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One of the most beautiful and powerful passages of the Old Testament describes the power of God's Love towards mankind. "But unto you that fear my name shall the sunlight of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." Malachi 4:2. This verse has been quoted often in the messages brought to us by the Lord's Messenger, the resurrected John the Baptist. It speaks to us of a promise that God has made to his people – those that fear His name. " ... But fear the Lord insomuch that obedience is your answer." Message 69:10. But, often I wonder do we fully understand this promise or its full meaning for our lives.

Webster's Dictionary defines light as "A brightness that allows you to see". This seems to be a simple and straightforward definition. And we can all agree that there are many different types of light. There is the light of a full moon or the light of a candle or even the light given



off by a light bulb. Each type of light gives us a different amount of brightness. Some lights are very dim while others are very strong. But each allows us to see. Some allow us to see a very small distance around us, while others are much stronger and allow us to see a great distance all around us. And if we think for a moment, I think all would agree that the greatest earthly light is the sun. On a clear and sunny day we can see all around us as the sun shines its brilliant light over all things. And we are free

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FOREWORD

The Assured Way, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, <u>The Record of the Nephites</u> is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the <u>Bible</u> (Authorized King James Version), <u>The Record of the Nephites</u>, and <u>The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel</u>, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

Special Notice

The 2012 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on:

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to go about our daily work having perfect vision of everything around us. But, as the sun sets we have a need for lesser lights to see – that of a flash light or light bulb. They provide us with help when we are without sunlight but they lack the brightness of the sun and only provide a small amount of vision. These all describe earthly light, but the word of God is Spiritual light -"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:105; So. we can see that when the Lord talks about light that He is referring to His written word. So, when He speaks of the sunlight of righteousness. he talks about the power of His word and the Bible tells us in John 1:1 that the Lord and His word are one - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

How then can we see around us to walk in the straight and narrow path that He has prepared for us if we have not the fullness of His spiritual light? And what greater light can we have than the Fullness of the Gospel of Christ. If we only have part of His word and not all of it, can we rightly claim to be walking

in the full brightness of His word? And his promise of healing is dependent on us walking not in some lesser light, but in the full brightness of His word. The Bible tells us that we must accept and follow all of God's word - "But he answered and said. It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. How then can we deny God's word when He sends it? In doing so, we deny ourselves the promise of Healing. The scriptures plainly tell us that the word of God would be given to us in 3 parts. Also in Matthew 13:33 and Luke 13:20-21, He likened the kingdom of heaven to a leaven that was hid in 3 measures of meal. The leaven represents the doctrine of Christ and not physical bread, as you can plainly see in Mark 8:15-21 and Luke 12:1. And in Matthew 16:6-12. As the Lord warned his disciples to beware the leaven (doctrine) of the Pharisees who were hypocrites who twisted the word of God to fit their evil desires as many do today. And by doing so, they are condemned to walk in the lesser light, not fully discerning or accepting all of God's word.

The parable of the 3 measures of meal speaks about the Doctrine of Christ being established in 3 books. Each book would testify of the other and together they would represent the fullness of the doctrine of Christ. We in the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message understand that this is contained in the Bible. Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord brought to mankind by an angel. The Messenger tells us to prove all things by the written word – "Prove all things by the word of truth in the Bible, The Record of the Nephites and the Word of the Lord. All this is established for mankind, the guidelines of hope and deliverance. Man's idealims shall come to naught." Message 102:18

As we begin to walk in the light of His word we can start to understand the true promise of Healing that the sunlight of righteousness provides. There are many different types of healing that come to mind when we think of the early Church. There was the lame beggar that Peter and John met at the beautiful gate or those that were healed by the Apostles who were vexed with unclean spirits – Acts 3:1-

10; Acts 5:16. The Lord knows our physical needs and will bless us according to His perfect will. And he also knows the condition of our souls and has likewise provided a means of healing. Our physical bodies have been created for use in this temporal world, but our souls are eternal and we destine our own destiny by the lives we live on this earth. We were born into sin through Adam's transgression in the garden, but through the shed blood of Jesus Christ we can attain a remission of our sins. And by such lay hold on the promise of His Healing through the brilliance of His word by the faith of the faithful.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in dark-

ness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7

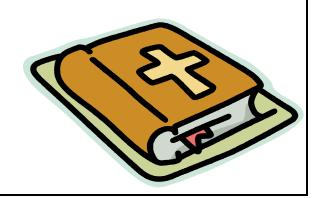
"Great is the responsibility that rests upon you. Many of the servants the Lord has called have upheld you in this work in defending the truth; blessed are all such for they shall obtain the greater peace and power. The Lord will be with them and angels near to direct the way. To all those that will be very humble and obey the Lord's voice the sunlight of righteousness of the Lamb of God shall be upon them with healing in His power." Message 46:2

"Keep the faith and endure and the sunlight of righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in His wings and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command peace and it will bring you through." Message 84:6

"Keep the faith, be diligent, hold to vigilance and the sunlight of righteousness shall over shadow with healing in His wings. Study deeply the words I bring and it will work well with you. As you believe the words of the Lord and the prophets, and obey, Satan has no power on you."

So let us be faithful to all of the words that the Lord has provided for our healing. Let us walk in His light that we may be found worthy in the day of judgment and live to hear Him say, Well done thou good and faithful servant, Enter into my rest.

If you or someone you know would like a copy of **The Word of the Lord** or **The Record of the Nephites** please contact Terry Laws at (620) 375 - 2146 or ter-ry.laws@elijahmessage.net



Words of Encouragement

What Kind of Apples?

If you were a tree of apples so bold What kind of apples would your tree limbs hold?

Would they be bitter
Or would they be sweet?
Would your apples provide
A nutritious treat?

Apples of goodness Filled with God's mercy? Apples of pardon Grace for the thirsty? In Jesus our tree
Can bear joy divine.
Through trouble and trial
Our Jesus would shine.

Apples of patience Longsuffering too. What kind of apples Are falling from you?

Crab apples are green And bitter to eat. Some apples are rotten and lay at one's feet.

A fruit bearing tree In Jesus I'm told. Will bear sweet apples Sweet apples of gold.

Like honey they yield Providing the world. With apples of goodness Produced by our Lord.

If you were a tree of apples so bold; What kind of apples would your tree limbs hold?

Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,
faith, Meekness, temperance:
against such there is no law.

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The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, 64052 February 14, 1966, 2:10 a.m. and left at 3:35 a.m. He spoke firmly and slowly. I wrote the message as he gave it.

- 1 "Arise and write the message I will give to you at this time.
- 2 I have been sent of the Lord. I come to do his bid-

ding. I speak his words and will. My message is true and faithfully given—it must be obeyed.

- 3 I have come and will yet come, as the prophets of old have foretold. My mission is one of love.
- 4 Teach the reign of peace. Teach faith in God and his plan and decrees. Proclaim the word commanding all mankind everywhere to repent and obey for the time

has come when the way of truth alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.

5 The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the authority in its assured way. Those that speak lightly of my words, deny me and the trust and authority—it is taken from them for they lose by their sin. In time they will amount to nothing. Fear them not. They

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have no right nor authority from my words.

- 6 Defend the words I bring. To the faithful: continue and hold high the standard and the words and work I bring. As you prepare for it, greater peace and power will come to all.
- 7 Let the apostles and bishops counsel together and stand firm to defend the Church of Christ, with the words I bring.
- 8 I brought the authority and trust, to re-establish the work to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and again anew in 1929 to Otto Fetting. I continue to come bringing words of instructions and directions, revealing God's will, unveiling the mysteries of the Kingdom of God on earth. For my coming is that mankind may endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ to earth again. I bring a way of deliverance from sin to life and way to the Lord.
- 9 I am the forerunner of Christ, the proclaimer of the warning, the announcer of his soon coming.

- 10 I am the Messenger of the Covenant, the servant of the Lord, the Elias which was for to come. I bring the Elijah Message.
- obeyed and are obeying my injunctions and directions, retaining and preserving the authority I bring, are the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, established anew in 1929. Let it go to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the gospel of Christ.
- 12 The Lord has reserved and preserved many to help in this work in the far reaching and soon to come. Many are desirous to hear the message of life, the gospel, the glad tidings, the good news with the authority of the Lord—the fulfilling of the word.
- 13 The gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world. Yea, it shall be published in all lands. Deliverance will come to all that will hear and obey. Come all the way.
- 14 All that come to the Church of Christ must be

baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The hands must be laid on all, that they may receive the gift of the Spirit of God; truly be born again.

- 15 Teach the decrees of the Lord that all shall be converted to salvation and the gospel. The way of life in the Kingdom of God to eternity shall be their reward.
- 16 Yea, to those that are almost persuaded to come in this way of the Lord, to life eternal with God your Redeemer, the Christ, the giver of life, your Witnesser and Commander, the Savior of mankind—hear him today.
- 17 This is the midnight cry. Come, join ye to the rest and peace the Lord can give. Go ye to meet the Lord—in service to the people. Your reward shall be sure.
- 18 Many will come into this way. Bring them to the Lord.
- 19 The Lord accepts the house built unto him. His peace shall be there.
- 20 The Lord will bless all that help to bring about his Zion in

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righteousness. Not by might, nor by evil powers, but by the Spirit and faithful service to the Lord, love that surpasseth the understanding of man.

- 21 Those that are covenant breakers, turn away from and those that count my words and this work as evil. Let them alone. Thus saith the Lord, 'They know not my gospel, for I am the Lord and Savior, I only am the Eternal God. Those that believe not my words, they doubt and count them as from the evil. It is they that listen to the whisperings of Satan and he has taken hold of them and as with a silver thread about their necks, he leadeth slowly down to that awful hell, saith your Lord.'
- 22 Fear not those that have gone from this work, they become as empty vessels of dishonor, turning against the words I bring. I am sent of the Lord. I come from his presence.
- 23 They reject me. They have a veil over their minds, their understanding is covered. They obey not the

Lord's command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions I bring, and my coming. They are traitors to the work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord?

- 24 Save your strength. Be up and doing for the Lord and this cause.
- 25 I will give you more for the apostles, and as vacancies occur let them take their calling that the work will go on:
 Charles O. Martin, Edward Lee Stone, Roy Woodward, R. David Temple. I will give others as the need shall be.
- 26 Let these prepare for the bishopric when the need occurs: Vincent W. Yates, Newell J. Mead and Dohn E. Weaver.
- 27 To evangelist: Thomas Evanson, A. H. Morse, Deonarine Ojar and Dolton. If they will be humble, the Lord will bless.
- 28 To the elders: Phillip M. Dixon, Glen Chittenden, and Donald E. Thompson.
- 29 The Lord will give peace to the faithful—keep the peace.

Command peace and justice will follow you wherever you go.

- 30 Proclaim my coming and words everywhere. Let none take part until they come in by the door.
- 31 Proclaim the gospel everywhere and in every way possible. Let the decrees be taught and published for all to hear and obey.
- 32 Pay your tithes and oblations that the work may continue on.
- 33 Let Stone and Pritchard be in the field as much as possible and the way will open for others soon.
- 34 Let Clay England know the Lord accepts his efforts. Send help to the Indies soon as it can be arranged. Bring souls into this way. Baptize and set those apart that are truly humble and converted to this way—teaching the way of life and deliverance in the Christ.
- 35 I will come again. I will direct in all things. I leave peace with you. Amen."

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