

Revelations after the death of Joseph Smith
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Apostolic Interregnum: 27 June 1844 - 5 December 1847

Revelation to Parley P. Pratt, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, received between Chicago and Nauvoo, Illinois, in [circa 1-11] July 1844

The Spirit said unto me:

Lift up your head and rejoice; for behold! it is well with my servants Joseph and Hyrum [Smith]. My servant Joseph [Smith] still holds the keys of my kingdom in this dispensation, and he shall stand in due time on the earth, in the flesh, and fulfil that to which he is appointed. Go and say unto my people in Nauvoo, that they shall continue to pursue their daily duties and take care of themselves, and make no movement in Church government to reorganize or alter anything until the return of the remainder of the Quorum of the Twelve. But exhort them that they continue to build the House of the Lord which I have commanded them to build in Nauvoo.

(Parley P. Pratt [Jr.], ed., *Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1994], 294, quotation marks omitted.)

Revelation to Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Nauvoo, Illinois, on 24 January 1845

I inquired of the Lord whether we should stay here [Nauvoo] and finish the temple

the ansure [answer] was we should

(Brigham Young Journal, 24 Jan. 1845, LDS archives, typed copy)

Revelation to Heber C. Kimball, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Nauvoo, Illinois, on 25 January 1845

The same Ev[e]ning I sat down in my hous[e] in the presents [presence] of my wife and inquired of the Lord by the Rod as follows, If we should finish the Temple,

it was ver[i]ly yes, that my sins ware [were] fore given [forgiven] and that I should over come, and get my Ap[p]ointment of my inheritence [inheritance] while in the probation and that the Temple commity [committee] ware [were] not Enimes [Enemies] to the Twelve Apostles.

(Heber C. Kimball Journal, 25 Jan. 1845 as cited in Stanley B. Kimball, ed., *On the Potter's Wheel: The Diaries of Heber C. Kimball* [Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1987], 93; original journal in LDS archives. Stanley B. Kimball wrote concerning the rod that Heber C. Kimball used in obtaining this revelation, "This was a rod about three and a half feet in length given to Kimball by Joseph Smith" [65n9].)

Revelation to Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Nauvoo, Illinois, on 30 January 1846

yesterday [30 January] I had some conversation with Rubin [Reuben] Miller of Norway- [Ottawa, Illinois] he being considerably bewildered by Strang new- fangled Revelation- rendered him almost devoid of Reason although apparently honest in what he was doing - & said that the word of the Lord would- be decidedly satisfactorily to him- where upon I- said

thus saith the Lord unto Reuben Miller through Brigham Young- that [James J.] Strang is a wicked & corrupt man & that his revelations are as false as he is - therefore turn away from his folly- & never let it be said of Reuben Miller- that he ever was led away & entangled- by such nonsense

Thus saying I left him my time being to precious- to be spent in hearing and even talking about-such trash---

(Brigham Young Journal, 31 Jan. 1846, typed copy, original LDS archives)

Revelation to Orson Hyde, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Nauvoo, Illinois, on 14 March 1846

In my meditations, this morning, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and I was moved to write: and being grieved in my spirit on account of false pretences [pretenses] by evil designing persons to gain power, and lead away the flock of God; It whispered me and said:

Evil men, ambitious of power, must needs arise among you, and they shall be led by their own self-will and not by me. Yet they are instruments in my hands, and are permitted to try my people, and to collect from among them those who are not the elect, and such as are unworthy of eternal life. Grieve not after them, neither mourn nor be alarmed. My people know my voice and also the voice of my spirit, and a stranger they will not follow, therefore such as follow strangers are not my people. Behold James J. Strang hath cursed my people by his own spirit and not by mine. Never at any time have I appointed that wicked man to lead my people, neither by my own voice, nor by the voice of my servant Joseph Smith,

neither by the voice of mine angel: but he hath sought to deceive and Satan helpeth him; but before of old was he one that was ordained to gather the tares of the field, and mine angels have chosen him to do it because he was a wicked man, even as Judas was chosen to betray his Lord. But his spirit and ambition shall soon fail him, and then shall he be called to judgment and receive that portion which is his mete, and his treacherous followers, who have forsaken the counsel of their brethren and turned from the covenants of their God, and have cast asunder the tenderest ties, must drink from a bitter cup.

Let no man who putteth his trust in me be troubled about his rights. The worthy shall have their rights and no power can prevent it, for I will give them the hearts of my people, and their voice is my voice, even as my voice is the voice of my father; and what they bind on earth I will bind in heaven. But the unworthy have no rights except these, repentance or condemnation. If they act upon the former, behold they are justified, but if not, they must suffer the consequences of the latter.

By this you may know the unworthy among my people: for whomsoever they reject, the same are rejected of me. And woe to such as shall follow him who hath been rejected by my people. If my people sin I will correct and chasten them because I love them, yet I will not reject them, neither give my kingdom to other people, for behold the end draweth nigh, and judgement will I pour out upon your oppressors and upon those who accuse you to hide their own iniquity and their shame, and to get power for unholy purposes and not for the building up of my kingdom. Let such beware lest they fall by the hand of the destroyer, whose arrows are plague and pestilence, before their designs are accomplished.

Let my saints gather up with all consistent speed and remove westward, except such as are counselled to tarry and must needs remain to settle the[i]r business according to the counsel of my servant JOSEPH SMITH, in the day that he was with you in the flesh, and also to the counsel of my servants, the Twelve whom I have chosen, and who have abode in me.

Let there be no more disputes or contentions among you about doctrine or principle, neither who shall be greatest, but hearken to those things which I have spoken unto you, and which have before been given and you shall rest in my kingdom, and have glory and honour for ever and ever--Yea! Saith the Spirit, and the Spirit is truth, and the truth abideth for ever: Amen.

("He that hath ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches," *Latter-Day Saints' Millennial Star* 7 (15 May 1846):157-58, emphasis omitted; also published as a broadside at Nauvoo, Illinois, 14 March 1846.)

Apostle Brigham Young



Revelation to Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Mount Pisgah of the Camp of Israel, Middle Fork of the Grand River, Iowa Territory [about two miles west of present Thayer, Iowa] on 26 May 1846

I told Daniel and Orson Spencer that the Spirit said to me,

Tell Daniel [Spencer] to gather up what teams, tools, seeds, and men he can and go on and let Orson [Spencer] stay and take care of the families and bring them on.

(Manuscript History of Brigham Young, 26 May 1846, typed copy, quotation marks omitted, LDS archives)

Revelation to Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, received at Winter Quarters of the Camp of Israel, Omaha Nation, West Bank of Missouri River [now Omaha, Nebraska] on 14 January 1847

Winter Quarters, Camp of Israel Jany 14 1847

The Word and Will of the Lord concerning the Camp of Israel in their journeyings to the West.

Let all the people of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, and those who journey with them, be organized into Companies, with a covenant and promise to keep all the commandments and statutes of the Lord our God: Let the companies be organized with Captains of hundreds, Captains of fifties, and Captains of tens, with a President and his two Councillors [Counselors] at their head, under the direction of the Twelve Apostles; And this shall be our covenant, that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.

Let each company provide themselves with all the Teams, Waggons [Wagons], Provisions, clothing, and other necessaries for the journey, that they can.

When the Companies are organized, let them go to with their might, to prepare for those who are to tarry.

Let each Company with their Captains and Presidents, decide how many can go next Spring; then choose out a sufficient number of able bodied and expert men, to take Teams, Seeds, and farming Utensils, to go as Pioneers to prepare for putting in Spring Crops.

Let each company bear an equal proportion, according to the dividend of their property, in taking the poor, the Widows, the fatherless, and the families of those who have gone into the [United States] army, that the cries of the Widow and the fatherless come not up into the ears of the Lord against this people.

Let each Company prepare houses, and fields for raising grain, for those who are to remain behind this season. And this is the Will of the Lord concerning his people. Let every man use all his influence and property, to remove this people to the place where the Lord shall locate a stake of Zion; and if ye do this with a pure heart, in all faithfulness, ye shall be blest, in your flocks, and in your herds, and in your fields, and in your houses, and in your families.

Let my Servants Ezra T. Benson and Erastus Snow organize a Company: and let my Servants Orson Pratt and Wilford Woodruff organize a Company; Also let my servants Amasa Lyman and George A. Smith organize a Company; and appoint Presidents; and Captains of hundreds, and of fifties, and of tens: And let my Servants that have been appointed, go and teach this my Will to the Saints, that they may be ready to go to a land of peace.

Go thy way and do as I have told you; and fear not thine enemies; for they sh[all] not have power to stop my work.

Zion shall be redeemed in mine own due time, and if any man shall seek to build up himself, and seeketh not my Council [Counsel], he shall have no power, and his folly shall be made manifest. Seek ye and keep all your pledges one with another; and covet not that which is thy Brother's.

Keep yourselves from evil, to take the name of thy God in vain; for I am the Lord your God, even the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob: I am he who led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, and my arm is stretched out in the last days to save my people Israel.

Cease to contend one with another. Cease to speak evil one of another. Cease Drunkenness, and let your words tend to edyfying [edifying] one another. If thou borrowest of thy neighbor, thou shalt return that which thou hast borrowed; and if thou canst not repay, then go straitway and tell thy Neighbor, lest he condemn thee.

If thou shalt find that which thy neighbor has lost, thou shalt make diligent search, till thou shalt deliver it to him again. Thou shalt be diligent in preserving what thou hast, that thou

mayest be a wise steward; for it is the free gift of the Lord thy God, and thou art his Steward.

If thou art merry, praise the Lord with singing, with music, with Dancing, and with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. If thou art sorrowful, call on the Lord thy God with supplication, that your souls may be joyful.

Fear not thine enemies, for they are in mine hands, and I will do my pleasure with them. My people must be tried in all things, that they may be prepared to receive the Glory that I have for them, even the glory of Zion, and he that will not bear chastisement is not worthy of my kingdom.

Let him that is ignorant, learn wisdom by humbling himself, and calling upon the Lord his God, that his eyes may be opened that he may see, and his ears opened that he may hear, for my Spirit is sent forth into the world to enlighten the humble and contrite, and to the condemnation of the ungodly.

Thy Brethren have rejected you and your testimony, even the nation that has driven you out; and now cometh the day of their calamity, even the days of sorrow like a woman that is taken in travail; and their sorrow shall be great, unless they speedily repent; yea, very speedily! for they killed the Prophets, and thy that were sent unto them, and they have shed innocent blood, which crieth from the ground against them:

Therefore marvel not at these things, for ye are not yet pure; thou canst not yet bear my glory but thou shalt behold it if ye are faithful in keeping all my words that I have given you from the days of Adam to Abraham; from Abraham to Moses; from Moses to Jesus and the Apostles; and from Jesus and his Apostles to Joseph Smith, whom I did call upon by mine Angels, my ministering Servants; and by mine own voice out of the heavens, to bring forth my work; which foundation he did lay, and was faithful, and I took him to myself. Many have marvelled because of his death, but it was needful that he should seal his testimony with his blood, that he might be honored, and the wicked might be condemned.

Have I not delivered you from your enemies, only in that I have left a Witness of my name? Now, therefore, hearken, O ye people of my church; and ye Elders, listen together; you have received my kingdom, be diligent in keeping all my commandments, lest judgements come upon you, and your faith fail you, and your enemies triumph over you.

So no more at present. Amen, and Amen.

(Manuscript in Newel K. Whitney Collection, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University; copy made for Newel K. Whitney, no. 14; LDS D&C 136)

Revelation to Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, between present Scottsbluff and Henry, Nebraska, on 28 May 1847

I, Brigham, am constrained by the Spirit to say to you, my brethren, in this Camp of Pioneers, who have gone; or who have come out of bondage to find a location for a Stake of Zion, Except you repent, and humble yourselves before the Lord, you shall not have power to accomplish your mission; And all your toils and labors will prove a curse instead of a blessing unto you. In vain do you think that your works will be accepted of the Lord, whilst your hearts are far from him.

The voice of the Spirit of the Lord, is unto the elders of Israel, prepare ye for the coming of the Son of Man in the Clouds of heaven; yea in a pillar of fire, to take vengeance on the ungodly; Yea, this is my commandment unto you mine Elders, saith the Lord Almighty, that you speedily repent, lest judgments overtake you, and you be numbered with the foolish virgins.

Let this suffice; take heed to your ways, and keep your former covenants; And I the Lord will deliver you from all your enemies, saith him who is your Advocate with the Father; even so, Amen.

(Brigham Young Papers, LDS archives, as cited in Fred C. Collier, comp., *Unpublished Revelations of the Prophets and Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* [Salt Lake City: Collier's Publishing Co., 2nd ed., 1981], 1:109)

Apostolic Interregnum: 29 August 1877 - 10 October 1880

Revelation to Apostle John Taylor, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, on 19 November 1877 in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory.

I have been asking the Lord to show me how to adjust the property of the Church, held in the name of the late President Brigham Young, so as to do justice to his estate and yet not wrong the Church, and have received the following answer:

You have ask of me, and others of the Twelve have asked of me, that wisdom might be given you to adjust these property matters of the Church; Thus saith the Lord: Be one, be united, be honest, act upon the principles of justice and righteousness to the living and to the dead and to my Church, and I, the Lord, will sustain you and will acknowledge your labors. Amen.

(Joseph F. Smith Papers, LDS archives, as cited in Fred C. Collier, comp., *Unpublished Revelations of the Prophets and Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* [Salt Lake City: Collier's Publishing Co., 2nd ed., 1981], 1:119)

Revelation to Wilford Woodruff, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, in the Wilderness of San Francisco Mountain, Arizona Territory on 26 January 1880

A Revelation given to Wilford Woodruff in the Wilderness of San Francisco Mountain in Arizona On the 26 day of Jan 1880:

Thus saith the Lord unto my servant Wilford Woodruff. I have heard thy Prayers, And will answer thy Petitions. I will make Known unto thee my will Concerning the Nation who encumber the land of promise, And also Concerning Zion and her inhabitants.

I have already revealed my will Con[cern]ing the Nation through the mouth of my Servant Joseph [Smith], who sealed his Testimony with his own Blood, which Testimony has been in force upon all the world from the hour of his death. What I the Lord have revealed in that Testiment [Testament] and decreed upon this Nation, and all the Nations of the Earth shall be fulfilled, Saith the Lord of Hosts.

I the Lord have spoken and will be obeyed. My Purposes shall be fulfilled upon this Nation, and No power shall stay my hand. The hour is at the door when my wrath and indignation shall be poured out upon the wicked of this Nation. Their murders, blasphemies, Lyings, whoredoms and abominations have Come up before my face and before the heavens and the wrath of mine indignation is full. I have decreed Plagues to go forth and lay waste mine Enemies and not many years hence they shall not be left to pollute mine heritage. The Devil is ruling over his Kingdom and my spirit has no Place in the h[e]arts of the Rulers of this Nation, and the Devil stirs them up to defy my Power, and to make war upon my Saints. Therefore let mine Apostles and mine Elders who are faithful obey my Commandments which are already written for your profit and guidance [guidance].

Thus saith the Lord unto my servant John Taylor and my servant Wilford Woodruff and my servant Orson Pratt and to all the residue of mine Apostles. Have you not gone forth in my name without Purse or scrip and declared the Gospel of Life and Salvation unto this Nation and the Nations of the Earth and warned them of the judgments which are to Come as you have been moved upon by the power of the Holy Ghost and the inspiration of the Lord? You have done this year by year for a whole Generation as Men Count time. Therefore your garments are Clean of the Blood of this generation and Esspecially of this Nation.

Therefore as I have Said in a former Commandment so I the Lord say again unto mine Apostles go ye alone by your selves whether in heat or in Cold and Clens [Cleanse] your feet with water pure water. It matters not whether it be by the running stream or in our Clossetts [Closets] but bear their testimonies befor[e] the Lord and the Heavenly Hosts.

And when you have all done this Then gather yourselves to gether in your Holy places and Cloth yourselves in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood and there offer up your Prayers according to my Holy Law. Let him who Presides be mouth and kneel upon the Holy Altar and there let mine Apostles bring all there [their] testimonies before my face and before the Heavenly Hosts and before the justified spirits made perfect.

And thus saith the Lord unto you mine Apostles when you bring these testimonies before me let them be presented by Name as far as the spirit shall present them unto you, The Preside[n]ts of the United States, The Supreme Court, The Cabinet, The Senate & House of Con[g]ress of the United States The Governors of the States and Territories The Judges & Officers sent unto you and all men & persons who have taken part in persecuting you or Bringing distress upon you or your families or have sought your lives or sought to hinder you from keeping my Commandments or from Enjoying the rights which the Constitutional Laws of the Land guarantee unto you.

And what I the Lord say unto you mine Apostles I say unto my servants the Seventies, The High Priests The Elders and The Priests And all my Servants who are pure in h[e]art and who have born [bore] testimony unto this Nation. Let them go forth & Cle[a]nse their feet in pure water and bear testimony of it unto your Father who is in heaven.

And thus saith the Lord unto mine Apostles and mine Elders when ye do these things with Purity of heart, I the Lord will hear your Prayers and am bound by oath and Covenant to defend you and fight your battles as I have said in a former Commandment it is not my will that mine Elders should fight the Battles of Zion for I will fight your Battles. Nevertheless Let no Man be afraid to lay down his life for my sake for He that layeth down his life for my sake shall find it again and have Eternal life.

The Nation is ripened in iniquity and the Cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full, and I will not Stay my hand in Judgment upon this Nation or the Nations of the Earth. I have Decreed wars and Judgments upon the wicked and my wrath and indignation are about to be poured out upon them. And the wicked and rebellious shall know that I am God. As I the Lord have spoken so will I the Lord fulfill. I will spare none who remain in babylon but I will burn them up Saith the Lord of Hosts. As I the Lord have suffered so will I put all Enemies under my feet, for I the Lord utter my word, and it shall be obeyed and the day of wrath and indignation shall Come upon the wicked.

And I say again wo unto that Nation or House or people, who seek to hinder my People from obeying the Patriarchal Law of Abraham which leadeth to a Celestial Glory which has been revealed unto my Saints through the mouth of my servant Joseph [Smith] for whosoever doeth these things shall be damned Saith the Lord of Hosts and shall be broaken [broken] up & washed away from under Heaven by the Judgments which I have sent forth and shall not return unto me void.

And thus with the sword and By Blood shed and with famine & Plagues and Earthquakes and the Thunders of Heavens and the vivid lightnings shall this Nation and the Nations of the Earth be made to feel the Chast[e]ning hand of an Almighty God untill they are broaken [broken] up and Destroyed, and wasted away from under heaven, and No power Can Stay my hand. Therefore let the wicked tremble. Let them that blasphene [blaspheme] my name hold their lips, for destruction will swiftly over take them.

All that I the Lord have Spoken through the Mouth of my Prophets and Apostles since the world began concerning the Last dispensation and fulness of times, Concerning my Church

which has been Called out of the wilderness of darkness and Error, and Concerning the Zion and Kingdom of God and Concerning Babylon the Great, And what I have spoken through the Mouth of My servant Joseph [Smith] shall all be fulfilled. And though Heaven and Earth Pass away my words shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled Saith the Lord.

These revelations and testimonies you have before you. Let my Saints search the word of the Lord and treasure up wisdom and be prepared for that which is to Come. As I have decreed so shall my Judgments begin at the House of God. There are those in my Church who have a name among you who are Adulterers and Adulteresses and those who blaspheme [blaspheme] my name and those who love and make a lie, and those who revel and Drink with the Drunken. If they do not speedily repent of their wickedness and Abominations They shall be severed from the ordinances of my house Saith the Lord.

There are many who have need to repent whose hearts are set upon the things of this world, who asspire [aspire] to the honors of men, and do not honor the Priest[h]ood, nor seek to build up the Kingdom of God as they Should. Neither do they learn or Comprehend that the rights of the Priesthood are inseparably Connected with the Powers of heavens and that the powers of heaven Cannot be Controlled nor handled ownly [only] upon the principles of Righteousness. Such should repent and turn unto the Lord and seek for the Holy Spirit to guide them. Judgments will begin at my House, and from thence will they go forth unto the wicked, and the wicked Cannot Escape. Blessed are the pure in heart, for my Blessings await them in this life and Eternal Life in the world to Come.

Thus Saith the Lord unto you my servants the Apostles who dwell in the flesh fear ye not your Enemies. Let not your hearts be troubled. I am in your midst. I am your Advocate with the Father. I have given mine Angels Charge Concerning you. Mine Eyes are upon you. And the Eyes of your Heavenly Father and the Heavenly Hosts, and all Justified Spirits made perfect are a watching over you. Your works are manifest befor[e] the face of my servants who have sealed their Testimony with their Blood and before all of my servants of the Twelve Apostles whom I have taken unto myself. The veil is taken from off their faces and they Know your works. They await your Coming when you have finished your testimony in the flesh. Therefore be ye faithful untill I Come. My Coming is at the Door.

Call upon the Lord in mighty Prayer. Ask and you shall receive whatever you agree as touching any thing and ask the Father in my name it shall be given unto you. Seek dilligently to build Up Zion and magnify your high Calling and your Enemies shall not prevail over you. Zion shall not be moved out of her Place. Zion shall prevail against her Enemies. My People shall not be hindered in the building of my Temples unto my Holy Name if they will h[e]arken to my voice and do as I Command them.

The blood of my servant[s] Joseph & Hyrum [Smith] and of mine Apostles and Elders which have been shed for the word of God & Testimony of Jesus Christ Cries from the ground for vengeance upon the Nation who have shed their blood but the Blood shall spe[e]dily be avenged and shall scease [cease] to Cry unto me for the hour of God[']s Judgme[n]t is fully Come and shall be poured out without measure upon the wicked.

But H[e]arken & hear O ye Apostles Elders & people of my Church to the word of the Lord Concerning you that for all the Blessings that I will pour out upon you and the Inhabitants of Zion, and the Judgments and destructions upon the wicked that I will be inquired of by you to ask the Father in my name to do and to perform these things for you, As I told all the House of Israel by my servant Moses that they should ask at my hand for all those blessing[s] which I the Lord had promised Unto Israel in the Latter Days, And as I the Lord Ordained mine Apostles who were with me in my ministry, and Promised them that they should sit upon Twelve Thrones Judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel So I say unto you mine Apostles whom I have raised up in these last days that I have ordained you to bear Record of my name and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles first and then to the House of Israel. I have also Ordained you to set [sit] upon Thrones and Judge the Gentiles and all of the inhabitants of the Earth unto whom you have borne Testimony of my name in the day and Generation in which you live.

Therefore how great is your Calling and Responsibility befor[e] me. Therefore gird up the Loins of your minds and Magnify your Callings in the fear of God and prepare ye for the Coming of the Son of Man which is nigh at the Door. No man knoweth the day nor the hour but the Signs of Both Heaven and Earth indicate his Coming as promised by the Mouth of my deciples [disciples]. The fig trees are leaving and the hour is nigh. Therefore prepare yourselves O ye Saints of the Most High God with Oil in your Lamps, for Blessed is he that watcheth for the Coming of the Son of man Again hear ye the word of the Lord O ye mine Apostles whom I have Chosen in these last Days to bear record of my Name and to Lead my People Israel untill the Coming of the Son of Man.

I the Lord have raised up unto you my Servant John Taylor to preside over you and to be a Law Giver unto my Church. He has mingled his Blood with that of the Martered [Martyred] Prophets. Nevertheless while I have taken my Servants Joseph & Hyrum Smith unto myself I have preserved My Servant John Taylor for a wise purpose in me. I have also taken many others of the Apostles unto Myself for I take whom I will take and preserve in life them whom I will preserve according to the Council [Counsel] of my own will.

And while my servant John Taylor is your President I wish to ask the rest of my servants of the Apostles the Question Although you have one to Preside over your Quorum and over the Church which is the order of God in all Generations, Do you not all of you hold the Apostleship which is the Highest Authority ever given to man on Earth? You do. Therefore you hold in Common the keys of the Kingdom of God in all the world. You each of you have power to unlock the veil of Eternity and hold Convers[ation] with God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, and to have the Administration of Angels. It is your right privilege & duty to inquire of the Lord his mind & will Concerning yourselves the inhabitants of Zion and their interest.

And whenever any one of you receive the word of the Lord Let it be written and Presented in your Councils and whatever by a united Consent you deem wisdom to be presented unto the people let it be presented by the Preside[n]t my servant John Taylor as the word of the Lord. In this way you will uphold him & Strengthen his hands as all the burthen [burden] should not rest upon one man. For thus Saith the Lord All of mine Apostles should be full

of the Holy Ghost of Inspiration and Revelation and know the mind & will of God and be prepared for that which is to Come. Therefore let mine Apostles keep my Commandments and obey my laws And the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against you. Fear not for lo I am with you untill I Come. I Come quickly Even so Amen.

(Scott G. Kenney, ed., *Wilford Woodruff's Journal* [Midvale: Signature Books, 1985], 7:615-21, entry after "Synopsis of my labors in 1880.")

President John Taylor



Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 25-26 June 1882

Sunday and Monday June 25 and 26, 1882. Celestial Marriage

Question[:] Is the law of Celestial Marriage a law given to this nation or to the world?

Answer[:] No. In no other sense than as the Gospel is given, and in accordance with the laws thereof. So far as it is made known unto men, it is made known unto them as the Gospel is made known unto them and is a part of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and it is only those who receive the Gospel that are able to, or capable of, entering into this covenant. Have I not said through my servant Joseph [Smith] that "all kingdoms are governed by law," and if they receive not the law of my Gospel they cannot participate in the blessings of Celestial Marriage which pertains to mine elect.

No person, or people, or nation can enter into the principle of Celestial Marriage unless they come in by me, saith the Lord, and obey the law of my Gospel through the medium of him who is appointed unto this power as made known unto my people through my servant Joseph [Smith] in a Revelation on "The Eternity of the Marriage Covenant, including Plurality of Wives."

I have therein stated that "all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same; for behold! I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to

enter into my glory." [D&C 132:3-4] Furthermore, "And as pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant, it was instituted for the fullness of my glory; and he that receiveth a fullness thereof, must and shall abide the law, or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God." [D&C 132:6]

It is again written that "all kingdoms have a law given." [D&C 88:36] The Celestial Kingdom including the promise of eternal life pertains to "the Church of the First Born, even of God the Holiest of all, through Jesus Christ his Son" [D&C 88:5] Therefore such must be sanctified from all unrighteousness that they may be prepared for the Celestial Glory, "for he that is not able to abide The Law of a Celestial Kingdom, cannot abide a Celestial Glory; and he who cannot abide the law of a Terrestrial Kingdom cannot abide a Terrestrial Glory; and he who cannot abide the law of a Telesstial Kingdom cannot abide a Telesstial Glory: therefore he is not meet for a Kingdom of glory. Therefore he must abide a Kingdom which is not a Kingdom of Glory." [D&C 88:22-24] Each of the persons inhabiting these several Kingdoms shall be quickened by the same power that pertains to the Kingdom that they are destined to inherit, whether Celestial, Terrestrial or Telesstial; and shall receive of their respective glories.

And again it is written, "And again, verily I say unto you, that which is governed by law is also preserved by law, and perfected and sanctified by the same. ["]That which breaketh a law, and abideth not by law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willeth to abide in sin, and altogether abideth in sin, cannot be sanctified by law, neither by mercy, justice, nor judgment." [D&C 88:34-35]

It is further written, speaking of Celestial Marriage, "And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this law are these: - All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations, that are not made, and entered into, and sealed, by the Holy Spirit of promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment through the medium of mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power, (and I have appointed unto my servant, Joseph [Smith] to hold this power in the last days, and there is never but one on the earth at a time, on whom this power and the Keys of this Priesthood are conferred,) are of no efficacy, virtue, or force, in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end, have an end when men are dead." [D&C 132:7] This law is a Celestial law and pertains to a Celestial Kingdom. It is a new and everlasting covenant and appertains to thrones, principalities, powers, dominions, and eternal increase in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

You are not now sent to proclaim this principle to the United States, nor to the World, nor to urge it upon them. It is not for them as a nation or nations, only as many as accept the law of my Gospel and are governed thereby. Behold, if you were to preach this principle unto them and they said, We accept it, Could you then administer it unto them? Verily, I say unto you Nay. Have I not said, Behold! mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion. Will I accept of an offering, saith the Lord, that is not made in my name! Or, will I receive at your hands that which I have not appointed? And will I appoint unto you, saith the Lord, except it be by law, even as I and my Father

ordained unto you, before the world was! "I am the Lord thy God, and I give unto you this commandment, that no man shall come unto the Father but by me, or by my word, which is my law saith the Lord; and everything that is in the world, whether it be ordained of men, by thrones, or principalities, or powers, or things of name, whatsoever they may be, that are not by me, saith the Lord, shall be thrown down, and shall not remain after men are dead, neither in nor after the resurrection, saith the Lord your God; for whatsoever things remain, are by me; and whatsoever things are not by me shall be shaken and destroyed.

"Therefore, if a man marry him a wife in the world, and he marry her not by me, nor by my word, and he covenant with her so long as he is in the world and she with him, their covenant and marriage are not of force when they are dead, and when they are out of the world; therefore, they are not bound by any law when they are out of the world." [D&C 132:9-15] You ask, what shall we do? Thus saith the Lord God, Obey my law, and seek not to become a law unto yourselves, nor trust to outside influences; but seek in the way appointed to the Lord your God. Ye are my spokesmen, I am your God; and as I have before said, I now again say, Henceforeth do as I shall command you.

Concerning the course taken by the United States they have the liberty a right to reject this law themselves, as they have the liberty a right to reject the Gospel; but it is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, for them to prohibit you from obeying it. Therefore abide in my law which I have revealed unto you, saith the Lord God, and contend for your rights by every legal and constitutional method and in accordance with the institutions, laws, and Constitution of the United States. Be humble, be faithful, be diligent, seek unto me and it shall be made known unto you from time to time what my will is pertaining to this matter. I am the Lord your God, hearken to me, and obey my law, and your enemies shall be confounded, and my Kingdom shall be victorious. Even so, Amen.

(Manuscript in John Taylor Papers, LDS archives, typed copy)

Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 27 June 1882

Verily thus saith the Lord, I have instituted my Kingdom and my Laws, with the Keys and power thereof, and have appointed you as my spokesman and my Constitution, with President John Taylor at your head, whom I have appointed to my Church and my Kingdom as Prophet, Seer and Revelator unto my Church and unto my Kingdom, and to preside over my Church and over my Kingdom, and to be my mouthpiece unto my Church and unto my Kingdom, and I will honor him and he shall speak forth the words that I will reveal unto him from time to time by the whisperings of my Spirit, by the revelation of my will and my word or by mine own voice, as I will, saith the Lord, and ye shall listen to his words, as my words, saith the Lord your God.

Thus Saith the Lord God who rules in the heavens above and in the earth beneath, I have introduced My Kingdom and my Government, even the Kingdom of God, that my servants

have heretofore prophesied of and that I taught my disciples to pray for, saying "Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," for the establishment of my rule, for the introduction of my law, for the protection of my Church, and for the maintenance, promulgation and protection of Civil and religious liberty in this nation and throughout the world; and all men of every nation, color and Creed shall yet be protected and shielded thereby; and every nation and kindred, and people, and tongue shall yet bow the knee to me, and acknowledge me to be Ahman Christ to the glory of God the Father.

And my law, and my rule, and my dominion shall be extend over the whole earth, and no one shall stay my hand, or question my authority; for I rule by right in the heavens above, and in the earth; and my right, and my rule, and my dominion shall yet be known and extended to all people. And now, behold, I speak unto you through my I Servant John [Taylor], whom you have acknowledged and shall acknowledge as my spokesman.

Thus saith the Lord God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Rulers of the Universe, whose right it is to rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath, behold, I raised up my servant Joseph Smith to introduce my Gospel, and to build up my Church, as [and] establish my Kingdom on the earth; and I gave unto him Wisdom, and Knowledge and revelation, and intelligence pertaining to the past, the present, and the future, even to that extent which was not known among men; and I endued [endowed] him with power from on high, and Conferred upon him the Priesthood of Aaron, and also the Priesthood of Melchizedek, which is after the order of the Son of God, even the holiest of all, and after the power of an endless life, and administereth forever in the [this] world and the World to Come.

He was called and ordained to this office before the World was. He was called by me; and empowered by me and sustained by me to introduce and establish my Church and Kingdom upon the earth; and to be a Prophet, Seer, and Revelator to my Church and Kingdom; and to be a King and Ruler over Israel. He was slain for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God; but he yet lives, and is with me where I am.

And now I speak unto you who are members of this Council and my Kingdom, and I say unto you, as I said unto my disciples of old, Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen You.

I called you by my servant Joseph [Smith], and by my servant Brigham [Young], and by my Servant John [Taylor]. You did not teach and instruct me, but I have taught and instructed you, and organized you according to my eternal laws. Ye are my Constitution, and I am your God; And I will be acknowledged and my will and my word and my law shall bear rule in my Kingdom, saith the Lord. If it does not, then it is not my Kingdom, and then are [ye not] my spokesmen; for it is not by the wisdom of man, by the intelligence of man; and under the direction of man, then it is a Kingdom of man, and it is not of me, and I will not acknowledge it saith the Lord God.

Have I not instructed you in all that you know and is not this Kingdom organized and directed by revelation from me? Is it, not called the Kingdom of God? If, therefore, it is not my Kingdom, why do you make use of my name, and invoke my authority and my aid? Is

this Kingdom not called, "The Kingdom of God, and His laws, with the Keys and power thereof, and judgment in the hands of his servants, Ahman Christ."

And because I am kind and beneficent to all people, and because I have given to man his free agency, and have always maintained that free Agency among all people, and have treated all men alike among all nations, and made the sun to shine on the evil and the good, on the just and the unjust, and have never controlled the Consciences of men, think ye, therefore, that I have no rights, and will yield up all my authority to the dictates [dictates] and caprices of wicked and corrupt men? Verily, I say unto you, nay.

Behold, Satan sought to take away the free agency of man in the beginning, for which cause he was thrust out of heaven, and has sought to introduce the same principles upon the earth, which principles are opposed to me, to my institutions and my laws, and to the freedom, the welfare and happiness of man and by which principles the Government of the United States sought to deprive my people of their free agency; and because men have been under the influence and power and dominion of Lucifer, and because tyranny and oppression and evil have abounded by him, and not by me, saith the Lord your God, shall righteousness and justice, and judgement, and truth and virtue, and holiness be forever trampled under foot? And the principles of tyranny, oppression and misrule, and anarchy - deception and fraud for ever prevail? Verily I say unto you Nay; and for this Cause have I introduced my Church and my Kingdom, that pure and righteous principles might be inculcated and in [man] by his free agency yield a willing obedience to my law; for after this testimony and the rejection thereof, I will sweep the earth of evil doers as with the besom of destruction for this is my right, and while man has his free agency, judgment belongs to me, saith the Lord.

And I will come out of my hiding place and vex the nations of the earth because of their iniquities, their misrule, their tyranny, their oppression, their Corruption, their murders, their adulteries and fornications, and all their abominations; and because my Servant Joseph [Smith], whose soul was pained because of their cruelties and oppressions, the injustice, fraud and Corruption, and the inhumanity of men, proclaimed himself the advocate of human rights, the advocate of liberty, and the friend of man; and because, according to my eternal decrees, the free agency of man should be guaranteed to all men, I moved upon him to introduce into my Kingdom Certain parties not in my Church, for the purpose of exhibiting unto my Kingdom that I would still maintain the free agency of man, and that I hold inviolate that principle, and will is still maintain it to the end, think ye, therefore, that because they are thus admitted to a share in my government and my laws that they shall be permitted to break their covenants, violate their obligations, and reject me and my laws and authority, and seek to overthrow the Kingdom of God, and deprive my people who are contending for freedom, and who shall yet maintain it, of their agency, and of my laws? Verily, I say unto you nay, They may be admitted to the rights of representation in the manner appointed, after subscribing to my Covenants and Commandments, and have full and free opportunity of presenting their views, interests and principles, and enjoying all the freedom and rights of this Council; but they shall acknowledge me and my laws in this Council, saith the Lord God; for my people's rights and immunities and free agency shall be acknowledged as well as those of all other people,

and my laws and government shall be sustained, or I will not acknowledge you saith the Lord.

I have invested you with the Keys and favor of my Kingdom and they cannot be bartered away to others. Shall all men be free? Yes, free to do right, free to express their sentiments and opinions and have a full, fair and free representation; but no man shall violate his covenants, pervert my laws, subvert others' free agency, and trample upon mine authority in this Council, Saith the Lord your God.

Again I say unto you as I said before, Henceforth do as I shall Command you, saith the Lord Your God. Even so, Amen.

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Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, [circa 27 June - 7 July] 1882

Given through Pres[iden]t. John Taylor the end of June or Very early in July, 1882.

Am I not King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Do I not rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath, as I will saith the Lord? And though men do not acknowledge me yet do I control them; and I wil[l] Control them according to my will and purpose, and I will make use of the Kings of the earth, And the rulers and powers of the earth to accomplish my purposes, saith the Lord God your Redeemer, and none shall stay my hand.

And I will build up my Kingdom as I have heretofore decreed and made Known through the mouth of mine holy Prophets, do [so] far as they have declared my purposes pertaining thereto; and I have many other things to make known and to proclaim relative to my Church And to my Kingdom and to the building up of my Zion on the earth. Behold, you are my Kingdom, and rulers in my Kingdom and then you are also, many of you, rulers in my Church according to your ordinations therein.

For are you not of the First Presidency, and of the Twelve Apostles, and some Presidents of Stakes, and some Bishops, and some High Priests and some Seventies and Elders therein? And are ye not all of my Church and belong to my holy Priesthood? And then, are ye not all of my Kingdom, and do you not belong to my Kingdom, and are ye not the representatives thereof, even my Constitution? And am I not your God, even your Redeemer and your king?

Behold, I have told you so [to] do as I command you, and have I not a right to dictate in the affairs of my Kingdom, and is it not incumbent upon you to obey me as your Lord, your lawgiver and your King? Behold thus saith the Lord, I will be obeyed by my Council, and if they do not acknowledge me, I will not acknowledge them, saith the Lord of hosts, the God and King of the whole earth.

Speaking of my Church, Behold I established my Church that I might reveal unto them my word, and my will and the law of the Gospel, and the order of the Holy Priesthood, and I set in order my Priesthood, even the Aaronic and Melchizedek [Melchizedek], and I have sent forth mine Elders to the world to preach this Gospel of the Kingdom to all people, and to gather mine elect from among all nations, that a people might be prepared through my Gospel, through the manifestation of my Spirit, even the Spirit of Truth, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and through the teachings of my holy Priesthood and the revelations of my Will to Comprehend the law of my Gospel, to be one with each other, and to be one with me as I am one with the Father, to Comprehend and obey the principles of righteousness, virtue, holiness, purity, and the love and fear of God, and to assist in building my Zion unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and to prepare for the salvation and redemption of the world, even the living and the dead.

And again, it required this Gospel, this Priesthood, this revelation, this unity, this Spirit, to introduce the Kingdom of God, the law of God, the authority and dominion of God, that the will of God might be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

I rule now among the nations but not by their Consent, and the rulers of the earth do not know me or my law, nor recognize my authority. They have their free agency and use it so have also my people, and they use their agency through my Gospel to serve me, to obey my law and to build up my Church and Kingdom.

For outside of my Church there is no people on the earth who will listen to my law, and if there was no people who would listen to my law, how could I have a Kingdom, and how could I be their ruler? I have established my Kingdom to be a shield and protection to my Church, to learn and Comprehend my law, and to carry out my purposes, that my will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven: the Church through the law and Spirit of the Gospel to preserve the virtue and purity of the Kingdom; and the Kingdom to preserve and protect the Church from the aggressions of the wicked and ungodly.

And behold, I do not want my own will, but the will of my Father; the same is my Father and my God, and your Father and your God, and we are one, I in him, and you in me.

Are I and my Father with the Church? Yes. Are we not also with the Kingdom? Yes. Am I not your God, your Ahman Christ? You so acknowledge me. My Father is King of Kings and Lord of lords. I rule as my Father directs me, And if ye rule and direct according to my will, under the direction of my servant who is your president and head, are we not one, and is it not the rule and government of God?

And any Kingdom, or government, or dominion that is not under my direction, and does not acknowledge me, I will not acknowledge, saith the Lord of hosts; and if they fight against me and my laws, and my Church, and my Kingdom, they shall be overthrown in mine own due time, for I have so decreed. Even so, Amen.

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Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 13 October 1882

Revelation given throught [through] President John Taylor, at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, October 13, 1882.

Thus saith the Lord to the Twelve, and to the Priesthood and people of my Church:

Let my servant[s] George Teasdale and Heber J. Grant be appointed to fill the vacancies in the Twelve, that you may be fully organized and prepared for the labors devolving upon you, for you have a great work to perform; and then proceed to fill up the presiding q[u]orum of the Seventies, and assist in organizing that body of my Priesthood who are your co-laborers in the ministry. You may appoint Seymour B. Young to fill up the vacancy in the presiding quorum of the Seventies, if he will conform to my law: for it is not meet that men who will not abide my law shall preside over my Priesthood; and then proceed forthwith and call to your aid any assistance that you may require from among the Seventies to assist you in your labors in introducing and maintaining the Gospel among the Lamanites through-out the land.

And then let High Priests be selected, under the direction of the First Presidency, to preside over the various organizations that shall exist, among this people; that those who receive the Gospel may be taught in the doctrines of my Church, and in the orginances [ordinances] and laws thereof, and also in the things pertaining to my Zion and my Kingdom, saith the Lord, that they may be one with you in my Church and my Kingdom.

Let the Presidency of my Church be one in all things; and let the Twelve also be one in all things; and let them all be one with me as I am one with the Father.

And let the High Priests organize themselves, and purify themselves, and prepare themselves for this labor, and for all other labors that they may be called upon to fulfill.

And let the Presidents of Stakes also purify themselves, and the priesthood and people of the Stakes over which they preside, and organize the Priesthood in their various Stakes according to my law, in all the various departments thereof, in the High Councils, in the Elders' Quorums, and in the Bishops' and their Councils; and in the Quorums of Priests, Teachers and Deacons, that every quorum may be fully organized according to the order of my Church; and, then let them inquire into the standing and fellowship of all that hold my holy Priesthood in their several Stakes; and if they find those that are unworthy, let them remove them, except they repent, for my Priesthood whom I have called and whom I have Sustained and honored, shall honor me and obey my laws, and the laws of my holy Priesthood, or they shall not be considered worthy to hold my Priesthood, saith the Lord.

And let my Priesthood humble themselves before me, and seek not their own will but my will; For if my Priesthood whom I have chosen and called and endowed with the Spirit and

gifts of their several callings and with the powers thereof, do not acknowledge me I will not acknowledge them, saith the Lord; for I will be honored and obeyed by my Priesthood.

And, then, I call upon my Priesthood, and upon all my people to repent of all their sins and short comings, of their covetousness and pride and selfwill, and of all their iniquities wherein they sin against me; and to seek with all humility to fulfill my law, as my Priesthood, my Saints and my people.

And I call upon the heads of families to put their houses in order according to the law of God, and attend to the various duties and responsibilities associated therewith, and to purify themselves before me, and to purge out iniquity from their households.

And I will bless and be with you, saith the Lord; and ye shall gather together in your holy places wherein ye assemble to call upon me, and ye shall ask for such things as are right, and I will hear your prayers, and my Spirit and power shall be with you and my blessing shall rest upon you, upon your families, your dwellings and your households, upon your flocks and herds and fields, your orchards and vineyards, and upon all that pertains to you; and you shall be my people and I will be your God; and your enemies shall not have dominion over you, for I will preserve you and confound them, saith the Lord, and they shall not have power and dominion over you; for my word shall go forth and my work shall be accomplished, and my Zion shall be established, and my rule and my power, and my dominion shall prevail among my people, and all nations shall yet acknowledge me. Even so, Amen

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Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 14 April 1883

A Revelation given through President John Taylor, on Saturday, April 14th, 1883, in answer to the question: "Show unto us Thy will o Lord, concerning the organization of the Seventies.["]

What ye have written is my will and is acceptable unto me; and furthermore,

Thus saith the Lord unto the First Presidency, unto the Twelve, unto the Seventies, and unto all my holy Priesthood, let not your hearts be troubled, neither be ye concerned about the management and organization of my Church and Priesthood and the accomplishment of my work.

Fear me and observe my laws, and I will reveal unto you, from time to time, through the channels that I have appointed, everything that shall be necessary for the future development and perfection of my Church, for the adjustment and rolling forth of my Kingdom, and for the building up and establishment of my Zion. For ye are my Priesthood, and I am your God Even so, Amen

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Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 28 April 1883

A Revelation given to President John Taylor, at Salt Lake City, 28th April 1883

You have asked me why your mind was confused and dull within the last two days.

Verily thus saith the Lord, by the whisperings of his Spirit and the Still small Voice that the arrangement which you have contemplated with my Servant, Thomas [Taylor], is not acceptable, to me. He should have listened to your offer which would have been profitable to himself and acceptable to me[.] when you rejected his offer you did right, and my Spirit was with you; but when you, in your zeal to show that you had faith in me and in my word, accepted propositions and assumed responsibilities which were not in accordance with the order that I showed you, you did wrong, and I withdrew my Spirit.

For it is forbidden my Presidency to go into debt unless I, the Lord, command it, for these things lead to confusion and bondage. Besides have I not shown unto you, my Servant John [Taylor], a way to raise a fund which should be at Your disposal for the accomplishment of my purposes, and by which the rights and properties of my people should be preserved in all of these matters? You must abide by this principle.

My servant, Thomas [Taylor], does not understand fully this matter. Confer with him on this subject, and if he can see these things and follow council he shall assist you in the developments contemplated. For you, nor my Servant George Q. Cannon cannot attend to these details; but if he, Thomas [Taylor], cannot enter freely into this matter without restraint then shall you arrange with him according to wisdom, and withdraw from the contemplated arrangement.

Behold, I have shown unto you many things, and I will Continue to make Known unto you my will, from time to time, on things temporal as well as spiritual, things pertaining to my Church, my Kingdom and my Zion, and you shall be my mouthpiece, saith the Lord, And I will greatly bless you and lift you up, and exalt you, saith the Lord, for your words and works are acceptable unto me, and, I know of your Zeal and integrity in my cause, and you shall be made a blessing to my people and your name shall be honored in Israel, and in this nation and among the nations of the earth; for they that honor me I will honor.

And I will also greatly bless my servant George Q. Cannon, who is acceptable before me, and who is exceedingly desirous to do my will. And I will also bless my servant Joseph F. Smith whose heart and spirit is right before me, and who is also desirous to fulfill my law, and these your Counselors shall be greatly blessed with you; and [you] shall be my mouthpiece unto them, and I will also show unto them my will from time to time.

And you shall be one in Spiritual things, and also in temporal things in due time, and I will show unto my people and unto the world, that this world is mine, and that I created it by my power, and the gold and silver, and copper, and brass, and iron and riches and precious things thereof, and all that pertains thereunto are mine; and my people shall know that they are mine, and that they live in me, and move and exist by me, and have their being from me, and that all which they possess is mine, and is obtained of me, and that they are and can only be, stewards over that which I have given unto them to possess, and which they could not have only of me and by me, whether it relates to this earth and the fullness thereof, to wives, children, and friends, to gold, silver, houses, lands, riches [riches], and possessions pertaining thereto, or to thrones, principalities, powers, dominions and exaltations in my eternal Kingdom.

And my presidency shall be one, and the Twelve shall be one, and the Presidencies of Stakes and the High Councils shall be one and all of my holy Priesthood in their several quorums, standings, offices, and positions, shall be one and all of my Priesthood shall be united as one, and they shall be one with my people, and my people shall be one with them, and they shall be my Church, my Kingdom and my Zion, and I will be one with them and be their God.

Let every person, therefore, be diligent and act in their several positions, callings or Priesthood, and honor and magnify the same, and honor and obey me, the Lord their God, and respect and obey the Counsels of my holy Priesthood, and I will honor and exalt them, saith the Lord, in Time and throughout Eternity.

And as it regards my servant John Taylor, it is not necessary for him to attend to the minutia or details of either spir[i]tual or temporal things, but only to give general directions, or as I may make manifest from time to time. And his Councilors are to be his assistants, And the First Presidency shall call upon the Twelve, the Presidents of Stakes, the Bishops, and others to assist in these duties, and I will raise up wise and prudent men, from time to time, to assist in Temporal as well as Sp[i]ritual things, for they are all one with me.

And, then let the Twelve call upon the Seventies; and let the High Priests, the High Councils, and Elders, and Bishops and the lesser Priesthood, and all who labor for Zion be diligent and obedient, and let every man put in his sickle and reap, and fulfill and magnify his calling, office or Priesthood.

These things belong to my Priesthood but more properly to the School of the Prophets. Let the School of the Prophets be organized, even all such as are worthy, but if they are found unworthy they shall not have a place in my school, for I will be honored by My Priesthood, and let my laws be made known unto them as may be deemed expedient.

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Revelation to John Taylor at Logan, Utah Territory, in [circa 17-22] May 1884

A Revelation given through President John Taylor, Logan, May 1884.

As thou hast asked me concerning this Temple, thus saith the Lord: I accept this house which thou hast built, and also the labors of the Committee, the Superintendent, and the Architect thereof, and of those who have in anywise Contributed to the building or beautifying the same, by their labor or by their means; and inasmuch as it shall be preserved pure and not be defiled my presence shall be there even the power of my Spirit, - the Gift of the Holy Ghost; which shall in this house hereafter be more fully understood; and I will acknowledge the ordinances which shall be administered therein, both for the living and the dead; and my blessing shall attend the administration of the ordinances [ordinances], and shall rest upon those who administer therein, inasmuch as they comply with the order and institutions of my house, and act with purity and singleness of heart before me, according to my word, my ordinances [ordinances] and my laws; and this house [shall be a house] of prayer, a house of learning, a house of God, wherein many great principles pertaining to the past, to the present and the future shall be revealed and my word and my will be made known, and the laws of the Universe, pertaining to this world and other worlds be developed; for in these houses which have been buildt [built] unto me, and which shall be built I will reveal the abundance of those things pertaining to the past, the present, and the future, to the life that now is, and the life that is to come, pertaining to laws, order, rule, dominion and government, to things affecting this nation and other nations; - the laws of the heavenly bodies in their times and seasons, and the principles or laws by which they are governed, and their relation to each other, and whether they be bodies celestial, terrestrial or telesstial, shall be made known as I will, saith the Lord; for it is my will and my purpose to place my people in closer communion with the heavens, inasmuch as they will purify themselves and observe more diligently my law; for it is in mine heart to greatly bless and exalt my people, and to build up, exalt and beautify my Zion, inasmuch as they shall observe my law, Even so, Amen.

(Manuscript in John Taylor Papers, LDS archives)

Revelation to John Taylor at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 25 December 1884

A Revelation given through President John Taylor, Salt Lake City, 25th Dec., 1884.

There are some things that ought to be put right. Some time ago there was word given for the brethren and their families to put themselves in order before the Lord; and it is necessary that these things should be carried out, for there has been a negligence in some of these matters; and if my people and Priesthood desire my blessing and guidance, and protection they must and shall be subject to my law.

And it is necessary that the various quorums of the Priesthood should place themselves right before me, saith the Lord; And that as individuals they should place themselves in that position, for if they do not they have no claim upon my blessing or my protection.

A day of trouble, and anxiety and sorrow [sorrow], and judgment will soon overtake this nation and other nations; it is nigh at hand, and the inhabitants of Zion must purge themselves from iniquity, folly, confusion, confusion, and vanity, and listen to and obey my laws, or they cannot have my protection, For I, the Lord, will not be mocked, but the wrong doer shall recinde [receive] the just recompense of regard [reward]; and the sinners in Zion shall be afraid; and carefulness [fraefulness] shall also take hold of the wicked and ungodly, that are in your midst.

And if you, my people, obey my law and keep my Commandments, to do them, not in name only, but in reality, I will be your shield and protector, and your strong forever [tower] and no man shall be able to hurt you, for I will be your defense.

Therefore, humble yourselves before me, and purify yourselves, that your acts and doings may be acceptable before me. For it [if] you do not you will share in the Condemnation of the wicked. Wherefor[e], listen to the Counsels of those whom I have appointed, and seek not your own will and way, But the will of the Lord your God; for by him only can you be sustained in time of trouble which is fast approaching, Even so, Amen

(Manuscript in John Taylor Papers, LDS archives, typed copy)

Revelation to John Taylor at Centerville, Utah Territory, on 27 September 1886

Sept 27 1886

My son John. You have asked me concerning the new & everlasting covenant & how far it is binding upon my people

Thus saith the Lord all commandments that I give must be obeyed by those calling themselves by my name unless they are revoked by my [me] or by my authority and how can I revoke an everlasting covenant[?]

for I the Lord am everlasting & my everlasting covenants cannot be abrogated nor done away with; but they stand for ever.

Have I not given my word in great plainness on this subject? Yet have not great numbers of my people been negligent in the observance of my law & the keeping of my commandment and yet hast I borne with them these many years & this because of their weakness because of the perilous times & furthermore it is more pleasing to me that men should use their free agency in regard to these matters. Nevertheless I the Lord do not change & my word & my covenants & my law do not

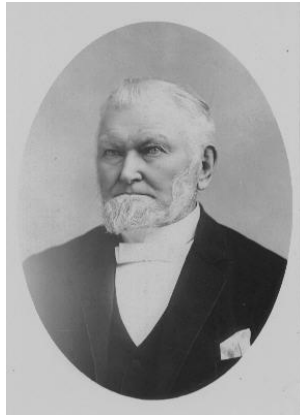
& as I have heretofore said by my servant Joseph [Smith] all those who would enter into my glory must & shall obey my law & have I not commanded men that if they were Abraham[']s seed & would enter into my glory they must do the works of Abraham.

I have not revoked this law nor will I for it is everlasting & those who will enter into my glory must obey the conditions thereof, even so amen.

(Manuscript in possession of LDS church, text from photograph of original)

Sept 27 1836
My son John. You have asked me
concerning the new revelations command
& how far it is binding upon my people
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President Wilford Woodruff



Revelation to Wilford Woodruff at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on 24 November 1889

I Attended A meeting with the Lawyiers [Lawyers] at the Gardo [House] in the Evening. They wanted me to Make some Concessi[o]n to [the] Court upon Poligamy [Polygamy] & other Points and I spent Several Hours alone & Enquired of the Lord and received the following:

Revelation given to Wilford Woodruff, Sunday Nov 24, 1889.

Thus Saith the Lord, to my Servant Wilford [Woodruff], I the Lord have heard thy prayers and thy request, and will answer thee by the voice of my spirit. Thus Saith the Lord, unto my Servants the Presidency of my church, who hold the Keys of the Kingdom of God on this earth. I the Lord hold the destiny of the courts in your midst, and the destiny of this nation, and all other nations of the earth in mine own hands, and all that I have revealed, and promised and decreed concerning the generation in which you live, shall come to pass, and no power shall stay my hand.

Let not my servants who are called to the Presidency of my church, deny my word or my law, which concerns the salvation of the children of men. Let them pray for the Holy Spirit, which shall be given them to guide them in their acts. Place not yourselves in jeopardy to your enemies by promise. Your enemies seek your distruction [destruction] and the distruction [destruction] of my people. If the Saints will hearken unto my voice, and the counsel of my Servants, the wicked shall not prevail.

Let my servants, who officiate as your counselors before the courts, make their pleadings as they are moved upon by the Holy spirit, without any further pledges from the Priesthood. I the Lord will hold the courts, with the officers of government, and the nation responsible for their acts towards the inhabitants of Zion.

I, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, am in your midst. I am your advocate with the Father. Fear not little flock, it is your father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Fear not the wicked and ungodly. Search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify of me,

also those revelations which I have given to my servant Joseph [Smith], and to all my servants since the world began, which are recorded in the records of divine truths. Those revelations contain the judgments of God which are to be poured out upon all nations under the heavens which include great Babylon.

These judgments are at the door. They will be fulfilled as God lives. Leave judgment with me, it is mine saith the Lord. Watch the signs of the times, and they will show the fulfillment of the words of the Lord.

Let my servants call upon the Lord in mighty prayer, retain the Holy Ghost as your constant companion, and act as you are moved upon by that spirit, and all will be well with you. The wicked are fast ripening in iniquity, and they will be cut off by the judgments of God. Great events await you and this generation, and are nigh at your doors. Awake, O, Israel, and have faith in God, and His promises, and he will not forsake you. I the Lord will deliver my Saints from the dominion of the wicked, in mine own due time and way. I cannot deny my word, neither in blessing nor judgments.

Therefore let mine Anointed gird up their loins, watch and be sober, and keep my commandments. Pray always and faint not, exercise faith in the Lord and in the promises of God; be valient [valiant] in the testimony of Jesus Christ. The eyes of the Lord and the Heavenly Hosts are watching over you and your acts. Therefore be faithful until I come. I come quickly to reward every man according to the deeds done in the body. Even so, amen.

(Scott G. Kenney, ed., *Wilford Woodruff's Journal*, 9:67-69, entry of 24 Nov. 1889)

NOTE ON BACKGROUND OF REVELATION, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 1889

The Church attorneys & John W Young met at the office with Prests Cannon & Smith to consider the propriety of putting further testimony in court more fully explaining the instructions to pray for the avenging the blood of the prophets in the Endowments, also in regard to anointing the arm.

(Jedediah S. Rogers, ed., *In the President's Office: The Diaries of L. John Nuttall, 1879-1892* [Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with the Smith-Pettit Foundation, 2007], 392)

NOTES ON MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1889

The following brethren met in Council: W. Woodruff, J. F. Smith F. D. Richards, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Cannon, J. W. Young and myself. We had prayers and Bro. Woodruff had L. J. Nuttall read a revelation the Lord had given him in which we his servants were told to remain true to our collors [sic] and he would protect his little flock. How happy I am.

(Jean Bickmore White, ed., *Church, State, and Politics: The Diaries of John Henry Smith* [Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1990], 231)

During our meeting a revelation was read which Pres. Woodruff received Sunday evening, Nov'r 24th. Proposition had been made for the Church to make some concessions to the courts in regard to its principles. Both of Pres. Woodruff's counselors refused to advise him as to the course he should pursue, and he therefore laid the matter before the Lord. The answer came quick and strong. The word of the Lord was for us not to yield one particle of that which He had revealed and established. He had done and would continue to care for His work and those Saints who were faithful, and we need have no fear of our enemies when we were in the line of our duty. We are promised redemption and deliverance if we will trust in God and not in the arm of flesh. We were admonished to read and study the Word of God, and to pray often. The whole revelation was filled with words of the greatest encouragement and comfort, and my heart was filled with joy and peace during the entire reading. It sets all doubts at rest concern ing the course to pursue.

(Edward Leo Lyman, ed., *Candid Insights of a Mormon Apostle: The Diaries of Abraham H. Cannon, 1889-1895* [Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with the Smith-Pettit Foundation, 2010], 38-39)

President Joseph F. Smith



Vision received by Joseph F. Smith at Salt Lake City, Utah on 3 October 1918

VISION OF THE REDEMPTION OF THE DEAD

On the third of October, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, I sat in my room pondering over the Scriptures and reflecting upon the great atoning sacrifice that was

made by the Son of God for the redemption of the world, and the great and wonderful love made manifest by the Father and the Son in the coming of the Redeemer into the world, that through his Atonement and by obedience to the principles of the gospel, mankind might be saved.

While I was thus engaged, my mind reverted to the writings of the Apostle Peter to the primitive saints scattered abroad throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, and other parts of Asia where the gospel had been preached after the crucifixion of the Lord. I opened the Bible and read the third and fourth chapters of the first epistle of Peter, and as I read I was greatly impressed, more than I had ever been before, with the following passages:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." (1 Peter 3:18-20.)

"For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." (1 Peter 4:6.)

As I pondered over these things which are written, the eyes of my understanding were opened, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I saw the hosts of the dead, both small and great.

And there were gathered together in one place an innumerable company of the spirits of the just, who had been faithful in the testimony of Jesus while they lived in mortality, and who had offered sacrifice in the similitude of the great sacrifice of the Son of God, and had suffered tribulation in their Redeemer's name. All these had departed the mortal life, firm in the hope of a glorious resurrection, through the grace of God the Father and his Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

I beheld that they were filled with joy and gladness, and were rejoicing together because the day of their deliverance was at hand. They were assembled awaiting the advent of the Son of God into the spirit world, to declare their redemption from the bands of death. Their sleeping dust was to be restored unto its perfect frame, bone to his bone, and the sinews and the flesh upon them, the spirit and the body to be united never again to be divided, that they might receive a fulness of joy.

While this vast multitude waited and conversed, rejoicing in the hour of their deliverance from the chains of death, the Son of God appeared, declaring liberty to the captives who had been faithful, and there he preached to them the everlasting gospel, the doctrine of the resurrection and the redemption of mankind from the fall, and from individual sins on conditions of repentance.

But unto the wicked he did not go, and among the ungodly and the unrepentant who had defiled themselves while in the flesh, his voice was not raised, neither did the rebellious who rejected the testimonies and the warnings of the ancient prophets behold his presence, nor look upon his face. Where these were, darkness reigned, but among the righteous there was peace, and the saints rejoiced in their redemption, and bowed the knee and acknowledged the Son of God as their Redeemer and Deliverer from death and the chains of hell. Their countenances shone and the radiance from the presence of the Lord rested upon them and they sang praises unto his holy Name.

I marveled, for I understood that the Savior spent about three years in his ministry among the Jews and those of the house of Israel, endeavoring to teach them the everlasting gospel and call them unto repentance; and yet, notwithstanding his mighty works and miracles and proclamation of the truth in great power and authority, there were but few who hearkened to his voice and rejoiced in his presence and received salvation at his hands. But his ministry among those who were dead was limited to the brief time intervening between the crucifixion and his resurrection; and I wondered at the words of Peter wherein he said that the Son of God preached unto the spirits in prison who sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, and how it was possible for him to preach to those spirits and perform the necessary labor among them in so short a time.

And as I wondered, my eyes were opened, and my understanding quickened, and I perceived that the Lord went not in person among the wicked and the disobedient who had rejected the truth, to teach them; but behold, from among the righteous he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men. And thus was the gospel preached to the dead.

And the chosen messengers went forth to declare the acceptable day of the Lord, and proclaim liberty to the captives who were bound; even unto all who would repent of their sins and receive the gospel. Thus was the gospel preached to those who had died in their sins, without a knowledge of the truth, or in transgression, having rejected the prophets. These were taught faith in God, repentance from sin, vicarious baptism for the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and all other principles of the gospel that were necessary for them to know in order to qualify themselves that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

And so it was made known among the dead, both small and great, the unrighteous as well as the faithful, that redemption had been wrought through the sacrifice of the Son of God upon the cross. Thus was it made known that our Redeemer spent his time during his sojourn in the world of spirits, instructing and preparing the faithful spirits of the prophets who had testified of him in the flesh, that they might carry the message of redemption unto all the dead unto whom he could not go personally because of their rebellion and transgression, that they through the ministrations of his servants might also hear his words.

Among the great and mighty ones who were assembled in this vast congregation of the righteous, were Father Adam, the Ancient of Days and father of all, and our glorious Mother Eve, with many of her faithful daughters who had lived through the ages and worshiped the true and living God. Abel, the first martyr, was there, and his brother Seth, one of the mighty ones, who was in the express image of his father Adam. Noah, who gave warning of the flood; Shem, the great High Priest; Abraham, the father of the faithful; Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel; Isaiah, who declared by prophecy that the Redeemer was anointed to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that were bound, were also there.

Moreover, Ezekiel, who was shown in vision the great valley of dry bones which were to be clothed upon with flesh to come forth again in the resurrection of the dead, living souls; Daniel, who foresaw and foretold the establishment of the kingdom of God in the latter days, never again to be destroyed nor given to other people; Elias, who was with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration, and Malachi, the prophet who testified of the coming of Elijah--of whom also Moroni spake to the Prophet Joseph Smith--declaring that he should come before the ushering in of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, were also there. The prophet Elijah was to plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to their fathers, foreshadowing the great work to be done in the temples of the Lord in the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, for the redemption of the dead and the sealing of the children to their parents, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse and utterly wasted at his coming.

All these and many more, even the prophets who dwelt among the Nephites and testified of the coming of the Son of God, mingled in the vast assembly and waited for their deliverance, for the dead had looked upon the long absence of their spirits from their bodies as a bondage. These the Lord taught, and gave them power to come forth, after his resurrection from the dead, to enter into his Father's kingdom, there to be crowned with immortality and eternal life, and continue thenceforth their labors as had been promised by the Lord, and be partakers of all blessings which were held in reserve for them that love him.

The Prophet Joseph Smith, and my father, Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and other choice spirits who were reserved to come forth in the fulness of times to take part in laying the foundations of the great Latter-day work, including the building of temples and the performance of ordinances therein for the redemption of the dead, were also in the spirit world. I observed that they were also among the noble and great ones who were chosen in the beginning to be rulers in the Church of God. Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits, and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men.

I beheld that the faithful elders of this dispensation, when they depart from mortal life, continue their labors in the preaching of the gospel of repentance and redemption, through the sacrifice of the Only Begotten Son of God, among those who are in darkness and under the bondage of sin in the great world of the spirits of the dead. The dead who repent will be redeemed, through obedience to the ordinances of the house of God, and after they have

paid the penalty of their transgressions, and are washed clean, shall receive a reward according to their works, for they are heirs of salvation.

Thus was the vision of the redemption of the dead revealed to me, and I bear record, and I know that this record is true, through the blessing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, even so. Amen.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

(Improvement Era 22 [Dec. 1918]:166-70; LDS D&C 138)