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Let the Assured Way continue to reach out unto the nations, that all may be blessed and encouraged. "— Mess. 123:19 The Messenger of the Lord awakened me in the early hours of November 2,2021 and brushing my hair from my face gently told me to write it for the world, for His people, and his church.

I felt as if the burdens of the world had been lifted from my heart and soul. As he turned to go, he smiled at me and brushed the tears from my face, saying be at peace

- Norman D. Lyles
- 1. Arise and take the message the Lord Jesus Christ has sent unto mankind. I am the Elijah. I am He whom the Lord has chosen to carry his message unto mankind with the Lord's Message from His heavenly throne. Be of great joy and giving all honor unto the Lord Jesus Christ. Give this Message unto the brethren and the Church.
- 2. The Brother's prayers have reached out unto the throne of God and He knows the needs and the hour of the world, so He has sent this message unto all of the world today.
- 3. This message is of fulfilment, joy, and instruction and is concise.
- 4. This is a time of rejoicing and happiness. Otto Fetting's vision of America is now being fulfilled and while some are in fear of the plagues and horrors that have come to pass; you are witnessing the Word of God in its completeness.
- 5. Remember the plagues around the world are just the beginning of the woes of the pale horse. Much bloodshed and battles await.

- 6. The Lord is pleased with the Bishops and only desires to see them in the field. The work of Bishop Gary Doudy is held in high regard and let his fellow laborers support his work.
- 7. God's hands are guiding the work in Europe and His laborers: Apostle Terry Laws and Apostle Robert Beck shall have success.
- 8. The work and faith of Apostle Fred Mikangi is being recorded in heaven and the Lord will continue to strengthen him in all his efforts. Let him and his fellow laborers continue in humility and always giving honor unto the Lord.
- 9. See those around you who have committed their lives and all of their time unto the Lord' work. Follow their lead, their faith, and their courage. I will soon stand them in the cleft of a rock as the indignation shall roll upon the earth. Trust in the Lord and His Word.
- 10. When an opening comes in the Quorum of the twelve let Dan Santangelo be placed therein and let him labor in love and humility.
- 11. All must submit unto the Word and Power of the Lord and walk without fear in all He commands.
- 12. My brother and Scribe: the devil has been at war with you, for he knows well what the Lord has commanded of thee. You have sought to step aside; this you must not do. The pain you have passed through and

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2022 General Assembly Notice

It has been decided by the Quorum of Apostles at the last Quarterly Quorum Meeting in September that the start date of the 2022 General Assembly would be moved one week later in the month of June. So that the 2022 General Assembly of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on June 26, 2022. The dates will be June 26 — June 29, 2022.

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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 <u>The Word of the Lord</u> 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*.

NOTICES

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.

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even yet endure; the Lord is mindful of and understands. You are learning the pain of His cross and beginning to understand the love He has for each of us. Endure the pain without fear, rather with joy and awaiting His promises. Your brothers and sisters uphold you and also are learning the cost of the cross. Be grateful and continue to hold all up in prayer. Thy helpmate and companion I have provided will help and strengthen thy body and I shall uphold her.

- 13. Let the Church, the saints of God be of great joy today. Let all be encouraged.
- 14. Let Brother Jai Singh give honor unto the Lord for the care of his companion and Know God is with him.
- 15. Let all rejoice in the fulfillment of the promises of God and give him both glory and honor.
- 16. You have witness of the truthfulness of my Word, of My Promises. What I the Lord have given shall always be with you in truth and blessings. I have sent my angel: the Elijah,

whom I have raised from the dead and sent him with a message for mankind Why stand any still while there is light and time before the return of your Lord Jesus the Christ? Be prepared for His Judgement. I shall send my Messenger to guide and instruct and encourage as there is a need. Peace and joy be unto all. Amen

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord ...

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.
"—1 Chronicles 16:34:

"Offer unto God Thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:"—Psalms 50:14;

"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the Thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God." — 2 Corinthians 6:14;

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. "— Colossians 3:15;

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; "— Ephesians 5:18-20;

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." — Psalms 75:1;

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; "— Ephesians 5:20;

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. "— Psalm 34:8;

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with Thanksgiving; "— Colossians 4:2;

"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. "— Psalms 100:4;

"I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people." — Psalms 35:18;

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! "—
Psalms 107:8;

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
"—Psalms 107:1;



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The Words of Alma

Elder Dan Santangelo

The Lord said in Message 123:20, "As you read the Message, read also the words of Christ in the Bible. Read often the words of Alma in the Record of Nephites---for the same Lord caused they be written."

The words of Alma actually start in the book of Mosiah with the first prophet named Alma, and continue in the book of Alma with his son by the same name, and then his sons. The first Alma heard the words of Abinadi, the prophet who was killed for his testimony. Alma believed them, and wrote them down. He received authority from God and established the Church of Christ among a people who were joyful to be baptized. They looked forward to Christ visiting their ancestors nearly a hundred and fifty years in their future, but had an understanding of Christ as if his sacrifice had already been made; an eternal sacrifice that they rightly claimed.

God himself spoke with him saying: 'Blessed art thou, Alma, and blessed are they which were baptized in the waters of Mormon. Thou art blessed because of thy exceeding faith in the words alone of my servant Abinadi'. Mosiah 26:15

It makes me wonder about having so much of the Lord's word in this day and age and yet how many truly have faith in those words?

Now after Alma's son, who was also named Alma, was converted after his encounter with an angel of God, he became high priest over the church and kept the records, at least some of which have been handed down to us, that his preaching continues to minister to God's people. I'd like to share a few of those words here. I doubt if any commentary would be needed to add to Alma's

preaching.

"And now I would that ye should be humble, and be submissive, and gentle; easy to be entreated: full of patience and long suffering; being temperate in all things; being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times; asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal; always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things you do receive;

And see that ye have faith, hope, and charity, and then ye will always abound in good works." Alma7:23,24

Alma was a powerful prophet of God, proclaiming the word that had been given to him by angels.

"And now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying, It is given unto many to know the mysteries of God; nevertheless they are laid under a strict command, that they shall not impart only according to the portion of his word, which he doth grant unto the children of men; according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him;

And therefore he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word; and he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God, until they know them in full."

Alma12:9,10

We in these last days, are not the only ones to have ever had the mysteries of God made known to us by angels. Alma had a perfect knowledge. No wonder the Lord told us to read his words often. Years ago I wrote in the margin of my Nephite Record, 'live by this daily':

"Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord: yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever;

Counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God: and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." Alma 37:36,37

The last thing that Alma spoke before he left the earth was about this land that we now call the Americas.

"And now it came to pass that after Alma had said these things to Helaman, he blessed him, and also his other sons; and he also blessed the earth for the righteous' sake;

And he said, Thus saith the Lord God: Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, unto destruction, which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe; and as I have said, so shall it be; for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land, for the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance.

And now, when Alma had said these words, he blessed the church, yea, all those which should stand fast in the faith from that time henceforth;

And when Alma had done this, he departed out of the land of Zarahemla, as if to go into the land of Melek. And it came to pass that he was never heard of more; as to his death or burial we know not of.

Behold, this we know, that he was a righteous man; and the saying went abroad in the church, that he was taken up by the Spirit, or buried by the hand of the Lord, even as Moses. But behold, the scripture saith the

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Lord took Moses unto himself; and we suppose that he hath also received Alma in the Spirit, unto himself; therefore, for this cause, we know nothing concerning his death and burial." Alma 45:1519

I hope that these few words of Alma's writing will move you to read more.

And now my brothers and sisters, may we all go forward proclaiming the word spoken by an angel of God to this lost and fallen generation. Amen

Dan Santangelo

Missionary Update from Europe

You know that we love you and we know that all is in the good Lord's hands.

October 18, 2010 —

Robert and I are traveling to Budapest Hungary with a stop over in Velky Meder, Slovakia for a few days en route. Please Pray we can proclaim our Lord's Gospel. Our Love to each of you.

October 23, 2010 —

Robert and I are in Hungary in a city called Gyor, relocating to Budapest Monday for a week. God bless and keep you my brother. We have located and have been invited to Sunday services at a Free Methodist church tomorrow 4 p.m. local time.

It's an invitation to fellowship. I don't know that we will be allowed to teach or preach but at least we can fellowship and share the word of God on an individual basis if not

share with the whole congregation.

The Lord has allowed us to share his word with a couple of different ministries as well as a couple individuals as of today. So we are praying that he continues to lead and direct in all things.

God Bless You, Your Brother in Christ, Apostle Terry Laws

Missionary Update from East Africa

To my brothers, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope the love of the Lord is with you all.

I left Uganda yesterday to Kitale Kenya. I thank God for his tender mercies. I ask for you to continue praying for brother Madembe that it may be possible on the 5th of October this year. I also ask for your prayers. We had arranged for four days seminar with the new eight locals in Busia, western part of Kenya as from the 30th of this month.

I will travel with disciple Tom Matekwa of Eldoret. And Apostle Peter Wakesa will join us on Friday or Saturday after closing school on Friday the 1st next month.

I love you and miss you guys. Apostle Fred Mikangi Kenya



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The Substance of Things Hoped For

What is the meaning of Faith.

If we look in our Dictionary we might find the following definition:

"A strong or unshakeable belief in something, especially without proof or evidence".

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION AND MEANING OF FAITH ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

The Hebrew Old Testament word for Faith is "emuwn", which means "faithfulness, trusting". It comes from the root word "aman", which means "to support, to confirm, to uphold, to nourish, to be established, to be faithful, to be carried, to make firm; confirmed, established, sure; verified, to stand firm, to trust, to believe", it is also used to indicate "a substitute father, a substitute mother" or "pillars, supporters of the door".

The Greek New Testament word for Faith is "pistis", which means "fidelity, faithfulness, conviction of the truth of anything, belief; belief with the predominate idea of trust or confidence in someone". It comes from the root word "peitho", which means "to believe, to trust, to have confidence, to be confident, to have faith in a thing".

Now According to the Apostle Paul's letter to the Hebrews, he defines faith as the following — "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1;

A substance is something real that can be seen with the eyes and touched with the hands. It is the foundation, the substructure to something else, that which stands under, firmly supports it and keeps it fixed and established. Something concrete that one can trust and believe in with confidence and steadfastness, as one knows it is dependable and reliable.

And Hope is something that we happily anticipate and desire though it is not

yet present. Inherent with hope is a patient expectation of something good or desirable.

What is it that we as Christians hope for but cannot presently see?

Our hope and trust is that we will see Christ's face in peace and inherit eternal life with Him when He returns to claim His bride the Church.

And so then what is evidence?

Evidence is the objective proof of something that has been verified and established.

So then by the Apostle Paul's definition of Faith. It is the evidence or proof of what we hope for but do not presently see with our eyes. So, what is the proof of our hope of Eternal life with Christ?

This proof is an individual proof that must be present in the life of each person of Faith. It is the evidence that we belong to Him and are His Children. Absent this visible proof, there is no way to verify that we belong to Him and that we will inherit the riches of His Kingdom as rightful heirs with King Jesus.

This proof allows us to lay hold on His Grace and it is by grace that we receive Salvation as it is the gift of God and cannot be earned by works.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." — Romans 5:1-2;

Yes, indeed it is faith in the word of God that is the visible proof that we belong to Christ. And it is the visible proof of faith that allows us to lay hold on Grace. And true Faith is simply obedience to the word of God. It is much more than belief as belief is just the first fruits of Faith, but not until

belief crystalizes into action will it become FAITH. Then it becomes the evidence (visible proof) of what we hope for but cannot see.

Faith, indeed, is brought into existence when our belief causes us to act. And then this action based on the word of God, when seasoned by His Spirit, becomes Faith. And it is impossible to please Him without the visible evidence of faith.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." — Hebrews 11:6;

And if we truly believe that He will reward us for our belief in the hope of His Glory then we will diligently seek to be obedient to His word that we might receive the gift of eternal life at His appearing.

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it." — 2 John 1:6;

So, then let us seek to serve Him with a pure heart that we might receive the honest expectation of our faith. For if we abide in the doctrine of Christ until the end we will receive eternal life from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Because our hope in the Glory of God can only be fulfilled by Faith and endurance to the end.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." — Romans 12:1-2;

— Submitted by the Editor

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Words of Encouragement

Apostle Edward Coffey

"This is a time of rejoicing and happiness. Otto Fetting's vision of America is now being fulfilled and while some are in fear of the plagues and horrors that have come to pass; you are witnessing the Word of God in its completeness." — Mess. 135:4;

Truly Otto Fetting saw the current and future state of America in the vision of the twenty-ninth message that was shown to him by the Lord's Messenger, John the Baptist. He wrote about the distress that he saw during the second great war (World War 2) and also the distress and bloodshed in America before and during the third Great war (World War 3) which is yet to come; but he also wrote of the peace that would be established after the indignation had passed. And this is the thing that should cause us to rejoice as the Lord's coming is near at hand.

"Some nations joined him wholeheartedly, others became divided, still others took but little part in it at first. England and Germany were divided into two factions, one faction of each nation going with the armies of the man who sat upon his throne, the others going with the armies who opposed him. Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland took but little part at first, but later all nations became involved during which time there was much fighting and bloodshed in the United States." — Mess. 29:21;

Notice he warned that "later all nations" became involved and it was during this time that he spoke of the bloodshed in America.

His vision was very similar to what W.A. Draves wrote about the wars and destruction that he was shown in Message 45. He also wrote about the distress in America and also the bloodshed during the start of the 3rd Great War.

"... I saw the American flag among others that came to the great battle. I looked and saw America all in turmoil and distress, with fighting and bloodshed among themselves. For a time it was horrible but I saw it change and I knew it would not last long with such terrible distress. I thought that many were fighting to keep from entering the war abroad and across the sea." — Mess. 45:16;

We are living in the days before the words of these 2 visions will shortly come to pass. Already we can see the division and distress in our nation. And we can also see the darkness descending on the world as nations are in distress and fighting among themselves and their people. Soon will be the great tribulation that Christ spoke of in Matthew Chapter 24.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." — Matt. 24:21-22:

But in spite of the great tribulation that lies ahead of us, the Lord has told us to rejoice as our redemption lieth near. We can see in both visions that this tribulation will destroy the wicked and usher in the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

"As we sat there and looked upon this terrible scene, the Messenger said, "These things shall come to pass hereafter." Then there appeared a large black cloud that shut out our vision; we turned to the east and Christ appeared in the heavens going west. I followed him with my eye as he continued west, and in the far off west I could see the temple, its walls and dome glittering in the distance, and there was wonderful peace. We returned to my home and the Messenger said, "Write what you have seen and I will be back." He left and the clock struck 4 a.m." — Mess. 29:26;

"The Messenger said, "Look," and I turned with him to look to the west and saw America, seemingly raised up, so I could see the whole continent lifted out of the great waters. I saw people gathered to worship the Lord. I saw peaceful fields, quiet homes, happy faces and smiling mothers. The men were solemn and kind to each other as they worked building the waste places and planning government. Discipline was in effect everywhere. Justice, equality, and righteousness was the desire of every heart. I saw that one had risen up, a noted man in righteousness, and had turned ungodliness away from the people of the Lord and sin was no more among them. The Messenger said, "The work of a seer has been done. He has come from the election of the Lord." I saw the temple in the distance and we floated gently toward it. As we neared, I read these words over the door, "THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD." — Mess 45:37-39;

So, let us be encouraged in the fulfillment of God's word in these last days as truly the Lord continues to do a marvelous work and a wonder among His people. His word will not return unto Him void.

May the Peace of God be unto you all.

Your Brother in Christ, Apostle Edward Coffey THE ASSURED WAY

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Thanksgiving

The Year has turned its circle, The Seasons come and go. The Harvest all is gathered in And Chilly North winds blow. Orchards have shared their treasures, The Fields their yellow grain, So, Open wide the doorway ~ Thanksgiving Comes Again!

—Author Unknown