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

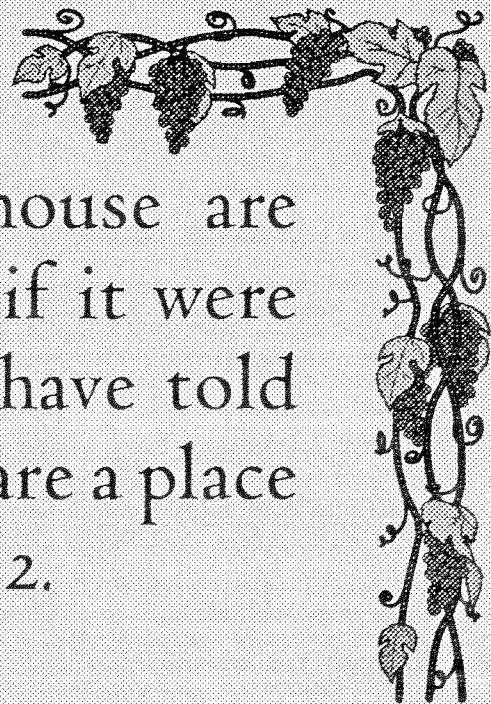
1 Nephi 3:187

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In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you—*John 14:2.*



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To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ
To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

ARTICLE

A Study in Mosiah

By Elder Arthur G. Smith

The book of Mosiah presents us with some remarkable insights of the deep spiritual nature and understanding that was given to the Nephite people living in the city state of Zarahemla. King Benjamin was a wonderful ruler of this people, reverent and God-fearing, with a love for his people that stands out in the Book of Mormon as an example that we could well hold up as being near perfect.

The story opens in the first chapter at the close of the life of this righteous and holy man as he prepares to give over the kingdom to his son, Mosiah. He gathers his people to hear his voice in testimony to his faith in God and his understanding of the gospel of Christ. For truly he had received a remarkably deep and abiding faith and knowledge of the Lord.

King Benjamin recalled to the people the facts of his life of service to them, calling attention to the fact that he had supported himself by his labors, not by the taxation of his people. He recognized that the principle of love and service to God was found in service to others. He taught them that God requires obedience to the commandments and all should be thank-

ful to God for our lives and the many blessings coming from the God who has created us.

He had in his time put down contentions and evil; with justice and mercy had brought a period of peace and prosperity for the people. He now warns against contention and relationship with the spirit of evil. He understands how contentions are most often self-serving, unjustified by sound doctrine and love of our fellowman, as well as how the relationship with the Spirit of the Lord is cut off if we follow and obey such spirits. Read verses 73 through 75, as well as verses 79 and 82.

King Benjamin had the visitation of an angel from God who gave him the knowledge of the coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He was given the knowledge of the ministry and work of Jesus, of His death by crucifixion, and the resurrection the third day. He was given the understanding of faith, repentance for sin, and the atonement for sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Now these people were still under the law of Moses, but he called their attention to the fact that "...the Lord God hath sent his holy prophets among all the children of men to declare these things to every kindred, nation, and tongue, that thereby whoso-

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ever should believe that Christ should come, the same might receive remission of their sins, and rejoice with exceeding great joy, even as though he had already come among them" verse 109.

This has made the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ available to every generation of people. It was the stiffnecked (unbelieving—AGS) people of Israel that Moses led out of the captivity in Egypt that "...God...appointed unto them a law, even the law of Moses. And yet they hardened their hearts, and understood not that the law of Moses availeth nothing, except it were through the atonement of his (Christ's—AGS) blood." Read carefully these scriptures in verses 110 and 113.

Paul was well schooled in the law of Moses, the history of the people of Israel, and all their traditions and customs. "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under

it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law” Hebrews 7:11-12.

We also read in Paul’s writing to the Galatians, “*Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator” Galatian 3:19.* Also he continues in verse 24, “*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*”

This raises the questions, changed from what? Or to what? What law or ordinance was in effect before Moses gave them the law that God sent to these people from Mount Sinai? There had been numerous holy prophets and holy people before the law of Moses was given. Noah found favor of God and was saved with his family from the flood. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had not yet been born. Think upon this and see if you can explain it better than Paul. No wonder that we refer to the message of Jesus Christ as the everlasting gospel—it has been known among mankind from the beginning, and not just since the advent of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

King Benjamin was fully aware of the true mission of Moses and the mission of the

Son of God who was to come. “*For behold, and also his blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died, not knowing the will of God con-*

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cerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned. But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God; for salvation cometh unto none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ” Mosiah 1:107-108.

Continuing to quote from this scripture, we read, “*And even if it were possible that little children could sin, they could not be saved; but I say unto you, they are blessed; for behold as in Adam, or by nature they fall, even so the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins” verses 114-115.* “*For behold, he judgeth, and his judgement is just, and the infant perisheth not, that die in his infancy...*” verse 117.

King Benjamin preached to the people that they should be humble as little children, have faith in God, and be believing in the atonement of Christ that

brings us salvation. He taught them that they should become saints under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“*For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been, from the fall of Adam, and will be, for ever and ever; But if he yieldeth to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father. And moreover, I say unto you, that the time shall come, when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children, only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent...*” verses 119-122.

King Benjamin prophesied and saw our time when the knowledge of Christ would spread throughout the world. He had an understanding of the coming day of judgement when all would stand before our God to be judged according to their works, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.

We who live in these latter

days are blessed above measure as we hold these records in our hands, the Bible and the Book of Mormon. They hold a mighty testimony to our God and His endless mercy and love for all mankind. They have been preserved by the will of God that none should be denied the truth, that all should have the same right and privilege to obey or disobey, that none shall be judged as unworthy of salvation except they have the opportunity to know the truth.

The gospel of salvation is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We are called to be saints today as they were in the days of old. The promises are as eternal as is the Lord, Jesus Christ. To those of us who hear the words of our God through these testimonies and obey, the promise is life eternal. The ones who reject this gospel shall stand before God and receive a just and lasting punishment for their deeds.

The testimony of King Benjamin does not stand alone. Amaleki was witness of this man of God as recorded in the book of Omni, chapter 1, verses 43 through 47:

“And it came to pass that I began to be old; and, having no seed, and knowing King Benjamin to be a just man before the Lord, wherefore, I shall deliver up these plates unto him, exhorting all men to come unto God, the Holy One of Israel, And believe in prophesying, and in revelations, and in the

ministering of angels, and in the gift of speaking with tongues, and in the gift of interpreting languages, and in all things which are good: For there is nothing

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which is good, save it comes from the Lord; and that which is evil, cometh from the devil.

“And now, my beloved brethren, I would that ye should come unto Christ, which is the Holy One of Israel, and partake of his salvation, and the power of his redemption. Yea, come unto him, and offer your whole souls as an offering unto him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as

the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.”

Oh, that we might take this admonition to our hearts and truly become the saints of God in these latter days; that He may find us faithful servants in His kingdom, when Jesus Christ returns to the earth to receive His Bride, the church.

CHRISTIANS AND THE GOVERNMENT

By Elder Brian E. McIndoo

"Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" Matthew 22:17-21.

This problem seems more prevalent today, for professed Christians have become as the wicked hypocrites which Christ was addressing. On July 28, 1996, we opened our newspaper to the headlines, "Month of Terror changes America forever." The article reflects the new America under siege by terrorism from within its own borders.

Within a short period of time we have read the headlines: "Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, bombed April 19, 1995"; "Am-

trak derailment act of sabotage, Sept. 1995"; "Militia accused of bomb plot," where twelve members of the Viper Militia were arrested July 1, 1996, for planning to bomb at least seven government buildings and one TV station in Phoenix; "TWA flight 800 explodes, July 23, 1996," further headlines report flight 800's fate was the act of a terrorist; "Blast rips Olympic Park, one reported dead scores injured July 26, 1996," post headlines to read, "Bombing called act of domestic terrorism"; and "Ex-gang member reveals anti-U.S. plot July 31, 1996," reporting a gang hoped to overthrow the government.

"I think terrorism has come to America," said Martin Medhurst, a presidential scholar at Texas A&M University. "It has been going on in Europe for two decades or more. This is not the end. This is just the beginning."

So often these anti-government groups claim their motivation of protest from behind the facade of religion, as did David Koresh in Waco, Texas. Other anti-government groups deny any government authority, claiming they are only exercising their rights afforded them by the Constitution. One such

group calls themselves, "The freemen." In their delusion they fail to file or pay income tax, refuse to obtain driver's licenses or vehicle registration, and refuse to acknowledge local law enforcement officers. The more extreme factions of anti-government groups stock-pile arms and ammunition to battle their own countrymen, and even sometimes resort to terrorist acts of defiance and destruction.

Fearing the United States is subject to indiscriminate terrorist attacks, coming from within or abroad, could also change our basic right of free movement and access to public places. We may have to relinquish our basic right of freedom for security. Martin Medhurst said, "It will impose additional cost on us in a lot of different ways, but perhaps the greatest one is the potential loss of liberty," he said. "There is a great likelihood of overreaction. Perhaps too many people will too willingly give over their right of privacy and liberty and trade it in for security."

Having such freedom of movement, constitutional rights, respect of our expectation of privacy, public safety, right to prosper, own property,

bear arms and vote are a rarity and not the normal way of life. If one was to travel in other countries they could easily see how blessed we are, and how deprived of freedom others are. Our government makeup, which includes paying taxes, makes this all possible.

But what about Christians and government? Certainly there are many aspects of government with which we Christians probably do not agree. I shudder when hearing my tax dollars are supporting "pornographic material" under the pretense of grants for art. My heart sickens when I hear our politicians speak about "freedom of choice" and give grants to abortion clinics. What are Christians to think about government; should we comply or rebel?

The Bible reports a new beginning for man upon the earth. God had seen the world had become corrupt and every vain imagination was had by its inhabitants; thus, He cleansed the earth by water. Noah and his family were the only ones spared. When Noah disembarked from the ark, God said to him, "...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man

shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" Genesis 9:1, 3, 5-6.

Noah was instructed to replenish the earth with inhabitants, authorize a new diet, and a human government was established even as the word "require," reflects a judicial term. It comes from a Hebrew word: *darash* (Pronunciation: daw-rash) meaning: "usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically—ask, care diligently, inquire, make inquisition."

In this instruction of establishing governments, God is the Judge exacting judgment upon those who take the life of another. If a beast takes the life of a man, it must be put to death. If a man willfully kills another man, then he too must be put to death.

The instruction states the penalty is to be carried out "by every man's brother." This is not intended to infer family vengeance. It does mean the surviving population is responsible to insure that justice is executed and carried out according to God's decree. In the day this was delivered, all men were literally brothers. Since we all come from the progeny of them we are, in a sense, all brothers.

Human government exercised under God's direction is not a case of vengeance. The emphasis is on justice and recognition of the sacredness of man's life which was created in the image of God. God has delegated the authority to man, re-

quiring him to carefully investigate, judge, and carry out His command. This authority was reaffirmed in Moses' day, and the Law was given to the people who stood accountable not only to God but to each other.

In New Testament times church leaders such as Peter acknowledged government as God's plan; submission was required and rebellion was deemed evil. "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well*" 1 Peter 2:13-14.

We may not always agree with our government, but we can not resort to using the tools of Satan, which are anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, violence, deceit, and overbearance. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 tells us, "*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)...*" Our weapons against the adversary are truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God and prayer, according to Ephesians 6:12-20.

Violent protest is contrary to God, and shows a great lack of faith that God is mighty to deliver. Those who trust in their own wisdom and strength will be counted as evil. Peter said, "*The Lord knoweth how to*

deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities" 2 Peter 2:9-10.

Anti-government attitudes are becoming more prevalent daily, but it should not be found in our midst. I may take government protests personally, possibly because I have reported to work for the past ten years at two of the buildings targeted to be blown up recently by the "Viper Militia." I can see no just cause or good that would have come from such conduct.

On the subject of innocent victims being murdered in the line of such violent protest, as the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City, and Government buildings in Phoenix, local radio host, John Dayl contributes to this violent behavior. Dayl says, "These people are not innocent victims. If they work in the Federal Building, they're the very people that are typing letters, that are making phone calls, that are getting your land taken away from you. That are calling you up on the Internal Revenue Service. That want to confiscate all your guns... They're all involved, every one of them. I don't care whether they're any more than a clerk...these people are not innocent victims. These are people that operate and move the system against you and I.

These are people that have sold out the system. These are the people that are against you and I."

Professed Christians displaying anti-government attitudes have lost Christian values and need to change their ways. Any organized group, including churches, who voice anti-government sentiments across their pulpits or in their publications will quickly be classified as dissenters and a threat to national security. Such recognition would hinder us from effectively witnessing the gospel of Christ.

God has made a promise to the Gentiles that possess this nation, accurately describing the freedom we cherish: "And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God.... Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ who hath been manifested by the things which we have written" Ether 1:34-35.

We are here abiding in a land of freedom only because a remnant of Christians remain. Maintaining our Christian values is an important prerequisite in maintaining our freedom. The Apostle Paul wrote that orderly government is a part of God's provision, and no ruler exercises control except God permits. We, as Christians, need to be obedient to the laws of the land, for this is God's law.

Those who resist, also resist God and shall be damned.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" Romans 13:1-7.

PATHLIGHTS

Pathlights

These testimonies are from young people who committed their lives to the Lord and were baptized after our Young Peoples' Camp in Yobain, Yucatan, this July.

July 29, 1996

Dear Young People,
I give thanks to my God and to my parents, for they have helped me in all ways since my childhood. They taught me of God's ways and for this I am grateful to God. I have felt the love of God in my heart and I decided to be baptized. Now I am a member of the Church of Christ and I wish to give my testimony to you.

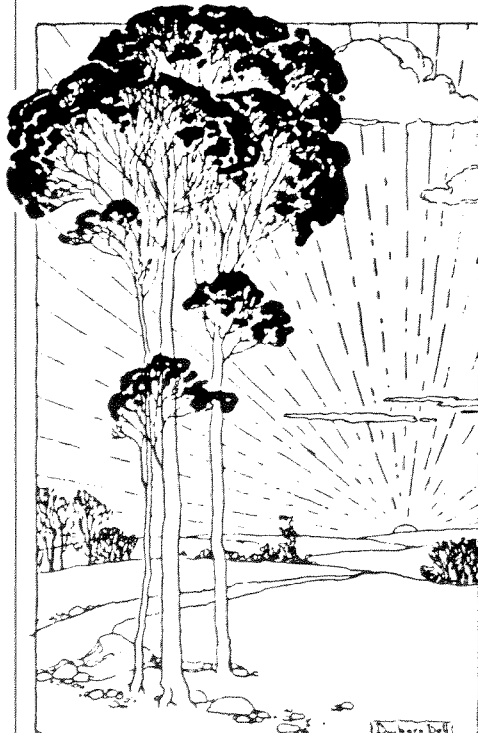
I remember when I was small I hurt my leg badly and it caused my hip to become dislocated and I could not use one foot. My parents took me to the doctor and they had to put me in the hospital. I am grateful to all of my brothers and sisters who were praying for me. Because of those prayers I was able to walk again. I am especially grateful to God. I know that without Him we are nothing; not even the doctors, because when we have an operation without the help of God nothing can turn out well.

*Your sister in Christ,
Nubia Pech (age 14)*

July 29, 1996

Esteemed brothers and sisters,

I am going to recount for you my testimony about how



God touched my heart in order that I might serve Him to the end of my life. I was not raised in a Church of Christ family. I went to the church but only as a matter of habit. Well, the years passed and I was made to realize that God had given me many blessings, but the evil that was within me tempted me

to do many bad things. I began to pray to God day and night in order that He might deliver me from such evil things. It was when I realized that He always responded to all of my petitions that I begged Him one day to so touch my heart that I could accept Him in my life. This was when I felt the necessity to make a commitment to God because I was certain that He is always going to be with me.

After having been baptized, upon leaving the waters, I felt like a new person, because God had removed all my sins. From that moment I have felt like a new person and am very happy. It is a marvelous thing to be in communication with God.

I have promised to serve Him to the death, but I do have many temptations and many problems. I shall always pray to God because I am sure that He will always be with me that I might overcome those temptations. I beg you, in the name of our Lord, to pray for me. Your sister bids you farewell. I love you a great deal and send greetings and a warm embrace to each one of you. I appreciate you a lot.

*Your sister in Christ,
Espectacion del Carmen
Ake (age 24)*

NEWS

COLLINS, MISSOURI

I send my apologies for my untimely report on Brother Alma Camp's health. Since that writing, Brother Camp's condition worsened until on July 19th he asked for his wife, Jean, to help him sit up in bed. He leaned against her and quietly slipped away.

Funeral services for Brother Camp were conducted by Brother Marvin Case, who was assisted by Brother Leslie Case. Sister Neva Housknecht sang two beautiful songs. Burial was at a secluded cemetery outside of Dixon, Missouri, where their son, Ricky, had also been laid to rest.

An open house, 90th birthday celebration was given for our sister, Blanche Martin, July 28th, at her home just south of Collins. The party was hosted by daughters Marjory Routh, Helen Kidd, Betty Dunning, and daughter-in-law, Bernice Martin. People from all around came to wish Blanche well. You know, in 90 years she's touched a lot of lives. Congratulations to a dear lady.

Brothers Rhondal and Larry Shaw slipped in to visit on the Sunday Brother Don McDoo was our guest speaker. It had been quite awhile since we saw them last. We all enjoyed a good lunch together and some good visiting. Allen even got to ask some horse-breaking tips

from Rhondal, who just happens to know a thing or two about horses and mules. I believe you could even call him an authority!

Larry has retired from his chiropractor practice and is enjoying some leisure time playing—golf! We sure miss Rhondal and Larry and hope we can see them again soon.

We sent out flyers to announce a family social night the 30th of August and I'm here to report that it was a wonderful success! We all got together and brought all kinds of food and sat and visited with each other—got acquainted and re-acquainted. Then we had a little bit of music before everyone headed for home. I just can't thank all the folks enough for coming and sharing with us and making that Friday night very special. We hope to have another family social in October.

In closing, I have a few quotes I've jotted down from sermons and prayer service. I hope you will consider them.

- ◆ *Sometimes when we go to work (or wherever) we leave our Christianity at home.*
- ◆ *It is important how others perceive who you are.*
- ◆ *God never promised us we wouldn't have affliction or adversity.*
- ◆ *This life is temporary—but God is eternal.*
- ◆ *I don't see how we can hardly*

expect to have our souls saved if we don't believe the scriptures.

- ◆ *You're in the driver's seat of your destination.*
- ◆ *The word of God will either convict them or anger them.*
- ◆ *If we don't "bother" God with our Little problems, we might not find Him with our Big ones.*

*Your reporter,
Czerna Kauffman*

NOTICES

STUFFED TINS

We at the Farmington Local are stuffing old and used cookie and candy tins with needles, pins, thread, pincushions, buttons, and scissors to send to Honduras. If you would like to participate, or have any questions, please contact us by either calling (612) 463-2218, or writing to 3370 203rd St. W., Farmington, MN 55024. Ask for or write to Eva Lin Eddy.

ORCHARD MESA ADD-ON

The people of Orchard Mesa Local at Grand Junction, Colorado, are working to fulfill a long awaited desire to have additional space in our church. We are beginning an addition containing kitchen, dining room and rest room facilities.

Please remember us in your prayers. If you wish to donate toward this work please send it to our treasurer.

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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.

Reunion dates are Friday, November 29th through Sunday, December 1st, 1996.

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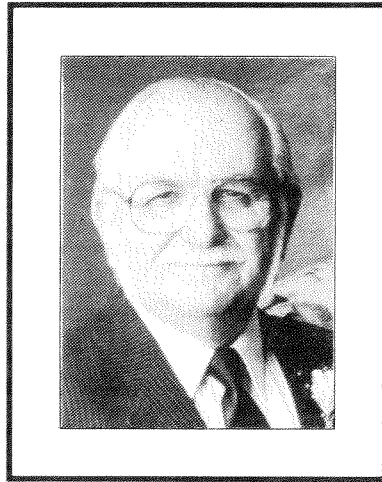
Isaac B. Brockman, Sr.

September 8, 1925—August 11, 1996

Elder Isaac B. Brockman, Sr., son of the late August and Pearl Brockman, was born September 8, 1925, at Sparta, Wisconsin, and passed to his eternal reward August 11, 1996, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, at the age of 70 years 11 months.

He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Ruth, of the home; a son, Isaac, Jr. (Bick), and his wife, Diane; a daughter, Cheryl, and her husband, David Taylor; four grandchildren: David Taylor, Cherish Cochran, Michelle Oldham and Aimee Brockman; and two great-grandchildren: Sadi Cochran and Trenton Oldham; a sister-in-law, Betty Olson, all of Independence; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in passing by an infant brother, a sister, Viola, and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Oldham.

A memorial service was



held Wednesday, August 14, 1996, at Speaks Suburban Chapel, with Elders Charles W. and Charles A. Brantner officiating, with interment at Oak Ridge Memory Gardens, Independence, and with Apostle Robert H. Jensen voicing the committal prayer. Martha Bruner was the soloist, accom-

panied by Grace Rudd, the organist.

Isaac was baptized July 19, 1938, into Christ and the Church, attending Sparta and Black River Falls, Wisconsin, where he pastored the local there after being ordained to the eldership on August 5, 1960.

He and his family moved to Independence, Missouri, in 1976, where he continued to work tirelessly as time would permit in doing missionary work, promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ, having charity for all and always an open door to anyone in need.

Elder Brockman served under general church appointment for many years and was general church recorder from 1982 until his passing.

OBITUARY

In Memory of Wanda Joan (Adams) Eddy

February 15, 1938 — September 10, 1996

Wanda Joan (Adams) Eddy was born to Leslie W. and Gertrude L. (Bigford) Adams on February 15, 1938, in Marrion, Osceola County, Michigan. She passed from this life on September 10, 1996, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, due to a complication from a second liver transplant. The family welcomed visitors at the Vansant-Mills Funeral Home at 314 W. Jefferson, Clinton, Missouri, on Friday, September 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, September 14, 1996, at 10:30 a.m., the funeral service was held in the funeral home with Elders Leslie Case and Allen Kauffman officiating. Brother Don Gill sang "Come Learn of the Meek and Lowly," "In the Garden," and "Still Still with Thee," and was accompanied on the organ by his mother, Sister Margret Gill. Interment was at the Englewood Cemetery in Clinton, Missouri.

Wanda, who was known as Jo to all of her friends and family, was an active member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) for forty-two years, during which she served as chorister, pianist and Sunday School teacher. She will be deeply missed by the Collins Local, by

adults and children alike. She loved music and was quick to organize caroling parties and other singing events. She was the object of such a caroling party this past year during her sickness, and spent several hours singing with her church family. She was a member of the acappella choir of the Flint Central High School graduating class of 1956.

Jo was united in marriage to Robert (Bob) V. Eddy on July 14, 1957, at Flint, Michigan, by Elder Edward J. Toulouse. To Bob and Jo were born two sons and one daughter while they lived in Michigan: Perry R., Sharron L., and Brian D. In 1964 the family moved to a farm in Clinton, Missouri. There a third son, Timothy S., was born.

While in Clinton, Jo volunteered her services as a tutor in the Clinton elementary schools and as music and art teacher in rural Chillhowee. She was an active member of the "Golden Valley Bluegrass Association" for the past 11 years, and their members were honorary casket-bearers at the funeral.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Earl L. Adams and Harold E. Adams.

Surviving are her husband

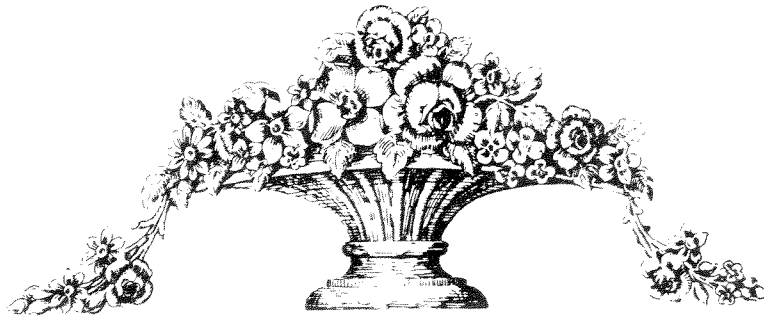
Bob of the home; a son, Perry R. Eddy of Walker, Minnesota; a daughter, Sharron L. and husband Jack L. Gough of Stockton, Missouri; a son, Brian D. and wife Constance (Connie) Pasley Eddy, of Cleveland, Missouri; and a son, Timothy S. and wife Danielle Eddy, of Belton, Missouri; as well as seven grandchildren: Christy J. (24), Ash R. (16), Rachele L. (12), Jared C. (11), Shane A. (9), Ethan P. (6), and Jacob G. (3).

Also surviving are brothers Glen E. and wife Mildred J. Adams of Windsor, Missouri, and Leslie J. Adams of Klammoth Falls, Oregon; sisters Juanita L. (Adams) Opper and husband Lloyd of Birch Run, Michigan, and Winona A. (Adams) Onstott and husband Norman of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; sisters-in-law Opal Adams, of Marion, Michigan, and Dora M. Adams of Warrensburg, Missouri; and a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

OBITUARY

Elmer Hollis Jenkins

August 20, 1904 — September 3, 1996



Elmer Hollis Jenkins, son of the late James A. and Minntia E. Jenkins, was born August 20, 1904, at Bidwell, Ohio and passed to his eternal reward September 3, 1996, at Western Missouri Medical Center, Warrensburg, Missouri, at the age of 92 years and 14 days.

He is survived and will be missed by his wife, Betty, of the home; a daughter, Charlotte Shroyer of Genoa, Nevada; a step-daughter, Betty Lou, and husband, of Kansas; two brothers: John and Walter Jenkins; two sisters: Olive Timmer and Edra Emery; and many nieces and nephews living in Ohio and

Indiana; and five sisters-in-law of this area.

Elmer was one of 13 children, eight boys and five girls, raised in south-central Ohio, where, as a young man, he worked on the railroad before becoming self-employed as a carpenter and builder. His first wife, Charlotte Ann, preceded him in death many years ago. In 1985 Elmer moved from Columbus, Ohio, to Columbus, Missouri, where he and Betty met, and on February 14, 1987, they were married and moved to the present home near Elm, Missouri.

Elmer was baptized April

25, 1937, and became a member of the Church of Christ in 1952. Later he was ordained an elder and occupied as circumstances would allow until age and poor health overtook him.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 6, 1996, at the Fairview Cemetery, Holden, Missouri, with Elders Charles W. Brantner and Charles A. Brantner officiating. Arrangements were made by the Williams Funeral Chapel, Holden, Missouri.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Isaac Remembered

I would like to take this opportunity to show my admiration for Isaac Brockman, Sr., who unfortunately passed away on August 11, 1996.

The association of my family and me with Isaac and his wife Ruth began nearly 20 years ago. I can think of few people in the Church who have worked so tirelessly in the promotion of the Gospel as it is espoused through the scriptures that we believe in.

There never seemed to be a task too difficult for him to take on. Whenever there was a need for involvement, Isaac was more

than willing to accept the call to action.

I have spent many hours at his kitchen table discussing the gospel and the importance of making it a vital and applicable part of our lives.

His dedication to the concept of Zion seemed to be the centerpiece of his beliefs and motivation. Having served on the Committee to Study Zion proved to be both an educational and inspirational experience. His input at our meetings revealed the necessity of being open minded and inclusive of others who might have differing

viewpoints.

Those of us who remain should take time to reflect on what Isaac Brockman, Sr., meant to us and to also consider the total dedication with which he applied himself in the Church of Christ, Temple Lot.

If more people, myself included, met challenges in the same head-on manner that Isaac did, much more of what we have been commanded to do would be accomplished.

Elder Robert Deweale

Jo Eddy received the following poem during her illness and it is dedicated to her.

Some People Are Special Blessings

Some People Just Know,
Right From The Start,
How To Bring Joy
To Another's Heart.

Some People Just Know,
How To Love & To Give,
And They Do Such Nice
Things
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It's A Sweet Way Of Life
That Some People Just
Know.

—Emily Matthews

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