

Section 1

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, during a special conference of elders of the Church, held at Hiram, Ohio, November 1, 1831. HC 1:221-224. Many revelations had been received from the Lord prior to this time, and the compilation of these for publication in book form was one of the principal subjects passed upon at the conference. This section constitutes the Lord's Preface to the doctrines, covenants, and commandments given in this dispensation.

A Harken,

O ye people of my church,
saith the voice of him who dwells on high,
and whose eyes are upon all men;
yea, verily I say:

Harken

ye people from afar; and
ye that are upon the islands of the sea,
listen together. 2

B₁ For verily the voice of the Lord

B₂ is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is
no eye that shall not see,
neither ear that shall not hear,
neither heart that shall not be penetrated. 3

C And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow;
for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops,
and their secret acts shall be revealed. 4

D And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I
have chosen in these last days. 5

E And they shall go forth

F and none shall stay them,

G for I the Lord have commanded them. 6

H Behold, this is
mine authority, and
the authority of my servants, and
my preface unto the book of my commandments,

G which I have given them to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth. 7

F Wherefore, fear and tremble, O ye people, for what I the Lord have decreed in
them shall be fulfilled. 8

E And verily I say unto you, that they who go forth,

D bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth,

C to them is power given to seal both on earth and in heaven, the unbelieving and rebellious; 9 Yea,
verily, to seal them up

unto the day
 when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure--10
 Unto the day
 when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his work,
 and measure
 to every man
 according to the measure
 which he has
 measured
 to his fellow man. 11

B₁ Wherefore the voice of the Lord

B₂ is unto the ends of the earth,

A that all that will hear may hear:† 12

A Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; 13

B 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. 14

C And the arm of the Lord shall be revealed;

D and the day cometh that they who will not hear

E the voice of the Lord,

E neither the voice of his servants,

D neither give heed

C to the words of the prophets and apostles,†

B shall be cut off from among the people; 15

For they have strayed from mine ordinances,
 and have broken mine everlasting covenant; 16

They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness,
 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. 17

A Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth,

- called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,

- and spake unto him from heaven,

- and gave him commandments; 18

- And also gave commandments to others,

that they should proclaim these things unto the world;†

B and all this that it might be fulfilled, which was written by the prophets--19

C a The weak things of the world shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones,

- b that man should not counsel his fellow man, neither trust in the arm of flesh--20 But that every man might speak in the name of God the Lord, even the Savior of the world; 21
That faith also might increase in the earth; 22
That mine everlasting covenant might be established; 23
That the fulness of my gospel might be proclaimed
- a by the weak and the simple unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers. 24
- A Behold, I am God and have spoken it; these commandments are of me, and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language,
- that they might come to understanding. 25
 - And inasmuch as they erred it might be made known; 26
 - And inasmuch as they sought wisdom they might be instructed; 27
 - And inasmuch as they sinned they might be chastened, that they might repent; 28
 - And inasmuch as they were humble they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, and receive knowledge from time to time. 29
- B And after having received the record of the Nephites, yea, even my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., might have power to translate through the mercy of God, by the power of God, the Book of Mormon. 30
- C And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth,
- D with which I, the Lord, am well pleased, speaking unto the church collectively and not individually--31
For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; 32
Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven; 33
And he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received; for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts. 34
- And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the earth: I the Lord am willing to make these things known unto all flesh; 35 For I am no respecter of persons, and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand,
when peace shall be taken from the earth,
and the devil shall have power over his own dominion. 36
And also the Lord shall have power over his saints, and shall reign in their midst, and shall come down in judgment upon Idumea, or the world. 37
- A Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful,
- B and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled. 38
- A What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself;
- B and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled,
- C whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same. 39

For behold, and lo,
 the Lord is God,
 and the Spirit
 beareth record,
 and the record
 is true,
 and the truth
 abideth forever and ever. Amen.

Section 2

An extract from the words of the angel Moroni to Joseph Smith the Prophet, while in the house of the Prophet's father at Manchester, New York, on the evening of September 21, 1823. HC 1:12. Moroni was the last of a long line of historians who had made the record that is now before the world as the Book of Mormon. Compare Malachi 4:5-6. See also Sections 27:9; 110:13-16; and 128:18.

Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet,

- A before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 2
- B
 - a And he shall plant in the hearts of the children
 - b the promises made to the fathers,
 - a and the hearts of the children
 - b shall turn to their fathers. 3
 - c If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted
- A at his coming.

Section 3

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, July 1828, relating to the loss of 116 pages of manuscript translated from the first part of the Book of Mormon, which was called the "Book of Lehi." The Prophet had reluctantly allowed these pages to pass from his custody to that of Martin Harris, who had served for a brief period as scribe in the translation of the Book of Mormon. The revelation was given through the Urim and Thummim. HC 1:21-23. See also Section 10.

- AA A₁ The works, and
 the designs, and
 the purposes
- A₂ of God
- A₃ cannot be frustrated,
 neither can they come to naught. 2
- B For God doth not walk in crooked paths,
- C neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left,
- C neither doth he vary from that which he hath said,
- B therefore his paths are straight, and his course is one eternal round. 3

- A₁ Remember, remember that it is not the work
 A₂ of God
 A₃ that is frustrated, but the work of men; 4
- BB A₁ For although a man may have many revelations, and have power to do many mighty works, yet if he
 A₂ boasts in his own strength, and
 sets at naught the counsels of God, and
 follows after the dictates of his own will and carnal desires,
 A₃ he must fall
 A₄ and incur the vengeance of a just God upon him. 5
- B₁ Behold, you have been entrusted with these things, but how strict were your commandments;
 B₂ and remember also the promises which were made to you, if you did not transgress them. 6
- C And behold, how oft you have transgressed the commandments and the laws
 D of God,
 E and have gone on in the persuasions of men. 7
 E For, behold, you should not have feared man
 D more than God.
- C Although men set at naught the counsels of God, and despise his words--8
- B₁ Yet you should have been faithful;
 B₂ and he would have extended his arm and supported you
 against all the fiery darts of the adversary;
 and he would have been with you
 in every time of trouble. 9
- A₁ Behold, thou art Joseph, and thou wast chosen to do the work of the Lord,
 A₂ but because of transgression,
 A₃ if thou art not aware thou wilt fall. 10
 A₄ But remember, God is merciful;
 A₂ therefore, repent of that which thou hast done which is contrary to the commandment which I gave you,
 A₁ and thou art still chosen, and art again called to the work; 11
- CC A₃ Except thou do this, thou shalt be delivered up and become as other men, and have no more
 gift.† 12
- DD A And when thou deliveredst up
 B that which God had given thee sight and power to translate,

- A thou deliveredst up
- B that which was sacred
- C into the hands of a wicked man, 13
 Who has set at naught the counsels of God,
 and has broken the most sacred promises which were made before God,
 and has depended upon his own judgment
 and boasted in his own wisdom. 14
- CC And this is the reason that thou hast lost thy privileges for a season--15
 BB For thou hast suffered the counsel of thy director to be trampled upon from the beginning. 16
 AA Nevertheless, my work shall go forth,
- A for inasmuch as the knowledge of a Savior
- B has come unto the world,
- C through the testimony of the Jews,
- A even so shall the knowledge of a Savior
- B come unto my people--17 And to the Nephites, and the Jacobites, and the Josephites, and the Zoramites,
- C through the testimony of their fathers--18
- A And this testimony shall come to the knowledge
- B of the Lamanites, and the Lemuelites, and the Ishmaelites, who dwindled in unbelief because of the iniquity of their fathers, whom the Lord has suffered to destroy their brethren the Nephites, because of their iniquities and their abominations. 19
- C And for this very purpose are these plates preserved, which contain these records--
- D that the promises of the Lord might be fulfilled, which he made to his people; 20
 And that the Lamanites
 might come to the knowledge of their fathers,
 and that they might know the promises of the Lord,
 and that they may believe the gospel
 and rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ,
 and be glorified through faith in his name,
 and that through their repentance they might be saved. Amen.‡

Section 4

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to his father, Joseph Smith, Sen., at Harmony, Pennsylvania, February 1829. HC 1:28.

- A Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men. 2
- B Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your
 heart,
 might,
 mind and
 strength,
- C that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day. 3
- D Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work; 4

- A For behold the field is white already[†] to harvest;
- B and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might,
- C the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul; 5
- D And
 faith,
 hope,
 charity and
 love, with an
 eye single to the glory of God,
 qualify him for the work. 6
- E Remember
 faith,
 virtue,
 knowledge,
 temperance,
 patience,
 brotherly kindness,
 godliness,
 charity,
 humility,
 diligence. 7
- Ask,
 and ye shall receive;
 knock,
 and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

Section 5

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, March 1829, at the request of Martin Harris. HC 1:28-31.

- AA A Behold, I say unto you, that as my servant Martin Harris has desired a witness at my hand,
- B that you, my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
- C have got the plates of which you have testified and borne record that you have received
- D of me; 2
- E And now, behold, this shall you say unto him--he who spake unto you, said unto you:
- BB D I, the Lord, am God,
- C and have given these things
- B unto you, my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
- A and have commanded you that you should stand as a witness of these things; 3
- A And I have caused you that you should enter into a covenant with me,
 that you should not show them
 except to those persons to whom I commanded you;
 and you have no power over them
 except I grant it unto you. 4

- B And you have a gift to translate the plates; and this is the first gift that I bestowed upon you; and I have commanded that you should pretend to
no other gift
until my purpose is fulfilled in this;
for I will grant unto you
no other gift
until it is finished. 5
- CC C Verily, I say unto you, that woe shall come unto the inhabitants of the earth if they will not hearken unto my words; 6
- DD B For hereafter you shall be ordained and go forth and deliver my words unto the children of men. 7
- EE A Behold, if they will not believe my words, they would not believe you, my servant Joseph, if it were possible that you should show them all these things which I have committed unto you.† 8
- A Oh, this unbelieving and stiffnecked generation--mine anger is kindled against them. 9
- FF B Behold, verily I say unto you, I have reserved those things which I have entrusted unto you, my servant Joseph, for a wise purpose in me, and it shall be made known unto future generations; 10
- C But this generation shall have my word through you; 11
- D And in addition to your testimony, the testimony of three of my servants,
- E whom I shall call and ordain, unto whom I will show these things, and they shall go forth with my words that are given through you. 12
- F Yea, they shall know of a surety that these things are true, for
- G from heaven will I declare it unto them. 13
- G I will give them power that they may behold and view
- F these things as they are; 14
- E And to none else will I grant this power, to receive this same testimony among this generation, in this the beginning of the rising up and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness--
clear as the moon, and
fair as the sun, and
terrible as an army with banners. 15
- D And the testimony of three witnesses
- EE C will I send forth of my word. 16 And behold, whosoever believeth on my words, them will I visit with the manifestation of my Spirit; and they shall be born of me, even of water and of the Spirit--† 17
- DD B And you must wait yet a little while, for ye are not yet ordained--18
- A And their testimony shall also go forth unto the condemnation of this generation if they harden their hearts against them; 19
- CC For a desolating scourge shall go forth among the inhabitants of the earth, and shall continue to be poured out from time to time, if they repent not, until
the earth is empty, and
the inhabitants thereof are consumed away
and utterly destroyed
by the brightness of my coming. 20

Behold, I tell you these things, even as I also told the people of the destruction of Jerusalem; and my word shall be verified at this time as it hath hitherto been verified. 21

BB And now I command you, my servant Joseph, to repent and walk more uprightly before me, and to yield to the persuasions of men no more; 22 And that you be firm in keeping the commandments wherewith I have commanded you; and if you do this, behold I grant unto you eternal life, even if you should be slain.† 23

AA A And now, again, I speak unto you, my servant Joseph, concerning the man that desires the witness--24

B₁ Behold, I say unto him, he exalts himself and does not humble himself sufficiently before me; but if he will bow down before me, and humble himself in mighty prayer and faith, in the sincerity of his heart,

B₂ then will I grant unto him a view of the things which he desires to see. 25

C And then he shall say unto the people of this generation: Behold, I have seen the things which the Lord hath shown unto Joseph Smith, Jun., and I know of a surety that they are true,

D for I have seen them, for they have been shown unto me by the power of God and not of man. 26

E And I the Lord command him, my servant Martin Harris, that he shall say no more unto them concerning these things, except he shall say:

D I have seen them, and they have been shown unto me by the power of God; and these are the words which he shall say. 27

C But if he deny this he will break the covenant which he has before covenanted with me, and behold, he is condemned. 28

B₁ And now, except he humble himself and acknowledge unto me the things that he has done which are wrong, and covenant with me that he will keep my commandments, and exercise faith in me, behold, I say unto him,

B₂ he shall have no such views, for I will grant unto him no views of the things of which I have spoken.

A And if this be the case, I command you, my servant Joseph, that you shall say unto him, that he shall do no more, nor trouble me any more concerning this matter.† 30

A₁ And if this be the case, behold, I say unto thee Joseph, when thou hast translated a few more pages thou shalt stop for a season, even until I command thee again; then thou mayest translate again. 31

A₂ And except thou do this, behold, thou shalt have no more gift, and I will take away the things which I have entrusted with thee. 32

B And now, because I foresee the lying in wait to destroy thee, yea,

C I foresee that if my servant Martin Harris humbleth not himself and receive a witness from my hand, that he will fall into transgression; 33

B And there are many that lie in wait to destroy thee from off the face of the earth;

A₁ and for this cause, that thy days may be prolonged, I have given unto thee these commandments. 34 Yea, for this cause I have said: Stop, and stand still until I command thee,

A₂ and I will provide means whereby thou mayest accomplish the thing which I have commanded thee. 35 And if thou art faithful in keeping my commandments, thou shalt be lifted up at the last day. Amen.

Section 6

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Oliver Cowdery, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 1829. HC 1:32-35. Oliver Cowdery began his labors as scribe in the translation of the Book of Mormon, April 7, 1829. He had already received a divine manifestation of the truth of the Prophet's testimony respecting the plates on which was engraved the Book of Mormon record. The Prophet inquired of the Lord through the Urim and Thummim and received this response.

- AA A great and marvelous work is about to come forth unto the children of men. 2
- Behold, I am God;
 give heed unto my word,
 which is quick and powerful,
 sharper than a two-edged sword,
 to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow;
 therefore give heed unto my words. 3
- BB A Behold, the field is white already to harvest; therefore,
 whoso desireth to reap,
 let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts,
 that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God. 4
 Yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap,
 the same is called of God. 5
- B Therefore, if you will ask of me
 you shall receive;
 if you will knock
 it shall be opened unto you. 6
- C Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth
 and establish the cause of Zion; 7
- C Seek not for riches but for wisdom, and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you,
 and then shall you be made rich.
 Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich. 8
- B Verily, verily, I say unto you,
 even as you desire of me
 so it shall be unto you;
 and if you desire,
 you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation. 9
- A Say nothing but repentance unto this generation; keep my commandments, and assist to bring forth my work,
 according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed.† 10
- CC₁ Behold thou hast a gift, and blessed art thou because of thy gift. Remember it is sacred and cometh from
 above--11
- CC₂ And if thou wilt inquire, thou shalt know mysteries which are great and marvelous;
 therefore thou shalt exercise thy gift,
 that thou mayest find out mysteries,
 that thou mayest bring many to the knowledge of the truth, yea,
 convince them of the error of their ways. 12
 Make not thy gift known unto any save it be those who are of thy faith. Trifle not with sacred
 things. 13
- CC₃ If thou wilt do good, yea, and hold out faithful to the end,
 thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God,

which is the greatest
of all the gifts
of God;
for there is no gift
greater than the gift of
salvation. 14

DD Verily, verily, I say unto thee, blessed art thou for what thou hast done; for thou hast inquired of me, and behold, as often as thou hast inquired thou hast received instruction of my Spirit.

If it had not been so, thou wouldst not have come to the place where thou art at this time. 15
Behold, thou knowest that thou hast inquired of me
and I did enlighten thy mind;

A and now I tell thee these things
that thou mayest know that thou hast been enlightened by the Spirit of truth; 16
Yea, I tell thee,
that thou mayest know that there is none else save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart.

B I tell thee these things as a witness unto thee--that the words or the work which thou hast been writing are true.

EE C₁ Therefore be diligent;

C₂ stand by my servant Joseph,

D faithfully,

E in whatsoever difficult circumstances he may be for the word's sake. 19 Admonish him in his faults, and also receive admonition of him.

F Be patient;
be sober;
be temperate;
have patience,
faith,
hope and
charity. 20

E Behold, thou art Oliver, and I have spoken unto thee because of thy desires; therefore treasure up these words in thy heart.

D Be faithful

C₁ and diligent in keeping the commandments of God, and I will encircle thee in the arms of my love. 21

C₂ Behold,

I am Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.

I am the same that came unto mine own,
and mine own received me not.

I am the light which shineth in darkness,
and the darkness comprehendeth it not. 22

DD B Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you desire a further witness, cast your mind upon the night that you cried unto me in your heart, that you might know concerning the truth of these things. 23 Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God? 24

- A And now, behold, you have received a witness; for if I have told you things which no man knoweth have you not received a witness?[‡] 25
- CC₁ A And, behold, I grant unto you a gift, if you desire of me,
- CC₂ B to translate, even as my servant Joseph. 26
- C Verily, verily, I say unto you, that there are records which contain much of my gospel,
- D which have been kept back
- E because of the wickedness of the people; 27
- A And now I command you, that if you have good desires--a desire to lay up treasures for yourself in heaven--
- B then shall you assist in bringing to light, with your gift,
- C those parts of my scriptures
- D which have been hidden
- E because of iniquity. 28
- A And now, behold, I give unto you, and also unto my servant Joseph, the keys of this gift, which shall bring to light this ministry;
- B and in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 29
- CC₃ C Verily, verily, I say unto you, if they reject my words, and this part of my gospel and ministry,
- D blessed are ye,
- E for they can do no more unto you than unto me. 30
- E And even if they do unto you even as they have done unto me,
- D blessed are ye, for you shall dwell with me in glory. 31
- C But if they reject not my words, which shall be established by the testimony which shall be given, blessed are they, and then shall ye have joy in the fruit of your labors. 32
- B Verily, verily, I say unto you, as I said unto my disciples, where two or three are gathered together in my name, as touching one thing,
- A behold, there will I be in the midst of them--even so am I in the midst of you.[‡] 33
- BB A Fear not to do good, my sons,
- B for whatsoever ye sow,
that shall ye also reap;
therefore, if ye sow good
ye shall also reap good for your reward. 34
- A Therefore, fear not, little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you,
- B for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail. 35

- AA A Behold, I do not condemn you;
- B go your ways and sin no more;
- C perform with soberness the work which I have commanded you. 36
- D Look unto me in every thought;
- E doubt not,
- E fear not. 37
- D Behold the wounds which pierced my side, and also the prints of the nails in my hands and feet;
- C be faithful,
- B keep my commandments,
- A and ye shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. Amen.†

Section 7

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Oliver Cowdery, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 1829, when they inquired through the Urim and Thummim as to whether John, the beloved disciple, tarried in the flesh or had died. The revelation is a translated version of the record made on parchment by John and hidden up by himself. HC 1:35-36.

- A And the Lord said unto me:
John, my beloved, what desirest thou? For if you shall ask what you will, it shall be granted unto you. 2
And I said unto him:
Lord, give unto me power over death, that I may live and bring souls unto thee. 3
And the Lord said unto me:
Verily, verily, I say unto thee, because thou desirest this thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory, and shalt prophesy before
nations,
kindreds,
tongues and
people. 4
- B And for this cause the Lord said unto Peter: If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?
- C For he desired of me that he might bring souls unto me,
- D but thou desiredst that thou mightest speedily come unto me in my kingdom. 5
- D I say unto thee, Peter, this was a good desire;
- C but my beloved has desired that he might do more, or a greater work yet among men than what he has before done. 6 Yea, he has undertaken a greater work; therefore I will make him as flaming fire and a ministering angel; he shall minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation who dwell on the earth.
- B And I will make thee to minister for him and for thy brother James; and unto you three I will give this power and the keys of this ministry until I come. 8
- A Verily I say unto you, ye shall both have according to your desires, for ye both joy in that which ye have desired.

Section 8

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Oliver Cowdery, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 1829. HC 1:36-37. In the course of the translation of the Book of Mormon, Oliver, who continued to serve as scribe, writing at the Prophet's dictation, desired to be endowed with the gift of translation. The Lord responded to his supplication by granting this revelation.

- A Oliver Cowdery, verily, verily, I say unto you, that assuredly as the Lord liveth, who is your God and your Redeemer,
- B even so surely shall you receive a knowledge of whatsoever things you shall ask in faith, with an honest heart, believing that you shall receive
- C a knowledge concerning the engravings of old records, which are ancient, which contain those parts of my scripture of which has been spoken by the manifestation of my Spirit.
- D Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart. 3
 Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation;
 behold, this is the spirit by which Moses
 brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground. 4
- a Therefore this is thy gift;
- b apply unto it,
- c and blessed art thou, for it shall deliver you out of the hands of your enemies,
- c when, if it were not so, they would slay you and bring your soul to destruction. 5
- b Oh, remember these words, and keep my commandments.
- a Remember, this is your gift. 6
- E Now this is not all thy gift; for you have another gift, which is the gift of Aaron;
 behold, it has told you many things; 7
- F₁ Behold, there is no other power, save the power of God,
- F₂ that can cause this gift of Aaron to be with you. 8
- F₃ Therefore, doubt not, for it is the gift of God; and you shall hold it in
 your hands, and do marvelous works;
- F₁ and no power
- F₂ shall be able to take it away out of your hands,
- F₃ for it is the work of God. 9
- E And, therefore, whatsoever you shall ask me to tell you by that means,
 that will I grant unto you, and you shall have knowledge concerning it. 10
 Remember that without faith you can do nothing; therefore ask in faith.
 Trifle not with these things;
 do not ask for that which you ought not. 11

- D Ask that you may know the mysteries of God,
- C and that you may translate and receive knowledge from all those ancient records which have been hid up, that are sacred;
- B and according to your faith shall it be done unto you. 12
- A Behold, it is I that have spoken it; and I am the same that spake unto you from the beginning. Amen.

Section 9

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Oliver Cowdery, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, April 1829. HC 1:37-38. Oliver is admonished to be patient, and is urged to be content to write, for the time being, at the dictation of the translator, rather than to attempt to translate.

- AA A Behold, I say unto you, my son,
- B that because you did not translate according to that which you desired of me,
- C and did commence again to write for my servant, Joseph Smith, Jun.,
- D even so I would that ye should continue until you have finished
- E this record, which I have entrusted unto him. 2
- E And then, behold, other records have I, that I will give unto you power that you may assist to translate. 3
- D Be patient, my son, for it is wisdom in me, and it is not expedient that you should translate at this present time. 4
- C Behold, the work which you are called to do is to write for my servant Joseph. 5
- B And, behold, it is because that you did not continue as you commenced, when you began to translate, that I have taken away this privilege from you. 6
- A Do not murmur, my son, for it is wisdom in me that I have dealt with you after this manner. 7
- BB A Behold, you have not understood;
- B you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me. 8
- C But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right,
- D₁ and if it is right
- D₂ I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right. 9
- D₁ But if it be not right
- D₂ you shall have no such feelings,
- C but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong;
- B therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me. 10

A Now, if you had known this you could have translated;

AA nevertheless, it is not expedient that you should translate now. 11

Behold, it was expedient when you commenced;
but you feared, and the time is past,
and it is not expedient now; 12

For, do you not behold that I have given unto my servant Joseph sufficient strength, whereby it is made up?
And neither of you have I condemned. 13

A₁ Do this thing which I have commanded you,

A₂ and you shall prosper.

B Be faithful, and

B yield to no temptation. 14

A₁ Stand fast in the work wherewith I have called you,

A₂ and a hair of your head shall not be lost,
and you shall be lifted up at the last day. Amen.

Section 10

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1828. HC 1:20-23. Herein the Lord informs Joseph of alterations made by wicked men in the 116 manuscript pages from the translation of the "Book of Lehi," in the Book of Mormon. These manuscript pages had been lost from the possession of Martin Harris, to whom the sheets had been temporarily entrusted. See heading to Section 3. The evil design was to await the expected retranslation of the matter covered by the stolen pages, and then to discredit the translator by showing discrepancies created by the alterations. That this wicked purpose had been conceived by the evil one, and was known to the Lord even while Mormon, the ancient Nephite historian, was making his abridgment of the accumulated plates, is shown in the Book of Mormon (The Words of Mormon 1:3-7).

Now, behold, I say unto you, that because you delivered up those writings which you had power given unto you to translate by the means of the Urim and Thummim, into the hands of a wicked man, you have lost them. 2 And you also lost your gift at the same time, and your mind became darkened. 3

A Nevertheless, it is now restored unto you again; therefore see that you are faithful and continue on unto the finishing of the remainder of the work of translation as you have begun. 4 Do not run faster or labor more than you have strength and means provided to enable you to translate; but be diligent unto the end. 5

B Pray always, that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan that do uphold his work. 6

Behold, they have sought to destroy you;

yea, even the man in whom you have trusted has sought to destroy you. 7

And for this cause I said that he is a wicked man,

for he has sought to take away the things wherewith you have been entrusted;
and he has also sought to destroy your gift. 8

And because you have delivered the writings into his hands,

behold, wicked men have taken them from you. 9

Therefore, you have delivered them up, yea, that which was sacred,
unto wickedness. 10

- C And, behold, Satan hath put it into their hearts
to alter the words
 which you have caused to be written, or
 which you have translated,
 which have gone out of your hands. 11
And behold, I say unto you, that because they have altered the words, they read contrary from
that
 which you translated
 and caused to be written; 12
And, on this wise, the devil has sought to lay a cunning plan,
that he may destroy this work; 13
For he hath put into their hearts
to do this, that by lying they may say they have caught you in the words which you have
pretended to translate. 14
- D Verily, I say unto you, that I will not suffer that Satan shall accomplish his evil design in this
thing.
- E For behold, he has put it into their hearts
to get thee to tempt the Lord thy God, in asking to translate it over again.
And then, behold, they say and think in their hearts--
We will see if God has given him power to translate;
 if so, he will also give him power again; 17
 And if God giveth him power again,
or if he translates again, or, in other words, if he bringeth forth the same words,
- F behold, we have the same with us, and we have altered them; 18 Therefore they
will not agree,
- G₁ and we will say
 that he has lied in his words, and
 that he has no gift, and
 that he has no power; 19
 Therefore we will destroy him, and also the work;
- G₂ and we will do this that we may not be ashamed in the end, and that we
may get glory of the world. 20
- H Verily, verily, I say unto you, that Satan has great hold upon their
hearts;
 he stirreth them up to iniquity against that which is good; 21
 And their hearts are corrupt,
 and full of wickedness and abominations;
 and they love darkness rather than light,
 because their deeds are evil; therefore they will not ask
 of me.
Satan stirreth them up, that he may lead their souls to
destruction. 23
 And thus he has laid a cunning plan, thinking to destroy the
 work of God; but I will require this at their hands, and it
 shall turn to their shame and condemnation in the day of
 judgment. 24
Yea, he stirreth up their hearts to anger against this work. 25
- I Yea, he saith unto them: Deceive and lie in wait to catch, that ye
may destroy; behold, this is no harm.

J And thus he flattereth them,

K and telleth them that it is no sin to lie that they may catch a man in a lie, that they may destroy him. 26

J And thus he flattereth them, and leadeth them along until he draggeth their souls down to hell;

I and thus he causeth them to catch themselves in their own snare. 27

H And thus he goeth up and down, to and fro in the earth, seeking to destroy the souls of men. 28

G₁ Verily, verily, I say unto you, wo be unto him that lieth to deceive because he supposeth that another lieth to deceive,

G₂ for such are not exempt from the justice of God.† 29

F Now, behold, they have altered these words,

E because Satan saith unto them: He hath deceived you--and thus he flattereth them away to do iniquity, to get thee to tempt the Lord thy God. 30

D a Behold, I say unto you, that you shall not translate again those words which have gone forth out of your hands; 31

b For, behold, they shall not accomplish their evil designs in lying against those words.

C a For, behold, if you should bring forth the same words

b they will say that you have lied and that you have pretended to translate, but that you have contradicted yourself.† 32

B And, behold, they will publish this, and Satan will harden the hearts of the people to stir them up to anger against you, that they will not believe my words. 33 Thus Satan thinketh to overpower your testimony in this generation, that the work may not come forth in this generation.† 34

A But behold, here is wisdom, and because I show unto you wisdom, and give you commandments concerning these things, what you shall do, show it not unto the world until you have accomplished the work of translation. 35

A Marvel not that I said unto you: Here is wisdom, show it not unto the world--for I said, show it not unto the world, that you may be preserved. 36

B Behold, I do not say that you shall not show it unto the righteous; 37

B But as you cannot always judge the righteous, or as you cannot always tell the wicked from the righteous,

A therefore I say unto you, hold your peace until I shall see fit to make all things known unto the world concerning the matter. 38

A And now, verily I say unto you, that an account of those things that you have written, which have gone out of your hands, is engraven upon the plates of Nephi; 39

B Yea, and you remember it was said in those writings that a more particular account was given of these things