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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;"*

I Nephi 3:187

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The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed an ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own----
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side,
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own----
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest----
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own----
The Cross was His own.

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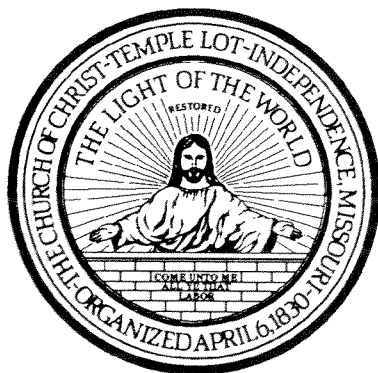
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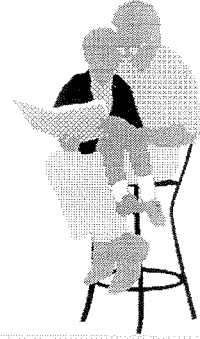
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Editorial...

OUR GREAT TASK



By Elder Arthur G. Smith

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it”. Proverbs 22:6.

Our one great responsibility to our children is a task of enormous concern today, it is the teaching of our children. As parents we are confronted with the rejection of God and the moral standards of the Word of God in our school systems, be they public or private. The public schools are perhaps at the greater risk of being invaded by the teaching of evolution as a science when it is truly a theory. Coupled with the doctrine of secular humanism it is a formidable force in the educational field. Text books must be used in any school system and some science courses must be taught to be accepted as a standard requirement. What can we do to protect our children? How do we provide the basic understanding that is needed to give our children the knowledge they need to make the wise choices we would want. They will face in our modern world many strong ideas and philosophies that could lead to sin against the commandments of God as well as violation of the laws of the land.

The family is the basic unit of government in our society and has always been from the beginning of time.

A strong family is the one that recognizes discipline and obedience are the first rules to be learned and applied. Where do we find the standards by which to guide us as parents? What did we learn from our parents? What was their guide for conduct or lifestyle?

In my own family it was guided by the principles and understanding that was found in the Bible primarily. The involvement in church and Sunday school provided the exercise and practice of the basic teachings along with the custom of prayer at mealtime and bedtime at home. Reading the Bible was common and encouraged as a necessary part of family life. What was your experience when you were young?

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” 2 Timothy 3:15.

How true this is in this time most all agree is the “last days”. Our children are the most vulnerable in our

society so we need to be prayerful and thankful to our God that we know a way to bring up our children. It is when they are young that they are the most impressionable and follow peer pressure and are lost to the church.

We are alarmed by the trends in society that ignore or tend to devalue morals and life itself. Especially the relegation of religion to a less than respectful part of our heritage as a nation. Civil rights and laws are the rule of our society and the separation of church and state is emphasized to the extreme. Is it any wonder that violence and crime have teamed up to overthrow the peace and security of every family, community, and the nation itself? Who is safe today? When our children go to school afraid of guns, knives, and drug dealers who is to blame?

George Washington warned in his farewell address, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.” What would he think, if he were alive, of our dispositions and habits? Would he be in favor of the banning of prayers in our schools?

It is in the home that the education process begins. Thus it is in the

home that we can set the tone of education that begins with the recognition of God, the belief in Jesus Christ, and the doctrine of salvation through the gospel. We then must stress the understanding of the biblical creation as the standard of our faith. The story of creation of man and the fall of man are inseparable. If the creation account in the book of Genesis is not recognized as true, then we must reject the fall of man by sinning against the commands of God. The belief in God as our creator becomes meaningless and of no worth. This is the teaching of the atheist and secular humanism.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” “And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” Genesis 1: verses 1 and 31.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.” Genesis 1:27.

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2: 7.

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Genesis 2:17.

“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;— In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken; for dust

thou art, and to dust shall thou return.” Genesis 3: verses 17 and 19.

“Now we see that Adam did fall by partaking of the forbidden fruit, according to the word of God; and thus we see, that by his fall, (sin AGS.) that all mankind became a lost and a fallen people.”— “And after God had appointed that these things should come unto man, behold, then he saw that it was expedient that man should know concerning the things whereof he had appointed unto them; therefore he sent angels to converse with them, who caused men to behold of his glory.”— “Wherefore he gave commandments unto men, they having first transgressed the first commandments as to things which were temporal, and becoming as gods, knowing good from evil, placing themselves in a state to act, or being placed in a state to act according to their wills and pleasures, whether to do evil or to do good; therefore God gave unto them commandments, after having made known unto them the plan of redemption that they should do no evil, the penalty thereof being a second death, which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness;” Book of Alma, 9: verses 38,47,51-52.

It is obvious that a rejection of

such a scriptural position poses a risk of total rejection of the concept of God as our creator. How many times have our children asked, “Where did I come from?” If our response is based on our understanding of biology and physical science, we might be correct and in harmony with the public school curriculum but miss the important spiritual understanding of the creation by our God. How do you answer them? What should they believe? What happens to their faith in God and the moral standards that should be their guide? Even as important is the question What are you responsible for?

May God give us the wisdom and the moral courage to meet our children's needs in the education of righteousness and upright living based on our faith in the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon, both of which teaches that God created man in His image. We can do no less and meet our responsibility as parents and our faith in God. We are the stewards of a precious gift from God, our children. May the Lord help us to be faithful in our stewardship and enjoy the blessings that comes to families that are bonded together in love.



EXCUSED?

By Elder JOSEPH F. SMITH

"I came unto my own and my own received me not: But unto as many as received me, gave I power to do many miracles, and to become the sons of god, and even unto them that believed on my name gave I power to obtain eternal life. And even so I have sent mine everlasting covenant into the world to be a light to the world, and to be a standard for my people, and for the Gentiles to seek to it: and to be a messenger before my face to prepare the way before me. Wherefore come ye into it, and with him that cometh I will reason as with men in days of old, and I will show unto you my strong reasoning" Book of Commandments, Chap. 48, ver. 9-13

The above is a portion of a revelation given in Kirtland, Ohio, March 1831. It is a revelation containing an abundance of information. However I want to concentrate on just this small portion I have quoted above. "...I come unto my own and my own received me not..." When one considers the meaning of this one statement alone, you encounter a mountain of information. Christ came to a portion of Israel which was in Jerusalem, of the tribe of Benjamin, of the tribe of Levi, of the tribe of Juda. To say He was totally rejected is of course not the fact, many received Him and His teachings, but as a whole, the nation did not accept Christ nor His teachings.

Luke 13 Ver 34&35 (I.T.) "This He spake, signifying of his death And in this very hour he began to weep over Jerusalem, saying, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou who killest the prophets, and stonest them who are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen her brood under her wings, and ye would not"

I wonder if Christ is shedding the same type tears over us today, as we "stone" and "killest" the prophets by our rejection of their words, both the prophets of old and our modern day prophets. I wonder if He feels the same rejection from us as we tend to turn

This then is the work that was assigned to those early saints, and, by virtue of our baptism into that Kingdom, this becomes our responsibility today. "...to be a light..."

away from His "marvelous work and a wonder" He has brought to us in this restoration of the Kingdom of God. We, who are "children of light", set

aside His directives, His purposes, His work, His scriptures which He has delivered to us in these last days, because we find some supposed fault, or error brought about by the weakness of man. I wonder.

I wonder if we have become "doubting Thomases" where we will only believe IF we can touch the nail prints and thrust our hands in the wound in His side. Note the Words of Christ to Thomas; John 20:29 (IT) "... Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed, blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." How are we counseled to come to Christ? Through physical evidence; or by faith? If you want physical proof, take a good look at the Book of Mormon, take a look at the history of the restoration and the work God is doing in these last days, take a look at the prophecies in the scriptures and how they are being, and have been fulfilled. This Restoration and the work of the Lord in these last days, is in fulfillment of prophecies found in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

"But unto as many as received me, gave I power to do many miracles, and to become the sons of God, and even unto them that believed on my name gave I power to obtain eternal life." What was restored in the beginning of the Restoration that "gave them power", or provided the means whereby a person could become a child of God? Was it not the authority of the priesthood?

"While we were thus employed,

praying and calling upon the Lord, a messenger from heaven descended in a cloud of light, and having laid his hands upon us, he ordained us, saying unto us upon you my fellow servants, in the name of messiah, confer the priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and 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. He said this Aaronic priesthood had not the power of laying on of hands, for the gift of the Holy Ghost, but that this should be conferred of us hereafter... "(Times and Seasons vol. 3, No. 19, pp. 865, 866. Aug. 1842.)

John 1:11-13 (IT) "He came unto His own, and His own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God: only to them who believe on his name". Again we see this phrase "power to become". What does this mean? Notice that by receiving Him, or by accepting Him alone, does not bring salvation. It only brings about the ability, or opportunity to become the "sons of God". This statement infers there is yet work to be done. The "power to become", means that the door has been opened, one has to walk through that door, and as it says in 2nd Peter, 3: 18, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." Once we are born into the Kingdom of God we must "grow in grace". What does grace used in this statement of Peter represent? Does it not mean divine favor towards man? If so, how do we grow in divine favor? By obedience to God's Commandments.

Heb. Chap. 6, verses 1 and 2, (IT) "Therefore not leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

"The principles"... What is a principle? A principle is a fact that makes a rule, or set of rules work. It is what the function of the gospel of Christ, the good news, depends on for

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success. The good news gospel of Christ is built upon the above named principles. Obedience to these principles are a part of that "growing in grace" spoken of by Peter.

Going back now to the revelation I quoted in the beginning of this article, notice what He says in the 11th verse ... "And even so I have sent mine everlasting covenant into the world, to be a light to the world, and to be a standard for my people." Here Christ gives the purpose of this modern day restoration of the Kingdom of God. "...to be a light to the world..." This then is the work that was assigned to those early saints, and, by virtue of our baptism

into that Kingdom, this becomes our responsibility today. "...to be a light..." A light can be a beacon that shows the way through darkness. The world around us is shrouded in darkness, and we are the "light" that is to shatter that darkness; But how does our light shine.

Matt. 5:16-18 (IT) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Therefor let your light so shine before this world, that men may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

How does our light shine? Does it glorify our Father which is in heaven? Or does our light show a disregard for His purposes, His work, His words? If we reject His council, His commandments, His Instruction for this restoration work, are we a light to the world? Or have we hidden that light under a bushel of doubt?

"And to be a standard for my people..." Do we hold up that standard? Or are we ashamed of It, because it was delivered by revelation? Are we willing to cast it aside because it has become soiled and wrinkled by the weakness of men. This standard that the Gentiles are to "seek to", is it of no worth? Awake Oh Israel, for the days are few before the coming of the Master, and who can abide the day of his coming? The doubtful? Chap. 59, verses 38 and 39. Book of Commandments, "But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth with slothfulness, the same is damned. Who am I that made

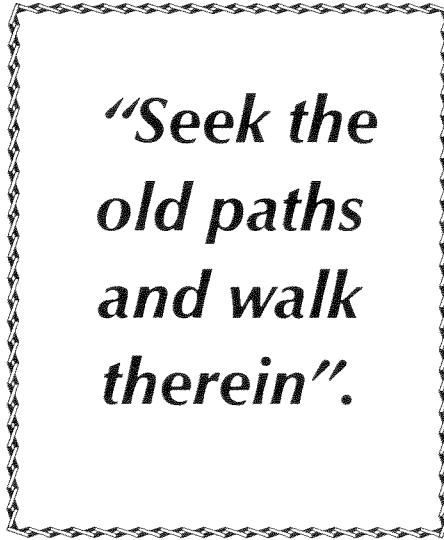
man, saith the Lord, that will hold him guiltless, that obey not my commandments.”

Awake, awake! Oh Israel of these last days, for you cannot substitute a plan of your own devising to replace the Lords plan. This He will not let stand. Zion will be established according to the provisions that God has established in the beginning of this restoration work. He will perform the purposes of His heart and will not acknowledge any plans revised by man. So it is for us to “seek the old paths and walk therein”.

Now notice the 13th and 16th verses of the 48th chapter of the Book of Commandments. “Wherefore come ye into it, and with him that cometh I will reason as with men in days of old, and I will show you my strong reasoning... wherefore hearken and I will reason with you, and I will speak unto you and prophesy as unto men in days of old...” But we must come into that everlasting covenant, and HEARKEN unto the Lord, before he will reason with us. Not only must we come into, but we must be willing to accept that

reasoning, and the provisions that He establishes, as He delivered them, and not try to mold them to suit our own theories.

Luke; 14:16-20 (IT) “Then said He unto him, A certain man made a



great supper, and bade many; And sent his servants at supper time to say to them who were bidden, come, for all things are now ready. And they all, with one consent began to make EXCUSE (emphasis mine JFS) The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of

ground, and I must needs go see it, I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, therefore I cannot come.”

A great supper has been prepared here in these last days. It is A feast of knowledge, A feast of wisdom, and partaking thereof leads us to eternal life and perfect joy in the presence of our Lord. His servants: have been sent out and have called to them “WHO WERE BIDDEN”. How have you answered? Are the events of this world more important? Are you able to hear the call from His servants? Or does the buzzing of your own mind drown out that call? Have you hearkened to the words of God? Or have you chosen the supposed greater wisdom of the world? Whose servants are you listening to?

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised”. Heb. 10:23 (IT) ◆

CROWNED OR CRUCIFIED

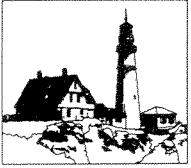
I stood alone at the bar of God-
In the hush Or the twilight dim,
And faced the question that pierced my heart
“What will you do with Him?”
Crowned or crucified?, which shall it be
No other choice was offered to me.

I looked on the face so marred with tears
That were shed in His agony:
The look in His kind eyes broke my heart
Twas so full of love for me.
“The crown or the cross” it seemed to say

“For or against me, choose thou today!”

He held out His loving arms to me
While He pleadingly said, “Obey!”
“Make Me thy choice, For I love thee so.”
And I could not say Him nay.
Crowned or crucified this must be;
No other way was open to me.

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Path Lights

A CHILD'S PRAYER

For several years Jerry has worked out of state, off and on. This year he is in state, and we got drawn for Elk, 20 miles from our house. We loaded the camper, three kids, and the dog and headed out, after prayer. The kids and I would stay from Wednesday through Sunday and Jerry would stay the following week if he had to. Opening morning, Friday, we got some shots off and missed. Saturday, we were looking for an acquaintance and met a group who hunted with telescope and walkie talkies. They told us where some big herds were. This was a blessing. Saturday afternoon, we climbed a steep knoll in the truck, walked around the top and spotted a herd at the bottom. We shot, he was hit. Jerry, Ben, and Karli went to go find him. Janna and I went and got the truck to drive back out to the highway and drive around to the other side. There was no road where I needed to go, so I made my own. As I was going, we went right past the elk, who stood up and then dropped again. We thanked the Lord, parked the truck and went and found Jerry. He could not believe the elk got that far. I don't think we ever would have found him on our own. The blood trail ended on the other side of a fence. His leg was blown off, no meat was ruined. We were able to go home Sunday. Jerry did not have to miss any more work. The kid's prayer was answered, we got an elk, no one was hurt, and the truck survived many challenging roads. My thanks for a happy moment in this fleeting life.

Kathy Cloyd
Arizona

Hymn

Hymn written on 06/16/91 by Stephen S. Gould, under the impress of the Holy Spirit, and guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ; written as a preface for Priest Peter P. Gould's sermon, delivered that evening at the East local of the Church of Christ (TL), Independence, MO. Sang by Stephen S. Gould and sister Shirley Mason, to the tune of the "Admonition".

1) Hear a word of timely warning; Church of Christ your bridegroom speaks. Hear and listen, yield obedience, for your good He truly seeks. From your hearts cast out

each idol, all that keeps you separate. Learn to love your brother truly, friends in Christ to covenant.

2) I have spoken for your guidance, once, yea thrice, now once again. Judgment at this house commences, none shall stand who walk as men. Will you heed my earnest pleading, he who bled and died for you, That you might withstand the burning of my Father's presence too.

3) Seek ye out all my commandments, all my words I've given to you. Each will lead to your deliverance; precious promise, Holy, true. I have chosen you my people, for this

reason now I speak. Yet if you will not obey me then another I shall seek.

4) I shall give you time, a season, shake yourselves from slumber deep, lest I take from thee my honor, you from my land completely sweep. Now, yes now, today make answer. Search your heart this very hour. I shall not long wait your answer, to withhold my day of power.

Stephen S. Gould

Testify to the Truth of the Book

By Apostle Donald McIndoo.

In the sixth century before Christ Jacob prophesied of the resurrection: "And the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored, one to the other; and it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel (2 Nephi 6:2930)."

Many critics of the Book of Mormon point to such Old Testament passages as being anachronistic since, they claim, such concepts as immortality and the resurrection had no place in Jewish thought during old Testament times. Is this really true? If so, it would prove to be a stumbling block for many in accepting the Book of Mormon. Yet we have every reason to believe that the concept of the resurrection existed in ancient times. Job, one of the oldest of sacred books, is authenticated by the prophet Ezekiel and by James, and Job's testimony is a powerful affirmation of an early belief in the resurrection:

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God ... (Job 19:25-26)."

The historian, Steinsaltz¹, speaking of the period of the Greek occupation of Israel which began in the fourth century B.C., tell us "The Sadducees also rejected several tenets of faith **accepted by the Jewish peo-**

ple of the time (emphasis mine- dem) belief in the immortality of the soul, in heavenly reward, and in the resurrection of the dead." This authority confirms that the concept of the resurrection was common among the Israelites in the Old Testament era.

And in America we also find the ancient Indian people were familiar with such beliefs, just as we would expect. The historian of the Maya, Bishop de Landa², writes: "These people have always believed in the immortality of the soul...."

Warren and Ferguson³ write of an ancient Mixtec codex from Mexico. A codex is a book that folds like a folding screen, and this codex was sent to Spain by Cortes in 1519. They say, "Page 4 of the Codex Nuttall shows two deities in death bundles.... Their descent into the underworld and then their emergence from the underworld are also depicted. Scenes of the death and resurrection are not unknown in other Mesoamerican codices. But what makes this scene compelling is the identity of the god - Quetzalcoatl (the bearded white God of the Americans whom we equate with Christ-dem)- and the calendar date of the event — A.D. 30."

So we find the concepts of immortality and the resurrection in Old Testament times in both the Old World and the New as the Book of Mormon would teach us to expect. Also, as one would anticipate, the resurrection is identified in both the New World and

the Old World with the Redeemer of mankind, Jesus Christ.

This redemptive work of Christ, as known to some of the tribes, is beautifully portrayed in the legends of Quetzalcoatl. Waters⁴ sums it up with these words: "... Quetzalcoatl obtained the bones and ashes of dead men from the god of the underworld and sprinkled them with his own blood, creating a new race of men; hence Caso* regards him as the father and creator of men. Thus he redeemed man from death, becoming, as Sejourne** states, the Redeemer. The meaning of all versions is the same, the redemption of man by sacrifice...."

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Holy Ghost

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There is a present crying need for the greater gifts of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and in the life of the Church of Christ. By Holy Spirit we mean that to which the scriptures refer as the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the Spirit of God.

The effectual working of the Spirit through you in your life is the very key to unlock your every problem. Other considerations are secondary. Those who have the Spirit have all. Those who do not have it, have nothing. There is a reason.

The Spirit is as a lamp at your feet. By its illuminating power you can appraise all things and all situations of spiritual importance with accuracy. This will enable you to make wise choices, the result of which will be great benefit to yourself and to others.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is a matter of delicate balance. You may not at first notice that it is there. It comes and goes by the grace of God according to the place you make for it in your heart and mind. It does not always express itself in the same way nor appear in the same form each time.

You may not obtain the Holy Spirit by means of feverish pursuit, for it will elude you. Yet, in a moment of quietness it may come to you

and rest upon you unexpectedly. It is easily offended and may leave you at once over a matter you might think insignificant. Spiritual ground once lost is regained only after a long hard struggle.

The Holy Spirit cannot be bought with money, tears, argument, debate, conference action, referendum, nor by flights of fanciful reasoning into the stratosphere of speculative theology. The ancient sage may miss it while the simple hearted joy in its presence.

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You cannot borrow the Spirit, nor can it be loaned. The parable of the ten virgins, some of whom had oil in their vessels, may well have been aimed at this point. If you are in the proper condition and in the place where the Spirit is present and working among the people, you may learn to recognize it and enjoy its workings likewise.

The presence of the Holy Spirit

is not to be bargained for but a thing to be won; yet you never know ahead of time how much effort will be required to win it. It is a thing to cherish and nourish. It is an influence unto which to submit your will once it begins to have sway in your heart and mind.

Regardless of how delicate a matter it is, the presence of the Holy Spirit and its workings is very necessary to the Christian in daily living and growing in favor with God.

Without the Spirit to enlighten your thinking you become a prey to Satan and become a victim of your own, and other people's whims and fancies. Without it, you may allow yourself to become led into a place or condition of spiritual desolation out of which it is extremely hard to find your way. Without it, the glitter of the things of the world may blind you so that you cannot see plainly the things you ought to do, nor the true value of the ideas the various forces in the world are trying to "sell" you. Without it you may find yourself spending your efforts for things of no worth.

Without the influence of the Spirit in your life, the sweet, the singing, quality of living is gone; leaving you a drab, dull, fretful and futile existence filled with those things which do not bring lasting satisfaction nor peace—a virtual wilderness of unrest and anxiety.

There is no way to measure the Holy Spirit, nor the precise degree of

it's presence. One person may be able to sense the presence of the Spirit somewhat and know the approximate measure of its strength. Even so, the next person in the same room may be unaffected by its presence, or sense it to a greatly different extent. This is due to the great variation in different people's response to the Spirit.

Identifying the Holy Ghost and distinguishing it from other spirits is not always easy. There also is the spirit of Satan and there is the spirit of man both of which exhibit themselves in various ways.

If your acquaintance with the Holy Ghost is small, you may easily be deceived into accepting the substitute or counterfeit spirit which the powers of darkness stand ready to supply. A counterfeit is characterized by the fact that it nearly duplicates the genuine article, which is intentional in order to defraud. If there were no similarities, the counterfeit could be readily detected and rejected.

Your only hope of safety lies in knowing the Holy Spirit well, even to the point of becoming an expert. Then you can compare any spirit with your knowledge of the Holy Spirit, then accept or reject.

Misguided human zeal and impatience can frequently fog the discernment God gives you, and you may be induced not to check thoroughly enough, and thereby accept a spirit as being divine after only a check of one or two points. Being in a hurry for a spiritual manifestation can be a veritable trap.

The Scriptures give you many identifying "earmarks" of the Holy Spirit. One place indicates that no one speaking by the Holy Spirit will call

Jesus Christ accursed. That is not the only "earmark." Another place shows that the true Spirit brings peace and assurance. The Holy Spirit is light and comes from above. Those spirits which are dark, and come from beneath, are of another kind.

Some years ago, a brother had an experience which began by the visitation of a spirit which came to him in dark clothing, in darkened surroundings. It came up into his room from the lower part of the house, if we are correctly informed, and struck him on the shoulder with such force as to make it sore for some time afterward. The continued visitation of this personage led to defection and loss to the church of nearly half its membership at that time.

Another brother, who is still active in the church, related to us an experience in which, as we remember it, a vertical shaft of light appeared, during the night, in his room. A personage descended down this shaft of light and stopped just above the floor, and gave him counsel which was greatly needed; then returned up the shaft of light.

King Saul had an experience with a spirit which was called up from somewhere beneath. Korihor in the Book of Mormon was deceived by a satanic angel who passed himself off as an angel from God. Alma 16:67. The Bible tells us that Satan will try to appear as an angel of light in order to try to deceive the very elect. Therefore, care must be used at all times lest you, for the sake of expediency, submit yourself to the influence of just any spirit which may present itself to you.

I John 4:1 tells you not to believe every spirit, but to test them, to

see if they really are from God.

Once the Holy Spirit rests upon you, never try to take control of it . . . to make it do what you want. It is not a plaything, nor a mere religious curiosity. It is the very power of Christian life.

If you try to control the Holy Spirit, it will flee from you, and immediately, another and counterfeit, spirit may present itself, seeming, at first thought to be a continuation of the former spirit. It is by far the best thing for the Holy Spirit to take control of the one on whom it rests, to lead and guide and inform and encourage.

On the other hand, if you quench, restrict, reject, or neglect the Spirit, you have lost it likewise. You can suppress the presence of the Spirit in you, but you cannot make its presence greater by your own conscious will. If you quench it, you have lost it, and if you try to force it, you have lost it also. However, the latter instance is the more dangerous. It is like many things we know in this life which not only can produce good if used intelligently, but which also have a great potential for bad if misused.

The Spirit, if neglected, will produce a spiritual dry rot, which is not always noticeable to the victim nor to those about him or her. Having once been close to the "light", there is a greater responsibility and obligation laid upon those, so blessed, which comes not to others. Having once been close to the Spirit and enjoyed it, you may suffer untold damage and loss by moving away from it or by neglecting it.

Among the fruits and evidences of the Holy Spirit is peace and assur-

ance. There is no wild excitement nor hubbub, nor ostentatious dramatics. The true Spirit brings humility. The Spirit does not always bring a revelation or a prophecy. It may bring truth to your mind in a forceful and unforgettable manner, which truth you may have formerly considered commonplace. It may appeal to the hearts of individuals to praise God. It may warn you of present perils you do not recognize. It may warn you of perils to come.

The Holy Spirit may bring you a warm, peaceful, cared-for feeling. It may bring you an admonition in your mind, or through the mouth of

another person. It may bring you calm courage in the face of trouble and adversity. It may heal your ailing body or sickened mind. It may protect you from harm. It may bring you many a blessing in time of need. It may give you a vision of things past, present, or future.

The Spirit may place in the heart and mind of a preacher the very words that someone present needs. It may prompt another to repentance, and to further righteous activity. It may melt down stubbornness and pride. It may furnish you with useful and important information otherwise unavailable to you.

It may alight as a dove, or as flames of fire, or a personage, or give a sense of its presence.

This, then, is the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit. Desire its presence in your life. Plead for it. Pray for it. Patiently wait for it. When you receive it, or an increase of it, respond to it. Give it a large place in your life and let it lead you to life eternal.

Without the Spirit of God, the church and your Christian endeavor is valueless.

With the Spirit of God you are rich beyond measure.



Was Joseph Smith a Prophet

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During the year 1823 Joseph Smith as a boy fourteen years of age, attended a union revival meeting of three different churches. While attending those meetings he became concerned about his eternal welfare, and was, with others converted. When the revival was concluded and the dividing of the converts was being considered, the various churches began to contend as to who should profit from the revival, or have the converts. Joseph Smith, the lad, became confused until he did not know what to do, or which church to join. While in this state of mind he found the statement in James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that

giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (Let me remind you that Joseph was a boy fourteen years of age, and then look around at the boys you know, and if you wish pick out the brightest among them, and ask yourself if he or any of them would be able to make up a story equal to the one that Joseph told.)

Joseph tells us that he went to a quiet place on his father's farm, a secluded spot in the woods, where he could put the advice of James to the test. As he prayed he was seized by a power which entirely overcame him so that he thought he was about to be destroyed, but he exerted himself to pray. As he did so he saw a light above him, and he was released from the power that was about to crush him. In the light were two person-

ages. One spoke to him, pointing to the other and saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Joseph had come to ask which of the churches he should join as he had no idea that all were wrong. He was told to join none of them because their creeds (teachings) were wrong, but if he would live right and be obedient he would be used as an instrument to give to the world the gospel as it was taught by Christ and the apostles of old.

Remembering that Joseph was but a boy of fourteen and was considered by his neighbors as unlearned and illiterate, for him to claim to have had a heavenly visitation was preposterous to those of his day.

Following this experience he talked with the minister of the church of his choice, and told him of his experience with the heavenly mes-

senger. To his surprise his story was not believed but was derided and, from that time onward, he was persecuted.

The above experience was had in the year 1820, and, due to the persecution that he met, the lad became discouraged and did things he should not have done as boys of that age would do. Later, during the year 1823, he was visited by an angel who was clothed in an exceeding white robe, who appeared to him in his room after he had retired for the night. The angel gave him instructions concerning what the Lord wanted him to do. Two more times the angel returned and repeated his instructions. (We must remember that Joseph Smith was human, and this was a new experience for him). We are told that twelve hundred and sixty years had passed since there had been revelations from God to man: that the heavens had been sealed against man. In the light of this it was not unthinkable to the religious leaders to be told by an unlearned lad that he had heavenly visitations in which he was told that they were not teaching the doctrine of Christ.

It might be well to open your Bible to Rev. 14:67, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth." Read also Rev. 1:1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly (in the future) come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." The Book of Revelation is prophecy concerning the future, not of past events. The angel was to fly (come) in the midst

of heaven, and was to bring the gospel to be preached to them that dwell on the earth.

For an angel to bring the gospel to earth after the time when John lived indicates that it must have been taken away; for Christ preached the gospel when he was here as well as did those whom he sent out for he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Joseph Smith is the only man that has come making the claim that an angel came to him and committed to him the gospel to be preached to all men. During the years from 1820 to 1830 and later there came to Joseph Smith revelations or instructions for the building up of the church and the calling of men to go out and preach that gospel which the angel carried to earth. Many thousands have heard and believed in the mission of Joseph Smith, and have testified to its divine origin. But now, after a hundred and thirty-eight years we have those who claim to believe in a Restoration, and the Book of Mormon, who would discredit the work and the man by telling the people that there is nothing to those revelations that came to Joseph Smith.

It is true that Joseph Smith made mistakes. He would not have been human had he not. Many men before have been deceived at the approaches of Satan who had the power to appear as an angel from heaven, as an angel of light.

Think of the inexperience of Joseph as to things spiritual or spiritual manifestations. It was something new to the world and they were not familiar with the workings of the different spirits. It was no more of a disgrace for Joseph Smith to have

been deceived, than it is for men today. Men have been honestly deceived, and that would apply to Joseph.

Few men have faced adversity, and persecution as did Joseph Smith. He was accused of most every crime of his day. He was arrested and cast into prison and was many times tried for supposed crimes, but never once was he convicted. He was persecuted even to death and few men have given more for the cause of Christ than did Joseph.

It is a bit late in the day to discredit the work of a man who gave all he had to bring to mankind the gospel.

I once said to a Methodist minister that I thought it cowardly to attack a man who had been dead for years and unable to come to his own defense. And I can say it now, that I think it cowardly and very unkind to smear the reputation of a man who died for what he believed, even though he had made some mistakes. I presume if it were possible that we could have lived as close to the time of Jeremiah, Isaiah, or the apostles chosen by Christ that we might have seen where they too made mistakes and, possibly been deceived. It is no more surprising that Joseph Smith had a heavenly visitation than it was for Saul of Tarsus. There is nothing known of the life or incidents in the life of Paul following his seeing the heavenly vision. We have only his writings to the various churches of his time in which he gave them instructions and, in some cases, a rebuke.

Prophets of all ages were put to death because they came in the name of the Lord. Which of the apostles gave more for the cause of Christ than did Joseph Smith?

It has come to my attention that there are those who would discredit the organic structure of the church; namely, Apostles, prophets, etc. If it be true that there are no apostles, etc., then the claim for a restored church falls flat, and no restoration has come and the angel of John has not yet come. If that be true, then we must discard much of the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Christ gave the gospel to the people of his day and, in order that the gospel might be preached, he chose twelve and called them apostles, and sent them forth, and he chose other seventy and sent them forth also. Just before he ascended into heaven he instructed his ministry, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And we find Paul said, "God set in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, etc." I Cor. 12:28. We find when Christ came to this land, he set up his church and placed in it officers, or working parts. Oh, some may say, he did not have apostles, they were called disciples. Nevertheless there were twelve and they were sent to preach. Why stumble because of a name or title: are we not all disciples?

As a boy of fifteen I came in contact with the gospel of the Restoration. I believed it and was baptized in opposition to the wishes of my mother, who forbade me being baptized. I disobeyed her and, on a cold January day, I was baptized, being the only one of my mother's family who obeyed the gospel. Believe it or not, I received a personal assurance of the truth of the Restoration and of the divine mission of Joseph Smith; nor have I had any reason after almost seventy-three years to change my

mind. I believe the gospel as restored through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, and that as in the days of Christ, the Church of Christ must have in it the same officers or ministers that were in it when he first brought it into being, God being unchangeable. Therefore his church must the same in all ages.

We are told that there are many spirits abroad in the world; "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false spirits are gone out in to the world." I John 4:1. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

If all that was given Joseph Smith is false, and of no value, then the Book of Mormon comes under the same ban, and is of no value and, like the rest, should be discarded. The entire restoration, including the Book of Mormon, is predicated on the prophetic mission of Joseph Smith. To discredit all revelation that came through him would destroy the entire movement. To class Joseph Smith with such leaders as Mohammed is very unfair. No doubt Mohammed had some truth, else he could not have been successful in deceiving. Adam and Eve, while without sin in the Garden of Eden, were deceived: Satan quoted the words of the Lord and, with just the addition of one word "NOT" he caused Eve to disobey God, and you, dear reader, know the results.

It is true that because of man not being acquainted with the working of the two forces and that coupled with human weakness, as it was with Adam, they were deceived and errors

found place in the church during the early days. Let me repeat, those men were not experienced in spiritual revelations and, as stated, Satan had power to transform himself into an angel of light and pass himself, or one of his emissaries, off as an angel from God and, as a result changes and errors crept into the church. Satan did not want the Restoration to succeed, so he passed himself off as an angel from heaven. By so doing, he succeeded in causing the changes to be made in the revelations and thus in the organic structure of the church. Because of this a rebuke was given by revelation on September of 1832, "And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation." Doctrine and Covenants 38:8, or Utah Edition 51:58. Thus, just a little over two years had passed since the Church of Christ was organized, we find condemnation rested on the whole church. Read the rest of the paragraph, then take a look at history and, for yourself, learn if that revelation was true, for we find the judgment and scourge did come, and the church was broken up into many parts. So it is with the Restoration today: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you," is as vital today as it was in the days of Malachi.

Yes, Joseph Smith allowed mistakes to come into the church (he saw his mistakes prior to his death and admitted the mistakes and sought to correct them but was killed before he could and by those who should have been his friends). Why not give to Joseph Smith the same consideration

that is given to others; he too was human.

It is only in recent years that we find those who would discredit Joseph Smith and his work, and we might say, in the language of John, "Try the spirits, whether they be of God." Satan is still on the loose, and doing all he can to deceive. Do not be too hasty to discredit a man who has given his all that the gospel could be had as it was in the days of Christ. When Joseph, as a lad, went into the woods to ask of God he had no idea but that one of those churches were right and that he should join one. He was told to join none of them because their creeds (teachings) were wrong, and in a study of the creds of those days, the various teachers were telling the people that there was just heaven and hell, and if you did not get to heaven you would go to hell, and that was the end as you would never

get out but would burn throughout all eternity. That was a wrong teaching as it is not in the Bible. I believe God is fair, and that he will treat mankind justly: that men will be punished or rewarded according to what they do. Even the laws of our nations do that. The Bible and the Book of Mormon so teaches. Only those who sin against the Holy Ghost will be cast into outer darkness, that being where God is not. "God is love." He is not spiteful, nor is He cruel to the extent that just because of a failure to hear and understand the gospel, men would have to go to a place of everlasting punishment of eternal fire.

Joseph Smith represented God as being a God of love; merciful, kind and long suffering, and though men would have to pay for their wrongs and, as God put it, they would be cast into prison and would not come out till the uttermost farthing was paid,

Matt. 5:25, Christ saw they would come out. So, it is with the law of our land, there is a difference in what is termed crimes, and the punishments are meted out accordingly. Could the laws of the land be more fair and just than the laws of God?

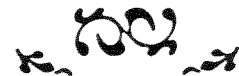
Why not be as fair in regards to the mission of Jesus Christ today as when he was among men? Why not be as fair with Joseph Smith as with the prophets of ancient times?

Every effort put forth to discredit Joseph Smith discredits the entire Restoration, and thus it is made to be a deception.

"Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord."

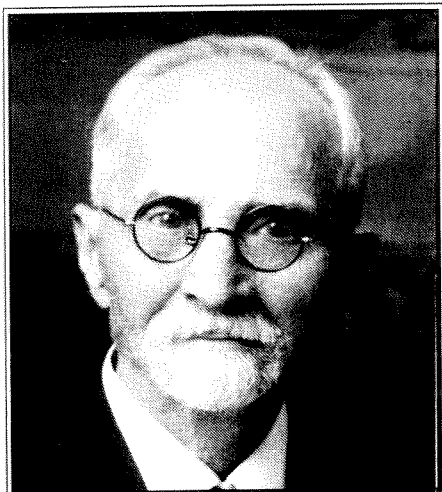
Yours for truth,

Wm. F. Anderson



THE MODERN STUMBLING BLOCK

Sermon by Elder Joseph Luff
(about 1902)



(Part 1 of 3)

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7: 15-16.

"This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed good to me: There was a little city, and few men within it: and there came a great king against it, and besieged it and built great bulwarks against it. Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the

city; yet no man remembered the same poor man. Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength; nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard." Ecc. 9:13-16.

The fortunes of fate of revealed truth seem to be nearly alike in all ages, in the blood of it's advocates and defenders can be traced the line of it's march in the dispensations of history, and the records now being faithfully made will furnish to the world nothing but duplicates of what is already possessed. Like its Author,

truth comes to its own, but its own receives it not.

The inquisition connected with the bloody apprenticeship it seems destined to serve is generally instituted by the Phariseism of its time. Those busiest in painting and garnishing the tombs of dead prophets are generally first to bring the stone, the faggot, and the cross to living ones. Those who make themselves hoarse in crying, "We know that God spake to Moses" are generally ready to vary their speech with an occasional "Away with him! crucify him!" when their attention is called to Jesus Christ.

All ancient revelation was once modern, and its first advocates in any age were anathematized. Noah's proclamation was as divine and genuine as God could authorize, yet it convinced not a single soul outside of his own family. It was new and somewhat novel, was the only objection that could be urged against it. They had their traditions of God, handed down from Adam; and yet in their lives and teachings they were far from righteousness: hence Noah's preaching was an offense to them. Pharisees of this age shed tears as they read and think of one hundred and twenty years spent by this faithful patriarch in a fruitless effort to reclaim these heedless hearers, and they denounce the hard-heartedness and stiff-neckedness of such people, yet they forget or are indifferent to the intimation, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." They are today despising as grand an overture from heaven as was extended to Noah.

Jesus asked his auditors to

"search the scriptures," for they testified of Him, and said, "Had ye believed Moses, ye should have believed me, for he wrote of me;" but they did not believe Moses nor the scriptures intelligently. They believed the corrupted traditions that had reached them, and which were being presented as interpretations of their priests; hence their eyes were blinded to the true intent and facts of "Moses and the prophets." Jesus came to magnify, fulfill, and to unfold the law—God sent Him for that purpose; but their traditions stood between them and Him, hence they murdered their best friend, whom they had been pleading and waiting for.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man."

Paul stood up for the "hope of Israel," and endeavored from their own Scripture to prove Jesus to be the central figure connected therewith—the Christ indeed; but he was branded a heretic and denounced as a pestilent fellow, a stirrer-up of strife. He was beaten, imprisoned, and finally slain. Unto all these distresses he was delivered by the very persons upon whom he ought to have been able to rely for protection and succor, for they claimed to be the custodians of the "law and the prophets," in the con-

tents of which he declared himself to be a believer.

So today we are called heretics, not because we denounce the Bible, but because we uphold it. We appeal, as did our Master, to the Scriptures, and "contend for the faith" therein revealed; but we are confronted with creeds and commentaries as an answer in which the wisdom of men alone stands revealed. Thousands are building churches to the names of dead apostles and prophets, but will not believe that there stand among them living ones. Not only this, but like others of former times, they will distort and misapply the Scriptures to defend a tradition, though they crucify Christ's golden truth in so doing.

In evidence of this, let the text chosen be introduced. Since 1830, or thereabouts, the words, "Beware of false prophets!" have been used by creed-defenders against Joseph Smith and those engaged with him in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, until they have become household words, and the impression has obtained among thousands, if not millions, of honest people, that this application of Scripture was legitimate. Their only ground for thus believing is the testimony of the chief priests and Pharisees among them. If the reader has been influenced, let us offer a few thoughts in regard to the matter, both as to the incorrectness and injustice of such treatment of Scripture and men, and also with reference to the causes that have led thereto.

Let it be stated that we are the victims of times of a prejudice that has been created by false education. While nearly all churches and societies have been called upon to furnish a representation of themselves for

publication in encyclopedias, and school books, our enemies or those interested in the overthrow of our church and work have almost invariably been called upon to speak and write of us. Within the last three or four years some corrections of these have been published in later issues of some of these works. The result of this has been just as might be expected. When the name of Latter Day Saint is mentioned in a community, or one of our elders appears there to preach for the first time, instead of going to hear him speak for himself, a resort is made to the encyclopedias, and from thence as cruelly false and base an impression as is possible to obtain is gathered, and the prejudice against us is strengthened in proportion. If the early day Pharisees alone had been consulted in order to learn the mission and character of Christ, and only their testimony had been handed down, very few in this age would tolerate even the mention of His name in their homes.

Next, let us consider the text referred to, and examine the application made.

Jesus had chosen His ministry, and endowed them with supernatural gifts, and declared that when the Comforter should come it would tes-

tify of Him, and show them things to come. These divine endowments were for their enlightenment and protection after His departure. He also told them that the prince of this world was coming, and would lie in wait to deceive and seek to overthrow the work commenced. To deceive those endowed with gifts of prophecy and miracles, the enemy would need to do as in Moses' day, when the rods of the magicians became serpents also—imitate the divine; hence he would inspire men to prophecy, and perform miracles closely resembling what was accomplished by the divine Spirit in the apostles. Foreseeing this, Jesus kindly and clearly forewarned them in the words before us, "Beware of false prophets!" A provision was made against these false spirits which would seek to destroy the church by decoys of this kind. In 1st. Corinthians, twelfth chapter, we have mention of nine spiritual gifts given to the church, among which are prophecy, tongues, and miracles, and all who read will agree that these were appointed to the church because there was a **necessity** for them. What, then, shall be said of that strange gift, also named in the same chapter, the "discerning of spirits?" Was that not given because in God's

foreknowledge it was found to be necessary? If so, it is evident that God and Christ knew that false spirits would attempt to inspire men in the church to prophesy, as they had done in the days of Elijah and others. This gift was to make detection possible, and the church might be saved. The gospel, then introduced, opened the way of communication with God and the enemy stood ready to take advantage of the confidence of the people in these divine gifts, and to transform himself like unto an angel of light, if necessary, in order to "deceive the very elect" by his counterfeiting work. Jesus knew that not only would the divine Spirit—the Comforter—come when he left, but "many spirits" would go "abroad in the world"; hence he cried, "Beware of false prophets, who come unto you in sheep's clothing!"—appear and prophesy much like yourselves, in order to win you from the favor of God in time.

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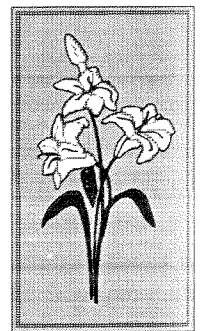


Hidden Treasures



Dr. A. Simpson once said, "God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idler. The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean wave; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountain; the gem is found only after you crush the rock that encloses it; the very soil gives its harvest as the reward of industry to the laboring husbandman. So truth and God must be earnestly sought.

"They that seek shall find; to him that knocketh shall be opened." —Selected



IRENE M. SHAW

IRENE M. SHAW was born on June 13, 1906 in Meeker, Colorado to Oscar and Verda (Banta) Fletcher. She graduated from high school in Grand Junction, CO and attended 1 year of business School.

Irene was married to Rhondal L. Shaw on June 26, 1926. Two sons were born to this union. Alvah James was born on May 29, 1928 and Larry Lee was born on June 20, 1932 in Meeker Colorado.

In her early twenties, she was influenced by a dear friend, Sybil Ely to associate herself with the Church of Christ and was a

faithful member of that church until the end of this life experience. She was an active witness for her Lord. She was as staunch in her beliefs as it is possible to be.

Irene moved from Colorado with her husband to Louisburg, MO. They made their home there until Irene was forced to move into a nursing home after a traumatic surgery. She spent the rest of her days there.

Irene is survived by her husband Rhondal of Buffalo, her 2 sons: Jim of Denver, CO and Larry of Buffalo, MO, 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and a host of friends. She will

be sorely missed.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 1993 in the Cantlon Chapel with Elder Nicholas Denham and Elder Jack Martin officiating. Mrs. Olivia Yates sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art." Escorts were; D.W. Hamlet, Lovel Powell, Milford Hammerbacher, Leland Anderson, Bill Trader, Rex Hamlet. Interment was in the Memorial Gardens of Memory under the direction of the Cantlon Funeral Home of Buffalo.

News From Ravenna Michigan

Our ministry have been bringing us many wonderful thoughts to keep in mind. A song "Waiting and Watching". A Poem read pertaining to "The Latter Days". Do we believe perilous times will be, and lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God? One told us that angels call men to repentance. Additional proof from the Book of Mormon, how plain it is, about copper mining and where copper came from. The sun dial also, a way to tell you what time it is. Another reading about the sins of the people and to come out of the world and become a part of The Church of Christ.

At this time Priest Aaron and wife Sue Heath are remembering their silver wedding anniversary with an open house and our church. Our prayers are with them that they will have many more happy years together.

Some are planning to go the conference this year. Brother Max Spencer was infected with a virus called Bells Palsy, but is doing much better at this time. His faith and desire to work for the Lord and with administration he is doing better every day.

Kathy Weiten is still on our prayer list. Also Sister Marie and

husband Alan Piatt are back from traveling. They were missed. Brother Charles Brantner and wife were with us. Brother Charles read and spoke about being careful of who our children had as role models. At March Sacrament meeting three of my great grand children gave a prayer and two a short testimony, ages 9 and 10.

Sister Lois Heath,
Advocate Reporter

Colorado Reunion

The Colorado Reunion of the Church of Christ will be held June 11, 12 and 13 at 3233 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Our guest list usually exceeds space available in our homes, so please contact our committee to reserve motel rooms, if needed.

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We look forward to hearing from you and greating both old and mew friends in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

Arizona Camp for All Ages

It's time for the 1993 Arizona Camp for All Ages! The camp will be held at Walnut Ranch, Heber, Arizona. It will start Saturday, July 3, 9:00 a.m., and run through Monday morning, July 5. Camp facilities will be open to everyone on Friday, July 2 and Monday, the 5th for camping hiking, and fellowship.

Since it's inception in July, 1983 it has been the desire of the camp to provide old and young with a good experience of the great outdoors. There are varied activities for both body and mind and as much food for thought as there is food for the physical appetite. We choose to hold camp on ideals of freedom, liberty, and patriotism: ideals that seem to be dying today.

Any questions let us know.

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Last year's camp was attended by 75 kids! Plan now to be among those at this year's camp.

- ◆ When: August 8-13, 1993
- ◆ Where: Camp Far Westa
- ◆ Ages: 12-18
- ◆ Cost: \$85.00 (\$75.00 if paid before July 1, 1993)

For registration form and more information contact Camp Director:

Buzz Brickhouse
5713 Logan Road
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CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1993 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 4. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M., Monday, April 5. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 2 and 3. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The 1993 Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 18 through 20, at Independence, Missouri.

CHURCH OF CHRIST PUBLICATIONS

Send all orders to the Church of Christ, P.O. Box 472, Independence, Missouri 64051-0472

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- Why? (Amplifies absence of a "First Presidency" in Scripture)
- A Synopsis (Compares beliefs of 3 Restoration churches)
- First Presidency or First Apostles?
- Marriage for Time and Eternity? - A Fallacy
- Baptism for the Dead? - A Fallacy
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- The Book in the Stone Box - About the Book of Mormon
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If you or someone you know (member or non-member) would like to be visited by a member of the Priesthood of the Church of Christ, please call or write to the Council of Apostles at Church Headquarters in Independence. The phone numbers and address are listed on the inside front cover.