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*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187*

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Jesus: The Key To Life

Are you stumbling in the dark?
Are you without the key to life?
Are you searching for a spark,
That can remove all sin and strife?

Are you lonely and full of remorse?
Are you without a single friend?
Do all your problems compile with great force?
Are you setting very close to life's end?

Are you wondering where to look,
To find great peace and love?
Well, the answer lies in a special book
Written by the saints above.

This book tells of a wonderful saviour,
Who wants you to be His own.
He'll guide all your behavior,
For by His love you do atone.

So come to Jesus; He is the key of life.
He'll take away your every care.
He'll cleanse all sin and remove all strife.
He will your every sorrow bear.

Janeen Addie

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Editorial From the Past . . .

LIFE

Scripture lesson and text: Genesis 1:21-31; and 2:7.

God gave life to all: mankind, animals, plants, and to all that live.

He made laws to govern all life. He made the seasons of the year, and the law that after the snow melts and the warm days come, the trees, grass, flowers, and all plant life put forth new buds and blossom into something beautiful and become useful to man.

The law of the rose seed says, the proper amount of water, sun, and rich soil will cause it to grow and develop into a beautiful flower. If the seed should be carried up by the wind into a desert land it would not grow. Or perhaps it might get enough water from a passing shower to give it a little life; but it would be dwarfed and ugly instead of the beautiful rose its sister seed had become which had fallen in a fertile valley where the climate conditions were in harmony with the laws that govern the growth of the rose.

Plant life and animal life are victims of circum-

stances. The seed that lodged in the desert found itself handicapped in growth, and was a victim of circumstances. There was nothing it could do to progress or to better itself. It was not made capable to cope with the desert.

But God made man in His own image and breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul. He gave man dominion over all that is in the earth, and surely He gave us dominion over our own destiny.

He gave man a mind capable of profound thought. He gave man a quality of power that He gave to no other living thing. It is the power to climb and to better ourselves, no matter under what conditions we may find ourselves. We are not like the rose seed: Drought can conquer it. Too much water can conquer it. Wrong altitude can conquer it. In fact, it has many enemies that can conquer it.

All life, other than man, has enemies that are greater than that life.

But man is ruler and master of all on this earth, including the destiny of his own soul.

Drought and too much rain and other enemies can conquer the *work* of man, but there is no enemy living that is big enough or powerful enough to conquer the soul of man if he will but stand up and fight.

We have enemies the same as all life, but we are greater than our enemies.

Most of us are blind to the biggest and most fierce of all enemies, which is self. No enemy can harm us, as do the things which we do to ourselves.

What are the things that tear down character and spiritual progress? Evil thoughts, greed, selfishness, and any bad habit, etc.

Who permits these things to enter in our lives? We do. I am responsible for my actions and you are responsible for yours.

God made us living souls. He gave us our free agency, to do as we will. He made us capable to win the race of life, yet we can lay down the burden before the race is run, if we choose. It is up to you. It is up to me.

Activity is the law of life.

Activity is the law of achievements. The physical cannot achieve mighty strength without activity. The mental cannot progress and grow without activity of mind. Spirit cannot progress without activity.

If we should find ourselves lost away from the fertile valleys of knowledge as did the rose, what are we going to do about it?

If we would be a Godly people we must practice Godliness; must be active in doing good. "For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."—1 Timothy 4:8.

We have the power through activity of mind and the spirit that is within man, to climb above the clouds that obstruct the view, and to climb on up to the mountain peaks of knowledge and spiritual wisdom where there will be more clear vision of the paths we are to tread through life.

Progress of the spiritual mind gives a clear vision of life. This is according to the law of life. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."—Romans 8:6.

Are we, as individuals, as active of mind as we should be? Are we developing our abilities so we might achieve great things? Or are we hiding our light under a bushel?

Are we finding through our present way of living the broadest interpretation of life? Life's fullest meaning can be understood only as we accept the great Life-Giver and are willing to cast off the shackles of greed, lazy-mindedness, and selfishness, that hinder us from spiritual progress. Are we willing to become a charitable, prayerful, and a humble people? Only in this way can we enjoy the riches of life. "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life."—Proverbs 22:4.

E. Leon Yates



We are made capable of mighty achievements through cooperation. But, only through correction of our individual lives will we ever learn to cooperate collectively as God would have us do.

We as individuals must realize that upon our shoulders lies a sacred burden only we can bear, which is to develop our minds, our characters, and our spirituality, so we might become fit subjects for cooperation with our associates. It is within our power to do so. God made us capable.

We, the Church of Christ, have a goal for which we are working. We hope some day to see the law of All Things Common being lived by the people. We believe, under this law, people will enjoy the things of life. We believe, under this law, the Spirit will be poured out upon the people and that we will enjoy blessings that under our present system of living we cannot even comprehend.

We are capable of living under this law if we weed out the things in our individual lives that hinder spiritual progress.

We must learn to live for one another in order to enjoy the better and the finer feelings of life. Someone has said: "A man who lives only for himself can never experience the full happiness of living." The Savior said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 10:39.)

A selfish, aimless life is a living death: activity is the law of life; idleness is death. He who refuses to impart that which he has, will at last find he has nothing to give. He is consenting to a process that slowly dwarfs and finally destroys the soul.

We as a people have the power to open the door to that more abundant life, where we can enjoy the warmth and power of God's life-giving Spirit. Are we going to open the door and step through to mighty achievements? Or are we to be content with trifles?

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Heaven Provided Helps

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I would like to talk about some of my observations, on the practical aspects of the gospel; of the scriptures, and how to apply these to our daily lives. Now there are things in the scriptures to guide us, to warn us, and to help us, to strengthen us. It's a history of events, whether they went right or wrong. It's instructions, it's examples that Christ put down in parables. All of these things are geared to helping us recognize the problems of, and how to deal with the defects in human nature, the carnal man. It's just as important to recognize where the ability to discern these things came from, where we get the guidance and the strength we need to make the decisions and what enables us to make correct decisions; and what makes us make incorrect decisions.

In a basic sense that's simple. If it's correct it comes from God, if it's incorrect it comes from Satan. These things I'm talking about are the attitudes and the precepts we use to influence our conduct; where we get the justification for determining whether someone or something is correctly or incorrectly influencing us. I found that in Matthew the 24th chapter it says, "Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. . . . And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." These verses also include a general overview of what to expect.

But, how do you go about looking for these signs? What tells you what's right and what's wrong? I found the answer in 1 John (4:1) "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." That was 90 A.D. according to the scholars that published my Bible. I believe the anti-christ was there from the beginning.

To test the spirit of the event or the influence, ask if this spirit promotes the Lord or does it promote Satan? How can you tell? Well, I think a few things must be brought to mind: If Satan always presented his projects with his obvious signature on them then they'd be a lot easier to recognize. But, of course, he doesn't do things that way.

To people who are striving to be the children of God, Satan has to present things in such a way as to deceive us. We obviously won't follow what's obviously from Satan, so he has to be sneaky. He has to, at least, confuse and divide. And in doing so he

helps us destroy each other, and ourselves and the Church.

I'm talking about spiritual destruction. It's worse than physical destruction. What's worse than destroying someone else's soul, or your own? We've got to recognize the works of Satan just as much as we've got to recognize that a cause or an event has the signature of the Lord. Does it have the signs of God or the signs of Satan?

To do this you have to know what to look for, to honestly recognize it when you spot it, and then to adjust its influence on your life when it becomes apparent which spirit it comes from. But many times it's hard to recognize what you're looking at. The emotion of the moment, the power of suggestion, force of habit, all these things influence our perspective on any given event.

There's an example that came to my mind on this. I'm a police officer and it has to do with the emotion of the moment and the power of suggestion. About fifteen years ago, all the phone lines lit up one evening, and what everybody was saying was that world war three had erupted about two blocks away on Maple street. And when we started getting close on the call, it sounded like it. There was gunfire all over the place, and there was enough such that we had to wait for more police to show up before we moved in. And when we came around the corner we had about half a dozen people with beards and greasy hair out in front shooting up the front of a house. So we all grabbed our shotguns and picked one out and put him on the ground; told him it's the police, "throw down your gun," and so on. Needless to say, they were protesting. Well, we'd mistakenly picked out every undercover drug agent there and took his gun away while the bad guys were in the house!

In this particular incident a couple of boys told us that this guy with a gun had run into a big storm drain that goes under Forest street just between the Sanitarium Hospital and Walnut. So we went there, and found this storm drain to be about six foot in diameter. The last thing you want to do is to run into a dark storm drain with some nut back in there with a gun, and you are silhouetted, but there isn't anything else to do. Now, that's what I call "emotion of the moment," because our adrenaline was a little up and we were a little scared. We took a big breath, grabbed for our flashlights and ran in there. This thing had about three to four inches of silt on the

bottom of it and about a half inch of water. We didn't get shot at, so we got in there far enough that we could collect our wits and we kept moving on back to the west following this thing out. This agent was just about as excited as I was, because I kept trying to get my light turned on to check the silt for footprints and he didn't want me to turn my flashlight on because he didn't want to get shot at. And so we ran on down through there trying to catch up with this guy, and I kept trying to get him to stop and get our breathing down to where we could hear if there was splashing ahead of us.

We finally started collecting our wits, and I turned my flashlight on and shined it up ahead of us. As I had done this in spurts ahead, you could see where the surface of the silt was roughed up but there wasn't anything that was real obvious. I'd just flip the light on, take a quick look and turn it off, and he kept saying, "Ya, there's footprints up there, ya, there's footprints up there." I finally got him to slow up where we could listen, and we couldn't hear anything but our own breathing. So I turned my flashlight on and said I wanted to show him something. I just took my foot and stuck it down in the silt, pulled it back and said, "Now that's a footprint." I shined the light behind us and said, "Now those are footprints." The I shined the light ahead of us and said, "Now where do you see footprints of the guy we're chasing?" And he didn't because there weren't any. Apparently some kid wanted to see policemen go running into a storm drain with their guns out and that's just exactly what they got to see, because he wasn't in there. We got him a couple of days later.

But that's what you get with the power of suggestion and the emotions of the moment when you don't look for the signs; you don't see what you're looking at; you don't recognize what you're seeing. People have done similar things with so called Church doctrine, down through the ages. The scriptures are full of instances where force of habit, the power of suggestion and the emotion of the moment gave influence to their concept of religion. What flaws of human nature influence these people? What is in the carnal man that causes him to go against the will of God?

Well, I think we can start by identifying these (Galatians 5:19-ff):

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Now which ones are the obvious, so to speak? Which ones just kind of jump out there and slap you in the face

because of social considerations, or because of habit? Which ones bear the obvious sign and signature of Satan? You can pick out adultery, fornication, uncleanness, idolatry, witchcraft, murders & drunkenness, and you don't have to really dig too deep to get to those. But those others, what do they mean? How do you apply them? What do you look for?

I'm going to give you what I've looked up and what I've thought up or tried to compare on some of these things. I'll start with "variance": Some active disagreement in opinions or ideals; antagonism. As I go down through these things you might try to do what I did: Think back on situations and see if any of these apply to anything in your personal history, or the history of the Church, or however you want to apply it, but make some application of it.

Emulations: Trying to equal or surpass someone or something in an action or quality. Hatred: anger. That's easy, be it sustained or not sustained it's still hatred. Strife: Obstinate conflict or quarrelling or confrontation. Sedition: An act unlawfully directed against authority. It doesn't say an act directed against authority, it says, an act "unlawfully" directed against authority because the authority could be wrong in some cases, not in the scripture but in the world. Tumult: Public commotion, Heresy: erroneous belief or opinion on any matter which differs from prevailing belief. Envyings: Grudges, illwill towards what's perceived to be superior. Revellings: Unrestrained merrymaking. It doesn't say merrymaking, it says, "unrestrained" merrymaking, according to the dictionary. These are of Satan.

Any thought, idea, action, proposal, suggestion or precept that promotes, accepts or tolerates any one of these is a product of Satan, no matter how massive or insignificant it seems. With any of those, the result will be the same: Satan scores. If he can't use the obvious ones to destroy this Church he'll use the ones that are not quite so obvious. He'll destroy the Church by destroying me and you and he'll use me and you to do it. He won't use somebody else. No matter which ones of these he uses, Satan wins. And you don't have to be smarter or dumber or whatever, all you have to do is just not recognize it and let it use you, and he wins.

Today we don't use the words variance, emulations, tumult, or envyings in our common language as we go about day to day. Instead, we use intolerance, hate, pride, selfishness, one upmanship, upstaging, ego, being inconsiderate, gossiping, backbiting. It doesn't make any difference the phrase that you use though, the results are the same, it destroys. It's the works of the flesh, the fruits of Satan.

Now how do these things affect us as a Church,

or as a body of people that are trying to follow the will of God? Ever try talking or preaching about Christ's gospel using intolerance? Pride? Impatience? Hatred? Or using your ego to preach Christ's love? You do and you can see what happens, because when you use the work of Satan you get the fruits of the world back. I think in the New Testament they call them scribes and pharisees.

Let's go back to 1 John, 4th chapter, as it says, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:" Now what does that mean? What do you recognize in that? What's meant by the spirit? What's meant by confessing? Now the spirit in this sense means, to me, the concept or principle or the soul of something; an intelligence. To confess as it's used here is an acknowledgement. So this second verse tells me that every concept that acknowledges the ideals, instructions, or the examples of what Jesus Christ set for us while here on earth, is of God. He showed us how to live. He showed us how to survive in spite of human nature.

The Spirit of the Lord produces the works of the Lord which produces the fruit of the spirit. They're there just beyond where I stopped reading in Galatians, so I'll go back to them starting with the 22nd verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law." So let's go through those using different phrases and names, and see if we can enlarge our understanding

a little.

Start with love: It's a benevolence, a good will, a brotherliness. Joy, would be a delight or a gladness or a rejoicing. Peace is tranquility, freedom from strife or warfare. Longsuffering: There's patience or tolerance. Gentleness is a kindness or a mildness; the absence of harshness. Goodness, which would be a virtue, something having worth or substance. Faith: Trusting or believing, having confidence in something. Meekness: Having humility. Temperance: Moderation, self restraint, self-control. The fruit of the Spirit, that's singular. For something or someone to have the fruit of the Spirit all these things must be present.

And in keeping with that, when you make the decision whether you're going to say that all these signs are present, you have to use moderation in your decision. That's part of it. These are the things that Christ left here for our survival. These are the instructions by which we are to try the spirit of whatever is attempting to influence our thoughts or our conduct. Discernment of the spirit, used correctly, will help us to endure to the end.

To survive, you have to follow the Lord, you have to follow His instructions. Those are the signs. And He was gracious enough to give you the signs that it takes to follow His will, and what to look for to show you where there is a peril or a danger. It can only be done by the Spirit of God, so to God goes all honor and credit.

Why Apostles Without A First Presidency?

Jesus Christ chose twelve disciples from among the Nephites to lead the ministerial affairs of the Church.

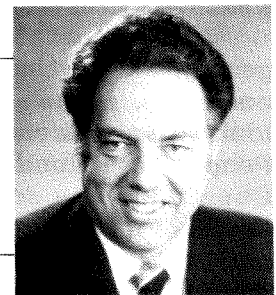
(This series of articles is written with the intent of explaining why the Church of Christ does not have a First Presidency or High Priests as ordained officers within the church.)

Were the twelve that Christ chose from among the Nephites called apostles?

No. It was very noticeable in the Book of Mormon that the twelve that were chosen from among the Nephites were called disciples, while the twelve at Jerusalem were referred to as apostles as well as disciples (1 Nephi 3:88, 114-116; 3 Nephi 7:13; Mormon 1:83,84; 4:80). However, their position and ministry in the church was comparable to that of the apostles in Jerusalem. This can be understood from

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the statement that Christ made to the twelve disciples when he gave them power to bestow the Holy Ghost:

"The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen as he laid his hands upon them. And he called them by name, saying, Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this, ye shall have power that on him whom ye shall lay your hands, ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles." (Moroni 2:1,2)

The phrase, "for thus do mine apostles," indicates that the disciples among the Nephites were to occupy the same ministerial level and to have the

same responsibilities as did the apostles at Jerusalem.

Before Christ's coming, were the Nephites given any prophecy concerning the twelve disciples among the Nephites and the twelve apostles among the Jews?

One very descriptive revelation was given to Nephi (son of Lehi) by vision. He was privileged to see the Son of God and his twelve apostles: "And I looked and beheld the Redeemer of the world, of whom my father had spoken. . . and I also beheld twelve others following him. . . and after he was slain, I saw the multitudes of the earth, that they were gathered together to fight against the apostles of the Lamb; for thus were the twelve called by the angel of the Lord." (1 Nephi 3:71,78,88)

Later in the same vision, Nephi saw the coming of Christ to the Nephites and the twelve disciples whom Christ chose to minister to his seed: "And I saw the heavens open, and the Lamb of God descending out of heaven; and he came down and shewed himself unto them. And I also saw and bear record that the Holy Ghost fell upon twelve others, and they were ordained of God, and chosen. And the angel spake unto me, saying, Behold the twelve disciples of the Lamb, who are chosen to minister unto thy seed." (1 Nephi 3:112-114)

Was Nephi given any information that would identify any of the twelve apostles of Christ at Jerusalem?

Yes. He was shown John, the revelator, and he was told of the work that John was to do: "And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying, Look! And I looked and beheld a man, and he was dressed in a white robe; and the angel said unto me, Behold one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb! Behold, he shall see and write the remainder of these things; yea, and also many things which have been; and he shall also write concerning the end of the world. . . And I, Nephi, heard and bear record, that the name of the apostle of the Lamb was John, according to the word of the angel." (1 Nephi 3:238-242, 251) It is well to recognize that Nephi positively identified John as being one of the twelve apostles of Christ and that he was one of the twelve apostles at the time that he wrote the book of Revelations.

Did Nephi tell of any High Priests being in the church that Christ established while he was here on earth?

No. Nephi tells of seeing the twelve apostles among the Jews and the twelve disciples among the Nephites only; no mention is made concerning High Priests in the Book of Mormon until Alma's time and there is no indication that such an office continued

to be occupied by any other than Christ in the church during and after Christ's coming to the Nephites.

Was Nephi, who was among the Nephites when Christ came, given a special or different commission over the others whom Christ chose?

Although Nephi was chosen by Christ to baptize the others, there is no definite statement or even an indication that he was given an office that elevated him above the other disciples. Let us look closely at the scriptures:

"And it came to pass that he spake unto Nephi, (for Nephi was among the multitude,) and he commanded him that he should come forth. And Nephi arose and went forth, and bowed himself before the Lord, and he did kiss his feet. And the Lord commanded him that he should arise. And he arose and stood before him. And the Lord said unto him, I give unto you power that ye shall baptise this people, when I am again ascended into heaven. And again the Lord called others, and said unto them likewise; and he gave them power to baptize." (3 Nephi 5:18-22)

Was Nephi one of the twelve disciples of Christ?

Yes. Nephi was one of the twelve disciples and the account as given in the Book of Mormon definitely limits the number to twelve:

"And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called and received power and authority to baptize, were twelve,) and behold he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying, Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power, that they may baptize you with water, and after that ye are baptized with water, behold I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye, if ye shall believe in me, and be baptized, after that ye have seen me, and know that I am." (3 Nephi 5:44-47)

Did Nephi hold the position as High Priest before Christ came?

The account as given in the Book of Mormon does not state that Nephi was a High Priest, but rather indicates that the High Priests, lawyers, etc. had become wicked and had opposed those who were sent of God to warn the people of their wickedness:

"And there began to be men inspired from heaven, and sent forth, standing among the people in all the land, preaching and testifying boldly of the

sins and iniquities of the people, and testifying unto them concerning the redemption which the Lord would make for his people; or in other words, the resurrection of Christ; and they did testify boldly of his death and sufferings. Now there were many of the people who were exceeding angry, because of those who testified of these things: and those who were angry, were chiefly the chief judges, and they who had been high priests and lawyers." (3 Nephi 3:22-25)

Nephi was one of those who was sent of God to minister unto the people:

"And it came to pass that Nephi, having been visited by angels, and also by the voice of the Lord, therefore having seen angels, and being eye witness, and having had power given unto him that he might know concerning the ministry of Christ, and also being eye witness to their quick return from righteousness unto their wickedness and abominations; therefore, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, and the blindness of their minds, went forth among them in that same year, and began to testify boldly, repentance and remission of sins through faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. And he did minister many things unto them; and all of them cannot be written, and a part of them would not suffice: therefore they are not written in this book. And Nephi did minister with power and great authority." (3 Nephi 3:56-58)

The last High Priest of whom we have names in the Book of Mormon were Helaman, Shiblon and Corianton, the sons of Alma (Alma 21:34,73). This Helaman was a great-grandfather of Nephi, the disciple of Christ. Nephi's father was named Nephi also; he departed out of the land prior to the coming of Christ and was not heard of again (3 Nephi 1:2,3,46). His father's name was Helaman, who was the son of Helaman who was named as a High Priest referred to above.

Were the names of the twelve disciples given in the Book of Mormon?

Yes, and Nephi, the same Nephi who was chosen by Jesus to baptize the others, was positively identified as one of the twelve:

"And it came to pass that on the morrow, when the multitude was gathered together, behold Nephi and his brother whom he had raised from the dead, whose name was Timothy, and also his son, whose name was Jonas, and also Mathoni, and Mathonihah, his brother, and Kumen, and Kumenonhi, and Jeremiah, and Shemnon, and Jonas, and Zedekiah, and Isaiah: now these were the names of the disciples whom Jesus had chosen. And it came to pass that they went forth and stood in the midst of the multitude. And behold, the multitude was so great, that they did cause that they should be separated

into twelve bodies. And the twelve did teach the multitude. . ." (3 Nephi 9:4-7) Just prior to the coming of Christ, Nephi had raised his brother from the dead which identifies him as the same Nephi that was named as one of the twelve disciples of Christ: "And Nephi did minister with power and with great authority. . . And in the name of Jesus did he cast out devils and unclean spirits; and even his brother did he raise from the dead, after he had been stoned and suffered death by the people." (3 Nephi 3:58,60)

The account, as given, tells us plainly that there were only twelve whom Jesus had given the power to baptize at this first appearance. Did he also give those same twelve the power to bestow the Holy Ghost?

Yes. The record again makes it plain that the Lord touched, or laid hands upon, the twelve disciples whom he had chosen:

"And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of these sayings, he touched with his hand the disciples whom he had chosen, one by one, even until he had touched them all, and spake unto them as he touched them; and the multitude heard not the words which he spake, therefore they did not bear record; but the disciples bear record that he gave them power to give the Holy Ghost. And I will shew unto you hereafter that this record is true." (3 Nephi 8:70-72)

This is verified by Moroni's account: "The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them. . . Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it, and on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost." (Moroni 2:1,3)

Why did Jesus tell his disciples that there would be one ordained among them to break bread and bless it?

First let us read the statement referred to: "And when the multitude had eaten and were filled, he said unto the disciples, Behold, there shall be one ordained among you, and to him will I give power that he shall break bread, and bless it, and give it unto the people of my church, unto all those who shall believe and be baptized in my name." (3 Nephi 8:32)

Although it is apparent from this statement that Jesus was going to choose one of his disciples to break and bless the bread, he followed this statement with a commandment to all his disciples to break bread and bless it even as he had done: "And this shall ye always observe to do, even as I have done, even as I have broken bread, and blessed it, and gave it unto you." (Ibid 33)

As we continue to search the account of Jesus' ministry to the Nephites, we find that Jesus himself served the sacrament to the people often: "And it came to pass that he break bread again, and blessed it, and gave it to the disciples to eat." (3 Nephi 9:40) "... therefore I would that ye should behold that the Lord truly did teach the people, for the space of three days; and after that he did shew himself unto them oft, and did break bread oft, and bless it, and give it unto them." (3 Nephi 12:6)

There is no recording in the Book of Mormon of Jesus ordaining one individual to serve the sacrament in his place as we might interpret that statement to mean. We have to conclude that Jesus truly did instruct one of his disciples, whom he had ordained, on the correct way to administer the sacrament, for we find in Moroni's writings the specific instructions on how it should be served and the exact words to use in blessing the bread and wine. (See Moroni chapters 4 & 5) So we can only suppose that Jesus, according to His unquestionable wisdom, chose to give these important instructions to one individual and that that individual would instruct the other ministry accordingly.

We find that, later, the duty of administering the sacrament was not confined to the twelve disciples only: "The manner of their elders and priests administering the flesh and blood of Christ unto the church. And they administered it according to the commandments of Christ; wherefore we know the manner to be true; and the elder or priest did administer it." (Moroni 4:1,2)

To whom did Jesus give the responsibility of taking the lead in ministering unto the people and watching over the church?

As already shown, Jesus chose out twelve men as his disciples and he gave them power to baptize and to bestow the Holy Ghost. He also instructed the multitude to give heed unto the twelve:

"And behold he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying, "Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants." (3 Nephi 5:45)

Jesus commissioned his twelve disciples directly: "And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he looked upon the twelve whom he had chosen, and said unto them, Remember the words which I have spoken. For behold, ye are they whom I have chosen to minister unto this people." (3 Nephi 6:1,2)

"And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he said unto those twelve whom he had chosen, Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people, who are a remnant of the

house of Joseph." (3 Nephi 7:13)

"Verily, verily I say unto you, This is my gospel; and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do, that shall ye also do; for that which ye have seen me do, even that shall ye do; therefore if ye do these things, blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day." (3 Nephi 12:34,35)

"And know ye that ye shall be judges of this people, according to the judgment which I shall give unto you, which shall be just; therefore what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, Even as I am." (3 Nephi 13:4,5)

Did the twelve disciples do as Jesus instructed them?

Yes. They began immediately to teach and baptize the people exactly as Jesus had commanded:

"And it came to pass that the disciples whom Jesus had chosen, began from that time forth to baptize and to teach as many as did come unto them: and as many as were baptized in the name of Jesus were filled with the Holy Ghost. . . . And it came to pass that they did do all things, even as Jesus had commanded them. And they who were baptized in the name of Jesus, were called the church of Christ." (3 Nephi 12:10,12,13)

"And it came to pass that the thirty and fourth year passed away, and also the thirty and fifth, and behold the disciples of Jesus had formed a church of Christ in all the lands round about. And as many as did come unto them, and did truly repent of their sins, were baptized in the name of Jesus; and they did also receive the Holy Ghost." (4 Nephi 1:1,2)

From the account that we have of Christ's ministry among the Nephites, we can see that Jesus gave no commissions designating High Priests in the church that he established. Neither was there any indication of any individual or individuals given authority over the twelve disciples and the church; the twelve disciples received instruction directly from Jesus Christ and they were commissioned to take the lead in the ministerial activities of the church.

In conclusion to this series of articles, I wish to reaffirm the position of our church fathers in saying that it is apparent that the Lord has guided them in preserving the true structure of the Church of Christ as He originally established it on April 6, 1830. We may not have all the answers to the many questions that are asked, but the purpose of this review was not to answer argument. My main purpose has been to look candidly at the historical and scriptural facts as we have them in an effort to acquaint ourselves more fully with the responsibility that we have inherited through the goodness of God and by the services of those who went before us.

Path Lights

My Conversion, Baptism and Confirmation

On Sunday, May 5, 1985, I was baptized into Christ and confirmed a member of His body, the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), at the East Independence Local.

For the past several months, Elders Eugene Gould and Isaac Brockman with their companions have been making frequent missionary trips to Lamoni, Iowa, and it has been one of my richest blessings to experience their witness accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Elder Charles Brantner and his wife, Jeanne, of Warrensburg, Missouri, have also made several trips to Lamoni bearing the same sweet spirit and witness.

The church in which I was baptized a member when I was eight years old is falling into apostasy and I was experiencing emotions of bitterness, frustration, and fear. Loving and believing completely in the Book of Mormon made my dilemma even more complicated because where could I find a church that believed in it and was true to its message? It is hard to imagine my joy in being led into the Church of Christ. The savior sent His messengers to rescue me. I am overwhelmed by His mercy.

I quickly became converted in my mind because the Church of Christ is staying closer to the teachings of Jesus than any church I've seen. I identified with everything the brethren were teaching. But there was one thing more that I needed. I needed to experience the fellowship of the body of Christ.

On March 24, 1985 my husband, Delbert, our daughter, Janice, her two-year-old twin sons, and I arrived early at the East Independence Local and were lovingly greeted at the door by our dear friends, Eugene and Bernice Gould.

Our daughter's husband is in the Navy and they were being transferred back to the states from a three-year tour of duty in Japan. She was staying with us until he arrived in April. This was another one of our blessings, that she could experience the same joyous ministry that we were.

I cannot adequately tell you the complete joy that swept over me throughout the morning worship experience and the many loving people who greeted us. I had been reading *Zion's Advocate* for several months and when I met the five apostles at the service that morning, there were four of them I felt I knew personally, Apostles Sarratt, Sheldon, Ely, and McIndoo, from the articles and photos in the *Advocate*. Also Gary Housknecht seemed a personal friend, and since that time there are a number of others.

After the service Eugene and Bernice Gould and

Apostle Robert Jensen took us to lunch at Po Folks restaurant and we had a physical feast on top of a spiritual one. It was a joy to me to visit personally with Apostle Jensen while we were waiting to be seated.

This was the day I experienced conversion in my heart.

In the days that followed, as I was making preparation for my new baptism, I borrowed a prayer from David: Psalm 51:10-12.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

I memorized that prayer.

On the day of my baptism, as we were in the car coming to the church, I experienced fear, but as I thought of Jesus going to the cross for me it seemed that what I was doing for Him was nothing.

My husband, Delbert; his sister, Gladys Friend; and I arrived at the East Independence Local to find a waiting group of loving friends, including the Brantners from Warrensburg, in the basement where the baptismal font had been prepared.

My water baptism by Elder Eugene Gould was much easier than I had expected. The water seemed cold as I first entered and waited for immersion, but a warmth surrounded me in immersion and stayed with me throughout the morning.

As I changed into dry clothing the congregation moved upstairs to the main sanctuary for the confirmation service. My dear sisters, Bernice Gould and Ruth Brockman, waited to accompany me upstairs. When we entered the sanctuary, Brother Isaac was presiding and the saints were singing hymns. Brother Eugene came in shortly after we arrived and he went to the front to be with Brother Isaac. I sat close to my beloved husband who has accompanied me and blest my life for the past thirty years.

Brother Isaac gave some introductory remarks on my response to their ministry and he explained that the confirmation was for the bestowal of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the person baptized. Then he said, "Sister Shirley, will you please come forward to receive your gift."

Can you imagine what a tremendous joy came over me to go forward for a gift so great? I have walked somewhat in God's Holy Spirit all my life but

not to the extent that I do since that hour. The two brethren poured out the confirmation prayers and greeted me into the body of Christ, His church.

Then Brother Isaac asked me to stand there and I saw the front row of saints stand and form a line. Each person came to me, men, women, children, teens, and even babies and they hugged and kissed me, welcoming me into the fellowship, followed by every member in the entire sanctuary, which was full of lovely people.

An ecstasy premeated me. The only way I can express it is that my heart was full drawn out in compassion for each person who touched me. I wished they could have healing. I wished special angels to watch over the children and to protect the youth from evil. I felt like a mother in Israel with a deep concern for each life, and I greeted the apostles with great respect for the burden of their ministries.

Can you imagine what it means to me to be invited to kneel in God's house for prayer? It's something I had only experienced for blessing communion emblems. It's a very humble and beautiful thing to kneel in prayer in awe and respect for the Lord. The soft, premeating presence of the Holy Spirit touched me deeply as they sang the harmonious, worshipful hymns slowly and savoringly.

The way you confess your sins to one another and share yourselves is new to me. I have to learn that I can't be covering up my errors, but get them out in the open so my spiritual family can help me overcome them.

The worship services which began at 9:45 A.M. were brought to a closing with prayer at 2:05 P.M. Never before in my life had I been with people who loved the Savior so much that they would stay in His presence for that long.

The saints of the East Independence Local and the saints of the Temple Lot Local have a tremendous responsibility in perfecting their lives so that those of us who are out in the world can "come up to Zion and learn of Her ways."

And those of us who are scattered out here in the world, following our conversion, have a tremendous responsibility to let our lights shine as they've never shown before to guide others into the light of the gospel and the presence of Jesus.

Shirley Rose Bailey Lamoni, Iowa

If there is a testimony in your life I can use in this series, please send it to:

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The first piggy bank?

In about 800 B.C., Jehoash (also "Joash"), King of Judah, attempted to repair the Temple at Jerusalem with the tithes and offerings collected by the priests. However, the funds kept disappearing and the Temple went unrepaired. So King Joash called upon the Priest Jehoiada to build something to prevent the loss from continuing. Jehoiada "took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it . . . and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD." The first piggy bank.

The repairs were soon accomplished with money to spare! II Kings 12:1-14.

Birthdays, that is the day of the birth of a new child, especially a son, were grand occasions and often celebrated with a feast in Bible times. However, birthdays, as in the anniversary of someones birth, are rarely mentioned — especially in association with any kind of celebration.

As a matter of fact, there are exactly two birthday anniversary celebrations mentioned in all the Bible. **Can you name the two birthday boys and what major aspect of these two celebrations is absent from such celebrations today?**

(Answer next month)



In Octobers Past . . .

. . . The Statue of Liberty was unveiled on Bedlow Island in New York harbor, October 28, 1886. This magnificent statue is a gift from the Republic of France and has become symbolic of the liberties afforded the citizens of this democracy — including our liberty of abiding by the religious faith of our choice.

. . . The Catholic Church was kind enough to absolve the Jews of Christ's crucifixion, October 28, 1965. While we recognize that this pronouncement was meaningless, do we recognize the role of each of these two groups as the last days unfold before us? You may read about them in your Bible and Book of Mormon.

A Great And A Marvellous Work



by Apostle
William A. Sheldon

PART TEN

As we continue to survey the Lord's retributive justice upon the heathen nations who are to be gathered against Jerusalem and the land of Zion, we are made aware to some extent of His divine method in the accomplishment of His purposes to restore His ancient covenant people of Israel to the lands of their inheritance. Because the heathen have in their hearts a wicked design against Israel, and because of Israel's hardheartedness against God, extending even to the last days, the Lord will bring the heathen against the "mountains" (nations) of Israel by way of chastisement for His people. Then, because Israel is humbled and will cry out to God to be saved (even as in Egypt), He will hear and turn upon the heathen.

We have seen that turmoil and confusion shall be had amongst the heathen as the Lord prepares to deliver His people. Speaking of Israel and her latter day distress, Micah prophesies (5:3-6) of her hope through Christ at that time.

Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth (Israel in travail will bring forth Zion, W.A.S.); then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And this man (Christ, W.A.S.) shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds (servants of God, W.A.S.), and eight principal men (honorable warriors? W.A.S.). And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword. . . when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

The succeeding verses, then, speak of the remnant of Jacob treading down and tearing the gentiles, showing this to be virtually concurrent with the heathen invasion (verses 7-15).

Returning now to Ezekiel 38, we find verse 18 saying of God—"My fury shall come up in my face"—and we now read:

"And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

"Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 38:22-23

We have purposely passed up the quotation of verses 19 and 20 in order to bring this together with other references which portray an even greater display of divine might in the deliverance of Israel. But first, let us briefly summarize events leading to this astounding climax.

1. Because of wickedness in equal or exceeding magnitude, to that in Noah's day and in the time of Lot, the Lord will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem—a third world war shall begin there.

2. Famine and pestilence will have also become a world-wide phenomena.

3. Moral wickedness is paralleled by a spiritual degeneration, including a great latter day apostasy; the gentiles will have rejected the fulness of the gospel.

4. Before the "arm of the Lord" shall fall upon the nations, a final cry of repentance will be voiced by the servants of the Most High, including a "marred servant."

5. In this great battle, spear-headed by Gog/Russia, the Assyria of latter days, many of Israel will go into captivity; the U.S. will not be spared, and likely will bear the brunt of the battle. This battle is to last 3½ years: "And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days." (Mark 13:20).

6. At about the same time, the remnant of Jacob (primarily those of the Indians of the Americas) will come against the gentiles to tread down and tear in pieces, and none shall stay them.

7. To spare His saints, God will direct their gathering into a place of safety, where He shall shut the door upon them (a spiritual "ark", the beginning of Zion), and where the bridegroom (Christ) will affect His marriage to the "bride" (His Church, the Church of Christ having been cleansed and sanctified). Christ will appear in the presence of His saints unbeknown to the world.

8. At the close of an unprecedented tribulation upon Jew and gentile, and many of them taken captive, confusion will reign among the heathen, and they will war with their fellows.

(to be continued)

Phoenix News

As you know, the time slips away from us all and before you know it, most of the year is gone! I'll try to catch up on the news here in Phoenix and apologize for not keeping you all posted.

January — Don McIndoo and Jim Yates went, once again, to Yucatan to work among our people there. The devotion it takes to serve God in that land is quite inspiring. The effort it takes our members there to be with one another for services is hard for any of us to imagine. And I urge each of us to remember the many families there in our constant prayers.

February — During this month we had a special Valentines Day box lunch. Many of the women decorated a box and filled it with all sorts of goodies, all to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. It was a lot of fun and we collected over \$100.00 to go to the program committee.

March — This month brought us a new baby, Pamela Eileen born to Annette and Mark Whitehead on March 4th. Also Betty McIndoo, Wanda Yates, Jim Yates Jr. and Andy Brown went to Yucatan to meet with Don and Jim and have services there in that land.

April — Brought the return of Don and Jim safely home.

May — Brought us another baby, Manda Kay born to Tamara and Don Grim on May 28th. May also brought us two new members: Mike Malloy and Cathy Cloyd who were baptized in ShowLow, Arizona, by our brother Hubert Yates. During May we had two programs, one for mothers and the other for the children. On Mother's Day, the children sang special songs for their mother's, and many adults gave praise to their mothers. There were few dry eyes in that room and the love was felt by all. The other program was a short play put on for the children out in the church yard "The Three Little Pigs." The children of all ages enjoyed the performance. We didn't know we had such actors and actresses among us. It was a lot of fun.

June — Came our 100° plus weather. The children were out of school and into Bible School for a week. The children love to play together and learn of our Lord together. They learn songs to glorify the Lord and they use their talents given by Him to make crafts.

July — "Camp for all ages" took place this year, the weekend of July 4th, near Heber, Arizona. Cool weather, fellowship, good food, and worship were all on the menu. Adding to the events was a baptism of Cindy Farrett by brother Don McIndoo.

August — It's still a hot one around here, but it's time to start planning for the events to come. PHOENIX REUNION!

September — The weather is changing; it's even a better time to plan for the PHOENIX REUNION!

October — Now fall is here and the weather is great, not to mention one month until the PHOENIX REUNION! Please think of us when you think of Thanksgiving, we would love to share our thanks with you, and our homes too. Hope to see You!

Becky McIndoo
Reporter

1985 Missouri Reunion

Saints from near and far began to assemble in the Ozark Room of Hudson Hall on the Central Missouri State University campus in Warrensburg for the Missouri Reunion, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on August 9, 1985. Apostle William Sheldon cited many reasons for this reunion, most importantly, the reuniting with God and on His terms, as stated in 3 Nephi 5:40.

We came to be spiritually fed, as Elder Nicholas Denham stated. He told of God's promises to us and that we should put God uppermost and go on unto perfection by keeping His commandments, that we should endure to the end, and that the end time is very close.

The admonition to search the scriptures for *more* than just "a little" of the water — the word of God — was given by Elder Charles Brantner as he, too, told us of the end time.

The great day of the Lord is near — the time of the end — was also the theme of Apostle Marvin Ely's sermon. He reminded us that Jesus Christ and God *must* remain #1, and that we should follow the example of Jesus Christ, even to the time of the end.

Saturday morning's prayer service found many more in attendance. Remembrance was asked in our prayers for our young people, as they are the leaders of our church in the days to come. Elder Jack Martin read from the Book of Mormon, Ether 1:29-31, that those who possess this land of promise, shall serve God.

Elder Joseph Smith related to us that we need to pick up the "tools", as found in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, and search out the truth and obey the commandments that God has given us. We know that those who love the Lord are those who keep His commandments. He spoke of the coming of Christ and our preparations as a church.

"Are we ready to welcome the Lord?" was asked by Elder Smith Brickhouse. He read from Luke 8, the parable of the sower. We need to put *aside* all things that get in our way, the thorns. We need to put Christ first in our lives, and we need to feast on His words.

War declared! Our war to attain salvation. The purpose of war, as Elder Gary Housknecht related

to us, is to defend our souls. Our goal in war is not to waste this day of our probation, but to earn our own ticket to heaven. We need to declare to people to earn and strive for their own salvation — for perilous times are here!

As sacrament service convened, Apostle Don McIndoo said that we meet this morning for many reasons, but most of all, for a sacred purpose. To make a sacrifice of praise, of righteousness, and of thanksgiving. To offer a broken heart and a contrite spirit. We are gathered to partake of a feast of love, prepared by the Master above. May God give you all His blessings.

The final sermon of the reunion was delivered by Elder Jay Moser. He reminded us that God does not give us anything we can't handle, no mission we can't accomplish. That the spirit of God *is*, and that gospel is *real!* We need to preach repentance and remission of sins, through Jesus Christ, by the endurance of faith on His name *to the end*, as it says in the Book of Mormon, in Moroni 3:2, for we know the coming of the Lord is soon.

Throughout the reunion, the same theme was carried through by the speakers. The end time . . . The time of the end . . . Signs of the times . . . Perilous times are here . . . Feast on His words . . . Our need to prepare ourselves and the Church . . . Endure to the end . . . The great day of the Lord is near . . . The coming of Christ . . . Are we ready to welcome the Lord?

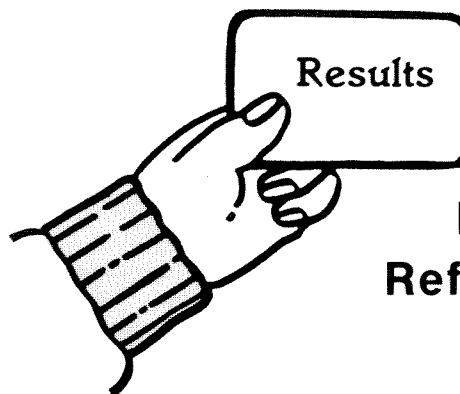
There were many who asked for administration, so many beautiful prayers uttered, and such wonderful testimonies . . . I just wish there was space to quote from each and every one.

And what a thrill to hear the many voices sing in such beautiful harmony the many hymns we have available to us. Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross . . . I Come to the Garden Alone . . . Oh, It is Wonderful . . . Jesus (He is the Son of God) . . . Follow Me . . . The Love of Christ . . . Stretch Out Your Hand to Me, Dear Lord . . . These were all offered as special renditions. Music is such a marvelous way to express our thoughts and feelings to God and Jesus Christ.

This year's reunion has again been one of renewing acquaintances, family reunions, new friendships being made, and love abounding everywhere. The seven through twelve year olds had a much earned outing, and the thirteen through thirty age group also had a very enjoyable and meaningful get-together away from the main body.

I'll close this report with an admonition given to us during this reunion: Let us go from here with a determination that we're going to improve our service to God and our fellow man from this time forward.

. . . for the Missouri Reunion Committee
Jeanne Brantner



Notice of Referendum Vote

Council of Apostles:

We, the Referendum Committee, met together with the Church Recorder to count the 1985 referendum ballots on August 5, 1985. Following is the total count:

Referendum #1: Yes, 418. No. 79.

Referendum #2: Yes, 232. No. 271.

Referendum #3: Yes, 490. No. 8.

Sincerely, The Referendum Committee

(signed) Steve McGhee

Isaac Brockman, Jr.

Ricky J. Olson

Referendum Bill #1 recommended changes in the Procedure Against Iniquity (The Jurisprudence) and required a 2/3 majority; this measure passed.

Bill #2 would have changed the present form of our general church conferences from a general assembly to an Elders Conference, and required a 2/3 majority; this measure did not carry.

It is noted that this bill did not contain the preamble which clarified the functioning of the Elders Conference, as had been intended by the 1985 Conference.

Bill #3 would increase the base amount of aid to Church members, and required a 2/3 majority vote; this measure passed.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Sheldon, Secy.
Council of Apostles

NEW DEADLINE

Due to a tighter production schedule, the deadline for each issue of the *Zion's Advocate* is now the 5th of the preceding month. This means that in order to have material published in a given month, it must reach the Editor in double-spaced typewritten format by the 5th of the previous month.

The deadline for news related items to reach David Rudd, News Editor, is still the end of the month, two months previous.

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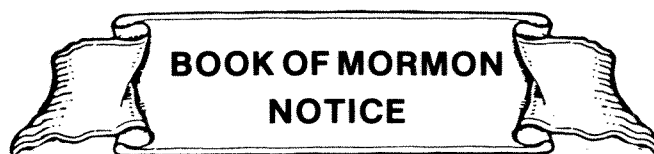
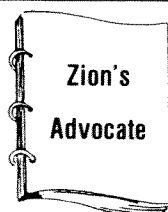
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Pass It On. Yes, by merely passing on each issue of the *Zion's Advocate* to a friend not yet a baptized member of this Church, you will have greatly expanded the missionary potential of this paper.

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Sincerely,
Your Editorial Staff

P.S. Ask your local priesthood members to send in an article for placement in the *Zion's Advocate*, as we are very short on material bearing priesthood inspiration and authority. Tell them **YOU** want them to put their pens to work to help make this paper even more worthy of "passing on" to a friend. Their inspired writing can perform a marvelous work—and with your help, we'll get their message out to three or four thousand souls!



The April 1984 General Conference determined a rather ambitious and worthy project for this Church of Christ, namely, the publication of our own Book of Mormon. It may, in fact, be a necessity if we hope to have this cherished scripture available to us in its presently accepted form.

It is planned to make considerable revision of reference texts only, as found at the bottom of each page, including an increased referral to Bible texts, etc., as appropriate. Provisions will be made, as presently, for publication with a plastic material for binding, with the book to be sold at minimum cost, with no profit. However, a limited supply with a better binding (leather or hardback) will be provided, also at minimum cost.

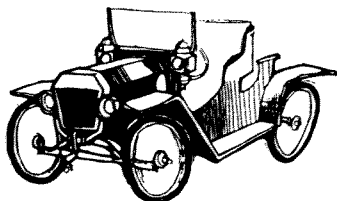
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He couldn't sing to save his life,
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But always his "jalopy" was just
Crammed on each Lord's Day.



And although he could not sing, nor
Teach, nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, and he had a smile;
And he was always there
With all the others whom he brought,
Who lived both near and far —
And God's work prospered — for he had
A consecrated car.

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