



# THE ASSURED WAY

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message

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## Him that is able to keep you from falling

By Apostle Norm Lyles

The Book of Jude tells us in verse 24, **“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”** We as humans have a natural fear of falling. When we fall we can be injured or even killed. I remember as young man, I had a desire to climb sheer rock walls and high mountains. I would find myself many weekends out climbing in the Colorado Rocky mountains. I was once climbing a sheer rock face near the Taylor River in Gunnison, Colorado. I was about a third of the way up the face and probably three hundred feet in the air; when one of the small hand holds I had been using on the mountain broke loose and I began to fall. I fell almost sixty feet toward the ground below, before my safety rope broke my fall and slammed my body against the wall, knocking the air from my lungs and bruising my body rather severely. The rope was held by the man I was climbing with and he had performed a maneuver called a belay. He had stopped my fall and my piton held in the crack where I had placed it earlier. I gathered my wits about me and continued the climb, successfully climbing the rock face. It

wasn't until later that night that I noticed tightness in my shoulder which turned out to be a separation, which would keep me off the mountains for a few weeks. It also gave me time to consider my brush with nearly killing myself.



Falling just is not fun. Climbing a challenging mountain can be exhilarating and rewarding; however falling is simply not a part anyone ever looks forward unto.

As Christians, we also are challenged in our lives and we often find ourselves climbing a different form of mountains. We climb a mountain called daily living. It is filled with joys, excitement, challenges, and danger as well. Because we are Christians we strive for a life which is good and righteous and a blessing to others. It is something each of us desires: to walk in the Lord and not to fall from our walk. Jude understood that need. He told us in

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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, The Record of the Nephites 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 Bible (Authorized King James Version), The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel, 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 in Lone Jack, MO on :

**July 16, 2012 thru July 19, 2012**

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verses 20-21, **“But ye, Beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying to the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”**

Living a Christian life is not as easy as some may assume. We are born again and Satan is in opposition to us. We discover that many of our “friends” would prefer we return to the old man we used to be. All around us are temptations and pitfalls. Sometimes people we depend upon fail, just as the hand hold I had depended upon as I was climbing. Then we can fall and harm or even destroy our walk with the Lord. If we fall far enough we can even lose our very soul.

I used to feel that all I needed to do was be strong and stay rooted in the Lord and by my power and faith, I could overcome all things. Of course most of you reading this no doubt, know that was a mistake. We do not have the power to overcome Satan and world by ourselves, or by our own might and strength. Our intentions may be good, but our flesh is weak.

As a climber, I depended upon my balance, leg strength, eyes, and mind to keep me safe. I also depended upon another climber to keep my safety line (rope)

and to catch me if I would fall. Most of the time this worked out well and other than some bruises and bumps, I would be fine. No matter how good I was as a climber; I still depended upon my partner I was climbing with to protect me, even as I also protected him as he climbed.

As Christians, we have a much more dependable partner: Jesus Christ. Did we notice the word of Jude which said, **Him which is able to keep you from falling**? Jesus is simply not able to catch us if we fall; rather He is able to keep us from falling. There is a huge difference between a human partner who can help me if I fall and the Lord which is able to keep me from falling.

How does that “keep you from falling”, work? How is Christ able to prevent us even from falling?? Consider that for a moment if you will in your mind. Christ able to prevent even the fall from happening! Most of us really have never considered that part. One of things we fear the most is failure, or falling. Yet here is the Word of God telling us He is able to PREVENT THE FALL FROM EVER HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE!

How does Christ prevent the fall from happening in the first place? Turn your Bible to Romans 16:25-26 and read it: **“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according**

**to the gospel , and preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets according to the commandments of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith”**. Did you catch the part where the Apostle Paul used the word “Stablish”? It means Establish us in the Lord. When we Establish something, it means simply: we ground it and make it firm, unmovable, rooted in the Lord. The Lord has become our foundation on which we stand and which we trust. We no longer stand alone however, as it is His Holy Spirit that stand with us and in us. There is nothing that can over power or overcome the Lord. The only way we can fall is to let go of that foundation and that Holy Spirit. We cannot overcome by our own strength; yet with Him inside us and with us-----we can overcome through Him who is abiding with us. Do we truly understand that promise made in Jude **and unto the doctrine; continue in them for in doing this thou shall both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**” In words we can use today: take heed that we stand and are established in the doctrine of Christ and He shall be with thee and in thee.

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falling does this miracle by presenting us with an infallible foundation which we need to stand upon which can keep us from falling. It is completed as we read in second John 9, "...He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ hath both the Father and the Son". If we have Father and Son in us

then we have the Power that overcame the World!

Each of us are climbers of some sort. Each of us daily faces the possibility of falling. Let us remember as Christians that we and we alone have that which is able to keep us from falling: the very

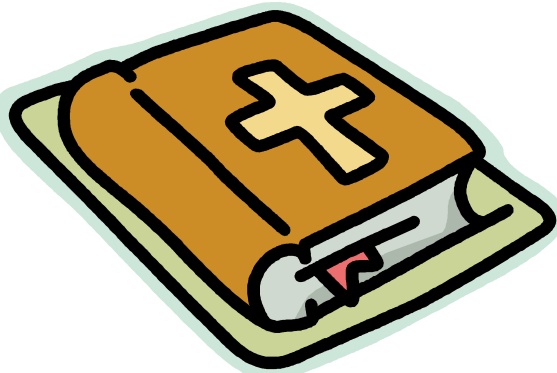
living God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let your hearts be at peace and your feet planted upon the foundation of the Living God and understand that it is Christ who stands with us and in us. God Bless you and be encouraged this day in our Lord.

## General Assembly 2011

The General Assembly was held in Lone Jack Missouri July 17-20 2011. It was a blessing for those that were able to attend. Over the next few issues we hope to put in summaries of the services. If you would like to listen to the services follow the blog [www.elijahmessage.net/blog](http://www.elijahmessage.net/blog). They should be posted over the next few weeks as they get processed.



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## Monthly Report from India

Pastor A. Abraham

Dear Apostles and Bishops greetings to your in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Really I considered as my great privilege to get in touch with you through this report the month of June 2011.

We thank and praise the Lord that he kept us through the May and has given us this opportunity to step into the month of June, by the god's grace and his immense mercy. We praise and thank the Lord Jesus Leading and guiding through the Church of Christ, with the Elijah message inc.

The funds you sent during month of June 2011, by money order have been received here and very wisely utilized for the payment of the church, whatever tithing collected spend towards others expenses concerning the Church Ministry and helping the widows and poor people of our Church members and others, which was maintaining a separate accounts.

**June 05, 2011: The Church**



**Sunday Service:** Jesus Christ said he would restore his Church in Matthew 17:9-11, "and as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying tell the vision to no man, until the son of man be risen again from the dead." "And his disciples asked him. Saying, why say the scribes that Elias must first come?"

The disciples were quoting Malachi 4:5-6 which said, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (that is to say the day of the second coming of

Christ as he returns in Judgment.) Keep in mind that Jesus continued his statement to the disciples and said in verse 11 of the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly SHALL COME AND RESTORE ALL THINGS." In simple words: Jesus promised to send Elijah to restore all things before Jesus returns in judgment.

**June 12, 2011: The Church Sunday Service:** Moving to Malachi chapter 3:1-3, we can read further where God said, "behold, I will send my

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messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and I the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.” ...’ and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.” The tribe of Levi were the old testament ministry and the sons of Levi are the ministry or preachers of today. So who is the Elijah

who will come before the day of Judgment and who is the messenger of the covenant who will purify the modern day ministry?

**June 19, 2011: The Church Sunday Service:**

The answer is in Matthew chapter 11:7-14 and it is Christ himself who gives us the answers. Matthew 11:10 tells us, “For this is he, of whom it is written, behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.” Jesus said John the Baptist is the Messenger of the Covenant. (who

is going to purify the ministry today) and in verse 14 of Matthew chapter 11, Jesus said, “and if you will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.: Jesus declared unto us that John the Baptist is the Elijah which will come and restore all things before he returns in judgment. That is what Jesus Christ said and that we can believe totally.

**June 26, 2011: The Church Sunday Service:**

We all know John the Baptist was beheaded (see gospel of Mark 6:14-29) and therefore was dead. How can John the Baptist come and restore all things today and purify the modern day ministry since he died over 2,000 years ago? The answer is contained in verse 11 of Matthew chapter 11 and in Matthew chapter 27:50-53. In Matthew 11:11 Jesus used the word raised when speaking of John the Baptist and then in Matthew 27:50-53, we read, “Jesus, when he had cried with loud voice, yielded up the ghost.



## Message 35

."At 1:10 a.m., June 9, 1938, at my room, 103 S. Pendleton, Independence, Missouri, the Messenger awoke me and said:

1 "Arise and take the instructions I shall give you. I come to you at this home at this time. I come to you with this message that you might give it to the Church.

2 'I speak to the people of the Lord, those that have heard the midnight cry.

3 The cries of my people have come up before me, and I have heard their humble plea, saith your God. Yea, I am pleading for you to continue to come close unto me. Behold many have obeyed me in that they have come humbly to the assembly. I led you here one and all and my wish is that you remain very humble before me; then I will continue to bless you and lead you close unto me. Be very humble that the sunlight of righteousness from the Lamb of God may shine on you with healing in his power.

4 Yea, to those who have

not yet covenanted with me, this is the way that shall lead you to life eternal.

5 To my servants, yea, I have given you testimonies of this work and of the words that come from my presence even through my messenger of this time, through one of my choosing. Remember, my ways are not man's ways, and none shall understand but by my Spirit, saith your Lord.

6 Hearken: I say to my servants, be ye up and doing; go to the fields as the way will be open before you; I plead with you to labor in unison for my cause.

7 Let my quorum of twelve apostles be filled. Let my servants Belcher and Parkinson be added to the quorum that the quorum of twelve apostles might be filled. Let these men labor as they can, and as soon as they can adjust conditions in their homes, go to the fields as my Spirit will direct, for my harvest is great and the sheaves ungathered. Let them prepare in deep humility of the soul for this place in my Church and not yield to pride's temptation. Let my servant, W.

C. Wilson, prepare to fill a place in the quorum of twelve when a vacancy comes. For lo, he is my servant and I have heard his prayers that are of the heart, and I will be with him in great power. Yea, I have strengthened his faith in this work. Let him take his place in the field of labor and labor even now, as I will manifest by my Spirit unto him.

8 Yea, let the many of my servants arise to their calling. Speak words of truth in soberness and I will see your solemnness; I will bless you with my Spirit as you carry my message to the ears of men. This is my work, saith the Lord, and I shall reward thee for thy labors. But verily hasten or I shall call others to take your place.

9 Let my servant Lacey continue to labor among the people of his color. I have heard his humble prayer which is of the heart; I know his willingness to serve me; and I shall fill him with power by my Spirit. Lo the time will come when his eyes shall be opened and he shall see. Great shall be

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his joy for his faithfulness before me. Let your brother, Johnston, prepare himself for the field, as he shall labor among his people also. Teach my full law in all things.

10 Behold, it is my will that

my servant, A. W. Bogue, remain in the office. I will bless him, and he shall not want for food. Hear ye my servants for I am God, I change not. Blessed art thou to obey my voice.

11 These words I leave with you and bid you give them unto mine apostles and Church;

give them not to the world as yet.'

12 My name is John, I shall come again."

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