

Twelve, neither to the Seventy, are not under the responsibility to travel among all nations, but are to travel as their circumstances shall allow, notwithstanding they may hold as high and responsible offices in the church. 99

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. 100

He that is slothful
shall not be counted worthy to stand, and
he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved
shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so. Amen.

Section 108

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, December 26, 1835. HC 2:345. This section was received at the request of Lyman Sherman, who had previously been ordained a high priest and a seventy, and who had been released in November 1835 from office as one of the presidents of the Seventy.

Verily thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant Lyman: Your sins are forgiven you, because you have obeyed my voice in coming up hither this morning to receive counsel of him whom I have appointed. 2 Therefore,

- let your soul be at rest concerning your spiritual standing,
and resist no more my voice. 3
- And arise up and be more careful henceforth in observing your vows, which you have made and do make,
and you shall be blessed with exceeding great blessings. 4
- Wait patiently until the solemn assembly shall be called of my servants,
then you shall be remembered with the first of mine elders, and receive right by ordination with the rest of mine elders whom I have chosen. 5

Behold, this is the promise of the Father unto you if you continue faithful. 6 And it shall be fulfilled upon you in that day that you shall have right to preach my gospel wheresoever I shall send you, from henceforth from that time. 7

Therefore, strengthen your brethren
in all your conversation,
in all your prayers,
in all your exhortations, and
in all your doings. 8

And behold, and lo, I am with you to bless you and deliver you forever. Amen.

Section 109

Prayer offered at the dedication of the temple at Kirtland, Ohio, March 27, 1836. HC 2:420-426. According to the Prophet's written statement, this prayer was given to him by revelation.

- AA Thanks be to thy name, O Lord God of Israel, who keepest covenant and showest mercy unto thy servants who walk uprightly before thee, with all their hearts--2
- BB A Thou who hast commanded thy servants to build a house to thy name in this place [Kirtland]. 3
- B And now thou beholdest, O Lord, that thy servants

- C have done according to thy commandment. 4
- D And now we ask thee, Holy Father,
- E in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of thy bosom,
- E in whose name alone salvation can be administered to the children of men,
- D we ask thee, O Lord, to accept of this house,
- C the workmanship of the hands of us,
- B thy servants,
- A which thou didst command us to build.* 5
- CC A For thou knowest that we have done this work through great tribulation; and out of our poverty we have given of our substance to build a house to thy name, that the Son of Man might have a place to manifest himself to his people. 6
- B And as thou hast said in a revelation, given to us,
- C calling us thy friends,
- D saying--Call your solemn assembly,
- E as I have commanded you; 7
- F And as all have not faith,
 seek ye diligently and teach one another
 words of wisdom;
 yea, seek ye out of the best books
 words of wisdom,
 seek learning even by study
 and also by faith; 8
- Organize yourselves;
 prepare every needful thing, and
 establish a house, even
 a house of prayer,
 a house of fasting,
 a house of faith,
 a house of learning,
 a house of glory,
 a house of order,
 a house of God; 9
- That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord,
 that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord,
 that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord,
 with uplifted hands unto the Most High--10
- E And now, Holy Father, we ask thee to assist us, thy people, with thy grace,‡
- D in calling our solemn assembly,
 that it may be done
 to thine honor and
 to thy divine acceptance; 11
- And in a manner that we may be found worthy, in thy sight, to secure a fulfilment of the promises which thou hast made unto us,

- C thy people,
- B in the revelations given unto us; 12
- A That thy glory may rest down
upon thy people,
and upon this thy house,
which we now dedicate to thee, that it may be sanctified and consecrated to be holy, and that
thy holy presence may be continually
in this house; 13
And that all people who shall enter upon the threshold of the Lord's house
may feel thy power, and feel constrained to acknowledge that thou hast sanctified it, and that it is thy house,
a place of thy holiness. 14
- DD And do thou grant, Holy Father,
- that all those who shall worship in this house
may be taught words of wisdom out of the best books,
and that they may seek learning even by study, and also by faith, as thou hast said; 15
And that they may
grow up in thee, and
receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost, and
be organized according to thy laws, and
be prepared to obtain every needful thing; 16
 - And that this house may be
a house of prayer,
a house of fasting,
a house of faith,
a house of glory
and of God, even thy house; 17
 - That all the incomings of thy people, into this house, may be in the name of the Lord; 18
 - That all their outgoings from this house may be in the name of the Lord; 19
 - And that all their salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with holy hands, uplifted to the Most
High;† 20
 - And that no unclean thing shall be permitted to come into thy house to pollute it; 21
 - And when thy people transgress, any of them, they may
speedily repent and
return unto thee, and
find favor in thy sight, and
be restored to the blessings
which thou hast ordained to be poured out upon those who shall reverence thee in thy
house. 22
- EE A And we ask thee, Holy Father, that thy servants may go forth
- B from this house
- C armed with thy power,
- D and that thy name may be upon them,
- D and thy glory be round about them,
- C and thine angels have charge over them; 23
- B And from this place
- A they may bear exceedingly great and glorious tidings, in truth, unto the ends of the earth, that they may know
that this is thy work, and that thou hast put forth thy hand, to fulfil that which thou hast spoken by the mouths
of the prophets, concerning the last days. 24

- FF A We ask thee, Holy Father,
- B to establish
- C the people that shall worship, and honorably hold a name and standing in this thy house, to all generations and for eternity; 25
- D - That no weapon formed against them shall prosper;
 - that he who diggeth a pit for them shall fall into the same himself; 26
 - That no combination of wickedness shall have power to rise up and prevail over thy people upon whom thy name shall be put in this house; 27
 - And if any people
 shall rise against
 this people,
 that thine anger be kindled against them; 28
 And if they
 shall smite
 this people
 thou
 wilt smite
 them;
 thou wilt fight for thy people as thou didst in the day of battle,
 that they
 may be delivered from
 the hands of all their enemies. 29

- A We ask thee, Holy Father,
- B to confound, and
 astonish, and
 to bring to shame and confusion,
- C all those who have spread lying reports abroad, over the world, against thy servant or servants, if they will not repent, when the everlasting gospel shall be proclaimed in their ears; 30
- D And that all their works may
 be brought to naught, and
 be swept away
 by the hail, and
 by the judgments which thou wilt send upon them in thine anger,
 that there may be an end to lyings and slanders against thy people. 31

GG A For thou knowest, O Lord, that thy servants have been innocent before thee in bearing record of thy name, for which they have suffered these things. 32 Therefore we plead before thee for a full and complete deliverance from under

- B this yoke; 33
- C Break it off, O Lord; break it off from the necks of thy servants, by thy power, that we may rise up in the midst of this generation and do thy work. 34
- D O Jehovah, have mercy upon this people, and as all men sin forgive the transgressions of thy people, and
 - let them be blotted out forever. 35
 - Let the anointing of thy ministers be sealed upon them with power from on high. 36
 - Let it be fulfilled upon them, as upon those on the day of Pentecost;
 - let the gift of tongues be poured out upon thy people, even cloven tongues as of fire, and the interpretation thereof. 37
 - And let thy house be filled, as with a rushing mighty wind, with thy glory. 38

- E Put upon thy servants the testimony of the covenant,
- F that when they go out and proclaim thy word they may seal up the law,
- G and prepare the hearts of thy saints for all those judgments thou art about to send, in thy wrath, upon the inhabitants of the earth, because of their transgressions,
- H that thy people may not faint in the day of trouble. 39
- I And whatsoever city thy servants shall enter, and the people of that city receive their testimony,
 let thy peace and thy salvation be upon that city;
 that they may gather out of that city
 the righteous,
 that they
 may come forth to Zion, or to her stakes, the places of
 thine appointment,
 with songs of everlasting joy; 40
 And until this be accomplished, let not thy judgments fall upon
 that city. 41
- I And whatsoever city thy servants shall enter, and the people of that city receive not the testimony of thy servants, and thy servants warn them to save themselves from this untoward generation,
 let it be upon that city according to that which thou hast
 spoken by the mouths of thy prophets. 42
 But deliver thou, O Jehovah, we beseech thee, thy
 servants from their hands, and cleanse them from their
 blood. 43
 O Lord, we delight not in the destruction of our
 fellow men; their souls are precious before thee;
 44 But thy word must be fulfilled.
 Help thy servants to say, with thy grace assisting them:
 Thy will be done, O Lord, and not ours. 45
 We know that thou hast spoken by the mouth of thy prophets
- H terrible things concerning the wicked, in the last days--
- G that thou wilt pour out thy judgments, without measure; 46
- F Therefore, O Lord, deliver thy people from the calamity of the wicked; enable thy servants to seal up the law,
- E and bind up the testimony,
- D that they may be prepared against the day of burning. 47
- C We ask thee, Holy Father, to remember those who have been driven by the inhabitants of Jackson county, Missouri, from the lands of their inheritance, and break off, O Lord,
- B this yoke of affliction that has been put upon them. 48
- A Thou knowest, O Lord, that they have been greatly oppressed
 and afflicted by wicked men;
 and our hearts flow out with sorrow because of their grievous burdens. 49
 O Lord, how long wilt thou suffer this people to bear
 this affliction,
 and the cries of their innocent ones to ascend up in thine ears, and their blood come up in testimony before thee, and not make a display of thy testimony in their behalf? 50

- FF A Have mercy, O Lord, upon the wicked mob, who have driven thy people, that they may cease to spoil,
 B that they may repent of their sins if repentance is to be found; 51
 C But if they will not, make bare thine arm, O Lord, and redeem that which thou didst appoint a Zion unto thy people. 52
 D And if it cannot be otherwise, that the cause of thy people may not fail before thee
 C may thine anger be kindled, and thine indignation fall upon them, that they may be wasted away, both root and branch, from under heaven; 53
 B But inasmuch as they will repent,
 A thou art gracious and merciful, and wilt turn away thy wrath when thou lookest upon the face of thine Anointed. 54

EE Have mercy, O Lord, upon all the nations of the earth;

have mercy upon the rulers of our land;

may those principles, which were so honorably and nobly defended, namely, the Constitution of our land, by our fathers, be established forever. 55

Remember

the kings,
 the princes,
 the nobles, and
 the great ones of the earth, and
 all people, and
 the churches,
 all the poor,
 the needy, and
 afflicted ones of the earth; 56

That their hearts may be softened when thy servants shall go out from thy house, O Jehovah, to bear testimony of thy name;

that their prejudices may give way before the truth,
 and thy people may obtain favor in the sight of all; 57

That all the ends of the earth may know that we, thy servants, have heard thy voice, and that thou hast sent us; 58

That from among all these, thy servants, the sons of Jacob, may gather out the righteous to build a holy city to thy name, as thou hast commanded them. 59

We ask thee to appoint unto Zion other stakes besides this one which thou hast appointed, that the gathering of thy people may roll on in great power and majesty, that thy work may be cut short in righteousness. 60

Now these words, O Lord, we have spoken before thee, concerning the revelations and commandments which thou hast given unto us, who are identified with the Gentiles. 61

- A But thou knowest that thou hast a great love for the children of Jacob,
 B who have been scattered
 C upon the mountains for a long time, in a cloudy and dark day. 62
 D We therefore ask thee to have mercy upon the children of Jacob, that Jerusalem, from this hour, may begin to be redeemed; 63
 E And the yoke of bondage may begin to be broken off from the house of David; 64

- E And the children of Judah may begin to return to the lands which thou didst give to Abraham, their father. 65
- D And cause that the remnants of Jacob, who have been cursed and smitten because of their transgression, be converted from their wild and savage condition to the fulness of the everlasting gospel; 66
- C That they may lay down their weapons of bloodshed, and cease their rebellions. 67
- B And may all the scattered
- A remnants of Israel, who have been driven to the ends of the earth,
come to a knowledge of the truth,
believe in the Messiah, and
be redeemed from oppression, and
rejoice before thee. 68
- DD A O Lord, remember thy servant, Joseph Smith, Jun., and all his afflictions and persecutions--how he has covenanted with Jehovah, and vowed to thee, O Mighty God of Jacob--and the commandments which thou hast given unto him, and that he hath sincerely striven to do thy will. 69
- B Have mercy, O Lord, upon his wife and children, that they may be exalted in thy presence, and preserved by thy fostering hand. 70
- C Have mercy upon all their immediate connections,
- D that their prejudices may be broken up and swept away as with a flood;
that they may be converted and redeemed with Israel, and know that thou art God. 71
- A Remember, O Lord, the presidents, even all the presidents of thy church, that thy right hand may exalt them,
- B with all their families,
- C and their immediate connections,
- D that their names may be perpetuated and had in everlasting remembrance from generation to generation. 72
- A Remember all thy church, O Lord,
- B with all their families,
- C and all their immediate connections, with all their sick and afflicted ones, with all the poor and meek of the earth;
- D - that the kingdom, which thou hast set up without hands, may become a great mountain and fill the whole earth; 73
- That thy church may come forth out of the wilderness of darkness, and shine forth fair as the moon,
clear as the sun, and
terrible as an army with banners; 74
And be adorned as a bride for that day when thou shalt unveil the heavens,
and cause the mountains to flow down at thy presence, and the valleys to be exalted, the rough places made smooth;
- that thy glory may fill the earth; 75
- That when the trump shall sound for the dead, we shall be caught up in the cloud to meet thee, that we may ever be with the Lord; 76
- That our garments may be pure,
that we may be clothed upon with robes of righteousness,
with palms in our hands, and
crowns of glory upon our heads,
and reap eternal joy for all our sufferings. 77

- CC O Lord God Almighty, hear us
 in these our petitions,
 and answer us from heaven, thy holy habitation, where thou sittest enthroned, with
 glory,
 honor,
 power,
 majesty,
 might,
 dominion,
 truth,
 justice,
 judgment,
 mercy,
 and an infinity of fulness, from everlasting to everlasting. 78
- O hear,
 O hear,
 O hear us, O Lord!
 And answer
 these petitions,
 and accept
- BB the dedication of this house unto thee, the work of our hands, which we have built unto thy
 name; 79
 And also this church, to put upon it thy name.
- AA And help us by the power of thy Spirit,
 that we may mingle our voices with those bright, shining seraphs around thy throne, with acclamations
 of praise, singing Hosanna to God and the Lamb! 80
 And let these,
 thine anointed ones,
 be clothed with salvation, and
 thy saints
 shout aloud for joy. Amen, and Amen.

Section 110

Visions manifested to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Oliver Cowdery in the temple at Kirtland, Ohio, April 3, 1836. HC 2:435-436. The occasion was that of a Sabbath day meeting. The Prophet prefaces his record of the manifestations with these words: "In the afternoon, I assisted the other Presidents in distributing the Lord's Supper to the Church, receiving it from the Twelve, whose privilege it was to officiate at the sacred desk this day. After having performed this service to my brethren, I retired to the pulpit, the veils being dropped, and bowed myself, with Oliver Cowdery, in solemn and silent prayer. After rising from Prayer, the following vision was opened to both of us."

The veil was taken from our minds,
 and the eyes of our understanding were opened. 2
 We saw the Lord standing upon the breastwork of the pulpit, before us;
 and under his feet was a paved work of pure gold, in color like amber. 3
 His eyes were as a flame of fire;
 the hair of his head was white like the pure snow;
 his countenance shone above the brightness of the sun; and
 his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the voice of Jehovah, saying: 4

I am the first and the last;
 I am he who liveth,
 I am he who was slain;
 I am your advocate with the Father. 5

Behold, your sins are forgiven you;
 you are clean before me; therefore,

- a lift up your heads and
rejoice. 6
Let the hearts of your brethren
rejoice, and
let the hearts of all my people
rejoice,
- b who have, with their might, built this house
to my name. 7
- b For behold, I have accepted this house,
and my name shall be here;
- a and I will manifest myself to my people in mercy in this house. 8
Yea, I will appear unto my servants, and speak unto them with mine own voice,
if my people will keep my commandments, and do not pollute this holy
house. 9
- Yea the hearts of thousands and tens of thousands shall greatly rejoice
in consequence of the blessings which shall be poured out,
and the endowment with which my servants have been endowed in this
house. 10
- And the fame of this house shall spread to foreign lands;
and this is the beginning of the blessing which shall be poured out
upon the heads of my people. Even so. Amen. 11

After this vision closed, the heavens were again opened unto us;
and Moses appeared before us,
and committed unto us the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth, and the
leading of the ten tribes from the land of the north. 12

After this,
Elias appeared,
and committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham, saying that in us and our seed all
generations after us should be blessed. 13

After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us;
for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before us, and said: 14
Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi--testifying that he
[Elijah] should be sent, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come--15
To turn the hearts
of the fathers
to the children,
and the children
to the fathers,
lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse--16

Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands; and by this ye may
know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors.

Section 111

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Salem, Massachusetts, August 6, 1836. HC 2:465-466.
At this time the leaders of the Church were heavily in debt due to their labors in the ministry. Hearing that
a large amount of money would be available to them in Salem, the Prophet, Sidney Rigdon, Hyrum Smith,
and Oliver Cowdery traveled there from Kirtland, Ohio, to investigate this claim, along with preaching the
gospel. The brethren transacted several items of church business and did some preaching. When it became
apparent that no money was to be forthcoming, they returned to Kirtland. Several of the factors prominent
in the background are reflected in the wording of this revelation.

- A I, the Lord your God, am not displeased with your coming this journey,
- B notwithstanding your follies. 2
- C I have much treasure in this city for you,
for the benefit of Zion,
and many people in this city, whom I will gather out in due time
for the benefit of Zion,
through your instrumentality. 3
- D Therefore, it is expedient that you should form acquaintance with men in this city,
as you shall be led, and
as it shall be given you. 4
- E And it shall come to pass in due time that I will give this city into your hands, that you
shall have power over it, insomuch that they shall not discover your secret parts; and its
wealth pertaining to gold and silver shall be yours. 5
- F Concern not yourselves about your debts,
for I will give you power to pay them. 6
- F Concern not yourselves about Zion,
for I will deal mercifully with her. 7
- E Tarry in this place, and in the regions round about; 8 And the place where it is my will
that you should tarry, for the main, shall be signalized unto you by the peace and power
of my Spirit, that shall flow unto you. 9 This place you may obtain by hire.
- D And inquire diligently concerning the more ancient inhabitants and founders of this city; 10
- C For there are more treasures than one for you in this city. 11
- B Therefore, be ye as wise as serpents and yet without sin;
- A and I will order all things for your good, as fast as ye are able to receive them. Amen.

Section 112

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Thomas B. Marsh, at Kirtland, Ohio, July 23, 1837. HC 2:499-501. The word of the Lord unto Thomas B. Marsh, concerning the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb. The Prophet records that this revelation was received on the day on which the gospel was first preached in England. Thomas B. Marsh was at this time president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

- A Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Thomas: I have heard thy prayers; and thine alms have come up as a memorial before me, in behalf of those, thy brethren, who were chosen to bear testimony of my name and to send it abroad among all
nations,
kindreds,
tongues, and
people,
and ordained through the instrumentality of my servants. 2
- B Verily I say unto you, there have been some few things in thine heart and with thee with which I, the Lord, was not well pleased. 3
- C Nevertheless, inasmuch as thou hast abased thyself thou shalt be exalted; therefore, all thy sins are forgiven thee. 4

D Let thy heart be of good cheer before my face;
and thou shalt bear record of my name, not only unto the Gentiles, but also unto the Jews;

E and thou shalt send forth my word unto the ends of the earth. 5

F Contend thou, therefore,
morning by morning;
and day after day
let thy warning voice go forth;
and when the night cometh
let not the inhabitants of the earth slumber, because of thy speech. 6

E Let thy habitation be known in Zion, and remove not thy house; for I, the Lord, have a great work for thee to do, in publishing my name among the children of men. 7

D Therefore, gird up thy loins for the work. Let thy feet be shod also, for thou art chosen, and thy path lieth among the mountains, and among many nations. 8
And by thy word
many high ones
shall be brought low,
and by thy word
many low ones
shall be exalted. 9

Thy voice shall be a rebuke
unto the transgressor;
and at thy rebuke
let the tongue of the slanderer cease its perverseness. 10

C Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers. 11

B I know thy heart,

A and have heard thy prayers concerning thy brethren.

B Be not partial towards them in love above many others,

C but let thy love be for them as for thyself;

C and let thy love abound unto all men,

B and unto all who love my name. 12

A And pray for thy brethren of the Twelve.†

Admonish them sharply for my name's sake, and let them be admonished for all their sins, and be ye faithful before me unto my name. 13 And after their temptations, and much tribulation, behold, I, the Lord, will feel after them, and if they harden not their hearts, and stiffen not their necks against me, they shall be converted, and I will heal them. 14

A Now, I say unto you, and what I say unto you, I say unto all the Twelve:

Arise and
gird up your loins,
take up your cross,
follow me, and
feed my sheep. 15