

# 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;"*

1 Nephi 3:187

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## George Washington's Prayer For The United States

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection: that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government: and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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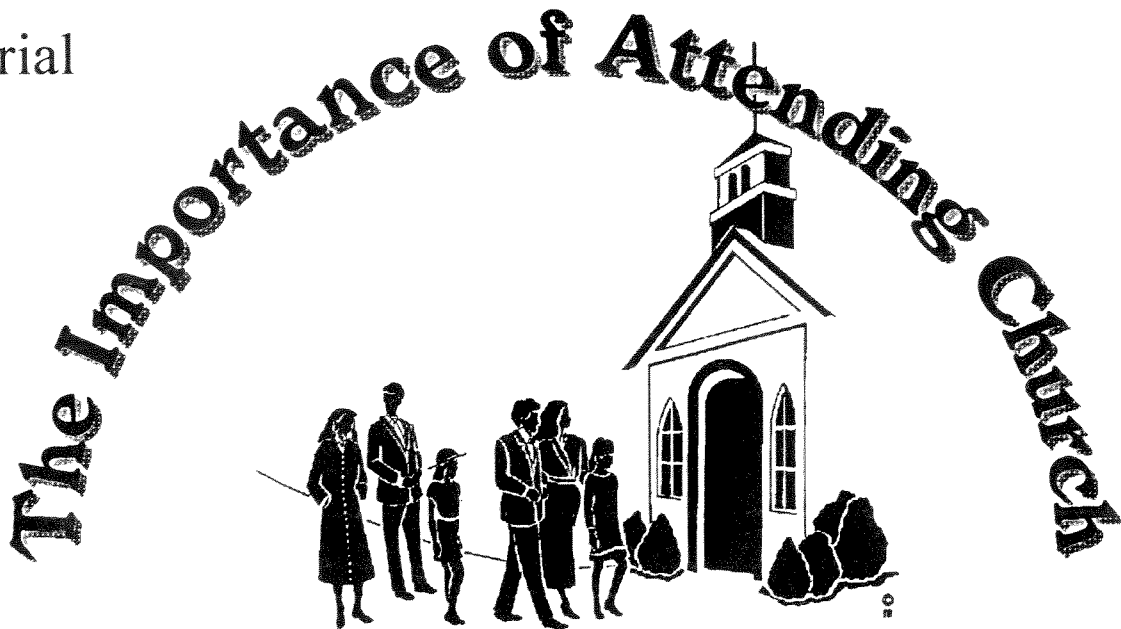
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Editorial



Why should we attend church? To help us over this rough uneven road we call life.

In Ephesians 4:12 we are told that our ministry are given, "For the perfecting of the saints...for the edifying of the body of Christ" We need to be in the preaching services to take advantage of this blessing that Christ gave us.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God". Romans 10:14-15,17."And in Ephesians 4:14 it says "That we henceforth be no more chil-

dren, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness."

Things can creep in when we are not constantly reminded of what is truth and what is wrong in our lives before we rationalize away those wrongs of the world and partake of them ourselves.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of

peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Ephesians 6:12-18.

We should not be in this life alone. We need each other. So we should be part of this body of Christ where we can watch out for each other.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not

the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." I Corinthians 12:12,14-27

If you have been baptized into the body of Christ, then you need to be part of that body (see the words of Christ in John 15:1-10. ...the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it

abide in the vine...). You cannot function fully without being part of that body, and the rest of the body needs you. If you were a hand you could not function without the body -and what would the body be without a hand? Handicapped. We all need each other. When you are not at the services or other church sponsored activities, the ones who are there feel that something is missing. It may not be a conscious feeling but an absent soul is felt.

To scattered members -get to every service you can. Go to reunions. Plan your vacations so you can be with and get to know the saints. When we go on vacation, we always try to plan it so we can be at one of the Church locals on Sunday. And if at all possible, move to where there is a church local so that you can attend services regularly. Consider moving to Zion (The Independence, Missouri area is not Zion yet, but if you look at the signs of the time you will see that Zion will have to become a reality soon. When Zion does become a reality, and you have to flee to Zion for safety, you won't have so far to flee. I foresee great hardships in that time for those who are far away to get to Zion.)

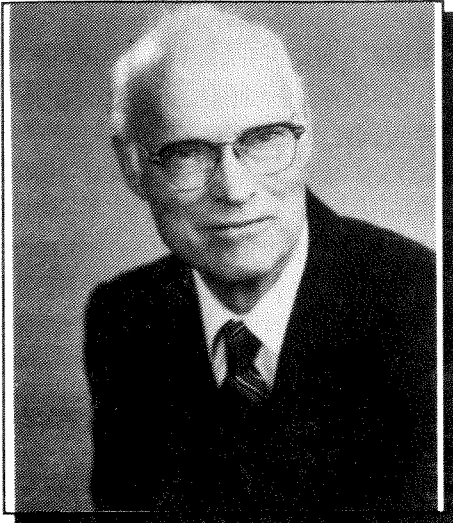
It is important to your children that you attend church as a family to every called service. Consider those families who have in the past attended church together reg-

ularly. In general, their children as adults still attend church. But the children of those families who did not attend, or who only attended part time, or if they did attend did not make sure that their children came with them, those children when they became adults drifted away from the Church.

Consider my own situation. When Darl and I got married, I told her that I would go to church once in a while, because I knew it was important to her. I didn't realize how important it was to me. When I would inform her that I didn't think I would go to a service for one reason or another, she would always convince me to go. Sometimes she had to resort to tears, and who can withstand the tears of someone you love? Needless to say, I hardly ever missed a service. I even went to extra classes taught by the ministry, and all the socials. It became a habit for which I am very thankful. I need those services. I need the association with the Saints. I do not feel that any of us can afford not to take advantage of any opportunity to attend every possible service we can.

Ron Temple  
Teacher

# The Scattering Of Israel



BY APOSTLE MARVIN E. ELY

“Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.” Jeremiah 50:17 “And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: Because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.” 2 Kings 18: 11-12

Nebuchadrezzar King of Babylon desieged the city of Jerusalem, “And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, ... And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.” 2 Kings 24: 13-14.

“Yea, O ye people of the house of Israel; ye that dwell at Jerusalem, as ye that have fallen; yea, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens, and ye would not. O ye house of Israel, whom I have spared, how oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, if ye will repent and return unto me with full purpose of heart. But if not, O house of Israel, the places of your dwellings shall become desolate, until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.” 3 Nephi 4: 57-59

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ter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deuteronomy 4: 27-29

In Deuteronomy 28: 64-66 we can read what would happen to Israel if they would not serve the Lord. Israel would be scattered among all people, from one end of earth to the other, and there they would serve other gods which neither they nor their fathers had known, even gods of wood and of stone, They would find no ease among these nations and have a trembling heart, failing eyes and sorrow of mind .Their life would hang in doubt and they would have fear day and night. Also they would have no assurance of life. This is far different than the beautiful promises that were promised to Israel if they would serve the Lord their God .

“And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim ...I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.”  
Jeremiah 9: 13-16

Nephi had the knowledge that the house of Israel, sooner or later would be scattered upon all the face of the earth and also among all nations. At this time the more part had already been led away and many were already lost from the knowledge of those an Jerusalem. This happened because they hardened their heart against the Holy One of Israel. ( See 1 Nephi 7:6-11). “Wherefore they shall be scattered among all nations, and shall be hated of all men” 1 Nephi 7:12.

Zenos prophesied that Jerusalem would be scourged by all people because they had crucified the God of Israel and had turned their hearts aside, rejecting the signs and wonders and power and glory of the God of Israel. And because they turn their hearts aside and despise the Holy one of Israel, they shall wonder in the flesh and become a hiss and a byword being hated by all na-

tions. (See 1 Nephi 5:251-252). “Nevertheless, when that day cometh, saith the prophet, that they no more turn aside their hearts against

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the Holy One of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers; Yea, then will he remember the isles of the sea; Yea, and all the people who are of the house of Israel, will I gather in, saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, from the four quarters of the earth; Yea, and all the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord, saith the prophet; Every nation, kindred, tongue and people, shall

be blessed.” 1 Nephi 5: 253-257

In 2 Nephi 7:5-8 we can read that it must needs be expedient that Christ should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world, and they shall crucify him. Their is no nation on earth that would crucify their God. “But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified. Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilence and bloodsheds, shall come upon them; And they who shall not be destroyed, shall be scattered among all nations.” 2 Nephi 7:9-11.

“Wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations, and shall be hated of all men. Nevertheless, after they have been nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold, these things of which are spoken, are temporal: for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers; And it meaneth us in the days to come, and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel. And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and con-

founded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land; And by them shall our seed be scattered." 1 Nephi 7:12-16. This mighty nation among the Gentiles is the United States of America.

"And after our seed is scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed; Wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles, and being carried in their arms, and upon their shoulders. And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles: And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." 1 Nephi 7: 17-20 . This marvelous work that would be of great worth both to the Gentiles and all the house of Israel was the Book of Mormon.

In 3 Nephi 13: 54-56 we can read when these sayings (The Book of Mormon) shall come unto the Gentiles then we may know that the covenant which the Father has made with the children of Israel concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance, is already beginning to be fulfilled. The words of the Lord, which have been spoken by the prophets

concerning the gathering of Israel, shall all be fulfilled. We can read elsewhere in 3 Nephi that they will be in the Lord's own due time. The Lord will remember his covenant which he has made unto his people of the house of Israel.

"Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss, nor spurn, nor make game of the Jews, nor

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any of the remnant of the house of Israel, for behold the Lord remembereth his covenant unto them, and he will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn; Therefore ye need not suppose that ye can turn the right hand of the Lord unto the left, that he may not execute judgment unto the fulfilling of the

covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel." 3 Nephi 13: 61-62.

"And after they (The Jews) have been scattered, and the Lord God hath scourged them by other nations, for the space of many generations, yea, even down from generation to generation, until they shall be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind; And when that day shall come, that they shall believe in Christ, and worship the Father in his name, with pure hearts, and clean hands, and look not forward anymore for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things, And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state." 2 Nephi 11:26-28

When that day shall come that the Jews shall believe in Christ they shall be restored in the flesh unto the lands of their inheritance. At that time they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea and from the four parts of the earth. The Gentiles shall be great in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance and the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers. (See 2 Nephi 7:12-15).

“Wherefore the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?” 2 Nephi 7:16.

Jesus when he appeared unto the Nephites after his resurrection told them that they were the children of the prophets and of the house of Israel. He also informed them that they were of the covenant which the Father had made unto Abraham that in his seed, shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. This specific blessing first came to the children of the covenant, (See 3Nephi 9: 63-64)

“And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles, shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel:

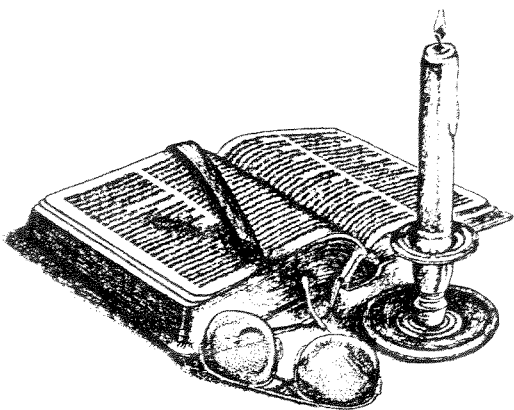
and they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.

Nevertheless, when they 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.” 3 Nephi 9: 65-66. In 3 Nephi 7: 34-35 we can read that when the Gentiles sin against Christ’s gospel and reject the fullness of Christ’s gospel, and become lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations as well as being filled with all manner of lyings, deceits, mischiefs, hypocrisy, murders, priestcrafts, whoredoms and of secret abominations; Christ will bring the fullness of his gospel from among them.

“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 promised land unto them for ever, 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 shall pray unto the Father in my name. Then shall their watchmen lift up their voices; and with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye. Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.” 3 Nephi 9: 67-71.

The above paragraph references the gathering of the house of Israel to Jerusalem but also there will be a gathering of God’s people to the New Jerusalem which shall be upon this land. ( See 3 Nephi 10:1-3). This will be addressed more fully in the next article on the “Gathering of Israel”



## 2 Nephi 1:11-12

Wherefore, this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring. And if it so be that they shall serve him according to the commandments which he hath given, it shall be a land of liberty unto them;



# PRIDE, SELF-ESTEEM, SELF-LOVE versus GOD'S LOVE

## What should you think? Part 1

Dear reader,

I recently had an occasion to explain some of my statements that had been made in some of my sermons. My purpose is to help my brothers and sisters find rest in the yoke of Christ. I wrote these thoughts and would like to share them with all of you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Alvin Moser (Jay)

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### I. GOD'S WORD

When we begin this little study it is necessary to establish a few fundamentals. First we must use the scriptures to find out God's revelations to

man. It is true that we have been given the gift of God, the Holy Ghost, however this does not mean that we automatically understand between

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right and wrong. In 2 Nephi 13:28 we read that we "have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him." This tells us that any progress which we make is forever tied to Christ's Word. In Moroni 7:14 we read that "the Spirit of Christ is given to every man," to know right from wrong, but how do we know? In verse 18 we are told how,

we must "search diligently in the light of Christ." Christ Himself said, "I am the light" and he told us what that light was, "that which ye have seen me do." (3 Nephi 8:55)

There is no mystery about how to live and what to do during our life. We are to do what he did, that is to do the same type of things which work toward the same purpose: i.e. feeding, healing, teaching, giving a good example, being impartial to all, humility and obedience toward God, etc. All of these things we find in the light of Christ or in the New Testament (New Covenant) of Christ recorded in the Bible and Book of Mormon. When things come into our hearts that are good we shall find them or things like them in the Scriptures. If we can not find them there, we must reconsider our thoughts.

The work of the Holy Ghost is to comfort us by bringing to our minds the words of Christ. (John 14:16,17; 26; 15:26) We must realize the power that is con-

tained in the Word of Christ. It was this same word that said "let there be light: and there was light." It is a creative power. It creates within us Spiritual light and life. It is unchanging and eternal. It is the rock that we build on. (Matthew 7:24-27) It remains then for us to know it so that it can be brought to our memories by the Holy Ghost.

I am sure that you already know these things and I do not mean to imply that you do not. I only want to remind you of them. I find that I need to return often to these principles myself or I can not function. We all have days when we do not know what to do from one moment to the next. I may say to myself what am I doing and where am I going? What is my responsibility? On these days I try to remember what Christ said about daily life and SIMPLY OBEY Him. The plan has always been Christ's and I do not need to formulate a plan of my own, because He has done that for me. I fly to the Rock (Christ's Word) and in obedience I let Him figure out what must be done. My sole responsibility is to obey and trust Him for those things I do not understand.

I have waited for 20 years to receive understanding of some things. I am still waiting to receive understanding of many things. My joy is, that I know He will tell me more as

time goes by. I know that He will tell you also. (Hebrews 11:6)

## II. CHRIST'S YOKE

One of the most important principles of Christ is that His yoke is light. Matthew 11:28 is very plan about this. It is

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one of the most refreshing verses written in the Bible. *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* God has never intended to place upon any of us more than we can endure. This means any part of our lives (temporal or

spiritual). He prepares us for the sacrifices that He requires of us. When Israel brought to the Lord the burnt offerings and sacrifices, they only brought of the abundance the Lord had blessed them with. God is the provider! We simply make a choice to use what we have been given for God's glory. (Using what God has given will be discussed later.) This also refers to personal trials. When trials come we can chose to obey or rebel. The "rest" spoken of in verse 28 is found through submission to God. "All that I am or hope to be, Oh Son of God, I owe to thee." (In Thee Do I Live) These are true words. They are restful words. They are words founded upon the rock. They signify that it does not all depend on you and I. "All" good is of God.

Another fundamental is this: When we put all in God's hands He makes all things work to the good of His people, even though it seems the contrary in our eyes. Nothing can frustrate the Lord's plan for His children. God can not be frustrated! (Romans 8:28) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* We can be assured that God is working in "all things" for our good. We must let God do His work.

This brings us to the second point which concerns the

work that we must do. (Matthew 11:29) *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.* We are invited to be yoked to Christ. This yoke is to use some of our time learning about Jesus rather than all the depressing things the world has to offer. Rest is found in a knowledge of Jesus. This yoke is a yoke of service, to do the same things that He does. Rest is found here. We are the Church of Christ. We are called by His name and are espoused to Him. This means that we are appropriate to help our husband in his work here on the earth. This rest is linked to a meek and lowly heart. This does not mean that we can not feel good about what we do, but it does mean that feeling good (rest) is tied to obedience (the yoke of service). We must be meek to be a servant. At this point we must not think of God as a dictator but as a father. Someone who ultimately has all power to do as he sees fit, but who has the welfare of his family in mind at all times. He is our Eternal Father and His thoughts are eternal in nature. Therefore our welfare is on His mind always.

Point number three is that the yoke of service to God is easy and light. (Matthew 11:30) *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* This is

absolutely essential to understand our beliefs concerning self-love. What ever the answer (to the question "should we have self-love?"), it is easy and light to carry through life. The truth about self-love, pride, and respecting yourself will be restful, humbling, and easy to carry. When we do God's will "*his commandments are not grievous*" (1 John 5:3).

### III. KNOWING AND FEELINGS

Feelings are not trustworthy. [Prov 14:12] *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.* Trusting in ones own feelings is a standard pagan practice. God will not be reconciled to us, but in the end when we all stand before God to be judged by Him we will be reconciled to the feelings of God. We will be reconciled to God the father according to the justice and mercy that are in Christ. (see II Cor 5:17-21) That is why we need to go to Christ to find out how we should feel about something or someone.

The Book of Mormon tells us simply that in our natural state (a fallen state) we are enemies to God. (Mosiah 1:119-120) We should not trust our intuitions unless we can find what we feel in the scriptures. How-

ever, feelings can be a tool given to us by God if they are in accord with the will of God (i.e. a woman's intuition about the need of her child). Once again we must do just exactly as we have before, we must go to Jesus to find out how to feel. (3 Nephi 8:56) *Ye see that I have commanded that none of you should go away, but rather have commanded that ye should come unto me, that ye might feel and see.* These words tell me that I have been given a right to feel and see for myself, but there is a conditional clause given. We must "come to" Jesus to find out what is true and trustworthy. We must look to Him (His word and example) to be able to discern the truth. The scriptures touch every part of our lives ether by direct application (i.e. Thou shalt not steal.) or by inference (i.e. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.). With enough research and faith we can find what those answers are.

The promise is that, if we will rely on Christ and go to Him and His work we will know (feel and see) for ourselves. He tests our faith to see if we will wait upon Him. He makes us wait at times to purify our desires. It is always for our own good. He makes all things work together for good.

#### IV. FREEDOM

One of the greatest blessings of God is the spiritual freedom He grants to His children. (John 8:32) *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* Freedom, what a marvelous gift to possess. To be free of sin first of all and then to be free to live our daily lives. Because of our faith in Christ and our knowing the truth we become free. This is Christ's promise, therefore we know it to be true. When we do encounter the truth and surrender to it we become free. There is no longer the sense of being lost or enslaved.

We become free because we know where we are going. We are going to live with God in eternity as His child. We are free because we know who we are. We are the adopted sons and daughters of our father in heaven. We are free because we are freed from an awful guilt and shame because of our sin. We are free because we believe that God will always do for us what is best and we can not be defeated by problems, trials, or death. (Romans 8:35-39) We are free because we are not lost, because we know what we must do day to day through the teachings of the gospel of Christ. We are free because we can even chose how we will serve God on any given day. That does not mean that He does not sometimes require a sacrifice from us that

we don't want to give. We still have our free agency to choose most things in our lives. If we serve Satan then we are not free because we serve the flesh and are slaves

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to it, or to our feelings. Now, as the free servants of Christ, we can follow Him and reject the feelings of the fesh and the mind. (i.e. Galatians 5:19-21 *...works of the flesh...Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings*)

The important thing here is that God gives freedom through the truth and the acceptance of that truth.

#### V. THE PURPOSE FOR LIFE

When we understand our purpose in being created we begin to sense joy. We realize first that God created us. (Revelations 4:11) This thought deserves much meditation. Let it sink deep into your heart. I have been created by the will of God. Every thing that is factual about me was created by God. My height, the color of my skin, hair, and eyes were all created by God's design, His will. Then there must be things about me that he wanted to be. I am able to see beautiful colors, sunsets, trees, and people. I did not make them beautiful, God did, and He made me able to enjoy them. An apple is nice to look at and it is good for my health. It is also sweet and a pleasure to eat. I am able to experience the pleasure of food. It's flavor and texture are a pleasure, but why are they a pleasure? In the verse mentioned above from the Book of Revelations we read also that we were created for God's pleasure. It is no wonder then that God would also desire that a part of our lives would indeed have some pleasure. It is a reflection of that eternal pleasure that will be ours in God's presence.

When God finished His creation He looked at all that He had done and it was "very good." (Genesis 1:31) There in the garden it was all good. Man was created with an ability to enjoy, therefore it is not

wrong to enjoy life. Fruits and vegetables were made in many different sizes, shapes, colors, and flavors. Why? Most humans are naturally attracted to horses, dogs, cats, and birds. They are pleasing to look at and can be domesticated adapting to man's domain. Why? When we see puppies playing or squirrels running around from tree to tree we look with some sense of delight. Why? It is because God created pleasurable things and created them for us and we were created for Him.

Many of us when we see the creations of man (i.e. art, monsters, clothing, etc.) are amused or repulsed when they do not reflect or imitate what God has created. When I see pictures that look like chaos I am repulsed. I believe that is because God is a creator of order. He took the world and set it in order one day at a time until everything functioned with some semblance of purpose and regularity. What we do to our selves should reflect that same sense of order, beauty, and pleasurable appearance. In Isaiah 43:5-7 we find that we are created to glorify God. How we look should glorify God. What we do with our clothes should be pleasing to look at. What we do with our hair should follow God's example of taking chaos and putting it in pleasing contoured lines. [Alma 16:54-55]

When we dress we should look comely as God's creation. (Alma 1:41) The word comely used in this scripture means: pleasing in appearance or becoming. This does not mean that we have pride, but it means that we have respect for the feelings of others around us. Colossians 1:12-17 tells us that we were created by God and for Him. We should then dress for Him. To be pleasing in appearance is to give glory to God's creation and put emphasis on what He has created. There is a point where it begins to give glory to you. Our adorning is to reflect what is on the inside. (1 Peter 3:3-4) Our adornment should reflect meekness and quietness of spirit, but it should also reflect order and beautiful thinking. Many Christians often make the mistake of doing things that are a little repulsive to show piety. If we do that or if we put on special garments that are completely different from that of the world then we are attracting attention to ourselves, when that attention should be on our spiritual image which is God's true image. God's glory is lost when the attention is upon our strange clothing and not on the inner reflection of Christ. God's glory is lost when the attention is upon our bodies as is often the case in our modern

pagan world.

Our adornment then is to show our spiritual side, humility, cleanness, order, inner beauty, happiness, pleasantness, and peace. In the Old and New testaments of the Bible there was a custom of staying neat, clean, groomed, and anointing of the head to keep the hair in place. This was done out of respect for others and because they knew that God's angels were always present. They kept their appearance up out of respect for God who would hear about everything done. They acted as though God were always present. When we were instructed on fasting, Jesus told us that we are not to show the outward appearance of fasting. We are not to appear different at all. No one should be able to say by our appearance that anything is happening. In other words we should blend in to our surroundings to a degree. Here again we are to dress and look good for God and not man. When another humble seeker for truth sees us, we want them to see God in us. We want them to see order and pleasantness. It is not for us to worry about perfect or beautiful features, but it is our task to present what talents God has given in our appearance in a favorable light.

Our appearance is for others. It is not selfish or prideful to look pleasant. Revelations

7:13 speaks of the souls who are arrayed in white robes. They have come out of the great tribulation. They have washed their garments in the pure blood of the Lamb. I have no reason to believe that this will not be an actual event in the future. I am sure that their robes will be clean, wrinkle free, not frayed, and pleasant to look upon. In this pure state they will glorify God who will be with them. We have been created to live with God for eternity. (Alma 17:25-26) This is our reason for being created.

We were created to keep God's commandments. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) When we keep Christ's word we are in effect staying humble. Obedience makes one humble. Obedience is the proof to God and to yourself that you are striving for humility. We show God everyday that we are willing to serve Him for eternity by obeying now. Christ was our example and He was a perfect example. He always did the Father's will. This is our duty, to learn obedience. It is not necessary for us to love obedience at first, because it must be remembered that we are putting off gentile ways and putting on Christ like a garment (Ephesians 4:22-32). If a person hates getting up in the morning

early but wants to change this, he can. That person must first start thinking of the welfare of others or some other reason outside himself. Then he or she must get up early so that the jobs can be accomplished. After a length of time by keeping that goal in mind he will begin to

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like getting up early. People have radically changed their ives like this and have learned to like the change. It is the same with righteousness, by doing right to please God, it becomes delicious to us, sometimes quit rapidly (Alma 16:152-173). God's spirit can alter any human nature that will put

forth some effort toward that high goal (perfection in Christ). Great importance needs to be placed on the life lived "in Christ". In hope of eternal life through Christ. In faith in the word of Christ. In the pure love of Christ. Every thing points to Christ. Our obedience must point to God's glory, honor, and rewards.

We have been created to live with God in eternity and do His work here in this life. (John 17:1-4) We know from the words of Christ that we can look righteous outwardly and not be righteous. (Matthew 23:28) We know that unspiritual humans only look on the outward appearance while God looks within. (1 Samuel 16:7) This is the point exactly, man does look on our outward appearance and we are judged by it. They may be wrong, but it does not matter to them. I chose then to put forth a good image, and that is all that it is, to the world. When I say, that it is only an image, I realize that God's image is Holy and we are created in His image, and should reflect His image in our appearance. I want others to feel comfortable in my presence so that I can influence them toward Christ.

In Revelations 17:4 and 19:8 we have two different pictures given to us about the adornment of women. One is adorned for her groom, Christ.

She is clean and dressed in fine white linen, the symbol of righteousness. She is no doubt attractive to the groom. The other is taking glory unto herself. She is not thinking of her husband or her groom, but of herself. She is adorned for herself. Filthiness is mentioned as the drink in her cup. Of course this is all symbolic, or is it? In reality the great whore has in fact decked herself with the riches of the world and caused poverty and nakedness where ever she ruled. (Revelation 21:2) *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* Because of scriptures like this one I must say too, that it is proper to adorn ourselves moderately for others. 1 Timothy 2:9 talks about shamefacedness. This word is poorly understood by us today, and means that we are modest or show a modest character in our countenance and restraint in facial appearance. It certainly applies to this subject but does not mean that we should be sheepish and be ashamed of our face.

In the Book of Mormon there are several examples of what happens to us when God blesses us with prosperity. Humans take pride in themselves. The pride mentioned is destructive. In scripture it was almost immediate. God did

something and man took the credit for it. This is the pride that is wrong. God said "I am that I am". He is some how self existent. We are not self existent and owe God everything. Our sin is evident when we begin to say "I am, I did, I achieved" without considering God. Here we have a safeguard if we will but apply it. (3 Nephi 8:50) *Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye must watch and pray always, lest ye enter into temptation.* If we will pay God for what we receive we will retain righteous garments. (Jonah 2:9) The payment to God is offering continual thanksgiving and praise through prayer, song, and good deeds toward others. We are told over and over again to offer up thanksgiving to Him. This insures that, if it is from the heart, we truly recognize God as the Great Provider.

The word pride that is often used in the scripture as evil is associated with being puffed up, haughty, high-minded, boastful, looking down on others, lifted up in vainglory, and arrogance. (1 John 2:16; Mark 7:22; 1 Timothy 3:6; 1 Nephi 93) The word pride is a poor choice to use when referring to ourselves. I am always hopeful that when I hear my brothers and sisters use it that they want to say something else.

Perhaps you have friends who have told you to take pride in yourself and who you were. We hope that they are referring to a concept similar to what we have discussed earlier. Something that goes like this: I am the special creation of God, created to have joy (2 Nephi 1:114-115), created to glorify God in every way, created to enjoy beauty, peace, good friends, to reign with Christ, and serve the true King forever. If this is what they mean by pride then it is all right as long as we all realize that every soul created was created for that same reason (Jacob 2:28). I prefer not to use the word in the good sense, because it causes to much confusion in the minds of people. It is easier for me to use the scriptural definition for pride, which is evil, than to explain what I mean constantly to others who might misinterpret.

In summary about our purpose in being and our manner of personal appearance, it is safe to say that what ever we do should not attract attention to us but should be attractive. God is glorified here on earth through the light set on a hill, the church, the people of the church, and there deeds.

# PATH LIGHTS

## *My Personal Religion On Love*

The most impressive words I've heard about love were spoken by my son, Bill.

I had come from Denver to the Grand Junction Reunion. Bill and his darling wife Karin had come from Phoenix with their baby son, Dennis. We were in a prayer and testimony meeting. After many beautiful affirmations of God's love and care in our lives, Bill rose and I heard him give the following explanation of his knowledge of love:

"When I was young I knew the love of, and for, my parents. I thought I understood what love meant. Then I grew manhood and realized there was more; I knew the love I had for my wife. Then we had a child--I realized a new love of a parent for his child. I thought my life was filled with love. It was not until I experienced the love of God that I really knew the most profound love imaginable!"

Anyone fortunate enough to have experienced each of those loves is, indeed, most blessed, but the knowledge of God's love is paramount. I am most grateful for it.

Meredyth Malone

## WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTION?

THOMAS PAINE

A CONSTITUTION is not a thing in name only, but in fact. It has not an ideal but a real existence, and wherever it cannot be produced in a visible form, there is none. A constitution is a thing antecedent to a government, and a government is only the creature of a constitution. The constitution of a country is not the act of its government, but of a people constituting a government. It is the body of elements to which you refer, and quote article by article, and contains the principles on which the government shall be established--the form in which it shall be organized--the powers it shall have--the mode of elections--the duration of Congress--and, in fine, everything that relates to the complete organization of a civil government, and the principles on which it shall act, and by which it shall be bound. A constitution is to a government, therefore, what the laws made by that government are to a court of judicature. The court of judicature does not make laws, neither can it alter them; it only acts in conformity to the laws made; and the government is in like manner governed by the constitution.

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-  
with Christ hath made us free, and be not  
entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*



## Philipians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

If we don't: evil overshadows good  
hope gives way to dispare  
faith becomes "show me"  
love becomes self love

# NEWS

## EAST LOCAL NEWS

A service commemorating the organization of the East Local Church of Christ was held on May 19th, in the Annex of the East Local building. The East Local was organized on May 21st, 1958, at the home of Alexander and Carol Smith. Apostle Archie Bell was in charge of that service. There were 21 members present and one non-member. Kenneth J. Smith was elected Pastor, and Orlea Primo was chosen as Secretary. Of that 21 original members 9 are still living, seven of whom were at the commemoration meeting; namely, Brother and Sister William Sheldon, Gladys Nast, Carol Fann, June Sarratt, Jewel Beem and Orlea Primo.

Most of these reminiced of the happenings of those early

years. Services were held at the Smiths for a period of time and then Orlea Primo and her Mother, Ora Derry, invited the local to meet in their garage, renovated to a church chapel. The meetings were held there until the basement of the present church building was ready for occupancy, while the building overhead continued. Those were busy years, for the men with saw, hammer and nails and for the women with sewing, chrocheting, knitting, baking and selling.

The first function in the upper auditorium was the Wedding ceremony of Apostle Roland Sarratt and June Smith. Of course he was not yet an Apostle at that time. But many such functions have followed through the years.

Brother Ron Temple presented a Quiz, replaying por-

tions of tapes with the audience guessing or identifying the speaker of yesterday. They were Brother Leon Yates, Brother Harry Hutchison, Brother Archie Bell and Sister Frieda Flint. All were identified by someone.

A delicious lunch was served, and it was a very pleasant but somewhat nostalgic time together, reviewing the past and the struggles as well as the blessings of our beginnings as a local of the Church of Christ. Conclusion, it was all worth the price and our desire and determination is to continue on to ever a greater service to our Lord in helping to establish His kingdom here upon the earth.

Amy Schrader  
Reporter

## CARE GROUP

The Care Group an auxiliary of the Temple Lot Local of the Church of Christ, with an interest in Child raising and family relationships, has a project to prepare a booklet of testimonies about how God and your faith in him has had a part in bringing you together as marriage partners and/or bring

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All Contributions received by August 1, 1996 will be considered. Please limit your offering to 500 words or less

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Join with us for a weekend of spiritual refreshment. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the many loved ones in Christ and feast upon the word of God with us.

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For more information, or if you plan to attend, please contact:

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If you cannot attend, please remember the reunion in your prayers.

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JULY 5 through JULY 7, 1996

The ranch will be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for camping, hiking and fellowship, however no meals will be provided until the evening of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Walnut Ranch, Heber, Arizona

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Join us as we worship

God, study His word, and grow in love for one another in a beautiful mountain setting. Activities are planned for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please let us know if you can attend so that we can plan more accurately for meals and activities.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

A Special Program will be held on August 3, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of commemorating the dedication of the Spot for the "Temple" of the Lord by the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr. with several others which took place August 3, 1831.

The program will be held at the Church of Christ at 2:00

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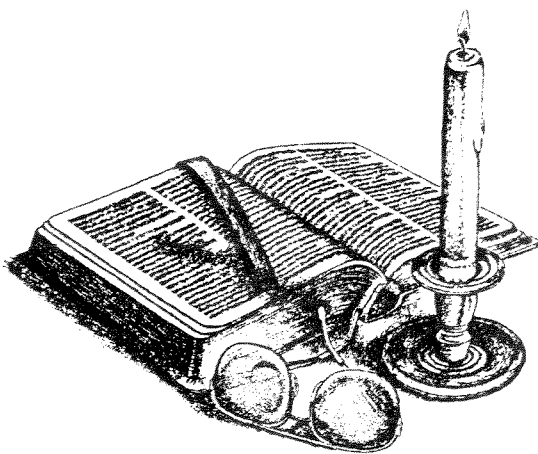
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## Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

## CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1997 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 6. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 7. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, on April 4 & 5. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

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