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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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My Wife, The Mother

*Mothers are special,
I know this is true,
Because of my mother,
your mother and you.
I thank you for the pain of birth,
In bringing our children here on earth;
For acting as my sounding board,
For helping me to seek my Lord,
And place my trust in Him above,
And, most of all, just for your love.*

—Sam Kidd

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GUEST EDITORIAL . . .**THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT**

In the beginning, God created the light and divided it from the darkness. He said, "Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good." (Gen. 1:3,4)

The greater light, the sun, and the lesser light, the moon which reflects the light of the sun, actually typify a much greater light, the light of truth. The truth, that we know, is the gospel of Christ, as all things good have come through Him.

History bears out that Christ's gospel has not always shined upon the earth in its fullness. During the time that the Law of Moses was in effect, a lesser light of types and shadows pointed toward the coming of that greater light, Jesus Christ. Jesus gave the Law of Moses and when He came in the meridian of time, he fulfilled that law, bringing it to an end.

Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses, however, was only one aspect of the complete mission and purpose of His coming. He brought the greater law, the commandments of God, which were taught in contrast of the Jewish interpretations of the Mosaic Law. Jesus manifested the kingdom of heaven with power and authority. The principles of salvation were preached—faith, repentance, baptism and the bestowal of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus established his church, the Church of Christ. He called and ordained twelve men as his apostles and sent them into the world to preach the gospel. He called out seventy others also with a similar commission.

Jesus set an example unto all men which was a way of life that was perfect. Most importantly he provided a way by which man might return into the presence of God. That provision was the sacrifice of his own life as an offering of atonement for the sins of men. His atonement was an infinite atonement—he came to save the world.

After His death and resurrection, Jesus sent another comforter to guide His disciples in His absence and the church flourished in the light of the truth for a time. As Christ and others had prophesied, however, the opposition increased both within and without the church. The violent strove harder to take the kingdom by force and there was a falling away from the truth. Eventually a total apostasy from the fullness of Christ's gospel occurred, and spiritual darkness covered the earth for a long time.

Was this to be the end of Christ's ministry and work? Did the adversary win the battle?

No. All things are known of God and He had a plan which included His own timetable.

The prophecies had already been given and the woman of Revelation twelve (which was the church) had fled into the wilderness for 1260 days (years) or for a time, times and a half of time. The church went into complete apostasy in 570 A.D. and was restored again in 1830 A.D.

On April 6, 1830, in Seneca County, New York, six men met and organized the Church of Christ. Here, once more, the fullness of the gospel of Christ had been given and the priesthood authority to preach the gospel had been bestowed upon those who had been called and so ordained. Revelation and the gifts of the Spirit were also manifest.

Again the church flourished for awhile as it did in Christ's time, but the opposing forces were there right from the beginning. The violent once more sought to take the kingdom by force while the weaknesses of men allowed error to come in at a very early time in the establishing of the church. The adversary worked both within and without to destroy the work of God.

Joseph Smith, Jr., the instrument by which the Book of Mormon was translated and the one by whom the revelations had come for the establishing of the church, was martyred in the jail in Carthage, Illinois, only 14 years after the church was organized. The church became divided as various men arose to take Joseph's place as head of the church. The few errors that had been made prior to Joseph's death now became a foundation for more complex errors. A degree of apostasy was inevitable as great divisions due to doctrinal differences and church organization arose out of the tragedy.

Although it is evident that God has shown compassion and favor toward the honest in heart during the past century and a half, the errors upon which men built their organizations would prove to be the snares that would sooner or later trap the unsuspecting peoples.

Again we ponder, was this to be the end of Christ's work in the latter days?

No. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were told when they were ordained by a heavenly messenger: "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion, for the remission of sins, and this shall never

be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness" (Outline History of the Church of Christ, page 35). We can be assured that this gospel will never be taken from the earth again until all things are accomplished that God has foreordained to be.

Again we find that God had a plan and He had foretold what would happen in these last days. There would be another falling away. In 2nd Nephi 12:13, 16,17, we read: "Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. . . they have all gone astray, save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men."

This church, the Church of Christ, has the claim of being a part of the original church that was organized on April 6, 1830, in New York. At no time was the membership of this church rebaptized as did some of the others, and at no time was this church ever reorganized.

Although given to human weakness and error the same as other men, our church fathers endeavored to retrace the steps that the early church leaders made and have tried to correct the mistakes by comparing the early revelations with the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Two of the most important corrections made was to change the name of the church

back to the Church of Christ as it was originally given, and to abolish the offices of First Presidency and High Priests leaving only the twelve Apostles as the leading office in the church.

Looking again into prophecy we realize with grave reality that we are living in the time of the end that Jesus told his disciples would come. This is indeed a day of deception and wickedness. We are nearing the time when the Gentiles will ripen in iniquity for they have, on the most part, rejected the fullness of the gospel. We are aware that the Day of the Lord will soon come which will be a time of great darkness upon the earth.

We ask, must we again be enveloped by darkness as in times past?

No. God has so declared that He will build up a place of refuge for His people in these last days—a Zion, if you will. You and I are among the most blessed of all people on the earth today for we have embraced the light of Christ's gospel and we are given the great opportunity to prepare to be a part of that Zion.

We, therefore, humbly offer you this gospel of the kingdom that we together might be a part of the building of Zion. We charge you with the responsibility to pray over these things, that you might receive from God the knowledge of the truth.

Apostle Roland L. Sarratt

FASTING AND PRAYER

It is our hope that this message will help to broaden your understanding as to your duty before God and the values of fasting with prayer.

We will try to limit comment and rather cite scripture and experiences that prove the values of fasting.

The 5th chapter of Luke is interesting and we cite verses 27 through 35. The story of the leper, a miraculous healing, the draught of fishes are all events after Jesus had fasted and prayed and had faced down the devil. Almost without fail we find Jesus had prayed before meeting the taunts and reviling against Him and they could not understand the humility He exhibited in spite of the miraculous power and authority He possessed. No greater example did He give us of humility short of the cross.

This we point out in regard to our attitude in fasting and prayer. The Pharisees were rebuked for their lack of humility in fasting, as we well know.

This, then, tells us the importance of humility **before** and **during** our fast and prayers. "After the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days." Well, the bridegroom was taken away, so we are "in those days", and are now of the household of faith, even the very same church that Christ set up and restored out of the darkness.



Moroni, the 6th chapter tells of the ordinances of baptism following faith and of the bearing of fruit of repentance and humility, showing an evidence of determination to serve Him to the end, and also that "the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls: — and to partake of the bread and the wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus."

Fasting and prayer is not necessarily an 'ordinance', but it is a commandment of no less importance than the six principles of the gospel, i.e., Heb. 6:1. The principles of the gospel are important to us all the days of our lives, remembering that through faith we are able to abide in Him, recalling our baptism and the covenant we made before God at that event, and the partaking again and again of the body and blood of Christ and again and again approaching God in fasting and prayer that we might remember Him continually. Jesus said, "if ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed." When was the last time that you fasted, either on your own or at the request of your pastors and ministers? It is important that you remember this question!

Turn now to Exodus 34:27-28. Moses was directed to go to the sacred mountain where he was to receive directions and commandments. Moses fasted and prayed forty days and nights during the time he was with the Lord. "And the Lord said unto Moses, write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." (Remember we have been adopted into Israel.)

In order for Moses to stand in the presence of God "he did neither eat, nor drink water," during the forty days and nights. (We will dwell more fully on this further on.)

This fast was not only for strength to stand in God's presence, but to later stand strong before God's people and guide them through hardship, and to continue in touch with God for guidance.

Another well-known leader of God's people was Elijah, and we refer you to I Kings 19:1-8. Elijah had challenged the priests of Baal, had defeated them and driven them down to the ground. It made Jezebel, the queen, very, very angry at him and she rebelled against this act and declared she would have his life in like manner as he had dealt with priests of Baal. Elijah fled into Beersheba of Judah where he left his servant and then fled into the wilderness where he prayed for God to take his life because he had acted as he did in running away. But an angel appeared before him and prepared food for

him and told him to eat for he had a great journey to make into Mt. Horeb where he would meet God and be given great tasks to perform. Elijah fasted forty days and nights to prepare himself spiritually for his ordeal.

Now we turn to the greatest of all—the Christ, the Son of God. The story is told in Matthew 4. Jesus has just been baptized of John, after which He fasted and prayed for forty days and nights and then to be tested and tempted of Satan. Jesus withstood all that Satan offered and he came down from the mount and met each ordeal victoriously, ending the final ordeal of death on the cross. One might ask, could not Jesus have accomplished this without having to fast and pray? We must remember that each act of His life was **an example** of which **we may very well have to meet to some degree** before we are ourselves successful in Christian endeavor. Jesus knew of the things that he would have to meet, how He would be rejected, reviled against, would stand against those who would make God's house a den of thieves, would have to isolate himself in the garden and groan in agony while making the decision that God's will be done and not his own, knowing how his example would affect the lives of millions of people yet unborn.

Strength and wisdom came to him and to those great men before him, otherwise this story of hope of eternal life with God and Christ could never have been told. Do we not know that a day is shortly to come when we will be put to a test of faith? Are we able to say that our understanding is complete regarding our strength to endure similar experiences yet before us? We have not proven our faith before God that we can say in all honesty, "I shall not fail, I shall not deny him." Therefore, spiritual directives moves your writer to refer to the particular shortcoming among God's people today, including very much the preachers of the Word, wherein we have left off our fastings, not reasoning spiritually the Lord's coming soon, so very soon. Fasting and prayer is not meant to be used only two or three times in a lifetime under extreme pressure or extraordinary circumstances. Because it has been considered as such (if considered at all). We have many sickly among us and the "many spirits that are abroad in the world," have driven many into strange doctrines being unfamiliar with the working of God's Spirit.

We hope, therefore, that all who receive this message will ponder it deeply for it holds out so great a lively hope of salvation for those who believe and practice it, and for such as continue to take it

lightly, we fear they will become lost in the maelstrom and chaos of world strife. If our forefathers found it necessary to fast from the worldly seasoned things and be thus humbled by soul afflictions, who are we that we have no such need? Are we better than Christ, Elijah, Moses, Paul and others whose strength came through fasting and humble submission of spirit before God? Revelations 13: 11-18, is a prophecy of a time and condition that shall be in evidence sooner than one might think it to be. Herein is described the former and latter power of Rome, and we are concerned with the latter power (present day—or soon) which will have such power that it will control rights to buy or sell food and clothing, and in order for us to purchase or sell for our sustenance and well-being, that we neither go hungry or unclothed, we will be required to bow down to this power and receive a mark in our forehead or our hands—or go without, or possibly die for the want of food. This is the mark of the beast like unto the mark that Catholics receive each Ash Wednesday which is on both the **forehead** and the back of the **hand**. Sufficient to say, it will be a trying ordeal for the faithful followers and true believers in deliverance through Christ. Preparation is the watchword and fasting and prayer TODAY (not waiting 'till the last moment) should be the uppermost thought in our hearts and minds. We fear for those who scoff at such an admonition.

When Saul (Paul) was struck down and made blind by the power of God, he realized the source of this power and said, "Who art thou Lord?" The answer given made Saul humble before God and he went for three days without food and drink that he might understand God when and if He should reveal His will.

These instances of great men using the medium of fasting and prayer to reach unto God should be evidence to us that it was a sure means of receiving the revelation of God, and we shall now bring evidence that it was taught as a principle of Christian worship by Jesus during His ministry, and likewise Paul and others.

By Christ: Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 5:35; 3 Nephi 5:108-109 (Book of Mormon)

By Paul: 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

By Amaleki (B of M): Omni 1:46-47

By Alma (B of M): Alma 4:6; Alma 12:4-5

It is wisdom that we point out further, **the purpose of fasting**, and we cite here the reasons that others have had in the past and compare them with ourselves by asking, "Is it any different now? Have

we any less reason to fast?" For example:

Ezra 8:21-23—Ezra, a priest of God's house and scribe, was the one chosen of the king Artaxerxes to lead a people through the ranks of the enemy who opposed the rebuilding of the temple, and Ezra called a fast, "that we might **afflict ourselves** before our God, **to seek a right way for us**.

Jehoshaphat: 2 Chronicles 20:1-18—"Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, there cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side of Syria;—and Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." 9th verse, "If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand in this house, and in thy presence—and cry unto thee in our affliction, then wilt thou hear and help." (this for protection).

Joel: Joel 1:14-20; 2:15-17—"Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of God?" "The beasts of the field cry also unto thee; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." 2:15 "Blow the trumpet of Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly." (This, **to stand at the last day**).

Matthew 15:32—**A great multitude hungering for the Word of God** fasted three days that they might hear Jesus speak words for the soul.

The Nephites: Alma 21:1-2—"...were exceedingly rejoiced, because the Lord had delivered them out of the hands of their enemies; therefore they gave thanks unto the Lord their God: yes, they did fast and pray much..." (This was **for past blessings**).

During the reign of the judges in Zarahemla and the regions of the Nephites, about forty years before the appearance of Christ on this continent, the Church had been living in peace until about the fifty-first year of the reign of the Judges when pride began to enter into some who professed to belong to the Church and they began to persecute "many of the brethren." This evil caused the "more humble part of the people to suffer persecutions, and to wade through much affliction: nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling of their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and sanctification of their hearts unto God." (This time to survive persecutions).

Now that it should be quite clear as to the need of fasting, a proper question might be, **how to fast**; is it simply doing without food and drink?

After the church was restored in 1829-30, God gave instructions, and commandments were given with instructions on how to abide by them, and a commandment was given in August of 1831 to the restored church, particularly regarding the sacraments or sacred ordinances. We reference the Book of Commandments, page 111, Chapter 60, "and that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer—and on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy **food be prepared** with singleness of heart, that thy fasting may be perfect,—Verily this is fasting and prayer; for in other words, rejoicing and prayer." We find that food can be partaken of, but sparingly with reservations. Paul likewise gave instructions to the people at Corinth, (1 Cor. 2) when they came together to eat of the Lord's Supper, and as was the custom, they came fasting, but as you read the whole story, he ends the subject by saying, "and if any man hunger, let him eat at home; . . .".

There are some whose physical deficiencies are such that partaking of a small amount of food alleviates the actions of the disorder and the mind can be more fully on the spiritual aspect of the service. Any disturbing element can distract the mind from being centered on the purpose of a fast.

When we approach God in the proper attitude of fasting, the power of God is assured and He reveals Himself in such a way that no one is left in doubt and we lose thought of earthly needs, physical or material. We lose knowledge of all things that would prevent a clear channel through to God. We should not on a day or time of approaching the fast or during the fast, turn on the radio, or television, read the newspapers or laugh or joke, for certainly that which is of these things are not of the divine nature of God and Christ, and are not conducive to the allowing of the full indwelling of the Spirit and will of God in our hearts and minds.

The prophet Isaiah, (Isaiah 58) identifies two kinds of fasting. One is a hypocritical fast (for show); the other, quite accepted and we quote in part, —"Wherefore have we fasted, they say, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our souls and thou takest no knowledge?" The answer, —"behold in the day of your fast ye find pleasure and exact all your labors. Behold ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast as I have chosen? **A day for man to afflict his soul.** Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To lose the bands of

wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? . . ."

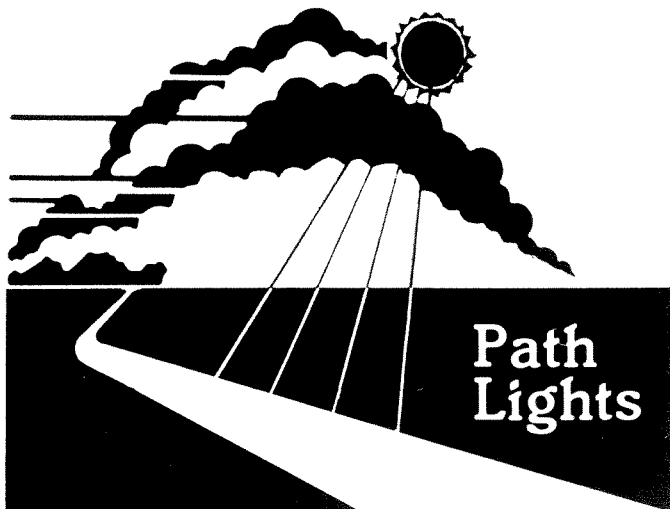
What is the result of such a fast? What promise does this affliction of the soul bring? The answer follows as we quote more of Isaiah 58, thus —"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth the finger, and speaking vanity; if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

There is an old saying, "You have made your bed, now lay in it." But we don't want to do that; do we? "For the bed is too short that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in it." Isa. 28:20

There is no comfort in a bed too short, for we arise having had no rest,—the cover is so narrow that we leave ourselves exposed, which is exactly the picture of our Christian endeavor: satisfied to live on the glories of the past, which are nice to remember but we are uncomfortable spiritually and we have tried too long to cover ourselves with only a part of all that God has promised us.

Are we satisfied to let our children and youthful ones go on with a too short bed of past glories that grandpa or an aged missionary tells them about, not tasting first-hand the real soul stirring, restful and warming bed of experiences that God wants us to reach out for, which we will find waiting for us, perhaps through a **dedicated, humble, frequent** approach toward Him,—IN FASTING and PRAYER!

Sincerely, your brother and
Apostle of Christ,
Don W. Housknecht



A Plea for a Stronger Faith

My heart was filled to over-flowing during the Saturday morning Solemn Assembly before Conference. So many beautiful prayers were offered, and the songs sung had words that so touched my heart and being.

Many names were mentioned of persons who had special needs this day. Among them was our granddaughter, Vanessa. Such tender, loving words of compassion and caring were uttered by you, my brothers and sisters. I realize that many of you are burdened with problems of your own, even heart-rending problems, yet were able to find words of strength, comfort and love to pass on to others. Brothers and sisters, I hold you all so dear.

Vanessa has so much love to give. I know, since I'm the recipient of, perhaps, more than my share. When she looks up at me with her beautiful eyes, my heart just melts!

Because of her afflictions, she has touched a lot of hearts, and has been noticed by many people. I believe the Lord has accomplished a lot through Vanessa. God has blessed her many times during her young life, but the greatest and best is yet to come.

Can we not be united in a faith strong enough to cause such a miracle as she needs? I pray that it be so.

Vanessa's grandmother,
and your sister in Christ,
Jeanne Brantner

A Solemn Assembly

I had never attended Solemn Assembly before, but I got the impression that it was a time where one could go to the temple and be safe from the harm of the world for a while and perhaps receive strength. So I looked forward to it, for I knew I needed all the strength I could get. But God, as he always does with me, gave me strength in a very different way than I expected.

I work at Wendy's at least 20 hours a week and it has always been, for different reasons, a hard place for me emotionally. One of the main reasons is because no one else there professes, even seems to care about, being a Christian, and much less one that follows the beliefs that I follow. Dirty jokes and crude remarks are the normal mode of conversation between workers and so I seem to spend a great deal of time by myself. Not having anyone to talk to and put things into perspective it is easy for me to begin to think that I am at least a little better than them. And when one asks me a question on Christianity and the Holy Spirit speaks through me to answer, I lift myself higher in pride thinking that I must be doing something right or the Holy Spirit would not use me.

But the minute I entered the temple into a room where some of the Elders were sitting I began to get a very different thought. They seemed to be such holy men with so much knowledge and truth. Compared to them I thought I was nothing. As prayer services continued through the weekend and through sacrament service Sunday, God kept showing me, every hour, more and more things that needed to change, needed to be worked on to even begin to be a decent person. I began to realize, truly, what a nothing I really am. By the end of the sacrament service I felt like the lowest scum, there was nothing right in my life, nothing I could present to God, no good thing that he could ever use.

But that was not even the hard part of the weekend. What I could not understand was that the solemn assemblies did not seem to give peace and shelter to me. All through services, and as we would go to houses to visit, even sometimes during the night, I was awakened and evil thoughts were put into my head. This went on without hardly a break. I could not concentrate on the prayers being spoken, I could not seem to obtain a reverent spirit. This had happened most of the day after I was baptized, also. It seemed just on the times I should feel most secure, I was being the most shaken. It was all I could do to keep praying constantly that the Holy Spirit would help me to discern what true things were going through my head, what satan was putting in as lies, and why I was having such strange emotions, for I could not seem to control any of my thoughts or feelings. I would put one thought down

as evil and another would pop into its place. At least once every service I would think, "Rebecca, you might as well just leave because you are not doing any good here. Maybe God will not listen to the prayers of these others because of you." Once I was convinced of this, but just when I began to get up, the Holy Spirit comforted me for a moment and told me to stay. I seemed to be in constant confusion. I felt as if someone bigger than I was picking me up like a rag doll shaking me as hard as he could to make me let go of the Rod of Iron. By the time it came time to go, my soul felt extremely weary.

As we began to drive home my mind seemed to become clearer. It continued to be comforted and cleared throughout the ride home, through the night as we rested, and even today, the day after, as I go about cleaning house and preparing for work tomorrow. I feel a great peace, a greater peace than I have ever felt this far in my life. I want never to forget who I really am, someone so filthy that only through grace, mercy, and great love could ever be taken in by God, and only through the Holy Spirit could ever do or speak anything for Him. Tears come to my eyes in gratefulness, for He did not leave me even for an instant all through this weekend, and I feel I have so much more trust, and a better hold on my belief in God and his promises, more than I have ever had. I thank God that He really did strengthen me through my attending the Solemn Assembly.

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THOU SHALT NOT ADD NOR TAKE AWAY

by Elder Andy Brantner

Part One

It is often said "Thou shalt not add or take away". Satan said to Eve "Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Gen. 3:4 & 5 And lo and behold she did eat! Did she then die? Well, we know that she did not fall down and die at that very instant, or

we would not be here. In fact she lived for many years after and was the mother to several children.

Where then is the truth to be found? How can we come to understand? If we fail to arrive at a conclusion, who is at fault? Who do we blame? Certainly we can only blame ourselves, for God has promised to reveal all things to those who will hear Him and obey His voice (see Alma 14:97-104; Mn. 2:35; 2 Nephi 12:97 & 98). Is it possible that we sometimes do not hear or always obey? God has given us instructions to follow in His Scriptures, but do we follow? Has Satan made his path more appealing to us? If so, it is then self-evident that we are viewing our lives through our carnal eyes and not through our spiritual eyes as we should be. Please read Alma 9:15-20 and heed the admonition to soften your heart before you read any further.

So, what then? Did Eve die? YES, absolutely YES! By her direct disobedience, her open rebellion, which can be committed only by first having acquired some degree of knowledge, she had chosen to obey the spirit of Satan even after having been warned of God. And are we any different? She was then found to be at enmity with God. She had begun to die. A process that would take some time, as we reason it. Read, if you will, Alma 19:38 and you will see that time is measured only unto man. Also let us consider 2 Peter 3:8. We find here that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as one day. Although the term "day" is often used to denote many different time spans, it should be obvious that the Lord was not in error because Eve didn't immediately perish. It is also found that it was Satan who imposed this limitation of a day. God said, "...neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die", as we have revealed to us by Moses. None-the-less, we find that Adam lived 930 years and Methuselah, with the oldest age recorded, lived to a ripe old age of 969 years, well within the "day of the Lord" restriction if indeed there was this limitation imposed. Eve's spirit had, at that very instant, ceased to be an immortal spirit. (See Alma 19:90 and Helaman 5:70.)

So, in a way, Satan did not lie to Eve. She did not fall down dead when she ate. Yet, she was none-the-less dead. Dead to all righteousness. She was in desperate need of redemption. An infinite atonement was needed. God, through His unlimited foreknowledge, has provided the means to accomplish this task. He has sent His only Son as the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. Even the Lamb of God, the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. Jesus has paid the uttermost farthing and by doing so has redeemed all mankind from the fall of Adam. He was nailed to the cross so that we might be redeemed from our own sins if we will but follow Him as our only Lord and Master, obeying His every word. All He asks is that we truly repent and come unto Him. Is that too much to ask?

We can see, by following the story of our first parents, that Satan deceives very well by telling a mixture of truth and lies. He can and does deceive

many in our day as well. He clouds the truth with false fears and puffs up the hearts of the children of men with pride and temporal treasures.

You will not find in the Scriptures the exact words "Thou shalt not add nor take away," however, when correctly interpreted, this is found to be a true statement. We could say "man shall not change what has been given" and be saying the same thing. But how many are there that really understand what God **did** cause to be written? Did God ever say that He would not speak to us again or cause that more would be written? In turning to Revelation 19:10 it is revealed to us that "Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Prophecy." If we, then, deny the Spirit of Prophecy, have we not then also denied the Christ? We are told in the Book of Jacob 3:9-14 to "...despise not the revelations of God." Also in 2 Nephi 12:63 we're told that God has promised to continue to speak unto us (if we will hear Him) even until the end of man. When is the end of man? Is the death of the body the end of man? The adversary would like us to think so. For some, it might better be, for they, after having come into the fold of Christ, have allowed themselves to be led away by the Devil himself into complete rebellion against God. These are those that **will not** hear. (Mosiah 8:61&62) These become the angels of Satan. These shall suffer the second death.

But what of the rest? What is their lot? Those who have died "...not knowing the will of God concerning them..." (Mosiah 1:107) and those who having heard all or part of the Gospel message (Alma 9:15-20), and not rejecting that which they have received will never be shut out from the presence of the Lord. Psalms 139:7-10 "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Also we read in Romans 8:38&39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (See also Helaman 5:71&72 and Alma 19:92.)

Of course if we have a rebellious spirit in this life, then we would rather believe that there will be a time when the Lord will not be there to remind us of our lost and fallen state, wouldn't we? Do any of us leave this life of the flesh a perfected soul? Of course not, "I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole soul, yet ye would be unprofitable servants." (Mos. 1:54) This is why the Apostle Paul exclaimed in 1 Cor. 15:19 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." What then do we hope for? Is it not that a fair, just, and merciful God will give all men, everywhere, an equal and fair opportunity to hear the Gospel in all of its Glory? Anything less than this and we would have to con-

cede that Satan has the victory. I'm not advocating a second chance, only that all must, somewhere, sometime, come to have a chance to hear the Good News. Did not the Angels proclaim at the birth of Christ that great tidings of joy shall be to **all** people? Is this the reason for the Millennial Reign? (See 2 Nephi 12:92-100.)

But you have your agency. You may begin to reject now. The spirit of rejection will then follow after you until you have rejected all. How soon do we forget the need for repentance and humility. See 2 Nephi 6:57-61 and Proverbs 2. How many of us will be able to stand before our creator, after having been given so great a knowledge, and claim ignorance of the law? Just in reading this article you are bound to a responsibility for that which you understand (see Alma 3:31). You will accept or reject. You have your agency. When will you have your end? It's up to you. Have you continued to hear God? Or do you think your learning is completed and perfect?

The Jews rejected Christ and His mercy. Will you venture to do the same? They did not believe that He could save them in their flesh, let alone have power to save them beyond the life of the flesh (see Mormon 1:87 and 4:59-76). Reading Romans 3:1-11, we find a comparison between the accepting heart and the denying spirit. They didn't understand the full scope of the mission of Christ because they had ceased to seek after God. They were content with their own wisdom. They felt their own knowledge to be sufficient. How many, after partaking from the Tree of Knowledge, have begun to think of themselves as gods? Will you also find yourselves barred from the tree of Life? Christ has opened the gate unto us, are you going to close it?

Let us further study what is meant when we hear the words, "thou shalt not add or take away." Through a careful study of Revelations 1:3, 11, 19, and 22:7 it becomes evident that John is referring to the "**prophecy of this book**", the Book of Revelations. This is further evidenced when we realize that the Book of Revelations was written before much of the rest of the New Testament. Are you willing to discard all that has been given after the Book of Revelations? No? How many are there that would be willing to shut off the fountains of life after the 4th or 15th chapter of the Book of Commandments? How many are there that have decided that the Bible and the Book of Mormon are enough? Where do we draw the line that says we have received enough? This being **the** Church of Christ, and claiming to the world that God still speaks to those who will hear Him, should we draw that line? We must not. We can not, and still remain **the** Church of Christ, or any part of it. (See Mosiah 11:128&129.) Dear reader, if my words do pain you to the very core, then I beg you to ask God with all the fiber of your being if these words are not true.

(To be concluded next month)

RESPONSIBILITY AND THE WORD

by Elder Glenn W. Gill

As humans, we give too little heed to the source of our power - the fountain from which all truth springs. Man's opinion of himself becomes so great that he feels safe to rely on his own doctrinal inventions instead of the teachings of the Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:1-5)

The life of Christ is the light we should have shining out from us. We should be becoming the "sons of God," not followers of men's doctrines. This is possible only on His terms as given by His Word (Jesus, the Word, made flesh).

The doctrinal inventions of men tend to complicate and manipulate our lives. They create elite, exclusive groups and perpetuate themselves through protected traditions. God's plan is not like that.

Baptism, a simple plan when taken as Jesus taught it and received it, is no ushering into a learned elite - there is no "in group" or pageantry involved, a simple procedure following a personal decision; so simple and straightforward, that men of high mind hate to let it go unembellished. Men find it hard to leave baptism to personal decision, too, ignoring the fact that it is designed to result from a choice made by each soul for himself. Pressure to decide because one is a certain age cannot change that fact and will only be harmful. We cannot decide for others.

Baptism puts us in the fold of Christ (we are

pledged to follow Him) to let His light shine out through us. But when one has decided for himself, once he is "in the fold," there is no point in his life where he has done all there is to do. Jesus teaches us a gospel of doing, of letting His light shine through us. "Saved," is at the finish line and the finish line is at the end of the race. Through baptism, we are also counted as members of an organization, and a congregation of that organization. As a result, we have association with others and there are things to be done.

Some are called to the ministry. Those who accept and are ordained will immediately have new responsibilities. One of them is preaching: This is the one we most quickly think of, because it puts the ordained one in front where all can see and hear. It gives the member of the ministry a captive audience, a responsibility to speak truth. The congregation isn't going to leave as long as one stays reasonably on time - it would be lack of courtesy to do so.

How will we in the ministry address this captive audience? What will we feed them? Will we use scripture to promulgate pet doctrines? Will we dip into our notebooks of prepared and polished notes to advance our favorite personal arguments and counter arguments? Will we ask our captive audience to follow our personal leadership? Or will we speak as the Spirit leads and convey the light of Christ to our listeners? The decision is ours; it is impossible to do both.

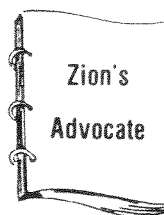
But these questions do not apply only to the ministry. Sunday School teachers have a captive audience, too. As Sunday School teachers, parents entrust their children to you. As likely as not, they don't ask about your intentions or inquire into what

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doctrinal "ax" you may wish to grind; they trust you. How will you exercise your responsibility? Children are, to even a greater extent, a captive audience of their parents. The things their parents do and say are constantly before them as a model. The importance of this example cannot be overrated.

If you are a student, your friends in school are also a captive audience at times. How you conduct yourselves could influence the decisions others make. Do you use your opportunities? And one audience we seldom give much thought to, you have an unbaptized spouse, your wife or husband is your captive audience. Is he or she a sounding board for your unchristian thoughts or are you making a full effort to give a Christian example? Anything less than a full effort will only widen the gap between your spouse and your beliefs.

Don't confuse your captive audiences with the complicated arguments, theories and pet doctrines from the minds of men. Don't take advantage of their esteem for you to force your personal dogma upon them or to promulgate their pet doctrines. Instead, take Jesus (the Word), the Light and Life of the world, adapt yourself to Him and become a living

example of His teachings.

Throughout the history of the restoration churches, "leaders" have taken many into gross error. This should never have happened. God doesn't need these kind of leaders. He has provided a spiritual leader. We have named His church after Him. We should not be leaning on the arm of flesh. God doesn't want us to blindly follow human leaders even if they are fathers or grandfathers or uncles or "good old brothers." He wants us all to be followers of His Son. Keep that in mind when you listen, let it temper the way you speak to your captive audience.

And when we are the audience, we must listen as a representative of self. We must not keep thinking about all the other people we wish were absorbing what the preacher says. Instead, we must balance our own life against the words of Jesus as we listen to them.

Going to church because of habit, or out of a sense of duty to avoid feeling guilty, will accomplish little. Instead, we must go determined to represent ourselves in the presence of the light and life that are in Jesus; then return home determined to let that light shine forth from us.

BOOK OF MORMON NOTICE

Because of the passing of James Hedrick, who had undertaken the responsibility of preparing the Book of Mormon for publication, this project was virtually at a standstill for nearly a year. However, due to the continued interest of Alma and Daniel Hedrick, there is a renewed effort being made. The services of these men were and are without cost to the Church, and we are deeply indebted to them for their kindness and dedication. We understand that at least one other, a fellow-employee with Brother James Hedrick, is also offering valuable assistance.

With previous publication of the original notice in the course of a couple of years, many donations are on hand, held in reserve for the time of publication, which we anticipate may be in the fall or early winter months. That notice offered the Book of Mormon with a cheaper binding for a donation of \$10, and the book with a better binding for a donation of \$25. We may offer a limited number of these with better binding also with thumb-indexing; this would cost a few dollars more. These are only initiatory prices, which may be changed after actual publication costs have been determined; but these pre-publication prices are good for any who will donate until those prices have been fixed. If it is desirable to obtain more than one copy at these initial figures, it will be honored.

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sion of your desires to: Business Manager, Church of Christ (Temple Lot), P.O. Box 472, Independence, MO 64051. It will be credited to the Board of Publications fund. In the unlikely event that, for reasons beyond our control, the Church would be unable to complete the publication of the Book of Mormon, your money will be refunded upon request; otherwise, it would remain in the fund for other publications, most of which are given free of charge.

Considerable effort has been made to prepare this book even more nearly in accord with original manuscripts than the present 1908 authorized edition of the RLDS Church. The preface goes into historical detail not previously given, and answers some notable criticisms against the book. Reference text material has been revised and expanded, and study helps have been included at the back.

This project being a conference action, we would like to emphasize the importance of supporting this worthy cause to its completion. It is hoped that you will generously donate even above your anticipated order of new books, and if feasible, you will raise funds at the Local church level for the publishing of our own Book of Mormon. We pray that this precious record may always be available to us and our posterity.

The Council of Apostles
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I welcome back David Rudd to the Editorial staff of *Zion's Advocate*. David joins Mike McGhee as Associate Editor. We are still fortunate to have Melissa McGhee (sister-in-law to Mike) handling the chores necessary to keep the popular "Path Lights" section a monthly feature, but have lost the invaluable services of Diane Brockman as Associate

Editor. Diane will be sorely missed and I wish to express, publicly, my sincere appreciation for her very fine assistance to this important work these past few years.

Gary Housknecht
Editor

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1988 MICHIGAN REUNION

The Michigan Reunion will be held June 18 and 19, 1988, at the Sullivan Township Hall, 8318 Hts. Ravenna Road, Ravenna, Michigan. All are invited to attend this reunion and fellowship with the Saints in Michigan. Following is our expected schedule of services:

Saturday, June 18:

- 10:00 A.M. Prayer Service
- 11:30 A.M. Sermon by Elder Jim Yates, Sr.
- 12:30 P.M. Dinner (provided)
- 2:00 P.M. Business Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. Song Special

- 3:30 P.M. Sermon by Elder Smith (Buzz)
Brickhouse
4:30 P.M. Supper (provided)
6:00 P.M. Sermon by Evangelist Hubert Yates

Sunday, June 19:

- 8:00 A.M. Coffee and Rolls
9:00 A.M. Sacrament Service
12:00 Noon Dinner (provided)
2:00 P.M. Song Service
2:30 P.M. Sermon by: Elder Robert Oldham

Your presence is required
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For you to come and join us,
is what we often pray.

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The 1988 Colorado Reunion will be held at the Church of Christ, 3233 B½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 10, 11 and 12.

We are looking forward to many of you joining us in our worship. Please contact one of the committee members to reserve a place at our table.

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We welcome each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

THE 1988 TRI-STATE REUNION

May 27, 28 and 29

The Tri-State Reunion for 1988 will be held at the Group Camp of the Flandreu State Park at New Ulm, Minnesota. It is a former prisoner-of-war camp at the southwest edge of the picturesque little city.

Entry to the camp is from Highway 68 on Cottonwood Street. There is a "Group Camp" sign at this point. This street will skirt through farms at the town's edge to the entry of the camp. The entry is well marked.

The date is early in the season so bring warm clothes and extra blankets.

The customary use tax is met by the purchase of a use-tax stamp for your vehicle.

There is room for 106 people. This includes you, so c'mon!

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MISSOURI REUNION

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Missouri Reunion with us.

Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13-14, 1988. First meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M., August 12.

Place: Warrensburg, Missouri, at East Hudson Conference Center (the same building as the past few years).

Location: East Anderson St., east off Highway 13 in Warrensburg.

Lodging: Rooms are \$16.00 for a single room and \$20.00 for a double room per night. Pay as you enter. Linens are furnished.

Food: Meals will be furnished, desserts included. Donations will be accepted from those who dine with us.

We would like to know approximately how many plan on attending so the menu can be prepared. As soon as possible notify Jeanette Cunningham, Rt. 5,

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There is plenty of room for all. Arrangements can be made for disabled persons if we know ahead of time.

Let us all try to attend and worship and associate together to make this the best Missouri Reunion ever.

ARIZONA CAMP FOR ALL AGES

The Phoenix Local would like to invite you to spend the Fourth of July weekend (July 2, 3, and 4) with them worshipping the Lord in the refreshing mountain air at the Arizona Camp For All Ages. Meals will be provided. All you need are scriptures, bed rolls, personal effects (swim suits, change of clothing, etc.) and a prayerful attitude. The following donation will be applied accordingly; however, if you are unable to pay do not allow that to hinder your attendance. We want to share this wonderful opportunity to meet with the Lord with everyone. Singles: \$5.00; Couples: \$10.00; and Families: \$15.00.

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We hope to see you all there. If you cannot attend, please seek the Lord in our behalf.

COLLINS LOCAL NEWS

Spring has made her grand entrance. The March winds are whipping fluffy clouds across the sky and everywhere I look tiny, fresh, green leaves are beginning to appear. It's a beautiful time of year. God is good.

On February 1st my daughter, Shawna, and her husband, Dale were in an auto accident, due to icy roads. The hand of God surely was on them or they would have been killed. Too many coincidental things point only to a marvelous miracle. Shawna

and Dale both had surgery, but relied on the power of God through it all. They are not both back to work and are doing fine. I know many of you knew all this and have offered many prayers on their behalf. We all thank you so much for your care and concern. God heard all those prayers and answered them very generously.

On Sunday morning, March 13th, our sister Oreta Yates was called from this life of suffering. She had struggled with kidney failure and lived through the use of a dialysis machine for two years. She was administered to several times and received blessings of rest and peace. God knew what was best. His understanding and mercy is beyond what we can comprehend.

Funeral services for Oreta were March 16th at Hathaway-Peterman Funeral Chapel at Wheatland with burial at the Little Niangua Cemetery near Preston, Missouri. Apostle William Sheldon officiated. Your continued prayers for the family will be appreciated.

Our very welcome guest speakers since I wrote to you last have been Brother Loren Bryant of Cowgill, Brother Nicholas Denham of Independence, Brother Glen Gill of North Kansas City, and just back from Yucatan, Brothers Don McIndoo and Jay Moser of Phoenix, Arizona. Thank you all so much for coming and sharing the gospel with us.

Some lines from several recent sermons:

The things we do at work or at school are building blocks for our spiritual reward.

Do we realize that we are a part of the family of Christ? Do we react in this manner?

Don't do as I do, but do as I say. Don't let my mistakes be an excuse for you to err.

Only you are in control of you.

The purpose of the Church is to assist us to hold fast.

What would you give to have life eternal? Time isn't very long, but there is no end to eternity.

To whom more is given, more is required. Have we done more with what we have?

There are wisdoms of the world, but they are not the wisdom of God.

Are we willing to set aside those things that will lead us to endless misery?

We as human beings walking this earth, can do nothing but fall except we have God's spirit with us.

We held our annual election of officials last Sunday. Brother Jack Martin will continue to be our pastor with Brother Allen Kauffman as his assistant. I will also continue to serve as your reporter.

It's springtime. Rejoice in the newness of life portrayed in our celebration of Christ's resurrection. God bless you each one.

Your reporter,
Czerna Kauffman

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1989 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 2. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 3. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, March 31 and April 1.

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