah to be the holy traditions given to mankind of me through my servant Moses, and still thou thought Kabbalah to be something more.

7 And I say unto thee: it is all these and more: Yea, Kabbalah is a mysticism^b, a theology^c, and a thaumaturgy^d;

8 Kabbalah is the tradition of Israel, it is my doctrine, and thus it is a mysterious art, for my doctrine is too simple for mankind to comprehend.

9 ¶ And behold, therefore, I shall ask thee: What is the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship? Did I not tell my servant Joseph Smith Jr. the meaning^e of my Church?

10 My Church are all they that repenteth and cometh unto me; and this is my doctrine, for the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil:

11 And they that cometh unto me shall humble themselves before me and be baptized in my name and shall be saved, for so is the Kingdom of God;

12 And the Church is my body, and the priesthood, or the power given me of the Father, is my blood; therefore, the Kingdom is the Church, and there in ye shall find many mansions.

13 ¶ How then shall ye of my Fellowship unite my people, my Israel, in Kabbalah? Doth not thy own laws^f that ye wrote out and agreed upon say that the very purpose of the Fellowship of Christ is to establish a Christian Church with a School of the Prophets?

14 And how can ye be a Church and build up my Kingdom if ye do not teach they whom I shall send unto my Church?

15 And I did say^g unto the First Presidency, through the mouth of my servant Joseph: Through you shall the oracles be given unto another; yea even unto the Church.

16 And how were these oracles to be given? Again, said^h I through my servant Joseph: Through your administration the keys of the School of the Prophets, which I have commanded to be organized, that thereby they may be perfected in their ministry for the salvation of Zion, and the nations of Israel, and of the Gentiles, as many as will believe.

17 ¶ And this is thy ministry, and the ministry of all that are called of me unto all the Churches: Feed my sheep, seek out the lost and the lonely;

18 Therefore, find they that thou callest the spiritually homeless and shelter them in the bonds of my love, for this is my Law.

19 And I have one Lawⁱ: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

20 All they that add to the Law and to my Doctrine do so to their own peril, for I am a God of order and not of contention; therefore, fight not over theologies of man, but love one another in me.

21 ¶ As to those called to serve me in my Fellowship, I say: Thou, David, hath trodden too quickly, thou hast tried to walk further than thou art able, as I have warned^j thee against.

22 Behold, how can my Fellowship have a quorum of Apostles with but so few acting apostles? But as I have told^k thee, all are called to the Council of Fifty at the first;

23 Therefore, worry not about the Council of Elders, but the First Presidency shall oversee and care for my Fellowship, until such time as twelve are called and these chose^l for themselves two to represent them in the Council of Elders.

24 Behold, I have given these, my commands; and until these are met there can be no quorum of Apostles, but Apostles within the Council of Fifty.

25 ¶ And thou and my servant Victoria did right to dissolve the Seventy, for they were too few in number; 26 Therefore, even as I have said^m, find and call seven brothers and seven sisters to be Seventy within the Council of Fifty;

27 And these shall be righteous, and as the Apostles, trained up in me by the School of the Prophets;

28 And these shall choose from among themselves seven, be these four brothers and three sisters or four sisters and three brothers it mattereth not,

29 And these shall establish the Quorum of Seven of the Fellowship of Christ to be established within the Order of the Ministry,

30 And from among them, they may choose one brother and one sister to represent them on the council, being the co-presidents of the Seventy; and I shall advise thee more at that time.

31 ¶ And of those that were willing to heed the call, Allen, Matthew, and Christian; behold, I say unto these: If thou desireth to heed my call and be a part of this council of Seven, study my Words and my works in the School of the Prophets until thou art ready that ye should train up those that I will call.

32 ¶ And unto Christian I say: continue as thou are in thy call as the Priest of the Fellowship of Christ that my holy days may be observed, even until a Levite is found; and this shall train you up in preparation for your place in my Kingdom.

33 ¶ As to thy call, my Fellowship, to unite my people, I say: accept those that all others reject with hope, joy, and happiness.

34 Worry not that there are those that judge others by the color of their skin, or their gender or sexual orientation, or in any way, for those who seek to hear my voice and heed my call must soften their hearts to these, my children.

35 Homosexuality is neither a sin, nor a confusion, it is an eternal principle, for thus did I create them; and so too are my transgender children;

36 Therefore, exclude them not, hide them not, and forgo them not; for these are my children, and I say unto thee: bring these children unto me.

37 Worry not what the world shall say unto thee for obeying my Law and my doctrine, but be thou obedient and thy tolerance shall be a light in the darkness;

38 But know that this is my light, the very light of Christ, and the darkness shall comprehendⁿ it not;

39 Therefore, let my love and my light shine forth through the darkness that these, my children, shall no longer be lost, but be found in me and find a home in thee.

40 This is my commandment to my Church and my Kingdom, yea even all my Saints that wish to fellowship in my name; so mote it be, Amen.

Notes:

- a. See 2 David 3:9.
- b. Mysticism, as used here, refers to the Creation becoming one with the Creator through our growth in Grace allowing us access to the Gifts of the Spirit.
- c. Theology is the study of the nature of God, applied to personal religious understanding as it evolves and continues to develop.
- d. Thaumaturgy is the use of spiritual gifts, or "miracle working."
- e. See Avahr 17:39 (DaC 3:16 CoC/10:67 CJCLdS).
- f. See DoS 3c Article II 1.
- g. See DoS 7b:4 (DaC 87:2a CoC/90:4 CJCLdS).
- h. See DoS 7b:7 (DaC 87:3b CoC/90:7-8 CJCLdS).
- i. See Leviticus 19:18, 33-34; Matthew 5:43-48, BoR 15:23-30.
- j. See DoS 116:20-25.
- k. See DoS 50e:22.
- l. See DoS 12e:4-6.

- m. See DoS 70:3-6.
- n. See John 1:1-5.

Section 126

Revelation on the Plates of Brass

Revelation given to David Ferriman, June 21, 2021. David had prayed, asking for witnesses to the plates of brass he had been called to translate. The Lord responded with the following.

1 My son, Thus saith the Lord unto His people, even Israel: When thou did covenant^a to keep my Torah^b and my mitzvah^c thou did so as one, my child, and thou came to life, being filled with my Breathd, yea, even the Holy Spirit;

2 And as thou moved forward ye did abandon my Torah and my mitzvah for the calf of gold that came from out of that fire:

3 And behold! Ye did repent, yet not out of faith but by fear; yea, I did give thee of that which is good, and ye did spit it out, and turned it away as ye thought it bitter and ye longed for the fine things of Egypt.

4 But not all, for I did send my prophets to teach thee, and to guide thee, and to save thee, O my rebellious child;

5 For the love of a parent is unconditional, and so it is that I will always make for thee a way back.

6 And now behold, here in the last days I have sent mine angel, Moroni^a, to sound the trump and to bring forth the everlasting gospel^b,

7 That it may be preached unto all that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people: for the whole earth, she is mine.

8 And what is this good news^a? Behold, it is the very same Gospel that thou, my Israel, did speak^b and say, with one voice: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do.

9 And thus I did make thee a nation of kings and queens, and a nation of priests and priestesses; yea, even so did I make thee a holy nation,

10 And from thee I was born, even Jesus Christ: the King of kings, the Creator of the heavens and of the earth:

11 But ye did not keep my Torah, nor my mitzvah, for ye sought out the vain things of this world; and ye did seek for the treasures of this world, and the knowledge of this world, and the wisdom of this world:

12 Yea, ye did not leave Egypt behind.

13 Wherefore, I did create a way back^a for thee, for I love Israel, my child; and so did I send ye out into that world that ye desired, yet I prepared a way back for thee that thou might come home;

14 And thus was the record of the Lehites kept, even the Book of Mormon, that my Gospel should be restored at the last days.

15 And some have asked: why then should they keep this record if my servant Joseph Smith Jr. should not read it, but keep it covered by his side and gather its words from visions I did give him by means of a stone that shone brightly in the darkness of his hat?

16 Yea, the record was kept as a testimony of that people, and that the gifts of my Spirit, that of prophecy and revelation, should be restored again upon the earth;

17 Yea, the plates of gold were given to those who were witnesses of the book, and others have seen it since, and others shall see it also, for there is more written upon it than my servant^a was sent to give.

18 And now the Gospel hath been restored, and with it that spirit of prophecy and revelation, that all the gifts of the spirit might be enjoyed by my people, even Israel;

19 And there is more yet to come, but these could not come until my people were blessed with my Spirit, even the power of the Holy Ghost, and given that gift of prophecy and revelation; for my people must be a prophetic people.

20 And now, wherefore thou, David, have asked of me for witnesses of the plates of brass, that men and women should know and testify that thou art my servant, and of these records which I have given thee to translate by the gift and power of God, even as did my servant Joseph:

21 I say unto thee that I am thy witness, and that those that I have called, those that have read the Book of Mormon and know it to be true by the power of the Holy Ghost, and by the spirit of prophecy and

revelation shall know, even as my Israel did know to answer together as one, saying: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do;

22 So too will these be thy witnesses, for they shall testify of me, and that the work that I have given thee is mine:

23 Yea, they shall read it and filled with my Spirit and rest in my Presence^a, they too shall say: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do.

24 And when they shall read it, I will fill them with my Spirit, even as I filled them with my Spirit when they did read and study the Book of Mormon, and they shall feel the burning^a in their hearts.

25 And yet there will be those who shall deny my Spirit, and shall deny my testimony, using the things of this world to try to confound and confuse, for these are not yet out of Egypt:

26 But these shall know that they do kick against the pricks, for I shall build thee up, and make thee strong, for thou art my servant and I have called thee by my power to fulfill these things in righteousness;

27 Thou art a mighty nation, and those that read and study to understand that which is written on the plates of brass by the gift and power of the

28 Holy Spirit, these shall gain my wisdom, and my knowledge, and my understanding: That Zion might be built, and that I might return again to complete my creation, lest I come again to destroy it.

29 And I gave these records, even the plates of brass, to the Lehites that they might build for themselves a nation like unto the city of Enoch;

30 Yet they did waste their probation building up gain unto themselves, warring over land and resources that I gave them to share in peace.

31 And now too, Satan has grabbed up Israel to pride and envy, and thus us the ground of my temple, the center place of Zion, is still empty.

32 When will my Israel heed my call? When will my Israel abandon the things of Egypt and receive that which I have given her?

33 When will she take up her role as kings and queens, as priests and priestesses to be the holy nation I called her to be?

34 Behold, I am God, and I know all things; thou art mankind and I say unto thee: Seek after Zion, that thou might know truth in all things;

35 Ye have suffered much in thy rebellion, O my Israel; and I say unto thee: Come home!

36 I have given thee both signs, and wonders, I have given thee the gifts of my Holy Spirit; now seek ye not to war one with another in thy pride, but be thou one in me, be ye Zion:

37 Read these plates of brass, learn from them that which ye should do; read them, study them out, for they are my works saved up and held back until now, in the fullness of times.

38 Behold, I am Jesus Christ; I am He who walked the earth, the Son of man, I am He who suffered that thou might live, I am He who gave up the ghost freely that Israel might not taste eternal death,

39 I am He who rose from the grave on the third day, that I might take thee from the darkness into the light of my resurrection, and that thou might stand at the right hand of the Father with me and inherit all things with me:

40 I am the Creator, and thou art my creation; and behold, I come unto thee quickly; make thee ready therefore, be ye Zion; even so, Amen.

Notes:

1a See 3 Moses 27:7, Exodus 19:8

b Hebrew, "Law," "Instructions," or "Teachings"

c Hebrew: "tradition," "commandment," or "obligation"

d See Ruach HaKodesh

6a Revelation 14:6-7

b The Book of Mormon

8a Gospel: Greek, "good news"

b See 3 Moses 27:7, Exodus 19:8

13a See Teshuvah

17a Joseph Smith Jr.

23a See Shekinah

24a Moroni 10:3-5 OPV; See Avahr 20:12, 35:53

Appendix 1

The genealogy of Adam to Noah

The following Appendix is cannon for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, included in their Doctrine and Covenants as Section 107, and Community of Christ as Section 104. This version of the text comes from 1835 edition of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants pages .Because this is not revelation, this portion of what would be Doctrines of the Saints Section 5b has been moved to the Appendix.

1 [104:18/107:40-41] The order of this priesthood was confirmed to be handed down from father to son, and rightly belongs to the literal descendants of the chosen seed, to whom the promises were made. This order was instituted in the days of Adam, and came down by lineage in the following manner:

2 [104:19/107:42-43] From Adam to Seth, who was ordained by Adam at the age of 69 years, and was blessed by him three years previous to his (Adam's) death, and received the promise of God by his father, that his posterity should be the chosen of the Lord, and that they should be preserved unto the end of the earth, because he -[Seth]- was a perfect man, and his likeness was the express likeness of his father's, insomuch that he seemed to be like unto his father in all things; and could be distinguished from him only by his age.

3 [104:20/107:44] Enos was ordained at the age of 134 years, and four months, by the hand of Adam.

4 [104:21/107:45] God called upon Cainan in the wilderness, in the fortieth year of his age, and he met Adam in journeying to the place Shedolamak: he was eighty seven years old when he received his ordination.

5 [104:22/107:46] Mahalaleel was 496 years and seven days old when he was ordained by the hand of Adam, who also blessed him.

6 [104:23/107:47] Jared was 200 years old when he was ordained under the hand of Adam, who also blessed him.

7 [104:24/107:48-49] Enoch, was 25 years old when he was ordained under the hand of Adam, and he was 65 and Adam blessed him—and he saw the Lord: and he walked with him, and was before his face continually: and he walked with God 365 years: making him 430 years old when he was translated.

8 [104:25/107:50] Methuselah was 100 years old when he was ordained under the hand of Adam.

9 [104:26/107:51] Lamech was 32 years old when he was ordained under the hand of Seth.

10 [104:27/107:52] Noah was 10 years old when he was ordained under the hand of Methuselah.

11 [104:28/107:53-55] Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch and Methuselah, who were all high priests, with the residue of his posterity, who were righteous, into the valley of Adam-on-di-ah-man, and there bestowed upon them his lasting blessing. And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the Prince, the Archangel. And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him, I have set thee to be at the head: a multitude of nations shall come of thee; and thou art a prince over them for ever.

12 [104:29/107:56-57] And Adam stood up in the midst of the congregation, and notwithstanding he was bowed down with age, being full of the Holy Ghost, predicted whatsoever should befall his posterity unto the latest generation. These things were all written in the book of Enoch, and are to be testified of in due time.

Appendix 2

A Revelation to the Church Concerning Bread & Wine

The 1835 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants doubles Section 15a, the revelation found in Revelation Book 1, known as the "twenty-eighth commandment" given to Joseph Smith Jr., the seer August 1830. While we do not know where this added text came from, we are including it here in the Appendix. This additional portion was taken from Section 50 of this edition, pages 179-181. It is recorded as Section 26 of the Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants, and Section 27 of the Church of Jesus

1 [26:2a-b1/27:5b] ...Wherefore, marvel not, for the hour cometh that I will drink of the fruit of the vine with you on the earth, and with Moroni, whom I have sent unto you to reveal the Book of Mormon, containing the fulness of my everlasting gospel, to whom I have committed the keys of the record of the stick of Ephraim;

2 [26:2b2/27:6] And also with Elias, to whom I have committed the keys of bringing to pass the restoration of all things spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began, concerning the last days;

3 [26:2c/27:7] And also John the son of Zacharias, which Zacharias he (Elias) visited and gave promise that he should have a son, and his name should be John, and he should be filled with the spirit of Elias;

4 [26:2d/27:8] Which John I have sent unto you, my servants, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Oliver Cowdery, to ordain you unto the first priesthood which you have received, that you might be called and ordained even as Aaron;

5 [26:2e/27:9] And also Elijah, unto whom I have committed the keys of the power of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, that the whole earth may not be smitten with a curse;

6 [26:2f1/27:10] And also with Joseph and Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham, your fathers, by whom the promises remain;

7 [26:2f2/27:11] And also with Michael, or Adam, the father of all, the prince of all, the ancient of days;

8 [26:3a/27:12a] And also with Peter, and James, and John, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have ordained you and confirmed you to be apostles, and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry

9 [26:3b/27:12b-13a] And of the same things which I revealed unto them; Unto whom I have committed the keys of my kingdom, and a dispensation of the gospel for the last times;

10 [26:3c1/27:13b] And for the fulness of times, in the which I will gather together in gone all things, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;

11 [26:3c2/27:14] And also with all those whom my Father hath given me out of the world.

12 [26:3d/27:15] Wherefore, lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all, that ye may be able to stand.

13 [26:3e1/27:16] Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you;

14 [26:3e2/27:17] Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked;

15 [26:3f/27:18a] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me,

16 [26:3g/27:18b] And be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also. Amen.

Appendix 3

A Revelation on Kirtland

A revelation given to the prophet, James J. Strang, on December 21, 1846. From Zion's Reveille, 2:2:60. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Because Kirtland is filled with unbelief and apostasy; and those who have gathered there and taken my name upon them regard not my word, and hearken not to my Law,

2 Neither observe my counsel nor hear the words of my prophets, but have altogether rejected mine anointed, done violence to the truth, refused my word, and rebelled against my law and mine authority;

3 Therefore shall Kirtland be a waste and a desolation, a den of wickedness, and a habitation of the unfaithful, the unbelieving, and the rebellious.

4 And the desolation thereof shall continue, nor shall it be cleansed of its uncleanness until they who have polluted it be utterly destroyed therefrom;

5 For they seek continually to deceive and to be deceived, and will neither be faithful themselves nor suffer others to become pure in their midst.

6 And they seek the establishment of their own will rather than mine, but they shall be utterly confounded,
7 And their desolation shall increase and become heaps, and their substance shall waste, and their houses shall fall, and their land shall fail of its increase, and the waters thereof shall dry up.

8 There shall Satan's seat be, and there shall be the gathering of unclean things, for they will not obey me.

9 And their power, and their authority, and their blessings, I take from them, that I may bestow them upon another people whom I will call together;

10 And from the midst of Kirtland will I call all who will turn unto me and serve me, that they may escape its curses.

11 Let all my Saints flee from Kirtland as from a desolating scourge, and let them not gather there; for it is no longer a stake for the curtains of the strength of Zion, but is a rent and a weakness and a nakedness of unbelief.

Appendix 4

Regarding the Temporal Law

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 18, 1909 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 129:1a-6b for Community of Christ. This portion of the revelation has been placed in the appendix as it pertains only to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Verses 7a-9c may be found in Section 105b. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 To the Church: After constant meditation and prayer, both before and after coming to conference and during the sessions, so far as the peculiar conditions obtaining in our sittings had permitted, I was in the Spirit during the nights of the 15th and 16th of the month and the day passing between at such times during the calm that occasionally ensued and the quiet of the night when the burden of my care forbade sleep.

2 My dreams also have been enlightening and encouraging.

3 [129:1a] The voice of the Spirit to me is: Under conditions which have occurred, it is no longer wise that my servant R. C. Evans be continued as counselor in the Presidency;

4 [129:1b] Therefore, it is expedient that he be released from this responsibility and another be chosen to the office; he has been earnest and faithful in service, and his reward is sure.

5 [129:2a] My servant Joseph Luff cannot fulfill the duties of a member of the Quorum of Twelve, in actively looking after and caring for the missionary work in the field, and discharge the duties of his calling as a physician, ministering to the many seeking his advice and aid, with safety to himself and others.

6 [129:2b] It is wise, therefore, that the Church release him from the responsibilities of the active apostleship as a member of the quorum, that he may act unreservedly in his calling,

7 [129:2c] Another may be chosen to the office in the quorum; he has been faithful, and his record and reward are in my hand.

8 [129:3a] That the historian of the Church, my servant Heman C. Smith, may more freely and efficiently pursue his duties and privileges as historian, the Church may release him from the burden attendant upon him as an apostle in the quorum and choose another to occupy therein.

9 [129:3b1] He has been long in the service, has done his duties well in the spirit of self-sacrifice, and his reward is with me.

10 [129:3b2] He will be blessed in diligent service in his calling as historian when relieved of the double responsibility.

11 [129:4] These, my servants, who are relieved from their responsibilities of the quorum work, have wrought well in their service with their fellow-servants and must retain their right to labor in the ministry, holding the High Priesthood and entitled to all that appertains to that calling when need requires or wisdom directs.

12 [129:5] The Spirit saith further to me: To fill the vacancy caused by the releasing of Counselor R. C. Evans, present the name of my servant Elbert A. Smith, the son of my servant David H. Smith, who was taken and who awaits his reward, to be chosen, appointed, and ordained as counselor to my servant Joseph Smith and to be one of the Presidency.

13 [129:6a] The Spirit saith further: In order that the places of those taken from the Twelve may be supplied and the quorum filled, that it may act as a whole, my servants J. F. Curtis and Robert C. Russell may be chosen and set apart to the office of Apostle and be enrolled and sustained in the quorum.

14 [129:6b] Other servants there are who will be called and appointed ere long, but not now.

Appendix 5

Principles of Sacrifice

A revelation through the prophet Joseph Smith III April 14, 1913 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 130:2a-6c for Community of Christ. Verses 1a-c, 7a-9c may be found in Section 105c have been placed in Appendix 5. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [130:2a] Thus saith the voice of the Spirit: In order that the Quorum of Twelve may be placed in better condition to carry on the work of the ministry in various fields of occupation,

2 [130:2b] It is expedient that Elders W. H. Kelley, I. N. White, and J. W. Wight be released from the active duties of the apostolic quorum on account of increasing infirmities of age and incapacity caused by illness of body,

3 [130:2c] And stand with their associates among the high priests and patriarchs of the church for such special service as may be open to them, according to wisdom and the call of the Spirit.

4 [130:3a] It is also expedient that Elder Frederick A. Smith be released from the quorum activities, that he may take the place of his father, Elder Alexander H. Smith, as the Presiding Patriarch of the Church.

5 [130:3b] According to the tradition of the Elders, he should be chosen and ordained to this office, thus releasing Elder Joseph R. Lambert from the onerous duties in which he has faithfully served since the death of the Presiding Patriarch.

6 [130:4a] To fill the vacancies caused by the release of these Elders from the apostolic quorum, Elders James E. Kelley, William M. Aylor, Paul M. Hanson, and James A. Gillen may be chosen and ordained as apostles to take, with others of the quorum, active oversight of the labors in the ministerial field.

7 [130:4b] These servants, so called and chosen, if faithful, will receive the blessings which those have enjoyed who have preceded them in the apostolic quorum,

8 [130:4c] And will be entitled to receive such ministration of the Spirit as will continue to qualify them for the discharge of the duties of the position whereunto they are called.

9 [130:4d] The Twelve in its reorganization for its work may choose its own officers (president and secretary) by nomination and vote.

10 [130:5a] The Spirit saith further: Elder E. A. Blakeslee is hereby called into the more active participation of the duties of the Bishopric than he has hitherto engaged in,

11 [130:5b] in order that he may give such assistance to the Bishop, E. L. Kelley, as is essential unto the success of the work intrusted to the Bishopric.

12 [130:5c] It is also expedient that he be ordained unto the office of Bishop, that he may serve as did his father, George A. Blakeslee, who has preceded him.

13 [130:6a] The Spirit saith further: That the Bishopric may be still further put in condition to perform the duties of the office of caring for the temporalities of the Church, the imminent necessity of which appears clear to all,

14 [130:6b] The Church should authorize the Presiding Bishop to make choice of someone who may be qualified to take active participation in the work of the Bishopric and become in due time a part thereof;

15 [130:6c] And this one so chosen should receive the support and sanction of the Church until he shall have approved or disapproved himself as a servant of the Master in the office whereunto he shall be called.

Appendix 6

Teachings on the Twelve and the Council of Seven

Teaching of Joseph Smith Jr. May 2, 1835 taken from Minute Book 1, 3 Dec. 1832–30 Nov. 1837, pages 187-188; handwriting of Warren A. Cowdery, Frederick G. Williams, Orson Hyde, Marcellus F. Cowdery, George W. Robinson, Phineas Richards, and Harlow Redfield.

1 The Twelve will have no right to go into Zion or any of its stakes and there undertake to regulate the affairs thereof where there is a standing High Council, but it is their duty to go abroad and regulate all matters relative to the different branches of the Church.

2 When the Twelve are together, or a quorum of them in any Church, they will have authority to act independently and make decisions, and those decisions, and those decisions are valid, but where there is not a quorum they will have to do business by the voice of the Church.

3 No standing high council has authority to go into the Churches abroad and regulate the matters thereof, for this belongs to the Twelve.

4 No High Council will ever be established only in Zion or one of its Stakes.

5 When the twelve pass a decision, it is in the name of the Church; therefore, it is valid.

6 No individual has a right to go into any church and ordain any minister for the Church, unless it is by the Voice of the Church.

7 No Elder has a right to go into any branch of the Church and appoint meetings or regulate the Church without the consent or advice of the presiding Elder of said branch.

8 If the First Seventy are all occupied, and there is a call for more laborers it will be the duty of the Seven Presidents of the First Seventy to call and ordain other Seventy and send them forth to labor, in the vineyard until if need be they set a part apart seven times Seventy, even until there shall be one hundred and forty and four thousand.

9 The Seventy are not to attend the conferences of the Twelve unless they are called upon or requested to by the Twelve.

10 The Twelve and the Seventy have particularly to depend upon their Ministry for their support and that of their families, and they have a right by virtue of their offices to call upon the Church to assist them.

Appendix 7

Testimony and Statement of Oliver Cowdery

The following testimony and statement was dated and signed on January 13, 1849. Samuel W. Richards reported that Oliver penned the following words with his own hand and in his presence. This version was originally published in an 1884 edition of the Deseret News.

1 To Elder Samuel W. Richards: While darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people, long after the authority to administer in holy things had been taken away, the Lord opened the heavens and sent forth his word for the salvation of Israel.

2 In fulfillment of the sacred scripture, the everlasting gospel was proclaimed by the mighty angel (Moroni), who, clothed with the authority of his mission, gave glory to God in the highest.

3 This Gospel is the stone taken from the mountain without hands^a.

4 John the Baptist, holding the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood; Peter, James, and John, holding the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood, have also ministered for those who shall be heirs of salvation, and with these ministrations ordained men to the same priestoods.

5 These priestoods, with their authority, are now, and must continue to be, in the body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

6 Blessed is the Elder who has received the same, and thrice blessed and holy is he who shall endure to the end.

7 Accept assurances, dear brother, of the unfeigned prayer of him who, in connection with Joseph the Seer, was blessed with the above ministrations and who earnestly and devoutly hopes to meet you in the celestial glory.

Epistles

Letters and Writings to the Saints

I Rigdon

Call to the Center Place

The following epistle was written by Sidney Rigdon August 31, 1831. This epistle was written This version was taken from The Book of John Whitmer, Chapter 9. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics. This Epistle has not been voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints.

Chapter 1

1 I, Sidney Rigdon, a servant of Jesus Christ by the will of God the Father and through the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto the Saints who are scattered abroad in the last days:

2 May grace, mercy and peace, rest upon you from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who is greatly to be feared, among His Saints, and to be had in reverence of all them who obey him.

3 Beloved brethren, it has pleased God, even the Father, to make known unto us in these last days, the good pleasure of His will concerning His Saints;

4 And to make known unto us the things which He has decreed upon the nations:

5 Even wasting and destruction until they are utterly destroyed, and the earth made desolate by reason of the wickedness of its inhabitants according as He has made known in times past by the prophets and apostles,

6 That such calamities should befall the inhabitants of the earth in the last days, unless they should repent, and turn to the living God.

7 And as the time is now near at hand for the accomplishment of His purposes and the fulfillment of His prophesies, which have been spoken by all the holy prophets, ever since the world began,

8 He has sent and signified, unto us by the mouths of his holy prophets, that he has raised up in these last days—

9 The speedy accomplishment of his purposes which shall be accomplished, on the heads of the rebellious of this generation—

10 Among whom He has been pleased in much mercy and goodness, to send forth the fullness of His Gospel in order that they might repent and turn to the living God, and be made partakers of his Holy Spirit.

11 But by reason of their wickedness and rebellion against Him, and wicked and unbelieving hearts, the Lord withdrew His spirit from them, and gives them up to work all uncleanness with greediness, and to bring swift destruction on themselves—

12 And through their wickedness to hasten the day of their calamity, that they may be left without excuse in the day of vengeance.

13 But it has pleased our Heavenly Father to make known some better things concerning His Saints, and those who serve him in fear and rejoice in meekness, before Him,

14 Even things which pertain to life everlasting, for godliness has the promise of the life, that now is, and that which is to come;

15 Even so, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to make provisions for His Saints in these last days of tribulation that they, through faith and patience, and by continuing in well doing may preserve their lives, and attain unto rest and endless felicity;

16 But by no other means than that of a strict observance of his commandments and teachings in all things as there is and can be no ruler nor lawgiver in the Kingdom of God save it be God our Savior himself—

17 And before Him, He requires that all His Saints and those who have named the name of Jesus, should be careful to depart from iniquity and serve Him with fear, rejoicing and trembling, lest He be angry and they perish from their way.

18 According to the prediction of the ancient prophets, that the Lord would send His messengers in the last days, and gather His elect

19 (Which is the elect, according to the covenant, *as* those who, like Abraham, are faithful to God and the Word of His Grace)

20 From the four winds, even from one end of the earth to the other, as testified of by the Savior himself—
21 So in these last days, He has commenced to gather together, into a place provided before of God and had in reserve in days of old, being kept by the power and providence of God, for this purpose and which he now holds in his own hands, that they through faith, and patience may inherit the promises—

22 A land which God by His own commandment has consecrated to Himself, where He has said that His laws shall be kept,

23 And where His Saints can dwell in safety, through their perseverance in well doing and their unfeigned repentance of all their sins,

24 Our heavenly Father has provided this land Himself because it was the one which was best adopted for His children, where Jew and Gentile might dwell together:

25 For God has the same respect to all those who call upon Him in truth and righteousness whether they be Jew or Gentile; for there is no respect of persons with Him.

26 This land being situated in the center of the continent on which we dwell, with an exceeding fertile soil and ready cleared for the hand of the cultivator bespeaks the goodness of our God, in providing so goodly a heritage,

27 And its climate suited persons from every quarter of this continent, whether East, West, North, or South.

28 Yea, I think I may say, for all constitutions from every part of the world and its productions nearly all varieties of both grain and vegetables which are common in this country together with all means, clothing.

29 In addition to this, it abounds with fountains of pure water, the soil climate and surface all adapted to health;

30 Indeed, I may say that the whole properties of the country invite the Saints to come, and partake their blessings.

31 But what more need I say about a country which our Heavenly Father holds in His own hands?

32 For if it were unhealthy, He could make it healthy, and if barren He could make it fruitful.

33 Such is the land which God has provided for us. in these last days for an inheritance, and truly it is a goodly land, and none other so well suited for all the Saints as this and all those who have faith and confidence in God.

34 Who has ever seen this land will bear the same testimony.

35 In order that you may understand the will of God respecting this land, and the way and means, of possessing it, I can only refer you to commandments which the Lord has delivered, by the mouth of his Prophet which will be read, to you, by our brethren Oliver Cowdery and Newel K. Whitney whom the Lord has appointed to visit the churches and obtain means for purchasing this land of our inheritance that we may escape in the day of tribulation which is coming on the earth.

36 I conclude by exhorting you to hear the voice of the Lord your God, who is speaking to you in much mercy and who is sending forth His word and His revelation in these last days, in order that we may escape impending vengeance and the judgments which await this generation, and which will speedily overtake them—

37 Brethren pray for me, that I may be counted worthy to obtain an inheritance in the land, of Zion and to overcome, the World through faith, and dwell with the sanctified, forever, and ever; Amen.

1 Joseph

Chapter 1

Letter to W.W. Phelps

The following epistle was written by Joseph Smith Jr. to William W. Phelps, November 27, 1832. Part of this Epistle as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 85 of their Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes to the text have been placed in italics.

1 Brother William W. Phelps, I say brother because I feel so from the heart, and although it is not long since I wrote a letter unto you, yet I feel as though you would excuse me for writing this, as I have many things which I wish to communicate; some things which I will mention in this letter which are laying great weight upon my mind.

2 I inform you I am well, and family; God grant that you may enjoy the same, and yours, and all the brethren and sisters who remember to inquire after the commandments of the Lord and the welfare of Zion and such a being as me.

3 And while I dictate this letter, I fancy to myself that you are saying or thinking something similar to these words:

4 My God, great and mighty art thou! Therefore, shew unto thy servant what shall become of all these who are assaying to come up unto Zion in order to keep the commandments of God, and yet receive not their inheritance by consecration, by order or deed from the Bishop, the man that God has appointed in a legal way, agreeable to the Law given to organize and regulate the Church and all the affairs of the same;

5 Brother William, in the love of God, having the most implicit confidence in you as a man of God, having obtained this confidence by a vision of heaven;

6 Therefore, I will proceed to unfold to you some of the feelings of my heart and proceed to answer the questions.

7 [85:1-2a] Firstly, it is the duty of the Lord's clerk, whom He has appointed, to keep a history and a general Church record of all things that transpire in Zion, and of all those who consecrate properties and receive inheritances legally from the Bishop; and also their manner of life, and their faith and works;

8 [85:2b] And also of all the apostates who apostatize after receiving their inheritances; who^a in that day shall not find an inheritance among the Saints of the Most High;

9 Therefore, it shall be done unto them as unto the children of the Priest, as you will find recorded in the second chapter and sixty first and second verses of Ezra.

10 Now Brother William, if what I have said is true, how careful then had men ought to be what they do in the last days, lest they think they stand should fall because they keep not the Lord's commandments;

11 Whilist you who obey, who do the will of the Lord, and keep His commandments have need to rejoice with unspeakable joy;

12 For such shall be exalted very high, and shall be lifted up in triumph above all the kingdoms of the world.

13 But I must drop this subject at the beginning: O Lord, when will the time come when Brother William, thy servant, and myself behold the day that we may stand together and gaze upon eternal wisdom engraven upon the heavens?

14 While the majesty of our God holdeth up the dark curtain, until we may read the record of eternity to the fullness of our immortal souls?

15 O Lord God, deliver us in thy due time from the little narrow prison, almost as it were total darkness of paper, pen and ink, and a crooked broken scattered and imperfect language.

16 [85:3] I would inform secondly; it is contrary to the will and commandment of God that those who receive not their inheritance by consecration, agreeable to His Law, which He has given that He may tithe

His people, to prepare them against the day of vengeance and burning, should have there names enrolled with the people of God;

17 [85:4] Neither is their genealogy to be kept, or to be had where it may be found on any of the records or history of the Church;

18 [85:5] There names shall not be found, neither the names of their father or the names of their children written in the Book of the Law of God, saith. the Lord of hosts.

19 [85:6] Yea^b, thus saith the still small voice which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest, saying:

20 [85:7-8] And it shall come to pass that I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, clothed with light for a covering, whose mouth shall utter words, eternal words, while his bowels shall be a fountain of truth to set in order the house of God, and to arrange by lot the inheritance of the Saints whose names are found; and the names of their fathers, and of their children enrolled in the Book of the Law of God while that man, who was called of God and appointed, that putteth forth his hand to steady the ark of God shall fall by the shaft of death, like as a tree that is smitten by the vivid shaft of lightning.

21 [85:9] And all they who are not found written in the Book of Remembrance shall find none inheritance in that day, but they shall be cut asunder, and their portion shall be appointed them among unbelievers where is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

22 [85:10] These things I say not of myself; therefore, as the Lord speaketh He will also fulfill,

23 [85:11] And^c they who are of the High Priesthood, as well as the lesser Priesthood, or the members whose names are not found written in the Book of the Law, or that are found to have apostatized, or to have been cut off out of the Church, in that day shall not find an inheritance among the Saints of the Most High;

24 [85:12] Therefore, it shall be done unto them as unto the children of the Priest as you will find recorded in the second chapter and sixty first and second verses of Ezra^d.

25 Now, Brother William, if what I have said is true, how careful then had men *and women* aught to be what they do in the last days, lest they are cut short of their expectations and they that think they stand should fall, because they keep not the Lords commandments whilst you who do the will of the Lord and keep his commandments have need to rejoice with unspeakable joy;

26 For such shall be exalted very high and shall be lifted up in triumph above all the kingdoms of this world; but I must drop this subject at the beginning.

27 O Lord, when will the time come when Brother William, thy servant, and myself behold the day that we may stand together and gaze upon eternal wisdom engraven upon the Heavens, while the majesty of our God holdeth up the dark curtain; until we may read the sound of eternity to the fullness and satisfaction of our immortal souls?

28 O Lord God, deliver us in thy due time from the little narrow prison, almost as it were total darkness of paper, pen, and ink and a crooked broken scattered and imperfect language^e.

29 No more, my love for all the Brethren; yours in bonds, Amen. -Joseph Smith Jr

Note:

- a. Word added for clarification.
- b. At this point, Frederick G. Williams handwriting ends and Joseph Smith Jr's begins.
- c. This text was changed for clarity, it originally read: *And they who are of the High Priesthood, whose names are not found written in the Book of the Law, or that are found to have apostatized, or to have been cut off out of the Church, as well as the lesser Priesthood, or the members, in that day shall not find an inheritance among the Saints of the Most High;*
- d. Ezra 2:61-62: "And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: these sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood."
- e. Text omitted between this and the next verse is as follows: "I would inform you that I have obtained ten subscribers for the Star and received pay their names and place of residence are as follows: John McMahan, James McMahan, James White, William Brown, Henry Kingery, Micayer Dillions, Abraham Kingery, John A Fisher, David Houghs, Thomas Singers, the papers and all to be sent to Guyndotte Post office Verginea, except David Houghs his is to be sent to Wayne County, Worster Township, Ohio. Vienna Jaqis has not received her papers, please inform her Sister Hariet, that Shee is well and give my respects to her. Tell her that Mr. Angels Brother came after her and the child soon after she went from here, All he wanted wanted was the child."

Chapter 2

Adam Ondi Awmen

The following was taken from The Scriptorium Book of Joseph Smith Jr. President of The Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter Day Saints In all the World, Journal, March-September 1838, pages 43-44 dates May 19, 1838. The entry concerns a statement Joseph made near Wight's Ferry, at Spring Hill, Daviess County, Missouri, May 19, 1838. Part of this Epistle as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Section 116 of their Doctrine and Covenants. Inspired changes to the text have been placed in italics.

1 The next morning, we struck our tents and marched crossed Grand river at the mouth of Honey Creek at a place called Nelsons ferry.

2 Grand River is a large, beautiful, deep, and rapid stream and will undoubtedly admit of steamboat and other watercraft navigation;

3 And at the mouth of honey creek is a splendid harbor for the safety of such crafts, and also for landing freight.

4 We next kept up the river mostly in the timber for ten miles, until we came to Colonel Lyman Wight's, who lives at the foot of Tower Hill, a name appropriated by President Joseph Smith Jr., in consequence of the remains of an old Nephitish altar and Tower, where we camped for the Sabbath.

5 In the after part of the day, presidents Joseph Smith Jr., and Sidney Rigdon, and myself, went to Wights Ferry about a half mile from this place up the river, for the purpose of selecting and laying claims to city plot near said Ferry, in Daviess County Township 60, Range 27 and 28, and Sections 25, 36, 31, 30, which was called Spring Hill a name appropriated by the brethren present,

6 [116:1] But after wards named by the mouth of the Lord, and was called Adam Ondi Awmen; because, said Joseph Smith Jr.: It is the place where Adam shall come to visit his people, or the Ancient of days shall sit as spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.

Chapter 3

In Liberty Jail

The following epistles were written by Joseph Smith Jr., Hyrum Smith, Lyman Wight, Caleb Baldwin, and Alexander McRae while imprisoned in Liberty Missouri, to the Church March 20 and 22, 1839. They were written in the handwriting of Alexander McRae and Caleb Baldwin, with insertions by Joseph Smith Jr. and signed by Joseph Smith Jr., Hyrum Smith, Lyman Wight, Caleb Baldwin, and Alexander McRae. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Sections 121-123 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 To the Church of Latter Day Saints, at Quincy Illinois and scattered abroad, and to Bishop Edward Partridge in particular.

2 Your humble servant Joseph Smith Jr., prisoner for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and for the Saints, taken and held by the power of mobocracy under the exterminating reign of his excellency, the Governor Lilburn W. Boggs, in company with his fellow prisoners and beloved Brethren: Caleb Baldwin, Lyman Wight, Hyrum Smith, and Alexander McRae.

3 Send unto you all greeting; may the Grace of God the Father, and of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rest upon you all and abide with you forever.

4 May knowledge be multiplied unto you by the mercy of God.

5 And may faith, and virtue, and knowledge and temperance, and patience, and godliness, and brotherly kindness, and charity be in you and abound that you may not be barren in anything nor unfruitful.

6 Forasmuch as we know that the most of you are well acquainted with the rings and the high toned injustice and cruelty that is practiced upon us whereas we have been taken prisoners charged falsely with every kind of evil and thrown into prison, enclosed with strong walls, surrounded with a strong guard who continually watch day and night as indefatigable as the devil is in tempting and laying snares for the people of God;

7 Therefore, dearly and beloved brethren, we are the more ready and willing to lay claim to your fellowship and love.

8 For our circumstances are calculated to awaken our spirits to a sacred remembrance of everything, and we think that yours are also, and that nothing therefore can separate us from the love of God, and fellowship one with another;

9 And that every species of wickedness and cruelty practiced upon us will only tend to bind our hearts together, and seal them together in love.

10 We have no need to say to you that we are held in bonds without cause, neither is it needful that you say unto us we are driven from our homes and smitten without cause.

11 We mutually understand that if the inhabitation of the state of Missouri had let the Saints alone and had been as desirable of peace as they were there would have been nothing but peace and quietude in this State unto this day,

12 We should not have been in this hell, surrounded with demons, if not those who are damned, they are those who shall be damned;

13 And where we are compelled to hear nothing but blasphemous oaths, and witness a seen of blasphemy, and drunkenness, and hypocrisy, and debaucheries of every description.

14 And again, the cry cries of orphans and widows would not have ascended up to God.

15 The blood of innocent women and children, yea and of men also, would not have cried to God against them; It would not have stained the soil of Missouri.

16 But O! The unrelenting hand the inhumanity and murderous disposition of this people it shocks all nature; it beggars^a and defies all description.

17 It is a tale of wo, a lamentable tale, yea a sorrowful tale, too much to tell, too much for contemplation, too much to think of for a moment, too much for human beings—

18 It cannot be found among the heathens, it cannot be found among the nations where kings and tyrants are enthroned, it cannot be found among the savages of the wilderness;

19 Yea, and I think it cannot be found among the wild and ferocious beasts of the forest that a man should be mangled for sport,

20 Women be violated, robbed of all that they have, their last morsel for subsistence, and then be violated to gratify the hellish desires of the mob, and finally left to perish with their helpless offspring clinging around their necks!

21 But this is not all: after a man is dead, he must be dug up from his grave and mangled to pieces for no other purpose than to gratify their spleen against the religion of God.

22 They practice these things upon the Saints who have done them no wrong, who are innocent and virtuous, who loved the Lord their God and were willing to forsake all things for Christ's sake.

23 These things are awful to relate, but they are verily true.

24 It must needs be that offences come, but WO! to them by whom they come.

Note:

- a. "BEG'GAR, verb transitive To reduce to beggary; to impoverish. 1. To deprive or make destitute; to exhaust; as, to beggar description." -Webster's Dictionary 1828

Chapter 4

1 [121:1] O God, where art thou? and where is the pavilion that covereth thy hiding place?

2 [121:2] How long shall thy hand be stayed and thine eye, yea thy pure eye, behold from the eternal heavens the wrongs of thy people, and of thy servants and thine ear be penetrated with their cries?

3 [121:3] Yea, O Lord, how long shall they suffer these wrongs and unlawful oppressions before thine heart shall be softened towards them, and thy bowels be moved with compassion towards them?

4 [121:4a] O Lord, God Almighty, Maker of Heaven, Earth, and Seas, and of all things that in them *are* and who controlet and subjecteth the devil, and the dark, and benighted dominion of Sheol—

5 [121:4b] Stretch forth thy hand, let thine eye pierce, let thy pavilion be taken up, let thy hiding place no longer be covered, let thine ear be inclined, let thine heart be softened and thy bowels moved with compassion toward us;

6 [121:5] Let thine anger be kindle against our enemies, and in the fury of thine hart, with thy sword, avenge us of our wrongs.

7 [121:6] Remember thy suffering *Saints*, O our God, and thy servants will rejoice in thy name forever.

8 Dearly and beloved brethren, we see that perilous times^a have come, as was testified of.

9 We may look then with most perfect assurance for the rolling in of all those things that have been written, and with more confidence than ever before.

10 Lift up our eyes to the luminary of day and say in our hearts: Soon thou wilt veil thy blushing face, he that said: Let there be light, and there was light! hath spoken this word.

11 And again; thou moon, thou dimmer light, thou luminary of night shall turn to blood.

12 We see that everything is fulfilling, and the time shall soon come, when the Son of Man shall descend in the clouds of heaven;

13 Our hearts do not shrink, neither are our spirits altogether broken at the grievous yoke which is put upon us.

14 We know that God will have our oppressors in derision^b, that he will laugh at their calamity and mock when their fear comith.

Note:

a. See 2 Timothy 3:1.

b. "DERISION, noun 1. The act of laughing at in contempt. 2. Contempt manifested by laughter; scorn. I am in derision daily. Jeremiah 20:7. 3. An object of derision or contempt; a laughing-stock. I was a derision to all my people. Lamentations 3:14." - Webster's Dictionary 1828

Chapter 5

1 O that we could be with you Brethren and unbosom our feeling to you we would tell that we should have been liberated at the time Elder Sidney Rigdon was on the writ of habeas corpus, had not our own lawyers interpreted the law contrary to what it reads against us, which prevented us from introducing our evidence before the mock court.

2 They have done us much harm from the beginning.

3 They have of late acknowledged that the law was misconstrued and tantalized our feelings with it,

4 And have entirely forsaken us, and have forfeited their oaths and their bonds, and we have a comeback on them for they are co-workers with the mob.

5 As nigh as we can learn, the public mind has been for a long time turning in our favor, and the majority *are* now friendly, and the lawyers can no longer browbeat us by saying that this or that is a matter of public opinion;

6 For public opinion is not willing to brook it for it is beginning to look with feelings of indignation against our oppressors and to say that the Mormons were not in the fault.

7 In the least, we think that truth honor and virtue and innocence will eventually come out triumphant.

8 We should have taken a habeas corpus before the high Judge and escaped the mob in a summary way;

9 But unfortunately for us, the timber of the wall being very hard, our auger handles gave out and hindered us longer than we expected.

10 We applied to a friend and a very slight incautious act gave rise to some suspicion, and before we could fully succeed our plan was discovered.

11 We had everything in readiness, but the last stone; and we could have made our escape in one minute and should have succeeded admirably, had it not been for a little imprudence or over anxiety on the part of our friend.

12 The sheriff and jailor did not blame us for our attempt, it was a fine breach and cost the county a round sum; but public opinion says that we ought to have been permitted to have made our escape; that then the disgrace would have been on us, but now it must come on the state.

13 That there cannot be any charge sustained against us, and that the conduct of the mob, the murders committed at Hawn's Mill, and the exterminating order of the Governor Lilburn W. Boggs, and the one sided rascally proceedings of the Legislature has damned the state of Missouri to all eternity.

14 I would just name also that General David R. Atchison has proved himself to be as contemptible as any of them.

15 We have tried for a long time to get our lawyers to draw us some petitions to the supreme Judges of this state. but they utterly refused.

16 We have examined the law and drawn the petitions ourselves and have obtained abundance of proof to counter act all the testimony that was against us, so that if the supreme Judge does not grant us our liberty, he has got to act without cause contrary to honor evidence law or justice surely to please the devil.

17 But we hope better things and trust that before many days God will so order our case that we shall be set at liberty and take up our habitation with the Saints.

Chapter 6

1 We received some letters last evening, one from Emma Smith one from Don Carlos Smith, and one from Bishop Edward Partridge; all breathing a kind and consoling spirit, we were much gratified with their contents.

2 We had been a long time without information, and when we read those letters, they were to our souls as the gentle air is refreshing;

3 But our joy was mingled with grief because of the suffering of the poor and much injured Saints, and we need not say to you that the flood gates of our hearts were hoisted, and our eyes were a fountain of tears.

4 But those who have not been enclosed in the walls of a prison without cause or provocation can have but a little idea how sweet the voice of a friend is,

5 One token of friendship from any source whatever awakens and called into action, every sympathetic feeling it brings up in an instant,

6 Everything that is passed it seizes the present with a vivacity of lightning it grasps after the future with the fierceness of a tiger;

7 It retrogrades from one thing to another until finally all enmity malice and hatred and past differences misunderstandings and mismanagements lie slain victims at the feet of hope.

8 [121:7-8a] And when the heart is sufficiently contrite, and then the voice of inspiration steals along and whispers: My son, peace be unto thy soul, thine adversity and thy afflictions shall be but a small moment, and then if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high;

9 [121:8b-9] Thou shalt triumph over all they foes, thy friends do stand by thee and they shall hail thee again with warm hearts and friendly hands.

10 [121:10] Thou art not yet as Job, thy friends do not contend against thee, neither charge thee with transgression as they did Job;

11 [121:11] And they who do charge thee with transgression, their hope shall be blasted, and their prospects shall melt away as the hoary frost melteth before the burning rays of the rising sun.

12 [121:12] And also, that God hath set to his hand and seal to change the times and seasons, and to blind their minds that they may not understand his marvelous workings that he may prove them also and take them in their own craftiness;

13 [121:13] Also because their hearts are corrupt, and the thing which they are willing to bring upon others and love to have others suffer may come upon themselves to the very utmost,

14 [121:14-15] That they may be disappointed also and their hopes may be cut off and not many years hence that they and their posterity shall be swept from under heaven, saith God, that not one of them is left to stand by the wall.

15 [121:16] Cursed are all those that shall lift up *their heels* against mine anointed, saith the Lord, and cry they have sinned when they have not sinned before me, saith the Lord, but have done that which was meat in mine eyes and which I commanded them;

16 [121:17] But those who cry transgression! do it because they are the servants of sin, and are the children of disobedience themselves;

17 [121:18-19a] And those who swear false against my servants, that they might bring them unto bondage, and death: Wo unto them! because they have offended my little ones.

18 [121:19b-20] They shall be severed from the ordinances of mine house, their basket shall not be full, their houses and their barns shall famish, and they themselves shall be despised by those that flattered them.

19 [121:21] They shall not have right to the priesthood, nor their posterity after them, from generation to generation:

20 [121:22] It had been better for them that a millstone had been hanged about their necks, and they drowned in the depth of the sea.

21 [121:23a] Wo unto all those that discomfort my people, and drive, and murder, and testify against them, saith the Lord of *hosts*.

22 [121:23b] A generation of *vipers* shall not escape the damnation of hell!

23 [121:24-25] Behold, mine eyes seeth and knoweth all their works, and I have in reserve a swift judgement in the season thereof for them all; for there is a time appointed for *everyone*, according as their works shall be.

Chapter 7

1 And now beloved Brethren, we say unto you: That inasmuch as God hath said that he would have a tried people, that he would purge them as gold, now we think that this time he has chosen his own crucible wherein we have been tried,

2 And we think if we get through with any degree of safety and shall have kept the faith that it will be a sign to this generation all together sufficient to leave them without excuse.

3 And we think also that it will be a trial of our faith equal to that of Abraham; and that the ancients will not have whereof to boast over us in the day of judgment, as being called to pass through heavier afflictions, that we may hold an even weight in the balances with them.

4 But now, after having suffered so grate a sacrifice, and having passed through so grate a scene of sorrow, we trust that a ram may be caught in the thicket, speedily to relieve the sons and daughters of Abraham from their great anxiety,

5 And to light up the lamp of salvation upon their countenances, that they may hold upon now, after having gone so far unto everlasting life.

6 Now brethren, concerning the places for the location of the Saints, we cannot counsel you as we could if we were present with you;

7 And as to the things that ware written heretofore, we did not consider them anything very binding;

8 Therefore, we now say once for all that we think it most proper that the general affairs of the Church which are necessary to be considered while your humble servant remains in bondage should be transacted by a General Conference of the most faithful, and the most respectable of the authorities of the church.

9 And a minute of those transactions may be kept and forwarded from time to time to your humble servant.

10 And if there should be any corrections by the Word of the Lord, they shall be freely transmitted, and your humble servant will approve all things whatsoever is acceptable unto God

11 If anything should have been suggested by us or any names mentioned, except by commandment, or thus saith the Lord, we do not consider it binding;

12 Therefore, our hearts shall not be grieved if different arrangements should be entered into.

13 Nevertheless, we would suggest the propriety of being aware of an aspiring spirit, which spirit has oftentimes urged men forward, to make foul speeches and influence the Church, and to reject milder councils and has eventually by been the means of bringing much death and sorrow upon the Church.

14 We would say: be aware of pride also, for well and truly hath the wise man said that pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

15 And again, outward appearance is not always a criteria for us to judge our fellow man, but the lips betray the haughty and over baring imaginations of the heart, by *their* words and *their* deeds let *them* be scanned.

16 Flattery also is a deadly poison; a frank and open rebuke provoketh a good man to emulation, and in the hour of trouble he will be your best friend;

17 But on the other hand, it will draw out all the corruption of a corrupt heart, and lying and the poison of asps shall be under their tongues;

18 And they do cause the pure in heart to be cast into prison because they want them out of their way.

19 A fanciful and flowery and heated imagination be aware of, because the things of God are of deep import, and time and experience and careful and ponderous and solemn thoughts can only find them out.

20 Thy mind O Man, if thou wilt lead a soul unto salvation, must stretch as high as the utmost Heavens, and search in to and contemplate the lowest considerations of the darkest abyss, and expand upon the broad considerations of Eternal Expanse; he must commune with God.

21 How much more dignified and noble are the thoughts of God, than the vane imagination of the human heart none but fools, will trifle with the souls of mankind.

22 How vain and trifling have been our spirits, our Conferences, our Councils, our meetings, our private as well as public conversations; too low, too mean, too vulgar, too condescending;

23 For the dignified characters of the called and chosen of God, according to the purposes of his will from before the foundation of the world.

24 To hold the keys of the mysteries of those things that have been kept hid from the foundation until now, of which some have tasted a little, and which many of them are to be poured down from heaven upon the heads of babes, yea, the weak, obscure, and disposable ones of this earth.

25 Therefore, we beseech of you brethren that you bear with those who do not feel themselves more worthy than yourselves, while we exhort one another, to a reformation, with one an all, both old and young, teachers and taught, both high and low, rich and poor, bond and free, male and female.

26 Let honesty and sobriety, and candor and solemnity, and virtue and pureness, and meekness and simplicity crown our heads in every place, and in fine become as little children without malice, guile, or hypocrisy.

Chapter 8

1 [121:26a] And now brethren, after your tribulations, if you do these things, and exercise fervent prayer, and faith in the sight of God always, he shall give unto you knowledge by his Holy Spirit;

2 [121:26b-27] Yea, by the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost that has not been revealed since the world was until now, which our fathers have waited with anxious expectation to be revealed in the last times,

3 [121:27b] Which their minds were pointed to by the angels, as held in reserve for the fullness of their glory;

4 [121:28] A time to come in the which nothing shall be withheld, whither there be one god or many god's they shall be manifest.

5 [121:29] All thrones and dominions principalities and powers shall be revealed and set forth upon all who have endured valiantly for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

6 [121:30] And also, if there be bounds set to the heaven, or to the seas, or to the dry land, or to the sun, moon, or stars:

7 [121:31] All the times of their revolutions, all their appointed days, *months*, and years, and all the days of their days, months, and years and all their glories, laws, and set times shall be revealed in the days of the dispensation of the fullness of times,

8 [121:32] According to that which was ordained in the midst of the Council of the Eternal God of all other gods before this world was, that should be reserved unto the finishing and the end thereof when I everyone shall enter into his eternal presence and into his immortal rest.

9 But I beg leave to say unto you, brethren, that ignorance, superstition, and bigotry placing itself where it ought not *be* is often times in the way of the prosperity of this Church.

10 Like the torrent of rain from the mountains that floods the most pure, and crystal stream with mire, and dirt, and filthiness and obscures everything that was clear before, and all hurls along in one general deluge.

11 But time withers tide, and notwithstanding we are rolled in for the time being by the mire of the flood.

12 The next surge, peradventure, as time roles on may bring us to the fountain as clear as crystal and as pure as snow, while all the filthiness, flood, wood, and rubbish is left is left and purged out by the way.

13 [121:33a] How long can rolling waters remain impure? what power shall stay the heavens?

14 [121:33b] As well, might man stretch forth his puny arm to stop the Missouri River in its decreed course, or to turn it up stream as to hinder the Almighty from pouring down knowledge from heaven upon the heads of the Latter Day Saints

15 What is Boggs or his murderous party but wimbling willows upon the shore to catch the flood wood as will.

16 Might we argue that water is not water because the mountain torrents send down mire, and riles the crystal stream, although afterwards renders it more pure than before?

17 Or that fire is not fire because it is of a quenchable nature by pouring on the flood, as to say that our cause is down because renegades, liars, priests, thieves, and murderers who are all alike, tenacious of their crafts and creeds have poured down from their spiritual wickedness in high places and from their strong holds of the divine, a flood of dirt, and mire, and filthiness, and vomit upon our heads?

18 No, God forbid!

19 Hell may pour forth its rage, like the burning lava of Mount Vesuvius, or of Etna, or of the most terrible of the burning mountains, and yet shall Mormonism stand.

20 Water, fire, truth, and God are all the same; truth is Mormonism, God is the author of it, he is our shield.

21 It is by him we received our birth, it was by his voice that we were called to in a dispensation of his Gospel in the beginning of the fullness of times;

22 It was by him we received the Book of Mormon, and it was by him that we remain unto this day, and by him we shall remain if it shall be for our glory and in his almighty name.

23 We are determined to endure tribulation as good soldiers unto the end, but brethren we shall continue to offer further reflections in our next epistle.

24 You will learn by the time you have read this, and if you do not learn it you may learn it, that walls and iron doors and screaming hinges, and half scared to death guards and jailors grinning like some damned spirit lest an innocent man should make his escape to bring to light the damnable deeds of a murderous mob is calculated in its very nature to make the sole of an honest man feel stronger than the powers of hell.

25 But we must bring our epistle to a close, we send our respects to Fathers, Mothers, Wives, and Children, Brothers and Sisters, we hold them in the most sacred remembrance.

26 We feel to inquire after Elder Sidney Rigdon, if he has not forgotten us it has not been signified to us by his scrawl.

27 Brother George W. Robinson also, and Elder Reynolds Cahoon, we remember him, but would like to jog his memory a little on the fable of the bear and the two friends^a who mutually agreed to stand by each other.

28 And perhaps it would not be amiss to mention Uncle John Smith, and various others; a word of consolation and a blessing would not come amiss from anybody while we are being so closely whispered by the Bear; but we feel to excuse everybody and everything.

29 Yea the more readily when we contemplate that we are in the hands worse than a bear, for the bear would not pray upon a dead carcass.

30 Our respects and love and fellowship to all the virtuous Saints; we are your Brethren and fellow sufferers and prisoners of Jesus Christ for the Gospels sake, and for the hope of glory which is in us; Amen.

Joseph Smith Jr
Hyrum Smith
Lyman Wight
Caleb Baldwin
Alexander McRae

Chapter 9

1 Continued to the Church of Latter Day Saints.

2 We continue to offer further reflections to Bishop Edward Partridge, and to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, whom we love with a fervent love, and do always bear them in mind in all our prayers to the throne of God.

3 It still seems to bear heavily in our minds that the Church would do well to secure to themselves the contract of the land which is proposed to them by Mr. Isaac Galland, and to cultivate the friendly feelings of that gentleman, in as much shall as he shall prove himself to be a man of honor, and a friend to humanity.

4 We really think that his letter breaths that kind of spirit, if we can judge correctly.

5 And Isaac Van Allen Esquire, the attorney General of Iowa Territory that peradventure such men may be wrought upon by the providence of God to do good unto his people, Governor Robert Lucas also.

6 We suggest the idea of praying fervently for all men who manifest any degree of sympathy for the suffering children of God.

7 We think that peradventure the United States surveyor of the Iowa Territory may be of grate benefit to the Church, if it be the will of God to this end, if righteousness should be manifested as the girdle of our loins.

8 It seems to be deeply impressed upon our minds that the Saints ought to lay hold of every door that shall seem to be opened unto them to obtain foothold on the Earth, and make all the preparations that is within the power of possibilities;

9 For the terrible storms that are now gathering in the heavens with darkness, and gloominess, and thick darkness as spoken of by the prophets which cannot be now of a long time lingering,

10 For there seems to be a whispering that the angels of heaven who have been entrusted with the counsel of these matters, for the last days have taken counsel together:

11 And among the rest of the general affairs that *must* be transacted in their honorable counsel, they have taken cognizance of the testimony of those who were murdered at Hawn's Mill,

12 And also those who were martyred with David W. Patten and elsewhere and have passed some decisions peradventure in favor of the Saints and those who were called to suffer without cause.

13 These decisions will be made known in their time, and they will take into consideration all those things that offend.

Chapter 10

1 We have a fervent desire that in your General Conferences that everything should be discussed with a great deal of care and propriety, lest you grieve the Holy Spirit which shall be poured out at all times upon your heads when you are exercised with those principals of righteousness that are agreeable to the mind of God, and are properly affected one toward another, and are careful by all means to remember those who are in bondage, and in heaviness, and in deep affliction for your sakes.

2 And if there are any among you who aspire after their own aggrandizement and seek their own opulence while their brethren are groaning in poverty, and are under sore trials and temptations, they cannot be benefited by the intercession of the Holy Spirit which maketh intercession for us day and night with groaning that cannot be uttered.

3 We ought at all times to be very careful that such high mindedness never have place in our hearts, but condescend to men of low estate and with all long suffering bear the infirmities of the weak.

4 [121:34] Behold, there are many called but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

5 [121:35] Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world and aspire to the honors of men that they do not learn this one lesson:

6 [121:36] That the rights of priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principals of righteousness.

7 [121:37a] That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride or vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men in any degree of unrighteousness; behold, the heavens withdraw themselves, the Spirit of the Lord is grieved.

8 [121:37b] And when it has withdrawn, Amen to the Priesthood or the authority of that man!

9 [121:38] Behold, ere he is aware, he is left unto himself to kick against the pricks, to persecute the Saints and to fight against God.

10 [121:39] We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all *mankind*, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

11 [121:40] Hence many are called, but few are chosen.

12 [121:41] No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the Priesthood; only by persuasion, by long suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned:

13 [121:42] By kindness, by pure knowledge which shall greatly enlarge the soul, without hypocrisy, and without guile;

14 [121:43] Reproving betimes with sharpness when moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward *they* whom thou hast reproved, lest *they* esteem thee to be *their* enemy,

15 [121:44-45a] That *they* may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death, thy bowels also being full of charity towards all *mankind* and to the household of faith, and virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly;

16 [121:45b] Then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God, and the doctrines of the Priesthood shall distill upon thy soul as the dews from heaven:

17 [121:46a] The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth,

18 [121:46b] And thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever.

19 [122:1a] The ends of the Earth shall enquire after thy name.

20 [122:1b-2] And fools shall have thee in derision, and hell shall rage against thee while the pure in heart, and the wise, and the noble, and the virtuous shall seek counsel, and authority, and blessings constantly from under thy hand;

21 [122:3] And thy people shall never be turned against thee by the testimony of traitors.

22 [122:4a] And although their influence shall cast thee into trouble, and into bars, and walls, thou shalt be had in honor.

23 [122:4b] And but for a small moment and thy voice shall be more terrible in the midst of thine enemies than the fierce Lion because of thy righteousness;

24 [122:4c] And thy God shall stand by thee forever and ever.

Chapter 11

- 1 [122:5a] If thou art called to pass through tribulation.
- 2 [122:5b] If thou art in pearls among false brethren.
- 3 [122:5c] If thou art in pearls amongst robbers.
- 4 [122:5d] If thou art in pearls by land or by sea.
- 5 [122:6a] If thou art accused with all manner of false accusations.
- 6 [122:6b] If thine enemies fall upon thee.
- 7 [122:6c] If they tear thee from the society of thy father and mother and brethren and Sisters.
- 8 [122:6d] And if with a drawn sword thine enemies tear thee from the bosom of thy wife and of thine offspring,
- 9 [122:6e] And thine elder son, although but six years of age shall cling to thy garments and shall say: My Father, my Father why can't you stay with us? O my Father what are the men going to do with you?
- 10 [122:6f] And if then he shall be thrust from thee by the sword, and thou be dragged to prison and thine enemies prowl around thee like wolves for blood of the Lamb,
- 11 [122:7a] And if thou shouldest be cast into the pit, or into the hands of murderers, and the sentence of death passed upon thee.
- 12 [122:7b] If thou be cast into the deep.
- 13 [122:7c] If the billowing surge conspire against thee.
- 14 [122:7d] If fierce wind become thine enemy.
- 15 [122:7e] If the heavens gather blackness and all the elements combine to hedge up the way;
- 16 [122:7f] And above all, if the verry jaws of hell shall gap open her mouth wide after thee, know thou my son that all these things shall give thee experience and shall be for thy good.
- 17 [122:8] The son of man hath descended below them, all art thou greater than he?
- 18 [122:9a] Therefore, hold on thy way and the priesthood shall remain with thee; for their bounds are set, they cannot pass.
- 19 [122:9b] Thy days are known, and thy years shall not be numbered less;
- 20 [122:9c] Therefore, fear not what man can do, for God shall be with you forever and ever.

Chapter 12

1 Now brethren, I would suggest for the consideration of the conference, of its being carefully and wisely understood by the counsel or conferences that our brethren scattered abroad who understand the Spirit of the gathering, that they fall into the places of refuge and safety, that God shall open unto them between Kirtland and Far West.

2 Those from the East, and from the West, and from far countries; let them fall in somewhere between those two boundaries in the most safe and quiet places they can find.

3 And let this be the present understanding until God shall open a more effectual door for us for further considerations.

4 And again, we further suggest for the consideration of the counsel, that there be no organizations of large bodies upon common stock principals in property or of large companies of firms until the Lord shall signify it in a proper manner as it opens such a dreadful field for the avaricious, and the indolent, and corrupt hearted to prey upon the innocent, and virtuous, and honest.

5 We have reason to believe that many things were introduced among the Saints before God had signified the times,

6 And notwithstanding the principles and plans may have been good, yet aspiring men, or in other word men who had not the substance of Godliness about them, perhaps undertook to handle edge tools; children you know are fond of tools while they are not yet able to use them.

7 Time and experience however is the only safe remedy against such evils.

8 There are many teachers, but perhaps not many Fathers.

9 There are times coming when God will signify many things which are expedient for the wellbeing of the Saints, but the times have not yet come, but will come as fast as there can be found place and receptions for them.

10 [123:1] And again, we would suggest for your consideration the propriety of all the Saints gathering up a knowledge of all the facts, and suffering, and abuses put upon them by the people of this state,

11 [123:2] And also of all the property and amount of damages which they have sustained, both of character and personal injuries, as well as real property;

12 [123:3] And also the names of all persons that have had a hand in their oppressions as far as they can get hold of them and find them out.

13 [123:4a] And perhaps a committee can be appointed to find out these things, and to take statements and affidavits,

14 [123:4b-5] And also to gather up the libelous publications that are afloat, and all that are in the magazines and in the encyclopedias, and all the libelous histories that are published and that are writing, and by whom and present the whole concatenation of diabolical rascality and nefarious and murderous impositions that have been practiced upon this people—

15 [123:6a] That we may not only publish to all the world, but present them to the heads of the government in all there dark and hellish hue as the last effort which is enjoined on us by our Heavenly Father;

16 [123:6b] Before we can fully and completely claim that promise which shall call him forth from his hiding place and also the whole nation may be left without excuse; before he can send forth the power of his mighty arm.

17 [123:7a] It is an imperious duty that we owe to God, to angels with whom we shall be brought to stand,

18 [123:7b] And also to ourselves, to our wives, and our children who have been made to bow down with grief sorrow and care under the most damning hand of murder, tyranny, and oppression:

19 [123:7c] Supported and urged on and upheld by the influence of that spirit which hath so strongly riveted the creeds of the fathers,

20 [123:7d] Who have inherited lies upon the hearts of the children and filled the world with confusion, and has been growing stronger and stronger, and is now the very mainspring of all corruption, and the whole Earth groans under the weight of its iniquity.

21 [123:8] It is an iron yoke, it is a strong band, they are the very handcuffs, and chains, and shackles, and fetters of hell;

22 [123:9] Therefore, it is an imperious duty that we owe not only to our own wives and children but to the widows and fatherless whose husbands and fathers have been murdered under its iron hand,

23 [123:10] Which dark and blackening deeds are enough to make Hell itself shudder, and to stand aghast and pale, and the hands of the very devil tremble and palsy.

24 [123:11] And also, it is an imperious duty that we owe to all the rising generation, and to all the pure in heart,

25 [123:12] Which there are many yet on the Earth among all sects, parties, and denominations who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and only kept from the truth because they know not where to find it;

26 [123:13] Therefore, that we should waist and ware out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness wherein we know them, and they are truly manifest from heaven.

27 [123:14] These should then be attended to with great earnestness:

28 [123:11] Let no *one* count them as small things for there is much which lieth in futurity pertaining to the *Saints* which depends upon these things.

29 [123:11] You know, brethren, that a very large ship is benefited very much by a very small helm in the time of a storm by being kept work ways with the wind and the waves;

30 [123:17] Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us cheerfully do all things that lieth in our power, and then may we stand still with the utmost assurance to see the salvation of God, and for his arm to be revealed.

Chapter 13

1 And again, I would further suggest the impropriety of the organization of bands or companies by covenant or oaths by penalties or secrecy secrecies,

2 But let the time past of our experience and sufferings by the wickedness of Doctor Sampson Avard suffice,

3 And let our covenant be that of the Everlasting Covenant, as is contained in the Holy writ, and the things that God hath revealed unto us.

4 Pure friendship always becomes weakened the very moment you undertake to make it stronger by penal oaths and secrecy.

5 Your humble servant or servants intend from henceforth to disapprove^b everything that is not in accordance with the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and is not of a bold and frank and an upright nature:

6 They will not hold their peace as in times past when they see iniquity beginning to rear its head for fear of traitors or the consequences that shall follow by reprovng those who creep in unawares, that they may get something to destroy the flock.

7 We believe that the experience of the Saints in times past has been sufficient that they will from henceforth be always ready to obey the truth, without having men's persons in admiration because of advantage, it is expedient that we should be aware of such things.

8 And we ought always to be aware of those prejudices which sometimes so strangely presented themselves and are so congenial to human nature against our neighbors' friends and brethren of the world who choose to differ with us in opinion and in matters of faith.

9 Our religion is between us and our God; their religion is between them and their God.

10 There is a tie from God that should be exercised towards those of our faith who walk uprightly, which is peculiar to itself, but it is without prejudice;

11 But gives scope to the mind which enables us to conduct ourselves with grater liberality towards all others that are not of our faith than what they exercise towards one another:

12 These principals approximate nearer to the mind of God because it is like God or God like.

13 There is a principal also which we are bound to be exercised with that is in common with all *mankind*, such as governments, and laws, and regulations in the civil concerns of life.

14 This principal guarantees to all parties, sects, denominations, and classes of religion equal, coherent, and indefeasible rights:

15 They are things that pertain to this life; therefore, all are alike interested they make our responsibilities one towards another in matters of corruptible things,

16 While the former principals do not destroy the latter but bind us stronger and make our responsibilities not only one to another, but unto God.

17 Also, hence we say that the Constitution of the United States is a glorious standard, it is founded in the wisdom of God; it is a heavenly banner.

18 It is to all those who are privileged with the sweats of its liberty, like the cooling shades and refreshing waters of a great rock in a thirsty and a weary land.

19 It is like a great tree under whose branches men from every clime can be shielded from the burning rays of an inclement sun.

20 We brethren are deprived of the protection of this glorious principal by the cruelty of the cruel,

21 By those who only look for the time being for pasturage, like the beasts of the field, only to fill themselves and forget that the Mormons, as well as the Presbyterians, and those of every other class and description have equal rights to partake of the fruit of the great tree of our national liberty.

22 But notwithstanding, we see what we see, and we feel what we feel, and know what we know.
23 Yet that fruit is no less precious, and delicious to our taste;
24 We cannot be weaned from the milk, neither can we be drawn from the breast, neither will we deny our religion because of the hand of oppression, but we will hold on until death:
25 We say that God is true, that the Constitution of the United States is true,
26 That the Bible is true, that the Book of Mormon is true, that the Book of Covenants^c are true,
27 That Christ is true, that the ministering angels sent forth from God are true, and that we know that we have an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, whose builder and maker is God:
28 A consolation which our oppressors cannot feel when fortune or fate shall lay its iron hand on them as it has on us.
29 Now we ask: What is man? Remember brethren that time and chance happeneth to all *mankind*.
30 We shall continue our reflections in our next^d.
31 We subscribe ourselves your sincere friends and brethren in the bonds of the Everlasting Gospel, prisoners of Jesus Christ for the sake of the Gospel and the Saints.
32 We pronounce the blessing of heaven upon the heads of the Saints who seek to serve God with an undivided heart, in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

Joseph Smith Jr.
Hyrum Smith
Lyman Wight
Caleb Baldwin
Alexander. McRae

Note:

- a. Also known as “The Bear and the Travelers,” a fable attributed to Aesop.
- b. “DISAPPROBATION, noun [dis and approbation.] A disapproving; dislike; the act of the mind which condemns what is supposed to be wrong, whether the act is expressed or not. We often disapprove, when we do not express disapprobation.” - Webster's Dictionary 1828
- c. The Book of Commandments, Doctrine and Covenants, or Doctrines of the Saints.
- d. This was the last letter known to have traveled from Liberty Jail.

Wilford Woodruff
A Great Work

The following account was taken from Wilford Woodruff's journal relating an experience he had on October 2, 1840 while he was serving in the British Mission with the Quorum of Apostles.

Chapter 1

1 Elder Heber C. Kimball and myself arose from our beds in the morning with the power of God resting upon us; yea, the Spirit of God is like fire shut up in my bones.

2 O my God! Why is Thy Spirit thus upon me? Why is mine eyes this morning a fountain of tears? What art Thou about to do, O my God, that does this thing?

3 I ask Thee, Father, to tell it unto me in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

4 Thus saith the Lord God unto thee, My servant Wilford: This is My Spirit that resteth upon thee to enlighten thy mind, to show thee things to come;

5 Not only upon thee, but upon all My faithful servants upon the face of the whole earth;

6 Therefore, lift up thy voice and spare not, for I am about to perform a great work upon the face of the earth, saith the LORD.

7 Mine indignation is about to be poured out without measure upon the heads of this nation, and all the nations of the earth, and they shall not escape.

8 The cry of the poor, the widow and orphan is ascending into Mine ears, saith the LORD, and I am about to avenge the cry of Mine elect by laying low the oppressor, and executing the decree of Mine heart upon all the ungodly from among men.

9 Therefore, I put My Spirit upon thee and say unto thee: Lift up thy voice and spare not!

10 And call upon all men to repent that come within the sound of thy voice—and many souls shall be given unto thee, and great shall be thy reward, and eternal shall be thy glory, saith the LORD..

2 Joseph

The Wentworth Letter

The following epistle was written by Joseph Smith Jr. to Mr. John Wentworth, Editor, and Proprietor of the Chicago Democrat, published in the Latter Day Saint newspaper, Times and Seasons, March 1, 1842. This Epistle was said newspaper, pages 706-710.

Chapter 1

1 At the request of Mr. John Wentworth, Editor, and Proprietor of the "Chicago Democrat," I have written the following sketch of the rise, progress, persecution, and faith of the Latter-Day Saints, of which I have the honor, under God, of being the founder.

2 Mr. Wentworth says, that he wishes to furnish Mr. Bastow, a friend of his, who is writing the history of New Hampshire, with this document.

3 As Mr. Bastow has taken the proper steps to obtain correct information all that I shall ask at his hands, is, that he publish the account entire, ungarlished, and without misrepresentation.

4 ¶ I was born in the town of Sharon Windsor co., Vermont, on the 23rd of December, A. D. 1805.

5 When ten years old my parents removed to Palmyra New York, where we resided about four years, and from thence we removed to the town of Manchester.

6 ¶ My father was a farmer and taught me the art of husbandry.

7 When about fourteen years of age I began to reflect upon the importance of being prepared for a future state, and upon inquiring the plan of salvation I found that there was a great clash in religious sentiment;

8 If I went to one society they referred me to one plan, and another to another; each one pointing to his own particular creed as the summum bonum of perfection:

9 Considering that all could not be right, and that God could not be the author of so much confusion, I determined to investigate the subject more fully, believing that if God had a church it would not be split up into factions,

10 And that if he taught one society to worship one way, and administer in one set of ordinances, he would not teach another principles which were diametrically opposed.

11 Believing the word of God I had confidence in the declaration of James: If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him, I retired to a secret place in a grove and began to call upon the Lord.

12 While fervently engaged in supplication, my mind was taken away from the objects with which I was surrounded, and I was enwrapped in a heavenly vision and saw two glorious personages who exactly resembled each other in features, and likeness, surrounded with a brilliant light which eclipsed the sun at noon-day.

13 They told me that all religious denominations were believing in incorrect doctrines, and that none of them was acknowledged of God as his Church and kingdom.

14 And I was expressly commanded to go not after them, at the same time receiving a promise that the fullness of the gospel should at some future time be made known unto me.

Chapter 2

1 ¶ On the evening of the 21st of September, A. D. 1823, while I was praying unto God, and endeavoring to exercise faith in the precious promises of scripture on a sudden a light like that of day, only of a far purer and more glorious appearance, and brightness burst into the room,

2 Indeed the first sight was as though the house was filled with consuming fire; the appearance produced a shock that affected the whole body;

3 In a moment a personage stood before me surrounded with a glory yet greater than that with which I was already surrounded.

4 This messenger proclaimed himself to be an angel of God sent to bring the joyful tidings,

5 That the covenant which God made with ancient Israel was at hand to be fulfilled,

6 That the preparatory work for the second coming of the Messiah was speedily to commence;

7 That the time was at hand for the gospel, in all its fullness to be preached in power, unto all nations that a people might be prepared for the millennial reign.

8 ¶ I was informed that I was chosen to be an instrument in the hands of God to bring about some of his purposes in this glorious dispensation.

9 ¶ I was also informed concerning the aboriginal inhabitants of this country, and shown who they were, and from whence they came; a brief sketch of their origin, progress, civilization, laws, governments, of their righteousness and iniquity, and the blessings of God being finally withdrawn from them as a people was made known unto me:

10 I was also told where there was deposited some plates on which were engraven an abridgment of the records of the ancient prophets that had existed on this continent.

11 The angel appeared to me three times the same night and unfolded the same things.

12 After having received many visits from the angels of God unfolding the majesty, and glory of the events that should transpire in the last days, on the morning of the 22d of September A. D. 1827, the angel of the Lord delivered the records into my hands.

13 ¶ These records were engraven on plates which had the appearance of gold, each plate was six inches wide and eight inches long and not quite so thick as common tin.

14 They were filled with engravings, in Egyptian characters and bound together in a volume, as the leaves of a book with three rings running through the whole.

15 The volume was something near six inches in thickness, a part of which was sealed.

16 The characters on the unsealed part were small, and beautifully engraved.

17 The whole book exhibited many marks of antiquity in its construction and much skill in the art of engraving.

18 With the records was found a curious instrument which the ancients called "Urim and Thummim," which consisted of two transparent stones set in the rim of a bow fastened to a breastplate.

19 ¶ Through the medium of the Urim and Thummim I translated the record by the gift, and power of God.

20 ¶ In this important and interesting book the history of ancient America is unfolded, from its first settlement by a colony that came from the tower of Babel, at the confusion of languages to the beginning of the fifth century of the Christian era.

21 We are informed by these records that America in ancient times has been inhabited by two distinct races of people.

22 The first were called Jaredites and came directly from the tower of Babel.

23 The second race came directly from the city of Jerusalem, about six hundred years before Christ; they were principally Israelites, of the descendants of Joseph.

24 The Jaredites were destroyed about the time that the Israelites came from Jerusalem, who succeeded them in the inheritance of the country.

25 The principal nation of the second race fell in battle towards the close of the fourth century; the remnant are the Indians that now inhabit this country.

26 This book also tells us that our Savior made his appearance upon this continent after his resurrection, that he planted the gospel here in all its fullness, and richness, and power, and blessing;

27 That they had apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists; the same order, the same priesthood, the same ordinances, gifts, powers, and blessing, as was enjoyed on the eastern continent,

28 That the people were cut off in consequence of their transgressions, that the last of their prophets who existed among them was commanded to write an abridgment of their prophesies, history &c., and to hide

it up in the earth, and that it should come forth and be united with the bible for the accomplishment of the purposes of God in the last days.

29 For a more particular account I would refer to the Book of Mormon, which can be purchased at Nauvoo, or from any of our traveling Elders.

30 ¶ As soon as the news of this discovery was made known, false reports, misrepresentation and slander flew as on the wings of the wind in every direction, the house was frequently beset by mobs, and evil designing persons,

31 Several times I was shot at, and very narrowly escaped, and every device was made use of to get the plates away from me,

32 But the power and blessing of God attended me, and several began to believe my testimony.

Chapter 3

1 ¶ On the 6th of April, 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was first organized in the town of Manchester, Ontario co., state of New York.

2 Some few were called and ordained by the spirit of revelation, and prophesy, and began to preach as the spirit gave them utterance,

3 And though weak, yet were they strengthened by the power of God, and many were brought to repentance, were immersed in the water, and were filled with the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

4 They saw visions and prophesied, devils were cast out and the sick healed by the laying on of hands.

5 From that time the work rolled forth with astonishing rapidity, and churches were soon formed in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri;

6 In the last named state a considerable settlement was formed in Jackson co.; numbers joined the church and we were increasing rapidly;

7 We made large purchases of land, our farms teemed with plenty, and peace and happiness was enjoyed in our domestic circle and throughout our neighborhood;

8 But as we could not associate with our neighbors who were many of them of the basest of men and had fled from the face of civilized society, to the frontier country to escape the hand of justice,

9 In their midnight revels, their sabbath breaking, horseracing, and gambling, they commenced at first ridicule, then to persecute, and finally an organized mob assembled and burned our houses, tarred, and feathered, and whipped many of our brethren and finally drove them from their habitations; who houseless, and homeless, contrary to law, justice and humanity, had to wander on the bleak prairies till the children left the tracks of their blood on the prairie,

10 This took place in the month of November, and they had no other covering but the canopy of heaven, in this inclement season of the year;

11 This proceeding was winked at by the government and although we had warrantee deeds for our land, and had violated no law we could obtain no redress.

12 ¶ There were many sick, who were thus inhumanely driven from their houses and had to endure all this abuse and to seek homes where they could be found.

13 The result was, that a great many of them being deprived of the comforts of life, and the necessary attendances, died; many children were left orphans; wives, widows; and husbands widowers.

14 Our farms were taken possession of by the mob, many thousands of cattle, sheep, horses, and hogs, were taken and our household goods, store goods, and printing press, and type were broken, taken, or otherwise destroyed.

15 ¶ Many of our brethren removed to Clay where they continued until 1836, three years; there was no violence offered but there were threatenings of violence.

16 But in the summer of 1836, these threatenings began to assume a more serious form;

17 From threats, public meetings were called, resolutions were passed, vengeance and destruction were threatened, and affairs again assumed a fearful attitude, Jackson county was a sufficient precedent, and as the authorities in that county did not interfere,

18 They boasted that they would not in this, which on application to the authorities we found to be too true, and after much violence, privation and loss of property we were again driven from our homes.

19 ¶ We next settled in Caldwell, and Davies counties, where we made large and extensive settlements, thinking to free ourselves from the power of oppression, by settling in new counties, with very few inhabitants in them;

20 But here we were not allowed to live in peace, but in 1838 we were again attacked by mobs an exterminating order was issued by Gov. Boggs,

21 And under the sanction of law an organized banditti ranged through the country, robbed us of our cattle, sheep, horses, hogs &c., many of our people were murdered in cold blood, the chastity of our women was violated, and we were forced to sign away our property at the point of the sword,

22 And after enduring every indignity that could be heaped upon us by an inhuman, ungodly band of marauders, from twelve to fifteen thousand souls men, women, and children were driven from their own fire sides, and from lands that they had warrantee deeds of, houseless, friendless, and homeless (in the depth of winter,) to wander as exiles on the earth or to seek an asylum in a more genial clime, and among a less barbarous people.

23 ¶ Many sickened and died, in consequence of the cold, and hardships they had to endure; many wives were left widows, and children orphans, and destitute.

24 It would take more time than is allotted me here to describe the injustice, the wrongs, the murders, the bloodshed, the theft, misery and woe that has been caused by the barbarous, inhumane, and lawless, proceedings of the state of Missouri

25 ¶ In the situation before alluded to, we arrived in the state of Illinois in 1839, where we found a hospitable people and a friendly home; a people who were willing to be governed by the principles of law and humanity.

26 We have commenced to build a city called Nauvoo in Hancock co.,

27 We number from six to eight thousand here besides vast numbers in the county of the state.

28 We have a city charter granted us and a charter for a legion the troops of which now number 1500.

29 We have also a charter for a university, for an agricultural and manufacturing society, have our own laws and administrators, and possess all the privileges that other free and enlightened citizens enjoy.

Chapter 4

1 ¶ Persecution has not stopped the progress of truth, but has only added fuel to the flame, it has spread with increasing rapidity,

2 Proud of the cause which they have espoused and conscious of their innocence and of the truth of their system amidst calumny and reproach have the Elders of this Church gone forth, and planted the Gospel in almost every state in the Union;

3 It has penetrated our cities, it has spread over our villages, and has caused thousands of our intelligent, noble, and patriotic citizens to obey its divine mandates, and be governed by its sacred truths.

4 It has also spread into England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales:

5 In the year of 1839 where a few of our missionaries were sent over five thousand and joined the standard of truth, there are numbers now joining in every land.

6 ¶ Our missionaries are going forth to different nations, and in Germany, Palestine, New Holland, the East Indies, and other places, the standard of truth has been erected:

7 No unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing; persecutions may rage, mobs may combine, armies may assemble, calumny may defame, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent till it has penetrated every continent, visited every clime, swept every country, and sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished and the great Jehovah shall say the work is done.

8 ¶ We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in his son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

9 We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression.

10 We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

11 We believe that these ordinances are 1st, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; 2d, Repentance; 3d, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; 4th, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

12 We believe that a man must be called of God by "prophesy, and by laying on of hands" by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

13 We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz: apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists &c.

14 We believe in the gift of tongues, prophesy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues &c.

15 We believe the bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

16 We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

17 We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaic glory.

18 We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege let them worship how, where, or what they may.

19 We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

20 We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul "we believe all things we hope all things," we have endured many things and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is any thing virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praise worthy we seek after these things.

Respectfully &c., JOSEPH SMITH.

3 Joseph Happiness Letter

The following epistle was written by Joseph Smith Jr. to Nancy Rigdon, the daughter of early Church Leader Sidney Rigdon, in 1842. It may also be found recorded in Joseph Smith, History Volume D, dated August 27, 1842. This Epistle was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

Chapter 1

21 Happiness is the object and design of our existence, and will be the end thereof if we pursue the path that leads to it;

22 And this path is virtue, uprightness, faithfulness, holiness, and keeping all the commandments of God.

23 But we cannot keep all the commandments without first knowing them, and we cannot expect to know all, or more than we now know, unless we comply with or keep those we have already received.

24 That which is wrong under one circumstance, may be and often is, right under another.

25 God said thou shalt not kill,—at another time he said thou shalt utterly destroy.

26 This is the principle on which the government of heaven is conducted—by revelation adapted to the circumstances in which the children of the kingdom are placed.

27 Whatever God requires is right, no matter what it is, although we may not see the reason thereof till long after the events transpire.

28 If we seek first the kingdom of God, all good things will be added.

29 So with Solomon—first he asked wisdom, and God gave it him,

30 And with it every desire of his heart, even things which may be considered abominable to all who do not understand the order of heaven only in part,

31 But which, in reality, were right, because God gave and sanctioned by special revelation.

32 A parent may whip a child, and justly too, because he stole an apple;

33 Whereas, if the child had asked for the apple, and the parent had given it, the child would have eaten it with a better appetite, there would have been no stripes—

34 All the pleasures of the apple would have been received, and all the misery of stealing lost.

35 This principle will justly apply to all of God's dealings with his children.

36 Everything that God gives us is lawful and right, and 'tis proper that we should enjoy his gifts and blessings whenever and wherever he is disposed to bestow;

37 But if we should seize upon these same blessings and enjoyments without Law, without revelation, without commandment, those blessings and enjoyments would prove cursings and vexations in the end, and we should have to go down in sorrow and wailings of everlasting regret.

38 But in obedience there is joy and peace unspotted, unalloyed;

39 And as God has designed our happiness, the happiness of all his creatures, He never has, He never will institute an ordinance, or give a commandment to His people that is not calculated in its nature to promote that happiness which He has designed, and which will not end in the greatest amount of good and glory to those who become the recipients of his laws and ordinances.

40 Blessings offered, but rejected are no longer blessings, but become like the talent hid in the earth by the wicked and slothful servant—

41 The proffered good returns of the giver, the blessing is bestowed on those who will receive, and occupy;

42 For unto him that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundantly; but unto him that hath not, or will not receive, shall be taken away that which he hath, or might have had.

43 *“Be wise to-day, 'tis madness to defer.*

44 *Next day the fatal precedent may plead;*

45 *Thus on till wisdom is pushed out of time,” –Into eternity.*

46 Our Heavenly Father is more liberal in His views, and boundless in His mercies and blessings, than we are ready to believe or receive,

47 And at the same time is as terrible to the workers of iniquity, more awful in the executions of His punishments, and more ready to detect every false way than we are apt to suppose Him to be.

48 He will be enquired of by His children—He says ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find;

49 But if ye will take that which is not your own, or which I have not given you, you shall be rewarded according to your deeds,

50 But no good thing will I withhold from them who walk uprightly before me, and do my will in all things, who will listen to my voice, and to the voice of my servant whom I have sent,

51 For I delight in those who seek diligently to know my precepts, and abide by the laws of my kingdom,

52 For all things shall be made known unto them in mine own due time, and in the end they shall have joy.

Notes:

- a A few days after this letter was written, President Joseph Smith Jr. had the following to say addressing the Sisterhood of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo:

“I have come here to bless you. The Society has done well— their principles are to practice holiness— God loves you and your prayers in my behalf shall avail much— Let them not cease to ascend to God in my behalf. The enemy will never get weary— I expect he will array everything against me— I expect a tremendous warfare. He that will war the Christian warfare will have the angels of devils and all the infernal powers of darkness continually array’d against him. When wicked and corrupt men oppose, it is a criterion to judge if a man is warring the Christian warfare. When all men speak evil of you, blessed are ye &c. Shall a man be considered bad, when men speak evil of him? No: If a man stands and opposes the world of sin, he may expect all things array’d against him. But it will be but a little season and all these afflictions will be turn’d away from us inasmuch as we are faithful and are not overcome by these evils. By seeing the blessings of the endowment rolling on, and the kingdom increasing and spreading from sea to sea; we will rejoice that we were not overcome by these foolish things.” -Joseph Smith Jr. August 31, 1842 from The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo Minute Book, pgs 81-82

4 Joseph

To All the Saints in Nauvoo

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Chapter 1

1 Sunday *the* fourth: This day President Hyrum Smith and President William Law started for the East accompanied by brothers Erastus Derby and Edwin Woolley.

2 President Joseph Smith Jr. sent the following letter to William Clayton, by brother Erastus H. Derby.

3 The President wrote it and requested it to be read before the Saints when assembled at the Grove near the Temple for preaching, which was done according to his request.

1 [109:1a/127:1] ¶ September 1, 1842; To all the Saints in Nauvoo— Forasmuch as the Lord has revealed unto me that my enemies, both of Missouri and this State, were again on the pursuit of me;

2 [NA/NA] And inasmuch as they pursue me without cause, and have not the least shadow, or coloring of justice, or right on their side, in the getting up of their prosecutions against me;

3 [109:1b/127:1b] And inasmuch as their pretensions are all founded in falsehood of the blackest dye, I have thought it expedient and wisdom in me to leave the place for a short season, for my own safety and the safety of this people.

4 [109:1c1/127:1c] I would say to all those with whom I have business, that I have left my affairs with agents and Clerks, who will transact all business in a prompt and proper manner;

5 [109:1c2/127:1d] And will see that all my debts are cancelled in due time, by turning out property or otherwise as the case may require, or as the circumstances may admit of.

6 [109:1d/127:1e] When I learn that the storm is fully blown over, then, I will return to you again:

7 [109:2a/127:2a] And as for the perils which I am called to pass through, they seem but a small thing to me, as the fury and wrath of man have been my common lot all the days of my life;

8 [109:2b1/127:2b] And for what cause, it seems mysterious, unless I was ordained from before the foundation of the world, for some good end, or bad, as you may choose to call it:

9 [109:2b2/127:2c] Judge ye for yourselves, God knoweth all these things whether it be good or bad;

10 [109:2c1/127:2d] But nevertheless, deep water is what I am wont to swim in;

11 [109:2c2-2d1/127:2e] It all has become a second nature to me and I feel like Paul, to glory in tribulation,

12 [109:2d2/127:2f] For unto this day, has the God of my fathers delivered me out of them all, and will deliver me from henceforth;

13 [109:2d3/127:2g] For behold and lo! I shall triumph over all my enemies, for the Lord God hath spoken it.

Chapter 2

1 [109:3/127:3] Let all the Saints rejoice therefore, and be exceeding glad, for Israel's God is their God, and he will meet out a just recompence of reward upon the heads of all your oppressors.

2 [109:4a1/127:4a] And again, verily, thus saith the Lord: Let the work of my Temple, and all the works which I have appointed unto you, be continued on and not cease;

3 [109:4a2/127:4b] And let your diligence and your perseverance, and patience and your works be redoubled, and you shall in no wise lose your reward saith the Lord of Hosts.

4 [109:4b/127:4c] And if they persecute you, so persecuted they the prophets and righteous men that were before you: for all this, there is a reward in heaven.

5 [109:5a/127:5] ¶ And again, I give unto you a word in relation to the baptism for your dead:

6 [109:5b1/127:6a] Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you concerning your dead: Let there be a recorder, and let him be eyewitness of your baptisms;

7 [109:5b2-c1/127:6b-7a] Let him hear with his ears that he may testify of a truth saith the Lord; that in all your recordings, it may be recorded in heaven;

8 [109:5c2/127:7b] That whatsoever you bind on earth may be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth may be loosed in heaven;

9 [109:1a/127:8] For I am about to restore many things to the earth pertaining to the Priesthood saith the Lord of Hosts.

10 [109:6/127:9] And again, let all the Records be had in order, that they may be put in the archives of my holy Temple, to be held in remembrance from generation to generation, saith the Lord of Hosts.

11 [109:7a/127:10] ¶ I will say to all the Saints: That I desired with exceeding great desire, to have addressed them from the Stand, on the subject of baptism for the dead, on the following sabbath:

12 [109:7b/127:10] But inasmuch as it is out of my power to do so, I will write the Word of the Lord from time to time, on that subject, and send it you by mail, as well as many other things.

13 [109:8a1/127:10] ¶ I now close my letter for the present, for the want of more time; for the enemy is on the alert,

14 [109:8a2/127:10] And as the Savior said: The prince of this world cometh, but he hath nothing in me.

15 [109:8b/127:10] Behold! my prayer to God, is, that you all may be saved, and I subscribe myself, your servant in the Lord; prophet and Seer of the Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter-Day Saints, Joseph Smith Jr.

16 ¶ When this letter was read before the brethren it cheered their hearts and evidently had the effect of stimulating them and inspiring them with courage, and faithfulness.

5 Joseph

Baptism for the Dead

The following epistle was from Joseph Smith Jr. to the Saints in Nauvoo September 6 or 7, 1842. This revelation was recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 110 for Community of Christ, but was moved to their appendix in 1970, and in 2016 removed this section entirely. It may be found as Section 128 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This text was taken from Letter to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints written in the handwriting of William Clayton, signed by Joseph Smith Jr. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

Chapter 1

1 To the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sendeth Greeting—

2 [110:1a-b/128:1] As I stated to you in my letter before I left my place that I would write to you from time to time and give you information in relation to many subjects, I now resume the subject of the Baptism for the dead as that subject seems to occupy my mind and press itself upon my feelings the strongest since I have been pursued by my enemies.

3 [110:2a/128:2a] I wrote a few words of revelation to you, concerning a recorder; I have had a few additional views in relation to this matter which I now Certify:

4 [110:2b/128:2b] It was declared in my former letter that there should be a recorder who should be eyewitness, and also to hear with his ears, that he might, make a record of a truth before the Lord.

5 [110:3a/128:3a] Now in relation to this matter, it would be very difficult for one recorder to be present at all times and to do all the business.

6 [110:3b1/128:3b] To obviate this difficulty there can be a recorder appointed in each Ward of the City who is well qualified for taking accurate minutes;

7 [110:3b2/128:3c] And let him be very particular and precise in making his record, in taking the whole proceeding certifying in his record that he saw with his eyes, and heard with his ears, giving the date, and names and the history of the whole transaction,

8 [110:3c/128:3d] Naming also some three individuals that are present if there be any present who can at any time when called upon certify to the same that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

9 [110:4a/128:4a] Then let there be a general recorder to whom these other records can be handed being attended with certificates over their own signatures certifying that the Record which they have made is true.

10 [110:4b/128:4b] Then, the General Church Recorder can enter the record on the General Church Book with the certificates and all the attending witnesses, with his own statement that he verily believes the above statement and records to be true from his knowledge of the general characters and appointment of those men *and women* by the Church.

11 [110:4c/128:4c] And when this is done on the General Church Book, the Record shall be just as Holy and shall answer the ordinance just the same as if he had seen with his eyes and heard with his ears and made a record of the same on the General Book.

Chapter 2

1 [110:5/128:5] You may think this order of things to be very particular but let me tell you, that they are only to answer the will of God by conforming to the ordinance and preparation that the Lord ordained and

prepared before the foundation of the world for the salvation of the dead who should die without a knowledge of the Gospel.

2 [110:6a/128:6a] And further, I want you to remember that John the Revelator was contemplating this very subject in relation to the dead when he declared, as you will find recorded in Revelation twenty, verse twelve:

3 [110:6b/128:6b/Revelation 20:12] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

4 [110:7a1/128:7a] You will discover in this quotation that the books were opened, and another book was opened which was the book of life,

5 [110:7a2/128:7b] But the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works,

6 [110:7b/128:7c] Consequently, the books spoken off must be the books which contained the record of their works and refers to the records which are kept on the earth.

7 [110:7c/128:7d] And the book which was the Book of Life is the record which is kept in heaven; the principal agreeing precisely with the doctrine which is commanded you in the revelation contained in the letters which I wrote you previous to my leaving my place that in all your recordings it may be recorded in Heaven.

8 [110:8a/128:8a] Now the nature of this ordinance consists in the power of the Priesthood, by the revelations of Jesus Christ, wherein it is granted that whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven:

9 [110:8b/128:8b] Or in other words, taking a different view of the translation: Whatsoever you record on earth shall be recorded in Heaven; and whatsoever you do not record on earth, shall not be recorded in Heaven,

10 [110:8c/128:8c] For out of the books shall your dead be judged, according to their works, whether they themselves have attended to the ordinances in their own *propria persona*, or by the means of their own agents according to the ordinance which God has prepared for their salvation from before the foundation of the world, according to the records which they have kept concerning their dead.

11 [110:9a1/128:9a] It may seem to some to be a very bold doctrine that we talk of; a power which records, or binds on earth, and binds in heaven;

12 [110:9a2/128:9b] Nevertheless, in all ages of the world whenever the Lord has given a dispensation of the priesthood to *anyone*, by actual revelation or any set of men *and women* this power has always been given;

13 [110:9b1/128:9c] Hence, whatsoever those men did, in authority in the name of the Lord, and did, it truly, and faithfully, and kept a proper and faithful record of the same, it became a law on earth and in Heaven and could not be annulled according to the decrees of the great Jehovah.

14 [110:9b2/128:9d] This is a faithful saying!, who can hear it?

Chapter 3

1 [110:10a1/128:10a] And again, for a precedent Matthew chapter sixteen, verses eighteen and nineteen:

2 [110:10a2/128:10b/Matthew 16:18] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

3 [110:10a3/128:10c/Matthew 16:19] And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

4 [110:11a/128:11a] Now, the great and grand secret of the whole matter and the sum and bonum of the whole subject that is lying before us consists in obtaining the powers of the Holy priesthood.

5 [110:11b/128:11b] For *them*, to whom these keys are given there is no difficulty in obtaining a knowledge of facts in relation to the salvation of the children of men, both as well for the dead as for the living.

6 [110:12a1/128:12a] Herein is glory, and honor, and immortality and eternal life.

7 [110:12a2/128:12b] The ordinance of Baptism by water, to be immersed therein in order to answer to the likeness of the dead, that one principal might accord with the others.

8 [110:12b1/128:12c] To be immersed in the water and come forth out of the water is in the likeness of the Resurrection of the dead in coming forth out of their graves;

9 [110:12b2/128:12d] Hence, this ordinance was instituted to form a relationship with the ordinance of baptism for the dead, being in likeness of the dead.

10 [110:13a/128:13a] Consequently the baptismal font was instituted as a simile of the grave, and was commanded to be in a place underneath where the living are wont to assemble to shew forth the living and the dead;

11 [110:13b/128:13b] And that all things may have their likeness, and that they may accord one with another; that which is earthly, conforming to that which is heavenly as Paul hath declared:

12 [110:14a1/128:14a/1 Corinthians 15:46] Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

13 [110:14a2/128:14b/1 Corinthians 15:47] The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

14 [110:14a3/128:14c/1 Corinthians 15:48] As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

15 [110:14b1/128:14d] And as are the records on the earth in relation to your dead, which are truly made out, so also are the records in Heaven;

16 [110:14b2/128:14e] This, therefore, is the sealing and binding power, and in one sense of the word, the keys of the kingdom which consists in the key of knowledge.

Chapter 4

1 [110:15a/128:15a] And now my dearly and beloved brethren and sisters, let me assure you that there are principals in relation to the dead and the living that cannot be lightly passed over, as pertaining to our salvation;

2 [110:15b1/128:15b/Hebrews 11:10] For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation, as Paul says concerning the fathers: That they without us cannot be made perfect;

3 [110:15b2/128:15c] Neither can we without our dead be made perfect.

4 [110:16a/128:16a] And now in relation, to the baptism for the dead, I will give you another quotation of Paul:

5 [110:16b/128:16b/1 Corinthians 15:29] Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?"

6 [110:17a/128:17a] And again in connection with this quotation, I will give you a quotation from one of the Prophets which had his eye fixed on the restoration of the priesthood, the glories to be revealed in the last days, and in an especial manner; this most glorious of all subjects belonging to the everlasting gospel viz the baptism for the dead,

7 [110:17b1/128:17b/Malachi 4:5] For Malachi says: Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

8 [110:17b2/128:17c/Malachi 4:6] And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

9 [110:18a/128:18a] I might have rendered a plainer translation to this, but it is sufficiently plain, to suit my purpose as it stands.

10 [110:18b1/128:18b] It is sufficient to know in this case that the earth will be smitten with a curse, unless there is a welding link of some kind or other, between the fathers and the children, upon some subject or other.

11 [110:18b2-c1/128:18c] And behold, what is that subject? It is the baptism for the dead.

12 [110:18c2-d1/128:18d] For we without them cannot be made perfect; neither can they without us be made perfect.

13 [110:18d2/128:18e] Neither can they, or us, be made perfect without those who have died in the gospel also;

14 [110:18d3/128:18f] For it is necessary in the ushering in of the dispensation of the fulness of times; which dispensation is now beginning to usher in that a whole, and complete, and perfect union, and welding together of dispensations and keys and powers and glories should take place, and be revealed from the days of Adam even to the present time;

15 [110:18e/128:18g] And not only this, but that those things which never have been revealed from the foundation of the world but have been kept hid from the wise and prudent shall be revealed unto babes and sucklings in this the dispensation of the fulness of times.

Chapter 5

1 [110:19a/128:19a] Now what do we hear in the gospel which we have received?

2 [110:19b1/128:19b] A voice of gladness! a voice of mercy from heaven! and a voice of truth out of the earth, glad tidings for the dead;

3 [110:19b2/128:19c] A voice of gladness for the living and the dead; glad tidings of great joy;

4 [110:19b3/128:19d] How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that bring glad tidings of good things;

5 [110:19b4/128:19e] And that say unto Zion, behold! thy God reigneth as the dews of Carmel, so shall the knowledge of God descend upon them.

6 [110:20a/128:20a] And again, what do we hear? Glad tidings from Cumorah! Moroni, an angel from heaven, declaring the fulfilment of the prophets—the book to be revealed.

7 [110:20b/128:20b] A voice of the Lord in the wilderness of Fayette, Seneca County, declaring the three witnesses to bear record of the book.

8 [110:20c/128:20c] The voice of Michael on the banks of the Susquehanna detecting the devil when he appeared as an angel of light.

9 [110:20d/128:20d] The voice of Peter, James, and John in the wilderness between Harmony, Susquehanna County, and Colesville, Broom County; on the Susquehanna river, declaring themselves as possessing the keys of the kingdom, and of the dispensation of the fulness of times.

10 [110:21a/128:21a] And again, the voice of God in the chamber of old Father Peter Whitmer Sr.'s in Fayette, Seneca County and at sundry times, and in diverse places, throughout all the travels, and tribulations, of this Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

11 [110:21b/128:21b] And the voice of Michael the Archangel, the voice of Gabriel, and of Raphael, and of divers Angels from Michael or Adam, down to the present time;

12 [110:21c/128:21c] All declaring each one their dispensation, their rights, their keys, their honors, their majesty and glory, and the power of their priesthood;

13 [110:21d1/128:21d] Giving line upon line; precept upon precept; here a little and there a little.

14 [110:21d2/128:21e] Giving us consolation by holding forth that which is to come and confirming our hope.

Chapter 6

1 [110:22a1/128:22a] Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause Go forward and not backward.

2 [110:22a2/128:22b] Courage brethren; and on—on to the victory.

3 [110:22b1/128:22c] Let your hearts rejoice and be exceeding glad.

4 [110:22b2/128:22d] Let the earth break forth into singing.

5 [110:22c/128:22e] Let the dead speak forth anthems of eternal praise to the king Immanuel; who hath ordained before the world was that which would enable us to redeem them out of their prisons; for the prisoner shall go free.

6 [110:23a/128:23a] Let the mountains shout for joy and all ye valleys cry aloud; and all ye seas and dry lands tell the wonders of your eternal king.

7 [110:23b1/128:23b] And ye rivers, and brooks, and rills, flow down with gladness.

8 [110:23b2/128:23c] Let the woods, and all the trees of the field praise the Lord; and ye solid rocks, weep for joy.

9 [110:22c1/128:23d] And let the Sun, Moon, and the Morning Stars, sing together, and let all the Sons of God shout for joy.

10 [110:22c2/128:23e] And let the eternal creations declare his name forever and ever.

11 [110:23da/128:23f] And again I say: How glorious is the voice we hear, from heaven proclaiming in our ears, glory, and salvation, and honor, and immortality and eternal life; kingdoms, principalities, and powers.

12 [110:24a1/128:24a] Behold, the great day of the Lord is at hand, and who can abide the day of his coming? and who can stand when he appeareth?

13 [110:24a2-b1/128:24b] For he is like a refiners fire and like fullers soap; and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,

14 [110:22b2/128:24c] And he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

15 [110:22c1/128:24d] Let us therefore, as a Church and a people, and as Latter Day Saints, offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

16 [110:22c2/128:24e] And let us, present in his Holy Temple when it is finished, a book, containing the Records of our dead, which shall be worthy of all acceptation.

17 [110:25a/128:25a] ¶ Brethren, I have many things to say to you on the subject; but shall now close for the present and continue on the subject another time.

18 [110:25b/128:25b] ¶ I am as ever your humble servant, and never deviating friend; Joseph Smith Jr.

6 Joseph

Testing the Spirits

Chapter 1 from Wilford Woodruff's Journal, volume 2, page 85 written in the handwriting of Wilford Woodruff. Chapter 2 from the prophet Joseph Smith Jr. Instruction, pages 53- 55 in the handwriting of William Clayton. Parts of these journal entries may be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Section 129. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

Chapter 1

Wilford Woodruff June 27, 1839

1 I spent the day in Commerce in Council with the Presidency and Twelve. We had an interesting day; Joseph Smith Jr. was president of the Council.

2 Brother Orson Hide was restored to the Church and the quorum of the Twelve in full fellowship by a full vote of the Council, after making an humble confession and acknowledgement of his sins and so forth.

3 ¶ Among the vast number of the Keys of the Kingdom of God, Joseph Smith Jr. presented the following one to the Twelve for their benefit in their experience and travels in the flesh, which is as follows:

4 ¶ In order to detect the devil when he transforms himself nigh unto an angel of light:

5 [129:4-5] When an angel of God appears unto man face to face in personage and reaches out his hand unto the man, and he takes hold of the angels hand and feels a substance the same as one man would in shaking hands with another, he may then know that it is an angel of God, and he should place all Confidence in him.

6 Such personages or angels are Saints with their resurrected bodies.

7 [129:8] But if a personage appears unto man and offers him his hand, and the man takes hold of it, and he feels nothing or does not sense any substance, he may know it is the devil,

8 [129:6-7] ¶ Or when a Saint whose body is not resurrected appears unto man in the flesh, he will not offer him his hand, for this is against the Law given him;

9 And in keeping in mind these things, we may detect the devil that he deceived us not.

Chapter 2

William Clayton February 9, 1843

1 ¶ Thursday 9PM; At Joseph Smith Jr.'s with Orson Hyde, Parley P. Pratt, and others; President Joseph Smith Jr. related some of his history and gave us a key whereby we might know whether any administration was from God.

2 [129:1] ¶ There are two kinds of beings in heaven, *the first are* angels who are resurrected personages having bodies of flesh and bones,

3 [129:2] For instances, Jesus said: Handle me and see for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have.

4 [129:3] ¶ The second: The spirits of just men made perfect, they who are not resurrected, but inherit the same glory.

5 [129:4] When a messenger comes saying they have a message from God, offer them your hand and request them to shake hands with you.

6 [129:5] If they be an angel, they will do so, and you will feel their hand.

7 [129:6] If they be the spirit of a just man or woman made perfect, they will come in their glory, for that is the only way they can appear.

8 [129:7] Ask them to shake hands with you, but they will not move, because it is contrary to the order of Heaven for a just man to deceive, but he will still deliver his message.

9 [129:8] ¶ If it be a devil as an angel of light, when you ask them to shake hands, they will offer you their hand, and you will not feel anything; you may therefore detect them.

10 [129:9] These are the three grand keys whereby you may know whether any administration is from God.

11 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. also shewed from various circumstances that any man who would seek after a sign was an adulterer and mentioned several instances wherein he had detected men.

7 Joseph

Sealed Up unto Eternal Life

From the journal entries of William Clayton taken from archive.org. Parts of these journal entries may be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Section 131. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

Chapter 1

May 16, 1843

- 1 Went to see President Joseph Smith Jr. who ordered me to prepare for Carthage.
- 2 I returned home, got ready, and started about eleven o'clock in the new carriage with President Joseph Smith Jr., George Miller, Eliza Partridge, Lydia Partridge, and J.M. Smith.
- 3 We stayed at W. G. Perkins; President Joseph Smith Jr. and I went to B.F. Johnsons to sleep.
- 4 ¶ Before we retired, President Joseph Smith Jr. gave brother Johnson and his wife some instructions on the priesthood.
- 5 He put his hand on my knee and said: Your life is hid with Christ in God, and so are many others.
- 6 Addressing Benjamin he said: Nothing but the unpardonable sin can prevent him speaking of me, from inheriting eternal glory,
- 7 For he is sealed up by the power of the priesthood unto eternal life; having taken the step which is necessary for that purpose.
- 8 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. said: Except a husband and wife *or husband and husband, wife and wife, etc.* enter into an everlasting covenant, and be married for eternity while in this probation, by the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood, they will cease to increase when they die.
- 9 (In other words, they will not have any children in the resurrection.)
- 10 But, those who are married by the power and authority of the priesthood in this life, and continue without committing the sin against the Holy Ghost, will continue to increase and have children in the celestial glory.
- 11 The unpardonable sin, that will break the Sealing of the Holy Spirit of Promise, is to shed innocent blood or be accessory thereto.
- 12 All other sins will be visited with judgement in the flesh and the spirit being delivered to the buffetings of Satan until the day of the Lord Jesus.
- 13 ¶ I feel desirous to be united in an everlasting covenant to my wife and pray that it may soon be.
- 14 ¶ President Joseph Smith Jr. said that the way he knew in whom to confide, God told him in whom he might place confidence.
- 15 [131:1-3] ¶ He also said that in the celestial glory was three heavens or degrees, and in order to obtain the highest a man must enter into this order of the priesthood, and if he does not, he can't obtain it;
- 16 [131:4] He may enter into the other but that is the end of his kingdom he cannot have increase.

Chapter 2

May 17, 1843 Entry One

- 1 At 10 President Joseph Smith Jr. preached on 2 Peter 1.
- 2 He taught that knowledge is power and the man who has the most knowledge has the greatest power.
- 3 Also, that salvation means a man has been placed beyond the powers of all his enemies.

4 [131:5] He said the more sure word of prophecy meant a man's knowing that he was sealed up unto eternal life by revelation and the spirit of prophecy through the power of the Holy Priesthood.

5 [131:6] He also taught that it was impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance.

6 ¶ Paul had seen the third heavens and I more.

7 ¶ Peter penned the most sublime language of any of the apostles.

Chapter 3

May 17, 1843 Entry Two

1 ¶ Dined at Brother Babbit's; President Joseph Smith Jr. said to Brother Johnson and I that J.B. Nobles, when he was first taught this doctrine, set his heart on one and pressed Joseph to seal the contract, but he never could get opportunity.

2 It seemed that the Lord was unwilling.

3 Finally, another came along, and he then engaged that one and is a happy man.

4 I learned from this anecdote never to press the prophet but wait with patience and God will bring all things right.

5 ¶ I feel to pray that God will let me live so that I may come to the full knowledge of truth and salvation and be prepared for the enjoyment of a fullness of the third heavens.

6 ¶ In the evening we went to hear a Methodist preacher lecture.

7 After he got through President Joseph Smith Jr. offered some corrections as follows.

8 ¶ The 7th verse of Chapter 2 of Genesis ought to read God breathed into Adam his spirit or breath of life.

9 But, when the word ruach applies to Eve it should be translated lives.

10 [131:7a] ¶ Speaking of eternal duration of matter, he said: There is no such thing as immaterial matter.

11 [131:7b] All spirit is matter but is more fine or pure and can only be discerned by purer eyes.

12 [131:8] We cannot see it, but when our bodies are purified, we shall see that it is all matter.

13 ¶ The gentleman seemed pleased and said he should visit Nauvoo immediately.

8 Joseph

On God and Scripture

From the Joseph Smith Jr. Journals, 1842–1844, Book 2, pp. 35, 37–44 and President Joseph Smith’s Journal Dec. 1842–June 1844 pages 3-4 in the handwriting of Willard Richards. Parts of these journal entries may be found in the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Section 130. Seeing that the Section 130 came from two sources, for the purposes of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, both are presented here in their entirety. The second entry, from William Clayton Journal, 2 April, 1843, pages 66–74, written in his own handwriting, is included as Note a. of this Section. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

Chapter 1

WILLARD RICHARDS

1 Elder Orson Hyde preached the first epistle of John verses 1-3; when he shall appear we shall be like him:
2 [1 John 1:1] ¶ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

3 [1 John 1:2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

4 [1 John 1:3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

5 ¶ Elder Orson Hyde stated He, Jesus Christ, will appear on a white horse, as a warrior, and maybe we shall have some of the same spirit; our God is a warrior.

6 [John 14:23] ¶ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

7 ¶ Elder Orson Hyde stated: it is our privilege to have the father and son dwelling in our hearts.

8 ¶ We dined at Sophronia’s as soon as we arrived; Joseph Smith Jr. said: Elder Hyde, I am going to offer some corrections to you.

9 Elder Orson Hyde replied, they shall be thankfully received.

10 [130:1] ¶ Joseph Smith Jr. said: When Jesus Christ shall appear, we shall see Him as He is; we shall see that He is a man like ourselves;

11 [130:2] And that same society which exists amongst us here will exist among us there, only it will be coupled with eternal glory, which glory we do not now enjoy.

12 [130:3a] ¶ And in regards to John 14:23 Joseph said: The appearance of the Father and of the Son in that verse is a personal appearance;

13 [130:3b] To say that the Father and the Son dwells in a person’s heart is an old Sectarian notion and is not correct.

14 [130:5] ¶ There are no angels who administer to this earth but who belong to or have belonged to this earth.

15 [130:6-7] The angels do not reside on a planet like this earth, but they reside in the presence of God—on a Globe like a sea of glass and fire where all things are manifest; past present, and to come.

16 He then quoted Revelation 4:6: And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

17 [130:8] ¶ Joseph Smith Jr. said: The place where God resides is a great Urim and Thummim.

18 [130:9] This earth, in its sanctified and immortal state, will be a Urim and Thummim for all things below it in the scale of creation, but not above it.

Notes:

- a. 1:1-7 from the journal entry dated April 1843, Sunday Nauvoo.
- b. 1:8-13 were dated “Tuesday April 4, 1843” at the top of the page, but that date is crossed off.
- c. 1:14-18 & 2:5-12 are dated Sunday April 2, 1843 written at the top of page 38.

Chapter 2

1 ¶ Joseph Smith Jr. then related a dream he had March 11 of this same year: I dreamed that an old man came to me and said there was a mob force coming upon him, and he was likely to lose his life;

2 That I was Lieutenant General, and had the command of a large force, and I was also a patriot, and disposed to protect the innocent and unoffending, and he desired that I should assist him.

3 ¶ I told him I wanted some written documents to show the facts that they are the aggressors, and I would raise a force sufficient for his protection, that I would call out the Nauvoo Legion.

4 He turned to go from me, but turned again and said to me: I have any amount of men at my command and will put them under your command.

5 ¶ As sure as there is a God who sits enthroned in the heavens, and as sure as He ever spoke by me, so sure there will be a speedy and bloody war, and the broad sword seen last evening is the sure sign thereof.

6 ¶ Orson Hyde interpreted the dream, saying: The old man is the government of these United States of America, who will be invaded by a foreign foe, probably England.

7 The US government will call on General Joseph Smith Jr. to defend probably all this Western territory, and offer him any amount of men he shall desire, and put them under his command.

8 Joseph Smith Jr. then said: I prophecy in the Name of the Lord God that the commencement of bloodshed as preparatory to the coming of the Son of Man will commence in South Carolina,

9 [130:13a] (It probably may arise through the slave trade),

10 [130:13b] This a voice declared to me. while I was praying earnestly on the subject on the twenty-fifth of December, 1832.

11 ¶ [130:14] I earnestly desired to know concerning the coming of the Son of Man and prayed when a voice said to me:

12 [130:15] Joseph, my, son, if thou livest until thou art eighty-five years old thou shalt see the face of the Son of Man; therefore let this suffice and trouble me no more on this matter.

Notes:

- d. 1:14-18 & 2:5-12 are dated Sunday April 2, 1843 written at the top of page 38.
- e. 2:1-4 are from President Joseph Smith's Journal Dec. 1842-June 1844 pages 3-4.

Chapter 3

1 Joseph Smith Jr. read the fifth chapter of John's revelation, referring particularly to the sixth verse:

2 [Revelation 5:6] ¶ And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

3 And he taught from this that the actual existence of beasts in heaven probably meant that those were beasts which had lived on another planet than ours.

4 ¶ And he said: God never made use of the figure of a beast to represent the kingdom of heaven, and that the beast's seven eyes represent the Priesthood.

5 ¶ Joseph said: This is the first time I have ever taken a text in Revelation; and if the young elders would let such things alone it would be far better; he then corrected Elder Orson Hyde in private.

6 ¶ We supped at Benjamin F. Johnson's; expected to start for Carthage, Illinois, but bad weather prevented it, and we called another meeting by bell.

7 I read Revelation between Meetings with Elder Orson Hyde, expounding.

8 During this time, several came in and expressed fear that I had contacted the old scripture.

9 ¶ The meeting resumed at seven in the evening on the subject of the beast; it was shewed very plainly that John's vision was very different from Daniel's Prophecy—one referring to things existing in heaven, the other a figure of things which are on the earth.

10 ¶ [130:18] Joseph Smith Jr. stated that whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the revelation,

11 [130:19] And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence through their obedience and diligence than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

12 ¶ [130:20] There is a Law irrevocably decreed in heaven, before the foundation of the world, upon which all blessings are predicated; and when we obtain a blessing it is by obedience to the Law upon which that blessing is predicated.

13 ¶ [130:22a] Speaking to correct Elders Orson Hyde's mistake, Joseph Smith Jr. stated also that the Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's, the Son also; but the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit;

14 [130:23] And a person cannot have the personage of the Holy Ghost in his heart, he may receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost; it may descend upon him, but not to tarry with him.

15 ¶ What is the meaning of the scriptures: he that is faithful over a few things shall be made ruler over many? and he that is faithful over many shall be made ruler over many more?

16 What is the meaning of the Parable of the 10 talents?

17 Also the conversation with Nicodemus: except a man be born of water and of the spirit, I shall not tell you?

18 ¶ Closed by flagellating the audience for their fears, and called upon Elder Orson Hyde to get up and fulfill his covenant to preach a quarter of an hour; otherwise I will give you a good whipping.

19 ¶ Elder Orson Hyde arose and said: Brothers and Sisters, I feel as though all had been said that can be said; I can say nothing but bless you.

20 And Joseph Smith Jr, said to Benjamin F. Johnson: The 144 thousand sealed are the priests who are appointed to administer in the daily sacrifice.

Notes:

- f. 3:1-8 are from a 1pm Meeting, likely April 2, 1843.
- g. 3:9-20 are from a 7pm Meeting, likely April 2, 1843

Chapter 4

WILLIAM CLAYTON

1 April 1843, Sunday Nauvoo: In the afternoon, Joseph preached on Revelations chap. 5. he called on me to open the meeting; he also preached on the same subject in the evening.

2 ¶ During the day president Joseph made the following remarks on doctrine:

3 [130:14] I was once praying very earnestly to know the time of the coming of the son of man when I heard a voice repeat the following:

4 [130:15] Joseph my son, if thou livest until thou art eighty-five years old thou shalt see the face of the son of man, therefore let this suffice and trouble me no more on this matter.

5 [130:16] I was left thus without being able to decide whether this coming referred to the beginning of the millennium, or to some previous appearing, or whether I should die and thus see his face.

6 [130:17] I believe the coming of the son of man will not be any sooner than that time.

7 ¶ In correcting two points in Elder Orson Hyde's discourse he observed as follows: The meaning of that passage where it reads when he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is this:

8 [130:1] When the Savior appears, we shall see that he is a man like unto ourselves,

9 [130:2] And that same socially which exists amongst us here will exist among us there only it will be coupled with eternal glory which we do not enjoy now.

10 Also the appearing of the Father and the Son in John 14:23 is a personal appearing and the idea that they will dwell in a man's heart is a sectarian doctrine and is false.

Chapter 5

1 ¶ [130:4] In answer to a question which I proposed to him as follows: Is not the reckoning of God's time, angels time, prophets time, and man's time according to the planet on which they reside?

2 [130:5] He answered: Yes, but there is no angel ministers to this earth only what either does belong or has belonged to this earth,

3 [130:6-7a] And the angels do not reside on a planet like our earth, but they dwell with God,

4 [130:7b] And the planet where He dwells is like crystal, and like a sea of glass before the throne.

5 [130:8] This is the great Urim and Thummim whereon all things are manifest both things past, present and future and are continually before the Lord.

6 The Urim and Thummim is a small representation of this globe.

7 [130:9a] The earth when it is purified will be made like unto crystal and will be a Urim and Thummim whereby all things pertaining to an inferior kingdom on all kingdoms of a lower order will be manifest to those who dwell on it.

8 [130:9b] And this earth will be with Christ.

9 [130:10] Then the white stone mentioned in Revelation 2:17 is the Urim and Thummim whereby all things pertaining to an higher order of kingdoms even all kingdoms will be made known;

10 [130:11a] And a white stone is given to each of those who come into this celestial kingdom, whereon is a new name written which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it.

11 [130:11b] The new name is the key word.

Chapter 6

1 ¶ [130:18] Whatever principle of intelligence we obtain in this life will rise with us in the resurrection:

2 [130:19] And if a person gains more knowledge in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

3 [130:20] There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world upon which all blessings are predicated;

4 [130:21] And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.

5 ¶ [see 130:22b] The Holy Ghost is a personage, and a person cannot have the personage of the Holy Ghost in his heart.

6 [130:23] A man receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost may descend upon a man but not to tarry with him.

Chapter 7

1 ¶ He also related the following dream: I dreamed that a silver-headed old man came to see me and said he was invaded by a gang of robbers, who were plundering his neighbors and threatening destruction to all his subjects.

2 He had heard that I always sought to defend the oppressed, and he had come to hear with his own ears what answer I would give him.

3 I answered, if you will make out the papers and shew that you are not the aggressor, I will call out the Legion and defend you while I have a man to stand by me.

4 The old man then turned to go away: when he got a little distance, he turned suddenly round and said I must call out the Legion and go and he would have the papers ready when I arrived, and says he I have any amount of men which you can have under your command.

5 Elder Hyde gave this interpretation: The old man represents the government of these United States who will be invaded by a foreign foe, probably England.

6 The U. S. government will call on you to defend probably all this Western Territory and will offer you any amount of men you may need for that purpose.

7 [130:12, 14] Once when President Joseph Smith Jr. was praying earnestly to know concerning the wars which are to precede the coming of the Son of Man, he heard a voice proclaim that the first outbreak of general bloodshed would commence at South Carolina.

8 The sealing of the 144,000 was the number of priests who should be anointed to administer in the daily sacrifice &c.

9 During President Joseph Smith jr.'s remarks he said there was a nice distinction between the vision which John saw as spoken of in Revelations and the vision which Daniel saw,

10 The former relating only to things as they actually existed in heaven—the latter being a figure representing things on the earth.

11 God never made use of the figure of a beast to represent the kingdom of heaven—when they were made use of it was to represent an apostate church.

Notes:

- a. Verse 1-4 were crossed through with a penciled line and at the beginning, in handwriting that is not William Clayton's handwriting, a comment simply says "repeated his of 10 March."

9 Joseph

Epistle and Revelation to James Strang

The letter and revelation by Joseph Smith Jr. to James Strang, written from Nauvoo, June 18th, 1844, nine days prior to his Martyrdom. Emma Smith verified that Joseph Smith Jr. did write this letter, and the handwriting was verified by the firm Tyrell and Doud, who stated: "A brief observation of these four documents indicates that the education and word usage was consistent with the theory that all four documents were authored by one individual" (Shepard, William 1977; James J. Strang: Teachings of a Mormon Prophet. Burlington, WI). Grammatical changes by the First Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

Chapter 1

1 My Dear Son: Your epistle of May twenty-fourth, proposing the planting a stake of Zion in Wisconsin and the gathering of the Saints there, was duly received, and I with most of the brethren whose advice I called in were of opinion that you was deceived by a spirit not of this world, great but not good.

2 Brother Hyrum however thought otherwise and favored the project, not doubting it was of God.

3 I however determined to return you an unfavorable answer for the present.

4 But O the littleness of man in his best earthly state, not so the will of the Almighty.

5 God hath ruled it otherwise, and a message from the throne of grace directed me as it hath inspired you, and the faith which thou hast in the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel, hath been repaid to thee a thousand-fold, and thou shalt be like unto him;

6 But the flock shall find rest with thee, and God shall reveal to thee his will concerning them.

7 I have long felt that my present work was almost done and that I should soon be called to rule a mighty host,

5 But something whispers me it will be in the land of spirits where the wicked cease from troubling and the bands of the prisoner fall off.

6 My heart yearns for my little ones, but I know God will be a father to them, and I can claim face to face the fulfillment of promises from Him who is a covenant keeping God and who sweareth and performeth and faileth not to the uttermost.

Chapter 2

1 The wolves are upon the scent, and I am waiting to be offered up, if such be the will of God,

2 Knowing that though my visage be more marred than that of any, it will be unscarred and fair when archangels shall place on my brow the double crown of martyr and king in a heavenly world.

3 In the midst of darkness and boding danger, the spirit of Elijah came upon me, and I went away to inquire of God how the Church should be saved.

4 I was upon the hill of the temple; the calm father of waters rolled below changeless and eternal.

5 I beheld a light in the heavens above, and streams of bright light illuminated the firmament, varied and beautiful as the rainbow, gentle yet rapid as the fierce lightning.

6 The Almighty came from His throne of rest; He clothed himself with light as with a garment.

7 He appeared, and moon and stars went out; the earth dissolved in space; I trod on air and was borne on wings of Cherubims.

8 The sweetest strains of heavenly music thrilled in my ear, but the notes were low and sad as though they sounded the requiem of martyred prophets.

9 ¶ I bowed my head to the earth and asked only wisdom and strength for the Church.

10 The voice of God answered: My servant Joseph, thou hast been faithful over many things and thy reward is glorious, the crown and scepter are thine and they wait thee.

11 But thou hast sinned in some things and thy punishment is very bitter.

12 The whirlwind goeth before and its clouds are dark, but rest followeth and to its days there shall be no end.

13 Study the words of the vision for it tarrieth not.

Chapter 3

1 And now behold, my servant James J. Strang hath come to thee from far, for truth when he knew it not and hath not rejected it but had faith in thee, the Shepherd and Stone of Israel;

2 And to him shall the gathering of the people be, for he shall plant a stake of Zion in Wisconsin, and I will establish it, and there shall my people have peace and rest, and shall not be moved;

3 For it shall be established on the prairie on White River in the lands of Racine and Walworth, and behold, my servants James and Aaron shall plant it, for I have given them wisdom;

4 And Daniel shall stand in his lot on the hill beside the river looking down on the prairie and shall instruct my people and plead with them face to face.

5 Behold, my servant James shall lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of Zion;

6 And my servant Aaron shall be his counsellor, for he hath wisdom in the gospel and understandeth the doctrines and erreth not therein.

7 ¶ And I will have a house built unto me there of stone, and there will I show myself to my people by many mighty works,

8 And the name of the city shall be called Voree, which is, being interpreted, Garden of Peace, for there shall my people have peace and rest and wax fat and pleasant in the presence of their enemies.

9 ¶ But I will again stretch out my arm over the river of waters, and on the banks thereof shall the house of my choice be.

10 But now the city of Voree shall be a strong hold of safety to my people, and they that are faithful and obey me I will there give them great prosperity, and such as they have not had before,

11 And unto Voree shall be the gathering of my people, and there shall the oppressed flee for safety and none shall hurt or molest them.

12 And by this shall they know that I have spoken it: the people there and the owners of the land shall show kindness to them, for great calamities are coming on the church, and such as have not been;

13 And if they scatter, the ungodly of the world shall swallow them up; but if they gather to my city of Voree, there will I keep them under the shadow of my wing,

14 And the cities from whence my people have been driven shall be purged with a high hand, for I will do it, and my people shall be again restored to their possessions;

15 But dark clouds are gathering, for the church is not yet wholly purged.

Chapter 4

1 And now I command my servants, the Apostles and Priests and Elders of the Church of the Saints, that they communicate and proclaim this my word to all the Saints of God in all the world,

2 That they may be gathered unto and round about the city of Voree and be saved from their enemies, for I will have a people to serve me.

3 And I command my servant Moses Smith, that he go unto the Saints with whom he is acquainted and unto many people, and command them in my name to go unto my city of Voree and gain inheritance therein;

4 And he shall have an inheritance therein, for he hath left all for my sake, and I will add to him many fold if he is faithful; for he knows the land and can testify to them that it is very good.

5 So spake the Almighty God of heaven.

6 ¶ Thy duty is made plain; and if thou lackest wisdom, ask of God in whose hands I trust thee, and he will give thee unsparingly;

7 For if evil befall me, thou shalt lead the flock to pleasant pastures. God sustain thee. -Joseph Smith Jr.

10 Joseph Martyrdom of Joseph Smith and his Brother Hyrum Smith

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Chapter 1

1 To seal the testimony of this book and the Book of Mormon, we close with the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the prophet and Hyrum Smith the patriarch. They were shot in Carthage jail on the 27th of June, 1844, about 5 o'clock P. M., by an armed mob, painted black—of from 150 to 200 persons. Hyrum was shot first and fell calmly exclaiming “I am a dead man!” Joseph leaped from the window, and was shot dead in the attempt, exclaiming “O Lord my God!”—They were both shot after they were dead in a brutal manner, and both received four balls.

2 John Taylor and Willard Richards, two of the Twelve, were the only persons in the room at the time; the former was wounded in a savage manner with four balls, but has since recovered: the latter, through the promises of God escaped “without even a hole in his robe.”

3 Joseph Smith, the prophet and seer of the Lord, has done more, (save Jesus only,) for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God, and has been the means of publishing it on two continents: has sent the fulness of the everlasting gospel which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants, and many other wise documents and instructions for the benefit of the children of men: gathered many thousands of the Latter Day Saints: founded a great city: and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people, and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and works with his own blood—and so has his brother Hyrum. In life they were not divided, and in death they were not separated!

4 When Joseph went to Carthage to deliver himself up, to the pretended requirements of the law, two or three days previous to his assassination, he said: “I am going like a lamb to the slaughter; but I am calm as a summer's morning; I have a conscience void of offence, towards God, and towards all men—I shall die innocent, and it shall yet be said of me, he was murdered in cold blood.” The same morning, after Hyrum had made ready to go—shall it be said to the slaughter? Yes, for so it was—he read the following paragraph near the close of the fifth chapter of Ether, in the Book of Mormon, and turned down the leaf upon it:

5 “And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that he would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me, if they have not charity, it mattereth not unto you, thou hast been faithful; wherefore thy garments are clean. And because thou hast seen thy weakness, thou shalt be made strong, even unto the sitting down in the place which I have prepared in the mansions of my Father. And now I — bid farewell unto the Gentiles; yea, and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we shall meet before the judgment seat of Christ, where all men shall know that my garments are not spotted with your blood.” The testators are now dead and their testament is in force.

6 Hyrum Smith was 44 years old last February, and Joseph Smith was 38 last December, and hence forward their names will be classed among the martyrs of religion: and the reader in every nation, will be reminded that the “Book of Mormon” and this Book of Doctrine and Covenants of the church, cost the best blood of the nineteenth century, to bring it forth for the salvation of a ruined world. And that if the fire can scathe a green tree for the glory of God, how easy it will burn up the “dry trees” to purify the vineyard of corruption. They lived for glory: they died for glory, and glory is their eternal reward. From age to age shall their names go down to posterity as gems for the sanctified.

7 They were innocent of any crimes, as they had often been proved before, and were only confined in jail by the conspiracy of traitors and wicked men; and their innocent blood on the floor of Carthage jail, is a

broad seal affixed to Mormonism, that cannot be rejected by any court on earth: and their innocent blood on the escutcheon of the State of Illinois, with the broken faith of the State as pledged by the Governor, is a witness to the truth of the everlasting gospel, that all the world cannot impeach; and their innocent blood on the banner of liberty, and on the magna carta of the United States, is an ambassador for the religion of Jesus Christ, that will touch the hearts of honest men among all nations; and their innocent blood, with the innocent blood of all the martyrs under the altar that John saw, will cry unto the Lord of Hosts, till he avenges that blood on the earth: Amen.

2 Rigdon

Guardian of the Church

From Joseph Smith, History, 1838–1856, vol. F-1 created in 1856. Rigdon “related a vision which he said the Lord had shown him concerning the situation of the church, and said there must be a guardian appointed to build the church up to Joseph, as he had begun it. He said he was the identical man that the ancient prophets had sung about, wrote and rejoiced over, and that he was sent to do the identical work that had been the theme of all the prophets in every preceding generation. He said that the Lord’s ways were not as our ways, for the Lord said he would ‘hiss for the fly from the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria,’ and thereby destroy his enemies; that the time was near at hand when he would see one hundred tons of metal per second thrown at the enemies of God, and that the blood would be to the horses’ bridles; and that he expected to walk into the palace of Queen Victoria and lead her out by the nose, when none would have power to say, Why do ye so?’ and if it were not for two or three things which he knew, this people would be utterly destroyed, and not a soul left to tell the tale.” (History of the Church vol. 7 pgs. 225-226 archive.org)

Chapter 1

1 The object of my mission is to visit the Saints and offer myself to them as a guardian.

2 I had a vision at Pittsburgh, June 27th: this was presented to my mind, not as an open vision, but rather a continuation of the vision mentioned in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

3 It was shown to me that this Church must be built up to Joseph Smith Jr., and that all the blessings we receive must come through him.

4 I have been ordained a spokesman to Joseph, and I must come to Nauvoo and see that the Church is governed in a proper manner.

5 Joseph sustains the same relationship to this Church as he has always done: no man can be the successor of Joseph.

6 The kingdom is to be built up to Jesus Christ through Joseph: there must be revelation still.

7 The martyred prophet is still the head of this Church; every quorum should stand as you stood in your washings and consecrations.

8 I have been consecrated a spokesman to Joseph and I was commanded to speak for him: the Church is not disorganized though our head is gone.

9 We may have a diversity of feelings on this matter, I have been called to be a spokesman unto Joseph, and I want to build up the Church unto him, and if the people want me to sustain this place,

10 I want it upon the principle that every individual shall acknowledge it for himself.

11 I propose to be a guardian to the people—in this I have discharged my duty, and done what God has commanded me, and the people can please themselves whether they accept me or not.

The Book of James J. Strang

Epistles, visions and writings of the prophet James Strang, taken from Voree Herald by Alexei Christopher Mattanovich, The Dimond, and other sources as noted. Reorganized and edited for the use of the Fellowship of Christ.

Chapter 1

James Strang is ordained by an angel shortly after Joseph Smith Jr. was taken from the earth. Originally recorded as Chapter 2 of The Dimond.

1 [2:1-2a] On June 27, 1844, at five and a half o'clock in the afternoon, James J. Strang was in the Spirit, and the Angel of God came unto him and saluted him, saying: Fear God and be strengthened and obey him, for great is the work which he hath required at thy hand.

2 [2:2b] Go on in hope and strength, and falter not, and He will sustain thee, and thou shalt triumph, for the voice of the Lord by the mouth of Joseph will he fulfill.

3 [2:3a] And the Angel of the Lord stretched forth his hand unto him and touched his head and put oil upon him and said: Grace is poured upon thy lips, and God blesseth thee with the greatness of the Everlasting Priesthood;

4 [2:3b] He putteth might and glory and majesty upon thee, and in meekness and truth and righteousness will He prosper thee.

5 [2:4a] Thou shalt save his people from their enemies when there is no arm to deliver, and shalt bring salvation when destruction walketh in the house of thy God.

6 [2:4b] Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore, thy God hath anointed thee with oil and set thee above all thy fellows.

7 [2:5a] Thy words shall be like sharp arrows in the heart of the wicked; thou shalt rebuke those who pervert the word of thy God;

8 [2:5b] Thou shalt preach righteousness and the sublime mysteries in the ears of many people and shall bring the gospel to many who have not known it and to the nations afar off.

9 [2:6a] Thou shalt drive backward and put to shame those that do evil, and the workers of iniquity shall fall;

10 [2:6b] They shall be cast down and shall not be able to rise. With purity will the Lord thy God arm thee, and purity and truth shalt thou teach.

11 [2:7a] Keep the Law of the Lord thy God in thy heart, and none of thy steps shall slide, with thee is the fountain of truth.

12 [2:7b] In thy light shall the people of thy God see, for thou shalt speak his word unto them, and from thy lips shall they receive it.

13 [2:8a] The blessing of their God shalt thou put upon them, and his curse upon evil doers, if, after being oft rebuked, they repent not;

14 [2:8b-9a] And before my people shalt thou go to lead them into my ways, for unto thee has the Lord thy God given salvation; in righteousness shalt thou rule.

15 [2:9b-10a] Thou shalt redeem the poor and the needy from suffering and violence, and to thee God giveth judgment for them:

16 [2:-10b] Thou shalt deliver the prey from the spoiler, for God, thy God, hath put them in thy hand; and in weakness will He make thee strong; thou shalt rule among His people:

17 [2:10c] Thou shalt break in pieces the rod of the oppressor and the yoke of the unjust ruler; they shall flee away, but the way of peace shall they not find.

18 [2:11a] While the day of the wicked abideth, shalt thou prepare a refuge for the oppressed and for the poor and needy.

19 [2:11b] Unto thee shall they come, and their brethren who are scattered shall come with them, and the destruction of the ungodly shall quickly follow, for it already worketh. Go thy way and be strong.

Chapter 2

The history of the letter sent from Joseph Smith Jr. to James Strang regarding his appointment as the next president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. James was not given the opportunity to have Joseph's wishes voted upon by the Saints of the Church as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was broken up and divided upon the death of the Prophet. From Chapter 1 of The Dimond. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and other known changes are in italics.

1 This letter^a was received at Burlington by regular course of mail, coming through the distributing office at Chicago, and bears the Nauvoo post-mark of June 19, the day following its date.

2 It arrived at Burlington July 9th, and was immediately taken from the office by C. P. Barnes, Esq., a distinguished lawyer at that place, who, in consequence of the rumors of persecution and civil war against the Mormons,

3 And a general anxiety to hear the latest news, immediately carried it to Mr. Strang, with the request to be informed of any news of public interest which it might contain; it therefore became public the same evening.

4 ¶ As much pains have been taken to belie this document and to derogate from its authority, it is proper to add that from the day of its reception to this (April, 1848), it has always been kept open to public inspection, and not an iota of evidence has yet been produced derogatory to its authenticity.

5 The Brighamites and *others* have reported far and near that it had a black postmark, and that such were not used in the office at Nauvoo; this report is a falsehood, the postmark is red.

6 They also started a story that no proper entry of the mailing of such a letter could be found in the register of "mails sent" from Nauvoo.

7 But Mr. Strang caused the register to be examined, and under date of June 19th, 1844, the proper entry was found of such a letter to the distributing P.O. at Chicago, and the register at Burlington of "mails received" contains the proper entry from Chicago.

8 In the winter of 1845-6 these facts were publicly proclaimed in the Temple at Nauvoo by Moses Smith, Samuel Shaw, and others, and an examination of the registers called for.

9 The next day crowds were at the P.O. to inspect the register; but, though the register of every other quarter of the establishment of that P.O. was safely there, that particular quarter was nowhere to be found.

10 It has never since been produced; comment is unnecessary.

11 ¶ Mrs. Emma Smith recollects well of her husband receiving a letter from Mr. Strang, and holding a council on the subject, and names Hyrum Smith, Willard Richards, and John P. Green as present at that council;

12 And also, that a letter was sent to Mr. Strang in answer, but of the import of the answer she was not informed.

13 Immediately after the martyrdom of Joseph, John Taylor, Willard Richards, and William W. Phelps took a kind of temporary direction of the affairs of the Church, instructing the Saints to wait patiently the hand of the Lord, assuring them that he had not left them without a shepherd, and that all things would be made known in due season.

14 To every question of the Saints: Who is the prophet? replies were made in substance that the Saints would know in due season, but that nothing could be done till the Twelve got home, because the appointment of a prophet, and the directions for salvation of the Church from the perils they were in, was contained in sealed packages directed to them.

15 Orson Hyde, and others of the Twelve who were then in the east, stated in public congregations in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities, that Willard Richards had written to them that the appointment of a prophet was left with him under seal, to be opened on the return of the Twelve.

16 This assertion was so often made that the whole Church was daily expecting to hear a new prophet proclaimed.

17 On the eighth of August, 1844, when Sidney Rigdon endeavored to obtain authority to lead the Church, John P. Green, marshal of the city of Nauvoo, told^b them: They need not trouble themselves about it for Joseph had appointed one James J. Strang, who lived up north, to stand in his stead.

18 The sudden death of John P. Green immediately after this declaration (under very extraordinary circumstances) left Willard Richards and John Taylor sole repositories of all documents on this subject, except this letter^a.

19 They had simply to suppress documents in their hands to set themselves up in power or overthrow themselves and their pretensions by publishing them.

20 These and many other facts, which we have not room to state, make an array of testimony of the strongest kind in favor of this letter.

21 It is worthy of consideration that no one fact has been relied on against it, but that in various quarters different false tales have been told to disparage it, which a mere inspection of the letter or of public records would prove false.

22 The only reason which can be given for this continued resort to falsehood is that there is no truth against it.

Note:

- a. See Joseph IX
- b. Testimony of Johnathan Sumner: "I, Jonathan Sumner, do hereby testify, that I was present at the Conference held in Nauvoo, soon after the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, which was called by those who sought to place Sidney Rigdon at the head of the Church, while in conversation with a squad of Elders talking on the question of Rigdon's right to lead.--John P. Green, Marshall of the City, said they need not trouble themselves about it, for Joseph had appointed one to stand in his stead. I asked him why he was not here to take his place. He said he was not ready, but would be there after a time. I asked him where he lived; and he said up North a considerable distance. I asked his name and he said Strang, James J. Strang. I asked what sort of a man, and he said a young man. I then asked whether he had ever been in Nauvoo, and he said he had been and that Joseph baptized him." -Jonathan Sumner, Voree, June 30th, 1846. Signed in the presence of: Benjamin C. Ellsworth, George Eberson, and Phineas Wright.

Chapter 3

The history of the letter sent from Joseph Smith Jr. to James Strang regarding his appointment as the next president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. James was not given the opportunity to have Joseph's wishes voted upon by the Saints of the Church as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was broken up and divided upon the death of the Prophet. See Joseph IX I Epistles of the Saints.

1 And now it appears that this letter^a was written on this wise: In February, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-four, James J. Strang, in company with Aaron Smith and under his teaching, visited Nauvoo, the city of the Saints, and there was more fully instructed by Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Sidney Rigdon in the Gospel.

2 On the twenty-fifth day of February, in that year, he was baptized by Joseph Smith, who gave him the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and blessed him with many and great blessings, and said: I seal upon thy head, against God's own good time, the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood;

3 And afterwards, but in the same ordinance: Thou shalt hold the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood, shalt walk with Enoch, Moses, and Elijah, and shalt talk with God face to face.

4 And on the third day of March, in the same year, he was ordained an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by the laying on of hands of Hyrum Smith,

5 According to the testimony of the Spirit of prophecy and the word of the Holy Ghost, Hyrum said: I perceive, by the Spirit which is within me, that thou shalt carry the Gospel with the Spirit like flaming fire to many nations, and by thee shall God save the pure of his people.

6 At this time much was said of the necessities of the Saints, for want of a suitable country for settlement where they could avoid persecution and continual molestation,

7 And the prophet Joseph asked counsel of James J. Strang, who was greatly learned in geography in regard to many countries, especially California, New Mexico, and Oregon.

8 And he advised an exploration of those countries for determining what facilities for settlement they offered, and gave much information in regard to them, both for the guidance of the explorers and to determine what parts were worth exploration.

9 5a He also advised a settlement of the Saints to be formed immediately on White River in Wisconsin, to consist of mechanics and artisans from the northern and eastern states and provinces of America and from Europe,

10 Because the climate of Nauvoo is unfavorable to the health of such, and the place does not furnish business wherewith to employ them;

11 Both which difficulties would be entirely obviated by such an arrangement, and many other advantages would be gained in peaceable, law-abiding neighbors, cheapness of access, and facility of building.

12 The exploration of the Nebraska country, New Mexico, and upper California was immediately determined on, and arrangements commenced for sending out twenty-five explorers during the following summer.

13 It was enjoined upon James J. Strang by Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Sidney Rigdon to return to Wisconsin and make more full examinations of the country with direct reference to the advantages it might offer to the Saints,

14 And to write to Joseph the results of that examination, upon which he would determine, by the best light that God should give him, what ought to be done.

15 Aaron Smith concurred with James J. Strang in recommending a gathering in Wisconsin, and counselled the selection of the country on White River as the place for planting a stake of Zion;

16 And it was agreed by all that the thing should be looked upon with favor and prosecuted with vigor to a final result.

17 On the twenty-fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-four, James J. Strang, having completed his examinations and inquiries, wrote the result in a letter to Joseph Smith, to which Aaron Smith a few days after added a note concurring therein and attesting the facts therein stated.

18 This letter contained a minute statement of the advantages for the settlement of the Saints which the southeastern section of Wisconsin offered, more especially for the building of a town on White River, immediately west of Burlington.

19 It was put in the post office at Burlington, directed to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, about the last of May, by Aaron Smith.

20 Moreover, the preceding letter^a is in answer thereto, and was mailed at Nauvoo on the nineteenth day of June, which plainly appears by the postmark thereon, and directed to James J. Strang at Burlington, in Wisconsin, at which place it arrived by mail at the time before stated, and was taken from the post office on the same day by Caleb P. Barnes, an attorney-at-law,

21 And by him delivered to James J. Strang in the presence of Aaron Smith, who immediately sat down together and opened and read the letter.

Note:

- c. See Joseph IX

John Taylor
A Vision, Salt Lake City

Chapter 1

The following is a revelation attributed to apostle of the Church of Christ, and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Taylor, as recorded in Wilford Woodruff's Journal, June 15, 1878, titled "A Vision, Salt Lake City, Night of Dec 16, 1877." Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 I went to bed as usual at about 7:30 PM, I had been reading a revelation in the French language; my mind was calm, more so than usual if possible, so I composed myself for sleep, but could not.

2 I felt a strange feeling come over me and apparently became partially unconscious; still I was not asleep, nor exactly awake, with dreary feeling.

3 The first thing that I recognized was that I was in the tabernacle of Ogden, Utah; I was sitting in the back part of the building for fear they would call on me to preach, which however they did, for after singing the second time they called me to the stand.

4 I arose to speak and said that I didn't know that I had anything especially to say, except to bear my testimony of the Latter-day work, when all at once it seemed as if I was lifted out of myself and I said: Yes, I have something to say and that is this;

5 Some of my brethren have been asking, 'What is becoming of us? What is the wind blowing?' I will answer you right here what is coming very shortly.

6 ¶ I was then, in a dream, immediately in the city of Salt Lake, and wandering around in the streets and in all parts of the city, and on the doors of the houses I found badges of mourning and I could not find a house but was in mourning.

7 I passed my own house and found the same sign there, and I asked the question: Is that me that is dead?

8 Someone gave me the answer: No, you will get through it all.

9 It seemed strange to me that I saw no person in the streets in all my wandering around the country.

10 I seemed to be in their houses with the sick, but saw no funeral procession, nor anything of the kind, but the city looking still and as though the people were praying.

11 And it seemed that they had controlled the disease, but what the disease was I did not learn; it was not made known to me.

12 ¶ I then looked over the country, north, east, south, and west, and the same mourning was in every land and in every place.

13 The next thing I knew I was just this side of Omaha; it seemed though I was above the earth, and looking down upon it.

14 As I passed along upon my way east I saw the road full of people, mostly women, with just what they could carry in bundles on their backs, traveling to the mountains on foot.

15 I wondered how they would get through with such a small pack on their backs; it was remarkable to us that there were so few men among them.

16 It didn't seem to me as though the cars were running, the rails looked rusty and the roads abandoned, and I have no conception of how I traveled as I looked down upon the people.

17 ¶ I continued east by the way of Omaha and Council Bluffs, which were full of disease, there were women everywhere.

18 The state of Illinois and Missouri were in a tumult, men killing one another, women joining the fighting, family against family in the most horrid manner.

19 ¶ I imagined next that I was in Washington D.C. and I found desolation there, the White House was empty and the Halls of Congress the same, and everything in ruins; the people seemed to have left the city and left it to take care of itself.

20 ¶ I was in Baltimore, in the square where the Monument of 1812 stands in front of the Charles Hotel.

21 I saw dead piled up so as to fill the street square, I saw mothers cutting the throats of their own children for their blood; I saw them suck it from their throats to quench their own thirst and then lie down and die.

22 The water of Chesapeake Bay was stagnant, and the stench arising from it on account of their throwing their bodies into it so terrible, that the very smell carried death with it.

23 I saw no man except they were dead or dying in the streets and very few women, those I saw were crazy and in an ugly condition.

24 Everywhere I went I beheld the same sights all over the city; it was terrible beyond description to look upon.

25 ¶ I thought this must be the end; but no, I was seemingly in an instant in the city of Philadelphia.

26 There everything was still; no living soul was there to greet me, it seemed the whole city was without any inhabitants.

27 In the south of Chestnut Street and in fact everywhere I went, the putrefaction of the dead caused such a stench that it was impossible for any living thing to breathe, nor did I see any living thing in the city.

28 ¶ Next I found myself in Broadway, in the city of New York, and there it seemed the people had done the best they could to overcome the disease, but in wandering down Broadway I saw the bodies of beautiful women lying, some dead and others in a dying condition, on the sidewalks.

29 I saw men come out of cellars and ravish the persons of some that were yet alive and then kill them and rob their bodies of all the valuables they had upon them; then before they could get back to the cellar they would roll over a time or two and die in agony.

30 In some of the backstreets I saw them kill some of their own offspring and eat their raw flesh, and in a few minutes die themselves; everywhere I went I saw the same scene of horror and destruction and death and rapine, no carriages, buggies, or cars were running; but death and destruction were everywhere.

31 ¶ Then I saw fire start and just at that moment a mighty East wind sprang up and carried the flames over the city and it burned until there was not a single building left standing there, even down to the waters edge.

32 Wharves and shipping all seemed to burn and follow in common destruction where the “great city” was a short time ago.

33 The stench from the bodies that were burning was so great that it was carried a long distance cross the Hudson Bay and carried death and destruction wherever it penetrated.

34 I cannot paint in words the horror that seemed to compass me about; it was beyond description of man.

35 ¶ I supposed this was the end; but it was not; I was given to understand the same horror was being enacted all over the country, east, west, north, and south; few were left alive, still there were some.

36 Immediately after I seemed to be standing on the left bank of the Missouri River, opposite e the City of Independence, but there was no city.

37 I saw the whole state of Missouri and Illinois and all of Iowa, a complete desert with no living being there.

38 A short distance from the river however, I saw twelve men dressed in temple robes, standing in a square or nearly so and I understood it represented the Twelve Gates of the New Jerusalem.

39 Their hands were uplifted in consecration of the ground and laying the corner stone of the temple.

40 I saw myriads of angels hovering over them, and saw also an immense pillar of clouds over them and heard the angels singing the most heavenly music.

41 The words were: Now is established the Kingdom of God and his Christ, which shall never more be thrown down.

42 I saw people coming from the river and from the desert places a long way off to help build the temple, and it seemed that hosts of angels all helped to get material to build with;

43 And I saw some of them who wore temple clothes come and build the temple and the city, and all the time I saw the great pillar of clouds hovering over the place.

44 ¶ Instantly, however, I found myself again in the tabernacle at Ogden; and yet, I could still see the building go on and I got quite animated in calling on the people in the tabernacle to listen to the beautiful music,

45 For the angels were singing the same music I had heard before: “Now is established the Kingdom of God and his Christ, which shall never more be thrown down.”

46 At this I seemed to stagger back from the pulpit and Brother Francis D. Richards and some others caught my arm and prevented me from falling; then I finished so abruptly, still even then I had not fainted, but was simply exhausted.

47 Then I rolled over in bed and awoke just as the city clock was striking twelve.

11 Joseph

Joseph Smith III's First Vision

The following is from The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Independence, Missouri: Herald Publishing House, 1952, volume 3 pages 254–255. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 It was during *the* summer of 1853 and fall that I had the first serious impressions concerning my connection with the work of my father, *Joseph Smith Jr.*

2 That spring, if my memory is correct, there was a large emigration to Utah; a part of which was camped at Keokuk, twelve miles below Nauvoo, on the Iowa side of the Mississippi River.

3 A delegation of them visited Nauvoo, and with one of them, whose name if I learned it, I do not now remember, I had a long conversation respecting Mormonism;

4 I had talked with many upon the matter; but had never taken the subject into very earnest consideration.

5 ¶ This person urged that I was possibly doing a great wrong in allowing the years to pass by unimproved.

6 I stated to him that I was ready to do any work that might fall to my lot, or that I might be called to do.

7 I had no fellowship with the leadership in the Salt Lake Church and could not then give my sanction to things there; my prejudices were against them.

8 ¶ In the summer and fall several things occurred that served to bring the question up: my sickness brought me near to death; my coming of age, and my choice of a profession were all coincident events;

9 And during my recovery I had opportunity for reflection, as for weeks I could do no work.

10 One day, after my return to health was assured, I had lain down to rest in my room;

11 The window was open to the south and the fresh breeze swept in through the trees and half closed blinds, I had slept and woke refreshed; my mind recurred to the question of my future life and what its work should be.

12 I had been and was still reading law under the care of a lawyer named William McLennan, and it was partially decided that I should continue that study.

13 ¶ While weighing my desires and capabilities for this work, the question came up: Will I ever have anything to do with Mormonism? If so, how and what will it be?

14 I was impressed that there was truth in the work my father had done, I believed the Gospel so far as I comprehended it. Was I to have no part in that work as left by him?

15 ¶ While engaged in this contemplation and perplexed by these recurring questions, the room suddenly expanded and passed away.

16 I saw stretched out before me towns, cities, busy marts, courthouses, courts, and assemblies of men, all busy and all marked by those characteristics that are found in the world, where men win place and renown.

17 This stayed before my vision till I had noted clearly that choice of preferment here was offered to him who would enter in, but who did so must go into the busy whirl and be submerged by its din, bustle, and confusion.

18 ¶ In the subtle transition of a dream I was gazing over a wide expanse of country in a prairie land;

19 No mountains were to be seen, but far as the eye could reach, hill and dale, hamlet and village, farm and farmhouse, pleasant cot and homelike place, everywhere betokening thrift, industry, and the pursuits of a happy peace were open to the view.

20 ¶ I remarked to him standing by me, but whose presence I had not before noticed: This must be the country of a happy people.

21 To this he replied: Which would you prefer, life, success, and renown among the busy scenes that you first saw, or a place among these people, without honors or renown?

22 Think of it well, for the choice will be offered to you sooner or late, and you must be prepared to decide; your decision once made you cannot recall it, and must abide the result.

23 ¶ No time was given me for a reply, for as suddenly as it had come, so suddenly was it gone, and I found myself sitting upright on the side of the bed where I had been lying,

24 The rays of the declining sun shining athwart the western hills and over the shimmering river, making the afternoon all glorious with their splendor, shone into my room instinct with life and motion, filling me with gladness that I should live.

25 From that hour, at leisure, at work or play, I kept before me what had been presented, and was at length prepared to answer when the opportunity for the choice should be given.

12 Joseph

A Vision and Revelation

Chapter 1

The following is a revelation and revelation given to president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Joseph Smith III in Lamoni, Iowa April 16, 1902, as recorded in Community of Christ Doctrine and Covenants as Section 126. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 [126:1a] On the night of April 16, I made the condition of the Church a subject of prayer, intensely desirous of receiving light and information in relation thereto and my duty.

2 [126:1b] I awoke at the hour of three and had in presentation the following vision:

3 [126:2a] I saw the assembly of the Saints and the General Authorities, the latter being arranged upon a platform with the seats arranged in lines, each line from the front of the platform slightly raised to the rear.

4 [126:2b] On that platform I saw the Quorum of the Presidency, the Bishopric, the Twelve, and a line above the Twelve on the seat behind them, a number of the brethren, including four of the present members of the Twelve and the patriarchs now ordained and recognized in the Church.

5 [126:2c] The Quorum of the Twelve was filled, and the places of the four whom I saw on the upper tier of seats were occupied by others known to the church.

6 [126:3] I asked the question who these men occupying the upper row of seats were; and I was told that they were evangelical ministers, called to minister in spiritual blessings to the Church and to preach the gospel undeterred by the burden of the care and anxiety of presiding over missions and districts.

7 [126:4] I saw in the Presidency two known to the Church but who have not hitherto been connected with the Presidency.

8 [126:5a] I saw the Bishopric as at present constituted, with the attendant bishops upon either side; I asked: What was the meaning of this?

9 [126:5b] I was told that the Bishop should not be burdened with the spiritual care of the Church except as such might be brought before *them* in pursuance of the Law which provided for the bishop's court.

10 [126:6a] I then asked what was meant by the choosing of members for the Presidency so young in years.

11 [126:6b] I was informed that it was for the purpose that, before the Presidency should be invaded by death, these younger men should be prepared by association to be of assistance to whosoever should be chosen as the President upon the emergency which should occur.

12 [126:7a] The names of those of the present Quorum of Twelve whom I saw upon the upper tier of seats were James Caffall, John H. Lake, Edmund C. Briggs, and Joseph R. Lambert; these were sitting with the other evangelical ministers.

13 [126:7b] Those whom I saw sitting with the Quorum of the Twelve were Frederick A. Smith, Francis M. Sheehy, Ulysses W. Greene, Cornelius A. Butterworth, and John W. Rushton.

14 [126:8] Sitting with the Presidency were Frederick M. Smith and Richard C. Evans.

15 [126:9] The assembly seemed to be large and orderly, with the different officers of the Church in their quorums assembled in much the same order as observed at our annual conferences but did not seem to be so large as at other times I had seen them.

16 [126:10a] In regard to the gathering and the work of the Bishopric in regard to the Law of tithing and consecration, I made inquiry what should be the attitude of the Church in regard thereto.

17 [126:10b] To this question I was answered that the Book of Doctrine and Covenants as accepted by the Church was to guide the advice and action of the Bishopric, taken as a whole, each revelation contained therein having its appropriate bearing upon each of the others and their relation thereto;

18 [126:10c] And unless the liberties of the people of the church should be in jeopardy, the application of the law as stated by the Bishopric should be acceded to.

19 [126:10d] In case there should be a flagrant disregard of the rights of the people, the quorums of the Church in joint council should be appealed to, and their action and determination should govern.

20 [126:10e] I inquired what quorums of the church were meant; and I was answered, the three quorums, the decisions of which are provided for in the law: the Presidency, the Twelve, and the Seventy.

21 [126:11] In case of transgression in his office, the Bishop should be called in question before the council which is provided for in the Law, to which court all the general officers of the church are to be subject.

22 [126:12] After much thought and pondering upon what I had seen as related above, together with the information contained in the answers to my inquiries, I did not see my way clear to present the matters therein contained in yesterday's session until the Church had by its votes sustained the officers of the quorums referred to.

23 [126:13] It will be seen that there is an apparent invasion of the rule which has been supposed to govern the selection of evangelical ministers, but for this I am not responsible; and the whole matter is hereby submitted for the approval or disapproval of the church.

13 Joseph To the Eldership

Chapter 1

Inspired counsel given by the prophet Joseph Smith III April 18, 1909 in Lamoni, Iowa. Recorded as Doctrine and Covenants Section 128 for Community of Christ. Inspired changes made for its use for the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship are in italics.

1 Brethren: So far as the burden of the conference and its peculiar conditions have enabled me to do, I have steadfastly presented the matter stated by the Bishop for our consideration to the Lord for instruction.

2 Whether that which has come to me will bring relief to the situation, I know not; but such as it is, I hereby present it.

3 [128:1a] The conditions surrounding the work, the increase of the membership of the *Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, the increasing desire for gathering together, and the necessity existing for the obtaining places for settlement in the regions round about,

4 [128:1b] under the existing laws of the United States, and especially the state of Missouri, require that the Bishopric be authorized to take such measures as will bring to pass the organization of those who are desirous and willing to form parts in colonization under terms of association in different localities,

5 [128:1c] Where settlements may be made and may lawfully secure and hold property for the benefit of themselves, and their fellow Church members, and the whole body of the Church when organized.

6 [128:2a] The work to be done belongs to those who are by command of God made the custodians of the properties of the Church;

7 [128:2b] And these by their appointment are empowered to prosecute the work of caring for and using such properties as are confided to their care to accomplish the end designed.

8 [128:3a] The *Bishops* and *their* counselors, together with the other Bishops of the Church and such other officers as the Bishop may call together, with whom he may confer in council, are authorized to devise the methods of procedure;

9 [128:3b] And they will be guided by the spirit of wisdom and revelation to do the work intrusted to their care.

10 [128:4a] Counsel has already been given to those gathering into the regions round about to consult with the elders and the bishops before removing into those regions,

11 [128:4b] That such removal may be accomplished through the having of all things prepared before them who seek to remove and become resident in the regions round about.

12 [128:5] It is well to understand that the term "regions round about" must mean more than a small area of country round about the central spot and that the necessity of the great majority of the Church in gathering together can only be provided for by settling carefully together, as many in one region as may be practicable, and profitable, and in accordance with the feelings of the people under the laws existing in the places where such settlements are to be made.

13 [128:6a] The great variety of callings, avocations, and professions will present difficulties precluding the practicability of all settling and living in near proximity to each other.

14 [128:6b] It is therefore within the province of those upon whom the burden of organization may rest to provide for other organizations or associations than those simply pastoral or agricultural.

15 [128:6c] Under this head there may be placed industrial associations of such sorts as the varied qualifications existing among workmen may demand.

16 [128:7a] It has been prophesied that the Gentiles shall assist in rebuilding the waste places of Zion.

17 [128:7b] This cannot refer to the inhabitants of Zion who are the pure in heart, but must refer to the places which have been occupied, or which it may be contemplated to occupy, in the regions round about.

18 [128:7c1] The Saints cannot occupy in any place on the land of Zion which is not under the domination of civil law;

19 [128:7c2] And as citizens of the state, holding their liberties under the law, there must be a proper recognition and observance of these laws.

20 [128:7d] The Lord has said that this condition of obedience to law must continue until he comes, whose right it is to come, and assumes to reign over his people.

21 [128:7e] Under the provisions of the laws, these organizations or associations must be instituted and carried to completion if they shall be of benefit to those who shall be engaged in them.

22 [128:8a] The Spirit saith further: That these organizations contemplated in the law may be effected and the benefits to be derived therefrom be enjoyed by the Saints—in such enjoyment they cannot withdraw themselves so completely from a qualified dependence upon their Gentile neighbors surrounding them as to be entirely free from intercommunication with them;

23 [128:8b] Yet it is incumbent upon the Saints, while reaping the benefits of these organizations, to so conduct themselves in the carrying into operation the details of their organizations as to be in the world but not of it,

24 [128:8c] Living and acting honestly and honorably before God and in the sight of all *mankind*, using the things of this world in the manner designed of God, that the places where they occupy may shine as Zion, the redeemed of the Lord.

25 [128:9] The Bishop should be directed and authorized to proceed as soon as it shall be found practicable by consultation with the general authorities of the Church, who are made the proper counselors in spiritual and temporal things, to carry out the provisions of the law of organization which are by the law made the duty of the Bishop.

1 David

A History

The following are selected dreams and visions given to David regarding the history of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and its founder.

Chapter 1

God, the Devil, and the Freedom to Choose.

1 As a child, my parents decided to find religion; we visited a few churches as my parents were praying on the subject.

2 As my mother has told it, she was making dinner one evening while my sister and I were playing outside.

3 As she was making dinner, my mother heard a voice tell her to call the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

4 ¶ Presuming there was an unknown male adult in her backyard with her children, she called us into the house, asking who was outside with us.

5 I told her no one and she had me sit with my sister inside, watching television.

6 Once back in the kitchen, my mother again heard the voice, and once again he told her the same thing: Call the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

7 Presuming there was someone standing outside, my mother shut the window.

8 ¶ A third time, my mother heard the voice, this time inside the house.

9 At this point she she did not know what to think but followed her natural instinct to panic.

10 My mother took my sister and I upstairs, telling us we were playing hide-and-go-seek; we hid in my parents' closet until my father arrived home.

11 ¶ My father was upset that my mother had not call the police; however, my mother stated she had not seen anyone, and the voice sounded as if it were right beside her.

12 She stated that the voice did not frighten her, she only hid out of paranoia.

13 After my father searched the house, and a brief discussion, my father told my mother that if she heard the voice again, she should make the phone call and see what happens.

14 ¶ The next day, my mother heard the voice again, around the same time.

15 This time, she got out the phone book, looked up the phone number and made the call.

16 The phone rang for quite some time; just as she was about to hang up, a woman answered, and he gave my mother the address and time of worship.

17 ¶ It should be noted that this woman, it turned out, had also heard a voice in her car, both days.

18 She also did not heed the direction to go to the Church building the first day.

19 The woman listened the second day and heard the phone ringing as she entered the building.

20 She ran to answer, picking up just as my mother was about to give up.

21 ¶ We attended church for the first time with the Latter-day Saints that Sunday.

Chapter 2

God, the Devil, and the Freedom to Choose.

1 As a small child, I was accustomed to playing with my friends on Sundays and getting ice cream from the ice cream truck.

2 When I discovered that we were going to church for the first time and would miss the ice cream truck, I was devastated.

3 My parents had taught me right from wrong and about God and the Devil and had explained we need to go to church to worship God.

4 ¶ That night I threw a tantrum and camped out in the upstairs hall to protest the idea of being at church all day.

5 I had faith that God and the Devil were real based on the word of my parents; In my childish anger, I got on my knees and prayed to the devil.

6 It may have been a dream, but after my prayer, he appeared to me. I remember it vividly because it has haunted me my entire life.

7 ¶ Satan promised me many things if I would just fight against the Church of God.

8 He promised me wealth and fame, but I told him all I wanted was candy.

9 He told me I could use the wealth to buy candy, which I thought at the time sounded good.

10 He gave me questions to ask to make the church look bad, such as Joseph Smith saying he was the author of the Book of Mormon in the original print, and other questions that really only make sense to those without faith.

11 In the end, I would not agree to join him; It did not feel right, and I realized I was being selfish, but I remembered what he told me, in case I thought I needed the information.

12 ¶ The next day, I went to church with my parents; I found it boring, yet decided that rather than ask the devil's questions, I wanted to learn for myself.

13 The people were nice, but I still felt like there was something wrong; it was as if the people were too nice, like they wanted something.

14 What, I did not know, but I really enjoyed the Latter-day Saint missionaries playing with us before their discussions.

15 ¶ Wanting to know the truth, I taught myself to read using the Latter-day Saint Church's child scriptures and cassette tapes.

16 I prayed about what I read but did not really feel anything; I could not tell if this religion was correct or not, but believing that I would receive a vision, I knew I had to discover the truth.

17 ¶ Then one day, we were at an open house at the Latter-day Saint church; my parents had been baptized at this point. I needed to know if God was real for myself.

18 I thought that God must be real, as I had seen the devil; yet, to me, the Latter-day Saint Church seemed so silly: A boy had found gold plates and translated them? This just did not make sense to my child mind.

19 I too—like Joseph Smith Jr.—was a child; a younger one, but still a child; how could Smith do this and I not?

20 I knelt down at the pew and started to pray silently to myself; I told the Lord that if he was real, and Joseph Smith was a prophet, then he, Smith, was no better than me—a human boy.

21 I told the Lord that I did not want my parents to be lied to, and I wanted to know the truth.

22 I asked the Lord, telling him that if He could show Himself to Joseph Smith, a mere boy, He could show Himself to me.

23 ¶ I knew this to be true in a profound way; it was black and white: either God would reveal himself to me, or Smith was a liar, for me, it was that simple.

24 The scriptures teach that we should have the faith of a child, I can honestly say that my faith might never been as pure again as it was that day.

25 I had pure faith in a way I can only describe as that of the brother of Jared when he saw the Lord's finger.

26 ¶ As soon as I finished the prayer, my eyes were opened to a vision.

27 In this vision, I heard the voice of the Lord telling me that Joseph Smith was his servant.

28 The Lord showed me the history of the Latter Day Saint movement, Smith following the Lord, making mistakes, but pressing on as he learned and grew.

29 I then saw Joseph Smith Jr. die; he was murdered and the Church split; I saw that most of the Church went west to Utah.

30 I saw that church grow there and from there throughout the world.

31 I also saw other denominations start, falter, stop, and move on but none with the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

32 ¶ I would pause, break out of the vision if you will, every so often to ask my father, who was sitting in the pew next to me while I was kneeling, questions.

33 I had such great faith in my father that when he told me that what I asked was true, I had even greater faith in what I was seeing; if he said he did not know something, I would just go back into the vision to learn more.

34 Eventually, I knew my father could not answer any more of my questions, so I fully enveloped myself into the vision.

35 ¶ Up to that point all I had seen was the past, yet I also saw the future.

36 I saw the Latter-day Saint Church split again; a wickedness had entered the Church from its beginnings and grown over time.

37 The majority of the Saints did not follow the Lord, and I saw that in the wickedness of the Saints, their hearts were hardened against their fellow man.

38 Rather than learn from their time as the underdog, they went from being the oppressed to becoming oppressors.

39 ¶ I saw many more things in this vision, a number of them I've read in the visions of other apostles, but I kept them to myself, as I had been told over and over that what Smith had seen couldn't be seen by others.

40 I did not think anyone would believe me; but I had seen a vision and the Lord told me he had a work for me and asked me if I would like to know more; I said yes.

41 ¶ From that time, for over a year, I was visited by angels that taught me the will of the Lord.

42 All of my life people have said that I have a way of understanding and teaching spiritual truths that amazes them, but this isn't me; it is because of the lessons I learned from angels as a child and my connection to the Holy Spirit.

43 The angels opened my mind to the gifts of the Spirit in a way that causes me to see things the way I do.

44 This is not to say that I am more holy, or better than anyone else—everyone can have these experiences.

45 I am not special in any way, I was merely given a choice and chose to follow a God that promised nothing but information, rather than a devil that promised everything without really telling me anything.

Note:

- a. Back then, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints broke Sunday worship into two parts: starting in the morning, a break for lunch, then back again in the afternoon.

Chapter 3

Meeting the Lord.

1 By the time I was six years of age, I had seen my angel friends numerous times; they had taught me, and answered many of my questions.

2 I told practically no one of my experiences, as the very few people I tried to share my visions with mocked them, thinking they were the imaginations of a child; yet I knew them to be true.

3 ¶ A number of times I had asked to see the Lord but was told I could not; I surmise now it was because I was too young to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, or simply not ready; but, in truth I do not know why I was not permitted to see Him.

4 I know my faith allowed me to dream dreams, have visions, and visits from angels, but I fear that my lack of understanding as a child may have stood in the way of seeing the Lord for myself.

5 ¶ One day, I was sent up for quiet time, and as usual, I did not sleep; I was playing when the angel of the Lord appeared and asked me if I would like to speak to the Lord.

6 I answered in the affirmative and was told to go to the window, but that I could not open the curtain.

7 My room was on the second story, so I surmised the Lord would be standing on the ground, but his voice was clearly just on the other side.

8 ¶ I asked the Lord if he was flying; He said, with a voice full of joy, that he was, in a manner.

9 I had been told I was forbidden to touch the angels, and wondered if I could touch the Lord, so I asked him if I could give him a hug, to feel Him with my eyes closed;

10 But the Lord saw through me, asking me if I would peek; I admitted that I would, He laughed with a joy I will never forget, and we talked for some time.

11 ¶ He first answered all of my questions and then began to ask me questions; finally, He asked me if I would covenant to serve Him and I told him I would, as he made me happy.

12 After the covenant was made, He left, and as He did, so too did the joy of being in His presence.

13 Wanting the Lord to return, I opened the curtains, expecting to see Him, asking him to come back; but he was gone.

14 ¶ I turned back to the angel who told me that once I was baptized and received the Holy Spirit, I could feel that joy all of the time; it was also explained to me that there would still be pain, trials, and hardships.

15 The angel of the Lord told me that our time together would be over soon.

16 The angel said that I would still receive visions and revelations, particularly after I had received baptism by Fire—the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

Chapter 4

The Creation.

1 As a teenage boy, one night I sat in my room conversing with the voice of the Lord; I was asking Him questions and He was giving me answers.

2 My vision of the creation came this night when I was in bed, pondering the mysteries of the universe.

3 I had been praying and was filled with the spirit. I was pondering the theory of evolution and the creation story, as told by my religious relatives and as I had learned of it at church^a.

4 As a teenager in high school, this seemed very important to me; the Lord had already shown me a few visions that evening, and I was fearful of the answer I would receive.

5 Would God reveal my understanding of the Bible false, or was all the scientific evidence a lie? How could science and what I thought the scriptures taught be in conflict?

6 ¶ I prayed to see the creation, as recorded in the Bible, and a vision unfolded before my eyes.

7 I saw gases and stars; the materials moved, and the sun was formed.

8 Then the earth; it was as if time was on fast forward, the whole of it happened as a series of events, a timeline shown to me with no explanation.

9 At first, I was amazed at how quickly everything transpired; “seven days,” as recorded in the scriptures, seemed like mere moments to me.

10 As I asked questions, the events rolled back and played again, like a movie; but things were slowed down so I could see clearer.

11 ¶ Very quickly, I realized the problem with what I was seeing; time was not a factor to the Lord.

12 The Earth was not created in mere moments, nor was it created in seven literal days.

13 Visions are given, not in real time, but in the Lord’s time; and, to Him all time is nonexistent.

14 How can one that is eternal measure time in a way comparable to finite beings?

15 ¶ When I asked him about the truth of the battle between evolution and creation, the voice of the Lord spoke to me saying: “What does it matter, know that all things were made by my hand.”

16 But I insisted; I wanted to know the truth, and I pointed out that He was a God of truth.

17 The Lord slowed down the vision again, this time I saw the creation of everything, not just of the planet.

18 I saw small cells multiplying and life forming, life growing and changing, evolving right before my eyes.

19 At a quick glance, it was easy to see how one could think things were being created out of nothing; however, at a closer look, it was clear that life was not simply called out of nothing.

20 ¶ I cannot say exactly how everything worked or in what order, but a few things were made very clear to me:

21 First, nothing was an accident; everything was created for a reason, and these reasons are parts of God's plan.

22 Second, Adam and Eve were not alone on the Earth, nor were they the first people; they were the first people in the story of mankind as it relates to our salvation, the salvation of this human family; not only did spiritual death enter the world through Adam and Eve, but spiritual life as well.

23 Third, revelation is a hard thing to understand, we should not jump to conclusions and sometimes one revelation or vision can have many meanings.

24 Lastly, the Lord does not always tell us what we want to hear, sometimes He gives us the answer we need, even if it is not the answer to the question asked.

25 ¶ At this point the Lord had shown me the creation of the Earth, and enlightened my understanding in many ways, yet I had one other question I was afraid to ask.

26 The Lord eased my mind through the power of the Holy Spirit and knowing it was alright to ask, I inquired as to where He came from.

27 I felt joy from the Lord, knowing he wished for me to ask, and He answered my question with a vision.

28 ¶ I saw, in vision, a pool of what looked like water; there, intelligences were moving on the face of the water. These intelligences began rising up and conversing.

29 Then, they began to glow so bright it was hard to look upon them any longer; these then helped others out of the pool as well.

30 It was then explained to me that what looked like water was in fact "the face of the waters" found in the deep; a great pool of intelligences^b; this pool was where we all came from, we were a part of it.

31 Whether the first to leave were Gods to our God, as I had been taught by some Latter-day Saints at church, or our Gods, our Heavenly Parents (Elohim) and Jesus Christ, alone was not made known to me.

32 What was made known was that Elohim, our Heavenly Father and Mother, left on their own, creating their own spirit bodies; then they created their own bodies of flesh and bone as they have now, and that YHWH, Jesus Christ, had been with them from the beginning.

33 These then helped other intelligences create their own spirit bodies; the first to create His own Spirit body was Jehovah/Jesus Christ, as he had been with them from the beginning.

34 He, Jesus Christ, was literally the first born of the Father through their help in His spiritual creation; yet He is co-eternal with the Father and a God, just as the Father is a God.

35 From there, other noble and great ones were born to their own created spirit bodies, through the help and instruction of our Heavenly Parents.

36 ¶ It was also clear that the lower the intelligence, the greater they needed help in the creation of their own spirit bodies, yet all humans on this Earth created their spirit bodies themselves.

37 This is why God, in the books of Genesis and Moses, "moved upon the face of the water" but in the book of Abraham, "the Spirits of the gods" were "brooding" or better said, incubating.

38 God the Father and his wife or wives were self-created; as his children we too are self-created, but only through the help of our Heavenly Parents.

39 All that were intelligences understood, to their capacity, what was happening and rejoiced greatly upon leaving the face of the waters in the deep;

40 They understood that this was the first part in creating eternal physical bodies of flesh and bone, as they saw Elohim had.

41 ¶ It should be understood that matter and intelligence are both co-eternal; neither has beginning nor end; the progress of joining these two co-eternal forces is the point of all existence and the end of the first eternity^c.

42 It is the priesthood and the Law that allows this to happen, and only by obedience to the Law can the priesthood work; and, Christ's Grace shows mercy to us that we may use the priesthood though we are imperfect.

43 This helped me to understand the vision I had of the creation, as I was shown in it that we created the Earth, as we are gods; the children of God the Father and a Heavenly Mother;

44 (Whether we are all from the same Heavenly Mother or if Heavenly Father has more than one wife, I do not know);

45 Just as God the Father created His own body, first in spirit then in the flesh, we are now doing the same, with God's help.

46 However, His identity and intelligence are greater than ours, thus we need His divine guidance; we cannot do this on our own.

47 Likewise, our obedience to the Law is too weak; we need a Savior.

48 This is the role of Jesus Christ, to be the Savior of the world; His perfection is so great that His divinity is also eternally greater than ours; we need a way to converse with our Gods, this is the role of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit.

49 This is why they are Gods, worthy of our worship; and we are gods, children of the Most High;

50 This is how God is our Father, He and our Heavenly Mother look out for us, lead us guide us and sent their Sons, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, to walk beside us so that we can find our way.

Note:

- a. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- b. See Genesis 1:2.
- c. See DoS 58:30.

Chapter 5

In the Garden.

1 ¶ One night the Lord gave me a vision in the form of a dream; in this dream I was at work, watching the news, everyone's eyes were glued to the TV screen, the reporters were stating that the Garden of Eden had been found here in North America.

2 They were talking to experts in religion, philosophy, archaeology, and more, asking: what did this mean for the world? What did it mean for America? What did it mean for religion?

3 Most of the people talking the loudest used this discovery to “prove” their own religions correct;

4 Jews were outside the Garden praying, Protestants were preaching loudly, Catholics were chanting and using hand signs, some waving containers of smoke; Muslims had gathered and were praying and reading the Quran.

5 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' missionaries in that area were talking to people, pointing out that Joseph Smith Jr. had said that the Garden of Eden was here in America.

6 Other world religions were represented as well, and each gave their point of view on what the Garden really was—from Shangri La to Atlantis and more.

7 There was a fear among many that the unholy would die if they entered the Garden, all of these religions seemed to think this spot should belong only to them and their followers; though the Garden had been found, as of yet no one had entered.

8 ¶ The biggest shock came when the people, archaeologists of no particular religious affiliation, that had made the discovery finally walked in, as when they did, they simply came right back out.

9 These explorers looked just a little younger than when they went in, more refreshed and full of life.

10 Though they had been gone but minutes, they stated they were in the Garden for years—a lifetime!

11 Now reporters were talking to physicists; these scientists were talking about string theory and quantum mechanics, all trying to explain what had happened.

12 Doctors were saying that the men and women that had come out were healthy and strong.

13 ¶ Suddenly the push from people trying to get into the Garden was even greater as everyone wanted the “miracle food” inside that they imagined would cure their ills.

14 Some even thought they would drink from the mythical fountain of youth and live forever.

15 There were also ideas being entertained by some that entering would purify sins and that those that came out were now somehow “holy.”

16 These reports went on for days; in my dream, I watched them on my work breaks at work and until I went to sleep at night at home.

17 After the first week, fears of economic collapse due to interest in the Garden had faded, but people all over the world were still making pilgrimages to get to the Garden of Eden.

18 Coworkers kept asking when I was going, shocked to hear that I was waiting until my scheduled time off from work.

19 I felt (in my dream) this was something that should happen at the right time, not just because I wanted it.

20 ¶ Finally, that day came. I drove to Missouri and parked my car; I had to walk for miles from there, due to all the abandoned cars of the people that came before me.

21 As I got closer to the front, I could hear people talking as they came out:

22 “It was really beautiful!” exclaimed one woman, “Yeah, but there wasn’t much to do,” came a response from the man with her.

23 “I’m getting a tee shirt, to remember the occasion,” said yet another.

24 Most of the responses were like this; it seemed that many wanted in, but once there they did not know what to do in the Garden.

25 Besides the religiously fervent, to some this was like an entertainment park, a cool “trick of nature,” to others a “scientific curiosity.”

26 Yet the religious people that went in expecting to see angels or miracles came out disappointed, some were now even calling it a tourist trap.

27 ¶ As I walked passed them on my way into the Garden, a man tried to stop me from going in.

28 “Excuse me, I need you to fill out this survey before you enter,” he said, very politely.

29 “No thank you,” I said just as politely.

30 “I apologize for the inconvenience,” he said with the utmost courtesy, “but I can’t let you in until after you complete the survey.”

31 I tried to move him out of the way with my arm, but he put his hands up, asking that I not touch him.

32 “Can’t you ask someone else?” I asked, waving my hands towards all the people walking past me.

33 “We are asking everyone,” he said.

34 I looked around and saw a few others dressed like him; they too were all asking people to stop, but everyone was just walking past them as if they couldn’t even see them.

35 Annoyed that he was focusing on me, but understanding as no one else was listening, I went with him.

36 ¶ After sitting down, the man explained that people were going in freely and free of charge, but that they wanted to see what they learned while in there, among other things too lengthy to go over in this narrative.

37 I thought this rather scientific and was suddenly a little more willing to help.

38 After filling out the forms and listening to his advice, I again started walking towards the Garden.

39 As I walked in, I noticed that some of the others had found a few people to take the survey, though not many; and the people they found seemed to be of the same mindset as myself, annoyed but understanding. I kept going and finally, I went into the Garden of Eden.

40 ¶ Entering the Garden, I was at once in shock and awe of the beauty.

41 There were animals and plants there I had never seen with greens and colors so bright it was impossible not to feel happier just looking at them.

42 The colors of the plants and fruits were so vivid, unlike anything I had ever seen before.

43 The food was so good I felt as though I could eat forever and never feel hungry or full ever again; the wonders and awe that I saw here were too great to describe in written words.

44 I saw many miraculous things, all pointing to the reality of God.

45 I even saw the tree of life at the east of the Garden, guarded by Cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way.

46 ¶ I noticed that other people did not seem to care to talk to anyone outside the groups they had come in with. As I came in alone, it was as if I were invisible to anyone else.

47 It was clear that some of these people had been there for many years, and out of curiosity I began to study and observe them.

48 I saw people baptizing and being baptized in the waters as I walked around.

49 I saw people trying to teach the people there; some stopped as though they thought they heard something; others walked past them without a thought.

50 Very rarely I would see a few people had stopped and were listening to the teachers; these teachers were dressed in the same manner as the man that had stopped me before entering the garden.

51 There were also merchants selling trinkets, which I found odd as they were selling things that could be easily picked up off the ground; yet people were lining up to buy these items as if there were no other means of obtaining them.

52 Walking around, I also noticed that there were people that would destroy life in the Garden just to watch it grow again; some would cut themselves and pour water over their wounds just to see them heal.

53 The power of the Garden was being used to entertain, not to edify or enlighten; I did not know why, but this made me very sad.

54 ¶ I do not know how long I was in the Garden, but after a time of watching how others were treating this miraculous and wondrous place, and exploring it extensively for myself, I felt the desire to leave.

55 Upon leaving, the man that had stopped me before was there again with his surveys; I was feeling depressed after leaving, trying to process what I saw.

56 I really didn't want to talk to him, but he insisted.

57 I asked if I could come back later, promising that I would return, but he shook his head no; "You will forget," he said. "We must do this now, while it is fresh in your mind."

58 This made sense to me, so I glumly sat down, I went over everything I saw in great detail as he wrote everything down.

59 As my experience poured out, I felt as though the negatives I saw were draining from me, leaving me exhausted but uplifted. It transformed the experience for me.

60 ¶ After I was finished, he looked me in the eyes and asked, "What did you learn from this?"

61 I pondered this for a moment and looked back at him and responded, "It doesn't matter where you are, what matters is who you are."

62 At this he smiled and my understanding of who he was transformed, I instantly recognized him as an angel of the Lord, one I knew from my childhood.

63 As I understood who he was, I warmed up, being filled with the Holy Spirit.

64 Before I could say anything else to him, he responded: "That is correct, now go and tell everyone."

65 ¶ With that, I awoke in my bed, being filled with the Spirit of God and desirous to share this message with the world.

Chapter 6

Ordination.

1 Not realizing I'd ever need to tell my story; I didn't keep the best of records.

2 I was commanded by the Lord to make an appointment to talk to my bishop about being ordained a High Priest as early as 1998, but I didn't heed the command because of my lack of self confidence.

3 This prompting came to me off and on for over a decade.

4 Finally, around 2013 or so, I gave in and followed the Lord's command; at that point I was out of excuses.

5 I spoke to my bishop who told me that to become a High Priest, I would need to either age out of Elders Quorum or receive a Stake calling.

6 He stated that it was really just for the keys of running the Church at that level or to have peers so priesthood meetings would be more relevant.

7 This did not make sense to me both because the Relief Society didn't separate out grandmothers, and it wasn't in line with the teachings of the Joseph Smith version of the Bible:

8 "And thus, having been approved of God, he was ordained a high priest after the order of the covenant which God made with Enoch... to stand in the presence of God, to do all things according to his will, according to his command, subdue principalities and powers; and this by the will of the Son of God which

was from before the foundation of the world. And men having this faith, coming up unto this order of God, were translated and taken up into heaven. And now, Melchizedek was a priest of this order” (IV/JST Genesis 14:28, 31-33).

9 ¶ I went home to pray, had I waited too long? Did the Lord have something else for me to do next?

10 I felt peace, knowing I had finally done what the Lord asked me to do, and blessed by His patients with me.

11 When I prayed that night, I felt the peace of the Lord wash over me; I knew there was more to come; what, I did not know.

12 ¶ A few weeks or so later, I was alone, praying when the Lord told me it was time I was ordained a High Priest, as there was a work He had for me.

13 Presuming it was a work in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I asked if I should make another appointment with my Bishop, or if I should speak to the Stake President.

14 Rather than answer my question, a light came into the room, in the light was a man, not quite as tall as myself.

15 His skin was dark, like bronze, his hair black; yet he was white—hair and skin, glowing with spiritual power; he identified himself as Raphael, a servant of the Lord.

16 Though startled at first, I was not afraid, I felt a peace wash over me.

17 Not wanting to be deceived, I stuck out my hand to shake his, he grasped my hand in the token of the Law of Sacrifice and I felt a warmth come over me, washing through me with the love and power of God that he had in him.

18 I was immediately reminded of stories in the scriptures, as I shook his hand, of those that had fallen down to worship angels and understood why they had; but I knew he was not a God.

19 ¶ As I let go of his hand, he told me he had been send by God to ordain me a High Priest and set me apart. His blessing^a was as follows:

20 David, servant of God, I bless thee and place upon your head all of the keys of the High Priesthood, even as Abraham had.

21 For it was I, Melchizedek, that ordained Abraham; teaching him, blessing and ordaining him with the keys of the Priesthood after the Order of the Son of God.

22 With these keys come the responsibilities of your calling.

23 It was I that taught thee in thy youth, with others in the Lord’s name; and, as I told thee then, you will have a hand in completing the restoration of all things.

24 You will see many things and are called to perform a work in preparing the children of men to receive the Lord their God.

25 Even now the horses are chomping at the bits, ready to carry home Christ, our King.

26 Though you are weak, in the Lord you shall be strong; He has prepared you for this day and has prepared others to assist you in this work.

27 And this is your ministry: Unity in the Lord, Holiness to the Lord; to go forward and teach every man, woman, and child to love their neighbors even as they are loved by God; for God loves all.

28 And by this love shall Satan be bound, and Jesus shall reign the one true King over all the earth.

29 Go forward with strength in God, translating the Word of God, and preaching peace in the name of the Most High; Amen.

30 ¶ With this he left, the room seeming dark and bland without the light that had emanated from him.

31 I said a prayer in meditation, repeating his words over and over.

32 I thought now that I should receive a call from someone at church, as I believed the work I was to do was to be in that denomination; it was a call that never came.

Note:

- a. This was not the whole blessing, but all I feel prompted to reveal at this time.

Chapter 7

The Store.

1 In May of 2015, I had a dream, it was one in a series of dreams I have had over the course of several years; I know these dreams are not ordinary dreams, but from the Lord; this one made it clearer to me that the Lord had a work for me to do.

2 In this dream, I obtained a small shop in a mall, but this was no ordinary shop, nor was it an ordinary mall.

3 Even before I unlocked the doors, I was told by other shop owners to come and buy from their stores, not to open this shop; and while there were crowds of curious people looking to see the shop that was re-opening, the other shop owners were pushing them to go to their stores.

4 Once inside the shop, my small team and I had to clean the place up, there was a lot of dirt and dust.

5 Worse yet, there was mold on the books and items we were selling in the shop, the mold was so bad it looked like long hair growing on the books.

6 While some were cleaning up the windows, shelves, and signs, I started to clean the books using a thick mold killer and a razor to cut away the age and clean them.

7 ¶ As I cleaned them, I could see they were made of gold and silver, wrapped in leather; the books were beautiful to behold!

8 Upon closer examination I could see what they were, the Scriptures—the Word of God.

9 Even though we were still cleaning, people insisted they be allowed to shop in the store.

10 They would look around, some mocked us for being so small and left.

11 Others, a small few, could see the beauty under the imperfection from what seemed like decades of neglect and stayed to help clean.

12 Meanwhile, the other store owners would come in and tell us the end was coming, that we all needed to get out of this shop and go to their shops for safety.

13 Even in the court yards between the shops, people argued amongst themselves, with every shop owner insisting they had the only safe shop, with various patrons joining in the debate.

14 I asked those working on this shop not to join the debates, and I let everyone know that they were welcome to come and go in this shop as they pleased, and that they were welcome to their shops, but that we would stay and clean.

15 I let them know that they would indeed be safe in their shops, but that this shop was just as safe; it was the mall itself that protected us, not the stores.

16 ¶ It was at this point that a few things happened:

17 First, I realized that this shop I was in was not really a bookstore, as I had imagined, nor were any of the other shops normal stores that sold things like clothing or electronics.

18 All of the stores in this mall sold the same thing: salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

19 Some asked for more or less money than others, some were more or less entertaining; but all offered the same service: salvation.

20 It was then that I realized that all of the stores were the various Christian religions; they all claimed to have the only Christ with the saving grace that leads to salvation.

21 Yet those that came to the shop I had reopened were looking for something more.

22 It seemed that the moment I realized this; the sky caught fire.

23 The ceiling of the mall was made of glass windows, how anyone thought their store with glass windows would survive a meteor shower, I did not know;

24 Yet this was their argument, their store was safe while all the other stores had glass windows. In this dream, however, I knew that we would all be just fine.

25 ¶ I was calmly telling another store owner that we in the reopened shop would be fine as the meteor shower started.

26 We both looked up, and he dropped to the ground fearing his own demise as I calmly watched the meteor disintegrate before hitting the roof of the mall.

27 Looking around, I saw many surprised, running for shelter as they were caught unaware in the courtyards. Yet all in the mall were safe, for they all had Christ.

28 The other shop owner that had been trying to argue with me got up and sheepishly scratched his head. He admitted that he had been incorrect, as it was clear that everyone in the mall was safe.

29 ¶ Once the meteor shower ended, the other shop owners and I went out to survey the land, we found it utterly decimated.

30 All life outside the mall had been destroyed but a few stragglers, saved I know not how, the few that were left went to the mall, stunned that it was there.

31 They all stated that they had never seen it, nor knew of it; that if they had known there was a mall they would have entered and warned their friends and family.

32 ¶ This dream was a powerful message and warning to me, Doctrines of the Saints 42:31-46 points out that all that accept Christ will be saved by Christ's Grace; this grace was the glass shield around the mall in my dream.

33 I now knew that it does not matter what "store" or church or denomination we belong to, as long as we are His, that is Christ's.

34 Rather than fighting amongst ourselves, we should be working together to share the Good News of Christ with all; and we read in Doctrines of the Saints 42:31 and 33:

35 ¶ "Yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of His wrath, who shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead through the triumph and glory of the Lamb who was slain, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made...

36 "That through Him all might be saved whom the Father had put unto His power, and made by Him who glorifieth the Father and saveth all the work of His hands, except those sons and daughters of perdition who denyeth the Son after the Father hath revealed Him."

37 ¶ Later in 2015 I was given another dream where I was working in a vast field.

38 Every so often I would bump into a sheet or curtain that got in my way; it was annoying, frustrating.

39 Then the voice of the Lord said: This is as man sees, see as I see, and I was pulled up into the clouds.

40 I saw that the vast field was nothing as compared to the true field that seemed to have no end.

41 There were others working in fields with curtain barriers limiting them to their part of the vineyard.

42 The curtains were easy to pass through, yet people stayed where they were.

43 I felt the Spirit enlighten me to understand the vineyard was the Church of God, and the curtains divided this Church here upon the earth to meet the many needs of mankind through all the various denominations.

Chapter 8

Another Dream.

1 As time moved forward, I pondered my dream from the Lord of the Garden of Eden; what it meant, I did not know; I felt called, but in the Latter-day Saint Church one does not simply start preaching without a call from a Church leader above them.

2 It was after our twins were born that I realized that the dream of the Garden was the Lord's call for me to preach the Gospel, to call others to Christ.

3 I did not fully understand how to go about this and waited for a call from some LdS Church leader, but that call never came.

4 During this time, I was led by the Spirit to learn more about a variety of topics and I gained a number of revelations and insights from the Lord.

5 I kept these to myself, sharing them only with my wife as I did not have the authority to speak on these matters to members of the LdS Church.

6 ¶ During this time, I was saddened often by the rejection of those by the LdS Church that desired to come unto Christ.

7 Why was Christ's Grace powerful enough to cover my sins, but not powerful enough to cover the sins of others, I often pondered?

8 The Lord told me that his Grace was sufficient, but that the Church had yet to learn these truths.

9 ¶ I had felt the Spirit tell me to stop attending the Latter-day Saint Church in the fall of 2014.

10 At this time the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, from my perspective, had started going back to its old ways of exclusion.

11 Just as they had rejected the Lord and had not allowed blacks to receive the Office of the Priesthood, just as they sympathized with Nazis before the U.S. entered WWII, just as they said "no" to women's equality in the workplace, etc. the leaders of the Latter-day Saints now wanted the U.S. government to define marriage for other Churches.

12 The irony in this was that we stopped practicing polygamy for this very reason; the Lord asked us to fight, and when we lost, He asked us to stand down.

13 Now, the Latter-day Saint Church was doing to others the evil that had been done to them.

14 ¶ This meant that my family stopped going to church; my wife was welcome to attend on her own, but did not want to go without me, and I didn't want to go and send a mixed signal to my children that what was happening was correct before the Lord.

15 The Lord had asked me to stop, I do not exactly know why, but in view of my frustration I did not even ask, I just did as the Spirit directed.

16 My anger towards the manmade policies was great, as these policies rejected the Gospel and teachings of the Church as found in the doctrine, the scriptures of the Church.

17 During my time of inactivity from the Church, I prayed daily for revelation from the Lord: Why had he asked me to stop attending? What was my next step? I really didn't know what I should do.

18 The Spirit told me to return only after I was offered a Stake calling, but after Christmas, I returned anyway.

19 I disobeyed the Lord, and I make no excuse for it.

20 ¶ I knew it meant a lot to my wife, and it felt right to go back on a personal, worldly level; yet I still kept receiving revelations from the Lord.

21 I told the Lord that despite the wickedness of the leaders of the Church, from Brigham Young taking the priesthood from blacks to the attacks against religious freedoms in the United States under Thomas S. Monson, I would not leave unless He came to me in the spirit of peace; and I required my wife to be a second witness to me.

22 I feared that my frustration with the evil I was seeing was driving me away, rather than the Lord, and I begged Him to explain to me why He was giving me these revelations.

23 ¶ One night after much prayer and reflection, I had a dream given me of the Lord; this was a dream and not to be taken literally, but there were things taught to me here by the Spirit.

24 In this dream, I was in Utah with my wife, we were at the LdS General Conference.

25 We had been invited there, with a group of about twenty-five or so people, to meet the Brethren between sessions.

26 It was much like a celebrity event, in that there was much hand waving from the Church leaders, and much swooning from the faithful.

27 We, the people there to meet Church leaders, were a part of a PR campaign to make the Church appear more open.

28 ¶ During the first session, I spoke to the others in my small group, asking them what they planned to do or say to the Church leaders when we met them.

29 No one had really thought of anything to ask up to this point; we decided to kneel in prayer and ask the Lord for guidance.

30 The voice of the Lord came to all of us, telling us to ask the brethren if they had ever seen Jesus Christ; after all, this is what it means to be an apostle—a special witness of Christ.

31 ¶ When our time came, we were still on live TV, the speakers were on; those in the crowd and all across the world could see and hear us and our questions.

32 We had voted in unison that this was the question to ask, and it was decided, though I was not keen to do it, that I would be our spokesperson.

33 Once on the stage, with cameras rolling, I asked the Brethren, "Have you seen Jesus Christ?"

34 They all looked at each other, appearing very troubled by this question, then one of them spoke, stating this was not an appropriate thing to ask on live TV.

35 At this point, fearing they would lose control, they broke us up, and there were about two to three people to each of the fifteen Church leaders; I was taken with the group that was now speaking to Elder Ballard.

36 While all of this was going on, my wife went to the microphone and asked the members of the Church what harm it would be for men that claimed apostleship?

37 What would the harm be to state just once, not to brag but to inform, that they had seen God for all the world to know that He lives?

38 At this point, people started calling the Church, and people in the audience wanted to know, had these men seen the Risen Jesus?

39 ¶ Finally, the Brethren went to the stand and stated they would step off stage and pray to know the will of the Lord in this matter; we waited on stage for their return.

40 Time passed, time for the second session came, and they still had not come out; the time for the second session soon too passed.

41 Just as I was about to go backstage to make sure they were okay, my wife asked me if I would go back and see what was taking so long.

42 I went to the pulpit and let the cameras and those in the building know that due to time, I would just step back to see what was going on, and make sure everything was okay.

43 ¶ When I got backstage, I knocked three times, but no one answered; I was concerned I might be interrupting a major spiritual event, then the Lord whispered: Go in.

44 I went in, and the room, at first, appeared empty; then, after closer inspection I saw the room was filled with demons.

45 Using the Priesthood, I commanded the evil creatures to leave and, obedient to the power of the Priesthood and the name of Jesus Christ, they did flee from my presence and from the building.

46 As this was happening, my wife was looking at the equipment in the room, as it happened, the equipment had been on, filming, the whole time.

47 We rewound the tape and watched their discussion, and we didn't want to show the world what we saw.

48 We prayed and an angel of the Lord came to us and told us that the people needed to see the tape, so we connected it to the main feed and played it.

49 On the tape, we saw the Brethren state they were unwilling to answer the question, as in doing so it would appear as though they had given in and lost control of the Church.

50 Very worried about losing power, they opted to leave, and hold a press conference later that would state that after prayer they feared for their safety, and to ignore the question all together.

51 They had decided that they would not outrightly accuse those of us invited to meet them and ask them anything of misdoing, as this may also make them look bad; however, they would plant the seed and let the members point fingers for them.

52 After they left, we saw the evil creatures enter the room, there was no longer anyone there with the keys to stop them, and the deception of the Church leaders had invited them in.

53 I asked my wife to turn the tape off, but she wanted the people to know that the power of the Lord was real, so she forwarded the tape to the part where I exercised out the demons.

54 There was more to the dream, but I feel impressed by the Spirit not to record the whole dream, that the Lord will reveal the rest to others as He sees fit.

55 ¶ When I awoke, I remembered the dream perfectly, and asked the Lord what it meant.

56 The Spirit whispered to me: That they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof.

57 I understood that this dream was not to call out the Brethren, nor was it to glorify myself; this dream was to point out the fear of losing control the leaders of the Church have, and that they are not alone.

58 Every Latter Day Saint denomination shares this fear and has since the death of Joseph Smith Jr.

59 This revelation in the form of a dream was given to point out that when the Lord is ignored, evil enters.

60 And, this dream was to tell me that though many hold the Keys to the Kingdom, these keys are not all or always being used to their full potential;

61 That the fear of men, at times, can outweigh their fear of the Lord, and this was too was a warning to me to fear the Lord above man.

62 ¶ This dream prepared me for further revelations and my call from God to serve the Lord and help build up his kingdom here on the earth.

Chapter 9

In the Temple.

1 At the time all of this was occurring, I was traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with politicians and their staffers on behalf of one of the groups my company was working with.

2 Having trouble focusing, my mind wondered one day to the dreams and revelations I was receiving; I was receiving revelation continuously but did not know what to do with it.

3 For some reason, that day I was reminded of the revelation I had received the first time I went through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' temple.

4 While in the Washington DC temple back in the 1990's, it was revealed to me that the endowments were meant to be given as we progressed in the offices of the priesthood.

5 The Lord had tried to reveal more to me at that time, but I had pushed the information away as it was not my role or place to receive revelation for this Church.

6 At this point, I knew the Lord had a work for me and in prayer I asked the Lord what I was to do with all the information He was giving me.

7 Rather than answer this prayer, a vision was opened unto me right there in a certain congressman's office.

8 ¶ In the vision, the Lord revealed to me that the temple was never to be secret, this is the dispensation of revelation when mysteries are to be revealed.

9 I saw that the Saints, as they scattered after the death of Joseph Smith Jr., had both added to and used the revealed information without understanding what it meant or what to do with it.

10 I saw Priests preparing the sacrament in their temple clothes, and Bishops sitting on the stand in full temple clothing.

11 I also saw men and women gather in the true order of prayer, and I saw that every congregations' building was a temple of the Lord open to the public.

12 My eyes were opened, and I understood that the temple worship was to be simple worship, there was no need for separate temples and meeting houses.

13 ¶ I did not know what to do with this revelation, I felt the Holy Spirit moving me to tell the world!

14 Yet I feared the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and told the Lord that if it was His will to make these changes, that He should tell his servants, the apostles leading this Church.

15 I shared my visions with my wife, but otherwise kept what I knew in my heart.

Chapter 10

God's Work, A Blueprint.

1 From the time I received the dream of cleaning the store, I knew the Lord was calling me to a mighty work to do in His holy name; I began to receive revelation after revelation of how the Lord had wanted His Fellowship organized.

2 The Lord had shown me where the Latter Day Saint Churches would be today had we not let fear and secrecy take precedence over his will.

3 I was shown the true meaning of the temple rituals, how the Lord had wished for it to be used by this time.

4 The Lord showed me the structure of the Church, as the prophet Joseph Smith Jr. was setting it up, and how it should have been set up by this point.

5 To be clear, however, the Lord did not state that the current or former presidents of the Church are or were evil or that they did not hold the keys to the kingdom.

6 It was and is to me clear that these men still hold the required keys, and are inspired, yet have failings like everyone else.

7 It is also clear that there are flaws in the manmade policies and procedures and we have seen how these have led each Church and its members astray in some areas and have led a number of people away from Christ.

8 ¶ The question in my mind after every revelation was, what do I do with this?

9 As a lay member of the largest Latter Day Saint denomination, I could not just fly to Utah and let the Brethren know that the Lord had revealed these things to me, as this is not how the Latter-day Saint branch of the Church of Christ works.

10 I did not understand why I was getting these visions, for I am no one; I am just Dave.

11 I needed to know why I was receiving these visions and revelations; I had asked repeatedly, but the Lord ignored my questions and just gave me more information.

12 Yet rather than feeling confused, I felt overwhelmed.

13 In my heart I knew what the Lord required of me and that this knowledge was why He was not answering me in the manner I desired.

14 ¶ On November 6, 2015, I learned that the Church would be rejecting children of same-sex couples, and that they had been rejecting the children of polygamists wishing to join the LDS Church.

15 It was at this time that I felt a peace come over me; the Spirit of the Lord whispered to me: It is time.

16 With that, I started a website to hold all of the information the Lord has revealed to me over my lifetime.

17 If it is God's will that something becomes of it, then His will be done; if not, I can at least say I followed the Lord and did as He commanded me.

18 The information is not a perfect record, I am dyslexic and so if there are faults and flaws, they are the mistakes of men;

19 Yet I know that in spite of this, those that read over these revelations and will not reject the Lord but will instead pray to the Lord will know the truth of them.

20 ¶ One thing I have learn through all of this is not to condemn the things of God, that we may be found spotless at the judgment seat of Christ;

21 The Lord is perfect and I, as a flawed human, will do my best to get this information out into the world.

22 The Spirit will guide those that read and pray to know the truth and will testify of the meaning of all things.

23 This work is a Holy work, the Work of the Lord; it is not done to condemn or reject the Latter-day Saint branch or any other Church;

24 We are all able to receive God's Grace if we but ask, salvation is not tied to a church; it is tied to our Savior, even Jesus Christ.

25 The Bible won't save us, the Book of Mormon won't save us; Jesus will save us, if we but accept Him.

26 Regardless of religious denomination, if one has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior this Fellowship is meant to be a place for them.

27 This work is to place to collect revelations and inspiration—the will of the Lord through His servants;

28 A place of hope where those looking to worship Jesus and study the Scriptures without bigotry or rejection can come and find peace.

29 To that end, God bless this work and those that do it; in His name, Jesus Christ, So Mote It Be; Amen.

2 David

The Fellowship of Christ

A brief history of The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

Chapter 1

The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship, November 6, 2015.

1 On Friday, November 6, 2015 I received a revelation from the Lord.

2 As I read that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was rejecting children worthy of baptism because the organization disapproved of same-sex couples marrying, I felt a peace wash over me, and I heard the voice of the Lord say: “It is time.”

3 ¶ The only way to describe what happened next is to say that the Holy Spirit descended upon me as a dove.

4 I was fully embraced and enveloped in the Spirit of God in a way I cannot describe with human lips or in terms of human understanding.

5 I spoke to the Lord, being in the Presence of God in a way described in the Books of Moses as, when Moses was in God’s Presence.

6 ¶ I have been told not to record the full conversation as much of it was for me alone; I will however say this: The understanding I had at that moment was beyond comprehension.

7 I was given access to understanding beyond understanding, and when the moment was over, that understanding was gone as well.

8 I retained the memory of the experience, but that limitless flow of pure knowledge and wisdom was taken from me and I was returned to myself.

9 ¶ That morning, on my drive to work, I prayed to the Lord the entire journey, asking Him about the things I was to do.

10 One of the things I knew I needed to do was create a place to begin this ministry, this journey, the Lord had called me to.

11 My first thought was to build a website, a digital portal to the world, but I had to have a name so I could purchase a URL.

12 ¶ As I drove, I asked God: What should this ministry, this thing you have called me to build, be called?

13 Please Lord, let it be something short that works, like Community of Christ; there are so many churches called ‘Church of Jesus Christ’ it cannot be that simple, but it does not need to be too long or overly complicated.

14 I am not going to just make something up, I am going to wait for you to give me the name, because this is your work and I wish to do it for your glory not my own.

15 ¶ The prayer was longer than this, but this portion of that prayer is all that is relevant to cover at this time.

16 And, as I went about my day, I listened for the voice of the Lord to come to me, telling me what to name this movement I had been called to create; all day long, nothing.

17 I prayed again on my drive home; I reiterated many of the things the Lord had told me, and things from my prayer that morning.

18 I let the Lord know I could start writing but without a name, I could not start the website.

19 ¶ I ended my prayer after I was in my neighborhood, turning onto the street just before my own.

20 As I was turning onto the circle we lived on, the voice of the Lord spoke to me saying: The name shall be: The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

21 ¶ When I heard this, my countenance fell; this was not the short name I had ask for or been looking for; however, it was the name given to me from God;

22 I knew I could not go back and tell the Lord He was wrong; I just had to live with it.
23 ¶ Over time, I began to see the wisdom of God in the name given us:
24 We are a Church, a body of religious believers.
25 Faith in Jesus Christ is the core of our different religious beliefs—we are the body of Christ.
26 What we do is gather with fellow Christians of any and all denominations, and with those that do not affiliate with any denominations, to unite as one in Christ.
27 We gather in Christian Fellowship.
28 Thus, we have become exactly what God declared us to be: The Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

Chapter 2

The Book of Remembrance, January 12, 2016.

1 On January 12, 2016 I awoke around 5 am. Knowing the Lord had a revelation for me, I went downstairs to my office and prayed.

2 My prayer ended, I sat at my desk and filled by the Holy Spirit, began to receive a revelation; the revelation I received is now Chapter 4 of the Book of Remembrance.

3 After this revaluation ended, I knelt again in prayer, asking the Lord why I had received this short revelation that seemed completely out of nowhere.

4 After this, I went back upstairs and got ready for work.

5 ¶ Once at the office, I was reading the news for the day and I saw that then Apostle Russel Nelson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Brighamite) had made a statement that the rule his church has made to not to baptize worthy children of same-sex couples was a revelation from God.

6 This had me questioning a number of things, so I took my questions to the Lord.

7 I was then given a revelation telling me to leave it alone, that their policy was not from God but that I was not to war with my fellow Saints.

8 ¶ Later that day, I had finished with my work and was alone in the office, having been asked to stay behind to watch the phones while everyone else was out of the office.

9 I prayed again to the Lord, asking about the revelation I had received that morning.

10 In answer, I was told to put a blessing on the room I was in, to seal it that no evil could enter. While I did not understand, I obeyed.

11 ¶ At this time, I began to receive what is now Chapter 5 of the Book of Remembrance when I saw something move in the hallway outside my office.

12 I called out, asking who was there, but no one answered, I went back to work when I saw again the shadow of a figure in the hallway.

13 I stood up and demanded in the name of Jesus Christ that whoever or whatever was present would manifest themselves.

14 Then, in the doorway stood a woman unlike any I have ever encountered.

15 She had long hair, dirty and matted; so dirty that I could no answer as to what color her hair was.

16 She was naked, her covering her down to her midcalf, like a dress, but open in the middle; again, her skin was so filthy that I could not see the color of it.

17 Her face had a look of rage, and I knew instantly that she was there because she knew I was writing her story, and she had come to stop me.

18 In my mind's eye I could see the illusion she was trying to project of a beautiful woman dressed in fine, seductive purple clothing, yet I could only see her in her filthiness.

19 ¶ At this time I called upon the heavens for assistance and raised my right arm to the square to cast her out.

20 As I opened my mouth, speaking the words to expel her, a light descended from either the window or the ceiling, I do not know which, and Raphael stepped through carrying a drawn sword.

21 Pointing the sword as Lilith, he commanded her to leave as I was uttering the words of her expulsion. I ended my words in Jesus' name, and Raphael too commanded her to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.

22 And in rage, screaming with utter wrath, she was gone.

23 ¶ I hadn't noticed the darkness that had come in her presence, but with her gone, Raphael too departed and the room was brighter, as if the sun had just broken free from the clouds.

24 Still in the spirit, I went back to my work, receiving chapters 5, 6, and part of 7.

25 ¶ Later that night at home, I felt compelled to go back to my office at home and there, after blessing my home, property, and neighborhood as I do at my office at work, I received the remainder of chapters 7, all of chapters 8 and 9, and most of chapter 10.

26 ¶ It should be noted that per inspiration I initially put the revelations I received in 1889 before these, as can be seen in chapters 2 and 3 of the current version of the Book of Remembrance.

27 When preparing the work later, I prayed and was inspired to move parts of the revelations around to make the narrative clearer for the readers.; what is now 8:27-35 was originally part of the revelation that is now chapter 5.

Chapter 3

The Book of Remembrance and Kabbalah, January 16-23, 2016-March 2018.

1 That weekend, I was given the last few verses of chapter 10 and chapters 11-17 on Saturday January 16 and chapters 18-20 on Sunday January 17, 2016 without incident.

2 I was instructed not to put all of the revelations on the Fellowship website, but to hold portion of the revelations back, specifically the teachings of Raphael, from the world for a time.

3 ¶ On Wednesday, January 20, 2016 I was awakened again early in the morning and received chapters 21-24 that morning; I was instructed not to put all of the revelations on the Fellowship website, but to hold portion of the revelations back.

4 On Saturday January 23, 2016 I received chapters 25-28, ending the revelations; I reviewed them as a whole that day and the next, reading and re-reading both the portions on the website and the portions I was asked not to share.

5 I wondered why I had been given what was clearly the temple drama from the Brighamite tradition.

6 I had received a revelation on January 10, 2016 asking that the Saints of Christ build a temple, was this our temple drama?

7 I was concerned, as if this needed to be acted out, as is done in Brighamite temples and endowment houses, this would be rather lengthy.

8 However, I also knew that these ordinances, the sacraments, were given in stages; line upon line, and precept upon precept so maybe it wouldn't be as lengthy as I was thinking.

9 ¶ In March of 2018 I was praying on the direction of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship and the Lord spoke to me saying: Unite my people in Kabbalah.

10 Not knowing what this meant, I began to study Kabbalah, and after a few months the Lord brought my attention back to the Book of Remembrance.

11 I was told in late July to begin editing the book prayerfully for publication, and re-reading the text with my new found understanding of Kabbalah I realized that this revelation was Kabbalistic teaching, it was a Kabbalistic book.

12 My spirit sank a bit when, while editing, I discovered that the words of Raphael could be found in an ancient Kabbalistic text known as Sefer Raziel HaMalakh.

13 The portion of the revelation I received that matched the text of Sefer Raziel was not in the same order, nor was it a perfect mirror of it, it was, however, the same portion Raziel had given Adam and Eve.

14 Praying on it, I was told that Raziel was another name for Raphael, and that this was a part of the Book of Melchizedek, thus it is far older than scholars had dated it; this satisfied my concerns, and I went back to work.

15 As I did so the wisdom of the book began to unfold before me, while I was too ignorant to understand when I had received it, this book was the teachings of the ministry of Christ;

16 This was a book given us to help us understand the signs and tokens Joseph Smith Jr. had revealed to us in preparation of the mysteries that would be unlocked when the temple was build.

17 Because of the circumstances in Nauvoo, the temple was not completed, and it was burnt to the ground,

18 I then understood that the Lord was asking us to build a temple that these sacraments would be unlocked for us, for all Latter Day Saints, in these, the last times.

Chapter 4

The Factory, February 17, 2019.

1 Saturday night, I felt very anxious, I had trouble falling asleep; when I woke up around 2:30 in the morning, something was wrong. I could feel it, but I didn't know what it was.

2 I got up; not able to sleep I worked on a manual for the Priesthood for the Fellowship until about 5:30 or 6am; at that point, though still anxious I was finally exhausted enough to sleep.

3 Before I went to bed, I said a prayer; I asked God to help me; I asked for peace and for answers, I needed to know what was wrong and what to do about it.

4 I fell asleep nearly as soon as my head hit the pillow, and I dreamed a dream.

5 ¶ In the dream, I was working in a very clean factory with the members of the Council of Fifty of the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship.

6 I was leading, trying to help, but people were arguing, fighting over differences.

7 When we looked at the project, what we were building in the factory, it made no sense; I had no idea what we were even trying to build, and it seemed, neither did anyone else.

8 What was worse, people were placing blame on one another; everyone seemed bent on focusing on their part of what we were building.

9 Each would point at other parts of the project and describe how and why they did not fit; this led to hurt feelings and defensiveness.

10 I asked everyone to stop working and I prayed; then, we all prayed together as one, asking for divine guidance on how to move forward and fix what we thought was clearly broken.

11 ¶ As our prayer ended, an angel of the Lord descended into our midst; he asked us what was wrong and listened as we each in turn explained our views; each seemed to think themselves justified in their own doings.

12 The angel then asked me for my thoughts.

13 I asked why the Lord required this of me when I am not fit to lead, when I couldn't get the project moving as it should.

14 The angel of the Lord told us to come with him and we arose to the highest point of the building, far above what we were building.

15 On the right side of it, he asked us what we saw; it appeared as a puzzle, mismatch and improperly put together.

16 It was as we feared: a mess.

17 He then took us around the backside, to the left side of the building; there he asked us again what we saw.

18 Though it was a different perspective, it appeared the same, though different; it was still a mess, just a different mess, with pieces sticking out as though nothing belonged together.

19 The angel then took us around to above in the front; from there, he stated we could see the project the way God saw it.

20 It was perfect, it was beautiful; everything came together, overlapping to explain rather than hide the overlap—the things we didn't see as fitting together.

21 ¶ The angel of the Lord then told us, it's not about conforming everyone to one will or idea, it's about conforming to one another in spite of our differences.

22 It is about understanding that there are those that need to see the things we saw as ugly or unnecessary or incomplete or even wrong in order to see the whole or bigger picture.

23 He then told us to get back to work and not to be bothered by the things that do not agree, but rather celebrate them, and, build together upon the things we have in common.

24 He then looked at me and said: Now see that this work is completed because it's not your work, but it is required of you.

25 While I do not see issues in the Fellowship at the moment pulling people apart, I do believe this is a warning not to fall for the traps others have in the past;

26 I see this as a reflection not merely of the Fellowship, but of the whole Latter Day Saint restorational movement: the Lord wants us to look past our differences and get His work done.

Michelle
Apparition by the Waterfall

Michelle's First Vision, August 2007.

Chapter 1

Shared by Michelle G. Wiener, 12/21/2020.

- 29 ¶ Spiritual experiences are never easy to describe, and apparitions even more difficult.
- 30 This is because when spirit entities go through a process called condescension, they have to reduce themselves to the level at which humans can relate, and so much of that information gets lost in translation—
- 31 Both because the entity in question cannot adequately communicate everything that needs to be said, while humans cannot comprehend the full message being communicated.
- 32 Some aspects of the original message may get obscured or overlooked, only to be recovered later by the recipient.
- 33 In the same way, the process of condescension requires the entity not to reveal itself in its fullness.
- 34 In that respect, condescension is only a partial revelation of the divinity in attempts to relate to finite humanity.
- 35 ¶ This is what makes writing about these experiences difficult; but I had such an experience, and I shared that same experience with my now husband before we were married.
- 36 This was around fall 2007, while we were up in the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains near the picturesque waterfalls of DuPont State Forest.
- 37 Just prior to that, my now husband admitted to me that he had no intentions of getting married again, given his previous bad luck.
- 38 I, on the other hand, had never been married, was pushing 30, and had been praying for my future husband since I was very young.
- 39 I should also mention that my husband and I have a significant age difference.
- 40 I was convinced he was “the one” and believed God had put us together, although I had very little to base those feelings on.
- 41 I yelled at God about the situation; I held nothing back, I was also upset with God over some other things that had happened in my life; it was a very confusing time for me and I just needed some answers.
- 42 ¶ We got in the car and drove for a while and came to this place called Hooker Falls. I did not realize my husband had been there before.
- 43 We sat by the water on the rocks, and shortly thereafter three mysterious Hispanic women walked up.
- 44 One was in her mid-50, the other around my age at the time (mid-to-late 20’s), and they had a young girl with them, probably about nine or ten years of age.
- 45 The woman around my age sat there with me and we talked (I did most of the talking), while the older woman, closer to my husband’s age, pulled him aside so she could speak with him.
- 46 The child played in the water the whole time and kept to herself.
- 47 ¶ If I had realized at the time who these women were, I would have paid more attention; however, I knew there was something very unusual about this encounter, as did my husband.
- 48 A month later my husband proposed to me with a ring and we got married a year later.
- 49 ¶ What exactly happened in that encounter to make my husband change his mind?
- 50 I found out much later that the older lady had commented on what a lovely couple we made, and she could see how much we loved each other.
- 51 She understood my husband’s reservations due to our age difference, but that it would not matter; then she added: You know she was sent to you.
- 52 My husband responded: What do you mean?

53 To that she replied: Didn't three people come to you and tell you your prayers had been answered?

54 There was referring to the time when three other mysterious visitors –two men and a woman, wearing black suits, white shirts, and the men ties – showed up at my husband's apartment to tell him his prayers had been answered, and with my husband thinking they were door-to-door evangelists, he dismissed them.

55 Then she added in some personal things about both of us that she had no way of knowing and joked with my husband about my bad cooking.

56 According to my husband: The last thing I remember her saying to me was not to interfere with her religious pursuits and that she would find her way.

57 ¶ Who were these mysterious women? There are three of them, each representing the three phases of life and the moon- the Triple Goddess; however, I will state very clearly that I am not neo-pagan.

58 My husband is from a Jewish background, and I from a Christian background, and shortly after getting married, I converted to Mormonism, which welcomes a belief in Heavenly Mother.

59 I have since completed a doctoral degree in Comparative Theology, where I focused on King Solomon's Temple for my dissertation, and I received my own LDS Temple endowments back in 2018.

60 Nevertheless, my belief in the biblical Goddess remains firm, as personally I believe these three women reflected Heavenly Mother, Mary Magdalene, the Bride, and the Shekinah Presence, or the Holy Spirit^a.

61 ¶ I have a firm testimony of what I saw, and while I would never steal the spotlight from Joseph Smith, I believe that just as he saw God and Jesus Christ – two separate beings – in the Sacred Grove, we beheld the fullness of the Sacred Feminine near that waterfall that day back in 2007.

62 I will add that I did see the women again, on several different occasions, they seem to run together in an entourage of sorts, but you always recognize them and know there is indeed something uniquely otherworldly about them;

63 Although they seem like ordinary women, they have a mysterious way about them.

64 ¶ Heavenly Mother is a biblical Goddess through and through; I could spend forever proving the theology behind Her existence, but that is another topic for another time.

65 I have written on it previously in an article I published entitled "Temple Vision as a Catalyst for Theological Convergence" in the Journal of Philosophy, Culture and Religion (v. 48; 2020).

66 For me, my sacred encounter became the catalyst needed to facilitate my own research on this topic, I continue to learn.

Notes:

- a. The Book of Remembrance states that the Holy Ghost is male (28:30-31). In the Hebrew the Holy Spirit is male while the Presence of God is female. The Shekinah is a Hebrew term referring to both the Presence of God and also the Bride, the congregation (us). While these three angelic women with Heavenly Mother may have represented portions of Her divine aspect (the Mother, Bride, and Presence), they may also have been angels accompanying Her.

Victoria

A Visit from the Divine Mother

Teachings received by Victoria Ramirez from the feminine half of Elohim; our Heavenly Mother, Shekinah: the Queen of Heaven on the morning of May 9, 2019. This revelation was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

Chapter 1

1 I awoke from sleep at about 3:00 AM and found myself in the Presence of the Divine Mother.

2 As I was passing through that semi-lucid state, in my third eye I saw beautiful, sparkling crystalline forms, quite translucent, around Her.

3 As I gained consciousness She introduced me to the Five Divine Graces who were with Her.

4 I was immediately filled with excitement and amazement, and also gratitude at receiving a new revelation.

5 ¶ As I got out of bed, I asked Her if there was a reason for Her visit.

6 I was going over in my mind, what I had just experienced.

7 Previously before waking, what most stood out to me was how She said Her name or title: Queen of Heaven.

8 Nothing less in my mind would quite capture her majesty.

9 ¶ My mind was suddenly brought back to a petition I wrote to the Divine Mother the previous year on my birthday, when I offered myself to be an open door for Her to enter the physical realm and be an anchor point for the Divine Feminine to express Herself in the physical universe.

10 I committed to share my testimony of my personal encounter with Her as I know that our Heavenly Mother is ready to step forth and embrace humanity so that they may finally learn of Her true role in the process of creation with the Father and embrace Her return^a.

11 ¶ As I lay back down in bed, She and the five Graces remained fully in my presence as I fell back asleep.

12 When I awoke later in the morning, She was still standing over me with the Five Divine Graces gathered around Her.

13 I knew that during the last 180-minute sleep cycle, She had been pouring information into my consciousness.

14 Though I have experienced this pattern many times over the years and do not always remember specific communications, which on this occasion I was allowed to retain Her message to me in my conscious mind.

15 ¶ This is what She taught me: That the Five Divine Graces with her work with the chakras in our human anatomy.

16 These Five Graces have come forward to teach us how the chakras work and that they must be cleansed and purified, as the virgins would trim their lamps, preparing them to burn clean and bright.

17 They showed me that the trimmed lamps are symbols for the chakras in the scriptures, for they bring important lessons.

18 Their names are connected to five of the seven chakras along the spinal column.

19 ¶ The Divine Mother sits at the root chakra and carries the mother light, which is represented as a Pearl^b, as she moves up the spine from the base of the spine to meet the Father at the crown.

20 ¶ The Grace of the Seat of the Soul is located at the level the navel. Her name is Prosperity^c, which expresses the abundant flow of Life that pours out without ceasing from the bosom of the Divine Mother.

21 ¶ The Grace of the solar plexus has the name of Peace^d, as that is the quality that she brings by virtue of maintaining harmony between all the chakras along the spine as they dance together in the creative process.

22 ¶ The Grace of the Secret Chamber of the Heart, whose name is Christiana^e, brings the quality of the Christ-bearer.

23 It is located in the thymus area, also known as the High Heart, where the God Spark resides.

24 ¶ The Grace of the throat chakra, located in the area of the larynx, whose name is Joy^f, brings the quality of Divine Will to serve God in all.

25 ¶ The Grace of the third eye is located just above the brow in the center of the forehead.

26 Her name is Ruby^g, and she reflects the quality of creativity as she joins in the dance of creation with the Language of Light, healing and health with the rest of the Graces as the Mother Light is raised up the spinal column to join the dance of the Beloved with the Divine Lover, who loves all life.

27 ¶ With this revelation, I now know why I was impressed to remove the section on the chakras from my book to be added later.

Note:

- a. See Book of Remembrance 2:11, 8:19-21
- b. See Matthew 13:45-46, Revelation 21:21
- c. See Psalm 118:25, Revelation 21:22-23
- d. See Romans 14:17, DoS 53c:62
- e. See DoS 53c:62, BoR 9:13
- f. See Mosiah 1:49 RAV, 2:17 OPV, Romans 12:1, 9-13
- g. See Job 28:12-20, Proverbs 20:15

Alexei

An Epistle to Joel and the Indignant of the Believers

The following is an epistle from Apostle Alexei Christopher Mattanovich to nonbelievers. This epistle was voted on and sustained as canon for use in the Church of Jesus Christ in Christian Fellowship by the Assembly of Saints April 6, 2020.

Chapter 1

1 From he whom you do not accept as an Apostle of Jesus Christ, your Lord and Teacher, but on whose errand, I serve you, greetings!

2 ¶ Come, let us reason together that you may know how the Spirit moves and what the will of the Lord is in these latter days.

3 For I am an enemy to no one, though a disrupter of wickedness in high places, though it is not I, but rather I give voice to the Spirit of truth that lives in all creatures, who cannot abide the misery and oppression born of inequalities.

4 Though you ask by what authority I do these things, and when I said I revealed the will of the Lord to me to translate ancient scripture, you asked “Who made you God?” as if doing the will of God or carrying his message made me God himself.

5 Perhaps you perceive the Spirit of God that is in me. I answered: Who made Joseph Smith God when he did the same as I do?

6 But perhaps I should have asked” Who made you God, or by what authority do you forbid me to do these things? For doing is the right of the doer, and forbidding is the privilege of the oppressor.

7 ¶ I will tell you so that you understand clearly what the will of God is in these latter days and how righteousness will be established on the earth for the first time,

8 For it is given to you and to all to choose for yourselves whom you will serve, and to serve God according to the dictates of your conscience, which is pleasing to God and allows you to come nearer to Him by degree as you are able.

9 He says not to delay the day of our repentance, but to offer a broken heart and contrite spirit, and to perform all the labor we are able while the day lasts and then to rest.

10 ¶ Only you can determine by whose authority I do these things, and that is how it should be, but I appeal to your sworn belief that God lives,

11 And that He is a God of miracles who manifests His will by revelation to as many as call on His name in faith, and who would that we all become a nation of prophets and witnesses,

12 To behold visions and dream dreams and speak by the Spirit of prophecy and revelation.

13 The power by which I do them is agency, which God gives, and has decreed must exist, and that locomotion by which creatures move upon the earth and the freedom to move unoppressed.

14 I have been rendered the power to read and study the scriptures and the voice to seek in earnest prayer, and the soul to receive revelation on that which I inquire with an open mind and the willingness to act upon what I receive.

15 I will be judged, surely, if I do them against the will of the Almighty, and lead His children to sin against Him, however if I do sin with my agency, this is unworthy of surprise or remark in this fallen world.

Chapter 2

1 It would be pleasing to our Heavenly Father that all His children hearken to the voice of His Spirit and follow the example of Joseph Smith Jr. in receiving revelation to shed light on the ancient writings that have been dimmed by time.

2 I honor Joseph to follow his example, which is the end and desire of what he started,

3 And I have been empowered by angelic administration and commanded to publish what others receive in private, even now,

4 Because the message that went forth in the days of Joseph was not received by the majority, nor welcomed among them.

5 The church saw without seeing and heard without hearing.

6 ¶ Joseph declared under inspiration that the book that people called the Bible contains many true books and excludes many true books of sacred scripture, and that we believe it to contain the Word of God as long as it is translated correctly.

7 His Inspired Translation declared by its very existence that it was not translated and maintained correctly,

8 And Nephi testifies that many plain and precious truths were removed by the Great and Abominable Church,

9 And it is well known that his restorative work of translation remains incomplete and is not sought after, because the Great and Abominable Church is ever opening missions in the fallen world.

10 ¶ Joseph's translation offers changes to every single book in the Christian Canon, to show unto us the breadth of the problem,

11 And only the first book of each testament did he change drastically, to show unto us the depth of the problem.

12 This gives us the scope of the work and provides the example of what to do.

13 And notwithstanding those changes, he left them all incomplete, as I will also, to leave ambiguity, for without this there is no room for the Spirit to move, and no possibility for the individual to learn line upon line.

14 We, in our division, and in our oppression, and in our manifest arrogance are wholly unworthy of a pure record.

15 ¶ The Book of Mormon is a great experiment in personal revelation,

16 For none of its blessings of knowledge are available to us without the personal witness of its truth, and then a directive to gather into community based upon that same Spirit, with restored rites and ordinances.

17 It establishes freedom of faith to grow in the shadow of oppressive religion and persecution.

18 Time and again throughout, an individual is called out of fallen society by the Spirit of God and given direct revelation, and preaches,

19 And perhaps one person hears the word and is moved upon by the Spirit to abandon false traditions and interpretations of scripture.

20 The hearer must decide, are we to be the priests of the wicked King Noah or Alma the Elder?

21 Noah's traditions rewarded him with wealth and carnal pleasure, while often ours rewards our ego with carnal security.

Chapter 3

1 If these things were not a clear enough directive from that Spirit who is the giver of all scripture and revelation, the author and finisher of our faith, who is yet to cease revealing His Word line upon line,

2 He has given us a direct revelation concerning them through the very prophet you suppose I dishonor by doing His Will.

3 He states, knowing that there were many other works outside those that men call apocrypha,
4 And leaving it to us to know of Him that His Word has broader applicability than the answer to Joseph's direct and limited question, that there are many things contained in those books that are TRUE.
5 Are we then, seekers of truth? He says that they contain interpolations by the hands of men, which are not true.
6 Is this not the case for the books of the Bible that Christendom benefitted from for so long?
7 Is it not the case for all books, since the Book of Mormon, though a pure and inspired translation, repeatedly claims to contain errors of men and not God, defying the notion that we may ever consume upon our lusts the purity of the word in written form?
8 He says: Therefore, whoso reads it let him UNDERSTAND, for the SPIRIT MANIFESTS TRUTH; and whoso is enlightened by the Spirit SHALL OBTAIN BENEFIT THEREFROM.
9 Are we enlightened by the Spirit? Do we desire the benefit of the scriptures?
10 He says: whoso receives not by the Spirit cannot be benefitted, but not that they should not read it!
11 The same can be said of any scripture.
12 Look upon the history of bloodshed and chaos caused by a bible reading public, who read it into the darkness of their own minds and proclaimed that it was true and authoritative.
13 It is this truth about the scriptures, its ineffectiveness in its current form to transform the minds of fallen humanity, that it is become my mission to carry forth and publish, and to reflect unfiltered light into the darkness.
14 Because we are shown the process that Joseph has demonstrated in his translations, and which is given us to practice in obtaining our witness of the Book of Mormon, it is not needful that the apocrypha be translated by Joseph, himself.
15 If we were enlightened by the Spirit, we would not need any prophet to reveal or translate anything at all,
16 And the object of God by prophets is not to keep us ever dependent upon them, but to transform us into them.
17 But I ask you, by what spirit did fallen Mormonism receive these things?
18 Were we "enlightened by the Spirit" such that we received the benefit from the 'apocrypha?' Did we seek any other books?
19 ¶ No, I tell you by the Spirit that is in me, that you are rebuked, O fallen tribes of the Restoration!
20 You did not see the purpose for which the Book of Mormon was given, and you sought forever the Sealed Portion to be revealed by your authorities,
21 But did not seek the Sealed Portion within that which was already translated and sent forth among you because your minds were darkened by disobedience to the higher laws and the call to be One;
22 Not one in thought, because thoughts enter the mind like the winds and travel where they will, but one in Mind, which is ever present and if unified exists in peace and if fractured, produces insanity.
23 You read the book of the New Covenant as another authoritative text on which to found a dead religion, or many variations of one, and did not give place that it would transform you.
24 You did not see the meaning in the Inspired Translations of the Holy Scriptures and did not understand the Message regarding the books that were not esteemed by Fourth Century apostates to support their dead religion or suit their cannons and creeds, which are abominable, says the Lord.
25 They are abominable because it takes no spiritual power to read and agree, no development can take place and no lessons in love and acceptance, so vital for Zion, may be learned by coercing acceptance and obedience.
26 So now, because you failed to understand the Restoration, and to understand that Joseph was only called to take the first steps for you to show you the way,
27 And that you were to take the next steps on your own, because you cannot be carried all the way to Heaven by Jesus or His messengers, I am sent to repeat this message and become your helper.
28 But I too will not carry you far.

Chapter 4

1 Absolute authority leads to dead forms of religion, and fundamentalist approaches that worship the letter of the word, but sacrifice the Spirit.

2 It reinforces our ego to obtain the word only to abuse it by oppressing others by it.

3 This has never been the intention of God or the prophets.

4 If you accept my invitation, you will go on to seek the Spirit to deconstruct the scriptures of men and open the Heavenly Book, and suffer each to do likewise.

5 This is not adding to or deleting from the Word of God that has gone forth, and which is no longer recorded because of wickedness,

6 So long as you do it by the Spirit of Truth and not the Ego, always approaching as a little child, always ready to grow by accepting new and deeper understandings and prepared to receive truth in greater purity, becoming transformed into the very image and person of Christ.

7 But even if you do not accept my invitation, I would that you allow others to do so in peace as the Spirit moves them so that the scriptures find fulfillment of their purpose, being a means for revelation and communion.

8 We are not called of God to know him through reading, but to come into his presence. Dead scriptures paint a distorted picture of God; living scriptures manifest Him.

9 ¶ On the contrary, you have been commanded by God through many scriptures to be at peace with it, 10 And to resist not evil, even if it so be that one such as I should truly hearken to the voice of the Fallen One and create something unknown to the revelations of God.

11 For God has many times commanded his Saints that there should be no contentions, and also directed that all may worship according to the dictates of their own consciences,

12 And again that there should be no law against a person's belief, for it is strictly contrary to the commands of God that there should be a law which should bring individuals onto unequal grounds.

13 And if there should be no law regarding their belief, then there should also be no persecution because of it. And I tell you that anger is oppression and not of God.

14 ¶ I tell you that this is the spirit by which the apostasy happened.

15 Their anger and fear was founded in a lack of faith, the fear of interpretations that the oppressors were uncomfortable with and could not control.

16 They saw their anger as righteous indignation, and justified it by the scriptures they and their fathers like them had caused to be written that distorted the character and nature of God to make him angry like unto themselves.

17 We are never commanded to be angry, and I repeat that anger is a poisonous cup that when drunk gives place in our hearts for the intoxication of Satan,

18 And the peace in our minds is replaced with confusion, and the Spirit of the Lord has no place in our hearts from which to guide our thoughts, our words and our deeds.

Chapter 5

1 I, as His Apostle, called by the manifestation of his person and the appointment of angelic administration, carry a message that will lay the groundwork for future unity,

2 But many are not ready to receive it and it will offend many who are weak in their faith.

3 The apostasy of the early church began with disputations and anger among the people of God over points of doctrine and who held absolute authority, and it worked division and led to bloodshed.

4 The Restoration through Joseph Smith required the foundation for religious liberty, and an environment where it was safe to bring a new perspective into the world and establish it though peaceable

means, which is in opposition to the old paradigm of religious persecution masquerading as the defense of truth.

5 Let us not return to former darkness.

6 ¶ If your feet are planted on a solid foundation, you need not fear; reason with me, rather.

7 There are religions in the thousands, perhaps many points of view that are not rooted in the truth of God.

8 Suffer another one that will advocate peace, unity and social conscience and will abandon corruptions that prevent innocents from finding their way to God.

9 I would that you be willing to be present with each tradition in peace and love, whether or not they are willing also, for that is the only way to obey the Savior.

10 It is the only way to leave the door open to inspire their advocates and adherents and perhaps perform the missionary work of the Lord in them;

11 But more importantly, it is an opportunity to put your faith into action, making it more than a personal assurance of correct doctrine and rather making it an opening to be a manifestation of God's love, as it is incumbent on the ambassadors of Christ to be also ambassadors of world peace.

12 ¶ Some of you seek something new in this day by which to unify the schisms, and seek it among ancient traditions now disused.

13 I tell you to seek it in life and not death, seek the living Spirit, and not dead forms; you cannot fit that which is new into old vessels.

14 Though commandments may have a limited application, God does not vary on Eternal Truth.

15 True religion, pure and undefiled, is love, and its application is service, and He demands mercy and not sacrifice. Once we are unified and provided for temporally, we will be endowed spiritually.

16 ¶ Before condemning my doctrine, ask if it encourages the hurting of any of the children of God, or of animals or the environment or if it advocates the spreading of animosity and hatred.

17 What is the Spirit by which it comes?

18 I tell you it is the will of God that total religious and spiritual freedom be established upon the earth,

19 Because this is the only environment that will give meaning to the choices made and the witnesses received by the children of God, leading to salvation.

20 This is the only atmosphere that supports transformation and ascension.

Chapter 6

1 Religious oppression is not of God or Jesus Christ and never has been,

2 And all those who persecuted or offended their brothers and sisters in their names will be cast off and declared that they were unknown in his Kingdom and their names were not found in his Book of Life.

3 ¶ But you are justified in anger, if that is what you wish, according to human judgment, as it is a human emotion,

4 And if you approach as fallen man with a spirit of fear, placing your scriptures upon the altar as an idol as did the ancients, and perceive in my doctrine a threat to the purposes of your god, taking up his defense because his arm is weak, and serve tradition rather than God.

5 If so, you are well alerted to attack, because I have come to throw down the god of tradition, \

6 Not because his arm is weak, because his arm is flesh and it has always wrought violence against the prophets and Saints,

7 But because his feet are weak and because he has no foundation to stand on but the backs of the people of God, the True God, who will be both our Redeemer and Avenger.

8 ¶ I just now opened the Book of Mormon and laid my eyes on the verse in Alma 3 RAV, 5 OPV which reads:

9 [3:61/5:37] O ye workers of iniquity, ye that are puffed up in the vain things of the world. Ye that have professed to have known the ways of righteousness, nevertheless, have gone astray, as sheep having no

shepherd, notwithstanding a shepherd hath called after you and is still calling after you, but ye will not hearken unto his voice.

10 [3:62/5:38a] Behold, I say unto you that the good shepherd doth call you; yea, and in his own name he doth call you, which is the name of Christ;

11 [3:63/5:38b] And if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good shepherd, to the name by which ye are called, behold, ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd.

12 [3:64/5:39a] And now, if ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd, of what fold are ye?

13 [3:65/5:39b] Behold, I say unto you that the devil is your shepherd, and ye are of his fold; and now, who can deny this?

14 [3:66/5:39c] Behold, I say unto you, Whosoever denieth this is a liar and a child of the devil;

15 [3:67/5:40] For I say unto you that whatsoever is good cometh from God, and whatsoever is evil cometh from the devil.

16 [3:68/5:41a] Therefore, if a man bringeth forth good works, he hearkeneth unto the voice of the good shepherd; and he doth follow him;

17 [3:69/5:41b] But whosoever bringeth forth evil works, the same becometh a child of the devil; for he hearkeneth unto his voice and doth follow him.

18 [3:70/5:42] And whosoever doeth this must receive his wages of him; therefore, for his wages he receiveth death, as to things pertaining unto righteousness, being dead unto all good works.

19 [3:71 [5:43a] And now, my brethren, I would that ye should hear me, for I speak in the energy of my soul;

20 [3:72/5:43b] For behold, I have spoken unto you plain, that ye cannot err, or have spoken according to the commandments of God.

21 [3:73/5:44a] For I am called to speak after this manner, according to the holy order of God, which is in Christ Jesus;

22 [3:74/5:44b] Yea, I am commanded to stand and testify unto this people the things which have been spoken by our fathers concerning the things which are to come.

23 [3:75/5:45a] And this is not all. Do ye not suppose that I know of these things myself?

24 [3:76/5:45b] Behold, I testify unto you that I do know that these things whereof I have spoken are true.

25 [3:77/5:45c] And how do ye suppose that I know of their surety?

26 [3:78/5:46a] Behold, I say unto you: They are made known unto me by the Holy Spirit of God.

27 [3:79/5:46b] Behold, I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself.

28 [3:80/5:46c] And now, I do know of myself that they are true; for the Lord God hath made them manifest unto me by his Holy Spirit; and this is the spirit of revelation which is in me.

29 [3:81/5:47a] And moreover, I say unto you that, as it has thus been revealed unto me, that the words which have been spoken by our fathers are true,

30 [3:82a/5:47b] Even so, according to the spirit of prophecy which is in me, which is also by the manifestation of the Spirit of God,

31 [3:82b/5:48a] I say unto you, that I know of myself that whatsoever I shall say unto you concerning that which is to come is true;

32 [3:83/5:48b] And I say unto you that I know that Jesus Christ shall come, yea, the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace, and mercy, and truth.

33 [3:84/5:48c] And behold, it is he that cometh to take away the sins of the world, yea, the sins of every man who steadfastly believeth on his name.

34 [3:85/5:49a] ¶ And now, I say unto you that this is the order after which I am called; yea, to preach unto my beloved brethren, yea, and everyone that dwelleth in the land;

35 [3:86/5:49b] Yea, to preach unto all, both old and young, both bond and free; yea, I say unto you, the aged, and also the middle aged, and the rising generation; yea, to cry unto them that they must repent and be born again.

36 [3:87/5:50a] Yea, thus saith the Spirit: Repent, all ye ends of the earth, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand; yea, the Son of God cometh in his glory, in his might, majesty, power, and dominion.

37 [3:88/5:50b] Yea, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that the Spirit saith, Behold, the glory of the King of all the earth. And also the King of heaven, shall very soon shine forth among all the children of men;

38 [3:89/5:51] And also the Spirit saith unto me, yea, crieth unto me with a mighty voice, saying,: Go forth and say unto this people: Repent; for except ye repent, ye can in no wise inherit the kingdom of heaven.

39 [3:90/5:52a] And again I say unto you, the Spirit saith: Behold, the ax is laid at the root of the tree; therefore, every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire, yea, a fire which cannot be consumed, even an unquenchable fire.

40 [3:91/5:52b] Behold, and remember, the Holy One hath spoken it.

41 [3:92 [5:53] And now, my beloved brethren, I say unto you: Can ye withstand these sayings? Yea, can ye lay aside these things and trample the Holy One under your feet?

42 [3:93a/5:53c] Yea, can ye be puffed up in the pride of your hearts? Yea, will ye still persist in the wearing of costly apparel and setting your hearts upon the vain things of the world, upon your riches?

43 [3:94/5:54a] Yea, will ye persist in supposing that ye are better one than another?

44 [3:95/5:54b] Yea, will ye persist in the persecutions of your brethren, who humble themselves and do walk after the holy order of God, wherewith they have been brought into this church, having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit? And they do bring forth works which are meet for repentance;

45 [3:96/5:55] Yea, and will you persist in turning your backs upon the poor and the needy and in withholding your substance from them?

46 [3:97/5:56] And finally, all ye that will persist in your wickedness, I say unto you that these are they who shall be hewn down and cast into the fire, except they speedily repent.

Chapter 7

1 Now this is a revelation to you of the will of God, as I opened and began reading, not knowing what I would read.

2 The Holy Spirit has taken over this epistle and spoken to you more powerfully through the prophet than I could, and these verses, which are unmarked in my scriptures, have become the essence of my mission.

3 There must be a restitution of all things before the return of the Son of Man to sit on his throne in His Kingdom on the earth and reign among us in peace.

4 And the faith must be restored, and our hearts must be purified, and we must become empowered by the Holy Spirit to a transformation of ourselves, by denying the flesh,

5 That is, denying that spirit which tells us that normal reality is not miraculous, and refusing to exist as individuals in fear, afraid of our neighbors, afraid to speak.

6 We must not fear death and persecution, and be committed to both unity, even when it is rejected, and revelation, even when it is denied.

7 ¶ So let calm wash over you and let peace reign in your heart, because I perceive a Spirit of wisdom and goodness within you.

8 There is nothing that can harm you in my work, for if I serve myself, I shall not have wherewith to reward myself, and if I serve the devil, God help me, that you may be the means whereby I am saved.

9 ¶ For truly, this doctrine which has been given me by the Spirit began not with speculation or agenda, but with the anxiety of my soul and the desire for answers,

10 And if these revelations give me an unprecedented access to the gifts of God, which were before unavailable to me, they may also give them to others;

11 Therefore even if they are not understandable to you, they may do some good in the world, which has fallen below all depths and wanders in darkness.

12 And if that good is merely a precursor to a line of the gospel that brings them into the light and closer to the fullness, then be at peace.

13 For I am sent to those who are now marginalized and neglected by those who set themselves at the gate of the prophets' messages.

14 But now I feel that the Spirit has spoken in stronger language than I through the scriptures referenced, and I express only my opinion.

15 ¶ To you, I am directed to forgive and offer peace, as this message is not only for you; it is a message to all who will receive these things in like manner.

16 Though I have experienced many persecutions and tribulations, and expect more, and though I as a human fear death and shame, though in faith I fear nothing, so also I have no faith if it is not founded in love.

17 Therefore I love you and call you and all others my brothers and sisters,

18 And if it so be that you can give place to the possibility that I have been given a principle of understanding, then call me also a brother in the faith, and be not angry for gentle rebukes as I am not angry for them;

19 But if it so be that I am misled, as all humanity is misled, then accept me as a brother the way you accept all as one human family, and one in need of ministry, of which I graciously accept.

20 ¶ And remember that the Holy Spirit manifests in power, though it is a still, small voice, and not a forceful spirit.

21 And if it so be that you are already under His tutelage and on a difference course from mine, may we all graduate together in the Kingdom of Heaven.

22 ¶ May God grant you the grace of his love and wisdom and the fruition of your ministry in His service, and may you be a light to all you touch and a joy to all you serve, in his Holy Name; Amen.

3 David

War at the Border

The following is from a dream the First Elder, David, has Sunday morning, February 7, 2021.

Chapter 1

1 On the night of Sunday, February 7, 2021 I went to bed as normal; I awoke around 3am on the morning of February 8 and fell asleep again sometime after that; upon falling back asleep, I had the following dream:

2 ¶ In my dream the Mexican crime syndicate, Los Zetas, officially staged a coup, overthrowing the Mexican government.

3 As they began to rebuild their government, the United States officially denounced the new regime, with President Biden sending troops to the boarder to stop all flows of traffic, placing economic sanctions on Mexico, stopping the flow of trade between the two countries.

4 The president demanded Los Zetas step down and return power to the democratically elected Mexican government.

5 With few exceptions, Congress sided with President Biden and gave power to the president to declare war against Mexico, if he decided this was needed.

6 ¶ While this was happening, public opinion was all over the place:

7 Many militia groups sided with Los Zetas as they felt it was the right of the people to overthrow a government, if they felt it was warranted.

8 Others (mostly conspiracy theorists) claimed it didn't matter, as they believed that Los Zetas had secretly held control of the Mexican government for decades.

9 And there were those that supported the president's and Congresses' actions for a variety of reasons.

10 ¶ In the dream, the troops sent to the boarder came mostly out of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

11 It soon became clear that the majority of the military sent to the boarder supported the US militias, as they not only allowed Mexican trade to continue, they invited members of the new Mexican government into their camps for private negotiations.

12 By the time US military leaders stepped in, it was too late; the local militias and the troops had joined forces with the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona seceding to join the newly reorganized Mexican government.

13 ¶ At this point the US was forced to declare war, with the troops from Nevada and California being held prisoner, only to be released if the US would sign a treaty of peace, accepting Mexico's terms.

14 With smaller militia groups all over the US also declaring war against US citizens, the nation began to see bloodshed as we have not seen in modern history.

15 No one was safe; brother turned against brother, sister against sister.

16 ¶ At this, I awoke very calm and at peace; the peace I felt told me that I was in the Spirit of the Lord and this dream was from God.

17 I immediately fell into prayer, asking to understand this dream. Was this was warning? A prophecy of things to come? The Lord spoke to me telling me the following:

18 ¶ Thus sayeth the Lord unto my servant David: Know that all war and all prophecies of war are over economic control; the battles prophesied to come in the end times,

19 If they come, shall be over the flow of goods, power, and man seeking to rule over all other men;

20 And this because mankind hath not the love in their hearts to care for the poor and the needy but take only for themselves.

21 [DoS 65a:11-12] I have said unto my servant Joseph^a: Behold, this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my Saints: That the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low; for the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare.

22 [DoS 65a:13-14] Yea, I have prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves; therefore, if anyone shall take of the abundance which I have made and impart not their

portion according to the Law of my Gospel unto the poor and the needy, they shall with Dives^b lift up their eyes in hell, being in torment.

23 Know ye, that if my people shall give of themselves freely, taking no thought unto themselves, but to give unto their neighbors, and there should be no poor among you; ye shall be made rich as Zion, and I shall come unto thee in peace.

24 But, if ye, my creation, should take for themselves, and care not for the poor among you, and love should wax cold, then ye shall be destroyed by thine own hand, sayeth the Lord.

25 ¶ I understood this to mean that I should not take the dream literally, but as a blessing and a warning, that we, the human race, will not be forced to face or bear the harsh trials prophesied at the end times.

26 If they come, they will be our own undoing: the natural consequences of us refusing to repent of our sins and love one another as God has commanded.

27 We shall be like the Nephites, who through their own pride destroyed themselves, and were only successful as a society when they worked as one, with no poor among them.

Note:

- h. Doctrines of the Saints 65a: 11-14 (Doctrine and Covenants 101:2d-g RLDS/CoC, 104:16-18 CJCLdS).
- i. Dives: late Middle English, used to refer to hypothetical greedy rich man.

Hymns of the Saints

A selection of psalms and hymns

2021 Preface

A collection of sacred hymns, for the Church of the Latter Day Saints originally selected by Emma Smith, Kirtland, Ohio 1835 with edits and additions. The authors are made known under the hymn titles. If there is one date next to the author's or authors' name(s), this indicated the date of publication. If there are two dates separated by a hyphen, this indicates the birth and death of the individual.

This collection of hymns is a modern collection of the Psalms of the Latter Day Saints. There is no music as Saints may sing these hymns as they please to whatever music they feel so inspired. They may also read them as a collection of inspiring poems, to fill their souls with joy and to connect, one to another, with the Holy Spirit.

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Original Preface

In order to sing by the Spirit, and with the understanding, it is necessary that the Church of the Latter Day Saints should have a collection of "Sacred Hymns," adapted to their faith and belief in the Gospel, and, as far as can be, holding forth the promises made to the fathers who died in the precious faith of a glorious resurrection, and a thousand years' reign on earth with the Son of Man in His glory.

Notwithstanding the Church, as it were, is still in its infancy, yet, as the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God, it is sincerely hoped that the following collection, selected with an eye single to his glory, may answer every purpose till more are composed, or till we are blessed with a copious variety of the songs of Zion.

HYMN I. L. M.
Know then that Ev'ry Soul is Free

Unknown

1 Know then that ev'ry soul is free,
To choose his life and what he'll be;
For this eternal truth is given,
That God will force no man to heaven.

2 He'll call, persuade direct him right,
Bless him with wisdom, love, and light;
In nameless ways be good and kind;
But never force the human mind.

3 Freedom and reason make us men:
Take these away, what are we then?
Mere animals, and just as well,
The beasts may think of heaven or hell.

4 May we no more our powers abuse,
But ways of truth and goodness choose;
Our God is pleas'd when we improve
His grace, and seek his perfect love.

5 It's my free will for to believe:
'Tis God's free will me to receive:
To stubborn willers this I'll tell,
It's all free grace, and all free will.

6 Those that despise, grow harder still;
Those that adhere, he turns their will:
And thus despisers sink to hell,
While those that hear in glory dwell.

7 But if we take the downward road,
And make in hell our last abode:
Our God is clear, and we shall know,
We've plunged ourselves in endless wo.

HYMN 2. C. M.
Let Ev'ry Mortal Ear Attend

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Let ev'ry mortal ear attend,
And ev'ry heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

2 Ho! all ye hungry, starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind;

3 The blessed Savior hath prepar'd
A soul-reviving feast,
And bid your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

4 Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

5 Rivers of love and mercy here,
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows
Like floods of milk and wine.

6 The gates of glorious gospel grace,
Stand open night and day:
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

HYMN 3. P. M.

What Fair One is This, From the Wilderness Trav'ling

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 What fair one is this, from the wilderness trav'ling,
Looking for Christ, the belov'd of her heart?
O, this is the church, the fair bride of the Savior,
Which with every idol is willing to part.
While men in contention, are constantly howling.
And Babylon's bells are continually tolling,
As though all the craft of her merchants was failing,
And Jesus was coming to reign on the earth.

2 There is a sweet sound in the gospel of heaven,
And people are joyful when they understand
The Saints on their way home to glory, are even
Determin'd by goodness, to reach the blest land.
Old formal professors are crying "delusion,"
And high-minded hypocrites say "'tis confusion,'
While grace is poured out in a blessed effusion,
And Saints are rejoicing to see priest-craft fall.

3 A blessing, a blessing, the Savior is coming,
As prophets and pilgrims of old have declar'd;
And Israel, the favor'd of God, is beginning
To come to the feast for the righteous prepar'd.
In the desert are fountains continually springing,
The heavenly music of Zion is ringing:
The Saints all their tithes and their offerings are bringing;
They thus prove the Lord and his blessing receive.

4 The name of Jehovah is worthy of praising,
And so is the Savior an excellent theme;
The elders of Israel a standard are raising,
And call on all nations to come to the same:
These elders go forth and the gospel are preaching,
And all that will hear them, they freely are teaching,
And thus is the vision of Daniel fulfilling:
The stone of the mountain will soon fill the earth.

HYMN 4. P. M.
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

John Newton 1779

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken,
Chose thee for his own abode:

2 On the Rock of Enoch founded;
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's wall surrounded,
Thou may'st smile on all thy foes.

3 See the stream of living waters,
Springing from celestial love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of drought remove:

4 Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

5 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear!
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:

6 Thus deriving from their banner,
Light by night and shade by day;
Sweetly they enjoy the Spirit,
Which he gives them when they pray.

7 Bless'd inhabitants of Zion,
Purchas'd with the Savior's blood!
Jesus whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.

8 While in love his people raises,
With himself to reign as kings;
All, as priests, his solemn praises,
Each for a thank-offering brings.

9 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am;
Though the world despise and pity,
I will glory in thy name.

10 Fading are all worldly treasures,
With their boasted pomp and show!
Heav'nly joys and lasting pleasures
None but Zion's children know.

HYMN 5. L. M.
The Time is Nigh that Happy Time

Parley P. Pratt 1807–1857

1 The time is nigh that happy time,
That great, expected, blessed day,
When countless thousands of our race,
Shall dwell with Christ and him obey.

2 The prophecies must be fulfil'd
Though earth and hell should dare oppose;
The stone out of the mountain cut,
Though unobserved, a kingdom grows.

3 Soon shall the blended image fall,
Brass, silver, iron, gold and clay;
And superstition's dreadful reign,
To light and liberty give way.

4 In one sweet symphony of praise,
The Jews and Gentiles will unite;
And infidelity, o'ercome,
Return again to endless night.

5 From east to west, from north to south,
The Savior's kingdom shall extend,
And every man in every place,
Shall meet a brother and a friend.

HYMN 6. P. M.
Redeemer of Israel

William W. Phelps 1792–1872, adapted from Joseph Swain 1761–1796

1 Redeemer of Israel,
Our only delight,
On whom for a blessing we call;
Our shadow by day,
And our pillar by night,
Our king, our companion, our all.

2 We know he is coming
To gather his sheep,
And plant them in Zion, in love,
For why in the valley
Of death should they weep,
Or alone in the wilderness rove?

3 How long we have wander'd
As strangers in sin,
And cried in the desert for thee!
Our foes have rejoic'd
When our sorrows they've seen;
But Israel will shortly be free.

4 As children of Zion
Good tidings for us:
The tokens already appear;
Fear not and be just,
For the kingdom is ours,
And the hour of redemption is near.

5 The secret of heaven,
The myst'ry below,
That many have sought for so long,
We know that we know,
For the Spirit of Christ,
Tells his servants they cannot be wrong.

HYMN 7. S. M.
See All Creation Join

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 See all creation join
To praise the eternal God;
The heavenly hosts begin the song,
And sound his name abroad.

2 The sun with golden beams,
And moon with silver rays;
The starry lights, and twinkling flames;
Shine to their Maker's praise.

3 He built those worlds above,
And fix'd their wondrous frame;
By his command they stand or move,
And always speak his name.

4 The fleecy clouds that rise,
Or falling showers or snow;
The thunders rolling round the skies,
His power and glory show.

5 The broad expanse on high,
With all the heavens afford;
The crackling fire that streaks the sky,
Unite to praise the Lord.

Chorus. By all that shines above
His glory is express'd;
But Saints that know his endless love,
Should sing his praises best.

HYMN 8. P. M.
O Happy Souls Who Pray

William W. Phelps 1792–1872, adapted from Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 O happy souls who pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy Saints who pay
Their constant service there!
We praise him still;
And happy we;
We love the way
To Zion's hill.

2 No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of evening air,
Shall take our health away,
If God be with us there:
He is our sun,
And he our shade,
To guard the head
By night or noon.

3 God is the only Lord,
Our shield and our defence;
With gifts his hand is stor'd:
We draw our blessings thence.
He will bestow
On Jacob's race,
Peculiar grace,
And glory too.

HYMN 9. P. M.
From the Regions of Glory an Angel Descended

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 From the regions of glory an angel descended,
And told the strange news how the babe was attended:
Go, shepherds, and visit this heavenly stranger;
Beneath that bright star, there's your Lord in a manger!
Hallelujah to the Lamb,
Whom our souls may rely on:
We shall see him on earth,
When he brings again Zion.

2 Glad tidings I bring unto you and each nation;
Glad tidings of joy, now behold your salvation:
Arise all ye pilgrims and lift up your voices,
And shout—The Redeemer! while heaven rejoices.
Hallelujah to the Lamb, &c.

3 Let glory to God in the highest be given,
And glory to God be re-echo'd in heaven;
Around the whole world let us tell the glad story,
And sing of his love, his salvation and glory.
Hallelujah to the Lamb, &c.

4 The kingdom is yours by the will of the Father,
Whose uplifted hand just the righteous will gather,
Before all the wicked will pass as by fire,
The heavens shall shine with the coming Messiah.
Hallelujah to the Lamb, &c.

HYMN 10. L. M.
He Died! The Great Redeemer Died!

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 He died! the great Redeemer died!
And Israel's daughters wept around;
A solemn darkness veil'd the sky;
A sudden trembling shook the ground!

2 Come Saints and drop a tear or two,
For him who groan'd beneath your load:
He shed a thousand drops for you,
A thousand drops of precious blood.

3 Here's love and grief beyond degree:
The Lord of glory died for men!
But lo! what sudden joys were heard,
Jesus though dead's reviv'd again!

4 The rising Lord forsook the tomb,
(In vain the tomb forbid his rise,)
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies.

5 Wipe off your tears, ye Saints and tell
How high your great deliv'rer reigns:
Sing how he triumph'd over hell,
And how he'll bind your foe in chains.

6 Say, "Live forever wond'rous King!
Born to redeem and strong to save!
Then ask the monster—"Where's thy sting?
And where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave?"

HYMN 11. P. M.
Earth with Her Ten Thousand Flowers

Thomas R. Taylor 1807-1835

1 Earth with her ten thousand flowers,
Air, with all its beams and showers,
Heaven's infinite expanse;
Ocean's resplendant countenance—
All around, and all above,
Hath this record—God is love.

2 Sounds among the vales and hills,
In the woods and by the rills,
Of the breeze and of the bird,
By the gentle murmur stir'd—
Sacred songs, beneath, above,
Have one Chorus—God is love.

3 All the hopes that sweetly start,
From the fountain of the heart;
All the bliss that ever comes,
To our earthly—human homes—
All the voices from above,
Sweetly whisper—God is love.

HYMN 12. P. M.
Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Anna Barbauld 1772

1 Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ;

2 For the blessings of the field,
For the stores the gardens yield,
For the vine's exalted juice,
For the gen'rous olive's use;

3 Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripen'd grain,
Clouds that drop their fat'ning dews,
Suns that temp'rate warmth diffuse;

4 All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land;
All that lib'ral autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores;

5 Thanks to thee our God we owe;
Source from whence all blessings flow!
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

HYMN 13. P. M.
Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams 1717–1791

1 Guide us, O thou great Jehovah,
Saints upon the promis'd land;
We are weak but thou art able,
Hold us with thy powerful hand:
Holy Spirit,
Feed us till the Savior comes.

2 Open, Jesus, Zion's fountains:
Let her richest blessings come;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Guard us in this holy home:
Great Redeemer,
Bring, O bring the welcome day!

3 When the earth begins to tremble,
Bid our fearful thoughts be still;
When thy judgments spread destruction,
Keep us safe on Zion's hill,
Singing praises,
Songs of glory, unto thee.

HYMN 14. C. M.
We're Not Ashamed to Own Our Lord

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 We're not ashamed to own our Lord,
And worship him on earth;
We love to learn his holy word,
And know what souls are worth.

2 When Jesus comes as flaming flame,
For to reward the just,
The world will know the only name,
In which the Saints can trust.

3 When he comes down in heav'n on earth,
With all his holy band,
Before creation's second birth,
We hope with him to stand.

4 Then will he give us a new name,
With robes of righteousness,
And in the New Jerusalem,
Eternal happiness.

HYMN 15. C. M.
Joy to the World! The Lord Will Come!

William W. Phelps 1792–1872, adapted from Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Joy to the world! the Lord will come!
And earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And Saints and angels sing.

2 Rejoice! rejoice! when Jesus reigns,
And Saints their songs employ:
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more will sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He'll come and make the blessing flow
Far as the curse was found.

4 Rejoice! rejoice! in the Most High,
While Israel spread abroad,
Like stars that glitter in the sky,
And ever worship God.

HYMN 16. P. M.
An Angel Came Down from the Mansions of Glory

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 An angel came down from the mansions of glory,
And told that a record was hid in Cumorah,
Containing the fulness of Jesus's gospel;
And also the cov'nant to gather his people.
O Israel! O Israel!
In all your abidings,
Prepare for your Lord
When you hear these glad tidings.

2 A heavenly treasure; a book full of merit:
It speaks from the dust by the pow'r of the Spirit;
A voice from the Savior that Saints can rely on,
To watch for the day when he brings again Zion.
O Israel! O Israel!
In all your abidings,
Prepare for your Lord
When you hear these glad tidings.

3 Listen O isles, and give ear ev'ry nation,
For great things await you in this generation:
The kingdom of Jesus, In Zion shall flourish;
The righteous will gather; the wicked must perish.
O Israel! O Israel!
In all your abidings,
Prepare for your Lord
When you hear these glad tidings.

HYMN 17. P. M.
To Him that Made the World

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 To him that made the world,
The sun the moon and stars,
And all that in them is,
With days, and months and years;
To Him that died
That we might live,
Our thanks and songs
We freely give.

2 Our hope in things to come,
The Spirit's quick'ning power,
Should turn our hearts to him,
Where heavenly blessings are:
That we may sing
Of things above,
And always know,
That God is love.

3 When he comes down in heav'n,
And earth again is blest,
Then all the heirs of him,
Will find the promis'd rest.
With all the just,
Then they may sing,
God is with us
And we with him.

HYMN 18. P. M.
Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam;
Good tidings are sounding to us and each nation,
And shortly the hour of redemption will come:

2 When all that was promis'd the Saints will be given,
And none will molest them from morn until even,
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,
And Jesus will say to all Israel: Come home!

3 We'll love one another and never dissemble,
But cease to do evil and ever be one;
And while the ungodly are fearing and tremble,
We'll watch for the day when the Savior shall come:

4 When all that was promis'd the Saints will be given,
And none will molest them from morn until even,
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,
And Jesus will say to all Israel: Come home!

5 In faith we'll rely on the arm of Jehovah,
To guide through these last days of trouble and gloom;
And after the scourges and harvest are over,
We'll rise with the just, when the Savior doth come:

6 Then all that was promis'd the Saints will be given,
And they will be crown'd as the angel of heaven:
And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,
And Christ and his people will ever be one.

HYMN 19. L. M.
Ere Long the Veil Will Rend in Twain

Parley P. Pratt 1807-1857

1 Ere long the veil will rend in twain,
The King descend with all his train;
The earth shall shake with awful fright,
And all creation feel his might.

2 The trump of God, it long shall sound,
And raise the nations underground;
Throughout the vast domains of heav'n
The voice echoes, the sound is given.

3 Lift up your heads ye Saints in peace,
The Savior comes for your release;
The day of the redeem'd has come,
The Saints shall all be welcom'd home.

4 Behold the church, it soars on high,
To meet the Saints amid the sky;
To hail the King in clouds of fire,
And strike and tune th' immortal lyre.

5 Hosanna now the trump shall sound,
Proclaim the joys of heav'n around,
When all the Saints together join,
In songs of love, and all divine.

6 With Enoch here we all shall meet,
And worship at Messiah's feet,
Unite our hands and hearts in love,
And reign on thrones with Christ above.

7 The city that was seen of old
Whose walls were jasper, and streets gold,
We'll now inherit thron'd in might:
The Father and the Son's delight.

8 Celestial crowns we shall receive,
And glories great our God shall give,
While loud hosannas we'll proclaim,
And sound aloud our Savior's name.

9 Our hearts and tongues all join'd in one,
A loud hosanna to proclaim,
While all the heav'ns shall shout again,
And all creation say, Amen.

HYMN 20. L. M. Z
My Soul is Full of Peace and Love

Frederick G. Williams 1787-1842

1 My soul is full of peace and love,
I soon shall see Christ from above;
And angels too, the hallow'd throng,
Shall join with me in holy song.

2 The Spirit's power has sealed my peace,
And fill'd my soul with heav'nly grace;
Transported, I with peace and love,
Am waiting for the throngs above.

3 Prepare my heart, prepare my tongue,
To join this glorious, heav'nly throng:
To hail the Bridegroom from above,
And join the band in songs of love.

4 Let all my pow'rs of mind combine
To hail my Savior all divine;
To hear his voice, attend his call,
And crown him King, and Lord of all.

HYMN 21. L. M.
The Happy Day has Rolled On

Frederick G. Williams 1787–1842

1 The happy day has rolled on,
The glorious period now has come:
The angel sure has come again
To introduce Messiah's reign.

2 The gospel trump again is heard,
The truth from darkness has appear'd;
The lands which long in darkness lay,
Have now beheld a glorious day.

3 The day by prophets long foretold;
The day which Abram did behold;
The day that Saints desired long,
When God his strange work would perform.

4 The day when Saints again should hear
The voice of Jesus in their ear,
And angels who above do reign,
Come down to converse hold with men.

HYMN 22. L. M.
The Great and Glorious Gospel Light

Frederick G. Williams 1787–1842

1 The great and glorious gospel light,
Has usher'd forth into my sight,
Which in my soul I have receiv'd,
From death and bondage being freed.

2 With Saints below and Saints above,
I'll join to praise the God I love;
Like Enoch too, I will proclaim,
A loud Hosanna to his name.

3 Hosanna, let the echo fly
From pole to pole, from sky to sky,
And Saints and angels, join to sing,
Till all eternity shall ring.

4 Hosanna, let the voice extend,
Till time shall cease, and have an end;
Till all the throngs of heav'n above,
Shall join the Saints in songs of love.

5 Hosanna, let the trump of God,
Proclaim his wonders far abroad,
And earth, and air, and skies, and seas,
Conspire to sound aloud his praise.

HYMN 23. P. M.
This Earth was Once a Garden Place
(Adam-ondi-Ahman)

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 This earth was once a garden place,
With all her glories common;
And men did live a holy race,
And worship Jesus face to face,
In Adam-ondi-Ahman.

2 We read that Enoch walk'd with God,
Above the pow'r of Mammon:
While Zion spread herself abroad,
And Saints and angels sung aloud
In Adam-ondi-Ahman.

3 Her land was good and greatly blest,
Beyond old Israel's Canaan:
Her fame was known from east to west;
Her peace was great, and pure the rest
Of Adam-ondi-Ahman.

4 Hosanna to such days to come—
The Savior's second comin'—
When all the earth in glorious bloom,
Affords the Saints a holy home
Like Adam-ondi-Ahman.

HYMN 24. P. M.
Gently Raise the Sacred Strain

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Gently raise the sacred strain,
For the Sabbath 's come again,
That man may rest,
And return his thanks to God,
For his blessings to the blest.

2 Holy day, devoid of strife,
For to seek eternal life,
That great reward,
And partake the sacrament,
In remembrance of the Lord.

3 Sweetly swell the solemn sound,
While we bring our gifts around,
Of broken hearts,
As a willing sacrifice,
Showing what his grace imparts.

4 Happy type of things to come,
When the Saints are gather'd home,
To praise the Lord,
In eternity of bliss,
All as one with one accord.

5 Holy, holy is the Lord,
Precious, precious is his word,
Repent and live;
Though your sins are crimson red,
O repent and he'll forgive.

6 Softly sing the joyful lay
For the Saints to fast and pray,
As God ordains,
For his goodness and his love
While the Sabbath day remains.

HYMN 25. P. M.
When Joseph His Brethren Beheld

John Newton, 1779

1 When Joseph his brethren beheld,
Afflicted and trembling with fear,
His heart with compassion was fill'd,
From weeping he could not forbear.

2 Awhile his behavior was rough,
To bring their past sins to their mind;
But when they were humbled enough
He hasten'd to show himself kind.

3 How little they thought it was he
Whom they had ill-treated and sold!
How great their confusion must be,
As soon as his name he had told!

4 "I am Joseph, your brother," he said,
"And still to my heart you are dear;
You sold me, and thought I was dead,
But God, for your sakes, sent me here."

5 Though greatly distressed before,
When charg'd with purloining the cup,
They now were confounded much more,
Not one of them durst to look up.

6 "Can Joseph, whom we would have slain
Forgive us the evil we did?
And, will he our households maintain?
O, this is a brother indeed!"

7 Thus dragged by my conscience, I came,
All laden with guilt, to the Lord;
Surrounded with terror and shame,
Unable to utter a word.

8 At first He looked stern and severe,
What anguish then piercèd my heart!
Expecting each moment to hear
The sentence, Thou cursèd, depart!

9 But O! what surprise when He spoke,
While tenderness beamed in His face;
My heart then to pieces was broke,
O'erwhelmed and confounded by grace:

10 "Poor sinner, I know thee full well,
By thee I was sold and was slain;
I died to redeem thee from hell,
And raise thee in glory to reign.

11 "I am Jesus, whom thou hast blasphemed,
And crucified often afresh;
But let Me henceforth be esteemed,
Thy brother, thy bone, and thy flesh:

12 My pardon I freely bestow,
Thy wants I will fully supply;
I'll guide thee and guard thee below,
And soon will remove thee on high.

13 Go, publish to sinners around,
That they may be willing to come,
The mercy which now you have found,
And tell them that yet there is room.

14 O, sinners, the message obey!
No more vain excuses pretend;
But come, without further delay,
To Jesus, our brother and friend.

Note:

Only verses 1-6 were available in the Church of Latter Day Saints hymnal.

HYMN 26. P. M.
Now We'll Sing with One Accord

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Now we'll sing with one accord,
For a prophet of the Lord,
Bringing forth his precious word,
Cheers the Saints as anciently.

2 When the world in darkness lay,
Lo, he sought the better way,
And he heard the Savior say,
"Go and prune my vineyard, son!"

3 And an angel surely, then,
For a blessing unto men,
Brought the priesthood back again,
In its ancient purity.

4 Even Joseph he inspires:
Yea, his heart he truly fires,
With the light that he desires
For the work of righteousness.

5 And the book of Mormon, true,
With its cov'nant ever new,
For the Gentile and the Jew,
He translated sacredly.

6 The commandments to the church,
Which the Saints will always search,
(Where the joys of heaven perch,)
Came through him from Jesus Christ.

7 Precious are his years to come,
While the righteous gather home,
For the great Millenium,
Where he'll rest in blessedness.

8 Prudent in this world of woes,
He will triumph o'er his foes,
While the realm of Zion grows
Purer for eternity.

HYMN 27. P. M.
Through All the World Below

Unknown

1 Through all the world below,
God we see all around:
Search hills and valleys through,
There he's found;
The growing of the corn,
The lilly and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn,
All declare, God is there,
In meadows dress'd in green,
There he's seen.

2 See springing waters rise,
Fountains flow, rivers run;
The mist beclouds the skies;
Hides the sun;
Then down the rain doth pour,
The ocean it doth roar,
And beat upon the shore,
All to praise in their lays;
A God that ne'er declines—
His designs.

3 The sun with all his rays,
Speaks of God as he flies;
The comet with her blaze,
God, she cries;
The shining of the stars,
The moon when it appears,
His glorious name declares,
As they fly through the sky;
While shades of silent sound—
Join the round.

4 Then let my station be—
Here in life where I see,
The sacred One in three;
All agree,
In all the works he's made:
The forest and the globe;
Nor let one be afraid;
Though I dwell on a hill,
While nature's works declare—
God is there.

5 When God to Moses shew,
Glories more than Peru;
His face alone withdrew,
From his view;
Mount Sinai is the place,
For God to show his grace,
While Moses sang his praise;
See him rise through the skies,
And view old Canaan's ground,
All around.

6 Elijah's servant hears,
From the hill and declares;
A little cloud appears:
Dry your tears;
Our Lord transfigur'd is,
With the two Saints of his,
As saith the witnesses;
See him shine all divine:
While Olive's Mount is blest,
With the rest.

7 Not India full of gold,
With the wonders we are told;
Nor seraphs strong and bold:
Can uphold,
The mountain Calvary,
Where Christ our Lord did die:
Hark! hear the God-man cry:
Mountains quake, heavens shake,
While God their author's Ghost,
Left the coast.

8 And now from Calvary,
We may stand here and spy;
Beyond this lower sky,
Far on high,
Mount Zion's shining hill,
Where Saints and angels dwell,
And hear them sing and tell,
Of our Lord, with accord,
And join in Moses' song—
Heart and tongue.

9 Since hills are honor'd thus,
By our Lord in his course,
Let them not be by us,
Call'd accurs'd:
Forbid it mighty king,

But rather let us sing,
Since hills and mountains ring;
Echo fly through the sky,
And heaven hear the sound—
From the ground.

HYMN 28. P. M.
The Sun that Declines in the Far Western Sky

Thomas B. Marsh 1800–1866

1 The sun that declines in the far western sky,
Has roll'd o'er our heads till the summer's gone by;
And hush'd are the notes of the warblers of spring
That in the green bow'r did exultingly sing.

2 The changes for autumn already appear:
A harvest of plenty has crown'd the glad year;
While soft smiling zephyrs, our fancies to please,
Bring odors of joy from the laden fruit trees.

3 As the summer of youth passes swiftly along,
And silvery locks soon our temples adorn:
So the fair smiling landscape and flowery lawn,
Though lost is their beauty—their glory has come:

4 O when the sweet summer of life shall have fled,
Her joys and her sorrows entomb'd with the dead,
Then may we by faith like good Enoch arise,
And be crown'd with the just in the midst of the skies.

5 Descend with the Savior in glory profound,
And reign in perfection when satan is bound;
While love and sweet union together shall blend,
And peace, gentle peace, like a river extend.

HYMN 29 L. M.
The Towers of Zion Soon Shall Rise

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 The towers of Zion soon shall rise
Above the clouds, and reach the skies;
Attract the gaze and wond'ring eyes
Of all that worship, gloriously.

2 The Saints shall see the city stand
Upon this consecrated land,
And Israel, numerous as the sand,
Inherit it eternally.

3 O, that the day would hasten on,
When wickedness shall all be gone,
And Saints and angels join in one,
To praise the Man of Holiness.

4 Then shall the veil of heaven rend,
And the Son of Man will descend,
A vast eternity to spend
In perfect peace and righteousness.

5 Exalt the name of Zion's God!
Praise ye his name in songs aloud:
Proclaim his majesty abroad,
Ye banner-bearing messengers:

6 Cry to the nations far and near,
To come and in the glories share,
That on mount Zion will appear,
When earth shall rest from wickedness.

HYMN 30 P. M.
Let All the Saints Their Hearts Prepare

Unknown

1 Let all the Saints their hearts prepare:
Behold the day is near,
When Zion's King shall hasten there,
And banish all their fear;
Fill all with peace and love,
And blessings from above,
His church with honors to adorn,
The church of the first born.

2 Behold, he comes on flying clouds,
And speeds his way to earth,
With acclamations sounding loud,
With songs of heav'nly birth.
The Saints on earth will sing,
And hail their heav'nly King:
All the redeem'd of Adam's race
In peace behold his face.

3 Before his face devouring flames,
In awful grandeur rise:
The suffering Saints he boldly claims,
And bears them to the skies:
While earth is purified,
In peace they all abide,
And then descend to earth again,
Rejoicing in his reign.

4 A thousand years in peace to dwell;
The earth with joys abound,
Made free from all the pow'rs of hell,
No curse infect the ground.
From sin and pain releas'd
The Saints abide in peace;
And all creation here below
Their King and Savior know.

HYMN 31. P. M.
Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Let us pray, gladly pray,
In the house of Jehovah,
Till the righteous can say,
“O our warfare is over!”
Then we’ll dry up our tears,
Sweetly praising together,
Through the great thousand years,
Face to face with the Savior.

2 What a joy will be there,
At the great resurrection,
As the Saints meet in air,
In their robes of perfection;
Then the Lamb—then the Lamb,
With a God’s mandatory,
As I AM THAT I AM,
Fills the world with his glory.

3 We can then live in peace,
With a joy on the mountains,
As the earth doth increase,
With a joy by the fountains,
For the world will be blest,
With a joy to rely on,
From the east to the west,
Through the glory of Zion.

HYMN 32. P. M.
Awake, O Ye People! The Savior is Coming

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Awake, O ye people! the Savior is coming;
He'll suddenly come to his temple, we hear;
Repentance is needed of all that are living,
To gain them a lot of inheritance near.
To-day will soon pass, and that unknown tomorrow,
May leave many souls in a more dreadful sorrow,
Than came by the flood, or that fell on Gomorrah—
Yea, weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

2 Be ready, O islands, the Savior is coming;
He'll bring again Zion the prophets declare;
Repent of your sins, and have faith in redemption.
To gain you a lot of inheritance there.
A voice to the nations in season is given,
To show the return of the glories of Eden,
And call the elect from the four winds of heaven,
For Jesus is coming to reign on the earth.

HYMN 33 L. M.
What Wond'rous Things We Now Behold

Unknown

1 What wond'rous things we now behold,
Which were declar'd from days of old,
By prophets, who, in vision clear,
Beheld those glories from afar.

2 The visions which Almighty God,
Confirm'd by his unchanging word,
That to the ages then unborn,
His greatest work he would perform.

3 The second time he'd set his hand
To gather Israel to their land,
Fulfil the cov'nants he had made,
And pour his blessings on their head.

4 When Moab's remnant, long oppress'd,
Should gather'd be and greatly blest:
And Ammon's children, scatter'd wide,
Return with joy, in peace abide.

5 While Elam's race a feeble band,
Receive a share in the blest land;
And Gentiles, all their power display
To hasten on the glorious day.

6 Then Ephraim's sons, a warlike race,
Shall haste in peace and see their rest,
And earth's remotest parts abound,
With joys of everlasting sound.

7 Assyria's captives, long since lost,
In splendor come a num'rous host;
Egyptia's waters fill'd with fear,
Their power feel and disappear.

8 Yes, Abra'm's children now shall be
Like sand in number by the sea;
While kindreds, tongues, and nations all,
Combine, to make the numbers full.

9 The dawning of that day has come,
See! Abra'm's sons are gath'ring home,
And daughters too, with joyful lays,
Are hastening here to join in praise!

10 O God, our Father, and our King,
Prepare our voices and our theme;
Let all our pow'rs in one combine,
To sing thy praise in songs divine.

HYMN 34 C. M.
There is a Land the Lord will Bless

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 There is a land the Lord will bless,
Where all the Saints shall come;
There is a day for righteousness,
When Israel gathers home.

2 Before the word goes forth— Destroy!
And all the wicked burn,
With songs of everlasting joy,
The pure-in-heart return.

3 Their fields along Missouri's flood,
Are in perspective seen,
As unto Israel "Canaan stood,
While Jordan flow'd between."

4 Though wicked men and Satan strive,
To keep them from that land,
And from their homes the Saints they drive,
To try the Lord's command:

5 There all the springs of God will be;
And there an end of strife;
And there the righteous rising free,
Shall have eternal life.

6 There shall the will of God be done,
And Saints and angels greet;
And there, when all in Christ is one,
The best from worlds shall meet.

7 There in the resurrection morn',
The living live again,
And all the children will be born
Without the sting of sin.

8 How long, our Father, O how long
Shall that pure time delay?
Come on, come on, ye holy throng,
And bring the glorious day.

There's a Feast of Fat Things for the Righteous Preparing

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 There's a feast of fat things for the righteous preparing.
That the good of this world all the Saints may be sharing;
For the harvest is ripe, and the reapers have learn'd
To gather the wheat, that the tares may be burn'd.
Come to the supper—come to the supper—
Come to the supper of the great Bridegroom.

2 Go forth all ye servants unto every nation,
And lift up your voices and make proclamation,
For to cease from all evil, and leave off all mirth,
For the Savior is coming to reign on the earth.

3 Go set forth the judgments to come, and the sorrow,
For after to-day, O there cometh tomorrow,
When the wicked, ungodly, rebellious, and proud,
Shall be burnt up as stubble—O cry it aloud!

4 Go pass throughout Europe, and Asia's dark regions,
To China's far shores, and to Afric's black legions,
And proclaim to all people, as you're passing by,
The fig-trees are leaving—the summer is nigh.

5 Go call on the great men of fame and of power,
The king on his throne, and the brave in his tower,
And inform them all kingdoms must fail but the one;
As clear as the moon and as fair as the sun.

6 Go cry to all quarters, and then to the islands,
To Gentiles and Jews, and proclaim to the heathens,
And exclaim to old Israel in every land,
Repent ye!—the kingdom of heaven's at hand.

7 Go carry glad tidings, that none need doubt whether
The lamb and the lion shall lie down together:
For the venom will cease, when the devil is bound,
And peace like a river, extend the world round.

8 Go publish the gospel, the truth of the Savior,
That the poor and the meek may begin to find favor,
And rejoice in their coming Redeemer and friend;
And lo! he is with you henceforth to the end.

9 O go and invite them, regardless of trouble,
The rich and the learned, the wise and the noble,

That the guests may be ready, (when Jesus shall come,)
To welcome forever, the holy Bridegroom.

10 Go gather the willing, and push them together,
Yea, push them to Zion (the Saints' rest forever,)
Where the best that the heavens and earth can afford,
Will grace the great marriage and feast of the Lord.

11 Go welcome his people, let nothing preclude you,
Come Joseph, and Simeon, and Reuben, and Judah.
Come Napthali, Issachar, Levi and Dan,
Gad, Zebulon, Asher, and come Benjamin.

12 Be faithful and just to the end of your calling,
Till Bab'lon the great—she is fallen! is fallen!
Then return and receive the just servants' reward,
And sit down to the feast of the house of the Lord.
Come to the supper—come to the supper—
Come to the supper WITH the great Bridegroom.

HYMN 36. P. M.
There's a Power in the Sun

Unknown

1 There's a power in the sun,
And a majesty on high,
Ever showing unto man—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

2 There's a brilliance in the moon,
And a beauty in the sky,
Always telling to the world—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

3 There's a glory in the stars,
And the planets rolling by,
Shining nightly to the earth—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

4 There's a grandeur in the clouds,
And the lightning streaking by,
Thund'ring loudly in our ears—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

5 There's an image in the winds,
Singing sweetly as they fly,
To the end all flesh may know—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

6 There's a spirit, too, in man,
For to turn his hopes on high,
Whisp'ring softly to the heart—
O behold the Lord is nigh!

Morning Hymns

HYMN 37. C. M.
Lord in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Lord in the morning thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high:
To thee will I direct my pray'r,
To thee lift up mine eye:—

2 Up to the heav'ns where Christ has gone,
To plead for all his Saints,
Presenting at the Father's throne,
Our songs and our complaints.

3 Thou art a God, before whose sight,
The wicked shall not stand:
The righteous shall be thy delight
And dwell at thy right hand.

4 O may thy Spirit guide my feet,
In ways of righteousness!
Make ev'ry path of duty straight,
And plain before my face.

5 O do thou give my daily bread,—
And be my sins forgiven;
And let me in thy temple tread,
And learn from thee of heav'n.

HYMN 38. C. M.
Once More, My Soul, The Rising Day

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Once more, my soul, the rising day
Salutes my waking eyes;
And let my heart its tribute pay,
To him that rules the skies.

2 Night unto night his name repeats,
And day renews the sound,
Wide as the heavens on which he sits,
To turn the seasons round.

3 'Tis he supports my mortal frame:
My tongue shall sing his praise;
And I will glory in his name
While he extends my days.

4 And when my mortal course is done,
And I must yield my breath;
O may my soul, bright as the sun,
Shine o'er the night of death.

HYMN 39. S. M.
See how the Morning Sun

Elizabeth Scott 1708–1776

1 See how the morning sun
Pursues his shining way;
And wide proclaims his maker's praise,
With ev'ry bright'ning ray.

2 Then would my rising soul
Of heaven's parent sing;
And spread the truth from pole to pole,
Of Jesus my great King.

3 In faith I laid me down,
Beneath his guardian care;
I slept and I awoke and found,
That he was just as near.

4 O Lord I want to live
So humble unto thee,
That in my presence I may spend
A blest eternity.

5 Give me thy Spirit, then,
To guide me through this day,
That I may be upright and just,
And always watch and pray.

HYMN 40. L. M.
My God, How Endless Is Thy Love

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 My God, how endless is thy love,
Descending like the morning dew;
Thy glorious gifts come from above,
And all thy mercies too.

2 Thou spread'st the curtain of the night;
Thine angels guard my sleeping hours;
The rising sun returns his light,
And thou awakens all my pow'rs.

3 I yield myself to thy command;
To thee devote my nights and days;
Such cheering blessings from thy hand,
Demand my grateful songs of praise:

4 Demand my pray'r, demand my heart,
From hour to hour; from day to day:
Hosanna! God will do his part,
For he will hear, when I do pray.

HYMN 41. P. M.
Awake! for the Morning is Come

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Awake! for the morning is come:
Rejoice in the Lord, and trust in his mercy,
And pray unto him, in meekness and love,
For knowledge and health, and all his good blessings,
To comfort and happify home.

2 O Lord, thou good Shepherd and King—
We want, through the day, to feed in thy pastures,
And feast on thy bounteous goodness and grace:
O lead us along the banks of still waters,
To gladden our hearts and to sing.

3 Lord turn all our hearts unto thee,
To walk in the paths of virtue and wisdom,
To live in the bonds of union and peace,
And glorify thee on earth as in heaven:
O keep us unspotted and free!

4 O thou art the staff and the rod,
On which we can lean in ev'ry condition;
In youth and in age, or valley of death,
For raiment and food, for joy and for comfort:
So praise ye the Lord, who is God.

HYMN 42. L. M.
Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Thomas Ken 1695

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily course of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 Redeem thy mispent time that's past;
Live this day, as if 'twere thy last;
To improve thy talents take due care;
'Gainst the great day thyself prepare.

3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how the all-seeing God, thy ways,
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

4 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part;
Who all night long unwearied sing,
Glory to thee, eternal King.

5 I wake, I wake, ye heavenly choir;
May your devotion me inspire;
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.

6 May I like you in God delight,
Have all day long my God in sight;
Perform like you my Maker's will;
O! may I never more do ill.

7 Glory to thee, who safe has kept,
And hast refresh'd me while I slept:
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.

8 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first spring of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.

9 Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design, or do or say,
That all my powers, with all their mite,
In thy sole glory may unite.

10 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye angelic host;
Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.

Evening Hymns

HYMN 43. C. M.
Come Let Us Sing an Evening Hymn

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Come let us sing an evening hymn
To calm our minds for rest,
And each one try, with single eye,
To praise the Savior best.

2 Yea, let us sing a sacred song
To close the passing day:
With one accord, call on the Lord,
And ever watch and pray.

3 O thank the Lord for grace and gifts,
Renew'd in latter days;
For truth and light, to guide us right,
In wisdom's pleasant ways.

4 For ev'ry line we have receiv'd,
To turn our hearts above:
For ev'ry word, and ev'ry good,
That's fill'd our souls with love.

5 O let us raise a holier strain,
For blessings great as ours,
And be prepar'd while angels guard
Us through our slumb'ring hours.

6 O may we sleep and wake in joy,
While life with us remains:
And then go home beyond the tomb,
Where peace forever reigns.

HYMN 44. C. M.
Lord Thou Wilt Hear Me When I Pray

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Lord thou wilt hear me when I pray,
I am forever thine:
I fear before thee all the day,
O may I never sin.

2 And while I rest my weary head,
From cares and bus'ness free,
'Tis sweet conversing on my bed
With my own heart and thee.

3 I pay this evening sacrifice;
And when my work is done,
Great God, my faith and hope relies
Upon thy grace alone.

4 Thus, with my thoughts compos'd to peace,
I'll give mine eyes to sleep:
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
And will my slumbers keep.

HYMN 45. L M.
Glory to Thee, My God, this Night

Thomas Ken 1709

1 Glory to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under the shadow of thy wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The sins that I this day have done:
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Triumphing rise at the last day.

4 O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close:
Sleep, that may me more vigorous make,
To serve my God, when I awake.

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply:
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

6 Let my blest Guardian, while I sleep,
His watchful station near me keep;
My heart with love celestial fill,
And guard me from the approach of ill.

7 May he celestial joys rehearse,
And thought in thought with me converse,
Or, in my stead, all the night long,
Sing to my God a grateful song.

8 Lord, let my soul forever share
The bliss of thy paternal care;
'Tis heaven on earth, 'tis heaven above,
To see thy face, to sing thy love.

9 O when shall I, in endless day,
Forever chase dark sleep away,
And hymns divine with angels sing,
Glory to thee, eternal King!

10 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye angelic host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

HYMN 46. L. M.
Great God! to Thee My Evening Song

Anne Steele, 1716–1778

1 Great God! to thee my evening song,
With humble gratitude I raise:
O let thy mercy tune my tongue,
And fill my heart with lively praise.

2 My days unclouded as they pass,
And ev'ry onward rolling hour,
Are monuments of wonderous grace,
And witness to thy love and power.

3 And yet this thoughtless, wretched heart,
Too oft regardless of thy love,
Ungrateful, can from thee depart,
And from the path of duty rove.

4 Seal my forgiveness in the blood
Of Christ, my Lord; his name alone
I plead for pardon, gracious God,
And kind acceptance at thy throne.

5 With hope in him mine eyelids close,
With sleep refresh my feeble frame;
Safe in thy care may I repose,
And wake with praises to thy name.

HYMN 47. L. M.
When Restless on My Bed I Lie

Baptist W. Noel 1799–1873

1 When restless on my bed I lie,
Still courting sleep, which still will fly,
Then shall reflection's brighter power,
Illume the lone and midnight hour.

2 If hush'd the breeze, and calm the tide,
Soft will the stream of mem'ry glide,
And all the past, a gentle train,
Wak'd by remembrance, live again.

3 If loud the wind, the tempest high,
And darkness wraps the sullen sky.
I muse on life's tempestuous sea,
And sigh, O Lord, to come to thee.

4 Toss'd on the deep and swelling wave,
O mark my trembling soul, and save!
Give to my view that harbor near,
Where thou wilt chase each grief and fear!

HYMN 48. S. M.
The Day is Past and Gone

Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen 1670–1739 (Translated by Frances Bevan 1827–1909)

1 The day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear;
O may we all remember well
The night of death draws near.

2 We lay our garments by,
While we retire to rest;
So death will soon disrobe us all
Of what we here possess.

3 Lord, keep us safe this night
Secure from all our fears:
May angels guard us while we sleep,
Till morning light appears.

4 And when we early rise,
And view th' unwearied sun,
May we set out to win the prize,
And after glory run.

5 And when our days are past,
And we from time remove,
O may we in thy kingdom rest,
Where all is peace and love.

Farewell Hymns

HYMN 49. P. M.
The Gallant Ship is Under Way

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 The gallant ship is under way,
To bear me off to sea,
And yonder float the streamers gay,
That say she waits for me.
The seamen dip their ready oar,
As ebbing waves oft tell—
They bear me swiftly from the shore:
My native land farewell.

2 I go but not to plough the main
To ease a restless mind,
Nor do I toil on battle's plain
The visitor's wreath to twine.
'Tis not for trasurers that are hid
In mountain or in dell!
'Tis not for joys like these I bid
My native land farewell.

3 I go to break the fowler's snare,
To gather Israel home:
I go the name of Christ to bear
In lands and isles unknown.
And when my pilgrim feet shall tread
On land where darkness dwells,
Where light and truth have long since fled
My native land farewell.

4 I go an erring child of dust,
Ten thousand foes among;
Yet on His mighty arm I trust
That makes the feeble strong—
My sun, my shield, forever nigh,
He will my fears dispel:
This hope supports me when I sigh—
My native land farewell.

5 I go devoted to his cause,
And to his will resign'd;
His presence will supply the loss
Of all I leave behind.
His promise cheers the sinking heart,
And lights the darkest cell,
To exil'd pilgrims grace imparts—
My native land farewell.

6 I go because my master calls;
He's made my duty plain—
No danger can the heart appal
When Jesus stoops to reign!
And now the vessel's side we've made;
The sails their bosoms swell:
Thy beauties in the distance fade—
My native land farewell.

HYMN 50. P. M.
Farewell, Our Friends and Brethren!

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Farewell, our friends and brethren!
Here take the parting hand—
We go to preach the gospel
To ev'ry foreign land.

2 Farewell our wives and children,
Who render life so sweet—
Dry up your tears—be faithful
Till we again do meet.

3 Farewell ye scenes of childhood,
And fancies of our youth;
We go to combat error
With everlasting truth.

4 Farewell all carnal pleasure,
Which gilds the scenes of mirth,
Your days are surely number'd
To trouble man on earth.

5 Farewell, farewell our country—
Our home is now abroad
To labor in the vineyard,
In righteousness for God.

6 The gallant ships are ready
To waft us o'er the sea,
To gather up the blessed,
That Zion may be free.

HYMN 51. P. M.
Yes, My Native Land, I Love Thee

Samuel Francis Smith 1808–1895

1 Yes, my native land, I love thee,
All thy scenes I love them well,
Friends, connexions, happy country!
Can I bid you all farewell?
Can I leave thee—
Far in distant lands to dwell?

2 Home! thy joys are passing lovely;
Joys no stranger-heart can tell!
Happy home! 'tis sure I love thee!
Can I—can I—say Farewell?
Can I leave thee—
Far in distant lands to dwell?

3 Holy scenes of joy and gladness,
Ev'ry fond emotion swell,
Can I banish heart-felt sadness
While I bid my home farewell?
Can I leave thee—
Far in distant lands to dwell?

4 Yes! I hasten from you gladly,
From the scenes I love so well!
Faraway, ye billows, bear me:
Lovely, native land farewell!
Pleas'd I leave thee—
Far in distant lands to dwell.

5 In the deserts let me labor,
On the mountains let me tell,
How he died—the blessed Savior—
To redeem a world from hell!
Let me hasten,
Far in distant lands to dwell.

6 Bear me on, thou restless ocean;
Let the winds my canvass swell—
Heaves my heart with warm emotion,
While I go far hence to dwell,
Glad I bid thee,
Native land!—Farewell—Farewell.

HYMN 52. P. M.
Adieu, My Dear Brethren Adieu

Seth Mattison 1835

1 Adieu, my dear brethren adieu,
Reluctant we give you the hand,
No more to assemble with you,
Till we on mount Zion shall stand.

2 Your acts of benevolence past,
Your gentle compassionate love,
Henceforth in our mem'ry shall last,
Though far from your sight we remove.

3 Our hearts swell with tender regret,
And sigh at each parting embrace,
While heaven our course must direct,
And others succeed in our place.

4 When journeying the gospel to preach,
Our course among strangers we steer,
Repentance and faith we will teach,
To all that are willing to hear.

5 O Shepherd of Israel draw near!
Thy glorious presence display,
Our parting reflections to cheer,
And help us thy voice to obey.

6 Help us to refrain from each ill,
Press forward for glory and peace,
Our sacred engagements fulfil,
Till thou shalt command our release.

7 Then may we to Zion repair,
And wait our blest Master to see,
To spend the Millenium there,
From sin and from sorrow set free.

8 How cheerful the thoughts of that rest,
With Jesus our Savior to reign,
Till we shall be chang'd with the blest,
And glory celestial obtain.

On Baptism

HYMN 53. P. M.
Come Ye Children of the Kingdom

Thomas R. Taylor 1807–1835

1 Come ye children of the kingdom,
Sing with me for joy to-day;
Gather round, as Christ's disciples,
Kneel with grateful hearts and pray.

2 There's a line contained in Matthew
What the Savior said to John,
And the sacred words from heaven,
This is my beloved Son.

3 As 'twas said to Nicodemus,
So I must be born again;
'Tis by water and the Spirit
I the promise may obtain.

4 So I will obey the Savior,
Keep his law and do his will,
That I may enjoy forever,
Happiness on Zion's hill.

HYMN 54. P. M.
Jesus, Mighty King of Zion

John Fellows 1783

1 Jesus, mighty King in Zion,
Thou alone our guide shalt be;
Thy commission we rely on,
We will follow none but thee.

2 As an emblem of thy passion,
And thy vict'ry o'er the grave,
We, who know the great salvation,
Are baptized beneath the wave.

3 Fearless of the world's despising,
We the ancient path pursue;
Buried with our Lord, and rising
To a life divinely new.

HYMN 55 P. M.
In Jordan's Tide the Prophet Stands

John Rippon 1751–1836

1 In Jordan's tide the prophet stands,
Immersing the repenting Jews;
The Son of God the right demands,
Nor dares the holy man refuse:
Jesus descends beneath the wave,
The emblem of his future grave.

2 Wonder, ye heavens! your Maker lies
In deeps conceal'd from human view;
Ye men behold him sink and rise,
A fit example thus for you:
The sacred record, while you read,
Calls you to imitate the deed.

3 But, lo! from yonder op'ning skies,
What beams of dazling glory spread!
Dove-like the Eternal Spirit flies,
And lights on the Redeemer's head;
Amaz'd they see the power divine
Around the Savior's temples shine.

4 But hark, my soul, hark and adore!
What sounds are those that roll along,
Not like loud Sinai's awful roar,
But soft and sweet as Gabriel's song!
"This is my well-beloved Son;
"I see, well pleas'd, what he hath done."

5 Thus the eternal Father spoke,
Who shakes creation with a nod;
Through parting skies the accents broke,
And bid us hear the Son of God:
O, hear the awful word to-day;
Hear, all ye nations, and obey.

HYMN 56. P. M.
Salem's Bright King, Jesus by Name

Unknown

1 Salem's bright King, Jesus by name,
In ancient times to Jordan came
All righteousness to fill;
'Twas there the ancient prophet stood,
Whose name was John, a man of God,
To do his Master's will.

2 The holy Jesus did demand
His right to be baptized then,
The prophet gave consent;
On Jordan's banks they did appear,
And lo, John and his Master dear,
Then down the bank they went.

3 Down in old Jordan's rolling stream;
The prophet led the holy Lamb,
And there did him baptize:
Jehovah saw his darling Son,
And was well pleas'd in what he'd done,
And own'd him from the skies.

4 The opening heaven now complies,
The Holy Ghost like lightning flies,
Down from the courts above:
And on the holy heavenly Lamb,
The Spirit lights and does remain,
In shape like a fair dove.

5 This is my Son, Jehovah cries,
The echoing voice from glory flies,
O, children, hear ye him;
Hark! 'tis his voice, behold he cries,
Repent, believe, and be baptiz'd,
And wash away your sin.

6 Come, children, come, his voice obey,
Salem's bright King has mark'd the way,
And has a crown prepar'd;
O then arise and give consent,
Walk in the way that Jesus went,
And have the great reward.

7 Believing children gather round,
And let your joyful songs abound,

With cheerful hearts arise;
See, here is water, here is room,
A loving Savior calling, come,
O children, be baptiz'd.

8 Behold, his servant waiting stands,
With willing heart and ready hands
To wait upon the Bride;
Ye candidates your hearts prepare,
And let us join in solemn prayer,
Down by the water side.

On Sacrament

HYMN 57. P. M.
O God th' Eternal Father

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 O God th' eternal Father,
Who dwells amid the sky,
In Jesus' name we ask thee
To bless and sanctify,
(If we are pure before thee,)
This bread and cup of wine,
That we may all remember
That offering so divine.

2 That sacred holy offering,
By man least understood,
To have our sins remitted,
And 'take his flesh and blood.
That we may ever witness,
The sufferings of thy Son
And always have his Spirit
To make our hearts as one.

3 When Jesus, the anointed,
Descended from above,
And gave himself a ransom
To win our souls with love;
With no apparent beauty,
That men should him desire—
He was the promis'd Savior,
To purify with fire.

4 How infinite that wisdom,
The plan of holiness,
That made salvation perfect,
And vail'd the Lord in flesh,
To walk upon his footstool,
And be like man, (almost,)
In his exalted station,
And die—or all was lost!

5 'Twas done—all nature trembled!
Yet, by the pow'r of faith,
He rose as God triumphant,
And broke the bands of death:
And, rising conq'rer, "captive
He led captivity,"
And sat down with the Father
To fill eternity.

6 He is the true Messiah,
That died and lives again;
We look not for another,
He is the Lamb 'twas slain;
He is the Stone and Shepherd
Of Israel—scatter'd far;
The glorious Branch from Jesse:
The bright and Morning Star.

7 Again, he is that Prophet
That Moses said should come,
Being raised among his brethren,
To call the righteous home,
And all that will not hear him,
Shall feel his chast'ning rod,
Till wickedness is ended,
As saith the Lord our God.

8 He comes, he comes in glory,
(The vail has vanish'd too,)
With angels, yea our fathers,
To drink this cup anew—
And sing the songs of Zion
And shout—'Tis done, 'tis done!
While every son and daughter
Rejoices—we are one.

HYMN 58. L. M.
'Twas on that Dark, that solemn Night

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 'Twas on that dark, that solemn night,
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose,
Against the Son, e'en God's delight,
And friends betray'd him to his foes:

2 Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread, and bles'd, and brake—
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace he spake!

3 "This is my body broke for sin;
"Receive and eat the living food."
Then took the cup, and bless'd the wine,
"Tis the new cov'nant in my blood."

4 For us his flesh with nails was torn,
He bore the scourge, he felt the thorn;
And justice pour'd upon his head
Its heavy vengeance, in our stead.

5 For us his precious blood was spilt,
To purchase pardon for our guilt:
When for our sins, he suff'ring dies
And gave his life a sacrifice.

6 "Do this", he cried, "till time shall end,
"In mem'ry of your dying friend;
"Meet at my table, and record
"The love of your departed Lord."

7 Jesus, thy feast we celebrate;
We show thy death, we sing thy name,
Till thou return, and we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

HYMN 59. P. M.
Arise, My Soul, Arise

Charles Wesley 1742

1 Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears,
The bleeding sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Sur'ty stands,
My name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood aton'd for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Receiv'd on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly speak for me;
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransom'd sinner die!

4 The Father hears him pray,
His dear annointed One:
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

5 My God is reconcil'd,
His pard'ning voice I hear:
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba Father, cry.

HYMN 60. C. M.
Behold the Savior of Mankind

Samuel Wesley 1662–1735

1 Behold the Savior of mankind
Nail'd to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that him inclin'd
To bleed and die for thee!

2 Hark, how he groans! while nature shakes,
And earth's strong pillars bend!
The temple's veil in sunder breaks,
The solid marbles rend.

3 'Tis done! the precious ransom's paid,
"Receive my soul!" he cries:
See where he bows his sacred head!
He bows his head, and dies!

4 But soon he'll break death's envious chain
And in full glory shine:
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
Was ever love like thine!

HYMN 61. C. M.
Alas! and did My Savior Bleed!

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed!
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I have done,
He groan'd upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in;
When Christ the mighty Maker died,
For man the creature's sin!

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

On Marriage

HYMN 62. P. M.
When Earth was Dress'd in Beauty

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 When earth was dress'd in beauty,
And join'd with heav'n above.
The Lord took Eve to Adam,
And taught them how to love.

2 On such a grand occasion,
As union had begun,
They held a sweet communion,
And join'd the twain as one.

3 And bless'd them as an altar,
For chaste and pure desire,
That no unhallow'd being
Might offer there "strange fire."

4 Beware of all temptation;
Be good, be just, be wise,
Be even as the angels,
That dwell in Paradise.

5 Go multiply,—replenish,
And fill the earth with men,
That all your vast creation,
May come to God again:—

6 And dwell amid perfection,
In Zion's wide domains,
Where union is eternal,
And Jesus ever reigns.

Miscellaneous

HYMN 63. P. M.
Amazing Grace

John Newton 1779

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

5 Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

7 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Note:

Originally "O stop and tell me, Red Man" in the Church of Latter Day Saints hymnal.

1 *O stop and tell me, Red Man, Who are ye? why you roam? And how you get your living? Have you no God;—no home?*
2 *With stature straight and portly, And deck'd in native pride, With feathers, paints and broaches, He willingly replied:—*
3 *"I once was pleasant Ephraim, "When Jacob for me pray'd; "But oh! how blessings vanish, "When man from God has stray'd!*
4 *"Before your nation knew us, "Some thousand moons ago, "Our fathers fell in darkness, "And wander'd to and fro,*
5 *"And long they've liv'd by hunting, "Instead of work and arts, "And so our race has dwindled "To idle Indian hearts.*
6 *"Yet hope within us lingers, "As if the Spirit spoke:—"He'll come for your redemption, 'And break your Gentile yoke:*
7 *'And all your captive brothers, 'From every clime shall come, 'And quit their savage customs, 'To live with God at home.*
8 *"Then joy will fill our bosoms, "And blessings crown our days, "To live in pure religion, "And sing our maker's praise."*

HYMN 64. P. M.
And did My Savior Die

Unknown

1 And did my Savior die,
And shed his blood for me?
O! what's the reason why,
Ungrateful I should be?

2 Why should I fear to speak,
And own my Savior's name,
Or bow before his feet,
Or sing aloud his fame?

3 O, may I courage have,
From time to time to tell,
My progress while I live,
On this terrestrial ball.

4 Help me O Lord to live,
And thy commandments keep,
Thy Spirit freely give,
Until in thee I sleep.

HYMN 65. P. M.
Come All Ye Sons of Zion

Thomas Davenport 1815–1888

1 Come all ye sons of Zion,
And let us praise the Lord:
His ransom'd are returning,
According to his word.
In sacred songs, and gladness,
They walk the narrow way,
And thank the Lord who bro't them
To see the latter day.

2 Come, ye dispers'd of Judah,
Join in the theme, and sing
With harmony unceasing,
The praises of your King
Whose arm is now extended
(On which the world may gaze)
To gather up the righteous,
In these, the latter days.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel!
And let your joys abound;
The voice of God shall reach you,
Wherever you are found;
And call you back from bondage,
That you may sing his praise
In Zion and Jerusalem
In these, the latter days.

4 Then gather up for Zion,
Ye Saints, throughout the land,
And clear the way before you,
As God shall give command:
Tho' wicked men and devils
Exert their pow'r, 'tis vain,
Since him who is Eternal
Has said you shall obtain.

HYMN 66. P. M.
Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise

Edward Partridge 1793–1840

1 Let Zion in her beauty rise;
Her light begins to shine,
Ere long her King will rend the skies,
Majestic and divine.
The gospel's spreading through the land,
A people to prepare,
To meet the Lord and Enoch's band,
Triumphant in the air.

2 Ye heralds sound the gospel trump,
To earth's remotest bound;
Go spread the news from pole to pole,
In all the nations round,
That Jesus in the clouds above,
With hosts of angels too,
Will soon appear his Saints to save,
His enemies subdue.

3 But ere that great and solemn day,
The stars from heav'n will fall,
The moon be turned into blood,
The waters into gall,
The sun with blackness will be cloth'd,
All nature look affright!
While men, rebellious wicked men,
Gaze heedless on the sight.

4 The earth shall reel, the heavens shake,
The sea move to the north,
The earth roll up like as a scroll,
When God's command goes forth;
The mountains sink the valley rise,
And all become a plain,
The islands, and the continents
Will then unite again.

5 Alas! the day will then arrive,
When rebels to God's grace,
Will call for rocks to fall on them,
And hide them from his face:
Not so with those who keep his law,
They joy to meet their Lord
In clouds above, with them that slept
In Christ, their sure reward.

6 That glorious rest will then commence,
Which prophets did foretell,
When Christ will reign, with Saints on earth
And in their presence dwell
A thousand years: O glorious day!
Dear Lord prepare my heart,
To stand with thee, on Zion's mount,
And never more to part.

7 Then when the thousand years are past,
And satan is unbound,
O Lord preserve us from his grasp,
By fire from heav'n sent down,
Until our great last change shall come,
T' immortalize this clay,
Then we in the celestial world,
Will spend eternal day.

HYMN 67. C. M.
Jesus, the Name that Charms Our Fears
(O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Charles Wesley 1739

1 Glory to God, and praise and love,
Be ever, ever given;
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

2 On this glad day the glorious Sun
Of righteousness arose,
On my benighted soul he shone,
And filled it with repose.

3 Sudden expired the legal strife;
'Twas then I ceased to grieve.
My second, real, living life,
I then began to live.

4 Then with my heart I first believed,
Believed with faith divine;
Power with the Holy Ghost received
To call the Savior mine.

5 I felt my Lord's atoning blood
Close to my soul applied;
Me, me he loved - the Son of God
For me, for me he died!

6 I found and owned his promise true,
Ascertained of my part,
My pardon passed in heaven I know,
When written on my heart.

7 O For a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

8 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the world abroad
The honors of Thy name.

9 Jesus the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the Christian's ear;

'Tis life, and health, and peace.

10 He breaks the power of cancell'd sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood avail'd for me.

11 He speaks—and list'ning to his voice,
Sinners new life receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

12 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

13 Look unto him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race;
Look, and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

14 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man.

15 Harlots, and publicans, and thieves,
In holy triumph join!
Saved is the sinner that believes,
From crimes as great as mine.

16 Murderers, and all ye hellish crew,
Ye sons of lust and pride,
Believe the Savior died for you;
For me the Saviour died.

17 Awake from fallen nature's sleep,
And Christ will give you light;
Cast all your sins into the deep,
And wash the Æthiop white:

18 With me your chief ye then shall know,
Shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.

Note:

*Originally in the Church of Latter Day Saints hymnal Emma selected the following verses only, in the following order:
9, 11, 17, 18, 7, 10, 12:*

- 1 Jesus the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the christian's ear; 'Tis life, and health, and peace.*
- 2 He speaks—and list'ning to his voice, Sinners new life receive, The mournful broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.*
- 3 Awake from fallen nature's sleep, And Christ will give you light; Cast all your sins into the deep, And wash the Æthiop white:*
- 4 With me your chief ye then shall know, Shall feel your sins forgiven; Anticipate your heaven below, And own that love is heaven.*
- 5 O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise; The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.*
- 6 He breaks the power of cancell'd sin; He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avail'd for me.*
- 7 Hear him ye deaf, his praise ye dumb, Your loosen'd tongues employ; Ye blind behold your Savior come, And leap ye lame for joy.*

HYMN 68. C. M.
Come all Ye Saints, Who Dwell on Earth

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Come all ye Saints, who dwell on earth,
Your cheerful voices raise,
Our great Redeemer's love to sing,
And celebrate his praise.

2 His love is great, he died for us,
Shall we ungrateful be?
Since he has mark'd a road to bliss,
And said, Come follow me.

3 The strait and narrow way we've found,
Then let us travel on,
Till we in the celestial world,
Shall meet where Christ is gone.

4 And there we'll join the heav'nly choir,
And sing his praise above;
While endless ages roll around,
Perfected by his love.

HYMN 69. L. M.
God Spake the Word, and Time Began

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 God spake the word, and time began;
He spake and gave his law to man;
His presence oft did Adam cheer,
Who lov'd the voice of God to hear.

2 But, by and by the scene was chang'd,
Our parents broke the Lords command;
They lost their innocence, and fled
Among the trees, and strove to hide.

3 From God their Father; but in vain,
For soon the Lord appear'd again,
And call'd to Adam in the wood,
Who felt condemn'd and trembling stood.

4 So wicked men, in every age,
Far from the God of heav'n have stray'd,
Till near six thousand years have fled,
And left the world with faith that's dead.

5 By faith, the ancients sought the Lord,
From time to time obtain'd his word,
Not only they but so may we,
When faith and works do both agree.

6 From Adam to the present day,
Many have sought a righteous way;
And some have found the narrow road,
And Enoch-like, have walk'd with God.

7 In every age, God is the same,
But men, they change from time to time.
While sinners take the counter road,
The man of faith approaches God.

8 Experience and the word agree,
Draw nigh says God; I'll draw nigh thee.
Then are they wise who do deny,
The works of faith beneath the sky?

HYMN 70. C. M.
Great is the Lord: 'Tis Good to Praise

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 Great is the Lord: 'tis good to praise
His high and holy name:
Well may the Saints in latter days
His wondrous love proclaim.

2 To praise him let us all engage,
That unto us is giv'n:
To live in this momentous age,
And share the light of heav'n.

3 We'll praise him for our happy lot,
On this much favored land;
Where truth, and righteousness are taught,
By his divine command.

4 We'll praise him for more glorious things,
Than language can express,
The "everlasting gospel" brings,
The humble souls to bless.

5 The Comforter is sent again,
His pow'r the church attends;
And with the faithful will remain
Till Jesus Christ descends.

6 We'll praise him for a prophet's voice,
His people's steps to guide:
In this, we do and will rejoice,
Tho' all the world deride.

7 Praise him, the time, the chosen time,
To favor Zion's come:
And all the Saints, from ev'ry clime,
Will soon be gather'd home.

8 The op'ning seals announce the day,
By prophets long declar'd;
When all, in one triumphant lay,
Will join to praise the Lord.

HYMN 71. C. M.
The Glorious Day is Rolling On

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 The glorious day is rolling on—
All glory to the Lord!
When fair as at creation's dawn
The earth will be restor'd.

2 A perfect harvest then will crown
The renovated soil;
And rich abundance drop around,
Without corroding toil:

3 For in its own primeval bloom,
Will nature smile again;
And blossoms streaming with perfume,
Adorn the verdant plain.

4 The Saints will then, with pure delight,
Possess the holy land;
And walk with Jesus Christ in white,
And in his presence stand.

5 What glorious prospects! can we claim
These hopes, and call them our's?
Yes, if through faith in Jesus name,
We conquer satan's pow'rs.

6 If we, like Jesus bear the cross—
Like him despise the shame;
And count all earthly things but dross,
For his most holy name.

7 Then while the pow'rs of darkness rage,
With glory in our view,
In Jesus' strength let us engage,
To press to Zion too.

8 For Zion will like Eden bloom;
And Jesus come to reign—
The Saints immortal from the tomb
With angels meet again.

HYMN 72. L. M.
Before this Earth from Chaos Sprung

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 Before this earth from chaos sprung,
Or morning stars together sung,
Jehovah saw what would take place
In all the vast extent of space.

2 He spoke; this world to order came,
And men he made lord of the same,
Great things to them he did make known,
Which should take place in days to come.

3 Those holy men minutely told,
What future ages would unfold,
Scenes God had purpos'd should take place,
Down to the last of Adam's race.

4 But we will pass those ancients by,
Who spoke and wrote by prophecy,
Until we come to him of old,
E'en Joseph whom his breth'ren sold.

5 He prophesied of this our day,
That God would unto Israel say,
The gospel light you now shall see,
And from your bondage be set free.

6 He said God would raise up a seer,
The hearts of Jacob's sons to cheer,
And gather them again in bands,
In latter days upon their lands.

7 He likewise did foretell the name,
That should be given to the same,
His and his father's should agree,
And both like his should Joseph be.

8 This seer like Moses should obtain,
The word of God for man again;
A spokesman God would him prepare,
His word when written to declare.

9 According to his holy plan,
The Lord has now rais'd up the man,
His latter day work to begin,
To gather scatter'd Israel in.

10 This seer shall be esteemed high,
By Joseph's remnants by and by,
He is the man who's call'd to raise,
And lead Christ's church in these last days.

11 The keys which Peter did receive,
To rear a kingdom God to please.
Have once more been confer'd on man,
To bring about Jehovah's plan.

12 The key of knowledge long since lost,
Has virtue still as at the first,
To bring to light things of great worth,
And thus with knowledge fill the earth.

13 Then none need to his neighbor say,
Know thou the Lord, this is the way,
For all shall know him who shall stand,
Both old and young in all the land.

14 Now let the Saints both far and near,
And scatter'd Israel, when they hear
This news, rejoice in Israel's God,
And sing, and praise his name aloud.

HYMN 73. P. M
Thy Mercy, My God, is the Theme of My Song

John Stocker 1776

1 Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

2 Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
Sin soon would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

3 Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolv'd by the goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I found.

4 The door of thy mercy stands open all day,
To the poor and the needy who knock by the way;
No sinner shall ever be empty sent back,
Who comes seeking mercy for Jesus's sake.

5 Thy mercy in Jesus exempts me from hell;
Its glories I'll sing, and its wonders I'll tell;
'Twas Jesus, my friend, when he hung on the tree,
Who open'd the channel of mercy to me.

6 Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

HYMN 74. P. M.
From Greenland's Icy Mountains

Reginald Heber 1819

1 From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand;
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain,

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown:
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O Salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learn'd Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,
And you, ye waters roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

**HYMN 75. P. M.
O Jesus! the Giver**

William W. Phelps 1792–1872, adapted from Unknown

1 O Jesus! the giver
Of all we enjoy,
Our lives to thy honor
We wish to employ;
With praises unceasing
We'll sing of thy name,
Thy goodness increasing,
Thy love we'll proclaim.

2 With joy we remember
The dawn of that day,
When, cold as December,
In darkness we lay;
The sweet invitation
We heard with surprise,
And witness'd salvation
To flow from the skies.

3 The wonderful name
Of our Jesus we'll sing,
And publish the fame
Of our Captain and King;
With sweet exultation
His goodness we prove
His name is Salvation,
His nature is love.

4 We now are enlisted
In Jesus' bless'd cause,
Divinely assisted
To conquer our foes;
His grace will support us
Till conflicts are o'er,
He then will escort us
To Zion's bright shore.

HYMN 76. L. M.
In Ancient Days Men Fear'd the Lord

Parley P. Pratt 1807–1857

1 In ancient days men fear'd the Lord,
And by their faith receiv'd his word,
Then God bestow'd upon the meek,
The Priesthood of Melchizedek.

2 By help of this their faith increas'd,
Till they with God spoke face to face:
An Enoch, he would walk with God;
A Noah ride safe o'er the flood.

3 Abr'ham obtain'ed great promises,
And Isaac he was also blest,
A Jacob could prevail with God;
The sea divide at Moses' rod.

4 The lions' mouth a Daniel clos'd,
The fire near scorch'd his brethren's clothes,
But time would fail to mention all
The men of faith, I'll just name Paul.

5 Who did, to the third heav'ns, arise,
And view the wonders of the skies;
He saw and heard, mysterious things,
Yet all by faith, and not by wings.

6 Such blessings to the human race,
Once more are tender'd by God's grace;
The Priesthood is again restor'd,
For this let God be long ador'd.

7 Now we by faith, like Paul and John,
May see the Father and the Son,
And view eternal things above,
And taste the sweets of boundless love.

8 And if, like them, we hated be,
Depriv'd sometimes of liberty,
We will like them, this faith defend,
What'er our fate, unto the end.

9 O Lord assist thy feeble worms,
This resolution to perform,
And we thy sacred name will praise,
Throughout the remnant of our days.

HYMN 77. C. M.
Mortals, Awake! with Angels Join

Samuel Medley 1738–1799

1 Mortals, awake! with angels join,
And chant the solemn lay;
Love, joy, and gratitude combine
To hail th' auspicious day.

2 In heav'n the rapt'rous song began,
And sweet seraphic fire
Through all the shining legions ran,
And swept the sounding lyre.

3 The theme, the song, the joy was new
To each angelic tongue;
Swift through the realms of light it flew,
And loud the echo rung.

4 Down through the portals of the sky
The pealing anthem ran,
And angels flew, with eager joy,
To bear the news to man.

5 Hark! the cherubic armies shout,
And glory leads the song,
Peace and salvation swell the note
Of all the hev'nly throng,

6 With joy the chorus we'll repeat,
"Glory to God on high;
Good will and peace are now complete
Jesus was born to die!"

7 Hail, Prince of Life, forever hail!
Redeemer, brother, friend!
Though earth, and time, and life should fail,
Thy praise shall never end.

HYMN 78. P. M.
The Lord into His Garden Comes

Unknown

1 The Lord into his garden comes,
The spices yield their rich perfumes;
The lilies grow and thrive;
Refreshing showers of grace divine,
From Jesus flow to every vine,
And make the dead revive.

2 This makes the dry and barren ground,
In springs of water to abound,
And fruitful soil become;
The desert blossoms like the rose,
When Jesus conquers all his foes,
And makes his people one.

3 The glorious time is rolling on,
The gracious work is now begun,
My soul a witness is;
Come, taste and see the pardon free
To all mankind, as well as me;
Who comes to Christ may live.

4 The worst of sinners here may find
A Savior pitiful and kind,
Who will them all relieve:
None are too late if they repent;
Out of one sinner legions went,
Jesus did him receive.

5 Come, brethren, you that love the Lord,
Who taste the sweetness of his word,
In Jesus' ways go on;
Our trouble and our trials here,
Will only make us richer there,
When we arrive at home.

6 We feel that heaven is now begun,
It issues from the shining throne,
From Jesus' throne on high;
It comes like floods, we can't contain,
We drink, and drink, and drink again,
And yet we still are dry.

7 But when we come to reign above,
And all surround the throne of love,

We'll drink a full supply;
Jesus will lead his armies through,
To living fountains where they flow,
That never will run dry.

8 There we shall reign, and shout and sing,
And make the upper regions ring,
When all the Saints get home,
Come on, come on, my brethren dear,
Soon we shall meet together there
For Jesus bids us come.

HYMN 79. L. M.
I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley 1738–1799

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives who once was dead,
He lives, my ever-living head!

2 He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to bless in time of need:

3 He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with his eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint:

4 He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to stop and wipe my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart:

5 He lives my kind, wise, heav'nly friend,
He lives and loves me to the end,
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing,
He lives my Prophet, Priest, and King:

6 He lives and grants me daily breath,
He lives, and I shall conquer death,
He lives my mansion to prepare,
He lives to bring me safely there:

7 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same:
O the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives."

HYMN 80. P. M.
How Often in Sweet Meditation, My Mind

Parley P. Pratt 1807–1857

1 How often in sweet meditation, my mind,
(Where solitude reigned and aside from mankind,
Has dwelt on the hour, when the Savior did deign,
To call me his servant to publish his name.

2 To lift up my voice and proclaim the glad news,
First unto the Gentiles and then to the Jews;
That Jesus Messiah in clouds will descend,
Destroy the ungodly, the righteous defend.

3 How rich is the treasure, ye servants of God,
Entrusted to us as made known by his word;
The plan of salvation, the gospel of grace,
To publish abroad unto Adam's lost race.

4 O gladly we'll go to the isles and proclaim;
And nations unknown then shall hear of his
fame;
Yea, kingdoms, and countries, both Gentiles and Jews
Shall see us, and hear us proclaim the glad news.

5 And Millions shall turn to the Lord and rejoice,
That they have made Jesus the Saviour their choice;
From north, and the south, from the east and the west,
We'll bring home our thousands in Zion to rest.

6 As clouds see them fly to their glorious home—
As doves to their windows in flocks see them come,
While empires shall tremble and kingdoms shall rend,
And thrones be cast down as wise Daniel proclaim'd.

7 And Israel shall flourish and spread far abroad,
Till earth shall be full of the knowledge of God:
And thus shall the stone of the mountain roll forth—
Extend its dominion, and fill the whole earth.

HYMN 81. P. M.
Let Thy Kingdom, Blessed Savior

John A. Granade 1763–1807

1 Let thy kingdom, blessed Savior,
Come and bid our troubles cease;
Come, O come! and reign forever,
God of love and prince of peace;
Visit now poor bleeding Zion,
Hear thy people mourn and weep;
Day and night thy lambs are crying,
Come, good Shepherd, feed thy sheep.

2 Some for Paul, some for Apollos,
Some for Cephas—none agree:
Jesus let us hear thee call us;
Help us, Lord to follow thee;
Then we'll rush through what encumbers,
Over evry hindrance leap;
Not upheld by force or numbers,
Come good shepherd feed thy sheep.

3 Lord, in us there is no merit,
We've been sinners from our youth;
Guide us, Lord, by thy good Spirit,
Which shall teach us all the truth.
On thy gospel word we'll venture,
Till in death's cold arms we sleep,
Love our Lord, and Christ our Savior,
O! good Shepherd, feed thy sheep.

4 Come, good Lord, with courage arm us,
Persecution rages here—
Nothing, Lord, we know can harm us,
While our Shepherd is so near.
Glory, glory, be to Jesus,
At his name our hearts do leap;
He both comforts us and frees us,
The good shepherd feeds his sheep.

5 Hear the Prince of our salvation
Saying, "Fear not, little flock;
I, myself, am your foundation,
You are built upon this Rock:
Shun the paths of vice and folly,
Scale the mount, although it's steep;
Look to me and be ye holy;
I delight to feed my sheep."

6 Christ alone, who merit saves us,
Taught by him we'll own his name;
Sweetest of all names is Jesus!
How it doth our souls inflame!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
Give him glory, he will keep,
He will clear our way before us,
The good Shepherd feeds his sheep.

HYMN 82. P. M.
How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Robert Keen 1787

1 How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word;
What more can he say than to you he hath said?
You, who unto Jesus, for refuge have fled.

2 In every condition—in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

3 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismay'd!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not thee o'erflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

6 "E'en down to old age, all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when grey hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

7 "The soul that on Jesus hath lean'd for repose,
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never—no, never, no never forsake!"

HYMN 83. P. M.
How Pleasant 'tis to See

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 How pleasant 'tis to see
Kindred and friends agree;
Each in his proper station move,
And each fulfil his part,
With sympathizing heart,
In all the cares of life and love!

2 'Tis like the ointment shed
On Aaron's sacred head,
Divinely rich, divinely sweet:
The oil through all the room
Diffused a choice perfume,
Ran through his robes, and blest his feet.

3 Like fruitful showers of rain,
That water all the plain,
Descending from the neighboring hills;
Such streams of pleasure roll
Through every friendly soul,
Where love like heavenly dew distils.

HYMN 84. P. M.
How Pleased and Blest was I

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 How pleased and blest was I,
To hear the people cry,
“Come, let us seek our God today!”
Yes, with a cheerful zeal,
We’ll haste to Zion’s hill,
And there our vows and honors pay.

2 Zion, thrice happy place,
Adorn’d with wondrous grace,
And walls of strength embrace thee round!
In thee our tribes appear,
To pray, and praise, and hear
The sacred gospel’s joyful sound

3 There David’s greater Son
Has fix’d his royal throne;
He sits for grace and judgment there:
He bids the Saint be glad,
He makes the sinner sad,
And humble souls rejoice with fear.

4 May peace attend thy gate,
And joy within thee wait,
To bless the soul of every guest:
The man that seeks thy peace,
And wishes thine increase,
A thousand blessings on him rest!

5 My tongue repeats her vows,
“Peace to this sacred house!
For here my friends and kindred dwell:”
And since my glorious God
Makes thee his blest abode,
My soul shall ever love thee well.

HYMN 85. P. M.
Though in the Outward Church Below

John Newton, 1779

1 Though in the outward church below,
The wheat and tares together grow;
Jesus ere long will weed the crop,
And pluck the tares in anger up.
For soon the reaping time will come,
And angels shout the harvest home.

2 Will it relieve their horrors there,
To recollect their stations here;
How much they heard, how much they knew,
How much among the wheat they grew?

3 No! this will aggravate their case,
They perish'd under means of grace;
To them the word of life and faith
Became an instrument of death.

4 We seem alike when thus we meet,
Strangers might think we all were wheat;
But to the Lord's all-searching eyes,
Each heart appears without disguise,

5 The tares are spared for various ends,
Some for the sake of praying friends:
Others the Lord, against their will,
Employs his counsels to fulfil.

6 But though they grow so tall and strong,
His plan will not require them long;
In harvest, when he saves his own,
The tares shall into hell be thrown.

7 O! awful thought, and is it so?
Must all mankind the harvest know?
Is every man a wheat or tare?
Me, for that harvest, Lord, prepare.

HYMN 86. C. M.
O God! Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 O God! our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

2 Under shadow of thy throne;
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth receiv'd her frame,
"From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
And lost in foll'wing years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

7 O God! our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our perpetual home!

HYMN 87. C. M.
Hark! from the Tombs a Doleful Sound

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound,
My ears attend the cry:
“Ye living men, come view the ground
Where you must shortly lie.

2 “Princes, this clay must be your bed,
In spite of all your tow’rs;
The tall, the wise, the reverend head,
Shall lie as low as ours.”

3 Great God! is this our certain doom!
And are we still secure!
Still walking downward to the tomb,
And yet prepar’d no more!

4 Grant us the pow’r of quick’ning grace,
To fit our souls to fly;
Then, when we drop this dying flesh,
We’ll rise above the sky.

HYMN 88. C. M.
Why Do We Mourn for Dying Friends

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Why do we mourn for dying friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms.

2 Are we not tending upward too,
As fast as time can move?
Nor should we wish the hours more slow,
To keep us from our love.

3 Why should we tremble to convey,
Their bodies to the tomb?
There once the flesh of Jesus lay,
And left a long perfume.

4 The graves of all his Saints he blest,
And soften'd every bed:
Where should the dying members rest,
But with their dying Head?

5 Thence he arose, ascending high,
And show'd our feet the way:
Up to the Lord our flesh shall fly,
At the great rising day.

6 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,
And bid our kindred rise;
Awake, ye nations underground;
Ye Saints, ascend the skies.

HYMN 89. L. M.
Why Should We Start and Fear to Die!

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

1 Why should we start and fear to die!
What tim'rous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate to endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

2 The pains, the groans, the dying strife,
Fright our approaching souls away;
And we shrink back again to life,
Fond of our prison and our clay.

3 O if my Lord would come and meet,
My soul would stretch her wings in haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
Nor feel the terrors as she past!

4 Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

HYMN 90. P. M.
The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning

William W. Phelps 1792–1872

1 The Spirit of God like a fire is burning;
The latter day glory begins to come forth;
The visions and blessings of old are returning;
The angels are coming to visit the earth.
We'll sing & we'll shout with the armies of heaven:
Hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb!
Let glory to them in the highest be given,
Henceforth and forever: amen and amen!

2 The Lord is extending the Saints' understanding—
Restoring their judges and all as at first;
The knowledge and power of God are expanding
The veil o'er the earth is beginning to burst.
We'll sing and we'll shout &c.

3 We call in our solemn assemblies, in spirit,
To spread forth the kingdom of heaven abroad,
That we through our faith may begin to inherit
The visions, and blessings, and glories of God.
We'll sing and we'll shout &c.

4 We'll wash, and be wash'd, and with oil be anointed
Withal not omitting the washing of feet:
For he that receiveth his penny appointed,
Must surely be clean at the harvest of wheat.
We'll sing and we'll shout &c.

5 Old Israel that fled from the world for his freedom,
Must come with the cloud and the pillar, amain:
A Moses, and Aaron, and Joshua lead him,
And feed him on manna from heaven again.
We'll sing and we'll shout &c.

6 How blessed the day when the lamb and the lion
Shall lie down together without any ire;
And Ephraim be crown'd with his blessing in Zion,
As Jesus descends with his chariots of fire!
We'll sing & we'll shout with His armies of heaven:
Hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb!
Let glory to them in the highest be given,
Henceforth and forever: amen and amen.

Other Hymns

HYMN 91
Abide with Me

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HYMN 92
Ere Long the Vail Will Rend in Twain

Frederick G. Williams 1787–1842

1 Ere long the vail will rend in twain
The king descend with all his train
The earth shall shake with awful fright
And all creation feel his might

2 The trump of of God it long shall sound
And rase the nations under ground
Throughout the vast domains of heaven
The voice echoes the sound is given

3 Lift up your heads ye saints in peace
The Savior comes for your release
The day of the redeem'd has come
The saints shall all be welcom'd home

4 Behold the church it soars on high
To meet the saints amid the sky
To hail the king in clouds of fire
And strike and tune the immortal lyre

5 Hosanna now the trump shall sound
Proclaim the joys of heav'n around
When all the saints together join
In songs of love and all divine

6 With Enoch here we all shall meet
And worship at Messiah's feet
Unite our hands and hearts in love
And reign on thrones with Christ above

7 The city that was seen of old
Whose walls were jasper and streets gold
We'll now inherit thron'd in might
The Father and the Son's delight

8 Celestial crowns we shall receive
And glories great our God shall give
While loud hosannas we'll proclaim
And sound aloud our Savior's name

9 Our hearts and tongues all joined in love
A loud hosanna to proclaim
While all the heavens shall shout again
And all creation say, Amen

HYMN 93
Age After Age has Rolled Away

Frederick G. Williams 1787–1842

1 Age after age has rolled away
Since man first dwell in mortal clay
And countless millions slept in death
That once supplied a place on earth

2 According to the fate of man
Which God had fixed in his own plan
So age must come and age must go
Till work complete is here below

3 Which had been seen by saints of old
And by the prophets were foretold
Which wondrous things are drawing near
That Enoch saw and saints did cheer

4 Enoch who did convers with God
Stood on the mount and stretchd abroad
His soul wide as eternity
He rent the vail and wonders see

5 With mighty faith he did expand
O'er earth and heaven o'er sea and land
Till things above and things below
He did behold yea did them know

6 His heart he turn'd to notes above
His soul o'erwhelm'd with boundless love
He sang a song in heav'nly lays
While angels tongues join'd him in praise

7 With finger end God touch'd his eyes
That he might gaze within the skies
His voice he raised to God on high
Who heard his groans and drew him nigh

8 With joy and wonder all amaz'd
Amid the heavenly throng he gaz'd
While heavenly music charmed his ear
And angels notes remov'd all fear

9 Hosanna he aloud did cry
To God who dwells above the sky
Again, Hosanna did resound
Among the heavenly hosts around

10 His voice he rais'd in higher strain
Echo'd and re-echo'd again
Till heaven and earth his voice did hear
Eternity did record bare

11 The trump of God around the throne
Proclaim'd the power of God anon

And sounded loud what should take place
From age to age from race to race

12 Among the heavenly hosts he sang
God's scheme of life for sinful man
And for the gospel's saving grace
He prais'd the Father face to face

13 The end of all his labors here
Were all unfolded to him there
His city raised to dwell on high
With all the saints above the sky

14 He saw before him all things past
From end to end from first to last
Yea things before the world began
Or dust was fashioned into man

15 The place of Adams first abode
While in the presence of his God
Before the mountains rais'd their heads
Or the small dust of balance weigh'd

16 With God he saw his race began
And from him emanated man
And with him did in glory dwell
Before there was an earth or hell

17 From age to age whate'er took place
was present then before his face
And to the latest years of man
Was plain before him heav'ns plan

18 His eyes with wonder did behold
Eternal glories yet untold
And glorious things of latter time
Which angels have to tell to men

19 He then did hear in days of old
The message that to John was told
The angel which the news did bring
He herd him talk and herd him sing

20 And knew before the days of John
What glories were on him to dawn
The message which he did receive
He herd and saw and did believe

21 He knew full well what John should hear
Concerning times and latter years
When God again should set his hand
To gather Israel to their lands

22 The gospel then from darkest shades
Should rise and go with rapid strides
Till nations distant far and near

The glorious proclamation hear

23 The angel that this news proclaims
Should come and visit earth again
Commit the gospel long since lost
To man with power as at the first

HYMN 94
Again We Meet around the Board

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 Again we meet around the board
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord,
With faith in his atoning blood,
Our only access unto God.

2 He left his Father's courts on high,
With man to live, for man to die,
A world to purchase and to save
And seal a triumph o'er the grave.

3 Help us, O God, to realize
The great atoning sacrifice,
The gift of thy beloved Son,
The Prince of Life, the Holy One.

4 O, bless us, Lord, for Jesus' sake,
That we may worthily partake
These emblems of the flesh and blood
Of our Redeemer, Savior, God.

HYMN 94
How Great the Wisdom and the Love

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 How great the wisdom and the love
That filled the courts on high
And sent the Savior from above
To suffer, bleed, and die!

2 His precious blood he freely spilt;
His life he freely gave,
A sinless sacrifice for guilt,
A dying world to save.

3 By strict obedience Jesus won
The prize with glory rife:
“Thy will, O God, not mine be done,”
Adorned his mortal life.

4 He marked the path and led the way,
And ev’ry point defines
To light and life and endless day
Where God’s full presence shines.

5 In mem’ry of the broken flesh
We eat the broken bread
And witness with the cup, afresh,
Our faith in Christ, our Head.

6 How great, how glorious, how complete
Redemption’s grand design,
Where justice, love, and mercy meet
In harmony divine!

HYMN 95
O My Father

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 O my Father, thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place,
When shall I regain thy presence
And again behold thy face?
In thy holy habitation,
Did my spirit once reside?
In my first primeval childhood
Was I nurtured near thy side?

2 For a wise and glorious purpose
Thou hast placed me here on earth
And withheld the recollection
Of my former friends and birth;
Yet oftentimes a secret something
Whispered, "You're a stranger here,"
And I felt that I had wandered
From a more exalted sphere.

3 I had learned to call thee Father,
Thru thy Spirit from on high,
But, until the key of knowledge
Was restored, I knew not why.
In the heav'ns are parents single?
No, the thought makes reason stare!
Truth is reason; truth eternal
Tells me I've a mother there.

4 When I leave this frail existence,
When I lay this mortal by,
Father, Mother, may I meet you
In your royal courts on high?
Then, at length, when I've completed
All you sent me forth to do,
With your mutual approbation
Let me come and dwell with you.

HYMN 96
Truth Reflects upon Our Senses

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 Truth reflects upon our senses;
Gospel light reveals to some.
If there still should be offenses,
Woe to them by whom they come!
Judge not, that ye be not judged,
Was the counsel Jesus gave;
Measure given, large or grudged,
Just the same you must receive.

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In thy praise forevermore.

2 Jesus said, “Be meek and lowly,”
For ’tis high to be a judge;
If I would be pure and holy,
I must love without a grudge.
It requires a constant labor
All his precepts to obey.
If I truly love my neighbor,
I am in the narrow way.

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In thy praise forevermore.

3 Once I said unto another,
“In thine eye there is a mote;
If thou art a friend, a brother,
Hold, and let me pull it out.”
But I could not see it fairly,
For my sight was very dim.
When I came to search more clearly,
In mine eye there was a beam.

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In thy praise forevermore.

4 If I love my brother dearer,
And his mote I would erase,

Then the light should shine the clearer,
For the eye's a tender place.
Others I have oft reproved
For an object like a mote;
Now I wish this beam removed;
O, that tears would wash it out!

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In thy praise forevermore.

5 Charity and love are healing;
These will give the clearest sight;
When I saw my brother's failing,
I was not exactly right.
Now I'll take no further trouble;
Jesus' love is all my theme;
Little motes are but a bubble
When I think upon the beam.

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In thy praise forevermore.

HYMN 97
Behold the Great Redeemer Die

Eliza R. Snow 1804–1887

1 Behold the great Redeemer die,
A broken law to satisfy.
He dies a sacrifice for sin,
He dies a sacrifice for sin,
That man may live and glory win.

2 While guilty men his pains deride,
They pierce his hands and feet and side;
And with insulting scoffs and scorns,
And with insulting scoffs and scorns,
They crown his head with plaited thorns.

3 Although in agony he hung,
No murm'ring word escaped his tongue.
His high commission to fulfill,
His high commission to fulfill,
He magnified his Father's will.

4 "Father, from me remove this cup.
Yet, if thou wilt, I'll drink it up.
I've done the work thou gavest me,
I've done the work thou gavest me;
Receive my spirit unto thee."

5 He died, and at the awful sight
The sun in shame withdrew its light!
Earth trembled, and all nature sighed,
Earth trembled, and all nature sighed
In dread response, "A God has died!"

6 He lives—he lives. We humbly now
Around these sacred symbols bow
And seek, as Saints of latter days,
And seek, as Saints of latter days,
To do his will and live his praise.

HYMN 98
Nearer, My God, to Thee

Sarah F. Adams 1041

1 Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

5 Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

6 There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

HYMN 99
As One in Fellowship

David Ferriman

1 Come to God's temples, ye Saints of the Lord,
Join as one together and study God's Word.
No philosophy, or creed, nor any worldly blight,
Will divide us from God's impenetrable light.

As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!
As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!

2 Here we will listen to prophets ages past,
We'll follow the Spirit to wisdom most vast.
All God's children in one theology,
Listening to Jesus sing: Come and follow me!

As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!
As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!

3 The cross shall stand witness of all that is true,
As prophets and apostles remind of what we knew.
Our hearts are the temples where God's love is found,
Thus where e're we stand shall be holy ground.

As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!
As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!

4 As one we claim faith in Jesus the Christ,
Dying for our sins, he paid the ultimate price!
His blood is the priesthood, his body are we,
By paying the ransom Jesus set us free!

As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!
As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!

5 Let us build a house where God's love shall abound,
Where peace and justice meet and hatred be confound.
And all are welcome in this place of unity,
Our place at the table comes from God's impunity.

As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!
As One in Fellowship, As One in Fellowship!

HYMN 100
When the Saints Go Marching In

Sarah F. Adams 1041

1 O, when the saints go marching in
O, when the saints go marching in
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

2 O, when the drums begin to bang
O, when the drums begin to bang
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

3 O, when the stars fall from the sky
O, when the stars fall from the sky
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

4 O, when the moon turns red with blood
O, when the moon turns red with blood
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

5 O, when the trumpet sounds its call
O, when the trumpet sounds its call
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

6 O, when the horsemen begin to ride
O, when the horsemen begin to ride
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

7 O, brother Charles you are my friend
O, brother Charles you are my friend
Yea, you gonna be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

8 O, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.