

Basic Restoration Beliefs

What are they?

The Epitome of Faith and Doctrine

In 1842, Joseph Smith, Jr. wrote a letter to “Long” John Wentworth, editor of the *Chicago Democrat*, which consisted of thirteen fundamental doctrines of the Restoration entitled, “An Epitome of Faith and Doctrine.” The letter was published in the Times and Seasons Vol. III, page 710.

This presentation includes additional principles of the Restoration and of the doctrine of Jesus Christ, as included by George Medford.

We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions.

We believe that through atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.

We believe that these ordinances are, first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

We believe that a man must be called of God by "prophecy, and by laying on of hands" by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances thereof.

We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church; viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes, that Zion will be built upon this continent, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaic glory.

We claim privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our consciences, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "we believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.



Preface

Changes to Joseph Smith, Jr.'s original "Epitome of Faith and Doctrine" will be indicated by:

- An asterisk (*), which notes those doctrines which have been reworded
- A dagger (†), which notes an original doctrine which wasn't included

1. We believe in God the Father, in Christ His Son, and in the Holy Ghost

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.

10:10 But the Lord is the **true God**, he is the **living God**, and an everlasting King... [Jeremiah 10:10]

3:15 That whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. **3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his **Only Begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life. **3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. [John 3:15-17]

15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, **through the power of the Holy Ghost**. [Romans 15:13]

12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **12:50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the **Father said unto me**, so I speak. [John 12:49-50]

14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father; for my Father is greater than I [John 14:28]

20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Hold me not; for I am not yet ascended to **my Father**; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to **my God, and your God**. [John 20:17]

5:32 Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, I will declare unto you my doctrine. And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; **5:33** And **I bear record of the Father,** and **the Father beareth record of me,** and **the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me,** and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me; **5:34** And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they who shall inherit the kingdom of God. **5:35** And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized, shall be damned. **5:36** Verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my doctrine; and I bear record of it from the Father; and whoso believeth in me, believeth in the Father also; **5:37** And unto him will the Father bear record of me; for he will visit him with fire and with the Holy Ghost; **5:38** And thus will the Father bear record of me; and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him of the Father and me; for the Father, and I, and the Holy Ghost, **are one**. [3 Nephi 5:32-38]

**1. We believe in God the Father, in
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What do we believe?

†2. We believe in the miracle of God's Creation; that God created all things through Jesus Christ and that Christ is the only mediator between God and man

Genesis 1:27 And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so.

1:1 In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God. **1:2** The same was in the beginning with God. **1:3 All things were made by him;** and without him was not anything made which was made. [John 1:1-3]

1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;** [Hebrews 1:1-2]

1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; **1:15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. **1:16** For by him were **all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; **all things were created by him**, and for him; **1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. [Colossians 1:14-17]

4:44 Behold I am Jesus Christ, the son of God. **I created the heavens and the earth**, and all things that in them are. **4:45** I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name. [3 Nephi 4:44-45]

**Jesus Christ is the only
mediator between God
and man**



2:4 Who is willing to have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth which is in Christ Jesus, who is the Only Begotten Son of God, and ordained to be a Mediator between God and man; who is one God, and hath power over all men. **2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [1 Timothy 2:4-5]

3:19 Wherefore then, the law was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made in the law given to Moses, who was ordained by the hand of angels to be a mediator of this first covenant, (the law.) **3:20** Now this mediator was not a mediator of the new covenant; but there is one mediator of the new covenant, who is Christ, as it is written in the law concerning the promises made to Abraham and his seed. Now Christ is the mediator of life; for this is the promise which God made unto Abraham. [Galatians 3:19-20]

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Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I change not

13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. [Hebrews 13: 8]

11:145 For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will shew unto the world that I am the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever; and I work not among the children of men, save it be according to their faith. [2 Nephi 11:145 and Isaiah 29:25]

4:82 And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. [Mormon 4:82]

1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. **1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, **neither shadow of turning.** [James 1:16-17]

2:1a The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, **2:1b** neither can they come to naught, for God doth not walk in crooked paths; **2:1c** neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left; neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; therefore his paths are straight and his course is one eternal round [D&C 2:1a-c]

4:68 For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and for ever; and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing. **4:69** And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary, and in him there is shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is not a god of miracles...**4:81** And if there were miracles wrought, then why has God ceased to be a God of miracles, and yet be an unchangeable being. **4:82** And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. [Mormon 4:68-69, 81-82]

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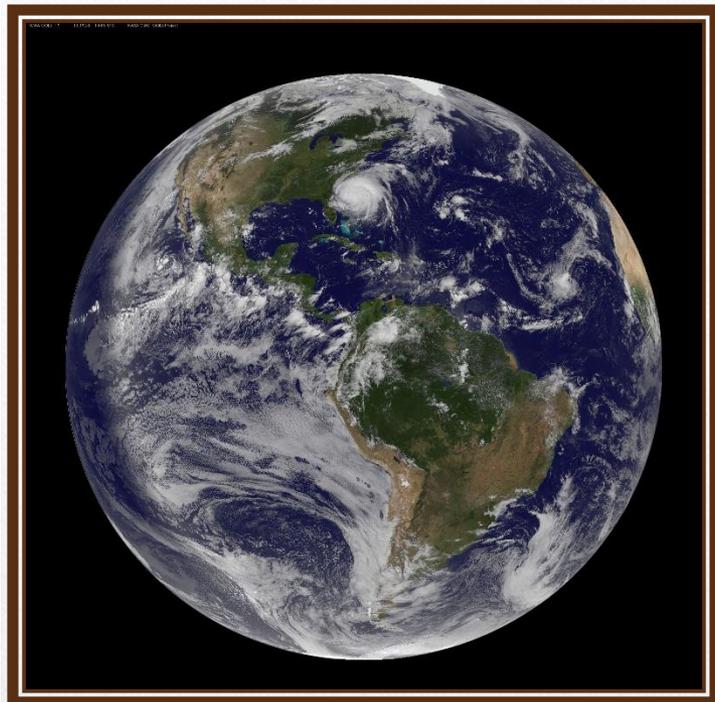
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4. We believe that God has revealed himself through the ages and continues to do so today

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

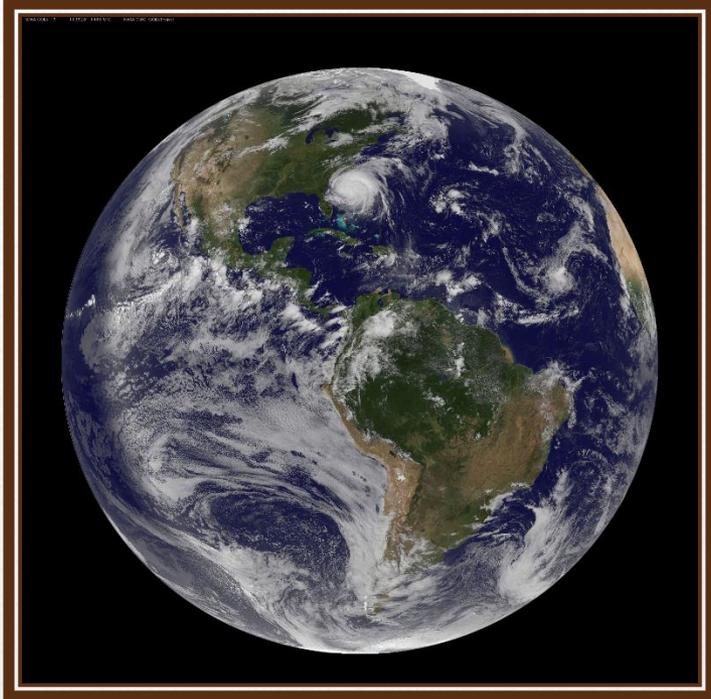
16:16 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? **16:17** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **16:18** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. [Matthew 16:16-18]

12:4 For they were men of a sound understanding, and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God. **12:5** But this is not all: they had given themselves to much **prayer, and fasting**, therefore they had the *spirit of prophecy*, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God. [Alma 12:4-5]



6:66 And, behold, all things have their likeness; and all things are created and made to bear record of me; both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are in the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath, all things bear record of me. [Genesis 6:66]

85:11a And again, verily I say unto you, He hath given a law unto all things by which they move in their times, and their seasons; and their courses are fixed; even the courses of the heavens, and the earth; which comprehend the earth and all the planets; **85:11b** and they give light to each other in their times, and in their seasons, in their minutes, in their hours, in their days, in their weeks, in their months, in their years: all these are one year with God, but not with man. **85:12a** The earth rolls upon her wings; and the sun giveth his light by day, and the moon giveth her light by night; and the stars also giveth their light, as they roll upon their wings, in their glory, in the midst of the power of God. **85:12b** Unto what shall I liken these kingdoms, that ye may understand? **85:12c** Behold, all these are kingdoms, and any man who hath seen any or the least of these, **hath seen God moving in his majesty and power.** [DC 85:11-12]



5:44 And thus the gospel began to be preached **from the beginning**, being declared by holy angels, sent forth from the presence of God; and by his own voice, and by the gift of the Holy Ghost. **5:45** And thus all things were confirmed unto Adam by an holy ordinance; and the gospel preached; and a decree sent forth that it should be in the world **until the end thereof**; and thus it was. Amen. [Genesis 4:44-45]

By angels

- Gen 19:1-20
- Psa 91:11-12
- Dan 9:20-23
- Matt 2:3-8
- Matt 3:13; 19-20
- Luke 1:11-20; 26-38
- Mark 1:10-11

By God's voice

- Exo 3:4
- Deut 5:4-6; 23-33
- Deut 18:15-19
- Eze 33:1-9
- John 3:16-18
- John 17:5
- Heb 1:1-2

By the Holy Ghost

- Jud 3:10
- 1 Sam 10:6
- Isa 11:1-4
- Mat 2:1-3
- John 14:16-17; 26
- Acts 2:4
- 1 Cor 2:10-14

1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; **1:6** Which is come unto you, **as in all generations of the world;** and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth [Colossians 1:5-6]

3:7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, until he revealeth the secret unto his servants the prophets. [Amos 3:7]

1:3c and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people; **1:3d** for they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, **1:3e** but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall. [D&C 1:3c-e]

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8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord; **8:12** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. [Amos 8:11-12]

20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **20:29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **20:30** Also of *your own selves* shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. [Acts 20:28-30]

1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**; **1:7 Which is not another**; but there be some that trouble you, and would *pervert* the gospel of Christ. [Galatians 1:6-7]

4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing in his kingdom; **4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season; those who are out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and *doctrine*. **4:3** For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4:4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be **turned unto fables**. [2 Timothy 4:1-4]

2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you who privily shall bring in abominable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **2:2** And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **2:3** And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not. [2 Peter 2:1-3]



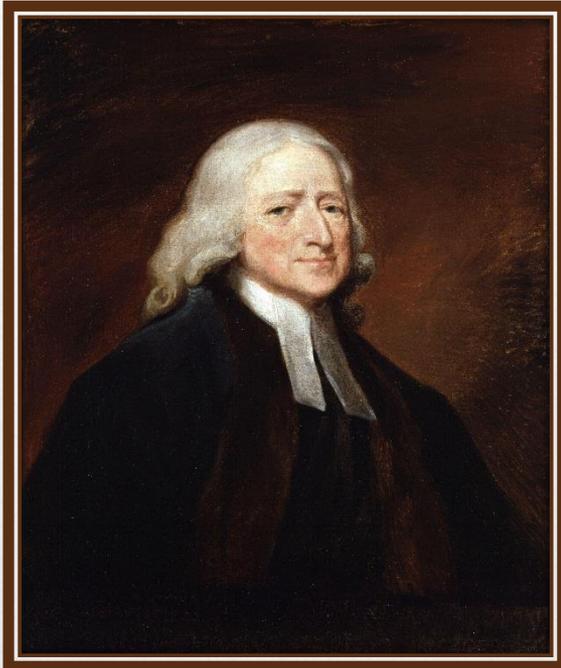
2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means; for there shall come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **2:4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. **2:5** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **2:6** And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. **2:7** For the mystery of iniquity ***doth already work***, and he it is who now worketh, and Christ ***suffereth him to work***, until the time in fulfilled that he shall be taken out of the way. **2:8** And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth [truth], and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming [light]. **2:9** Yea, the Lord, even Jesus, whose coming is not until **after there cometh a falling away**, by the working of Satan with all power, and signs and lying wonders, **2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. **2:11** And for this cause ***God shall send them strong delusion***, that they should believe a lie; **2:12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. [2 Thessalonians 2:3; 9-10]

12:1 And there appeared a great sign in heaven, in the likeness of things on the earth; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars...**12:4** And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman which was delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born. **12:5** And the **woman fled into the wilderness**, where she had a place **prepared of God**, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore years. **12:6** And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael; **12:7** And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the **church of God**, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth **the kingdom of our God and his Christ**.
[Revelation 12:1-7]

Ezekiel 4:6 we learn that a day equals a year in prophecy

Lombard's-papacy (Rome) 570 AD + 1260 years = 1830

John Wesley
(1703-1791)
Founder of Methodism

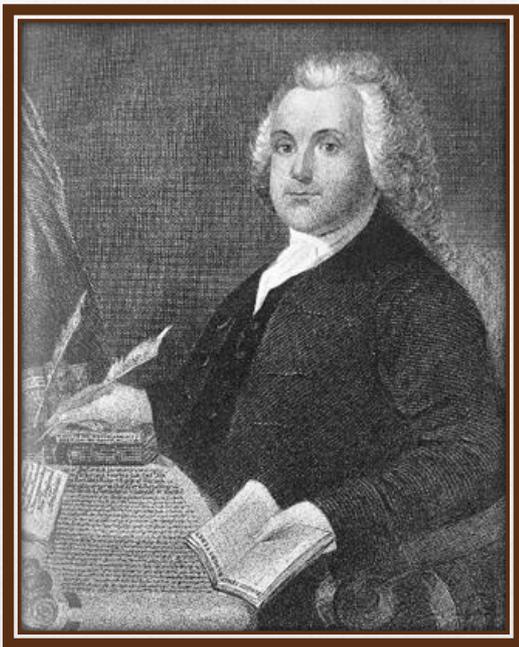


This is a miserable mistake: not a twentieth part of it [the world] was then nominally Christian. The real cause was, “the love of many” – almost of all Christians, so called, was “waxed cold”. The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ, than the other heathens. This was the real cause why extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian church; because the Christians were turned heathens again, and had only a dead form left. *Wesley’s Sermons, vol. 2, p. 266*

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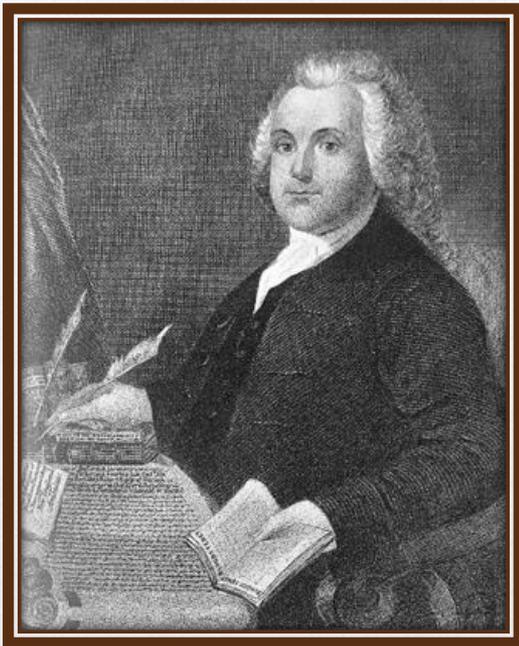
He conceived that the
apostasy of Anti-Christ hath
so far corrupted all, that there
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*Struggle; and Triumphs of Religious Liberty, p. 238-
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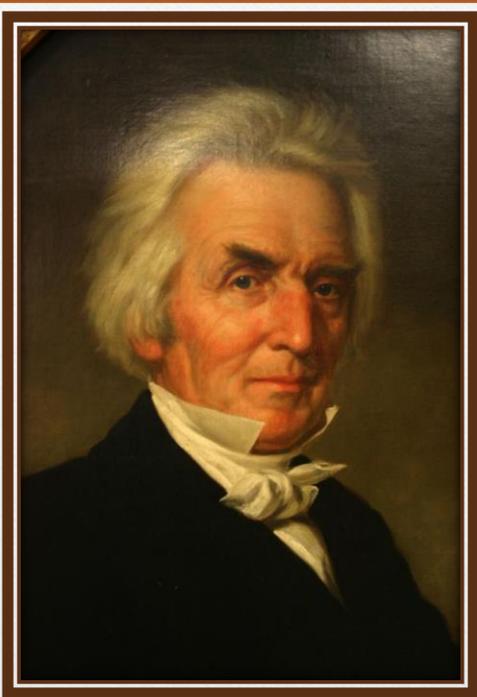


On his return from England he [Roger Williams] refrained from fellowship with the church, and lived in an isolated religious condition, preaching the gospel to the Indians as he found opportunity, but refusing to participate in the ordinances. He had embraced a singular notion, which is thus stated by one of his biographers: “He denied that any ministry now exists which is **authorized** to preach the gospel to the impenitent, or to **administer** the ordinances.” J.M. Cramp, *Baptist History*, p. 461

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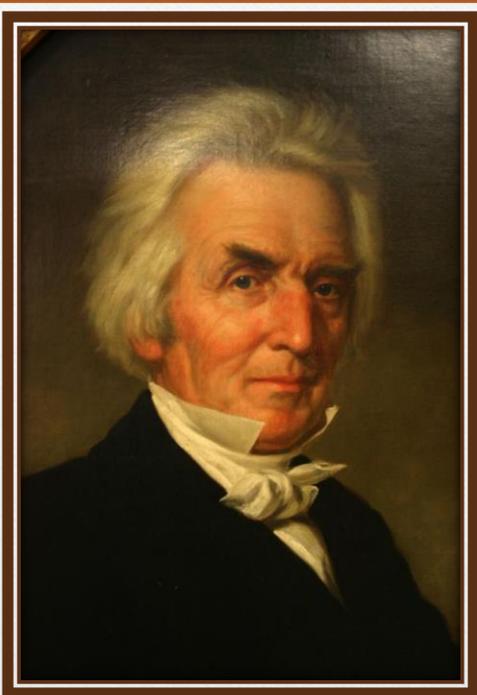


We argue that all Christian sects are more or less apostatized from the institutions of the Saviour: that by all of the obligations of the Christian religion, they that fear and love the Lord are bound to return to the ancient order of things, in spirit and truth. *The Christian Baptist, vol. 5, p. 402*

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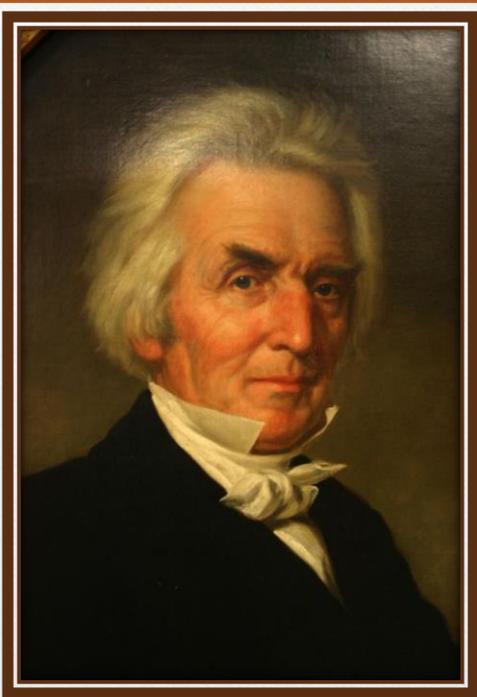


. . .either some new revelation
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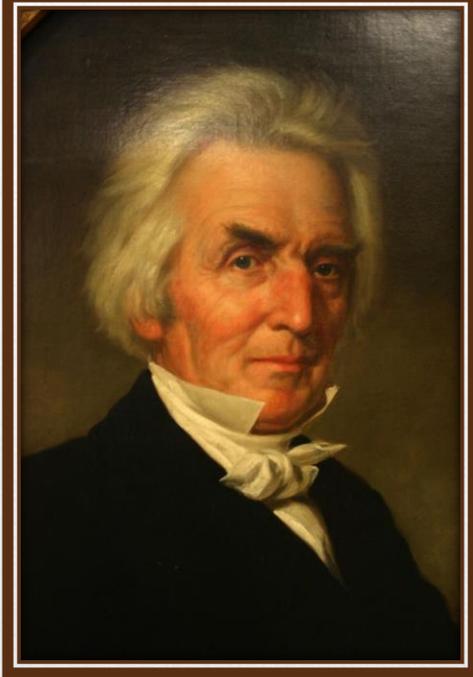
We have to pattern after the first church as well as we can. But we can *never equal it*. With all our efforts, the great disparity will ever remain. And could the Apostles and primitive Christians be here, they would doubtless weep at beholding it. *Millennial Harbinger, vol. 5, p.*

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The primitive gospel in its
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world. A.S. Hayden, *History of the
Disciples in the Western Reserve*, p. 37

John Robinson
(1576-1625)

*Pastor of the “Pilgrims
Fathers” before they left
on the Mayflower.*



“I charge you before God...that you follow me no further than you have seen me follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If God reveals anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as you were to receive any truth by my ministry, for I am verily persuaded the Lord hath **more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word.** For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of those reformed churches which...will go, at present, **no further than the instruments of their reformation.** The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw; whatever part of His will our God had revealed to Calvin, they will rather die than embrace it; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented...”

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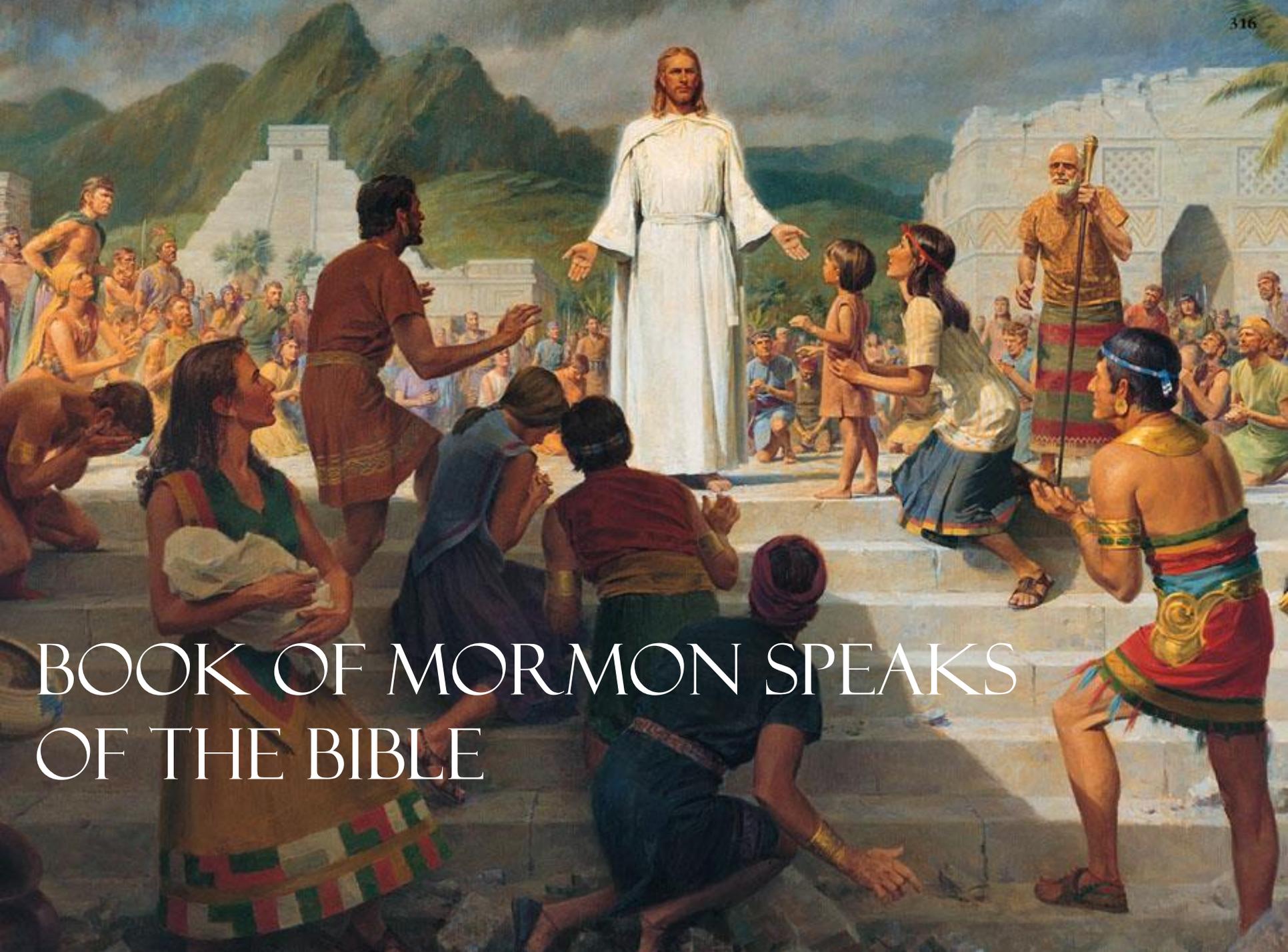
What do we believe?

***6. We believe in the Inspired Version
of the Bible, The Book of Mormon,
and in those portions of the Doctrine &
Covenants that are in harmony with the
Bible and Book of Mormon**

2 Nephi 14:4 Wherefore, I said unto you, Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.

3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **3:16** And **all scripture given by inspiration of God, *is profitable*** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; **3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [2 Timothy 3:14-17]

2:15 Study to show thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15]



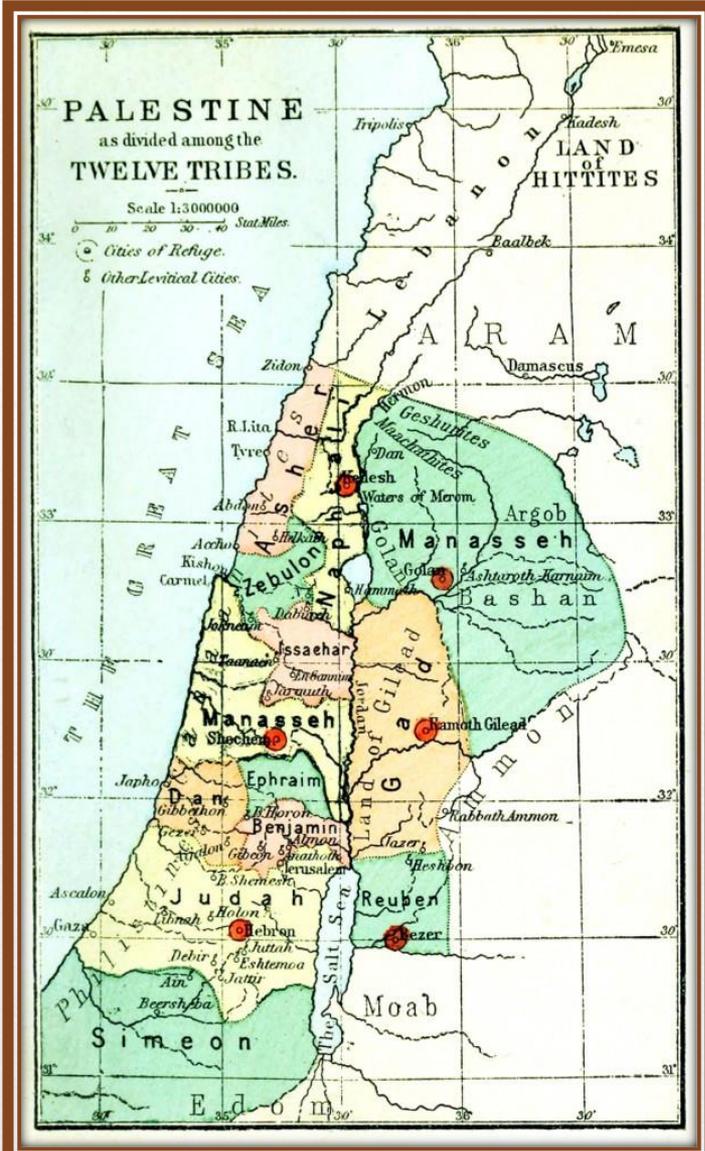
BOOK OF MORMON SPEAKS
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3:161 And he said unto me, The book that thou beholdest is a record of the Jews, which contains the covenants of the Lord which he hath made unto the house of Israel; **3:162** And it also containeth many of the prophecies of the holy prophets; **3:163** And it is a record like unto the engravings which are upon the plates of brass, save there are not so many; nevertheless, they contain the covenants of the Lord which he hath made unto the house of Israel; **3:164** Wherefore, they are of great worth unto the Gentiles.. [1 Nephi 3:161-164]

29:4 And she [Israel] shall be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground and her speech shall be low out of the dust; and her voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit out of the ground, and her speech shall whisper out of the dust. **29:11** And it shall come to pass, that **the Lord God shall bring forth unto you the words of a book**; and they shall be the words of them which have slumbered. **29:12** And behold, the book shall be sealed; **and in the book shall be a revelation from God**, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof. **29:28** But behold, saith the Lord of hosts, I will show unto the children of men, that it is not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into **a fruitful field**; and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest. **29:29** And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. [Isaiah 29:4; 11-12; 28-29]

History explains that Lebanon remained a desert for centuries until the former and latter rains returned early in the nineteenth century. The people there developed a way to irrigate the land, which caused it to become a fruitful land once again. The following is an excerpt from an article published in the *National Tribune* in 1889, Mr. F. G. Carpenter said:

At the present the Jews are coming here by the hundreds...a half century ago [1839] there were only 32 Jewish families in all Jerusalem, and the number in Palestine was only 3,000. Now [1889] there are nearly 50,000 in the Holy Land.



In 1830, there were very few Jews in Palestine, and the country itself was desolate. However, by 1889, there were 50,000 Jews, and another 61,541 returned in 1935. The restoration of the Jews involved more than just people, but it involved the land as well.

An old encyclopedia gives us the situation in Palestine in the early part of the nineteenth century.

Encyclopedia Britannica, 1801, Article on Palestine.



the spotter's hand has rested — McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia, Article on Palestine.

Interestingly, the Book of Mormon was published in 1830 and at that time Palestine was still an unproductive wilderness. However, something in the land began to change shortly thereafter. Please read the following from a book published in 1935, Mr. George T. B. Davis stated:

The change that has taken place in Palestine...is almost unbelievable, and well nigh beggars description. Swamp lands have been reclaimed, and have given place to waving fields of grain. Sandy wastes have been turned into beautiful orange groves. Desert places have been turned into a veritable garden of Eden. Indeed it is quite probable that such a sudden change from a waste wilderness to a land blossoming as the rose has never before been witnessed in the history of the world.

37:15 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying. **37:16** Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; **37:17** And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. **37:18** And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? **37:19** Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; **Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. **37:20** And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. **37:21** And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; **37:22** And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all; [Ezekiel 37:16-22]**

❖ **Stick of Judah = The Bible**

❖ **Stick of Joseph = The Book of Mormon**

Most scholars agree that the stick of Judah is the bible but are reluctant to say what the stick of Joseph is. Some religions claim that the stick of Joseph is the Book of Mormon, that it was written by the descendants of Joseph of the old testament. Writers in the Book of Mormon even state that they are descendants of Joseph.

6:8 Wherefore the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and thy shall no more be confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away. [Ether 6:8]

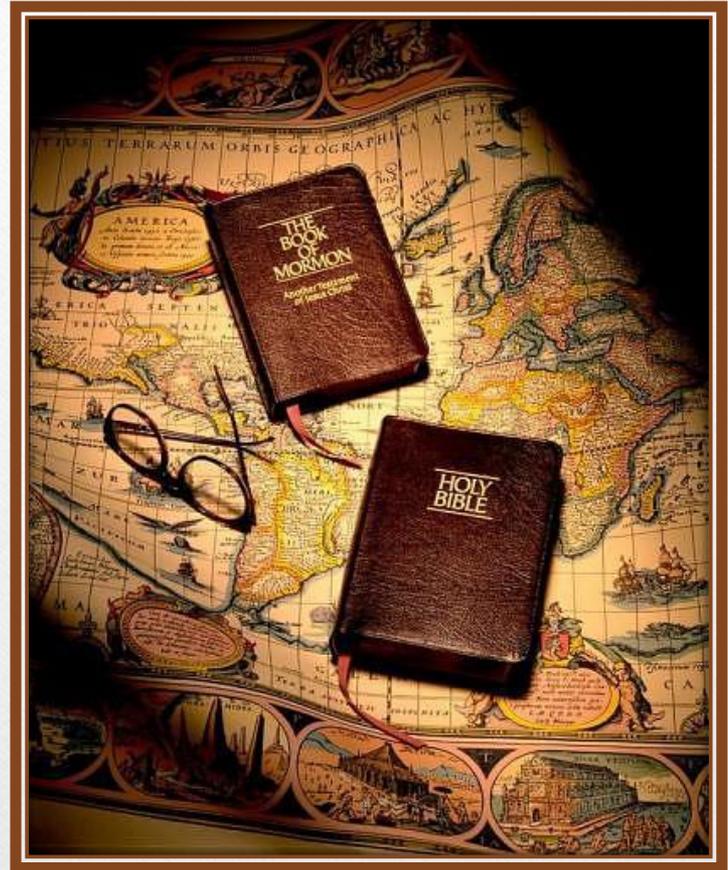
8:1 Now these are the words which Amulek preached unto the people who were in the land of Ammonihah, saying: I am Amulek; I am the son of Giddonah, who was the son of Ishmael, who was a descendant of Aminadi: **8:2** And it was the same Aminadi who interpreted the writing which was upon the wall of the temple, which was written by the finger of God **8:3** And Aminadi was a descendant of Nephi, who was the son of Lehi, who came out of the land of Jerusalem, who was a descendant of Manasseh, who was the son of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt by the hands of his brethren. [Alma 8:1-3]

Church History vol.2 ch.9 p.138: "Who is the stem of Jesse spoken of in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth verses of the eleventh chapter of Isaiah? "Verily thus saith the Lord, It is Christ. "What is the rod spoken of in the first verse of the eleventh chapter of Isaiah that should come of the stem of Jesse? "Behold, thus saith the Lord, **It is a servant in the hands of Christ**, who is partly a descendant of Jesse as well as of Ephraim, or of the house of Joseph, on whom there is laid much power.

❖ **Stick of Judah = The Bible**

❖ **Stick in the hand of Ephraim = The Book of Mormon and
The Doctrine and Covenants**

4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now it is already in the world. [1 John 4:1-3]





15:3 But I, Nephi, have written what I have written; and I esteem it as of great worth, and especially unto my people... **15:5** And the words which I have written in weakness, will he [God] make strong unto them; for it persuadeth them to do good; it maketh known unto them of their fathers; and **it speaketh of Jesus**, and persuadeth them to believe in him, and to endure to the end, which is life eternal. **15:6** And it speaketh *harsh against sin*, according to the plainness of the truth... **15:11** And now, my beloved brethren, and also Jew, and all ye ends of the earth, hearken unto these words, and believe in Christ; and if ye **believe not** in these words, *believe in Christ*.

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10:3 Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam, even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts. **10:4** And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that **ye would ask God**, the eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; **10:5** And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, **having faith in Christ**, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost; and by the power of the Holy Ghost, ye may know the truth of all things. **10:6** And whatsoever thing is good, is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is. [Moroni 10:3-6]

***6. We believe in the Inspired Version
of the Bible, The Book of Mormon,
and in those portions of the Doctrine &
Covenants that are in harmony with the
Bible and Book of Mormon**

What do we believe?

7. We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all men may be saved and that our eternal reward is directly related to our obedience to His Commandments and Laws

2 Nephi 8:12 *And my soul delighteth in proving unto my people, that save Christ should come, all men must perish.*



1:115 Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. **1:116** And the Messiah cometh in the fullness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall. **1:117** And because that they are redeemed from the fall, they have become free for ever, knowing good from evil; **1:118** To act for themselves, and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the Lord, at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given. **1:119** Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. **1:120** And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great mediation of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil: **1:121** For he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself. **1:122** And now, my sons, I would that ye should look to the great Mediator, and hearken unto his great commandments; **1:123** And be faithful unto his words, and choose eternal life, according to the will of his Holy Spirit, [2 Nephi 1:115-123]

4:71 Behold, he created Adam; and by Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man, came Jesus Christ, even the Father and the Son; and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man. **4:72** And because of the redemption of man, which came by Jesus Christ, they are brought back into the presence of the Lord; yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed, because the death of Christ bringeth to pass the resurrection, which bringeth to pass a redemption from an endless sleep, from which sleep all men shall be awakened by the power of God, when the trump shall sound; **4:73** And they shall come forth, both small and great, and all shall stand before his bar, being redeemed and loosed from this eternal band of death, which death is a temporal death; **4:74** And then cometh the judgment of the Holy One upon them...
[Mormon 4:71-74]

4:8 He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. **4:9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **4:10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

[1 John 4:8-10]

1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved; **1:7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; [Ephesians 1:6-7]

2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. But if any man sin and repent, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. [1 John 2:1-2]

2:71 O remember, remember, my sons, the words which King Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only **through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ**, who shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world. **2:72** And remember also, the words which Amulek spake unto Zeezrom, in the city of Ammonihah; for he said unto him, that the Lord surely should come to redeem his people; but that he should not come to redeem them in their sins, but to redeem them **from their sins**. **2:73** And he hath power given unto him from the Father, to redeem them from their sins, because of repentance; therefore he hath sent his angels to declare the tidings of the conditions of repentance, **which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer**, unto the salvation of their souls. [Helaman 2:71-73]

2:4 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people **from their sins.**

[Matthew 4:4]

7:31 For the day soon cometh, that men shall come before me to judgment, to be **judged according to their works.**

[Matthew 7:31]

20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead **were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.** [Revelation 20:12]

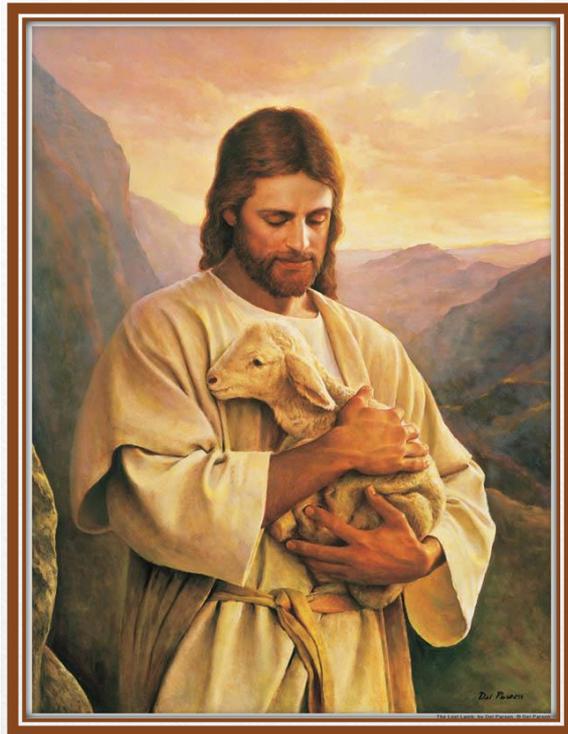
2:10 And also, the atonement which has been prepared from the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, and should be diligent in keeping his commandments, and continue in the faith even unto the end of his life; I mean the life of the mortal body; **2:11** I say, that this is the man who receiveth salvation, through the atonement which was prepared from the foundation of the world, for all mankind, which ever were, ever since the fall of Adam, or who are or who ever shall be, even unto the end of the world; and this is the means whereby salvation cometh. **2:12** And there is none other salvation, save this which hath been spoken of; neither are there any conditions whereby man can be saved, except the conditions which I have told you. **2:13** Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things both in heaven and in earth; **2:14** Believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; **2:15** Believe that man doth not comprehend all things which the Lord can comprehend. **2:16** And again: Believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you: **2:17** And now, if you believe all these things, **see that ye do them.** [Mosiah 2:10-17]

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What do we believe?

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Mosiah 1:114 And even if it were possible that little children could sin, they could not be saved; but I say unto you, they are blessed; **1:115** For behold as in Adam, or by nature they fall, even so the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins.



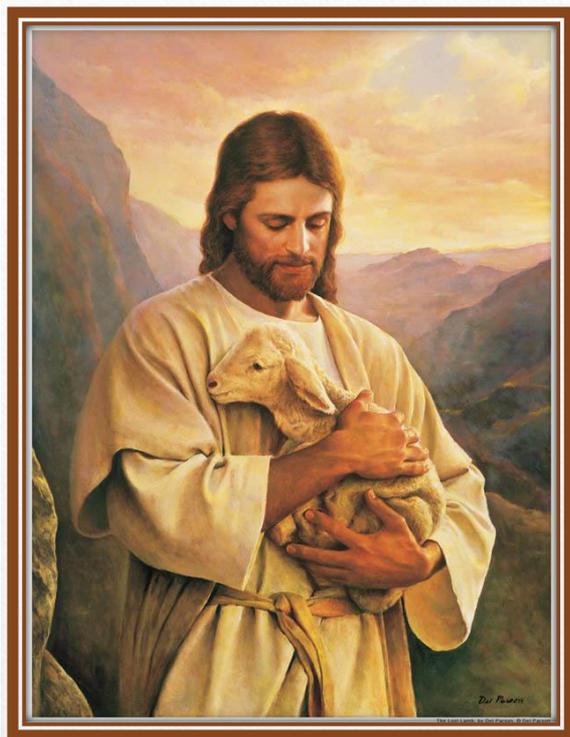
2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. [1 Peter 2:24]

18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die. **18:5** But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, and...**18:9** Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God. **18:10** If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood...**18:11** And that doeth not any of those duties...shall he then live? he shall not live; he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him. **18:14** Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like...he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. **18:18** As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

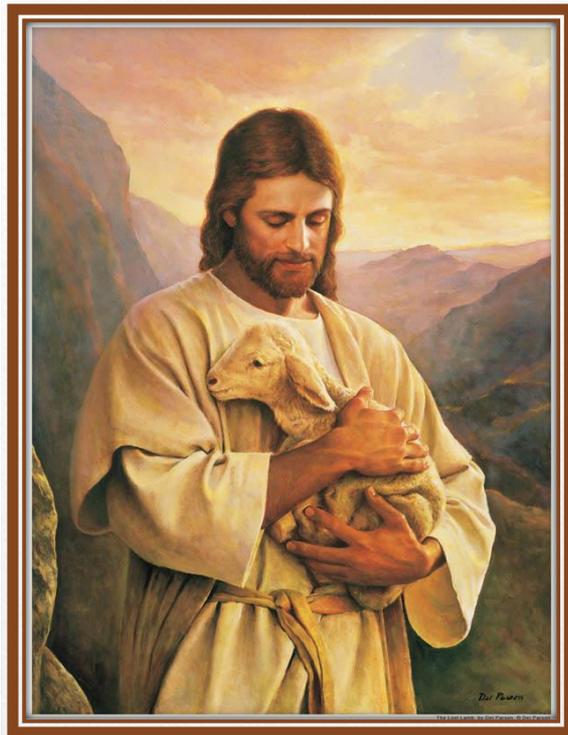
18:19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. **18:20** The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. **18:21** But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. **18:22** All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him; in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

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18:23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God; and not that he should return from his ways, and live? **18:24** But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. **18:25** Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? **18:26** When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. **18:27** Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. [Ezekiel 18:4-27]

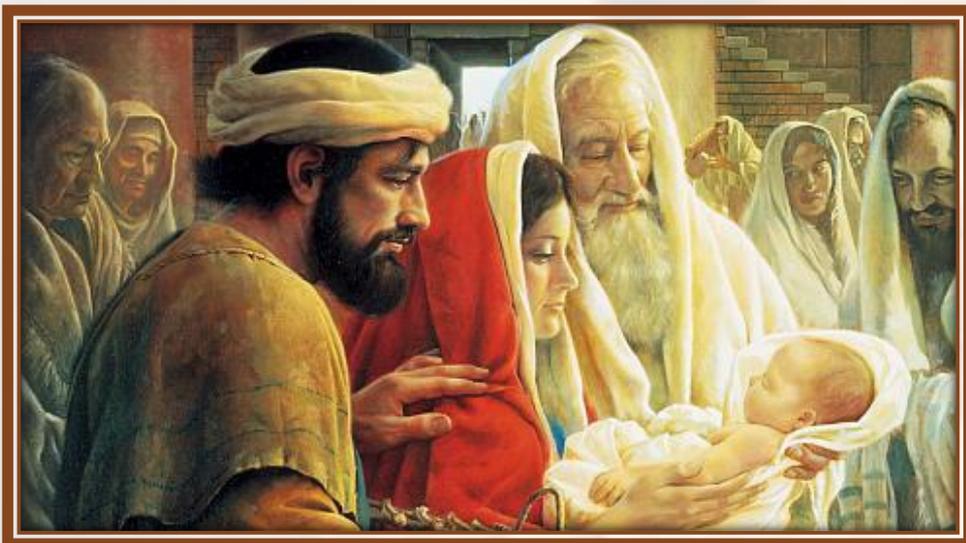


1:107 For behold, and also his blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died, not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned. [Mosiah 1:107]



6:56 Hence came the saying abroad among the people, the Son of God hath atoned for original guilt, wherein the sins of the parents cannot be answered upon the heads of the children, for they are whole from the foundation of the world. [Genesis 6:56]

8:9 Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; the whole need no physician, buy they that are sick; wherefore little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them; and the law of circumcision is done away in me. **8:10** And after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; wherefore my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God, that ye should baptize little children. **8:11** Behold I say unto you, that this thing shall ye teach, repentance and baptism unto those who are **accountable and capable** of committing sin...and their little children *need no repentance, neither baptism*. **8:12** Behold, baptism is unto *repentance* to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins. **8:13** But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable God, and a respecter to persons; for how many little children have died without baptism. [Moroni 8:9-29]



2:25 And behold, there was a man at Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

2:26 And it was revealed unto

him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **2:27** And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child, even Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, **2:28** Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, **2:29** Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; **2:30** For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, **2:31** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; **2:32** A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. **2:33** And Joseph, and Mary, marveled at those things which were spoken of ⁸⁶the child.

[Luke 2:25-33]

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What do we believe?

9. We believe in the fundamental principles of Christ's doctrine, which includes repentance, faith towards God, baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **1:10** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed;

5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. **5:13** For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. **5:14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. **6:1** Therefore not leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. **6:2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **6:3** And we will go on unto perfection if God permit. [Hebrews 5:12-14 and 6:1-3]

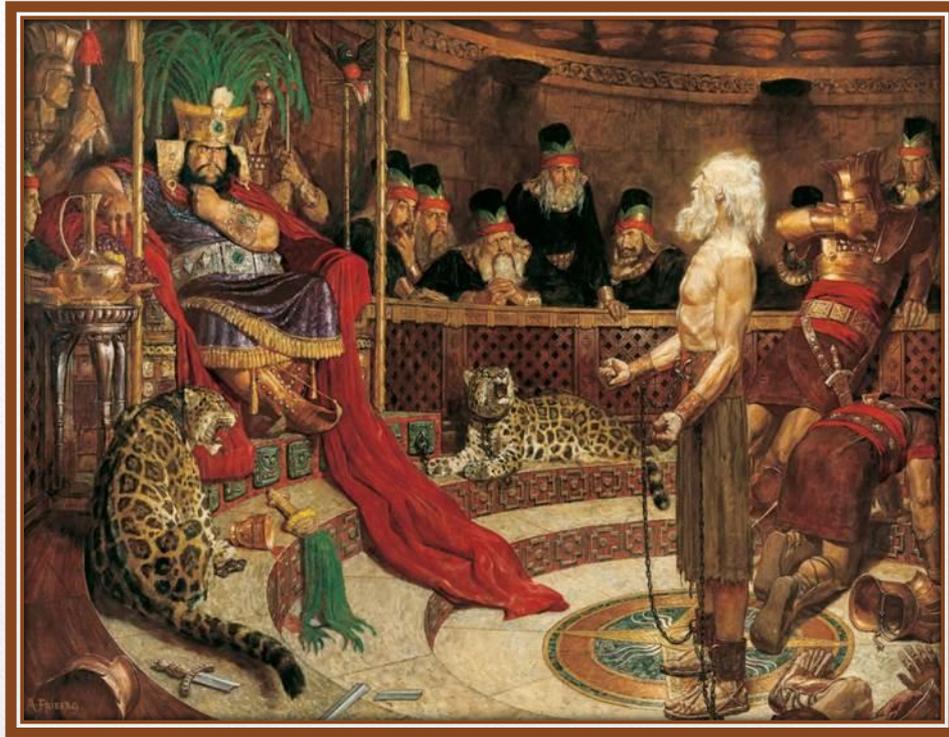


Repentance

Isaiah 1:16 Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **1:17** Learn to do well...

58:9d By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins. Behold, he will confess them and forsake them. [DC 58:9d]

16:3c Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; for, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him. **16:3d** And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him on conditions of repentance. **16:3e** And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore you are called to cry repentance unto this people. **16:3f** And if it so be that you should labor all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father! [D&C 16:3c-f]



Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

2:14 What profit is it, my brethren, for a man to say he hath faith, and hath not works? can faith save him?... **2:20** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **2:21** Seest thou how works wrought with his faith, and by works was faith made perfect?... **2:25** For, as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead. [James 2:14; 20-21; 25]

17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? **17:20** And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for, verily, I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. [Matthew 17:19-20]

16:139 Yea, there are many who do say, If thou wilt shew unto us a sign from heaven, then we shall know of a surety; then we shall believe.

16:140 Now I ask, Is this faith? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for if a man knoweth a thing, he hath no cause to believe, for he knoweth it.

16:141 And now how much more cursed is he that knoweth the will of God and doeth it not, than he that only believeth, or only hath cause to

believe, and falleth into transgression? Now of this thing, ye must judge. [Alma 16:139-141]

5:5 And it came to pass that Ether did prophesy great and marvelous things unto the people, which they did not believe, because they saw them not. **5:6** And now I, Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning

these things; I would shew unto the world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen; **5:7** Wherefore, dispute not because ye see not,

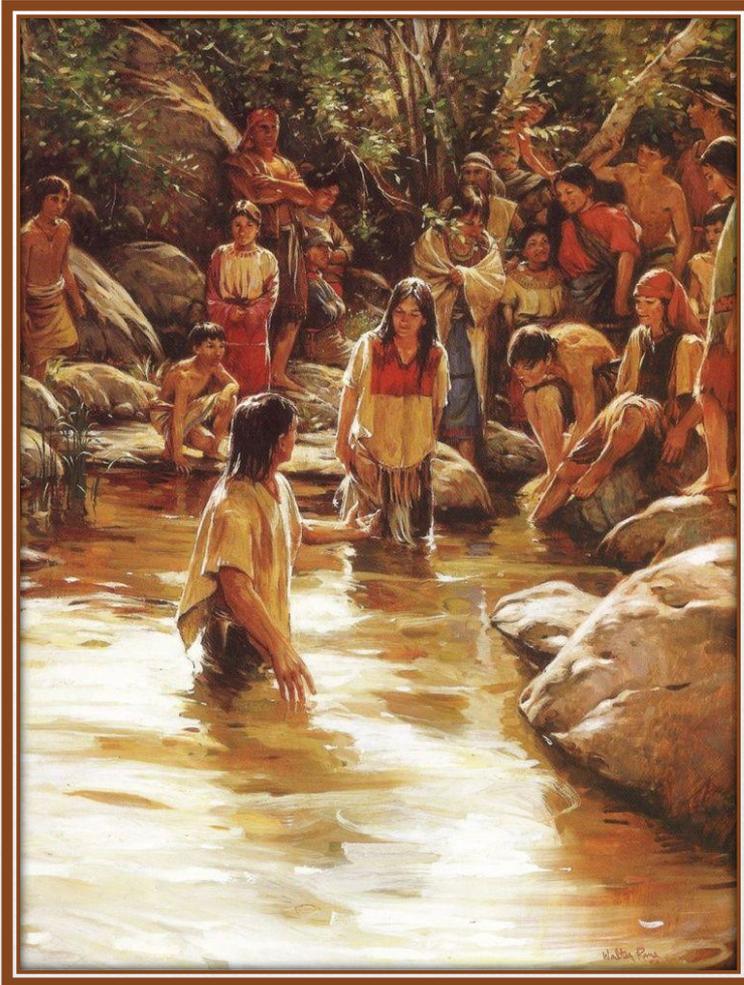
for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith, for it was by faith that Christ shewed himself unto our fathers, after he had risen from the dead; **5:8** And he shewed not himself unto them, until after

they had faith in him; wherefore, it must needs be that some had faith in him, for he shewed himself not unto the world. [Ether 5:5-8]

1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; **1:7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; **1:8** Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; **1:9** Receiving the object of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. [1 Peter 1:6-9]

7:45 And again my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you concerning hope. **7:46** How is it that ye can attain unto faith, save ye shall have hope? And what is it that ye shall hope for? **7:47** Behold I say unto you, that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal; and this because of your faith in him according to the promise; **7:48** Wherefore, if a man have faith, he must needs have hope; for without faith there can not be any hope. [Moroni 7:45-48]

16:143 And now as I said concerning faith: Faith, is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith, ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true. **16:152** Now we will compare the word unto a seed. **16:153** Now if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart, behold, if it be a true seed, or a good seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will resist the Spirit of the Lord, behold, it will begin to swell within your breasts; **16:154** And when you feel those swelling motions, ye will begin to say within yourselves, It must needs be that this is a good seed, or that the word is good, for it beginneth to enlarge my soul; yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding; yea, and it beginneth to be delicious to me. **16:155** Now behold, would not this increase your faith? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a perfect knowledge. [Alma 16:143; 152-155]



Baptisms

Genesis 6:60 For no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence

6:51 But God hath made known unto our fathers, that all men must repent. **6:52** And he called upon our father Adam, by his own voice, saying, I am God; I made the world, and men before they were in the flesh. **6:53** And he also said unto him, If thou wilt, turn unto me and hearken unto my voice, and believe, and repent of all thy transgressions, and be baptized, even in water, in the name of mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth, which is Jesus Christ, the only name which shall be given under heaven, whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, asking all things in his name, and whatsoever ye shall ask it shall be given you. **6:54** And our father Adam spake unto the Lord, and said, Why is it that men must repent, and be baptized in water? **6:55** And the Lord said unto Adam, Behold, I have forgiven thee thy transgression in the garden of Eden. **6:56** Hence came the saying abroad among the people, that the Son of God hath atoned for original guilt, wherein the sins of the parents cannot be answered upon the heads of the children, for they are whole from the foundation of the world. **6:57** And the Lord spake unto Adam, saying, Inasmuch as thy children are conceived in sin, even so, when they begin to grow up sin conceiveth in their hearts, and they taste the bitter, that they may know to prize the good. **6:58** And it is given unto them to know good from evil; wherefore, they are agents unto themselves

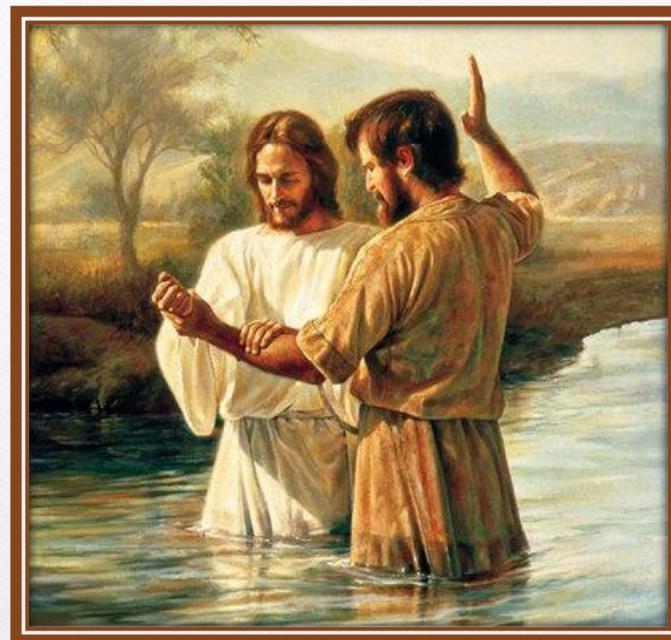
6:61 Therefore I give unto you a commandment, to teach these things freely unto your children, saying, that by reason of transgression cometh the fall, which fall bringeth death; and inasmuch as ye were born into the world by water and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so become of dust a living soul; **6:62** Even so ye must be born again, into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye may be sanctified from all sin; and enjoy the words of eternal life in this world, and eternal life in the world to come; even immortal glory. **6:63** For, by the water ye keep the commandment; by the Spirit ye are justified; and by the blood ye are sanctified. **6:64** Therefore it is given to abide in you, the record of heaven, the Comforter, the peaceable things of immortal glory, the truth of all things, that which quickeneth all things which maketh alive all things, that which knoweth all things, and hath all power according to wisdom, mercy, truth, justice and judgment. [Genesis 6:53-64]

6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **6:4**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **6:5**

For if we have been planted together

in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; **6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **6:7** For he that is dead to sin is freed from sin. [Romans 6:3-7]



16 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father, that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism; yea, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to his word; behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; **17** Yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost; and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels, and shout praises unto the Holy One of Israel. **24** For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water: and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire, and by the Holy Ghost. **25** And then are ye in this strait and narrow path which leads to eternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate; ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son; **26** And ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witnesses of the Father and the Son, unto the fulfilling of the promise which he hath made, that if ye enter in by the way, ye should receive. [2 Nephi 13:16-17; 24-26]

12:29 And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name, shall be filled; and **if he endureth to the end**, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father, at that day when I shall stand to judge the world. **12:30** And he that endureth not unto the end, the same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire, from whence they can no more return, because of the justice of the Father: and this is the word which he hath given unto the children of men. **12:31** And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given, and he lieth not, but fulfilleth all his words; and no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; **12:32** Therefore nothing entereth into his rest, save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end.

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12:33 Now this is the commandment, Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day. **12:34** Verily, verily I say unto you, **This is my gospel**; and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do, that shall ye also do; **12:35** For that which ye have seen me do, even that shall ye do; therefore if ye do these things, blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day. [3 Nephi 12:29-35]



Laying on of Hands: Confirming the Holy Ghost

DC 17:8c and to confirm those who are baptized into the church, by the **laying on of hands** for the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, according to the Scriptures;

11:186 For, said he [Alma], I have repented of my sins, and have been redeemed of the Lord; behold, **I am born of the Spirit.**

11:187 And the Lord said unto me, Marvel not that all mankind, yea, men, and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, **must be born again**; **11:188** Yea, born of God, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters; and thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God. [Mosiah 11:186-188]

3:44 And John went down into the water and baptized him. **3:45** And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and John saw, and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and **lighting upon Jesus.** **3:46** And lo, he heard a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him. [Matthew 3:44-46]

2:1 The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them. **2:2** And he called them by name, saying, Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this, ye shall have power that on him whom **ye shall lay your hands**, ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles. [Moroni 2:1-2]

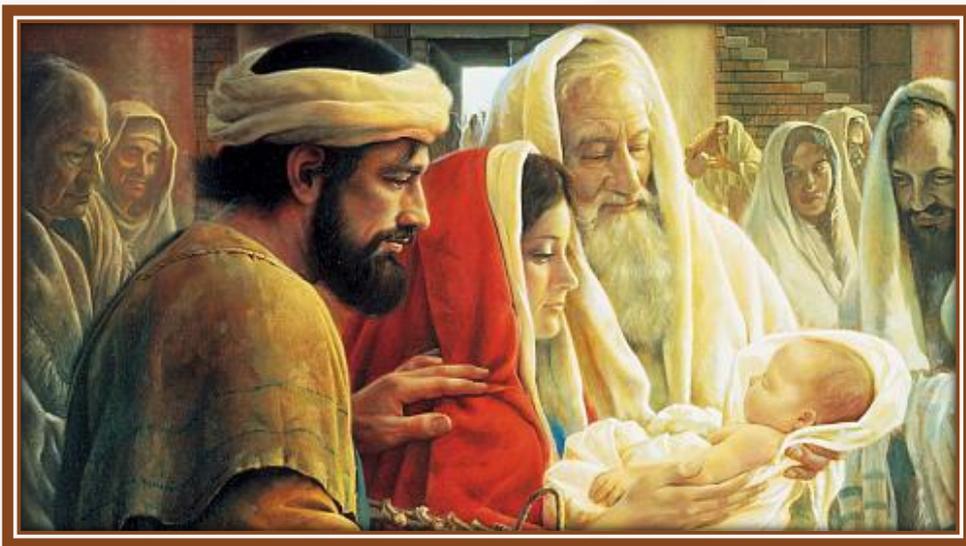
8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; **8:15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. **8:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **8:17** **Then laid they their hands on them** and they received the Holy Ghost. [Acts 8:14-17]

19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, **19:2** He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. **19:3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. **19:4** Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,** saying to the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **19:5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **19:6** And when Paul **had laid his hands upon them,** the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. [Acts 19:1-6]



Laying on of Hands: Blessing of the Children

3 Nephi 8:23 And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bear record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.



2:25 And behold, there was a man at Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

2:26 And it was revealed unto

him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **2:27** And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child, even Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, **2:28** Then **took he him up in his arms**, and blessed God, and said, **2:29** Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; **2:30** For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, **2:31** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; **2:32** A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. **2:33** And Joseph, and Mary, marveled at those things which were spoken of the child.

[Luke 2:25-33]



19:13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should **put his hands on them and pray**. And the disciples rebuked them, saying, There is no need, for Jesus hath said, Such shall be saved. **19:14** But Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. **19:15** **And he laid hands on them,** and departed thence. [Matthew 19:13-15]

10:11 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and the disciples rebuked those that brought them.

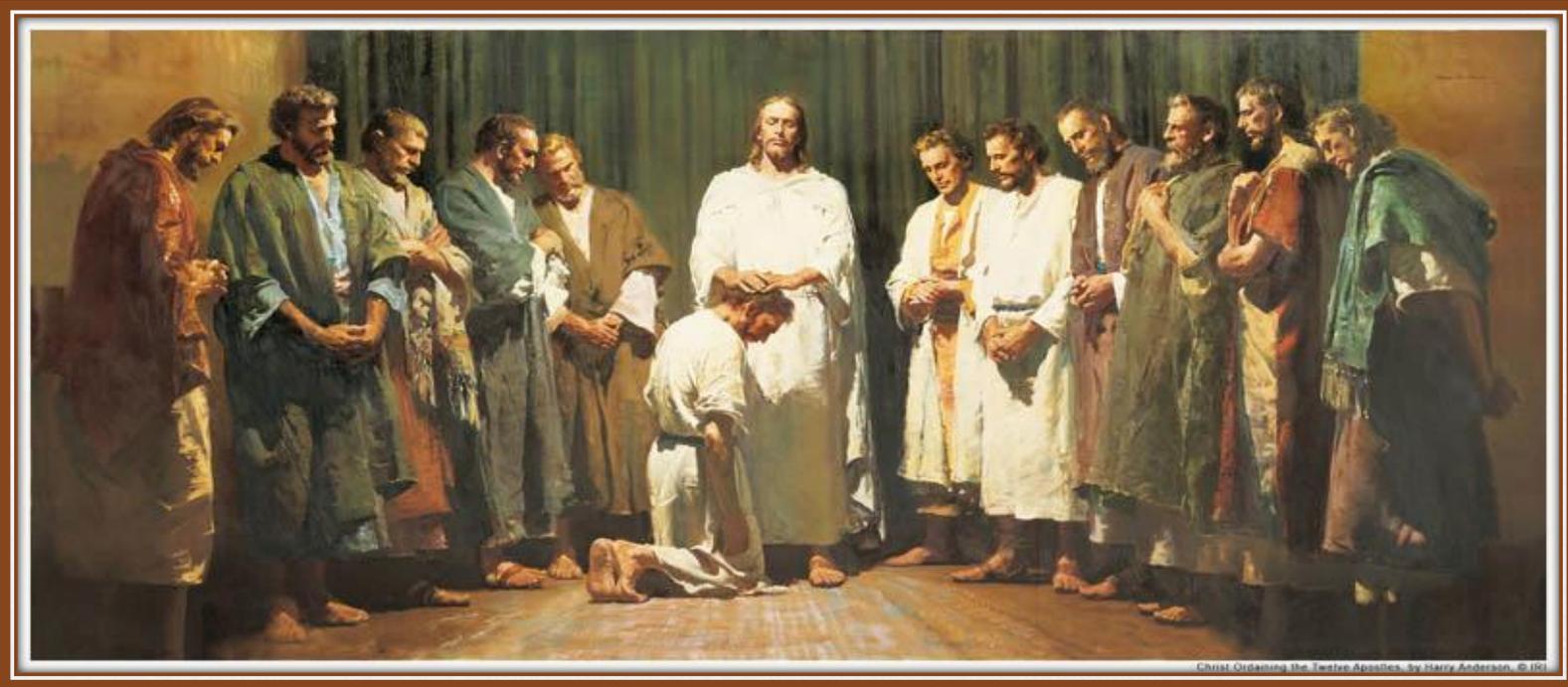
10:12 But when Jesus saw and heard them, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of

God. **10:13** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. **10:14**

And he took them up in his arms, and **put his hands upon them**, and blessed them. [Mark 10:11-14]

17:19 Every member of the church of Christ having children, is to bring them unto the elders before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless

them in his name. **17:20** No one can be received into the church of Christ unless he has arrived unto the years of accountability before God, and is capable of repentance. [D&C 17:19-20]



Laying on of Hands: Ordination

DC 17:12a Every elder, priest, teacher, or deacon, is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto him;
17:12b and he is to be ordained by the power of the Holy Ghost which is in the one who ordains him.

13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. **13:3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and **laid their hands on them**, they sent them away. [Acts 13:2-3]

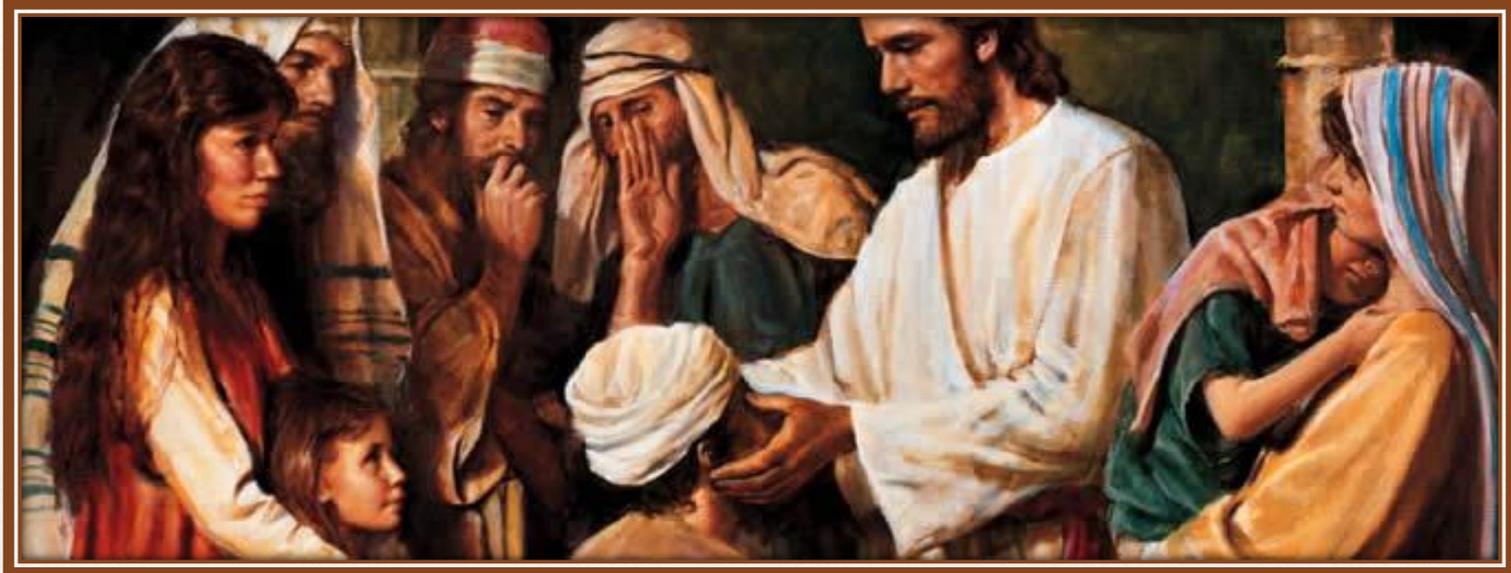
3:28 But ***charge*** Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see...**34:9** And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses **had laid his hands upon him**... [Deuteronomy 3:28 and 34:9]

3:19 Wherefore then, the law was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made in the law given to Moses, who was **ordained by the hand of angels** to be a mediator of this first covenant, (the law.) [Galatians 3:19]

6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business...and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas...**6:6** Whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, **they laid their hands on them.** **6:7** And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. [Acts 6:3-7]

4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the **laying on of the hands** of the presbytery. [1 Timothy 4:14]

3:1 The manner which the disciples, who were called the elders of the church, ordained priests and teachers. **3:2** After they had prayed unto the Father in the name of Christ, **they laid their hands upon them**, and said, In the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest; (or if he be a teacher;) I ordain you to be a teacher, to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, by the endurance of faith on his name to the end. Amen. **3:3** And after this manner did they ordain priests and teachers, according to the gifts and callings of God unto men; and they ordained them by the power of the Holy Ghost, which was in them. [Moroni 3:1-3]

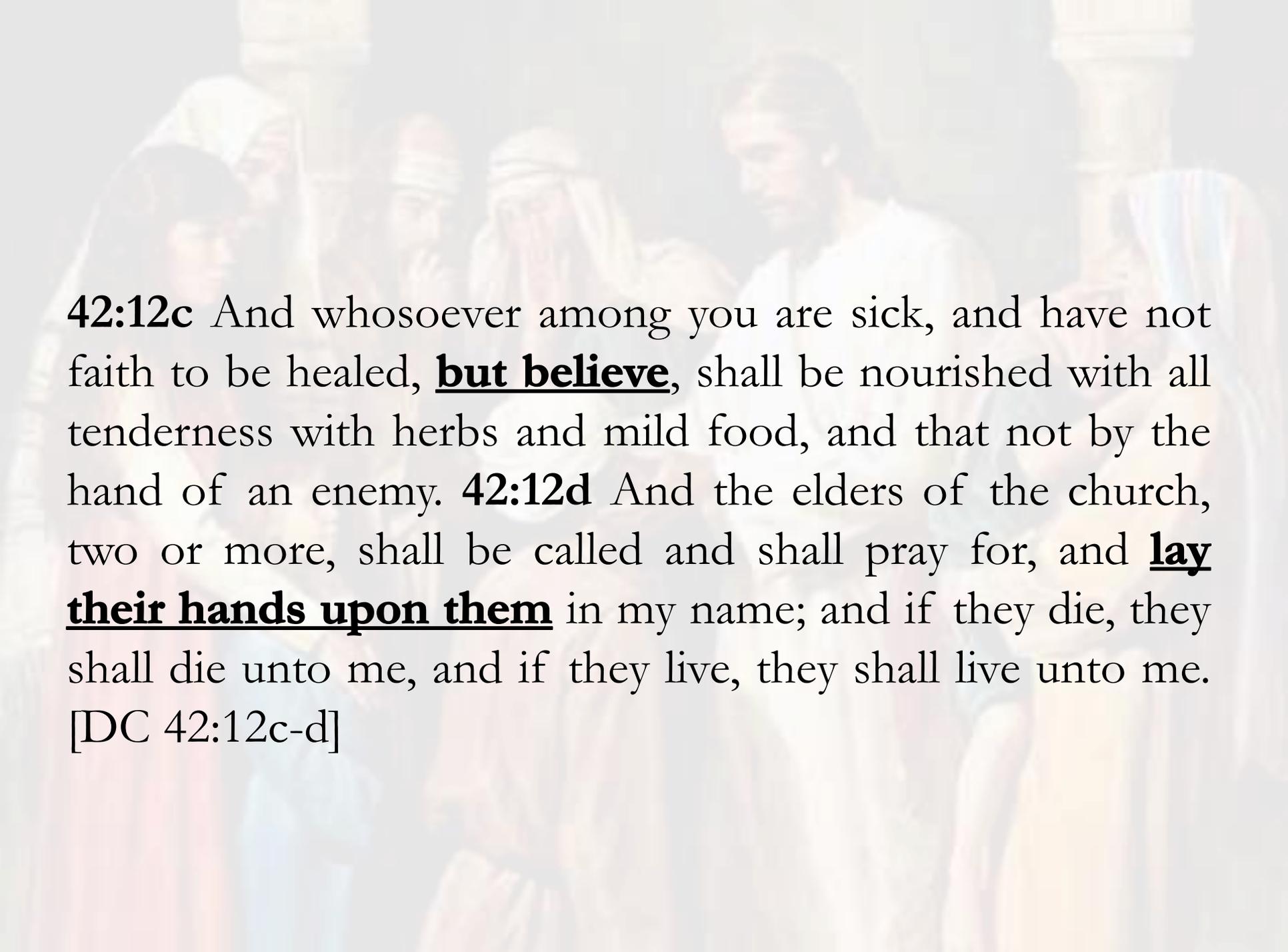


Laying on of Hands: Healing

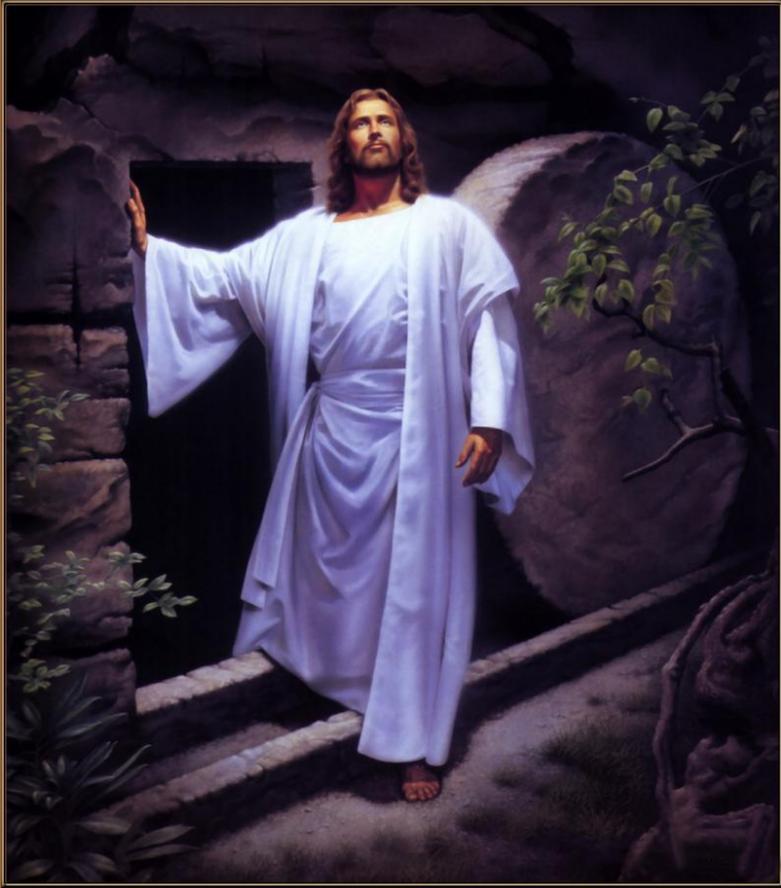
Luke 4:40 Now, when the sun was setting, all they who had any sick, with divers diseases, brought them unto him, and **he laid his hands** on every one of them, and healed them.

5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil** in the name of the Lord; **5:15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, **they shall be forgiven him.** [James 5:14-15]

9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and **putting his hands on him** said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **9:18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. [Acts 9:17-18]



42:12c And whosoever among you are sick, and have not faith to be healed, **but believe**, shall be nourished with all tenderness with herbs and mild food, and that not by the hand of an enemy. **42:12d** And the elders of the church, two or more, shall be called and shall pray for, and **lay their hands upon them** in my name; and if they die, they shall die unto me, and if they live, they shall live unto me.
[DC 42:12c-d]



Resurrection from the Dead

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up in the resurrection of the just at the last day.

26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come; **26:23** That Christ should suffer, and that he should be **the first** that should **rise from the dead**, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles [Acts 26:23]

15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the **firstfruits** of them that slept. **15:21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ **shall all be made alive.** [1 Corinthians 15:20-22]

5:14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, **even** over them that **had not sinned** after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. For I say, that through the offense, death reigned **over all**. [Romans 5:14]

2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he [Christ] also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy** him that had the power of death, that is, **the devil**; **2:15** And deliver them, who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. [Hebrews 2:14-15]

Thy dead men **shall live**, together with my dead body shall they **arise**. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. [Isaiah 26:19]

27:56 And the graves were **opened**; and the bodies of the saints which slept, **arose**, who were many, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. [Matthew 27:56-57; Helaman 5:75-80, 3 Nephi 10:35-41]

8:34 Yea, even so he shall be led, crucified and slain, the flesh becoming subject even unto death, the will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father; **8:35** And thus God **breaketh** the bands of death; having gained the victory over death; giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men...**8:52** Yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people; yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people: **8:53** For were it not for the redemption which he hath made for his people, which was prepared from the foundation of the world; I say unto you, were it not for this, **all mankind** must have perished. **8:54** But behold, the bands of death shall be broken, and **the Son reigneth**, and hath **power** over the dead; therefore, he bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead. [Mosiah 8:34-35; 52-54]

8:9 But ye are not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, ***if*** so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, **he is none of his.** **8:10** And if Christ be in you, though the body shall die ***because*** of sin, yet the Spirit **is life**, ***because*** of righteousness. **8:11** And if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, **dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies ***by his Spirit*** that dwelleth in you. **8:12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **8:13** For if ye live after the flesh, unto sin, **ye shall die**; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall ***live unto Christ.*** [Romans 8:9-13]

5:28 Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which **all** who are in their graves shall hear his voice. **5:29** And shall come forth; they who have done good, in the resurrection of the just; and they who have done evil, in the resurrection of the unjust. **5:30** And shall all be **judged** of the Son of Man. For as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just; **5:31** For I can of mine own self do nothing; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father who hath sent me. [John 5:28-31]

12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. [Daniel 12:2]

. . . they who are thrust down to hell; these are they who shall not be redeemed from the Devil, until the last resurrection, until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work; [DC 76:7d-e]



Eternal Judgement
Hebrews 9:27 And as it
is appointed unto men
once to die, but after this
judgment;

7:31 For the day soon cometh, that men shall come before me to judgment, to be **judged according to their works**. [Matthew 7:31]

14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall **all** stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **14:11** For I live, saith the Lord, as it is written. And every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall swear to God. **14:12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. [Romans 14:10-12]

5:10 For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may **receive a reward** of the deeds done in the body; things according to what he hath done, whether good or bad [2 Corinthians 5:10]

20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were ***judged*** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.** **20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. **20:14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
[Revelation 20:12-14]

1:106 And behold, all these things are done, that a righteous judgment might come upon the children of men. [Mosiah 1:106]

8:80 And if Christ had not risen from the dead, or have broken the bands of death, that the grave should have no victory, and that death should have no sting, there could have been no resurrection. **8:81** But there is a resurrection, therefore the grave hath no victory, and the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ. **8:82** He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death. **8:83** Even this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruption shall put on incorruption, and shall be brought to stand before the bar of God, to be **judged** of him **according to their works**, whether they be good or whether they be evil. **8:84** If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness, and if they be evil, to the resurrection of endless damnation. [Mosiah 8:80-84]



8:98 For behold, the day cometh that all shall rise from the dead and stand before God, and be judged according to their works. **8:99** Now there is a death which is called a temporal death; and the death of Christ shall loose the bands of this temporal death, that all shall be raised from this temporal death; **8:100** The spirit and the body shall be reunited again, in its perfect form; both limb and joint shall be restored to its proper frame, even as we now are at this time; **8:101** And we shall be brought to stand before God, knowing even as we know now, and have a bright recollection of all our guilt. **8:102** Now this restoration **shall come to all**, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous; **8:103** And even there shall not so much as a hair of their heads be lost; but all things shall be restored to its perfect frame, as it is now, or in the body, **8:104** And shall be brought and be arraigned before the bar of Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is one eternal God, to be judged according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil. [Alma 8:98-104]

19:104 But there is a law given and a punishment affixed, and repentance granted; which repentance, mercy claimeth: otherwise, justice claimeth the creature, and executeth the law, and the law inflicteth the punishment; if not so, the works of justice would be destroyed, and God would cease to be God. **19:105** But God ceaseth not to be God, and **mercy claimeth the penitent**, and mercy cometh because of the atonement; and the atonement bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead: and the resurrection of the dead bringeth back men into the presence of God

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19:106 And thus they are restored into his presence; to be **judged according to their works**; according to the law and justice; for behold, justice exerciseth all his demands, and also mercy claimeth all which is her own; and thus, none but the truly penitent are saved. **19:107** What, do ye suppose that mercy can rob justice? I say unto you, **Nay**, not one whit. If so, God would cease to be God. **19:108** And thus God bringeth about his great and eternal purposes, which were prepared from the foundation of the world. **19:109** And thus cometh about the salvation and redemption of men, and also their destruction and misery; therefore, O my son, whosoever will come, may come, and partake of the waters of life **freely** [Alma 19:104-109]

9. We believe in the fundamental principles of Christ's doctrine, which includes repentance, faith towards God, baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment

What do we believe?

†10. We believe that God created man to have dominion over the earth and to be accountable as stewards over the gifts, talents and resources He has given to man

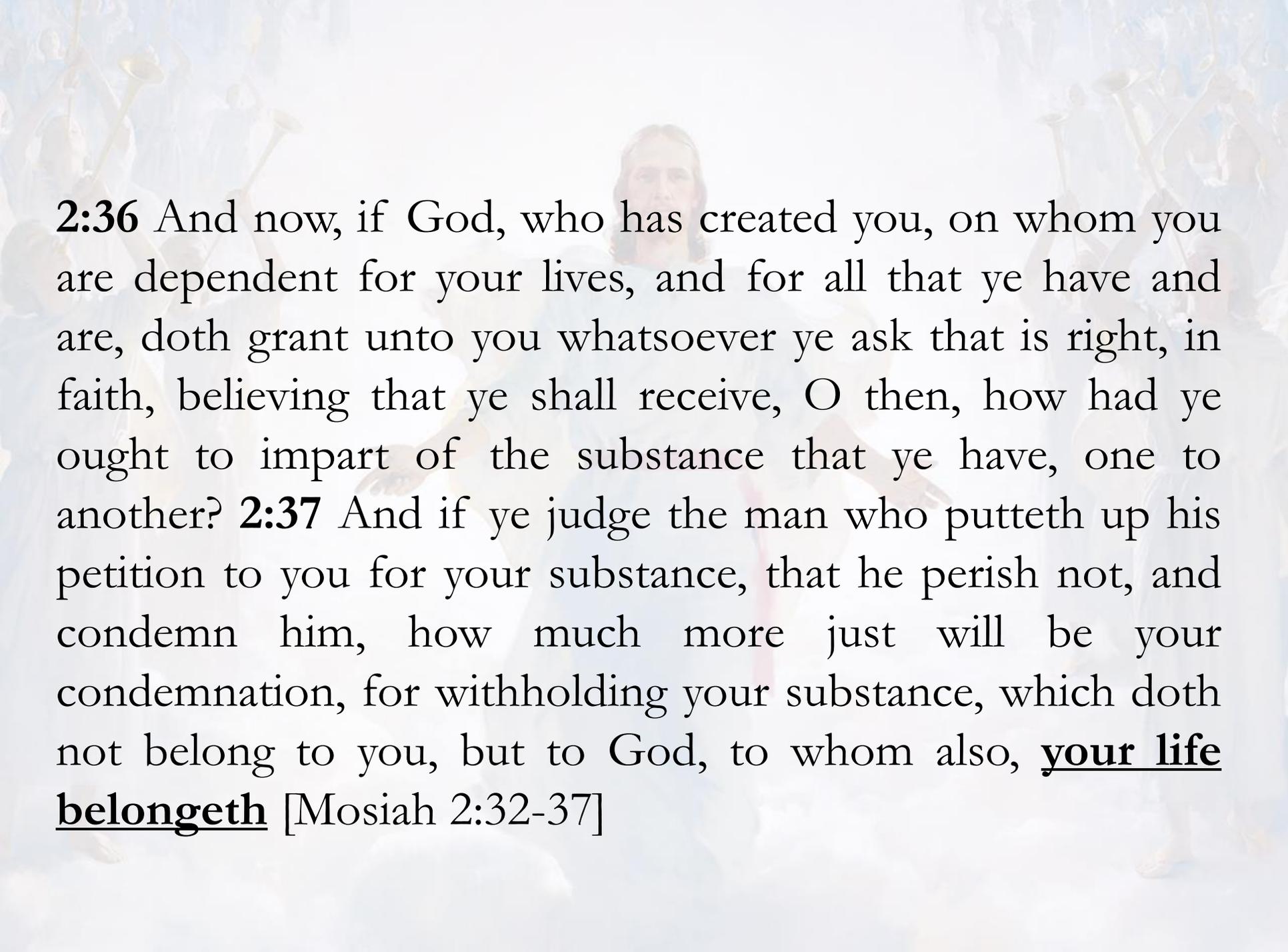
DC 42:9b every man shall be made accountable unto me a steward over his own property, or that which he has received by consecration, inasmuch as is sufficient for himself and family.‡

1:27 And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so. **1:28** And I, God, said, Let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth...**4:1** And it came to pass, that after I, the Lord God, had driven them out, that Adam began to till the earth, and to have dominion over all the beasts of the field, and to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow, as I, the Lord had commanded him, and Eve also, his wife, did labor with him. [Genesis 1:27-28 and Genesis 4:1]

59:4b verily I say, that inasmuch as ye do this the fullness of the earth **is yours**: the beasts of the fields, and the fowls of the air, and that which climbeth upon the trees, and walketh upon the earth; **59:4c** yea, and the herb, and the good things which come of the earth, whether for food or for raiment, or for houses or for barns, or for orchards, or for gardens, or for vineyards; **59:4d** yea, all things which come of the earth, in the season thereof, **are made for the benefit and the use of man**, both to please the eye, and to gladden the heart; yea, for food and for raiment, for taste and for smell, to strengthen the body, and to enliven the soul. **59:5a** And it **pleaseth God** that he hath given all these things unto man; for unto this end were they made, to be used with **judgment**, not to excess, neither by extortion: **59:5b** and in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, **save those who confess not his hand in all things**, and obey not his commandments. [DC 59:4-5b]

2:32 For behold, **are we not all beggars?** Do we not all depend upon the same being, even God, for all the substance which we have; for both food, and raiment, and for gold, and for silver, and for all the riches which we have of every kind? **2:33** And behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on his name, and begging for a remission of your sins. **2:34** And has he suffered that ye have begged in vain? **2:35** Nay; he has poured out his Spirit upon you, and has caused that your hearts should be filled with joy, and has caused that your mouths should be stopped, that ye could not find utterance, so exceeding great was your joy.

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2:36 And now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives, and for all that ye have and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right, in faith, believing that ye shall receive, O then, how had ye ought to impart of the substance that ye have, one to another? **2:37** And if ye judge the man who putteth up his petition to you for your substance, that he perish not, and condemn him, how much more just will be your condemnation, for withholding your substance, which doth not belong to you, but to God, to whom also, **your life** **belongeth** [Mosiah 2:32-37]

4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity preventeth a multitude of sins. **4:9** Use hospitality one to another without grudging. **4:10** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. [1 Peter 4:8-10]

102:2b but, behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I require at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh Saints, to the poor and afflicted among them, and are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom [D&C 102:2b]

38:9c And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded. [DC 38:9c]

†10. We believe that God created man to have dominion over the earth and to be accountable as stewards over the gifts, talents and resources He has given to man

What do we believe?

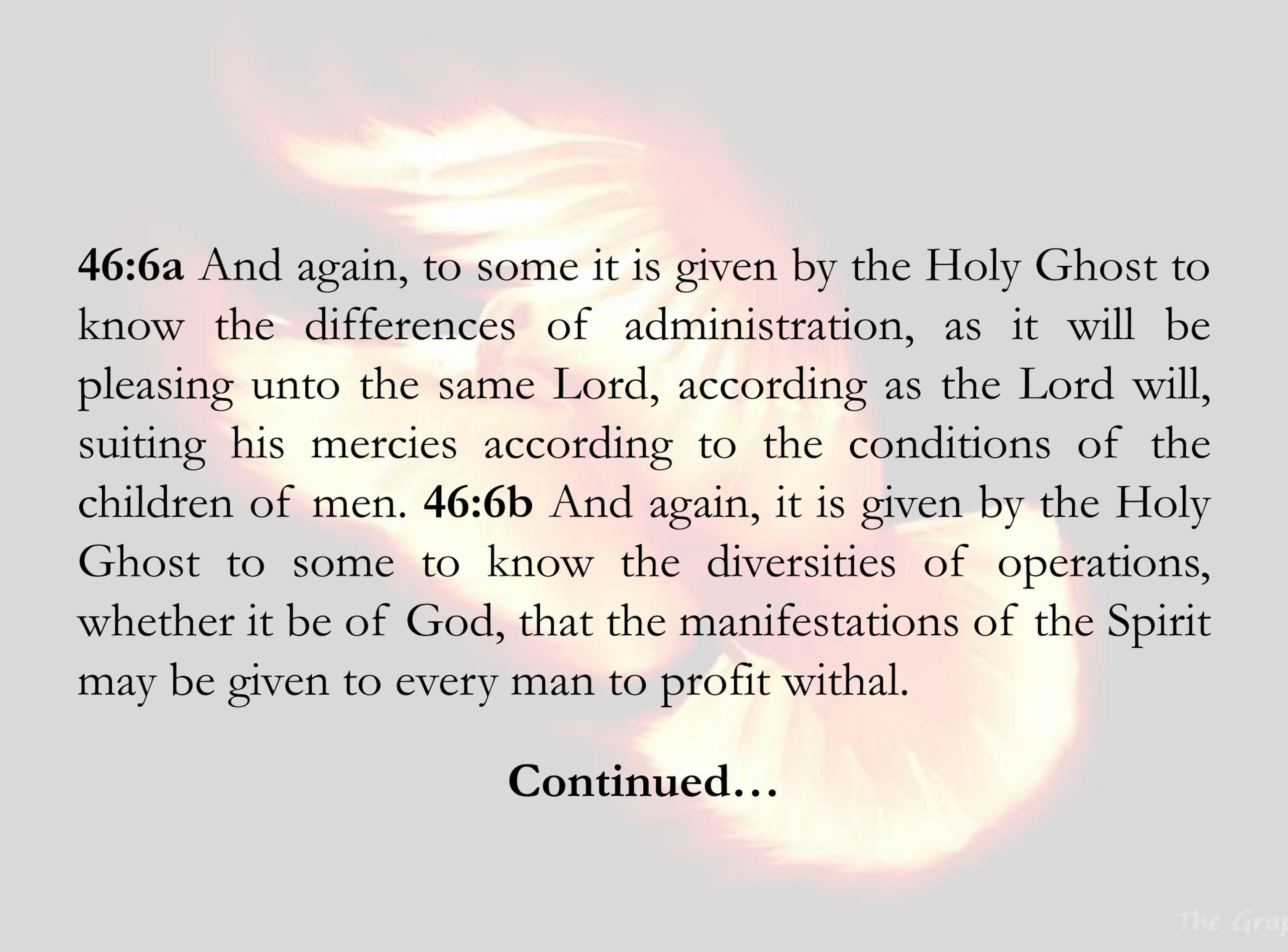
***11. We believe in the spiritual gifts such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues, preaching, teaching; in angels; in ministering spirits, given to man by God according to his faith**

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. **12:6** And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. **12:7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to **every man** to profit withal. **12:8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **12:9** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; **12:10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; **12:11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. [1 Corinthians 12:4-11]

46:5a And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church, for all have not every gift given unto them; **46:5b** for there are many gifts, and **to every man** is given a gift by the Spirit of God: **46:5c** to some it is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby; **46:5d** to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world; **46:5e** to others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life, if they continue faithful.

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46:6a And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men. **46:6b** And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether it be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

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46:7a And again, verily I say unto you, To some it is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom; **46:7b** to another it is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge. **46:7c** And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed, and to others it is given to have faith to heal. **46:7d** And again, to some it is given the workings of miracles; and to others it is given to prophesy, and to others the discerning of spirits. **46:7e** And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues, and to another it is given the interpretation of tongues: **46:7f** and all these gifts come from God, for the benefit of the children of God.
[D&C 46:5a-7f]

25:13 Now I will liken these things unto a parable. **25:14** For it is like as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. **25:15** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway went on his journey. **25:19** After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. **25:20** And so he that had received the five talents came, and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents; behold, I have gained besides them five talents more.

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25:21 His lord said unto him, **Well done, good and faithful servant;** thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; **enter thou into the joy of thy lord.** **25:22** He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two talents besides them. **25:23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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25:24 Then he who had received the one talent came, and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not scattered. **25:25** And ***I was afraid***, and went and hid thy talent in the earth; and lo, here is thy talent; take it from me as thou hast from thine other servants, for it is thine. **25:26** His lord answered and said unto him, O wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not scattered. **25:27** **Having known this**, therefore, thou oughtest to have put my money to the exchangers, and at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. **25:28** I will take, therefore, the talent from you, and give it unto him who hath ten talents. **25:29** For unto every one who hath obtained other talents, shall be given, and he shall have an abundance. **25:30** But from him that **hath not obtained other talents**, shall be taken away even that which he hath received. [Matthew 25:13-30]

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Hebrews 5:4 And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God; as was Aaron.
5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.

15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit; and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. [John 15:16]

6:67 And it came to pass, when the Lord had spoken with Adam our father, that Adam cried unto the Lord, and he was caught away by the Spirit of the Lord, and was carried down into the water, and was laid under the water, and was brought forth out of the water; and thus he was baptized. **6:68** And the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit, and became quickened in the inner man.

6:69 And he heard a voice out of heaven, saying, Thou art baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost; this is the record of the Father and the Son, from henceforth and forever; **6:70** And thou art after the order of him who was without beginning of days or end of years, from all eternity to all eternity. [Genesis 6:67-70]

1:31 And John bare record, saying; When he was baptized of me, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. **1:32** And I knew him; for he who sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me; Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he who baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. **1:33** And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. [John 1:31-33]

4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because **he hath anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised; **4:19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. [Luke 4:18-19]

4:10 And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. **4:11** And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? **4:12** Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. **4:13** And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. **4:14** And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, **Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother?** I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee; and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. **4:15** And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth; and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. [Exodus 4:10-15]

4:27 And the Lord said unto Aaron, **Go into the wilderness to meet Moses**, and he went and met him, in the mount of God; in the mount where God appeared unto him; and Aaron kissed him.

4:28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

[Exodus 4:27-28]

Calling From God

Presiding Elder



God told Moses to call
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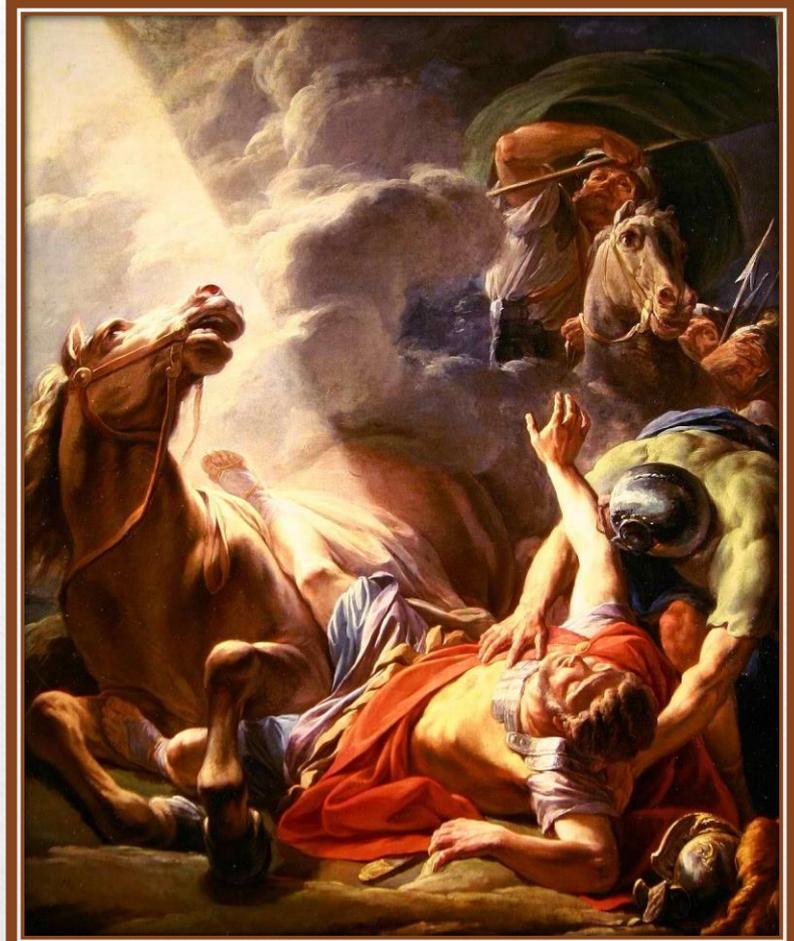
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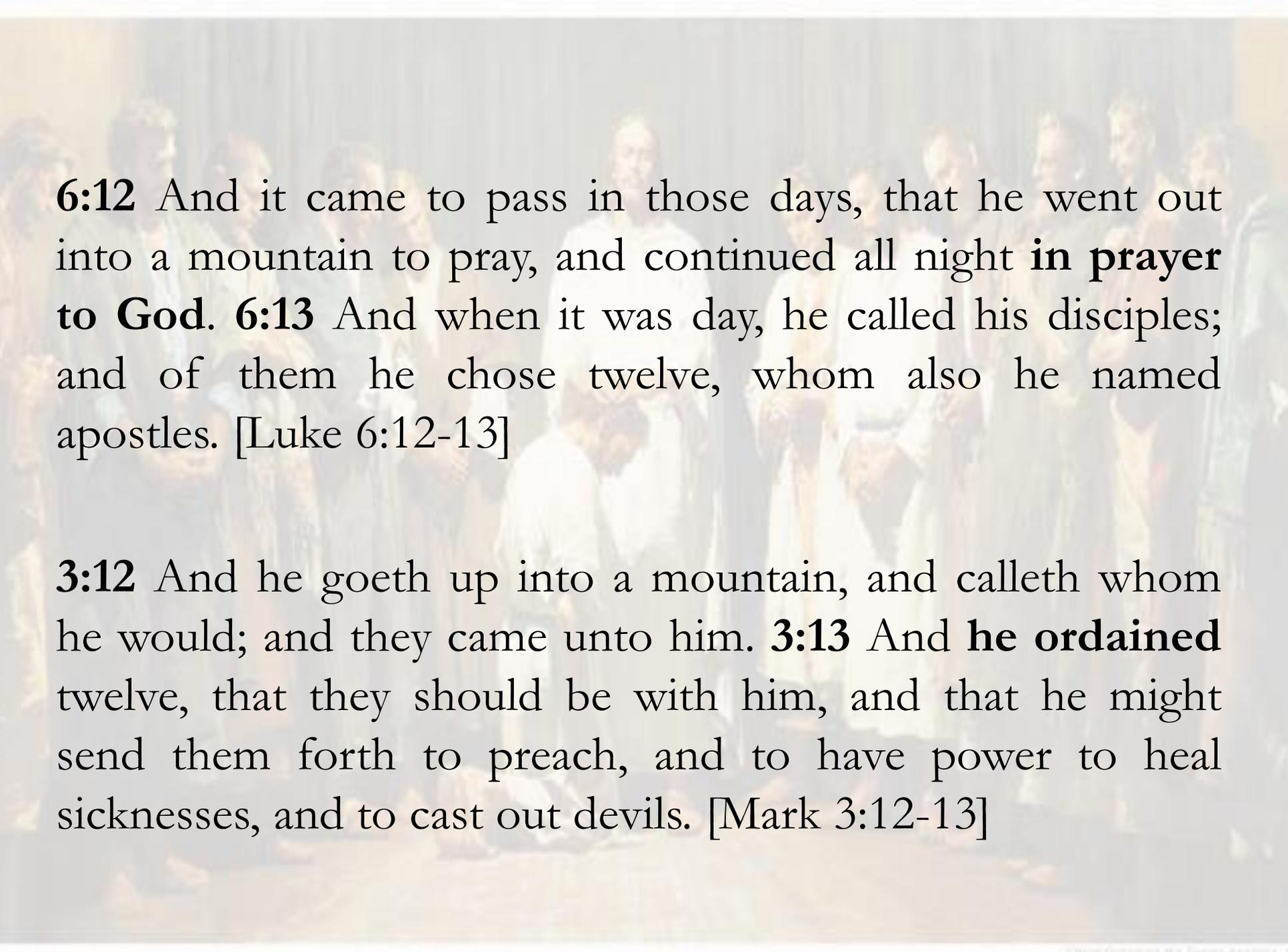


God told Aaron to go
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1:1 Paul, an apostle, (**not of men**, neither by man, **but by Jesus Christ**, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)...**1:10** For do I now please men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. **1:11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. **1:12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but **by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

[Galatians 1:1, 10-12]

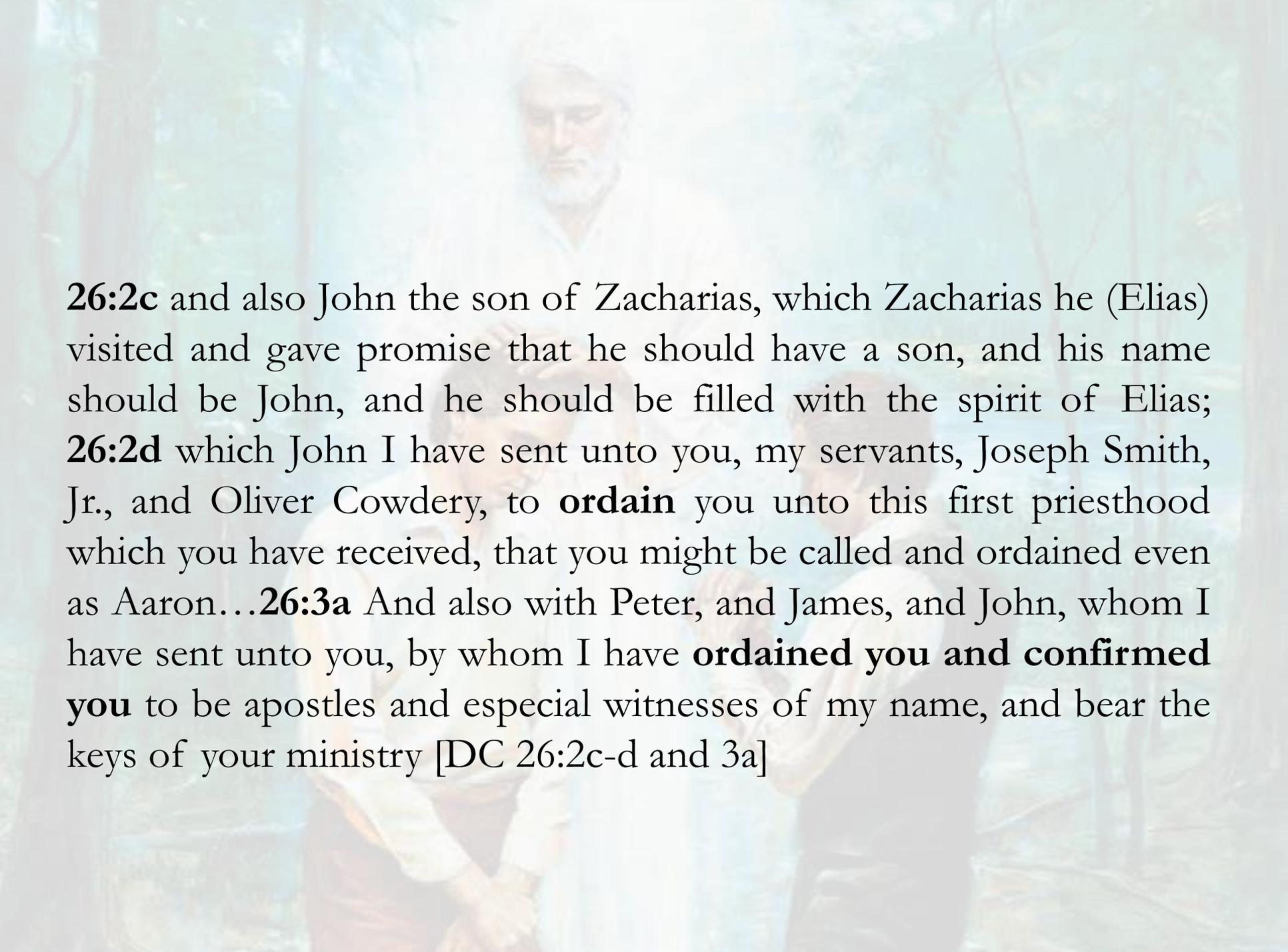




6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night **in prayer to God.** **6:13** And when it was day, he called his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles. [Luke 6:12-13]

3:12 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth whom he would; and they came unto him. **3:13** And **he ordained** twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils. [Mark 3:12-13]

8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; **8:15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. **8:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **8:17** Then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. **8:18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given he offered them money, **8:19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. **8:20** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. **8:21** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter; for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. [Acts 8:14-21]



26:2c and also John the son of Zacharias, which Zacharias he (Elias) visited and gave promise that he should have a son, and his name should be John, and he should be filled with the spirit of Elias; **26:2d** which John I have sent unto you, my servants, Joseph Smith, Jr., and Oliver Cowdery, to **ordain** you unto this first priesthood which you have received, that you might be called and ordained even as Aaron...**26:3a** And also with Peter, and James, and John, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have **ordained you and confirmed you** to be apostles and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry [DC 26:2c-d and 3a]

Authority from God

Jesus Christ

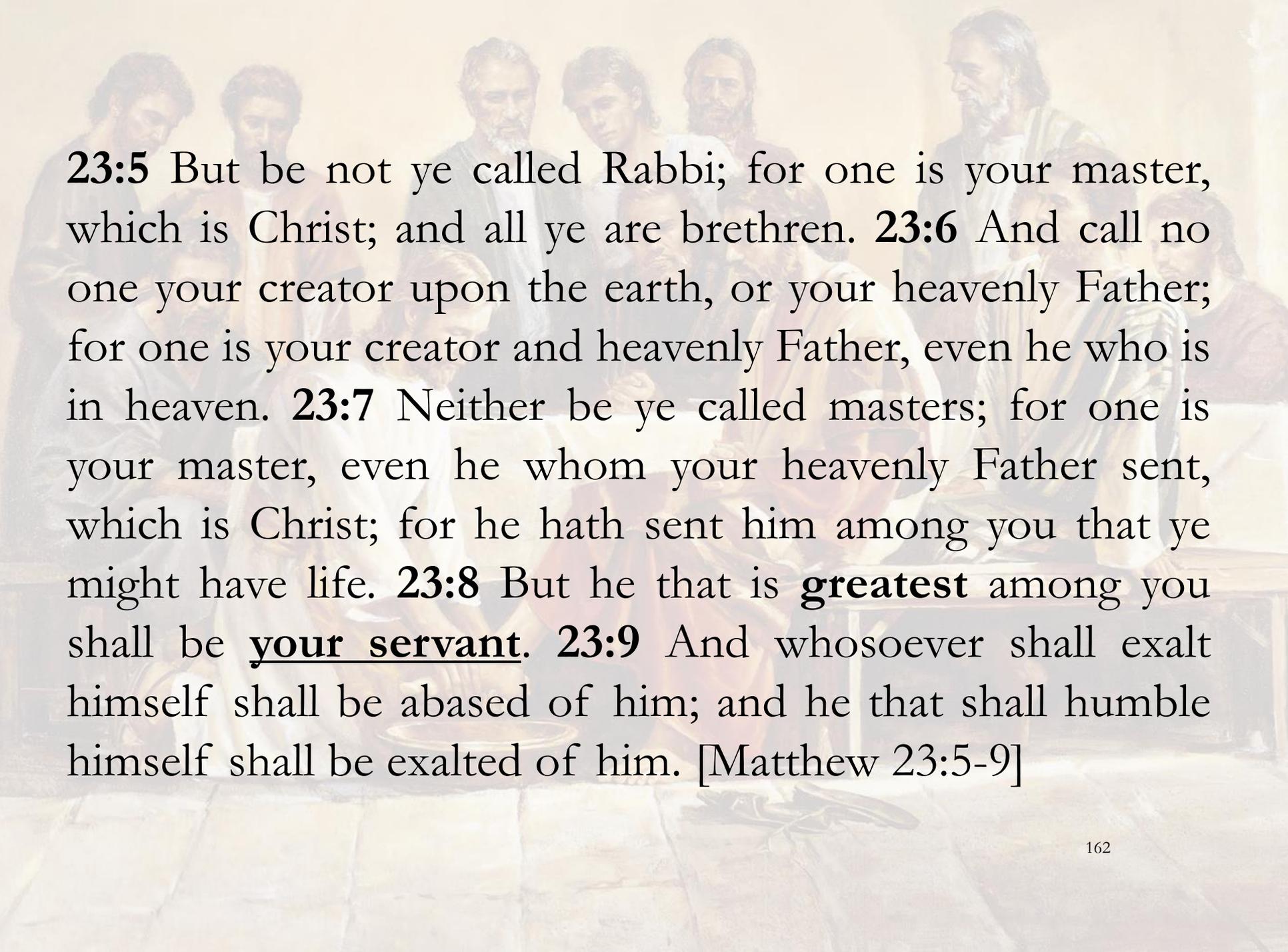
The Apostles

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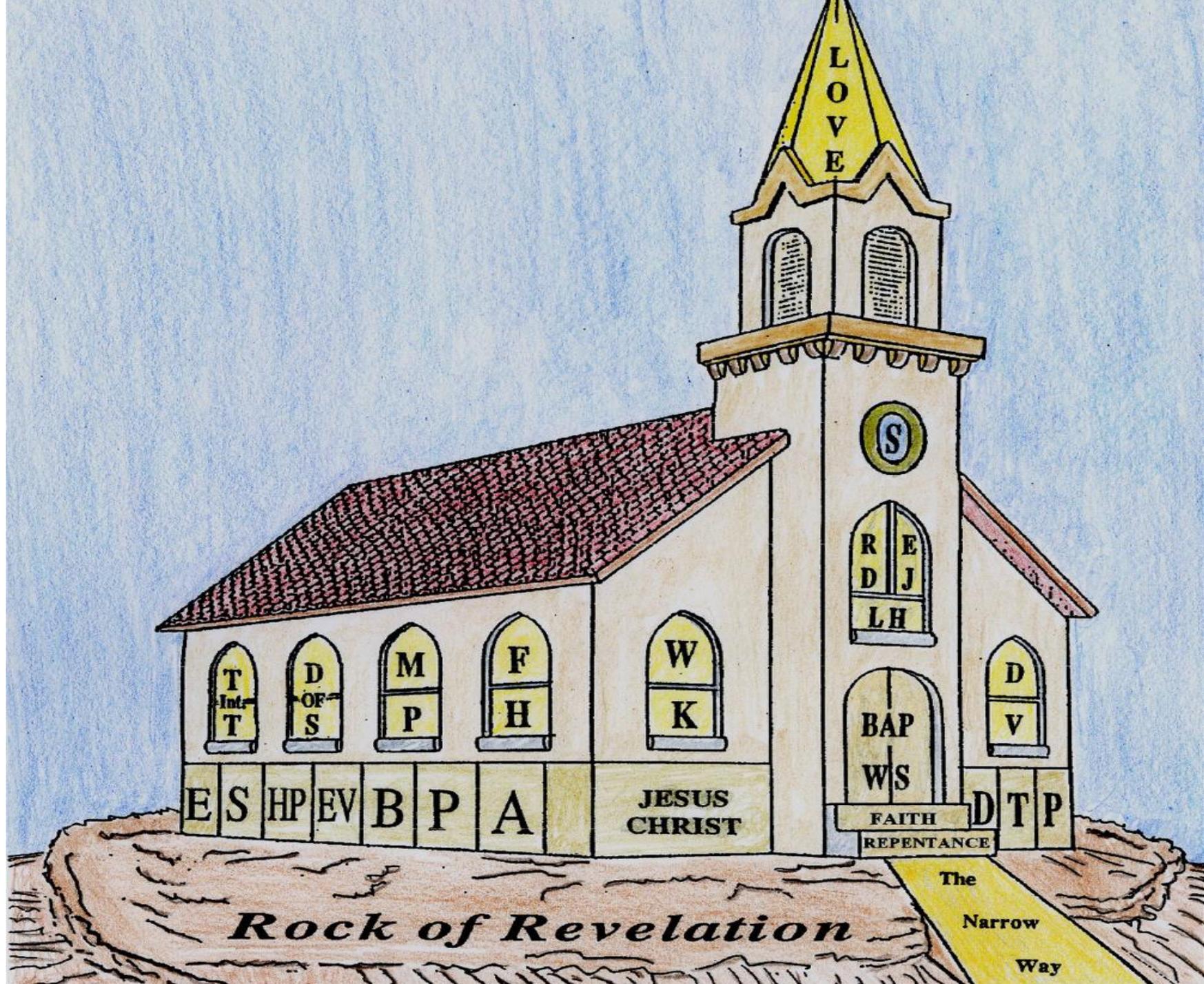
42:4 Again I say unto you that it shall not be given to anyone to go forth to preach my gospel, or to build up my church, except he be ordained by some one **who has authority**, and it is known to the church that he has authority, and has been regularly ordained by the heads of the church. [DC 42:4]

17:12a Every elder, priest, teacher, or deacon, is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto him; **17:12b** and he is to be ordained by the **power of the Holy Ghost** which is in the one who ordains him. [DC 17:12]

4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **4:12** For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**; **4:13** Till we, in the unity of the faith, all come to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the **stature of the fullness of Christ**; **4:14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; **4:16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. [Ephesians 4:11-16]



23:5 But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your master, which is Christ; and all ye are brethren. **23:6** And call no one your creator upon the earth, or your heavenly Father; for one is your creator and heavenly Father, even he who is in heaven. **23:7** Neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, even he whom your heavenly Father sent, which is Christ; for he hath sent him among you that ye might have life. **23:8** But he that is **greatest** among you shall be your servant. **23:9** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased of him; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted of him. [Matthew 23:5-9]



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Ordination

	Ordain Deacons	Ordain Teachers	Ordain Priests	Ordain Elders
Elder	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Priest	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Teacher	No	No	No	No
Deacon	No	No	No	No

Presiding or taking lead of services

	Preside When High Priest Present	Preside When Elder Present	Preside When Priest Present - No Elder	Preside When Teacher Present - No Elder or Priest
Elder	No	Yes	No	No
Priest	No	No	Yes	No
Teacher	No	No	No	Yes
Deacon	No	No	No	No

Who can perform certain ordinances of the church

	Perform M arriages	Serve Sacram ent	Baptism	Confirm ation	A dm inistration	B less Children
E lder	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Priest	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Teacher	No	No	No	No	No	No
Deacon	No	No	No	No	No	No

12. We believe in an authoritative Priesthood and that no man can take upon himself this office, but is called by God. A man is ordained by the power of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands by those who have authority.

What do we believe?

†13. We believe that marriage is ordained of God and that His Law provides for one companion in wedlock. The husband is called to be the spiritual head of the house and to love his wife as Christ loved the church. The wife is to love her husband, and both are to love their children. The children are to obey their parents

Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. **3:19** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. **3:20** Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. **3:21** Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

2:23 And I, the Lord God, said unto mine Only Begotten, that it was not good that the man should be alone; **2:24** Wherefore, I will make an help meet for him...**2:29** And Adam said, This I know now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. **2:30** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh. [Genesis 2:23-24; 29-30]

49:3a And again, I say unto you, that whoso forbiddeth to marry, is not ordained of God, for marriage is ordained of God unto man; **49:3b** wherefore it is lawful that he should have one wife, and they twain shall be one flesh, and all this that the earth might answer the end of its creation; **49:3c** and that it might be filled with the measure of man, according to his creation before the world was made. [DC 49:3a-c]

5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; **5:21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. **5:22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Savior of the body. **5:24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything... **5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;... **5:28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself... **5:31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. [Ephesians 5:20-25; 28; 31]

19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he who made man at the beginning, made him, male and female.

19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh?

19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

[Matthew 19:4-6]

111:4b Inasmuch as this Church of Christ has been reproached with the crime of fornication, and polygamy: we declare that we believe that one man should have one wife; and one woman but one husband, except in case of death, when either is at liberty to marry again. [D&C 111:4b]

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. **6:2** Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; **6:3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. **6:4** And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. [Ephesians 6:1-4]

2:48 And when his parents saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. **2:49** And he said unto them, Why is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that I must be about my Father's business? **2:50** And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. **2:51** And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was **subject** unto them. And his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. [Luke 2:48-51]

68:4a And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance; faith in Christ the Son of the living God; and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands when eight years old, the sin be upon the head of the parents; **68:4b** for this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized; and their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands: **68:4c** and they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord. [DC 68:4a-c]

2:15 For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? [1 Timothy 2:15]

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What do we believe?

14. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and of Zion, the New Jerusalem, which will be established upon this continent and the place will be Independence, Missouri

Genesis 7:70 And righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine own elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare; an holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion; a New Jerusalem.

17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. **17:35** Two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. **17:36** And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord, shall they be taken. **17:37** And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is gathered; or, in other words, whithersoever the saints are gathered, thither will the eagles be gathered together; or, thither will the remainder be gathered together. **17:38** This he spake, signifying the gathering of his saints; and of angels descending and gathering the remainder unto them; the one from the bed, the other from the grinding, and the other from the field, whithersoever he listeth. **17:39** For verily there shall be new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. [Luke 17:34-39]

Gathering of the House of Israel to Jerusalem

Isaiah 5:25-29;
Isaiah 11:10-12;
Ezekiel 39:27-
29; 1 Nephi
7:21-25; 3 Nephi
9:47-49 and 86-
93; 3 Nephi
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Isaiah 11:10-12 – 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious. **11:11** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. **11:12** And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Gathering of the Saints to Zion

Isaiah 51:10-11;
Jeremiah 31:8;
Matthew 24:28-31
and 40; Mark
13:30-31; Luke
17:37-38; Luke
21:36; DC 28:1-2;
DC 45:6, 12-15;
DC 49:5; DC 57:1;
DC 63:9a-e; DC
83:1-2b; DC 98:5a;
DC 108:4a

Section 28:2d-g - 28:2d wherefore the decree hath gone forth from the Father that they shall be gathered in unto one place, upon the face of this land, to prepare their hearts, and be prepared in all things, against the day when tribulation and desolation are sent forth upon the wicked; **28:2e** for the hour is nigh, and the day soon at hand, when the earth is ripe; and all the proud, and they that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and I will burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth; **28:2f** for the hour is nigh, and that which was spoken by mine apostles must be fulfilled; for as they spoke, so shall it come to pass; **28:2g** for I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

Gathering to both Zion and Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:2-4;
Joel 2:28-32;
Jeremiah 3:14-
18; 2 Nephi
12:65-73; 3
Nephi 7:15-29;
DC 108:4-6

108:4a Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Let them, therefore, who are among the Gentiles, flee unto Zion. **108:4b** And let them who be of Judah, flee unto Jerusalem, unto the mountains of the Lord's house. Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon. **108:4c** But verily thus saith the Lord, Let not your flight be in haste, but let all things be prepared before you; and he that goeth, let him not look back, lest sudden destruction shall come upon him. [DC 108:4a-c]

6:4 Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a **New Jerusalem upon this land**; and he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come; after it should be destroyed, it should be built up again a holy city unto the Lord; **6:5** Wherefore it could not be a New Jerusalem, for it had been in a time of old, but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord: and it should be built up unto the house of Israel; **6:6** And that a **New Jerusalem** should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type; for as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there;

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6:7 Wherefore the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they **should perish not**, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not; **6:8** Wherefore the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away. [Ether 6:4-8]

10:1 But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them [the Gentiles], and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall **assist** my people, the remnant of Jacob;

10:2 And also, as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may **build a city**, which shall be called the New Jerusalem; **10:3 And then** shall they **assist** my people that they may be **gathered in**, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

10:4 And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst, **and then** shall the work of the Father commence, at that day even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. **10:5** Verily, I say unto you, At that day shall the work of the Father commence among **all the dispersed** of my people; yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem. [3 Nephi 10:1-5]

57:1a Hearken, O ye elders of my church saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have **appointed and consecrated** for the gathering of the Saints: **57:1b** wherefore this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion. **57:1c** And thus saith the Lord your God, If you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. **57:1d** Behold, the place which is now called Independence, is the Center Place, and the spot for the temple is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse; [D&C 57:1a-d]

1:3b Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; **1:3c** and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people; **1:3d** for they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, **1:3e** but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall

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64:5b for verily I say, Tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, for I am the Lord of hosts; and **I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon.** Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labor while it is called to day...**108:2a** Wherefore **prepare ye, prepare ye, O my people; sanctify yourselves;** gather ye together, O ye people of my church, upon the land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry. **108:2b Go ye out from Babylon.** Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Call your solemn assemblies, and speak often one to another. **108:2c** And let every man call upon the name of the Lord; yea, verily I say unto you again, **The time has come** when the voice of the Lord is unto you, Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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100:3d Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come by power; therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham; **100:3e** and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched out arm; and as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be. **100:3f** Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers, Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence; but I say unto you, Mine angels shall go before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.

100:4 Verily, verily I say unto you, that my servant Joseph is the man to whom I likened the servant to whom the Lord of the vineyard spoke in the parable which I have given unto you.

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98:7d And the lord of the vineyard said unto *one of his servants*, Go, and gather together the residue of my servants; and take all the strength of mine house, which are my warriors, my young men, and they that are of middle age also, among all my servants, who are the strength of mine house, save those only whom I have appointed to tarry; **98:7e** and go ye straightway unto the land of my vineyard, and *redeem my vineyard* [the land of Zion], for it is mine, I have bought it with money. **98:7f** Therefore, get ye straightway unto *my land*; break down the walls of mine enemies, throw down their tower, and scatter their watchmen; **98:7g** and inasmuch as they gather together against you, avenge me of mine enemies; that by and by I may come with the residue of mine house and possess the land.

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98:8a And the servant said unto his lord, When shall these things be? **98:8b** And he said unto his servant, When I will: go ye straightway, and do all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and this shall be my seal and blessing upon you; a faithful and wise steward in the midst of mine house; a ruler in my kingdom. **98:8c** And his servant went straightway, and did all things whatsoever his lord commanded him, and after many days *all things were fulfilled.* [Zion was redeemed]

108:4a Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Let them, therefore, who are among the Gentiles, flee unto Zion. **108:4b** And let them who be of Judah, flee unto Jerusalem, unto the mountains of the Lord's house. Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon. [DC 1:3b-3e; DC 64:5b; DC 108:2a-2c; DC 100:3d-4; DC 98:7d-8; DC 108:4a-b]

14. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and Zion, the New Jerusalem, will be established upon this continent and the place will be Independence, Missouri

What do we believe?

†15. We believe that we are living in the last days when Christ will literally return to reign for 1,000 years

Genesis 7:72 And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years shall the earth rest.

9:21 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, when men should **keep all my commandments**, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself. **9:22** And this is mine everlasting covenant, that when thy posterity shall **embrace the truth, and look upward, *then*** shall Zion look downward, and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy; **9:23** And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is mine everlasting covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch. [Genesis 9:21-23]

7:70 And righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine own elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare; an holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion; a New Jerusalem. **7:71** And the Lord said unto Enoch, Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there; and we will receive them into our bosom; and they shall see us, and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other; **7:72** And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and **for the space of a thousand years shall the earth rest. 7:73** And it came to pass, that Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth, in righteousness, for the space of a thousand years. [Genesis 7:70-73]

4:1 In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely to them that are escaped of Israel. **4:2** And it shall come to pass, they that are *left* in Zion, and he that *remaineth* in Jerusalem, **shall be called holy**, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem; **4:3** When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. **4:4** And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory of Zion shall be a defense. **4:5** And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls *Salvation*, and thy gates *Praise*. **60:19** The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but **the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light**, and thy God thy glory. **60:20** Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. **60:21** Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. [Isaiah 4:1-5 and Isaiah 60:18-21]

20:1 And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **20:2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **20:3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season. **20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** **20:5** But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. **20:6** Blessed and holy are they who have part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. [Revelation 20:1-6]

45:10b And at that day when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins; for they that are wise and have received the truth, and have **taken the Holy Spirit for their guide**, and have not been deceived, verily I say unto you, **45:10c** They shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day, and the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; **45:10d** and they shall multiply and wax strong, and **their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation**, for the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their **King and their lawgiver**.

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45:12a Wherefore, I the Lord have said, Gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church; **45:12b** go ye forth unto the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me; **45:12c** and with **one heart and with one mind**, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you, and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, **a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety** for the saints of the most high God; **45:12d** and the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion.

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45:13a And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety. **45:13b** And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another. **45:13c** And it shall be said among the wicked, Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we can not stand. **45:14** And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, **with songs of everlasting joy.** [DC 45:10b-10d, 12-14]

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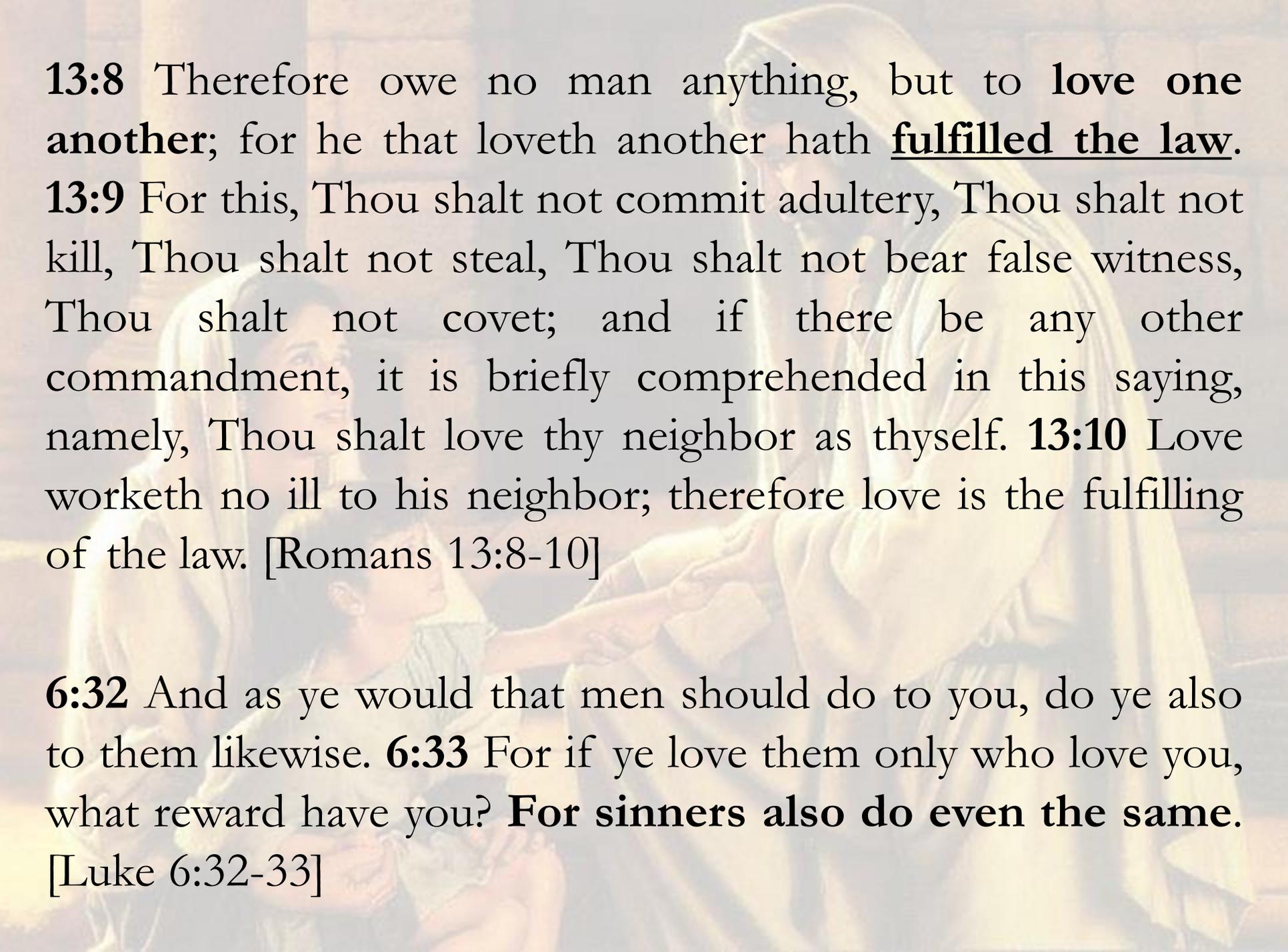
What do we believe?

***16. We believe that the highest calling from our Creator is to love God with all our heart, might, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself**

Moroni 10:15 Wherefore, there must be faith; and if there must be faith, there must also be hope; and if there must be hope, there must also be charity; and except ye have charity, ye can in no wise be saved in the kingdom of God

22:35 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
22:36 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **22:37** This is the first and great commandment. **22:38** And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. **22:39** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. [Matthew 22:35-39]

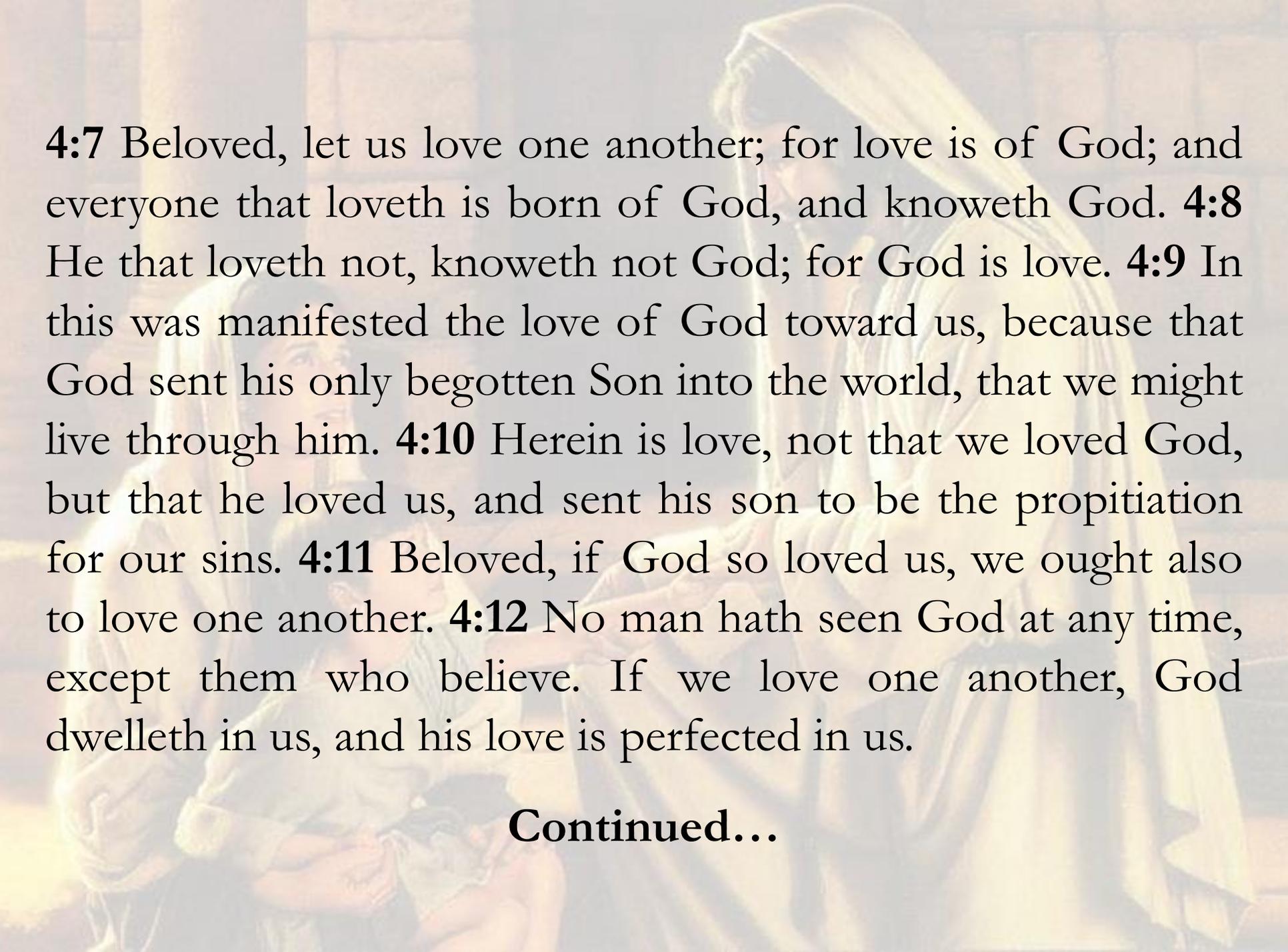
7:40 And in the garden of Eden gave I unto man his agency; and unto thy brethren have I said, ***and also*** gave commandment, that they should love one another; and that they should choose me their Father. [Genesis 7:40]



13:8 Therefore owe no man anything, but to **love one another**; for he that loveth another hath **fulfilled the law**.

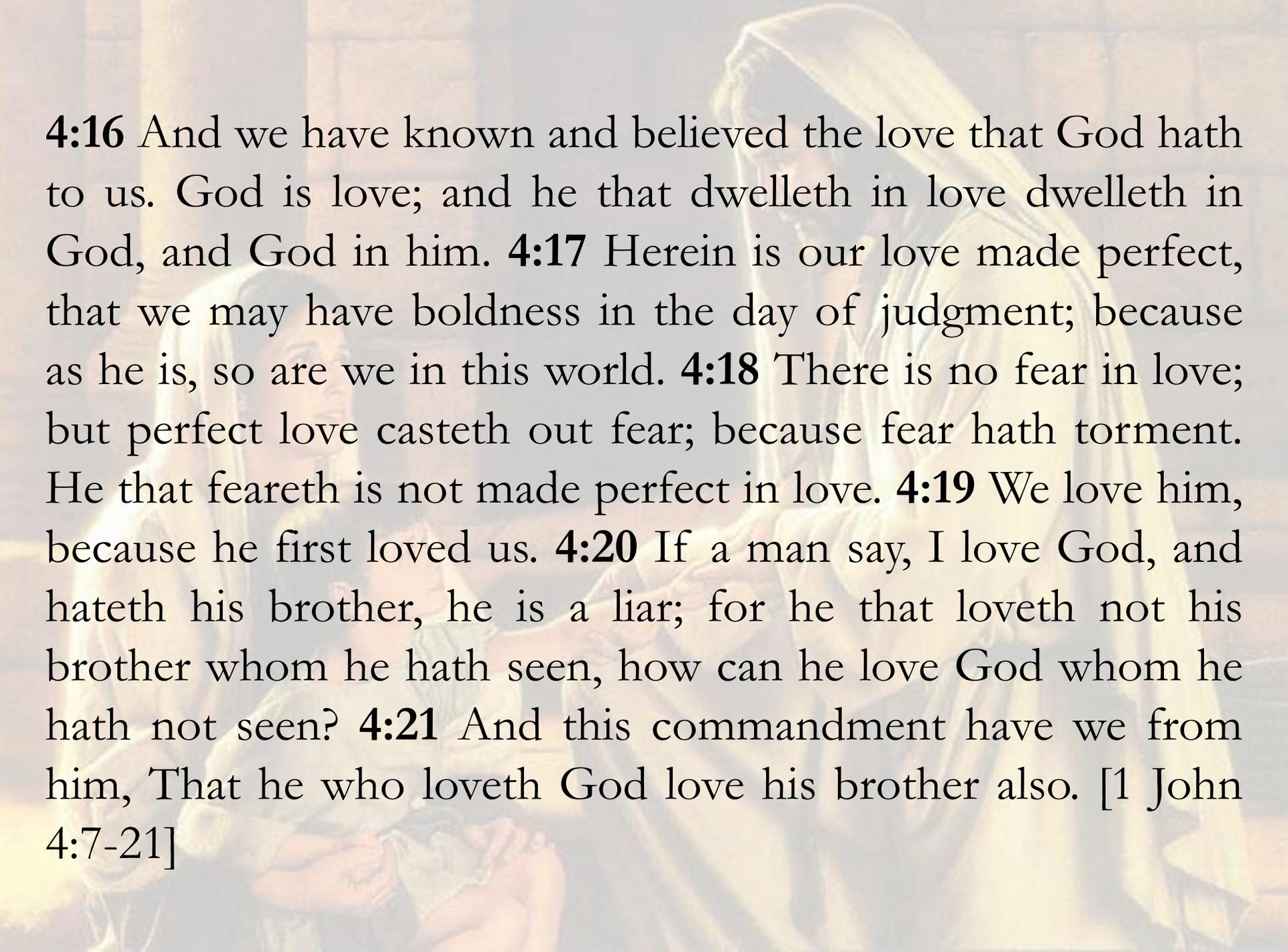
13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. **13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. [Romans 13:8-10]

6:32 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. **6:33** For if ye love them only who love you, what reward have you? **For sinners also do even the same.** [Luke 6:32-33]



4:7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **4:8** He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. **4:9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **4:10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. **4:11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. **4:12** No man hath seen God at any time, except them who believe. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. **4:17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, so are we in this world. **4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. **4:19** We love him, because he first loved us. **4:20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? **4:21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. [1 John 4:7-21]

7:50 And if a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost, that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity, **he is nothing**; wherefore he must needs have charity. **7:51** And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth.

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7:52 Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but charity is the **pure love of Christ**, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them.

7:53 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen.

[Moroni 7:50-53]

