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The Christmas Story

Tim Binder

The prophets told the story
 Before it ere occurred.
 The angels came with gladness
 To welcome Jesus' birth.
 The promise of the ages,
 The king from Bethlehem,
 Entered in a manger
 To a world of dour men.

Wise men saw the signal;
 A star shown in the sky.
 They travelled an epic journey
 To see this One come nigh.

The reigning king did hate Him.
 The priests didn't like the fuss.
 Rachel's womb was weeping;
 The sword, cruelty's thrust.

The shepherds saw the glory
 And heard the heavenly song
 Of a promised new beginning
 To which each one could belong.

Another sword reached deeper;
 The nails drove through the flesh.
 The thrones were set to mock the
 crown.
 The grave clothes were spiced
 fresh.

Mary kept the treasure
 Stored deep within her parts.
 This knowledge of the Son of God
 Would one day pierce her heart.

But the story was not over.
 As if a second birth,
 The angels announced with glad-
 ness
 His rising from the earth.

She gazed down at the baby,
 The face of Him who is,
 And reached her hand to touch Him.
 Oh what present bliss!

And the story still continues.
 He sits in heaven above,
 Returning again to this earth
 To complete His promised love.

Simeon long had waited.
 He'd been told there'd be this day
 When he'd see the little baby
 And then he'd go away.

Anna saw Him present.
 Great joy lept in her soul.
 She told all who'd listen that
 Redemption's cup was full.

The birth in Bethlehem's manger,
 The cross on Calvary's hill,
 Tells us God our great Creator
 Has loved, yet loves us still.

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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 2013 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on :

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Two Kingdoms

Elder Edward Coffey

“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matt. 6:33; The doctrine of Christ instructs us to first seek after the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in order to obtain eternal salvation. And, after finding and entering his Kingdom, He promised that our every need would be added unto us. If the word of God tells us to seek after His Kingdom, then it follows that there must exist another kingdom that is not His kingdom. And from this kingdom we must flee. **“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; Christ tells us not to be conformed to the kingdom of this world, because the kingdom of this world is in opposition to His Kingdom. We are told in

the word of God to arm ourselves against the kingdom of this world – **“Finally, my Brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** Ephesians 6:10-12; It is quite evident that this other kingdom is the kingdom of this world, which is ruled by the enemy of God, Satan. **“It is the kingdom of this world which is ruled by the Devil which is built up among men—which are of the flesh that must come to an end.”** Mess. 110:10; So, then we are confronted with two kingdoms and between them we must choose, for no man can serve two masters. Although we are commanded by God in His word to flee the kingdom of this world and to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, the choice is ours ALONE to make.

We cannot read God's word without quickly coming to the conclusion that He from the very beginning had laid out the plan of salvation for His Kingdom to be established on Earth. And that that kingdom would be an everlasting kingdom that would one day fill the whole earth. And mankind would be able to find the righteousness of God by entry into His Kingdom.

The word of God speaks often about the Kingdom of God. The prophets of old prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin and that he would grow up to be the king of a great kingdom that would one day fill the entire earth. – **“And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”** Luke 1:31-33; **“And in**

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the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” Daniel 2:44; Daniel 7:27;

So, we can plainly see that God promised that he would come down to earth in the flesh and establish His kingdom among men that they might find salvation. And the Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John testify of this truth, that Christ was born of a virgin and by the preaching of His gospel established His Kingdom – Christ's Church, on earth.

A kingdom can be defined as a form of government which is ruled by a Supreme leader. And there have been many forms of government throughout the history of mankind. Some governments have ruled through peace and some through violence and aggression. Our own government here in the United States is a democracy. A form of government where supreme power is vested in

the people. It is a government of and by the people. The laws and officials are chosen or elected by the voice of the people. A government of democracy differs from that of a kingdom in that a kingdom has one ruler who is invested with supreme power and that ruler is accepted as the legitimate head of the nation and all laws are created by this ruler. Unlike a democracy a kingdom has a standard structure and form. Kingdoms have 4 distinct parts – A supreme ruler; A group of laws that are created by the supreme ruler; A group of subjects who recognize and accept the supreme ruler; And a group of officials who are appointed by the supreme ruler.

In the kingdom of God, the supreme ruler is King Jesus, who lived, suffered and died that all mankind might have a right to the tree of life and eternal salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The laws of God's Kingdom are contained in the fullness of the doctrine of Christ as found in the Bible, the Record of the Nephites and “The Word of the Lord” brought to

mankind by an Angel. These laws are the rule and guide of His Kingdom without exception. And they apply equally to all subjects within the kingdom without respect of persons. The subjects within the Kingdom of God are defined as the body of Christ, the Church – the members in particular who have come into His kingdom by the door – faith, repentance and the baptisms, who have been baptized by those having authority and have received the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit. These subjects having received His baptism have vowed to serve King Jesus until death that they might be justified by grace through faith. And as such receive a crown of glory at His second coming.

Each kingdom must have officials who have been duly chosen and appointed by the supreme ruler and given authority to act in accordance to the laws of the king in order to govern over the affairs of the kingdom. And within the Kingdom these officials are recognized and accepted by all of the subjects within the borders of that kingdom. These officials are given the responsibility and trust to

maintain order and to execute the commands of the supreme leader. Within the Kingdom of God these officials are easily recognized as the ministry of Christ. Who have been given authority by God to represent Christ and His Church. They have been instructed of God to preach, teach and admonish the Church to abide by the doctrine of Christ and they administer the Holy rites throughout the Kingdom of God on earth. They have been appointed by God and given authority to edify the body of Christ through the preaching of the fullness of the gospel of Christ, and are commanded to be instant in season and out. And the universal command is that they establish good works by the exercising of their faith in order to obtain a good report. This same ministry is commanded to warn the world and save the honest in heart as they seek to increase the boundaries of God's king-

dom on earth. Chief among these officials are the Apostles who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the missionary supervision and the general watch care of all of the churches. **“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”**
Ephesians 4:11-12;

The word of God reveals to us the undeniable truth that there are two powers at work in this world – good and evil. And these powers are in constant opposition to one another. Each governs a kingdom with a supreme and absolute ruler. King Jesus who rules the Kingdom of God, created all mankind and desires that we might have joy and that our joy might be full under the just plan of God. While Satan rules the kingdom of this

world and his desire is to bring all mankind into captivity to suffer with him in eternal darkness and sin. The word of God points us to the only choice that will lead us to eternal joy and life with King Jesus. Only by seeking and entering into His kingdom by faith, repentance and the baptisms and then enduring until the end, can we obtain the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

So, as we celebrate the most amazing gift of His birth into a dark and dying world this Christmas season. Let us rejoice in the wonderful fulfillment of His birth, that God's Kingdom has been established on this earth to never be destroyed. And we can praise and glorify God for His great love in sacrificing His son that the promise of His Kingdom might be fulfilled.

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-

Message 114

I had gone over to the church to finish some work when the Messenger appeared and spoke. It was about 5:35 a.m., May 23, 1989. He gave me this message. I had my paper and pencil ready as for many days I have heard many praying for the return of the Messenger to direct the work so I was ready.

He was clothed in the same robe and the light of the resurrected filled the room. I made no light to see to write. He spoke with power as one having authority. He was with me over an hour. I sat and read the message over, prayed and pondered awhile, made a phone call and it was 7:00 a.m. Following are his words.

1 “Behold! Harken and write the words I will give you. I bring peace and a message of hope, to all that accept my coming, with authority I bring from the Lord. Deliverance is found only in the teachings of Christ. Only through his atoning blood can mankind find remission of sins through obedience to the gospel.

2 I come from the Lord’s presence to fulfill the words of the prophets.

3 I am that prophet spoken of, the prophet of the Highest. I am the elect one, the Messenger sent of the Lord.

4 The planning and covenant of God shall have its fulfillment. The gospel of the Kingdom of God shall roll forth until it fills the earth. Shape your lives by the words of life, in God’s holy plan.

5 Hear the loud voice of God. Hear the still small voice. Oh! You people of the earth. Come out of the ways of the world, the voice of God saith, ‘Come all the way.’

6 Through faith, repentance and the baptisms, the deliverance will be upon you.

7 Be no more oppressed and the Lord will bring you through to the truth and work of my coming.

8 It is good to know the scriptures and learn the fulfilling of all things.

9 You see the move of time, closing of conditions in the world. Israel being established in her land, her cleansing taking place, and Zion, the Americas, she also shall be cleansed.

10 Many of the world will be destroyed, because of sin—the evil is a destroyer. Come out of the world and its ways of discord.

11 The youth of many nations desire peace and a Godly way of life. The spirit of good everywhere is working to destroy the adversary.

12 Look to the gospel and the faith of those that teach truth. Build yourselves into the scriptures in proof of my coming and my words which I have brought, will bring; and this way of authority.

13 Some will build which the Lord has not commanded and their works will crumble and fail.

14 Thus saith the Lord: 'I am the Lord that stayed the hand of Abraham with the sword in his test of faith, obedience and trust. Descendants of his seed today will see the hand and power of God move. The adversary's powers shall be destroyed in the end.'

15 The revelation of John is being unfolded in the eyes of all nations.

16 There are those the Lord has taken to their reward. Their work on earth has brought forth fruit and will remain.

17 Those that can not function in this work, their service being ended, let them be released of their responsibility and trust. Let the authority be upon those that can work in this cause.

18 Wherefore you may also have hope, and be partakers of the gift if ye will have faith. God has prepared a more excellent way and it is by faith that it has been fulfilled.

19 Let those of the twelve who can arrange to go—plan the work in foreign fields.

20 It is good that Paul Doug-

las Savage continue as pastor of the flock here at this time. Let all help in this work. Let love and kindness prevail.

21 Let these be added to the elders: Jim Bolan, Terry Laws, Phillip Lopez, Edward Coffee, and Dennis M. Jones.

22 This is a great work, and coming to the last days, the time of the end, when the mysteries of the prophecies will be unfolded and understood.

23 Let the message be published every way possible.

24 Names in the past that have not and or will not accept their calling, let their names be removed, lest the enemy make light of the Lord's work.

25 Satan has great power and has ruined the lives of many.

26 Let all awaken to their calling and help more in this work, attending services, worship and working among the people.

27 It is good that Dale S. Milne come to Independence to help in the work, now, let him keep tidy the house of the Lord. Let him be appointed the Church historian.

28 As the vacancy comes in the bishop's quorum, let Jim Sorgen prepare for the office work, love and justice continue to prevail.

29 That the apostles quorum may again be filled in the bishopric of the Church, now, and as other vacancies come: Norman Lyles, Dale S. Milne, George Wilkin, James E. Parker, and Jim Bolan.

30 There are many, many, many that will help in the building of the temple of the Lord, if it were not for the unbelief, doubt, bitterness and selfishness, among those that claim to love the Lord.

31 Some have sought to be great in the work of the Lord and have stood in the way. Leave the bitterness depart—come together in peace. The directions will come from the Lord.

32 This is my mission to bring the plans and directions to those appointed to inquire—that the will of the Lord be done according to his plan.

33 Much shaking and de-

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structions, the death of many taken to the beyonds, their lives' work wasted because of their unbelief.

34 God in his power will have his way. The evil will not hinder when the Lord moves to

do his work.

35 I have spoken, it is the Lord's will I have given.

Blessings of healing and deliverance will come to all that heed and obey.

36 I will come again as the

need be. I leave peace with you and the Church. Glory to his name.

37 I am John the Baptist. I am a resurrected being to do my calling. Amen."

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