

Zion's Advocate

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

I Nephi 3:187

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'Firm In The Faith'

*And they were also distinguished for their
zeal towards God, and also towards men;
for they were perfectly honest and upright
in all things; and they were firm in the
faith of Christ, even unto the end.*

*And they never did look upon death with
any degree of terror for their hope and
views of Christ and the resurrection; there-
fore death was swallowed up to them by the
victory of Christ over it;*

*And thus they were a zealous and beloved
people, a highly favored people of the Lord.*

Alma 15: 31, 33, 35

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**By Apostle Smith
Brickhouse**

Hebrew I vs. 1 and 2 says "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds:" Christ has spoken to us in words and in deeds and has shown us how we are to live our lives. We are to follow his example.

The Lord commanded "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. These are Christ's last words to the Apostles before he was taken up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. This charge, this commandment, although made directly to the Apostles, is also the responsibility of each member of the Church.

We of the Church have a

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'Follow His Example'

need to be more missionary minded. We need to have this activity in the forefront of our thoughts, prayers and actions. There is a need for us to diligently seek the Lord for guid-

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ance in how we can be instrumental in bringing forth the Gospel of Christ to the world. There is a need for us to pray and search for opportunities to testify to others concerning the promises of God.

The ministry needs to be supported with our prayers, our tithes and our actions. Pray that they might be more effective in bringing forth the

gospel of Christ. Praying that the Holy Ghost might give them the very words to speak and that this same spirit would bring these truths into the hearts of the children of men.

We have a special requirement to bring the "fullness of the gospel" to the Lamanite people in these the last days. The gospel must be brought forth so that they may have a chance to hear the beautiful promises of God. That the Indian people might know that they are of the house of Israel and that they be given the understanding of the plan of salvation. That they might overcome the things of this world and look to things above.

Each year we meet during April Conference to discuss and act upon the affairs of the Church. Of course it is important that these things be done, we must handle the temporal affairs along with the spiritual

needs. In years past we sometimes have allowed matters other than the missionary effort to take most of the energy and time allotted for the conference. Differences in doctrinal understandings have caused confusion, mistrust and hard feelings. This need not to be within the Church of Christ.

There is within each of us the need to more sufficiently humble ourselves and let the spirit of the Lord dwell in our heart, our thoughts and our actions. The scriptures tell of a need to let charity abound within us. We are to pray for this with all "the energy of heart". This should be the focus of our desires. Then and only then will the Lord be able to use us to bring forth the glorious gospel.

We have a time set aside each year for prayer and fasting for the work of the gospel. We meet for several days in a Solemn Assembly for that purpose. I know the time spent is pleasing to our Heavenly Father, however, this effort is not sufficient.

We must prepare now for the coming conference that the Lord might bless us abundantly. Allowing ourself to be molded and directed by his Spirit that we might be used as instruments in His hand.

We must humble ourselves to such a degree that our personal thoughts, desires and agendas no longer hinder what the Lord has for us to accomplish.

I believe the 3rd chapter of Alma describes the spiritual state we need to be in to be sufficiently humble that the work of the gospel might progress. Alma asks: "Have ye received his image in your countenances?" "Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?" "Behold are ye stripped of pride?" Is there one among you who is not stripped of envy? We are thus instructed to prepare ourself.

This is the spiritual state of readiness that Moroni describes as possessing charity, instructing each of us to pray for it "with all the energy of heart".

I look forward to Conference with joy, anticipating the fellowship of the Saints and the spiritual direction of our Heavenly Father. I pray that each of us will reflect on our individual spiritual state and humble ourself before our Lord sufficiently that this mighty work will progress and that Zion will be a reality and that the Lord's will might be accomplished in our lives.

Alma completes his speech in the 5th chapter of

Alma with these words that I feel are appropriate for us at this time of preparation.

"And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you, that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye might walk blameless before him; that ye may walk after the holy order of God, after which ye have been received. And now I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive, and gentle; easy to be entreated; full of patience and long suffering; being temperate in all things; being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times; Asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal; always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive, and see that ye have faith, hope, and charity, and then ye will always abound in good works;"

“THE FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL”

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By Leon A. Gould

The fullness of the gospel consists of something more than the written word:

“For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.” I Cor. 4:20.

“For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.”—I Thess. 1:5-6.

And this gospel they had among them, and were followers of the Lord with the joy of the Holy Ghost before the New Testament was ever written, and the apostles rejoiced in their “election of God.”

Turning to the Book of Mormon, where Nephi is speaking of the teaching of his father Lehi, we read:

“Yea, even my father spake much concerning the Gentiles, and also concerning the house of Israel, that they should be compared like unto an olive tree, whose branches should be broken off, and should be scattered upon all the face of the earth. And after the house of Israel should be scattered, they should be gathered again; or, in fine, after the Gentiles had received the fullness of the gospel, the natural branches of the olive tree, or the remnants of the house of Israel, should be grafted in, or come to the knowledge of the true Messiah, their Lord and Redeemer. And after this manner of language did my father prophesy and speak unto my brethren.” — I Nephi 3:16, 18-20.

“And behold, are not we broken off from the house of Israel; and are we not a branch of the house of Israel? And now, the thing which our Father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural

branches through the fullness of the Gentiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years and many generations, after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fullness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed.” — I Nephi 4:15-16.

Six hundred years later Christ, speaking to the Nephites concerning the same matter, said:

“And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you, At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of

hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations (in church or state - L.A.G.); and if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them; and then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them; and I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of my gospel." — III Nephi 7:34-37.

"Nevertheless, when they (the Gentiles — L.A.G.) shall have received the fullness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me, I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father. And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people, and I have covenanted with them, that I would gather them together in mine own due time; that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers, for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the prom-

ised land unto them forever, saith the Father. And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fullness of my gospel shall be preached unto them, and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and they shall pray unto the Father

Whatever fullness of the gospel is found in the Book of Mormon was recorded there as, and after, the people had lived that fullness.

Even so, it was the events in the lives of godly people that produced the Old Testament, — not the Old Testament that produced godly people.

in my name." III Nephi 9:66-69.

The Book of Mormon is the record of a people who came from Jerusalem six hundred years before the Christ, and dwindled in unbelief some four hundred years after Christ. The fullness of the gospel was in their lives before the record was written. Whatever fullness of the gospel is found in the Book of Mormon was recorded there as, and after, the people had

lived that fullness.

Not only was the record of that fullness brought to the Gentiles, in word, through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith the prophet; but there accompanied its coming forth, through the restoration of priesthood authority, the same power "in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance," that characterized the fullness of the gospel in the days of Christ and the apostles.

And, come to think of it, the fullness of the gospel was in the lives of the people in the days of the apostles before the New Testament record was ever written.

Even so, it was the events in the lives of godly people that produced the Old Testament, — not the Old Testament that produced godly people.

And if any group of the Restoration ever succeeds in living the fullness of the gospel in this age, the record of that accomplishment will be scripture, as much as the Bible and the Book of Mormon are.

Furthermore, when the record of the lost tribes of Israel comes forth, if they have lived the fullness of the gospel, their record will be as much scripture as are the stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph.

“And it shall come to pass that the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews: and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews.” II Nephi 12:71-72.

And one will be scripture like unto the other; for they will each be the product of a godly people.

When the rejection of the gospel by this Gentile nation is completed, and the fullness of the gospel is taken from them and given to the Jews, the Gentiles may retain tons of Bibles and Books of Mormon; but that does not mean that they will still have the fullness of the gospel abiding with them yet-it will have been taken from them. What they will have then is the word only; and “the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.” II Cor. 3:6.

To take the position that the canon of scripture in the Bible is full, and then exclaim, “A Bible, a Bible, we have got a Bible and there can not be any more Bible” (II Nephi 12:45) is fatal. With such a concept no one can attain to the fullness of the gospel, though they have a Bible on

every shelf in their home.

To take the position that in the Bible and Book of Mormon is contained the fullness of the gospel, and there can be no more scripture given, is equally fatal. With such a concept no one can attain to the fullness of the gospel-consequently, with such a concept, no one has. This latter position is worse than the one preceding it; for it is a sin against greater light.

That a fullness of the gospel is contained in the Bible, and also in the Book of Mormon, is true; but in every gospel age from Adam's day down, the fullness of the gospel was in their lives before a word was written about it in their records.

And if an inspired historical record of the latter-day dispensation is ever written, it will be because a fullness of the gospel has been in their lives; not in word only, as printed in their scriptures, but “in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance”, as it was in former times. And that inspired record, too, will be scripture as much as any record now in existence.

The Bible and the Book of

Mormon could be wiped out of existence, and all memory of them obliterated, and this dispensation could still have a fullness of the gospel, as complete as they had it in Enoch's day, or in the days of Melchizedek and Abraham, or of the apostles, or of the Nephites. To have the fullness of the gospel in our books, but not in our lives, is not a matter for justification or commendation, but rather a matter for condemnation and loss.

None of the many prophecies in the Bible concerning Zion in the latter days were found in prophecy until Zion had been in the lives of a people, of whom we often sing.

“Glorious things are sung of Zion, Enoch's city seen of old,

Where the righteous being perfect, Walked with God in streets of gold:

Love and virtue, faith and wisdom, Grace and gifts were all combined;

As himself each loved his neighbor, All were of one heart and mind.

“Then the towers of Zion glittered Like the sun in yonder sky,

And the wicked stood and trembled, Filled with

wonder and surprise.

Then their faith and works were perfect; Lo, they followed their great head!

So the city went to heaven, And the world said, "Zion's fled."

This is the holy city which is to come to the new earth:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:2-4.

Micah, who lived in 710 B.C., prophesying of a delightful condition yet to come, when nations shall "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," added in the next verse:

"But they shall sit every

man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." — Micah 4:4.

But this same condition had been in the lives of the people three hundred years before this prophecy was uttered, as we read in I Kings 4:25:

"And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer—sheba, all the days of Solomon."

Job was a perfect man before a word was written about him in the Bible. The book of Job did not make him perfect. The book of Job is but a brief account of his tribulation and of his triumph. It does not contain the fullness of that which brought about his perfection.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." — Psalms 19:7-8.

"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be

blessed in his deed." — James 1:25.

The law of the Lord, the perfect law of liberty, is well adapted to make a man perfect, who is a doer of the work. Nothing else could. The Mosaic law could not; for it was "the ministration of death" (II Cor. 3:7), which "made nothing perfect" (Heb. 7:19). But Job lived under the gospel covenant of Melchizedek and Abraham, which the Israelites broke when they turned to idolatry and worshipped the golden calf that Aaron made, and because of which the gospel covenant was taken away or suspended, and the Mosaic law was "added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made," (Gal. 3:19), which was Christ, who would establish again the covenant of faith, the gospel covenant, which had prevailed from the days of Melchizedek until violated at Sinai, when the Mosaic law was added as a "schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." — (Gal. 3:24-25). For "the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel

unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." So then all who are of the gospel covenant, the covenant of faith, which had prevailed for four hundred and thirty years from Abraham to Sinai, and which, after some fifteen hundred years under the "schoolmaster", was again established by Christ and his apostles, "are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal. 3:8-9), whether they were children of faith before the schoolmaster was added, or after the schoolmaster was taken out of the way, of which "Christ is the end" (Romans 10:4), "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Colossians 2:14).

But Job lived and died before the Mosaic law was given, and therefore lived under the gospel covenant made with Abraham, and reached perfection under that. There were two covenants given of God, i.e., the covenant of faith, and the "schoolmaster." The one the ministration of life, and the other the "ministration death" (II Cor. 3:7).

That Job's perfection ripened under the covenant of the gospel in its fullness is reflected in his immortal state-

ment:

"Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! 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: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another: though my reins be consumed within me." — Job 19:23-27.

Looking ahead to the resurrection, and the coming of the Lord, more than three thousand years distant, that he could exclaim, "After I shall awake, though this body be destroyed, yet out of my flesh shall I see God, though my reins within me are consumed with earnest desire (for that day)" (See margin), is certainly a mark of gospel fullness in his life.

The "fullness of the gospel" is within our grasp. We may have attained to it partially. Its dimensions are outlined in our books. Can we honestly say, really and truly, that its "fullness" is found in our lives? Before we make a claim that it is, it might be well to check a little, and compare our lives with that which is

written. Turn to 4 Nephi 1:1-21, pages 681-683, authorized edition of the Book of Mormon. Therein is a part of the fullness of the gospel that was in their lives before the Book of Mormon was written. Then turn and read Acts 2:38-47 and 4:31-37. Therein is a part of the fullness of the gospel that was in the lives of the saints in the days of the apostles before the New Testament was written. If these things are not found in our lives today, with all other gospel requirements, then our history when written cannot justly claim that we had a fullness of the gospel, and consequently we are falling short in our preparations for the coming of the Lord. Then let us be careful, lest we be found professing, but not exemplifying, to our everlasting shame.

On your shelf or in your heart?

In your briefcase or on your mind?

Neatly placed on the coffee table or a part of your life?

(Editor)

“ CREATURES OF HABIT ”

Habit: custom; practice; example: habit of smoking, ect...

We are ALL (none excluded) creatures of habit when we take a shower for instance, we might always wash our hair first. When we get out of bed in the morning, we probably follow the same routine. Some will drive to work the same way every single day, thinking that it is either the shortest or fastest or the best way. There might be 5 different ways, but for whatever reason we still go the same way. We might set the table a certain way or follow a procedure each time. We each have our own little habits, that we sometimes don't even realize. Test yourself, and you will be surprised at how many habits you have. Do you always get dressed the same way? Do you always wash your face first or brush your teeth first before anything else in the morning? Is there a certain way you fold the towels each time? Do you always put the dishes in the dishwasher the same way? I think by now, you understand what I mean when I say: we are creatures of habit.

There are other habits I would like us to consider and I would like each of us to work on these things, so they become habit forming in our lives.

- **1. ATTENDING CHURCH at least on a weekly basis not monthly or yearly.**
- **2. PRAYING on a 3 to 4 times a day basis not every now and then or just when we need help.**
- **3. KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS of the Lord always.**
- **4. BECOMING EXAMPLES to others always.**
- **5. LOVING ONE ANOTHER always.**

Let these things become habit forming in your life. There are many things that are bad for us that become habit forming and we must be careful in our lives and watch closely so as to not nourish the wrong ones. Some of the

things we do can be hurtful not only to ourselves, but to others as well. We must be careful not to be snared by the cunning one who sets traps for us. By each of us being creatures of habit, we therefore must try to learn and nourish good habits. habits don't just happen, they are formed by doing them over and over again until we don't even have to think about it, we just do it automatically without giving it a second thought.

“11. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.” III Ne.6:11

Number one on our list was: attending church. Let me ask you a question, do you learn Gods' word at the grocery store? Do you learn his word at the bank or the mall or on the playgrounds of the world? NO, absolutely not. You learn Gods'word by attending church and hearing and studying his word.

The second item, was concerning prayer. In II Ne.14:12 it reads: *“But be-*

hold I say unto you, that ye must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform anything unto the Lord, save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul."

Number three. If you don't feel that keeping the commandments of God is an important task for us, then read these 2 scriptures and consider them: "Therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state, which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead." Alma 9:41

"Therefore God gave unto them commandments after having made known unto them the plan of redemption, that they should not do evil, the penalty thereof being a second death, which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness". Alma 9:52

Number four and five. By following the commandments of God, we certainly become good examples to others as Christ is for us and we also must continue to love one another, for Christ taught us that "...thou shalt love thy neigh-

bor as thyself." Matt. 22:39

If we form good habits and nourish them, God will never fail us, He will keep his promises to all those who keep his commandments. Remember, we fail Him, by not doing what He asks us to do. We need to make lists of the habits we each have, good ones on one side and bad ones on the other, and compare them and work on them. Work hard at getting rid of the bad ones and nourishing the good ones. By starting to concentrate on the 5 items listed, it will help us develop other good habits as well.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. Eph. 5:1,2

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:11

"And now my beloved brethren, I desire that ye should remember these things and that ye should work out your salvation with fear before God and that ye should no more deny the coming of Christ; that ye contend no more against the Holy Ghost, but that ye receive it, and take upon you the name of Christ;

that ye humble yourselves even to the dust, and worship God in whatsoever place ye may he in, in spirit and in truth; and that ye live in thanksgiving daily, for the many mercies and blessings which he doth bestow upon you; yea, and I also exhort you my brethren, that ye be watchful unto prayer continually, that ye may not be led away by the temptation of the devil, that he may not overpower you, that ye may not become his subjects at the last day: for behold, he rewardeth you no good thing. Alma 16: 237, 238

In conclusion I pray that each one of us will continue to develop better habits, and think about losing some that we have, that are not so good. Let us pray for one another for the day is fading fast.

Your Brother In Christ,
Elder Aaron L. Heath

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Zion The Beautiful Beacons Us On

By Ruth M. Randall

We are living in a time when everyone is in a hurry. Everywhere we go we hear people say, "the time goes so fast".

I believe we are living in the hastening time and in the latter days.

In Matthew, Chapter 24; Jesus gives us a very clear description of what will take place just before his second coming. We need to read it often to remind us that time is close at hand.

A few weeks ago, on Wednesday evening before prayer meeting at my home, I was looking at some of the many songs we often sing from our hymn book. The spirit of God came over me so very strong and these words came to me. "Time is very short, so very very short"! I wondered if these words referred to my life on earth or the end of time. I felt prompted to tell of my experience to those who attended prayer meeting in my home that evening. We should be about "Our Fathers Business".

God told us in Latter Day

prophesy that we are to bring about the cause of Zion.

What is the cause of Zion? We talk, sing, and pray about Zion. but what are we actually "doing" about it?

God has given us clear instructions to live by. We must start with changing our lives, which is not always easy to do. but we can do it with the help of God's Spirit.

In the Bible, John 3:16, it says "God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". This is our first challenge. Jesus used many parables to show us how to live.

Here is a parable or an example to explain what I have in mind. One has to have a recipe and ingredients to make a cake. It does not become a cake until all ingredients are used in proper order and baked in the time the recipe requires. So it is with Zion, or the cause of Zion. We have to have all the ingredients for Zion: the recipe and ingredients are listed for us to follow in the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Latter Day Scrip-

tures.

Jesus Christ is our example, so we must look to him for our pattern to become like him. He is our teacher. What was he like? His first commandment given in Mark 12:30,31, says in part love the Lord with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and the second is like unto it, love thy neighbor as thyself. I believe all people we know are considered our neighbors.

In Luke 6:35, we are told to "Love our enemies". We do not have to love what they do if they are doing wrong, but love them as a person and be interested in their soul salvation and eternal life.

There are many scriptures that tells us about the life of Christ and our responsibilities to him.

Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;"

Matt. 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Matt. 5:13,14 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, where with

shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

There are many other scriptures that tell us what Christ was like and what we are to do to become more like him.

II Nephi Chapter 11, in the Book of Mormon, explains very clearly that Charity is the pure love of Christ. We need to have this pure love to bring about Zion. We are also told in the scriptures about Zion in Enochs time, "God called it Zion because they (the people) were of one heart and one mind. They also dwelt in righteousness and there were no poor among them."

II Nephi, Chapter 11, Verses 106-109 "He commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts; for, behold, priestcrafts are that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion."

"Behold, the Lord has forbidden this thing; wherefore, the Lord God hath given a commandment that all men should have charity, which

charity is love."

"And except they should have charity, they are nothing; wherefore, if they should have charity, they would not suffer the laborer in Zion to perish."

"But the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion; for if they labor for money, they shall perish."

We are told what the fruits of the spirit are. First comes love, then comes joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith, goodness, meekness, and temperance. They all are depending on the "love" we have in our hearts.

You might ask, how do we get this love? It takes time and a lot of effort. It takes studying the scriptures daily, prayer and fasting. Plus, a willingness to sacrifice or change our ways when challenges come our way that will assist with the building of Zion.

Many times we read the scriptures, but we do not stop to think what they mean. We can help each other to understand by getting together and studying the scriptures, and having more priesthood visits. Our priesthood should be prepared to help the lay members in studying the scriptures. The older women should be prepared to help the young women in the arts of cooking,

sewing, food preservation, and many other arts. The older men should teach the young men the trades of various kinds.

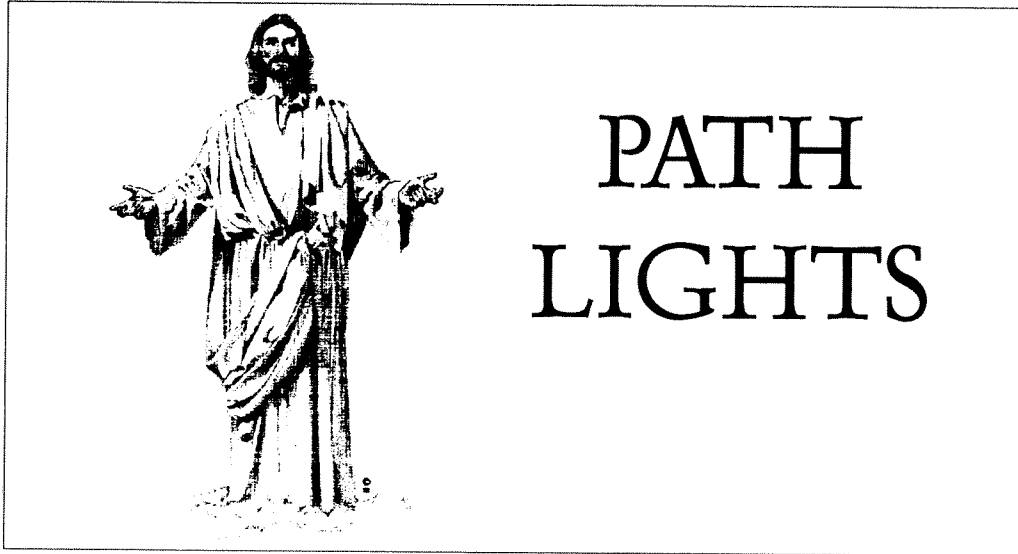
If we are to have Zion these are some of the ingredients. We are told by the Lord if we labor in Zion for "money", we will perish!

Saints, we need to be about our Fathers business or it is going to be too late. Time is short, very very short!!

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Page 23, 2nd. column. last paragraph. Should begin with the word "Every..." (reading correct to)

3rd. column 22nd. line. "To these we extend our love and sympathy, with the hope that new light will brighten their days, and that truth will prevail.



Stella Wineger's testimony.

This music came to my mind, but no words, and I thought this is a hymn and I have got to look it up, but still no words came to mind. I knew it was a hymn I had heard when I was a child so I tool my old black Saints hymnal and began leafing through it page by page, and on page No. 212 I saw the music and I knew that was the song I had heard in my mind. When I read the verses there was my answer to my earnest prayers and concern over all the many peoples who never have any chance to hear God's beautiful Gospel or Christ's precious teachings.

(Following is the song of hope for all peoples)

Gratitude.

1. O thou to whom in ancient time, The Psalmist's sacred harp was strung
Whom Kings adored in songs sublime, and prophets praised with glowing tongue.
2. Not now, on Zion's height alone The favored worshiper may dwell;
Nor where, at sultry noon. thy Son sat, weary, by the patriarch's well.
3. From every place below the skies, The grateful song, the fervent prayer
The incense of the heart may rise to heaven and find acceptance there.



My Neighbor

You've heard the story of the grasshopper and the ant. The industrious ant prepares ahead for winter while the grasshopper is too busy flitting around in the summer sun.

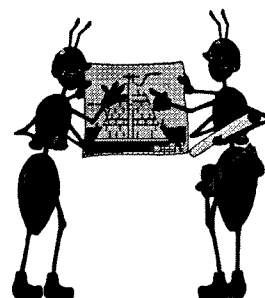
I have a neighbor who is at least one of the chief grasshoppers. He put his early years of duty in with the armed services and has an early retirement. His life is unscheduled. He drinks and smokes, watches T.V. and naps. He leaves the house to go for cigarettes and beer. During his most industrious moments he types his memoirs of his days in the service. As things go, if he ever finishes the book, it will probably be on the bestseller list. It's the first of November each fall before this guy gets his LP gas tank filled to warm his house. His house is gradually declining for lack of repairs; the front porch has rotted away. I've often referred to this fellow as "the dead among the living..." Shamefully, I've thought of him in those terms.

This morning at 8:30 A.M. my

neighbor, the grasshopper, pounded on our front door. His message was that our smoke stack on the outside of our back porch, where Del has his wood burning stove, was on fire. He had detected it early on and it only took Del 5 minutes to put it out. Had it gone undetected, within a matter of minutes it could have caused us great grief. Our 50 years among the ant colony could have gone down in flames.

When it was checked, I went down on my knees to thank God for my neighbor, for his help this morning, and to ask God for forgiveness for my ugly thoughts of him.

Shirley Rose Bailey
Kingston, MO



Obituaries

Annetta W. Lubbe

Annetta W. Lubbe, 85, a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa passed away there November, 30, 1993. She was born at Alliance, Nebraska January 12, 1908, and was a resident of McClelland, Iowa for many years. She also worked as a matron at the Iowa Pottawattamie County Home for nine years.

Sister Annetta was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1973. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Dean (Mary Ann) Krutzfeldt of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Donald (Caroline) Boeck of Audubon, Iowa, and Mrs. Donald (Betty) Stewart of Manteca, California; also, 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Cutler Funeral Home and at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Apostle Robert H. Jensen was in charge, with Elders Isaac Brockman and Charles Brantner assisting.

The Salem Lutheran Church and Elk Horn Nursing Home Pastor, Reverend Gronseth, gave an added eulogy of Annetta's life during the time of his acquaintance with her.

Sister Annetta Lubbe was baptized in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) in 1932 at McClelland, Iowa and remained a faithful devoted member the rest of her life. She endured many hardships during the great depression beginning around 1929, and then accompanied by the terrible drought in the Midwest in the middle 1930's. Through all of her years she lived for others in sharing and caring. Her faith grew steadily, and ultimately sustained her through serious illness and accidents until the end of her days on earth. An aura of love always surrounded her and brought peace and comfort and strength to all within her association. Even during her residence in the Nursing Home the staff often remarked about what a pleasure and inspiration she was to everyone there, always friendly and

never complaining. She was also the source of strengthening counsel to those who cared for her.

In the early years of her marriage she gave birth to a little boy who died shortly thereafter. Her testimony was that she was so brokenhearted she thought she could not bear it, until she heard the angels in Heaven singing. She knew then that the angels were singing because they were happy to welcome her baby into their care since he could not survive on earth.

All who knew Sister Annetta and were touched by her life mourn her passing from this life, but rejoice in the knowledge that she is now at rest in peace with her Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus, and all who had preceded her into Paradise.

Margaret Evelyn Mann

Margaret Evelyn Mann was born May 19, 1917 at Independence, Mo., the daughter of Alva S. and Margaret E. Wheaton and died December 11, 1993 at the Liberty Memorial Hospital, Liberty, Mo. where she had been a patient since November 22, 1993.

Margaret Evelyn was baptized into Christ by her uncle, Elder Clarence L. Wheaton April 10, 1927 and became a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). She attended the Ott Elementary and the Independence Junior High School. She assisted her parents in their various activities until her marriage to Chester Heaton.

To this union were born two children, Dexter LeRoy and Elizabeth. Elizabeth died as a result of an automobile accident during her Senior year in High School which caused her mother and the family deep distress.

Following the death of her husband, Chester, she married Edward Mann. And following Edward's death, she became employed by the Rest Haven Retirement Home as a Nurse's Aid, from which she retired in 1982 due to failing health.

As her failing health continued, it became necessary for her to enter the Ramona Villa Nursing Home January

19, 1982 where she has resided until her recent entry into the Liberty Memorial Hospital.

Beside her son, Dexter, she is survived by her mother, Margaret E. Wheaton and a granddaughter, Mary Mann.

Funeral Services were held at the Speaks Midtown Chapel, Independence, Mo. December 14, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. preceded by a visitation at 1:30 p.m. . Elder Leslie P. Case was in charge of the service assisted by Elder Marvin M. Case. Grace Rudd was organist and Janice Welch was soloist. Interment was in the Mound Grove Cemetery, Independence, Mo.

Margaret Evelyn Wheaton

Margaret Evelyn Wheaton was born April 15, 1895, the daughter of Charles N. and Marion O. Denham in Kansas City, Kan. and died January 11, 1994 at the Independence Health Care Center at Independence, Mo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alva S. Wheaton and by her two daughters, Margaret Evelyn Mann and Lois Eilene

Duckworth.

Margaret was baptized into Christ and a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) August 6, 1911 by her grandfather, George P. Frisbey. She was married to Alva S. Wheaton August 31, 1915 and to this union were added the two aforesaid daughters.

Margaret and her husband upon their marriage took

up residence with Alva's parents so that Margaret might care for her mother-in-law, who was ill with cancer. She and her husband were active in Sunday School and Church activities all their lives until age forced them to cease. They were active in the publishing of Zion's Advocate and other church printing and publications for many years in

the basement of their home located two blocks from the Temple Lot as well as an establishment for a short time located near the Independence Square.

Alva and Margaret were active in providing a home for the workers on the Temple excavation on the Temple Lot during the period of 1929 to 1942, finally moving into the place and making it their home until she was forced by ill health to leave it in 1978.

When work on the Temple Lot ceased, their home

was shared with others, it being divided into apartments occupied mostly by members of the church. Many young church couples started their lives together there.

Margaret is survived by two brothers, Charles T. Denham of Havelock, N.C. and Nicholas F. Denham of Independence, Mo. and one sister, Marion O. Sprague of Blue Springs, Mo. Two brothers, Floyd E. Denham and Clarence O. Denham and two sisters, Angela G. Wheaton and Edna M.

Bryan have preceded her in death. She is also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral Services were held at the George C. Carson Funeral Home at Independence, Mo. January 13, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. with Elders Frank Fann and Gerry Case in charge. Grace Rudd was organist and Janice Welch was soloist. Interment was in Mound Grove Cemetery, at Independence, Mo.

Frank Lester Knapp

A few family members, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ gathered at the Olive-wood Cemetery in Riverside, California on December 14, 1993 to commemorate the life of Frank Lester Knapp. This service was officiated by Apostle Don McIndoo, assisted by Apostle Jay Moser. On December 10, 1993 Frank had passed from this life at the age of 98.

Frank was the eldest of seven children born to Orin and Josephine Knapp. He was born August 3, 1895 in Durand, Wisconsin. Frank was married to Gladys Bowen

on December 20, 1916. Two children, Kenneth and Donna, were born to this union. Both children and his beloved Gladys preceded Frank in death. He is survived by four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Although Frank and Gladys lived the greater part of their married life in Wisconsin, they had a host of close friends in many other states. Frank was ever an active and interested member of the Church of Christ. In their later years Frank and Gladys spent their winters near Phoenix, Arizona, where their active

participation was enjoyed and their help greatly appreciated.

After the passing of his wife, Frank was lovingly cared for by his daughter-in-law, Betty Knapp, until he had to enter a nursing home several years ago. Though his eyesight had deteriorated to the point it prevented his previous correspondence with many church friends, Frank always loved to visit with church members. He was always interested in, and asked about, the welfare of each of his many friends, who are now left behind. Where he now resides, we hope one day to be.

NEWS

Farmington

February 2, 1994

In the trust of the blessings of Jesus Christ in each of our lives, the Church of Christ Farmington local also adds its testimony in this monthly report for January in the year of our Lord 1994. We pray this new year brings deliverance to each of your households as quoted in Psalms 32:7:

"Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah."

Our household celebrated five years of God's protection on January 21st. Enoch and I thank God and any of you who have helped (in Elder Sam Gould's words as he prayed while performing the marriage ceremony), "That each of us will do our (your) part in sustaining this marriage." Please pray that our family unit is preserved.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the True and Living God preserved sister Ruth Maley's life for 85 years now, on January 22nd.

God also added another year to brother Ed Linton, in January, and we pray according to the Lord's will, that each and every one of you are sustained for yet another year.

We pray many will also be given new life through the Lord Jesus Christ by entering the waters of baptism, and we pray that they, along with those of us who have taken the name of Christ upon us, with a determination to serve Him to the end, will be able to meet together oft to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of our souls and to partake of bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus that we shall always remember Him and have His Spirit to be with us. (3rd. Nephi 8:36, Moroni 6:3,6)

Elder Merlin Eddy was able to partake of the sacrament, with brothers and sisters in Christ, on the first Sunday of the new year, in a combined service of the East and West Independence, Missouri Locals. Merlin also offered sacrament to scattered members, in Wisconsin, on January 22-23. Our family appreciates

Merlin's assistance in again administering the sacrament to Enoch and I at our home on the second Sunday in January as well as performing the ordinance of the laying on of hands for my children and I. Merlin offered Jon Gould sacrament in Jon's home on the same day, and testified how when his wife, Evalin, asked him to serve sacrament on this day, although he had not planned to, he went and sought the Lord's counsel and was shown how this is a commandment.

Your sister in Christ.
Patricia Gould

NEWS

Independence

Greetings from the East Local! Independence, MO.

The last few months have been full of activities for young and the young at heart. Baptisms have included that of our newest brother Mike Smith and Matt McGhee..

The Women's department had their Christmas Brunch and gift -exchange in December. The food and conversation were excellent, and the spirit that accompanies Christ's birth was over one and all.

The Sunday School Christmas program was a great success. Heide Temple's and Holly Smith's class of young ones dressed up as angels, shepherds with Mary and Joseph-then acted out Jesus' birth. The other classes recited memory verses and sang hymns. Randy Sheldons' class topped the night with a contrast play between the first Christmas and the present ways of celebrating. Wednesday the East and the Temple Lot Local held a joint service and were blessed with the me-

ludious voices of those participating in the Christmas Cantata as well as the more youthful voices and musicians involved in the Junior and Senior Choirs.

The new year was begun with a Y.P.C.L. retreat that started Friday evening and ended Sunday morning. In our short time together we had a Lock-in at Hope Day gym, released balloons, listened to Jay-Paul O'Hare speak about his life, ate a wonderful brunch at the East Local, studied for our Sunday School Class, fellowshiped, skied, bowled, had a great supper at the Temple Lot, disassembled to those homes who took us in, taught the Sunday School class on Sunday and participated in the following Sacrament Service.

We have been wonderfully blessed in 1993, and I pray all will share our blessings in 1994.

Respectfully,
Betsy A Gould

Ravenna

Greetings from Ravenna, Michigan Local Church of Christ,

Sacrament Sunday, January 2, Elder Aaron Heath, gave a reading from Psalm 111, also Elder Gale Branter read about the blessing of children and why? The children of Erica Trybe were blessed: Joshua, Cindy and Benjamin. Each of our ministry blessed one. We are hoping in the summer to hear, I want to be baptized after they learn more about the church.

We had eight children in our service. I heard Amber thank the Lord for blessing their family. Her brother Jason gave a testimony. It's good to hear the children pray and testify of God's goodness. Amber, Mike and Kristi all are in the band at school, and have a horn. So Mike & Amber played some of 'When The Saints Go Marching In'. Jenny is taking piano lessons. We are looking forward to more music from our children's class.

Our Pastor, elder Gale

NEWS

Brantner, gave a reading from the Book of Mormon concerning all who turn to the Lord. He will confirm all His words. Elder Max Spencer was asked to preach at the Bradley local. Elder Aaron Heath and wife were asked to go to the Bradley local January 23.

A recent sermon said this is starting a New Year, we have come to renew our faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Ravenna local had visitors, Elder Charles Brantner and wife. Brother Charles told us the last several presidents are bringing about one world order by the year 2000. We must believe in Zion before it can come about.

Sr. Lois Heath
Advocate Reporter

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We are looking forward to seeing many of our friends, both old and new, and greeting you each in the name of our Lord and Savior.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

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When Is It?

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