

# Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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Have you ever rightly considered what the mere ability to read means? That is the key which admits us to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination? To the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and the wittiest at their wisest and wittiest moment? That it enables us to see with the keenest of eyes, hear with the finest ears, and listen to the sweetest voices of all time? More than that, it annihilates time and space for us.

James Russell Lowell

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EDITORIAL . . .

# Zion's Praises

It is wondered sometimes if the members of the Church are as full of joy as they might be. We read in the scriptures that man is, that he might have joy. To have joy is to have happiness. If we are happy our hearts should be full of song and praises to God. People used to sing and whistle as they worked. This showed that they enjoyed what they were doing. If a people enjoys what they are doing they are a peaceful people. No one can enjoy doing evil to another.

We of the Church of Christ should have much to be joyful over. If we truly feel joyful, we should do a lot of singing. Singing is like righteousness; it must be practiced to be enjoyed. There will come a time when we may wish we had sung more in the past. We are thinking of when the people of the Lord go to that place we know of as Zion. We read the writings of Isaiah:

“Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.” “Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.”

Two generations ago the people used to sing together in the homes. The mothers would sing while they did the housework. The fathers would sing as they worked in the fields.

What is our practice today? Instead of singing together for a while in the evening do we turn the television on and let it entertain us? Instead of singing while she does the housework, does the mother turn on the radio or the television and let it be the background for her work? Instead of singing while he works in the field, has the family moved to town and the father works in the factory where there is no need for other than the din of the machinery to make a background for his work?

Have we forgotten our heritage; our heritage of music and of song? I do not believe that we have forgotten it but perhaps, are not giving it the time we should and because of that we are the losers. Some are giving of their time to try to get the younger members to bring their music instruments and play together as an orchestra. Others are giving of their time to get the younger members together to sing as a choir. May the time come when we will have a choir in every local church. Then when the Conferences come, the General Church Chorister can have several to choose from in building a Conference choir.

We are preparing in this life for the life that is to come. We know that righteousness will be perfect there and for that reason we practice it here trying to get as

near perfect as we can. There will be singing in the life that is to come so we should practice it here trying to get as near perfect in song as we can. When we practice righteousness it gets to be part of our being. When we practice singing, it will get to be part of us as well.

The Psalmist wrote: "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious. . . . All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah."

If we enjoy singing there should be a pleasant expression on our countenances. If there isn't, it may be we don't know the song or are too tense. We should practice the songs until we can sing them freely.

It is better to stand if possible, while singing. A person can breath easier standing than sitting. Hold the song book in the hands free of the body. Hold it in a position where the leader can be seen without having to move the eyes too far from the book. Do not hold the book too high or too low.

Remember the singing of hymns is singing praises to the Lord. Sing those praises like the Lord was present and was listening. Stand erect as though the Lord was present and watching. We use the mirror to see if our hair and face is ready for church. It might be a good idea to remember just how we stood while were singing in church then stand before the mirror and see if we are satisfied with that stance or do we want to improve on it.

Then there is the song leader we call the chorister. Theirs is not an easy work to do. They must determine how a song should be sung in order to bring out the full meaning. We should follow that leader as closely as possible. If we are standing in a position where seeing the leader is not too difficult, we can follow easier. We should never try to speed up the leader by singing faster than he is, neither should we try to slow the leader down by singing slower than he is. A part of harmony is where the congregation sings together. I am sure that is the kind of singing the Lord enjoys too.

A leader should not try to lead the song at such a high rate of speed that there is little time to catch the breath, neither should he drag to the extent that the congregation loses interest. A hymn sung too fast loses some of its solemnity. A hymn sung too slowly loses some of its sacredness.

When the leader holds his book, it should be held in such a way that he can watch the congregation most of the time. He must be quick to learn the words, the notes and the timing. His is the task of transferring this knowledge to the congregation. Fortunate is the leader who has a strong voice along with knowledge and a good memory.

Shall we all stand and sing?

I was glad, and my heart did rejoice at the sound,  
When the blessed invitation I heard;  
'Twas the voice of the many redeemed, and they said,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

A. F. B.

## REPORT

The Marker Committee met July 12, to consider matters pertaining to the Marker which is to be placed on the Temple Lot property.

It was decided to place the marker on the southeast corner of the Temple Lot property, 50 feet in from the south property line and 50 feet in from the east property line. It was decided to make the Marker 32 inches square at its base and 20 inches square at the top by 48 inches from base to top slope. This would be constructed on a base 42 inches square by 10 inches high with the upper four inches beveled toward the body of the Marker.

The Marker is to be placed on a concrete platform that will extend four feet each side of the Marker. A sidewalk and steps to the present sidewalk, will be built on the east side of the Marker.

One plaque will have the church seal. One plaque will have the following wording: "The northeast corner of the spot of land designated by revelation from God July, 1831, for the building of His Temple, is approximately 51 feet west and 160 feet north of this marker. This spot of land was dedicated August 3, 1831."

One plaque will have the following wording: "Centennial 1867-1967. February, 1867, the Church of Christ, the first to return by revelation from God after being driven out, arrived in Independence and purchased this spot of land between 1867 and 1877."

We don't know as yet what wording will be on the plaque for the Missouri Historical Society.

We do not have at the present time, the estimate of the total cost of the Marker. A brother in California has asked to be permitted to do the work on the plaques. This request has been granted. It might be that others will want to offer either stone or labor. We will try to get the estimate of the cost on all as soon as possible.

This committee was authorized by the Conference to solicit funds for the Marker. Some contributions have been received to date. If you wish to help whether you be member or friend, send your contributions to Archie F. Bell, Secretary of the Marker Committee, 802 S. McCoy, Independence, Missouri, 64050.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence L. Wheaton, Chairman  
Archie F. Bell, Secretary  
E. L. Yates, Member  
Marker Committee.

Many a storm cloud gathering o'er us  
Never comes to bring us rain;  
Many a grief we see before us  
Never comes to give us pain.

Ofttimes in the feared tomorrow  
Sunshine comes, the cloud is gone;  
Look not then in foolish sorrow  
For the trouble yet to come.

Author Unknown

### TEMPLE LOT NEWS

Here we are in deep summer again, with much to be thankful for in spite of heat and humidity.

We are enjoying our more frequent Sacrament services, and the many testimonies of God's goodness to us.

June 26th Mary Lois Bryant from Cowgill was here. She has been having trouble with her heart again, and I know she would appreciate your prayers in her behalf.

Brother John Morris who has been visiting the Brother Vance Harris family, has returned to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Quite a group of our people went to Reed's Retreat at Bemidji, Minnesota, the week end of the Fourth of July. While there they enjoyed meeting young people from other States too. Their camp has the very unique name of "Wake Up Camp".

We have had much food for thought in our sermons this month, and in spite of vacations, etc., we have had quite a few out to most meetings.

Last but not least, we wish to express our sympathy to Jim and Sister Bonnie Sanders of Branson, Missouri, in their recent loss of their daughter, Pamela. May the prayers be answered that have been given for their welfare.

Sister K. Moyer

### HAPPINESS—WHERE IS IT

Not in money: Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had an enormous fortune. When dying he said, "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in pleasure: Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure and ease. He wrote: "The worm, the canker and the grief are mine alone."

Not in military glory: Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Then he wept: "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Not in political power: William Tweed became the brilliant boss of Tammany Hall and ruled New York City. He said: "My life has been a failure in everything."

Not in unbelief: Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in position and fame: Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Where is happiness? In Christ alone! He said: "Your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." (Proverbs 16:20)

Anonymous

"Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. And the Messiah cometh in the fullness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall." (II Nephi 1:115 and 116)

## Circumstantial Evidence

A Fable

By Evalena Sills

How reliable is circumstantial evidence? Can we see in the following fable the human trait of jumping at conclusions, and gossiping about them instead of waiting patiently for the facts, and then dispensing the unpleasant ones with reluctance?

### The Mouseland Fable

"He must be a Communist! Nearly everybody in Mouseland says so. And one night I saw with my very own eyes. . . ."

Micky Mouse and Dicky Mouse were engaged in a crunchy gossip-fest over an ear of corn in a granery. Micky was just saying: "I saw young Tricky Mouse with my own eyes, several times," he confided, mysteriously. "He had a book clutched between his two front legs, and I could see some of the letters on its cover. The first letters were: 'Comm . . . .' And I followed him far enough to find out that he was headed straight for Mr. Human's cellar where they say Commys have secret meetings."

"Now that you mention it," said Dicky Mouse, "I saw Tricky a couple of nights ago myself. He had a book sure enough, and I saw the last letter. It was a 't'. So the rumors must be so! Comm . . . t—what else could it spell but Communist?" Dicky concluded.

Several months later Micky and Dicky again met in the granery loft. "Did you see that clever cartoon in the evening Rodent News?" asked Dicky. It sure pointed up the evils of Communism about as well as I've ever seen," Dicky remarked. "Yes, I saw it," replied Micky, "and I wonder who the cartoonist is? It's signed 'T. M.'"

Just then wise old Grandfather Mouse came through a knothole at the end of the granery with Rodent News secured between his neck and chin. "Well, well, neighbors," Grandfather said. "Young Tricky has made the front page! And well he deserves it, too. That ambitious young rodent has been attending night school week after week in Mr. Human's basement. Studying commercial art, and he's making good right here in his home town. Did you see his cartoon blasting communism? Just signed it 'T. M.' But that's Tricky all right. The editor told me so."

Micky and Dicky slunk away feeling guilty. "Commercial Art. So that was what the letters spelled on Tricky's book! And not 'Communist' after all! Shame on us!"

Moral: "Believe nothing you hear, and only half what you see," at least until the facts can be checked.

### MEMORY GEM

The study of the Bible is a post-graduate course in the richest library of human experience.

—Herbert Hoover

## OBITUARIES

### Pamela Sue Sanders

In profound sorrow, we announce the accidental death of our young sister, Pamela Sue Sanders. Pamela was born October 25, 1951 and died June 26, 1966. She is survived by her mother, Bonnie Sanders, her father, Jim Sanders; two sisters, Jackie and Becky Sanders; her grandparents, David and Charlotte Hinkle and Carl and Luta Johnson and her great-grandmother, K. E. Hinkle. The funeral service was conducted by E. Leon Yates June 29, 1966 at Branson, Missouri.

During the past months, Pamela Sanders had been active among the young of her set in Branson endeavoring to get a youth center established there. When her friends heard of her tragic death they immediately set about to collect money. In a short time several hundred dollars were collected and turned over to her mother. She in turn has put it into a fund to establish the Youth Center. So you see that the love and respect that the young and the old had for Pamela has prompted them to carry on her hopes and ambitions, and there will be a youth center established as a lasting memorial to the splendid character of this little girl.

So, her family and friends that loved her so much bid her goodbye, but we are confident through the knowledge of the gospel of Christ that in some brighter clime we shall bid her good-morning. We are confident, also, that the Master will give her loved ones that peace that passeth all understanding.

Read at the service is this poem by Geo. D. Walley:

Words are but dust in the roaring wind  
When they try to bring you relief,  
And thoughts are but straws on the raging sea  
When they seek to soothe your grief,  
But love is a light in the lonely night  
To give comfort and show you the way,  
And faith is a rock on which hope is built  
That you'll meet again some day.

### William Rony Overcast

William Rony Overcast passed from this life April 18, 1966 at the age of 80 years and 5 months. Funeral services were held on April 20, 1966 at 2:00 P. M. at the Le Don Chapel, Ridgeway Mortuary with Elder Joe Kidd and Elder T. W. Paschall officiating. Interment was in the Foundry Hill Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Cemetery.

Brother Rony Overcast was born November 12, 1885 in Henry County, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Daniel Cicero Overcast and Lois Aaron Overcast. He was married in 1920 to R. D. Paschall.

He was baptized April 19, 1905 into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In later years he transferred to the Church of Christ in which he has been a faithful member. He was ordained an Elder in August 1928 by Brother E. E. Long.

Those mourning his loss are his wife, R. D., three daughters; Mrs. Novella Gore, Mrs. Norene Dowdy, Mrs. Iuta Hutson, three sons; Lowell Overcast, Ewell Over-

cast, Erwin (Pat) Overcast, three sisters; Mrs. Fannie Ross, Mrs. Ruhama Jimmerson, Mrs. Ruby Martin; 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

### Thursia Alice Bender

Sister Thursia Alice Bender departed from this life April 17, 1966 at the age of 98 years in a Phoenix, Arizona Hospital.

Sister Bender was born July 11, 1867 in Lebanon, Illinois. She was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on January 12, 1902 at Riverside, Oklahoma by James H. Baker and transferred her membership to the Church of Christ July 1, 1928.

The funeral service was conducted by E. Leon Yates April 21 in the A. L. Moore and Sons Mortuary in Phoenix. The burial was in the Greenwood Memorial Park.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Thursia Burke of Phoenix, Mrs. Laura E. Cooley of Palm Springs, Calif., Mrs. Mae R. Farley of Independence, Mo., and Mrs. Georgia West of South Gate, Calif.; a son, Sam E. Bender of Huntington Park, Calif., 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

### BAPTISMS, BLESSINGS AND A TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

A baptismal service was held at the Collins Local Church, Sunday, June the 26th. The pastor, Brother Oren Caviness, took charge of the service as a congregation gathered on the bank of the small creek near Collins. LaVange Lucille Martin, the youngest daughter of Sister Leora Martin, and Donna Lee Cook, the daughter of Sister Norma Cook, were baptized by their uncle, Brother Roland Sarratt. Shortly after returning to the church, the young girls received the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost by Brother E. Leon Yates and Brother Roland Sarratt. During the afternoon service, the hand of fellowship was extended to LaVange and Donna.

A special service was held at the East Independence Local Church on Sunday, July the 3rd. Brother Calvin Randall, the youngest son of Brother and Sister John Randall, was granted a transfer of membership from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to the Church of Christ. His wife, Joyce, was baptized and received the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost by her father-in-law, Brother John Randall and was assisted in the confirmation by Brother Roland Sarratt. Brother Calvin Randall was baptized in 1945 by his father at the Enoch Hill Church. Their little three year old girl, Joyce Ann, received a blessing under the hands of Brother William F. Anderson and their six month old baby boy, Calvin Keith, received a blessing under the hands of Brother Roland Sarratt, as his grandfather held him. This young family was warmly received into the fold as the congregation extended the hand of fellowship to them.

*Children's Hour...*

# Families Who Moved for God

## 2. Jaredites

A long time after the flood, years and years and years, there were a lot of people on the earth again and they began to be pretty proud of themselves. They said, "Let's build us a city. And let's build a big tower that will reach clear up to heaven. And let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be scattered all over this whole big earth." They thought they would fix it so they could do as they pleased. They'd live in this city all together even though God had told them to scatter out over the earth. And when they wanted to they would just climb up this tower to heaven no matter what God said.

Among people there are always some a little better than the others and some a little worse than the others. Even when they are all doing something wrong. Among these people there was one man whom the Lord still favored. We don't know exactly how the Lord favored him, but it could be that He gave him gifts. And the gifts that the Lord gives would be noticed by other people. So at least part of the other people knew that God favored this man. The funny part of it is, though, that we don't know this man's name. We know that he had a brother named Jared so we always call him the brother of Jared. Do you suppose that tells us that it doesn't matter so much whether people know our names or not when we do something good. The important thing is that we do what God wants.

Anyway God didn't like this city they were building, and especially He didn't like this tower. He knew He was going to have to do something about it because they were all working together and things were being built pretty fast. Now God doesn't do anything unless he tells man first. So when Jared heard that the Lord was displeased with their city and tower he went to see his brother and talk to him. He told him, "Ask God to not confuse our language, yours and mine. Ask him to leave it so that we can still talk to each other."

So Jared's brother did ask God to bless them this way. And God didn't confuse their language.

Then Jared came to his brother again. "Pray to the Lord again," he said. "Ask Him to forgive our friends too, and not confuse them." The brother of Jared prayed again, and God blessed their friends and their families so that their language was not confused.

But there was still another problem. The Lord was scattering the people all over. So Jared asked his brother again to ask God something. Jared wanted to know if they were to be scattered too, and if they were, where were they to go. He hoped if they did have to move that it would be to a good land. A choice land, he called it.

When the brother of Jared asked God about this He told him to gather up his family and Jared's and the families of the twenty-two friends who still had the same language. He told him to gather up his flocks and seeds of every kind and get ready to move north up the valley of Nimrod. The Lord would meet them there and guide them to the very best land on all the earth.

Now, this would be when the children would have to get busy and help, probably. Just suppose you were one of Jared's children and he had just told you that you were going to move. What would you think of first to take with you? But your dad would say, "First, we'll have to round up the horses and mules." If you were big enough you might get to help with the horses and mules. While some of you were gone after them the rest of you would help build a corral to hold them and part of the cattle. Maybe several corrals. If you weren't big enough to help with that, you'd run errands. Your mother would probably decide that the family needed a new tent and there would be lots of work to get the fibers ready for her and the bigger girls to weave. Then it would probably need to be treated some way so that rain wouldn't come through and dust wouldn't work in between the threads. There would be new blankets to make for the horses and mules that would be carrying supplies and seed. Some in the family would need new clothes.

Your mother would keep you pretty busy while the men would look after the horses, because when they came back your dad would say, "Now, some of you are going to have to help with the threshing. We have to take seeds with us, you know." The girls who were just learning to weave had probably made the sacks to put the seeds in, while your mother and the older girls were working on the new tent. Now you could hold these bags while the men scooped the hard, shiny seed into them. Then they'd tie a knot in the top and stack them some place to keep them dry. Once in a while you might be sent out where the bigger boys were herding the sheep or goats. You'd probably tell them how things were going back home and where your dad wanted the flocks moved next because he wanted them close, but not so close that they'd get all the grass eaten before you were ready to move.

When the threshing was all done and the grain stored they brought in the flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and any other animals they had. What do you suppose they thought about that last night before they started their trip? Do you suppose they were so busy they even forgot to notice? I don't really think so. This was a pretty big thing they were doing. They were going

to a land where no man had ever been before. That must have been kind of scary. God had promised to go with them, but still they had to start by themselves.

When everything was packed and ready they started north down the valley. The Lord met them there and talked to them out of a cloud that went in front of them and guided them through wilderness and over rivers and across a sea. While they were traveling they made snares, or traps that wouldn't hurt the animals, and caught birds and caged them and took them with them. They made baskets and plastered them some way so that they would hold water and then they caught fish and took them along too. They caught honey bees and carried them along too. Finally they came to the great sea that divides the land and they pitched their tents and lived there for four years.

At the end of this four years the Lord came and scolded the brother of Jared for not calling on Him in four years. The brother of Jared was sorry and asked God to forgive him and the others with him. The Lord did forgive them but told them not to sin any more. This land He was giving them was for a righteous people.

He told them how to make tight, small barges that would ride the great sea like bubbles. And he told them how to make a hole in the bottom and in the top to let in air, and how to plug up the holes when water splashed in. But still there was no light in them. There couldn't be any windows because they would be broken, and God wouldn't let them use a fire for light.

Jared's brother went to the mountain and melted out sixteen small stones that were as white and clear as glass. Then he went up on the mountain and prayed, asking God to touch these stones with His finger and make them so that they would shine in darkness. The Lord stretched out His hand and touched the stones and the brother of Jared saw His finger. This frightened him very much because he didn't know God had flesh and blood. But the Lord explained it to him and showed him many things he was to write about later on.

But now the brother of Jared went back down the mountain and put the stones, one in each end, in the eight barges they had built.

When they had enough food prepared for themselves and all their animals they got aboard their barges and set out into the great sea which is the Atlantic Ocean.

And God caused a terrific wind to blow. Such a wind that there were storms and great waves. So much so that sometimes their little barges went down into the ocean. But the water couldn't hurt them, their barges were so well built. They would pray to God and He would bring them back up to the top. This fierce wind blew toward the promised land all the time and all the little stones gave them light. They must have known a great joy because they sang praises to God all day and all night. You know how it is when you're real happy—it feels like something is sitting on your tummy and breathing a drum on your heart, and your chest gets so puffed up and tight you feel like you'll just burst if you don't yell. Well, they didn't yell. They sang. And sang

and sang and sang. It must have been nice to be a little kid on those barges and wake up in the night and see those lights God had made especially for them and hear the people singing and praising God. That would make you feel good and safe even with all the water and that fierce wind blowing outside.

But even with the wind blowing them towards their promised land, it took them 344 days to get there. Almost a year in those barges. Suppose it had been your fifth birthday when you went in. You'd be almost six years old when you got to land again! And what do you suppose they did when they reached the choice land? The very first thing when they reached shore? They bowed down before God and thanked Him for all the things He had done for them.

God made the Jaredites a promise too, the same as He had Noah. He promised them that as long as they were righteous and did as He told them they could live in this choice land.

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Hands are funny things—  
Four fingers and a thumb  
With palm attached.

But God has given  
To this thing we call a hand  
The power and art  
To heal, to comfort and to love.

It is because of someone's hands  
The fevered brow is soothed,  
The thoughtful letter written  
And the extra gift of love performed.

Because of hands so busy all the day,  
Gods work on earth is done.

Hands are funny things—  
Four fingers and a thumb  
With palm attached—  
What power God has given them!

Mildred E. Stevens

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"The light of the body is the eye, if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (III Nephi 5:113 and 114)

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In men whom men condemn as ill,  
I find so much of goodness still;  
In men whom men pronounce divine,  
I find so much of sin and blot  
I hesitate to draw a line  
Between the two—where God has not.

Joaquin Miller

# Family Worship and Study

August 7, 1966.

## Communing with God in Prayer

"I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also." (I Corinthians 14:15.)

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:19-20.)

"Yea, humble yourselves, and continue in prayer unto Him; cry unto him when ye are in your fields; yea, over all your flocks; cry unto Him in your houses, yea over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening; . . . yea cry unto Him against the devil who is an enemy unto all righteousness. . . . Cry unto Him over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase; But this is not all: Ye must pour out your souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness; Yea, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto Him continually for your welfare, and also for the welfare of those who are around you." (Alma 16:219-222.)

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36)

1. Requirements for effective prayer.
  - (a) Ask in faith, nothing wavering. (James 1:6, 7.)
  - (b) Willingness to hear the law. (Proverbs 28:9)
  - (c) Forgiveness in our hearts. (Mark 11:25.)
  - (d) Be thankful. (Philippians 4:6; Alma 16:238.)
  - (e) Pray in Christ's name. (John 14:13, 15.)
  - (f) Must be according to God's will. (I John 5:14, 15.)
  - (g) Willingness to impart to sick and needy. (Alma 16:223, 224.)
  - (h) Acknowledge unworthiness. (Alma 18:15, 16.)
  - (i) Repentance from iniquity. (Isaiah 59:1-14.)
  - (j) Real intent of heart. (Moroni 7:8.)
2. Blessings from effective prayer.
  - (a) Wisdom. (James 1:5.)
  - (b) Protection from Satan. (Matthew 26:41.)
  - (c) Preparation for Christ's coming. (Mark 13:33, 37.)
  - (d) Shall renew strength. (Isaiah 40:31.)
  - (e) Will hear what God has to say. (Habakkuk 2:1.)
  - (f) God will supply all needs. (Philippians 4:19.)
  - (g) Power over elements. (James 5:16, 18.)
  - (h) Have according to righteous desires. (Mark 11:24, 25.)
  - (i) Healing. (James 5:13-15)
  - (j) Forgiveness. (I John 1:9.)
  - (k) Will have sound understanding, spirit of prophecy, spirit of revelation, teach with power. (Alma 12:4, 5.)

August 14, 1966.

## Beggars before God.

"For behold, are we not all beggars? Do we not all depend upon the same being, even God, for all the substance which we have; for both food and raiment, and for gold, and for silver, and for all riches which we have of every kind?

"And behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on his name, and begging for a remission of your sins. And has he suffered that ye have begged in vain? Nay, he has poured out his spirit upon you . . . ."

"And now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives, and for all that ye have and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right in faith, believing that ye shall receive, O, then, how had ye ought to impart of the substance that ye have, one to another?"

"I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants.

"And see that all these things are done in wisdom and order: for it is not requisite that a man run faster than he has strength." (Mosiah 2:32-36, 43-44.)

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house . . . .?" (Isaiah 58:6, 7.)

1. Can you name one item of food, clothing or shelter, that cannot be traced back to God's providence for His creations? Psalms 24:1.

2. In how many ways might we impart of our substance both spiritually and temporally to those in need? Mosiah 9:60-64.

3. How can you use wisdom and order in our giving financially? In giving spiritually. Mosiah 2:43-45.

4. Isaiah 58 portrays the work and meaning of the gospel of Christ. Compare this scripture to Luke 4:18 wherein Christ states his mission.

5. What kind of bread should we deal to the hungry? (John 6:33, 58.)

6. What is the purpose of the Church of Christ in these last days? (Isaiah 58:6, 7.)

7. What is our responsibility as individuals, as revealed in Romans, 10:13, 15.

Lesson purpose: to be reminded, by scripture, of our dependence upon God for all we have as life's blessings.

To sense the need of the world for the gospel of Christ and to think on ways and means that we might help in spreading the gospel to others.

To consider the deep meaning of fasting as revealed in Isaiah 58, that the promise of verse 12 might be fulfilled in us.



August 21, 1966.

## Tithing and Offerings

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 3:10, 11.)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7.)

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee". (Deuteronomy 16:17.)

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not". (II Corinthians 8:12.)

"If we have sown unto spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? . . . Do you not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? . . . Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel". (I Corinthians 9:11, 14.)

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not of those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15, 16.)

### QUESTIONS:

1. What warning did Christ give concerning covetousness? (Luke 12:15.)
2. How may we honor God? (Proverbs 3:9.)
3. What are the words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20:35?
4. Jesus taught the Nephites the words of Malachi. What did he teach in III Nephi 11:11, 13?
5. What is Christ's warning to the church of God as recorded in the Book of Mormon, Chap. 4:47-54?
6. What indicates where our hearts are? (Luke 12:34.)
7. What kind of riches are mentioned in James 2:5?
8. What principle was taught by Alma to the church as recorded in Mosiah 9:60-64?

August 28, 1966.

## Fruits of the Spirit

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22, 23.)

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things,

believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things . . ." (I Corinthians 13:4-7.)

"The first-fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart; and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which comforter filleth with hope, and perfect love, which love by diligence endureth unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God." (Moroni 8:29.)

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:1-3.)

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Book of Mormon definition for charity? (Moroni 7:52.)
2. Note Galatians 5:19, 21. Which do you see more of in the world—works of the flesh or fruits of the spirit?
3. What does the Apostle Paul mean by "prisoner of the Lord" in Ephesians 4:1, 3?
4. Who are the ones who will eventually enter into the "rest" of the Lord as revealed in Moroni 7:3, 4?

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY?

"If a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost, that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity, he is nothing . . ."

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified, even as He is pure." (Moroni 7:53.)

September 4, 1966.

## Be Thou Diligent

"Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God . . ." (Exodus 20:9, 10.)

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." (II Thessalonians 3:10.)

"Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds." (Proverbs 27:23.)

"He that gathered in summer is a wise son; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." (Proverbs 10:5.)

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (I Timothy 5:8.)

"And again, thou shalt not be proud in thy heart; let all thy garments be plain, and their beauty the beauty of the work of thine own hands, and let all things be done in cleanliness before me. Thou shalt not be idle; for he that is idle shalt not eat the bread, nor wear the garments of the laborer." Book of Commandments, Sec. 44:33, 34.

"He becomes poor that dealeth with a slack hand." Proverbs 10:4.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise." Proverbs 6:6.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What principle of good management do you find in Proverbs 10:5?

2. Consider Proverbs 6:6. Discuss the ant and its diligence and form of government for its own. Compare the ant and the honey bee. What lessons might we humans learn from them?

3. In II Peter 1:5-10 we are admonished to "give all diligence" to acquiring these attributes:

- a. faith
- b. virtue
- c. knowledge
- d. temperance
- e. patience
- f. Godliness
- g. brotherly kindness
- h. charity

What in verses 8, 10 and 11, are the promises given for following this admonition?

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Give us:

"The divine insanity of noble minds,  
that never falters nor abates  
But labors on, endures, and waits—  
Till all that it foresees, it finds,  
or what it cannot find, creates."

by Longfellow

September 11, 1966.

### Study and Learning

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15.)

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4.)

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39.)

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." (Proverbs 2:3-5.)

"To be learned is good, if they hearken unto the counsels of God." (II Nephi 6:61.)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Corinthians 2:14.)

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith." (I Timothy 6:20, 21.)

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26.)

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (James 1:22.)

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What should we search for in scripture in order to be approved unto God? (II Timothy 3:16.)

2. Might a learned person find it more difficult to hearken unto the counsels of God"? (II Nephi 11:91; also III Nephi 2: 12, 13.)

3. Are there any oppositions of science falsely so-called in this age? What is the danger as revealed in I Timothy 6:30, 21.

4. Consider James 1:22. Might this point out those who are "ever learning and never able to come to knowledge of the truth"? (II Timothy 3:7.)

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

"Knowledge is but folly unless it is guided by grace."

#### DON'T GIVE UP

By

Grenville Kleiser

If the way seems rough  
And the journey steep;  
If you find it hard  
The pace to keep—  
Don't give up!

If you seem to lose  
When you want to win;  
If the feeling comes  
You must give in—  
Don't give up!

If sickness smites  
And lays you low;  
If the prompting comes  
To let things go—  
Don't give up!

If all the world  
Seems hard—unjust—  
Cling close to God  
And in Him trust—  
Don't give up!

Any weakling can be a peace-breaker; only the strong can be a peace-maker.

TIME OF THE END—Part 6 . . .

# Joseph and His Land

By

Archie F. Bell

We have shown how the nations of the earth were going to depart from the Lord, and how the Lord let us know concerning this thing through His prophets. Now we find ourselves faced with these questions: What will the Lord do to protect His people? Will there really be a place of safety for them? If so, where will this place of safety be? The Lord has always used man as His agent since the days of creation. Will He use man again in this time of trouble that is to come? If so, what people will He use?

From the days of Abraham down to Jacob, the ones the Lord used were of the Hebrew family. Jacob had twelve sons and these became the heads of twelve tribes. The twelve tribes of Jacob, or Israel, were together until after the reign of Solomon. Then they separated into two kingdoms, the Kingdom of Judah, and the Kingdom of Israel. Jerusalem was considered a city of high favor of the Lord by the Israelites from the days of David. It became the capital city of the Kingdom of Judah when the tribes were divided. Shechem became the capital city of the Kingdom of Israel, or the northern kingdom.

When Jacob blessed his sons just before his death, he made a statement concerning Judah that has been interpreted many ways since that time: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." (Genesis 49:10)

This definitely places the descendants of Judah in an important position until something takes place, "The coming of Shiloh." We shall examine the meaning of Shiloh. It is a proper noun, therefore must either refer to someone divine or some city or country. The name Shiloh means "Peaceable." One of the names Christ was called was, "The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Shiloh, a city, was in the territory allotted to the tribe of Ephraim. It was the place where the Ark of the Covenant had its first resting place. After the Ark was taken away, Shiloh became a city of ruin.

We can see then, that this Shiloh mentioned by Jacob could not be the city nor the king of the city. It must be the Lord. Let us examine a few references:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the

remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." (Isaiah 11:11)

"And in the day that he shall set his hand again the second time to recover his people, is the day, yea, even the last time, that the servants of the Lord shall go forth in his power, to nourish and prune his vineyard; and after that, the end soon cometh." (Jacob 4:3)

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine . . . For not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one that is called by my name . . ." (Isaiah 43: 1, 5-7)

"Have they not read the scriptures, which say, Ye must take upon you the name of Christ, which is my name? For by this name shall ye be called at the last day; and whoso taketh upon him my name, and endureth to the end, the same shall be saved at the last day." (III Nephi 12:18)

We find here that the Lord is going to send His servants out for the last time and they will go forth in His power. They will gather His people, those who are called in His name, from all parts of the earth, even the islands of the sea.

They will be gathered to Him in His name so He is the one Jacob was speaking of when he called Him Shiloh. The people will not be gathered to Judah.

We notice that the Lord spoke in favor concerning Jacob, calling him Israel. He mentioned that as Israel, his descendants would do a work for the Lord. We perhaps, should see what the meaning of the name Israel is. Jacob was returning to his home land, and was greatly troubled in mind because of the fact that he had to flee from there. He was in need of the blessing of the Lord before he met his brother, Esau. Jacob had sent the company on ahead while he stayed behind. While there alone, he met with and wrestled an angel of the Lord. The day was breaking when the following took place:

"And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." (Gen. 32:26-28)

A prince is a son of a king. We notice the words: as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, showing that it was necessary to be a prince or son of God first. And the angel told Jacob that due to the fact that he had become a prince, his name would be Israel.

This same principle was carried on in the doctrine of Christ for we read: "But as many as received him, to

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## Here and There...

Summer finds my family and I in Trempealeau, Wisconsin, at a Mississippi River Resort. Glenn, my husband, is working on his Master of Science in Secondary Education Degree at Winona State, Winona, Minnesota, across the river. Birch Acres Resort is rightly named, as it sits in a Birch tree forest on a peninsula, with water on 3 sides. The birds sing all day that lends a chorus of nature's song. It is very beautiful and peaceful.

Summer on the farm is another thing. Ruth Gill, Rosemount, Minnesota, writes, "We got all our first cutting of hay put up; finished Saturday (June 25). Have had some real hot weather, but nice and cool today so far. Of course, it's only 7:45 a. m., now."

Summer also finds people traveling. From Weatherford, Oklahoma, Alzada Massey writes, "I've had lots of company. Peggy, David and Douglas (Keeney) and Sister Smith have been here. This week, we have friends from Louisiana here. In a week or so, Florence (Kommer) and girls. We are looking for Archie Bells at Mary Janes' this week end."

Others it seems miss out on some summer fun, but maybe not for long. Ella Engle writes, "Roger (Ella's son) has the mumps. Or at least a mump. He just refused to swell up on both sides at once. He's not very sick and I've been hoping Dawndee would get them now and we'd have them done with, but she is not cooperating either."

For some, summer is a time of memories, plans, and just keeping busy. Nellie Walberg, Salem, Oregon, writes, "We've been having wonderful weather here and having to water the yard to keep it from getting too dry. We celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary the 11th (May). The first one I have really forgotten and not reminded Milfred—and maybe you think he didn't enjoy it because he remembered and I forgot! We were married in Salem and here we are back here 31 years later. Next move—Missouri."

Darleen Smith of Ava, Missouri, writes, "Did Estella mention she had one of her pictures displayed at the Jefferson City Art Museum? A water color. Verl's and Sandra's wedding plans are very much subject to U.S.M.C. He has a year foreign duty, he says, so will get out May, 1967. We had hoped this year he would be in the U. S. He has April, May and June duty at Base Camp with his ear glued to the radio and doesn't like it, though we and Sandra feel we can relax a little. Some way we feel he is safer, though that is a question. (Verl is in Vietnam.) Barbara and Les Burgin are buying the place by Bryant Bridge. Right now Les is logging on his and his mother's places."

And from Independence, Missouri, Velma Wheaton writes, "Chip is raising a red-tailed hawk, and is all involved in doing everything just proper. He raised a great horned owl last year until he lost him in a tragic accident. He wants to make conservation work his career and I am very pleased with his choice."

Recently, Donna and Harold Gill moved from Independence, Missouri, to Phoenix, Arizona. Donna writes, "We have moved into our home. We are very pleased with our house. This is only our third week here and the week-end we moved and a few days after we were exhausted and since haven't had time to slow down. The welcome wagon welcomed us the other day and among the items we got a coupon for some free hamburgers so the other night when Harold got off work we went to Sears to pick up an order, then to the hamburger joint for supper, then to church, then to the laundromat. None of the church people live in this area, but we are a little closer to church (than when they rented)." Harold adds, "About my job. I like it so well I don't know why I didn't switch sooner, but maybe God had something to do with that too. I am an Electronic Technician, Grade 28. I work for the Engineering Division in Research and Design, of the Germanium Meas Transistor Division (Motorola Company)."

One bit of news recently received was about Elder Hubert Yates. He was "out on a trail ride with a hired man and his horse slipped on some loose rock and fell on him. He has 8 broken ribs and his lung was punctured and filling with fluid." In the hospital he had gotten staff infection. They had only given him a 50-50 chance of pulling through. But since, thanks to God's mercy in answering the saint's prayers, we have heard he is again up and about, and doing fine.

Some news of sorrow received was concerning the death of Pamela Sanders, who was dragged one-half mile by a horse, after she had gotten thrown and her foot caught in the stirrup. It would be well to remember her mother, Bonnie Sanders, and her grandparents, Bro. and Sr. Dave Hinkle of Grand Junction, Colorado, in our prayers.

Have any news? Write. We'd love hearing from you.

Margret Gill

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No, not cold beneath the grasses,  
Not close-walled within the tomb;  
Rather, in my Father's mansion,  
Living in another room.

Living, like the one who loves me,  
Like yon child with cheeks abloom,  
Out of sight, at desk or schoolbook,  
Busy in another room.

Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?  
Shall I think of death as doom,  
Or the stepping o'er the threshold  
To a bigger, brighter room?

Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?  
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom  
When I know my love is happy,  
Waiting in the other room?

Robert Freeman

## ...Conversation In Ink

Nellie Walberg: "Well, it is evening. Morning and evening always seem sort of worshipful to me—a sort of eternal lull comes over things as though God wishes us to pause a moment to thank Him for the beginning time of work and of rest. Suppose there were no break in time by lightness and darkness and of the different seasons of the year? Wouldn't it be dull?"

Darleen Smith: "Well, Mother's Day has come around again, and with all the pomp and show that seem so necessary for 'some', I still recognize the stars, true stars, in the crown of motherhood is the uprightness and honorableness of her children. With that one is so rich how could one gain more? By a flood of material knick-knacks?"

Helaman: "Yea, and even according to their faith, it was done unto them; and I did remember the words which they said unto me that their mothers had taught them." ". . . They had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, that God would deliver them. And they rehearsed unto me the words of their mothers, saying, We do not doubt our mothers knew." (Alma 26:96; 26:56-57)

Velma Wheaton: "Nothing is as important as our young people. I guess this is my greatest soap box stand. I think of everything that can be done should be done to keep the interest of our young people in the church. They should learn that it is possible to have a great time, be active—and be good! When I was young and full of more energy than I knew what to do with, I had the good fortune to be reared by parents who understood this. They showed me and my sisters, and even my cousins, that there was joy in life and that it was meant for us to enjoy. The Lord put all these wonderful things here on earth for mankind to be happy with. So that we could have even more reason to praise Him."

Margret Gill: "You know, that's something else. As a baby grows one seems to learn from them. Adults so often take things for granted that they've been around. When a small child notices a simple blade of grass, and it can fascinate him for quite some time, it sure makes one sit up and take notice. In our busy adult lives we seem to pass up those things which could lend us some peace for our souls if we would only give it some thought."

Darlene: "Our Sunday evening meetings are still in progress and the children are reading and striving to understand, too. It's deep plowing for all of us—Daniel and now Ezekiel. I believe that to gain an understanding of the manner of their writing will be a big advantage to all of us. Even with the writers of more recent years one has to read this one's writings—manner of expressing himself—then gradually we realize what the author is trying to tell us. Then as we pick up another earnest author's work we read some; go back and reread paragraphs. Finally, after studying and searching, we gain

knowledge of his manner of writing, then we see what he is trying to say to his readers. Though, in this case, true understanding will come through the Spirit's help."

Nellie: "Yes, there are **interpretations** of doctrines that seem not to match up with the Scriptures sometimes but I guess we know enough so far to try to live by; what we don't understand maybe we aren't capable of obeying yet."

Darleen: "I'm glad with Paul Harvey that 'many men wrote the Bible.' But the 'thread of gold' runs through it all—truth—the RIGHT way. Helps us to understand and gather the thread of gold in sermons these days. Also many of the worthwhile writings we read. It's put in each one's own expression but yet it's gold—though poetry, parables, prose, painting, music, and all! One letter writer speaking of the ancient writings, 'how glad she was that there were such deep good writings handed down for us.' So am I. And what is more strengthening is to know that there were many who lived these sentiments. Their daily lives wrote them. And only here and there a gifted one who could put the good ethics, 'thread of gold', on parchment or stone or metal leaves, to join hands over the centuries with kindred hearts. One is less alone even though being of a nature that requires times of solitude."

David: "Thou preparest a table before me . . . my cup runneth over." (Psalm 23:5)

Ella Engle, Listener

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I think about God,  
Yet I talk of small matters.  
Now isn't it odd  
How my idle tongue chatters  
Of quarrelsome neighbors,  
Fine weather and rain,  
Indifferent labors,  
Indifferent pain,  
Some trivial style  
Fashion shifts with a nod,  
And yet all the while  
I am thinking of God.

Gamaliel Bradford

## TIME OF THE END . . . .

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them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." (John 1:12)

Paul defines this a little farther in his writings: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

This doesn't mean that just because a person is baptized, he automatically becomes a son of God, or Israel. He only has power given to him at that time to become a son of God. When Christ was speaking to the Nephites before He appeared to them, He told them, "And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost . . ." (III Nephi 4:50)

We can see from the references we have considered that we must come to Christ through the waters of baptism; must receive the baptism of fire and with the Holy Ghost; then permit ourselves to be led by the Spirit of God, if we would become sons of God. If we become sons of God then and not until then can we rightfully be called Israel.

The Scriptures tell us that God has had His work planned from the beginning. If He has it planned, He must as well have His plans made as to whom He will have to do His work down through the ages. God has always used man as His instruments, since the creation. He has had a chosen people and has given them chosen lands. Land He has planned to do special work in.

These people were not chosen at random, but rather their choosing has been because they first chose Him. The people were all one before the Tower of Babel. At the close of the work on the tower we find something taking place:

"When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance." (Deut. 32:8-9)

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood, all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." (Acts 17:24-26)

When we combine the two references, we find that at the time of the confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel, the Lord not only brought into being new languages, but he also divided (assigned in just proportion) to the people of the different languages the portion of the earth they were to inhabit. He even set their boundary lines. He determined that at that time He would not take a portion of the land to Himself. His portion would be the people who accepted Him. He also determined that the time would come when He would use descendants of Jacob to do His work, using His Gospel.

When Christ came to earth, He chose descendants of Judah to do His work at Jerusalem, and chose descendants of Joseph to do his work here in America. While He was among them, He said the time would come before His second coming that, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations . . ." (Matthew 24:14). We must determine who He is going to use to do this work. They must be descendants of Jacob.

We have stated that the Lord would not only use a chosen people, but also He would choose a land for the base of his operation. We know that the Lord gave a land to Abraham.

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (Genesis 17:8)

There have been different ideas as to how much territory this promised land contained. Let us examine the Scriptures to see if we can find out.

We find that, "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." (Genesis 15:18) We notice that the Lord not only gave this land to Abraham but to his seed as well. We notice that the Lord gave the length of the land here but no mention is made of the width. It will be necessary to go to the time when the Israelites were returning from Egypt to find the width.

"And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: (Exodus 23:31)

The River or Brook, as some call it, of Egypt runs north of Mt. Sinai. It is one of the boundary lines given to Abraham, and flows into the Mediterranean Sea, or Sea of the Philistines. The Mediterranean Sea and the River of Egypt would be on the west; the Red Sea on the south. The desert is the Arabian Desert and the Syrian Desert; and the river is the Euphrates. This would make the land given to Abraham and his seed about 50% larger than the state of Georgia.

We read, "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land . . ." (Deuteronomy 33:13) This indicates that Joseph, the son of Jacob, must have a land independent from that given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and their posterity. Let us examine two passages of the Scriptures and then see if we can find the meaning of them:

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: the blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of

the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren." (Genesis 49:22-26)

"And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, and for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." (Deuteronomy 33:13-17)

Joseph is described as a fruitful bough. He was a son of Jacob who was called Israel. Fruitful would indicate that he would have a large number of descendants. By a well; being well nourished to the extent that they would be considered healthy. His brothers, the archers, did grieve Joseph and they hated him as well. Despite this, he held to his principles even while in Egypt, even though he was tempted to do otherwise. He was made strong in this by the mighty hand of God.

Jacob declared that the blessing he pronounced upon Joseph was greater (prevailed above) than the blessing given to Abraham and Isaac. He said the land was to extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. The utmost bounds would be the border line, the farthest away from the line of beginning. Everlasting would mean something which does not decay. Precious metals do not decay, neither does stone or rock. When we speak of the mountains in western United States, we call them the Rocky Mountains. These no doubt, are the ones Moses was speaking of in Deuteronomy when he called them the lasting hills. Jacob calls them the everlasting hills. We call them the Rocky Mountains.

The writing in Deuteronomy gives us some details of Joseph's land which should help us to identify it. He speaks of Joseph's land being blessed of the Lord. We can see if we only will stop to think, that it was not the greatness of our army during the Revolutionary War that gave us the victory: it was the great help of God. Nephi wrote of it:

"And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord, and the power of the Lord was with them; and I beheld that their mother Gentiles were gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them; and I beheld that the power of God was with them; and also that the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered together against them to battle. And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld

that they did prosper in the land;" (I Nephi 3:152-156)

We notice that the people on this land would be delivered out of the hands of their enemies regardless of what nation it was. But there is one condition, they must humble themselves before God. Nephi also saw that the people in this nation should prosper.

The precious things of heaven are Spiritual things. These go back even before the day of the Restoration, to the day of Washington. He received a vision at Valley Forge that we of today are seeing the fulfillment of, and it runs on into the future from us. It was a vision that will stand the test of the Scriptures.

The dew is the abundance of water in this nation as well as the rainfall for the watering of crops. We notice concerning the garden of Eden, that the Lord caused a mist from the earth to water the whole face of the ground, because the Lord had not caused it to rain. (Genesis 2:5-6)

The deep that coucheth beneath is petroleum. Most petroleum wells are hundreds of feet deep. Products from petroleum are used in most every walk of life, not to mention the great fortunes that are accumulated by those who had the good fortune of possessing some of the wells.

The chief things of the ancient mountains are the iron ore and coal found in the mountains of eastern United States.

The precious things of the lasting hills are the gold, silver and copper, precious metals found in the Rocky Mountains.

The good will of Him that dwelt in the bush refers to God. It was He who was in the bush which Moses saw that was burning and still was not consumed. Let us look at the account of this:

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I." (Exodus 3:2-4).

The precious things of the earth are the foods for man and animal found in this nation. We notice that Moses speaks of the fulness thereof. This can be taken in two ways and we believe that is what is meant. One meaning is there are fruits and grains and vegetables of all kinds here in this nation, due in part to the central location, north. We have some tropical fruits due to the climate we find in our southern States, and our nation's northern boundary is far enough north to permit all kinds of grains and vegetables.

We can go south of our border and fail to find the fulness. We can go north of our border and again fail to find the fulness. And we must not overlook the fact that we have had the good will of God.

All these things we have mentioned were to be in the land given to Joseph. He did not have the privilege of entering the promised land given to him as Abraham and

Isaac did in the land given to them. Ether mentions this land in the following way:

"... And that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land, it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him, who dwell upon the face thereof; and that it was the place of the new Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord." (Ether 6:2-3)

We notice that Ether declares this land to be a choice land above all other lands. And then he goes farther in defining the meaning of being a choice land; he calls it a chosen land of the Lord. If it is a chosen land, the people who inhabit it must as well be a chosen people. A chosen people are those who earnestly serve God. If they do not serve Him in earnest, they will cease to be chosen of Him. The law concerning this land was given to the Jaredites before they came here:

"And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; for behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God, or he shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God." (Ether 1:31-32)

This being an everlasting decree of God, it is in effect today as much as it was in the day of Jared and his brother. The Jaredites were entirely destroyed after they turned from God to serve Him no more. We notice that this last writing of Ether places this decree on an individual basis. We can not pass over unnoticed on another's righteousness.

We have mentioned that the people who possess this land must be a chosen people. A people to be chosen of God, must first choose Him and serve Him. It was brought to our attention in the forepart of this writing, that the Lord cast His lot with Jacob. The words were, "Jacob is the lot of his inheritance." We also noticed that the Lord gave Joseph a land that was a chosen land of the Lord. There never was a tribe of Joseph. We will try to find out how the Lord is going to accomplish this:

"And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hand wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

"And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the angel which

redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." (Genesis 48:11-16)

We see here that Israel adopted these two sons of Joseph so they would receive an inheritance as sons of Israel. We find that they did this when the tribes of Israel returned to their land. Manasseh and Ephraim received inheritances with the sons of Jacob. He also indicated that these two together would become a multitude, surrounded by the people of the earth, or other nations of the earth. (Multitude in the midst of the earth).

If descendants of one or both of these boys were to inherit with the sons of Jacob in their promised land, then it would be necessary for an extract from these two to be planted on the land of Joseph. This would need to be in order for it to be fulfilled, "Let them grow into a multitude;" indicating that the two would be together.

This would be necessary for the words of Moses to be fulfilled which we read in the Book of Deuteronomy where Joseph was to push the people together to the ends of the earth. It also said that Ephraim and Manasseh would be together in this work.

We have tried to show that Joseph, who was sold into Egypt was promised a land for his descendants in the last days. We have tried to show that it is the original 48 states of the United States. We believe the Lord had a guiding hand in establishing the borders, even though the early settlers wanted the northern boundary line farther north. It was settled where it is today.

We have tried to show that those who possess this land must serve God earnestly. We have tried to show that those who will not serve God will be wiped off the face of the land when their iniquity becomes ripe.

We have tried to show that this land was chosen of the Lord for His purpose. We have tried to show that the descendants of Joseph through Ephraim and Manasseh will be used of the Lord in the last days to push the people of the earth together.

We want to identify Ephraim and Manasseh in later writings. We also want to try to identify their work in the last days.

## State Reunions

Dear Saints:

This is to announce that our Wisconsin Reunion will be held on the 13th and 14th of August. The place is at the Church of Christ, 1 mile east of Sparta on U. S. Highway 16.

Those desiring sleeping accommodations please write to Isaac Brockman, Route 1, Sparta, Wisconsin 54656. If you have tents, we suggest you bring them.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you.

The Reunion Committee,

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