

- C upon the plates of Nephi. 40
- D And now, because the account which is engraven
- C upon the plates of Nephi
- B is more particular concerning the things which, in my wisdom, I would bring to the knowledge of the people in this account--41
- A a Therefore, you shall translate the engravings which are on the plates of Nephi,
- b down even till you come to the reign of king Benjamin,
- b or until you come to that which you have translated, which you have retained; 42
- a And behold, you shall publish it as the record of Nephi; and thus I will confound those who have altered my words. 43
- A I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work; yea, I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. 44
- B a Behold, they have only got a part, or an abridgment of the account of Nephi. 45
- b Behold, there are many things engraven upon the plates of Nephi which do throw greater views upon my gospel;
- a therefore, it is wisdom in me that you should translate this first part of the engravings of Nephi, and send forth in this work. 46
- b And, behold, all the remainder of this work does contain all those parts of my gospel
- C which my holy prophets, yea, and also my disciples, desired in their prayers should come forth unto this people. 47 And I said unto them, that it should be granted unto them according to their faith in their prayers; 48
- D Yea, and this was their faith--that my gospel, which I gave unto them that they might preach in their days, might come unto their brethren the Lamanites, and also all that had become Lamanites because of their dissensions. 49
- E Now, this is not all--their faith in their prayers was
- D that this gospel should be made known also, if it were possible that other nations should possess this land; 50
- C And thus they did leave a blessing upon this land in their prayers, that whosoever should believe in this gospel in this land might have eternal life; 51 Yea, that it might be free unto all of whatsoever nation, kindred, tongue, or people they may be. 52 And now, behold, according to their faith in their prayers
- B will I bring this part of my gospel to the knowledge of my people.
- A Behold, I do not bring it to destroy that which they have received, but to build it up. 53
And for this cause have I said: If this generation harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them. 54
Now I do not say this to destroy my church, but I say this to build up my church;† 55

- A₁ Therefore, whosoever belongeth to my church
- A₂ need not fear,
- A₃ for such shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. 56
- B But it is they who do not fear me, neither keep my commandments
but build up churches unto themselves to get gain, yea,
and all those that do wickedly
and build up the kingdom of the devil--
yea, verily, verily, I say unto you, that it is they that I will disturb, and cause to tremble and shake to the
center. 57
- C Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
I came unto mine own,
and mine own received me not. 58
I am the light which shineth in darkness,
and the darkness comprehendeth it not. 59
I am he who said--
Other sheep have I which are not of this fold--unto my disciples, and many there were that
understood me not. 60
And I will show unto this people that I had other sheep, and that they were a branch of
the house of Jacob; 61
- D And I will bring to light their marvelous works, which they did in my name; 62 Yea, and I
will also bring to light my gospel which was ministered unto them,
- E and, behold, they shall not deny that which you have received, but they shall build it up,
- F and shall bring to light the true points of my doctrine, yea, and the only doctrine
which is in me. 63
- G And this I do that I may establish my gospel, that there may not be so much
contention;
- G yea, Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention
- F concerning the points of my doctrine;
- E and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the scriptures and do not understand
them.‡
- D Therefore, I will unfold unto them this great mystery; 65
- C a For, behold, I will gather them as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
b if they will not harden their hearts; 66
b Yea, if they will come, they may, and partake of the waters of life freely. 67
a Behold, this is my doctrine--whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my
church. 68
- B Whosoever declareth more or less than this, the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore he is not
of my church. 69
- A₁ And now, behold, whosoever is of my church, and endureth of my church to the end,

A₂ him will I establish upon my rock,

A₃ and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them. 70

And now, remember the words of him who is the life and light of the world,
 your Redeemer,
 your Lord and
 your God. Amen.

Section 11

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to his brother Hyrum Smith, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, May 1829. HC 1:39-46. This revelation was received through the Urim and Thummim in answer to Joseph's supplication and inquiry. "History of the Church" suggests that this revelation was received after the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men. 2

Behold, I am God;
 give heed to 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 word. 3

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 done 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

B Behold, thou hast a gift, or thou shalt have a gift if thou wilt desire of me in faith, with an honest heart, believing in the power of Jesus Christ, or in my power which speaketh unto thee; 11

C For, behold, it is I that speak; behold, I am the light which shineth in darkness, and by my power I give these words unto thee. 12

D And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit

E which leadeth
to do good--yea,
to do justly,
to walk humbly,
to judge righteously;

D and this is my Spirit. 13

C Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy; 14

B And then shall ye know, or by this shall you know, all things whatsoever you desire of me, which are pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith believing in me that you shall receive. 15

A Behold, I command you that you need not suppose that you are called to preach until you are called. 16

A₁ Wait a little longer,

A₂ until you shall have
my word,
my rock,
my church, and
my gospel,

A₃ that you may know of a surety my doctrine. 17

B And then, behold, according to your desires, yea, even according to your faith shall it be done unto you. 18

C Keep my commandments;
hold your peace;
appeal unto my Spirit; 19

D Yea, cleave unto me with all your heart, that you may assist in bringing to light those things of which has been spoken--yea, the translation of my work; be patient until you shall accomplish it.

C Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments, yea, with all your
might,
mind and
strength. 21

B Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men. 22

A₁ But now hold your peace;

A₂ study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also
study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating, yea,
until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation,

A₃ and then shall all things be added thereto. 23

Behold thou art Hyrum, my son;

- seek the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added according to that which is just. 24
- Build upon my rock, which is my gospel; 25
- Deny not
 - the spirit of revelation,
 - nor the spirit of prophecy,
 for wo unto him that denieth these things; 26
- Therefore, treasure up in your heart until the time which is in my wisdom that you shall go forth. 27

Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires, and have thrust in their sickle to reap. 28

A Behold, I am Jesus Christ,

B the Son of God.

C I am the life and the light of the world. 29

D I am the same who came unto mine own and mine own received me not; 30

D But verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me,

C to them will I give power to become

B the sons of God,

A even to them that believe on my name. Amen.†

Section 12

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Joseph Knight, Sen., at Harmony, Pennsylvania, May 1829. HC 1:47-48. Joseph Knight believed the declarations of Joseph Smith concerning his possession of the Book of Mormon plates and the work of translation then in progress, and several times had given material assistance to Joseph Smith and his scribe, which enabled them to continue translating. At Joseph Knight's request the Prophet inquired of the Lord and received the revelation.

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 sharper than a two-edged sword,
 to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow;
 therefore, give heed unto my word. 3

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

Therefore, if you will ask of me

you shall receive;

if you will knock

it shall be opened unto you. 6

- A 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
 Behold, I speak unto you,
 and also to all those who have desires to bring forth and establish this work; 8
- B And no one can assist in this work except he shall be
 humble and
 full of love,
 having faith, hope, and charity,
 being temperate in all things, whatsoever shall be entrusted to his care. 9
- A Behold, I am the light and the life of the world, that speak these words,
 therefore give heed with your might, and then you are called. Amen.‡

Section 13

Ordination of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery to the Aaronic Priesthood along the bank of the Susquehanna River, near Harmony, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1829. HC 1:39-42. The ordination was done by the hands of an angel, who announced himself as John, the same that is called John the Baptist in the New Testament. The angel explained that he was acting under the direction of Peter, James, and John, the ancient apostles, who held the keys of the higher priesthood, which was called the Priesthood of Melchizedek. The promise was given to Joseph and Oliver that in due time the Priesthood of Melchizedek would be conferred upon them. See also Section 27:7, 9, 12.

Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys
 of the ministering of angels, and
 of the gospel of repentance, and
 of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins;
 and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.

Section 14

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to David Whitmer, at Fayette, New York, June 1829. HC 1:48-50. The Whitmer family had become greatly interested in the translating of the Book of Mormon. The Prophet established his residence at the home of Peter Whitmer, Sen., where he dwelt until the work of translation was carried to completion and the copyright on the forth-coming book secured. Three of the Whitmer sons, each having received a testimony as to the genuineness of the work, became deeply concerned over the matter of their individual duty. This revelation and the two next following (Sections 15 and 16) were given in answer to an inquiry through the Urim and Thummim. David Whitmer later became one of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

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 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 word. 3

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

- A₁ a Therefore, if you will ask of me
 b you shall receive;
 a if you will knock
 b it shall be opened unto you. 6
- A₂ Seek to bring forth and establish my Zion.
- B Keep my commandments in all things. 7
- B And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God. 8
- A₁ a And it shall come to pass, that if you shall ask the Father in my name, in faith believing,
 b you shall receive the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance,
 A₂ that you may stand as a witness of the things of which you shall both hear and see, and also that you may declare repentance unto this generation.[‡]
- A And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God. 8
- B And it shall come to pass, that if you shall ask the Father in my name, in faith believing, you shall receive the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance,
 that you may stand as a witness of the things of which you shall both hear and see,
 and also that you may declare repentance unto this generation. 9
- C Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who created the heavens and the earth,
 D a light which cannot be hid
 E in darkness; 10
 F Wherefore, I must bring forth the fulness of my gospel
 E from the Gentiles
 D unto the house of Israel. 11
- C And behold, thou art David,
 B and thou art called to assist;
- A which thing if ye do, and are faithful, ye shall be blessed both spiritually and temporally, and great shall be your reward. Amen[‡]

Section 15

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to John Whitmer, at Fayette, New York, June 1829. HC 1:50; see also heading to Section 14. The message is intimately and impressively personal, in that the Lord tells of what was known only to John Whitmer and himself. John Whitmer later became one of the Eight Witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

Hearken, my servant John, and listen to the words of Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Redeemer. 2 For behold, I speak unto you with sharpness and with power, for mine arm is over all the earth. 3 And I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone--4 For many times you have desired of me to

know that which would be of the most worth unto you. 5 Behold, blessed are you for this thing, and for speaking my words which I have given you according to my commandments. 6

And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen.

Section 16

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Peter Whitmer, Jun., at Fayette, New York, June 1829. HC 1:51; see also heading to Section 14. Peter Whitmer, Jun., later became one of the Eight Witnesses to the Book of Mormon.

Hearken, my servant Peter, and listen to the words of Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Redeemer. 2 For behold, I speak unto you with sharpness and with power, for mine arm is over all the earth. 3 And I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone--4 For many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you. 5 Behold, blessed are you for this thing, and for speaking my words which I have given unto you according to my commandments. 6

And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen.

Section 17

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris, at Fayette, New York, June 1829, prior to their viewing the engraved plates that contained the Book of Mormon record. HC 1:52-57. Joseph and his scribe, Oliver Cowdery, had learned from the translation of the Book of Mormon plates that three special witnesses would be designated. See Ether 5:2-4; also 2 Nephi 11:3 and 27:12. Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris were moved upon by an inspired desire to be the three special witnesses. The Prophet inquired of the Lord, and this revelation was given in answer, through the Urim and Thummim.

Behold, I say unto you, that you must rely upon my word, which if you do with full purpose of heart, you shall have a view of

the plates, and also of
the breastplate,
the sword of Laban,
the Urim and Thummim,
which were given to the brother of Jared upon the mount, when he talked with the Lord face to face, and
the miraculous directors
which were given to Lehi while in the wilderness, on the borders of the Red Sea. 2

- A And it is by your faith that
- B you shall obtain a view of them, even by that faith which was had
- C by the prophets of old. 3
- D And after that you have obtained faith, and have seen them with your eyes,
- E you shall testify of them, by the power of God; 4
- F And this you shall do that my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., may not be destroyed, that I may bring about my righteous purposes unto the children of men in this work. 5

- E And ye shall testify
 D that you have seen them,
 C even as my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
 B has seen them; for it is by my power that he has seen them,
 A and it is because he had faith. 6

And he has translated the book, even that part which I have commanded him, and as your Lord and your God liveth it is true. 7

Wherefore, you have received
 the same power, and
 the same faith, and
 the same gift
 like unto him; 8

And if you do these last commandments of mine, which I have given you,
 the gates of hell shall not prevail against you;
 for my grace is sufficient for you,
 and you shall be lifted up at the last day. 9

And I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have spoken it unto you, that I might bring about my righteous purposes unto the children of men. Amen.

Section 18

Revelation to Joseph Smith the Prophet, Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer, given at Fayette, New York, June 1829. HC 1:60-64. When the Aaronic Priesthood was conferred, the bestowal of the Melchizedek Priesthood was promised. See heading to Section 13. In response to supplication for knowledge on the matter, the Lord gave this revelation.

Now, behold, because of the thing which you, my servant Oliver Cowdery, have desired to know of me, I give unto you these words: 2

- A Behold, I have manifested unto you, by my Spirit in many instances, that the things which you have written are true;
 wherefore you know that they are true. 3
 And if you know that they are true,
 behold, I give unto you a commandment, that you rely upon the things which are written; 4
- B For in them are all things written concerning the foundation of
 my church,
 my gospel, and
 my rock. 5
 Wherefore, if you shall build up
 my church, upon the foundation of
 my gospel and
 my rock,
 the gates of hell shall not prevail against you. 6
- C Behold, the world is ripening in iniquity; and it must needs be that the children of men are stirred up unto repentance, both the Gentiles and also the house of Israel. 7
 a Wherefore, as thou hast been baptized by the hands of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., according to that which I have commanded him,
 b he hath fulfilled the thing which I commanded him. 8

c And now, marvel not that I have called him
 d unto mine own purpose,
 d which purpose
 c is known in me;
 b wherefore, if he shall be diligent in keeping my commandments he shall be blessed unto
 eternal life;
 a and his name is Joseph. 9

D And now, Oliver Cowdery, I speak unto you, and also unto David Whitmer, by the way of
 commandment; for, behold, I command all men everywhere to repent, and I speak unto you,
 even as unto Paul mine apostle, for you are called even with that same calling with which he
 was called.

E Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; 11

F For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh;

G wherefore he suffered the pain of
 all men, that
 all men
 might repent and come unto him. 12

F And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him, on
 conditions of repentance. 13

E And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth! 14

D Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. 15

C And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring,
 save it be one soul unto me,
 how great
 shall be
 your joy
 with him in the kingdom of my Father! 16
 And now, if your joy
 will be
 great
 with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your
 joy if you should bring many souls unto me! 17

B Behold, you have my gospel before you, and my rock, and my salvation. 18

A Ask the Father in my name, in faith believing that you shall receive, and you shall have the Holy Ghost, which
 manifesteth all things which are expedient unto the children of men. 19

And if you have not faith, hope, and charity, you can do nothing. 20

Contend against no church, save it be the church of the devil. 21

A Take upon you the name of Christ, and speak the truth in soberness. 22

B And as many as repent and are baptized in my name, which is Jesus Christ, and endure to the end, the
 same shall be saved. 23

C Behold, Jesus Christ is the name which is given of the Father,

C and there is none other name given whereby

- B man can be saved; 24
- A a Wherefore, all men must take upon them the name which is given of the Father,
 b for in that name shall they be called at the last day; 25
 b Wherefore, if they know not the name by which they are called,
 a they cannot have place in the kingdom of my Father. 26
- B And now, behold, there are others who are called to declare my gospel, both unto Gentile and unto Jew;
 27 Yea, even twelve; and the Twelve shall be my disciples, and they shall take upon them my name;
 C and the Twelve are they who shall desire to take upon them my name with full purpose of heart. 28
 C And if they desire to take upon them my name with full purpose of heart,
 B they are called to go into all the world to preach my gospel unto every creature. 29
- A a And they are they who are ordained of me to baptize in my name,
 b according to that which is written; 30
 b And you have that which is written before you;
 a wherefore, you must perform it according to the words which are written.† 31
- And now I speak unto you, the Twelve--Behold, my grace is sufficient for you; you must walk uprightly before me and sin not. 32 And, behold, you are they who are ordained of me to ordain priests and teachers; to declare my gospel, according to the power of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and according to the callings and gifts of God unto men; 33
- A And I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have spoken it. 34
- B These words are not of men nor of man,
 C but of me;
 D wherefore, you shall testify they are
 C of me
 B and not of man; 35
- A For it is my voice which speaketh them unto you;
 B for they are given by my Spirit unto you,
 C and by my power
 D you can read them one to another;
 C and save it were by my power
 B you could not have them; 36
- A Wherefore, you can testify that you have heard my voice, and know my words. 37

And now, behold, I give unto you, Oliver Cowdery, and also unto David Whitmer,
 that you shall search out the Twelve,
 who shall have the desires of which I have spoken; 38
 And by their desires and their works you shall know them. 39
 And when you have found them you shall show these things unto them. 40

And you shall fall down and worship the Father in my name. 41

And you must preach unto the world, saying:
 You must repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ; 42
 For all men must repent and be baptized, and not only men, but women, and children who have
 arrived at the years of accountability. 43

And now, after that you have received this, you must keep my commandments in all things; 44
 And by your hands I will work a marvelous work among the children of men, unto the convincing
 of many of their sins, that they may come unto repentance, and that they may come unto the
 kingdom of my Father. 45
 Wherefore, the blessings which I give unto you are above all things. 46
 And after that you have received this, if you keep not my commandments
 you cannot be saved in the kingdom of my Father. 47

Behold, I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, and your Redeemer, by the power of my Spirit have spoken
 it. Amen.

Section 19

Revelation given through Joseph Smith, at Manchester, New York, March 1830. HC 1:72-74. In his history
 the Prophet introduced it as "a commandment of God and not of man, to Martin Harris, given by him who
 is Eternal."

- A I AM
 Alpha and Omega,
 Christ the Lord;
 yea, even I am he,
 the beginning and the end,
 the Redeemer of the world. 2
- B I, having accomplished and finished the will of him whose I am, even the Father, concerning
 me--having done this that I might subdue all things unto myself--3 Retaining all power,
 even to the destroying of Satan and his works at the end of the world,
 and the last great day of judgment,
 which I shall pass upon the inhabitants thereof,
 judging every man according to his works and the deeds which he hath done. 4
- C And surely every man must repent or suffer,
- D for I, God, am endless. 5
- E Wherefore, I revoke not the judgments which I shall pass, but woes shall go forth,
 weeping,
 wailing and
 gnashing of teeth,
 yea, to those who are found on my left hand. 6
- F Nevertheless, it is not written that there shall be no end to this torment, but it is
 written endless torment. 7

- G Again, it is written eternal damnation;
- H wherefore it is more express than other scriptures, that it might work upon the hearts of the children of men, altogether for my name's glory. 8
- I Wherefore, I will explain unto you this mystery,
- J for it is meet unto you to know even as mine apostles. 9
- J I speak unto you that are chosen in this thing, even as one, that you may enter into my rest. 10
- I For, behold, the mystery of godliness, how great is it!
- H For, behold, I am endless,
and the punishment
which is given from my hand is endless
punishment,
for Endless is my name. Wherefore--11
- G Eternal punishment is God's punishment. 12
- F Endless punishment is God's punishment. 13
- E Wherefore, I command you to repent,
and keep the commandments
which you have received by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
in my name; 14
And it is by my almighty power
that you have received
them; 15
Therefore I command you to repent--repent, lest I smite you
by the rod of my mouth, and
by my wrath, and
by my anger, and
your sufferings be sore--
how sore you know not,
how exquisite you know not, yea,
how hard to bear you know not. 16
- D For behold, I, God,
- C have suffered these things for all,
that they might not suffer
if they would repent; 17
But if they would not repent
they must suffer even as I; 18
Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all,
to tremble because of pain, and
to bleed at every pore, and
to suffer both body and spirit--
and would that I might not drink the bitter cup,
and shrink--19
- B Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men. 20
- Wherefore, I command you again to repent,
lest I humble you with my almighty power;

and that you confess your sins,
 lest you suffer these punishments of which I have spoken,
 of which in the smallest, yea, even in the least degree you have tasted at the time I
 withdrew my Spirit. 21

And I command you that you preach naught but repentance,
 and show not these things unto the world until it is wisdom in me. 22
 For they cannot bear
 meat now,
 but milk
 they must receive;
 wherefore, they must not know these things, lest they perish. 23

Learn of me, and
 listen to my words;
 walk in the meekness of my Spirit,
 and you shall have peace in me. 24

A I am Jesus Christ; I came by the will of the Father, and I do his will.† 25

And again, I command thee
 that thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife; nor seek thy neighbor's life. 26

And again, I command thee
 that thou shalt not covet thine own property, but impart it freely to the printing of the Book of Mormon,
 which contains the truth and the word of God--27 Which is my word to the Gentile, that soon it may go
 to the Jew, of whom the Lamanites are a remnant, that they may believe the gospel, and look not for a
 Messiah to come who has already come. 28

And again, I command thee
 that thou shalt pray
 vocally
 as well as in thy heart; yea,
 before the world
 as well as in secret,
 in public
 as well as in private. 29

And thou shalt declare glad tidings, yea,
 publish it
 upon the mountains, and
 upon every high place, and
 among every people that thou shalt be permitted to see. 30

And thou shalt do it
 with all humility,
 trusting in me,
 reviling not against revilers. 31

And of tenets thou shalt not talk,
 but thou shalt declare repentance and faith on the Savior, and remission of sins by baptism, and by fire, yea,
 even the Holy Ghost. 32

Behold, this is a great and the last commandment which I shall give unto you concerning this matter; for this
 shall suffice for thy daily walk, even unto the end of thy life. 33 And misery thou shalt receive if thou wilt
 slight these counsels, yea, even the destruction of thyself and property. 34

- Impart a portion of thy property, yea, even part of thy lands, and all save the support of thy family.
35
- Pay the debt thou hast contracted with the printer. Release thyself from bondage. 36
- Leave thy house and home, except when thou shalt desire to see thy family; 37
- And speak freely to all; yea, preach, exhort, declare the truth, even with a loud voice, with a sound
of rejoicing, crying--Hosanna, hosanna, blessed be the name of the Lord God! 38
- Pray always, and I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and great shall be your blessing--yea, even
more than if you should obtain treasures of earth and corruptibleness to the extent thereof. 39

Behold,

canst thou read this without rejoicing and lifting up thy heart for gladness? 40 Or
 canst thou run about longer as a blind guide? 41 Or
 canst thou be humble and meek, and conduct thyself wisely before me?
 Yea, come unto me thy Savior. Amen.

Section 20

Revelation on Church Organization and Government, given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, April 1830. HC 1:64-70. Preceding his record of this revelation the Prophet wrote: "We obtained of him (Jesus Christ) the following, by the spirit of prophecy and revelation; which not only gave us much information, but also pointed out to us the precise day upon which, according to his will and commandment, we should proceed to organize his Church once more here upon the earth."

- A₁ The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days,
 being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh,
 it being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God,
 in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April--2
 Which commandments were given
 to Joseph Smith, Jun.,
 who was called of God, and ordained an apostle of Jesus Christ, to be the first elder of this church; 3
 And to Oliver Cowdery,
 who was also called of God, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to be the second elder of this church, and ordained under his hand; 4
- A₂ And this according to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, both now and forever. Amen. † 5
- B After it was truly manifested unto this first elder that he had received a remission of his sins, he was entangled again in the vanities of the world; 6
- C But after
 repenting, and
 humbling himself sincerely,
 through faith,
 God
 ministered unto him by an holy angel,
 whose countenance was as lightning, and whose garments were pure and white above all other whiteness; 7
 And gave unto him commandments
 which inspired him; 8
 And gave him power from on high,
 by the means which were before prepared,
- D to translate the Book of Mormon; 9
 Which contains
 a record of a fallen people, and
 the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ
 to the Gentiles and
 to the Jews also; 10
 Which was given by inspiration,
 and is confirmed to others by the ministering of angels,
 and is declared unto the world by them--11

E₁ Proving to the world

E₂ that the holy scriptures are true, and that God does inspire men and call them to his holy work

E₃ in this age and generation, as well as in generations of old; 12

E₁ Thereby showing

E₂ that he is the same God

E₃ yesterday,
today, and
forever. Amen. 13

D Therefore, having so great witnesses, by them shall the world be judged, even as many as shall hereafter come to a knowledge of this work. 14

C And those who receive it in faith, and work righteousness, shall receive a crown of eternal life; 15

B But those who harden their hearts in unbelief, and reject it, it shall turn to their own condemnation--16

A₁ For the Lord God has spoken it; and we, the elders of the church,

A₂ have heard and bear witness to the words of the glorious Majesty on high, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. 17

A By these things we know that
there is a God in heaven, who is
infinite and eternal,
from everlasting to everlasting
the same unchangeable God,
the framer of
heaven and
earth, and
all things which are in them; 18

And that he created man, male and female,
after his own image and
in his own likeness,
created he them; 19

B And gave unto them commandments that
they should love and serve him,
the only living and true God,
and that he should be the only being whom they should worship. 20
But by the transgression of these holy laws

man
became
sensual and
devilish, and
became
fallen man. 21

- C Wherefore, the Almighty God gave his Only Begotten Son, as it is written in those scriptures which have been given of him. 22
 He suffered temptations but gave no heed unto them. 23
 He was crucified, died, and rose again the third day; 24
 And ascended into heaven,
 to sit down on the right hand of the Father,
 to reign with almighty power according to the will of the Father; 25
- D a That as many as would
- b believe and
 be baptized in his holy name, and
 endure in faith to the end,
- c should be saved--26
- a Not only those who
- b believed after he came in the meridian of time, in the flesh,
- a but all those from the beginning, even as many as were before he came,
- b who believed in the words of the holy prophets, who spake as they were inspired
 by the gift of the Holy Ghost, who truly testified of him in all things,
- c should have eternal life, 27
- a As well as those who should come after,
- b who should believe in the gifts and callings of God by the Holy Ghost,
 which beareth record of the Father and of the Son; 28
- E Which Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one God,
 infinite and
 eternal,
 without end. Amen. 29
- D And we know that
 all men must
 repent and
 believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and
 worship the Father in his name, and
 endure in faith on his name to the end,
 or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. 30
- C And we know that
 justification through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is just and true; 31
- B And we know also, that
- a sanctification
- b through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is just and true,
- c to all those who love and serve God with all their
- d mights,
 minds, and
 strength. 32

- c But there is a possibility that man may fall
 - b from grace and depart from the living God; 33 Therefore let the church take heed and pray always, lest they fall into temptation; 34
 - a Yea, and even let those who are sanctified take heed also. 35
- A And we know that these things are true and according to the revelations of John, neither adding to, nor diminishing from the prophecy of his book, the holy scriptures, or the revelations of God which shall come hereafter by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, the voice of God, or the ministering of angels. 36

And the Lord God has spoken it; and honor, power and glory be rendered to his holy name, both now and ever.
Amen.‡ 37

- And again, by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism--All those
- who humble themselves before God, and
 - desire to be baptized, and
 - come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and
 - witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and
 - are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ,
 - having a determination to serve him to the end,
 - and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins,
- shall be received by baptism into his church. 38

The duty of the elders, priests, teachers, deacons, and members of the church of Christ--

- An apostle is an elder, and it is his calling
- to baptize; 39
 - And to ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons; 40
 - And to administer bread and wine--the emblems of the flesh and blood of Christ--41
 - And to confirm those who are baptized into the church, by the laying on of hands for the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, according to the scriptures; 42
 - And to teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and watch over the church; 43
 - And to confirm the church by the laying on of the hands, and the giving of the Holy Ghost; 44
 - And to take the lead of all meetings. 45 The elders are to conduct the meetings as they are led by the Holy Ghost, according to the commandments and revelations of God. 46

The priest's duty is

- to preach,
- teach,
- expound,
- exhort,
- and baptize,
- and administer the sacrament, 47
- And visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties. 48
- And he may also ordain other priests, teachers, and deacons. 49
- And he is to take the lead of meetings when there is no elder present; 50