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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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Will He Find Us Faithful?

When He comes to earth again,
When He comes with trumpet sound,
Will He find us faithful?

When Messiah comes again,
Bringing all the saints of old,
Will He find us faithful?

When He comes each knee shall bow;
Will you bow in joy or pain?
Will He find you faithful?

In every day, in each small way,
The choices we are making
Determine what we'll answer.
Will He find us faithful?

—Charity E. Gould

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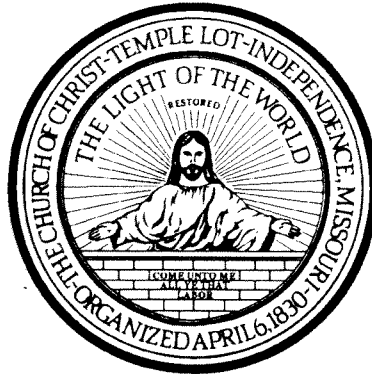
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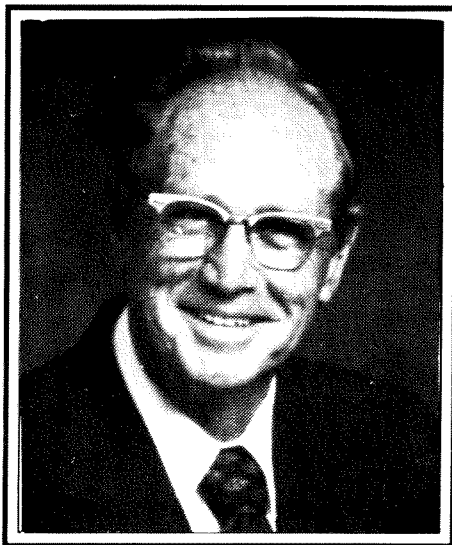
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To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ;
To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

FROM the ARCHIVES

The Law of the Harvest



By E. Leon Yates (Apostle from 1954 until his death in 1984)

Scripture Reading: Gal. 6:5-10: "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all

men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

"WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP."

This is one of the fundamental laws of nature and of life and is absolutely dependable. It is true of the harvest of the fields. Also of the harvest of a man's life. Law of Harvest is not true because it is in the Bible; but it is in the Bible because it is true. It has been true since time began and it shall be true into eternity.

A farmer sows seed and desires to reap a good crop. He works toward one standard, the law of the harvest.

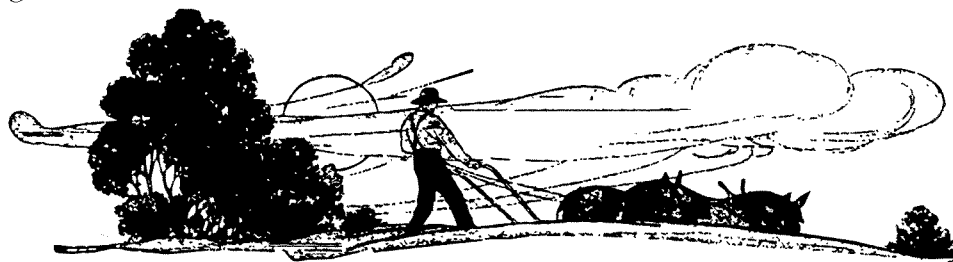
Men want to make a success of life, to reap a good harvest, but most men judge success according to the standards of men. We see all about us men and women who have made a success of life in the eyes of themselves

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and of the world. They are top notch in some particular thing. This is well and good. But often worldly success blinds men to the real facts of life, causing them to be miserable failures in the end because they have builded to a false standard.

The fact that the world as a whole is in such desperate circumstances is proof that the large part of humanity is making failures of life, failing to sow a good seed, and the harvest is thorn and thistle.

Hosea 10:12-14: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your



fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people."

Christ gave men a goal or standard to work toward, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might, mind and strength." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Here is a standard men must attain to be a success in the eyes of God. Before any man can attain this goal he must plant good seed, must do much work in his field of life.

"Application is the price of life for mental acquisition. To have the harvest, we must sow the seed."—Bailey.

Seeds to be planted: FAITH, DEVOTION TO GOD, HONEST WORK, HONEST DEALING, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, MERCY, LOVE, AND CHARITY. Those who plant such are assured of a rich harvest.

Man-made things must operate according to the standards for which they were built in order to be a success. The Scripture says God made man and breathed the breath of life into him and he became a living soul. God-made men must operate ac-

ording to the standards for which they were made also.

Lesson of ship-wrecked people: They planted salvaged grain, and while digging they saw glittering ore. They stopped to gather riches. There was no harvest. Bones marked the spot to their would-be rescuers. It was fool's gold.

"Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness, and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and the spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been touched. When that day comes, the world will see more advancement in one decade than it has in the past four hundred years."—Dr. John R. MacKay.

Mark 8:36: "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world (worldly success, E. L. Y.), and lose his own soul?" And, "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee."

Navigating the Life Ship

In bad weather, when there are heavy fogs and storms at sea, the navigator is obliged to take his bearings frequently to know where he is. If he doesn't do this, he cannot intelligently direct his course, and is liable to wreck his ship by running onto hidden rocks.

"Every man is the navigator of a life ship, and if he doesn't early form the habit of taking his bearings, to find out where he is and whither he is going, he may in middle life find his ship stranded on the rock of failure. If you would save yourself from shipwreck, take your bearings frequently."—Marden.

As we sail the ship of life, learn to pause often, take our bearings, lest in our human blindness we follow a false, glittering standard. Strive to the standard Christ has given. Remember the law of the harvest.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "Men do not gather grapes from thorns, nor figs from thistles. He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

How many can say they are a success according to God's standards? How many have patience, love, charity, etc? The standard has been given. The pattern has been lived for men to follow the life of Christ.

Christ said: "That which ye see me do, do ye also." He lived a life of service. He was not a success in the eyes of men. Man can serve God or himself in no better way than to live a life of service to others, to the best of his ability. "Love thy neighbor as thy-

self." Churches,—some churches have forgotten this.

Some people fool themselves. They think because they are good church-goers that they are a success. There are thousands of church-goers and so-called Christians who are not interested in the well-being of their neighbor. Christ said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" St. Matthew 25:40.

Men who are of service, who plant seeds according to the great standard of life, will reap all the last great harvest.

In this life men are inclined to follow that which glitters and very often find it to be fool's gold. They come face to face with the fundamentals of truth and know it for what it is, yet a glittering tinsel draws them away and they fail to plant the seed of truth, and become failures, to their sorrow.

"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful" St. Mat. 13:22.

We look back over two thousands years of history, and as we view the picture of the past we see the greatest

character of all times stand out in bold relief. We see his birth in a lowly manger, the King of the World. We view

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the prophecies and events leading up to his birth. We view the Christ in His youth, and watch Him grow to manhood. We see Him teaching and living the most beautiful philosophy of life, the very word of the living God. We see Him tempted by the evil one in all points as we are tempted. We see Him withstand the adversary, and at last we see Him brought to the hill of the skull where His life ebbed from Him while He hung on the cross, crucified for the sins of the world; for you and me. We see Him wrapped in the grave cloth and laid in the tomb. We feel again the sorrow and grief of those whose faith had been shattered by His death, who had forgotten the words of the Savior: "Though this temple be destroyed, it shall be raised again in three

days."

Our despair and grief turns to joy and happiness when we view in this picture of the past the empty tomb, and see by its emptiness the fullness of life has been given.

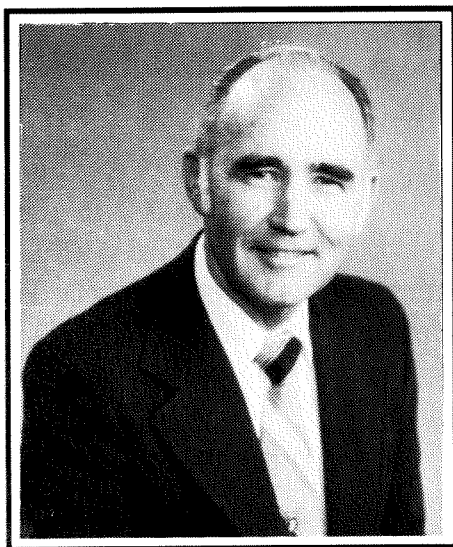
Time has changed many things since Christ. Men may change, religions may be modified, science may crowd out much of simple faith, but the teachings of Christ never change and are just as true and appealing today as then. The beauty of that life and death for others, the willingness of the Divine Being to die that a world might be saved, will never fade from human memory.

This same Jesus beckons to men today. He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me."

It is entirely up to you. Will you open the door unto that life more abundant? Will you plant the seed necessary to reap the harvest, abundant and rich?

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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE APOSTLE JOHN



By Apostle Don McIndoo

Now the lamb opened the third seal. Again, John was commanded to **"Come and see"** (Revelation 6:5). This time he viewed a black horse. The rider of this horse had a pair of balances in his hand. A voice from the throne of God said, **"a quart of wheat for a denarius and three quarts of barley for a denarius...."** The voice also said, **"Do not harm the oil and the wine."** Again we

SECTION FIVE:

ROME'S DECLINE

have five symbols used by John to describe this period of history and its events.

- a. The horse - Still symbolic of strength, fleetness or war.
- b. Its black color - This color denotes famine, pestilence, taxation or invasion.

"We gat our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness. Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine" (Lamentations 5:9, 10).

"The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth. Judah mourneth, and the gates

thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up" (Jeremiah 14:1, 2).

- c. A pair of scales - Denotes equity, justice or taxation and oppression.

"He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress" (Hosea 12:7).

- d. The price of grain - When the balance is used in conjunction with sale of grain or food, it denotes scarcity and great distress.

"And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered

into the hand of the enemy. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied" (Leviticus 26:25, 26).

- e. Luxury items not to be harmed - It is difficult to find in the scripture references as to what this symbolizes, but it will be revealed by history.

2 In the previous period of history the emperor, Caracalla, had made all free people in the empire citizens of Rome. This was not to extend them great benefits, but to make their properties taxable by the empire. The historian, Gibbons, wrote, "**The most wealthy families were ruined by the partial fines and confiscations, and the great body of his subjects oppressed by ingenious and aggravated taxes.**"¹

3 The next period of Roman history finds the emperors imposing just such a rigid system of taxation; most especially was their cruelty extended toward the Christians during this time. Historians have written volumes about

the cruel methods of the tax collectors and the great scarcity and suffering they caused. To explain the reference to the "**oil and the wine,**" Gibbons translates an ancient Roman codex thusly: "**If any one shall sacrilegiously cut a vine, or stint the fruit of prolific boughs, and craftily feign poverty in order to avoid a fair assessment, he shall, immediately upon detection, suffer death, and his property be confiscated**" (*Cod. Theod.* page 358, note).² Once again, one finds that the symbolism used by John is described in full by the written history concerning that period.

4 As the fourth seal was opened, John was again invited to "**Come and see**" (Revelation 6:7). What he saw was a pale horse. Its rider was Death and Hades was with him. Power was given them to kill a fourth of the earth or, rather, the Roman Empire. They killed with the sword, with hunger and the beasts of the earth. What John saw is portrayed by eight symbols.

- a. A horse - Symbolic of fleetness, strength and war.
- b. Pale in color - Denotes the pallor associated with death, usually by pesti-

lence or famine.

- c. Death and Hades - This pictures legions of the dead and the abode of the dead.
- d. Power to kill - We should look for some great calamity.
- e. The sword - Indicates we are to look for warfare.
- f. Hunger - The famine which accompanies warfare.
- g. With death - We should look for death aside from warfare, surely pestilence.
- h. Beasts of the earth - Beasts multiply and take advantage of the situation.

5 The events which bear out the symbolism of the fourth seal seemed to have occurred from about A.D. 250 until A.D. 284 in Roman history. The historicist Albert Barnes, quotes Gibbons, who described these events as faithfully as would a believer desirous of giving proof to Biblical revelation. Gibbons wrote, "**During this calamitous period every instant of time was marked, every province of the Roman world was afflicted by barbarous invaders and military tyrants, and the ruined empire seemed to approach the last and fatal moment of its dissolution**" (Vol.1., p. 135). He

goes on to say, "...a long and general famine was a calamity of a more serious kind. It was the inevitable consequence of rapine and oppression, which extirpated the produce of the present, and the hope of future harvests" (Vol.1, p. 159). Then he turns to another of the symbols: "Famine is almost always followed by epidemical diseases, the effect of scanty and unwholesome food. Other causes must, however, have contributed to the furious plague, which, from the year 250 to the year 265, raged without interruption in every province, every city, and almost every family of the Roman empire. During some time five thousand persons died daily at Rome; and many towns that had escaped the hands of the barbarians were entirely depopulated" (Vol.1, p. 159). Gibbons said nothing about beasts, but Eusebius³ wrote in his *Ecclesiastical History*, Book III, "Death waged a desolating war with... famine and pestilence.... Men wasted away to mere skeletons, stumbling hither and thither like mere shadows, trembling and tottering. They fell down in the midst of the streets.... Some indeed

were already the food for dogs."⁴

6 When the fifth seal was opened, John's view was transferred to heaven, and the throne of God. Here he saw the souls of those who had been martyred for their testimony. (This scene is Biblical proof that the soul does not die, does not sleep nor lose consciousness as many believe.) These saints were concerned about the vengeance a just God might pour out upon their persecutors, but they were told to be patient and "**rest a little while longer**" (Revelation 6:11) until other servants would be martyred. They were given the white robes associated with the bride of Christ.

7 This vision that unfolded with the opening of the fifth seal is quite well placed in terms of the era we have just reviewed. Barnes writes, "**Diocletian ascended the throne A.D. 284 and resigned the purple A.D. 304. It was during this period...that the tenth persecution of the Christians occurred—the last under the Roman power; for in A.D. 306 Constantine ascended the throne, and ultimately became the protector of the church.**"⁵

8 In *The Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge* we read this: "**This seal seems a prediction of the terrible persecution of the church under Dioclesian (sic) and Maxamian, from A.D. 270 to 304, which lasted longer, and was far more bloody, than any or all by which it was preceded, whence it was called 'the era of the martyrs'.**"⁶

9 As the sixth seal is opened, John sees the unfolding of cataclysmic events. First, he sees a great earthquake take place, followed by signs in the sun, moon and stars, so that heaven and earth seemed about to collapse. So ominous was the portent of destruction that all men, from kings to slaves, hid themselves in the rocks and begged the rocks to fall upon them and hide them from the wrath of the Lamb. These verses are filled with symbolism, but it is readily explained.

- a. The great earthquake - Symbolizes political or spiritual revolution.
- b. Signs in the sun, moon and stars - Represented earthly dignitaries and political authorities.
- c. Men pleading for the rocks to cover them up - This language denotes an awful fear of impending wrath.

10 Does history bear out the use of such symbolism? As we come to an end of the previous era of great Christian persecution, two momentous events are simultaneously taking place in the empire. In two years Constantine will ascend to the throne of the empire. This will constitute the great earthquake, or upheaval, seen by John. Constantine, who was a pagan sun worshipper, had some experiences that turned his thinking to Christ. **“Persecution of the Christians was ended. ...The Edict of Milan...granted toleration to Christians in the Roman Empire. As guardian of Constantine’s favored religion, the church was then given legal rights and large financial donations. The army was reorganized, and the separation of civil and military authority...was completed. Constantine intervened in ecclesiastical affairs to achieve unity.”**⁷

11 The other, and much more alarming event, that would affect the dignitaries of the empire, was taking place simultaneously on the borders of the empire. From across the steppes of Russia came the unstoppable hordes of Atilla and his Huns. As they traveled westward, they conquered and made allies of other Germanic tribes. Now they were all poised on the banks of the Danube River. The threatened Goths pleaded for aid from the Roman Empire and were permitted to cross the Danube and take up residence within the boundaries of the empire. To those on the western shores of the Danube, it would seem that the end of the weakened empire was imminent. In the last verse of this chapter, John surely echoed the sentiments of the inhabitants of this once-great empire: **“For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”** (Revelation 6:17).

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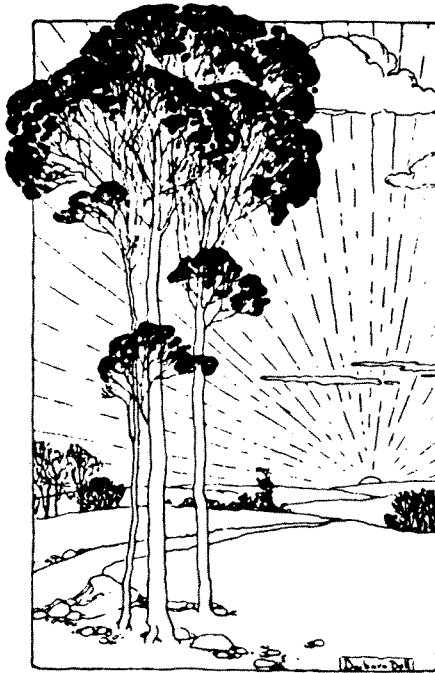
John the Beloved

Years ago I had a dream that was more than a dream. It was a profound experience! It answered a number of questions that had been on my mind. I'll not attempt to relate them here.

In my dream I was walking down a country lane. I was following a figure that was suspended in the air and a little in front of me. I came to a low stone wall behind which was a garden of beautiful flowers. There was a fence on one side with a gate in to the garden. The figure I was following was all silver, hair, clothing, and all. As we came to the garden this figure came down to stand at the gate. I said "Why, it's one of the three Nephites!" There were many beautiful flowers in the garden, some big, some small. As I knelt at this wall I could look down and see lots of small ones, like pansies. They seemed almost to be jumping up and down in their eagerness to be seen. They seemed to be say-

ing "Don't just notice the big flowers! We're here too!"

A man in a long white



PATHLIGHTS

robe came into the garden through the gate. He came over and knelt down on one knee on the other side of the wall from me and began talking to me. Some of what he said was reproof, some encouragement, that I had gotten off on the wrong path but could get back to the right way. I knew that when I awoke I did not always re-

member what I dreamed. Here I thought desperately that I wanted to remember what he was saying, but the only words that I could remember were, "John, the one they call "The Beloved." I didn't know if he was saying that was his name, but I did know that he was saying I should look to John the revealer for enlightenment. Revelations 10:11 says he has yet to prophecy before Kings and Municipalities, etc. Esther 4:16 says the things that John prophesied will be revealed.

So I'm waiting for John, the one called the Beloved. This is only a part of my dream. There were answers to other questions that had been on my mind but it would take too long to relate here.

Mary L Oldham

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
It is my prayer that this letter finds you filled with God's spirit. I am writing to ask a couple of questions and share with you details about the Conference GSSA meeting.

Have the lessons in the *Advocate* been useful? Have they been easy to use and understand? Write, e-mail, or call and let me know. I am running out of lessons for publication, therefore I ask that those who are willing use the previous lessons as examples and submit some for publication.

I request that each of you check the Conference schedule and plan to attend the GSSA meeting. The meeting is about more than just electing officers. It is about meeting the needs of the people. So come and voice your needs so they can be addressed.

Each year a presentation is given to help with possible needs. This year a presentation on kids in crisis will be given. Information on how to identify and help kids in crisis is being collected from such noted experts as Dr. James Dobson, Dr. Randy Carlson, Josh McDowell, and kids. I pray it will be educational and that you will plan to attend.

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BOOK OF MORMON HEROES

REFERENCES: Mosiah 1:14-16, 27-29, 33, 39, 49, 93-105 and Mosiah 2:3-5, 12-28.

PRESENTATION IDEAS:

Make a visual aid to help with understanding.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Yellow or gold poster board.
Coffee can lid or equivalent.
A pen or markers

To make the visual aid use the coffee can lid to trace three circles on the poster board. Print **LOVE** on one circle, **JOY** on another, and **SALVATION** on the third. Act out the story in the following manner. Tell the story from a chair or step stool and have your children build a tent with sheets and chairs. Use a rolled up piece of paper as a scroll with **"Come to the temple to hear King Benjamin tomorrow"** printed on it.

INTRODUCTION

As your parents/parent we/I have to work. We get paid for working. There is one job that parents and children have. That job is serving God. He pays very well, but not with money. Any idea what His pay is? (Pause for discussion.) His pay is love (Hold up LOVE coin), joy (JOY coin), and salvation (SALVATION coin). What is salvation? (Pause: If appropriate answer isn't given, explain salvation is being in heaven with God.) The story is about a Book of Mormon hero. He was a wise king who did his job for God by serving his people.

STORY OF WISE KING BENJAMIN

"I'm getting too old to be king," King Benjamin thought to himself. "It's time for my son Mosiah to take over the kingdom." The king called his son to him. "Mosiah, prepare yourself to be king. Issue a proclamation to the people of Zarahemla." (If acting out the story, unroll the scroll and read.) "Come to the temple to hear King Benjamin!" the proclamation read.

The following day when King Benjamin arrived at the Temple people were everywhere! The king couldn't even begin to count them. Each family had set up a tent by the temple. (If acting out the story set up the tent now.) King Benjamin started to speak but the crowd was too large for everyone to hear him. He knew this might be his last chance to teach his people. He wanted everyone to hear. "We must build a tower!" he declared. When the tower was built King Benjamin climbed the tower and spoke as loudly as he could. (If acting out the story, climb onto the chair or step stool.) "I have been visited by an angel. He told me the Messiah, the Son of God, is coming. Listen carefully. I want to tell you how to live a good life to be happy and one day be in heaven with God. First, believe in God. Second, pray every day! And third, serve others. When you serve others you're serving God."

Then King Benjamin gave some very important counsel to the parents. "Teach your children not to fight but to serve each other." If King Benjamin were here today he would probably say, "Don't fight with your brothers and sisters. Help each other."

The people knew King Benjamin's words were true. They wanted to repent of their sins and serve Christ the rest of their lives. They were so happy they cried out, (if you are acting out the story get the kids to cry 'we believe!') "We believe!" A wise king had done his job for God by serving his people.

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MESSAGE FROM KING BENJAMIN!

Below is a secret code key. Every letter is identified by two numbers, one horizontal and one vertical. For example: 37=L, 310=O, 57=V, 110=E LOVE. Use the secret code key to find the letters that spell out a message from a wise king.

	6	7	8	9	10
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	K	L	M	N	O
4	P	Q	R	S	T
5	U	V	W	Y	Z

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KING BENJAMIN SOLVES A PROBLEM

Not everyone could hear King Benjamin when he spoke. To find King Benjamin's solution to this problem, replace the missing vowels in Mosiah 1:35 in the goobledygook sentence below.

Z=E, Q=A, J=U, X=O, and N=I

HZ CQJSZD Q TXWZR TX BZ ZRZCTZD, THQT HNS PZXPLZ MNGHT HZQR THZ WXRDS WHNCH HZ SHXJLD SPZQK.

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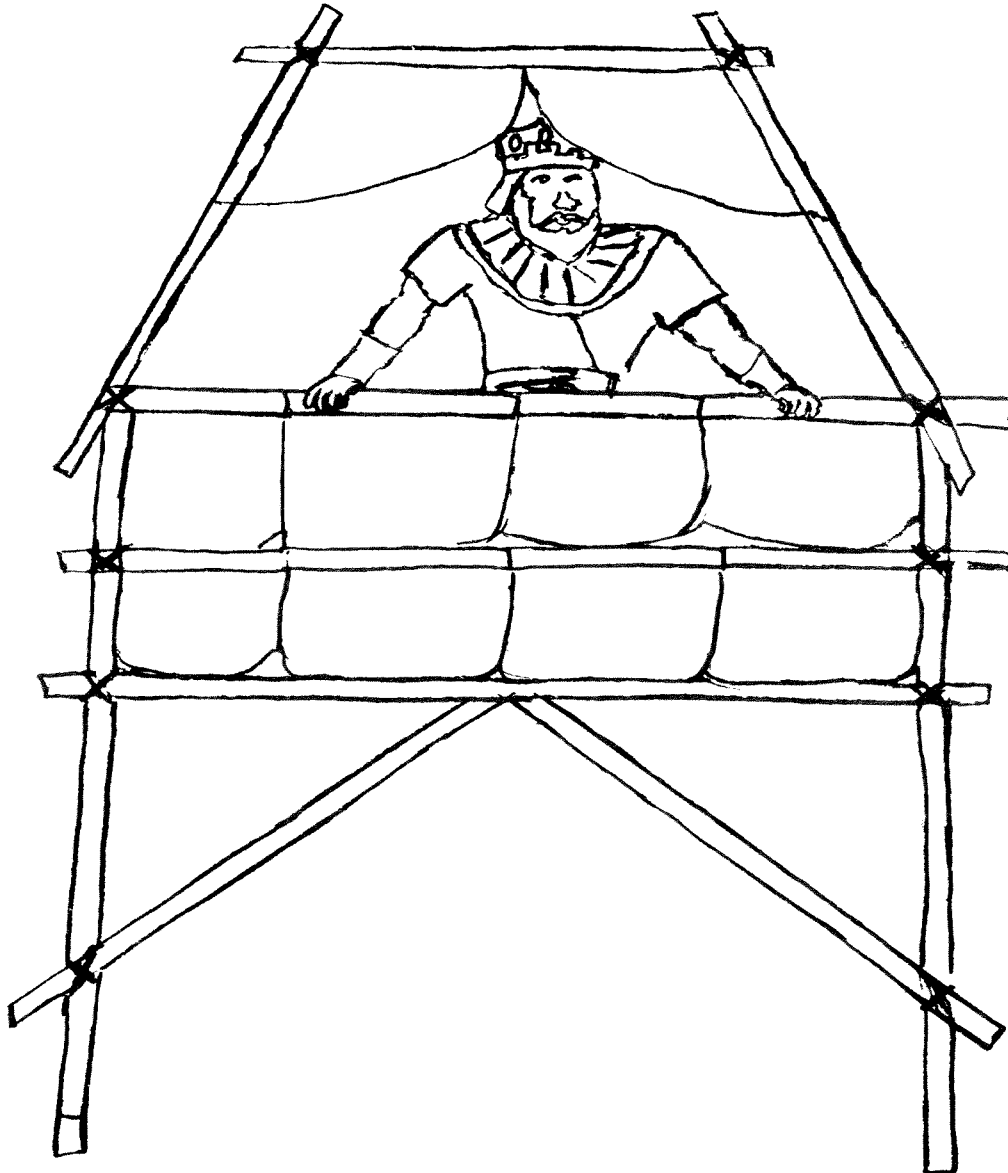
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Here is a color page showing King Benjamin speaking from the tower.



NEWS

OUR TRIP: MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE
7 PICTURES OR 7,000 WORDS

By Elder/Bishop Nicholas Denham & Apostle Michael McGhee

(See pictures on following pages.)

Bro. Michael McGhee and I arrived at the Grave's Furniture Store in Manchester, Tennessee on Saturday afternoon, January 19, 2001, and met with Sister Geneva Graves and her husband Buddy and daughter Debbie Stevens. We enjoyed a wonderful visit with them and prepared the space among the pieces of furniture for the Sunday morning Sunday School and church service at which the sacrament was served, a combination service.

Sister Geneva had been suffering from an aneurysm problem calling for surgery. There was a question as to her heart, she having suffered a heart attack with significant damage, being able to withstand the necessary surgery. She requested administration for that need especially.

During the administration she had a thrilling experience of the Spirit causing a vibration in her chest around her heart, and she felt that she was healed in that area. I was able to confirm or

witness to this, as I felt a Power go through my hands, not my power, but that of the Lord.

The following day she was to visit the doctor for a check-up in preparation for repair of the aneurysm with the result that the doctor found her heart to be strong (healed, NFD) enough for surgery.

Her right kidney was pronounced as being 90% blocked, her aneurysm was measured at 5.1 centimeters in size. The plan to put a shunt in the kidney and repair the aneurysm. Surgery has been performed and Sister Geneva is at home, Praise the Lord.

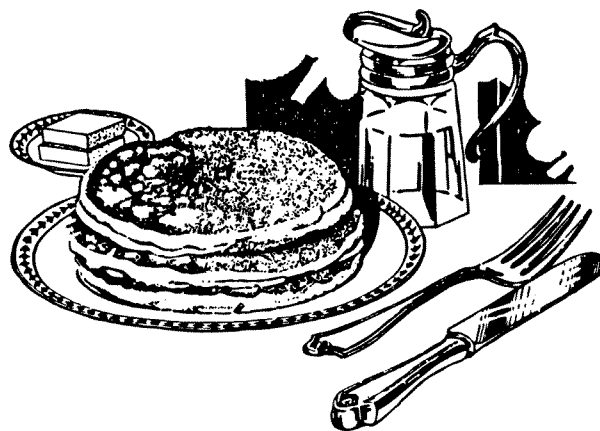
Let us reinforce her faith and hope for God's richest blessings in her speedy recovery with our prayers.

Nicolas Denham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANCAKE DINNER

- ▶ **WHEN:** Sunday, March 31, 2002
- ▶ **WHERE:** IHOP, 20100 E Valleyview Rd
- ▶ **TIME:** From 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- ▶ **COST:** Adults \$4.00; Children \$2.00
- ▶ **MENU:** Pancakes, juice and coffee
- ▶ **TICKETS:** Available from the Ladies of the East Local Women's Department

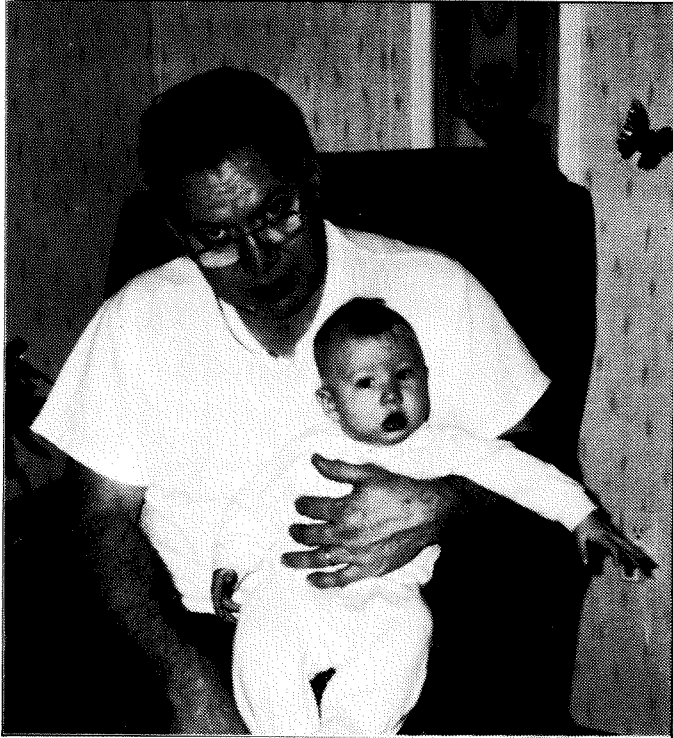




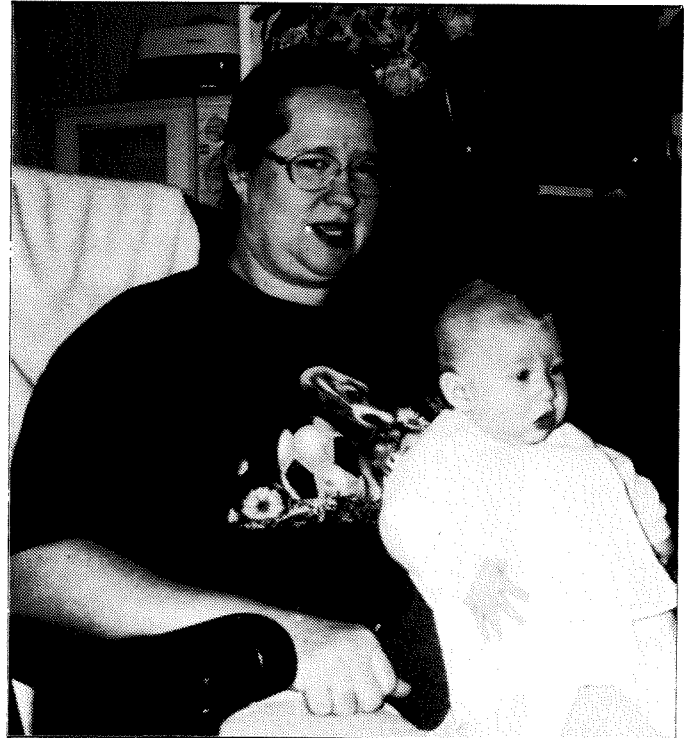
► MANCHESTER, TN—*Standing, left to right:* Carolyn Eddy, Scott Bush, Sherri Bush, Debbie Stevens, Pete Rob, Sheena Rob, Carole Bush; *seated, left to right:* Adam Rob, Geneva Graves, Virginia Phillips, Brandon Bush; *kneeling, left to right:* Alan Rob, June Keller, Conner Bush; *not pictured:* Dick and Marcia Christian, Jason Christian, Tony and Melody Hayes Jr. and their children Marissa and Shelby Grace.



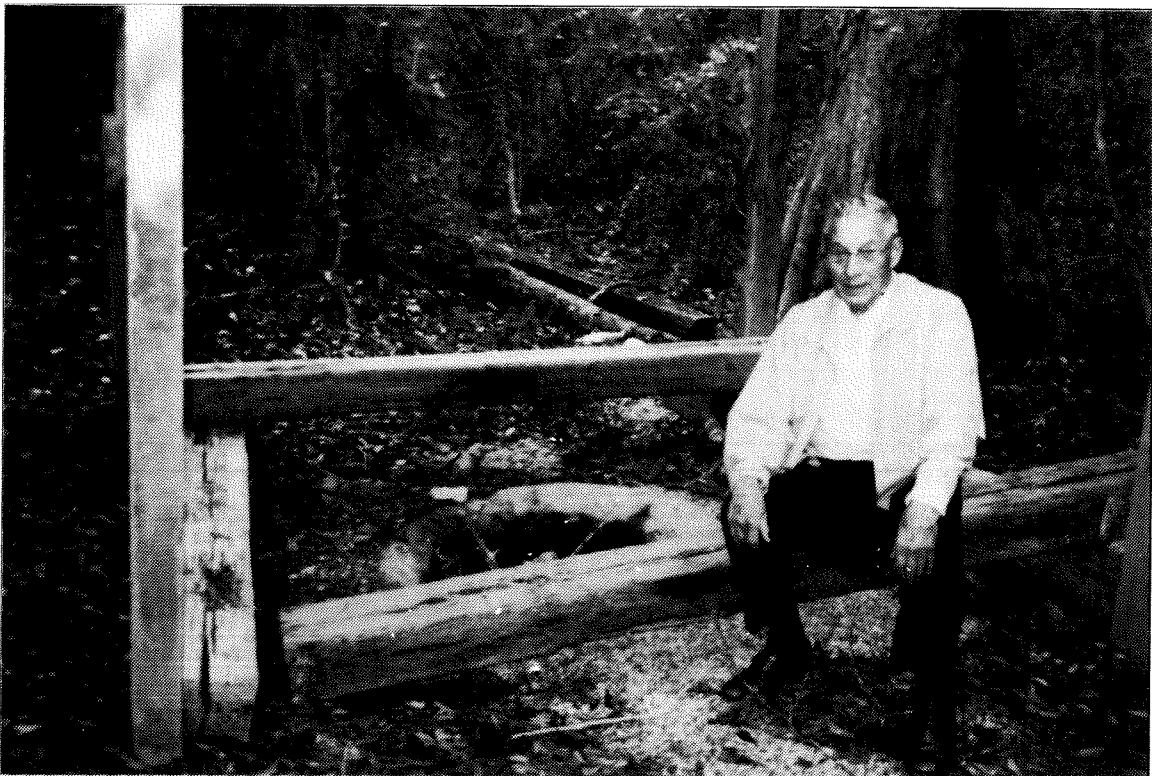
► PICAYUNE, MS—*Back row, left to right:* John Williams, Kent Hoffman, Lee Williams, Carol Hoffman, Peggy Williams, Samantha Williams; *front row, left to right:* Jennifer Williams (by printing time Jennifer will be a member of the Church of Christ), Nicholas Denham; *not pictured:* Auggie Barletto Sr.



► PURYEAR, TN—Daniel Harris with Joseph Daniel.



► PURYEAR, TN—Robin Harris with Joseph Daniel (with the passing of Brother James Grooms, Robin is the last active member in Puryear).



► NICHOLAS DENHAM seated at the spring named after his great uncle who settled and founded Denham Springs, LA (ten miles east of Baton Rouge).



▶ RED LEVEL, AL—*From left to right: Nicholas Denham, Ottis DeBose, Archie and Eloise DeBose.*



▶ RED LEVEL, AL—*From left to right: Michael McGhee (the only picture taken of me on our trip—a coincidence or did Nicholas plan this?), Archie DeBose, Nicholas Denham.*

Florence Temple

May 10, 1914~February 3, 2002



Florence passed away at the age of 87 at her farm home in St. Johns, Michigan, of 62 years. Survivors include her husband, Clarence Temple, of the home, 3 sons, Ralph and Darleen Temple, of Lansing, Michigan; Wallace and Yue Temple, of Riverside, California; Dean and Jeanette Temple, of St. Johns, Michigan; and 11 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren.

Florence is preceded in death by one son, Ronald, who served the Church of

Christ (Temple Lot) in the office of Teacher.

Elder Adam Porter, pastor of the Bradley, Michigan, local officiated at the funeral service and burial.

Florence was a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). Her father, Glen Sager, was an elder in the Church of Christ. She was not able to attend Church services through the years but she was faithful to the gospel, teaching her sons Christian values by example and good words of counsel. Occasionally she received visiting ministry in their home. She enjoyed reading

the *Zion's Advocate* publication. Florence was a gentle, patient woman who was loved by her family and friends. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all.

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