

- a and when it is withdrawn,
 - b Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man. 38
 - c Behold, ere he is aware, he is left unto himself,
to kick against the pricks,
to persecute the saints, and
to fight against God. 39
 - B We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion. 40
 - A Hence many are called, but few are chosen. 41
 - A No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by
persuasion, by
long-suffering, by
gentleness and
meekness, and by
love unfeigned; 42 by
kindness, and
pure knowledge,
which shall greatly enlarge the soul
without hypocrisy, and
without guile--43
 - B Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost;
 - C and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love
 - B toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy; 44
 - A That he may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death. 45
- Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts
unceasingly;
then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God;
and the doctrine of the priesthood
shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven. 46
The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion,
and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be
an everlasting dominion,
and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee
forever and ever.

Section 122

The word of the Lord to Joseph Smith the Prophet, while he was a prisoner in the jail at Liberty, Missouri, March 1839. HC 3:300-301.

- AA A The ends of the earth shall inquire after thy name,
- B and fools shall have thee in derision, and hell shall rage against thee; 2
 - C₁ While
the pure in heart, and
the wise, and
the noble, and
the virtuous,

C₂ shall seek
 counsel, and
 authority, and
 blessings
 constantly from under thy hand. 3

C₁ And thy people

C₂ shall never be turned against thee by the testimony of traitors. 4

B And although their influence shall cast thee into trouble, and into bars and walls,

A thou shalt be had in honor; and but for a small moment and thy voice shall be more terrible in the midst of thine enemies than the fierce lion, because of thy righteousness;

BB A and thy God shall stand by thee forever and ever. 5

CC B If thou art called to pass through tribulation;

C if thou art in perils among false brethren;
 if thou art in perils among robbers;
 if thou art in perils by land or by sea; 6

D If thou art accused with all manner of false accusations;

E if thine enemies fall upon thee; if they tear thee from the society of thy father and mother and brethren and sisters; and if with a drawn sword

F thine enemies tear thee from the bosom of thy wife, and of thine offspring, and thine elder son, although but six years of age, shall cling to thy garments, and shall say,

G My father, my father, why can't you stay with us?

G O, my father, what are the men going to do with you?

F and if then he shall be thrust from thee

E by the sword,

D and thou be dragged to prison,

C and thine enemies prowl around thee like wolves for the blood of the lamb; 7
 And if thou shouldst be cast into the pit, or into the hands of murderers, and the sentence of death passed upon thee;
 if thou be cast into the deep; if the billowing surge conspire against thee;

B if fierce winds become thine enemy;
 if the heavens gather blackness, and all the elements combine to hedge up the way;
 and above all, if the very jaws of hell shall gape open the mouth wide after thee; †

A know thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good. 8
 The Son of Man hath descended below them all. Art thou greater than he? 9

AA Therefore, hold on thy way, and the priesthood shall remain with thee;
 for their bounds are set, they cannot pass.

Thy days are known, and
 thy years shall not be numbered less;
 therefore, fear not what man can do,

BB for God shall be with you forever and ever.

Section 123

Duty of the saints in relation to their persecutors, as set forth by Joseph Smith the Prophet, while a prisoner in the jail at Liberty, Missouri, March 1839. HC 3:302-303.

And again, we would suggest for your consideration the propriety of all the saints gathering up a knowledge of all

- the facts, and
- sufferings and
- abuses put upon them by the people of this State; 2 And also of all
- the property and
- amount of damages which they have sustained, both of
character and
personal injuries,
as well as real property; 3
- And also the names of all persons that have had a hand in their oppressions, as far as they can get hold of them and find them out. 4

And perhaps a committee can be appointed

- to find out these things, and
- to take statements and affidavits; and also
- to gather up the libelous publications that are afloat; 5 And all that are
in the magazines, and
in the encyclopedias, and
all the libelous histories that are published, and are writing, and by whom,
- and present the whole concatenation of diabolical rascality and nefarious and murderous impositions that have been practised upon this people--6
That we may not only publish to all the world, but present them to the heads of government in all their dark and hellish hue, as the last effort which is enjoined on us by our Heavenly Father, before we can fully and completely claim that promise which shall call him forth from his hiding place; and also that the whole nation may be left without excuse before he can send forth the power of his mighty arm. 7

A It is an imperative duty that we owe

B to God,
to angels, with whom we shall be brought to stand, and also
to ourselves,
to our wives
and children,

C who have been made to bow down with
grief,
sorrow, and
care,
under the most damning hand of
murder,
tyranny, and
oppression,
supported and
urged on and
upheld

by the influence of that spirit which hath so strongly riveted the creeds of the fathers, who have inherited lies, upon the hearts of the children, and filled the world with confusion, and has been growing stronger and stronger, and is now the very mainspring of all corruption, and the whole earth groans under the weight of its iniquity. 8

It is an iron yoke,
 it is a strong band;
 they are the very
 handcuffs, and
 chains, and
 shackles, and
 fettters
 of hell. 9

A Therefore it is an imperative duty that we owe,

B not only to our own wives and children,
 but to the widows and fatherless,

C whose husbands and fathers have been murdered under its iron hand; 10
 Which dark and blackening deeds are enough to make hell itself
 shudder, and to
 stand aghast and pale,
 and the hands of the very devil to tremble and palsy. 11

A And also it is an imperative duty that we owe

B to all the rising generation, and
 to all the pure in heart--12

C For there are many yet on the earth among all
 sects,
 parties, and
 denominations,
 who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men,
 whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and
 who are only kept from the truth
 because they know not where to find it--13

A Therefore, that we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness,
 wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven--14

B These should then be attended to with great earnestness. 15

C Let no man count them as small things;

D for there is much which lieth in futurity, pertaining to the saints, which depends upon these
 things. 16

C You know, brethren, that a very large ship is benefited very much by a very small helm in the time
 of a storm, by being kept workways with the wind and the waves. 17

B Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us cheerfully do all things that lie in our power;

A and then may we stand still, with the utmost assurance, to see the salvation of God, and for his arm to be
 revealed.

Section 124

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Nauvoo, Illinois, January 19, 1841. HC 4:274-286.
 Because of increasing persecutions and illegal procedure against them by public officers, the saints had been
 compelled to leave Missouri. The exterminating order issued by Lilburn W. Boggs, Governor of Missouri,

dated October 27, 1838, had left them no alternative. See HC 3:175. In 1841, when this revelation was given, the city of Nauvoo, occupying the site of the former village of Commerce, Illinois, had been built up by the saints, and here the headquarters of the Church had been established.

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant Joseph Smith,

- A I am well pleased
 - B with your offering and acknowledgments, which you have made;
 - C for unto this end have I raised you up, that I might show forth my wisdom through the weak things of the earth. 2
 - B Your prayers
 - A are acceptable before me;
 - A and in answer to them I say unto you, that you are now called immediately to make a solemn proclamation of my gospel,
 - and of this stake which I have planted to be a corner-stone of Zion, which shall be polished with the refinement which is after the similitude of a palace. 3
 - This proclamation shall be made
 - B to all the kings of the world, to the four corners thereof, to the honorable president-elect, and the high-minded governors of the nation in which you live, and to all the nations of the earth scattered abroad. 4
 - C Let it be written in the spirit of meekness and by the power of the Holy Ghost,
 - D which shall be in you
 - E at the time of the writing of the same; 5
 - D For it shall be given you
 - C by the Holy Ghost to know my will
 - B concerning those kings and authorities, even what shall befall them in a time to come. 6
 - A For, behold, I am about to call upon them to give heed to the light and glory of Zion, for the set time has come to favor her. 7
 - B Call ye, therefore, upon them with loud proclamation, and with your testimony, fearing them not, for they are as grass, and all their glory as the flower thereof which soon falleth, that they may be left also without excuse--8
 - C And that I may visit them in the day of visitation, when I shall unveil the face of my covering, to appoint the portion of the oppressor among hypocrites, where there is gnashing of teeth, if they reject my servants and my testimony which I have revealed unto them. 9
 - D And again, I will visit and soften their hearts, many of them for your good, that ye may find grace in their eyes, that they may come to the light of truth, and the Gentiles to the exaltation or lifting up of Zion. 10
 - C For the day of my visitation cometh speedily, in an hour when ye think not of; and where shall be the safety of my people, and refuge for those who shall be left of them? 11
 - B Awake, O kings of the earth! Come ye, O, come ye, with your gold and your silver, to the help of my people, to the house of the daughters of Zion. 12

- A And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant Robert B. Thompson help you to write this proclamation, for I am well pleased with him, and that he should be with you; 13
 Let him, therefore, hearken to your counsel,
 and I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings;
 let him be faithful and true in all things from henceforth,
 and he shall be great in mine eyes; 14
 But let him remember that his stewardship will I require at his hands. 15

And again, verily I say unto you, blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith; for I, the Lord, love him because of the integrity of his heart, and because he loveth that which is right before me, saith the Lord. 16

Again, let my servant John C. Bennett help you in your labor in sending my word to the kings and people of the earth, and stand by you, even you my servant Joseph Smith, in the hour of affliction; and his reward shall not fail if he receive counsel. 17 And for his love he shall be great, for he shall be mine if he do this, saith the Lord. I have seen the work which he hath done, which I accept if he continue, and will crown him with blessings and great glory. 18

And again, I say unto you that it is my will that my servant Lyman Wight should continue in preaching for Zion, in the spirit of meekness, confessing me before the world; and I will bear him up as on eagles' wings; and he shall beget glory and honor to himself and unto my name. 19 That when he shall finish his work I may receive him unto myself, even as I did

- my servant David Patten,
 who is with me at this time, and also
- my servant Edward Partridge, and also
- my aged servant Joseph Smith, Sen.,
 who sitteth with Abraham at his right hand, and blessed and holy is he, for he is mine. 20

And again, verily I say unto you, my servant George Miller is without guile; he may be trusted because of the integrity of his heart; and for the love which he has to my testimony I, the Lord, love him. 21 I therefore say unto you, I seal upon his head the office of a bishopric, like unto my servant Edward Partridge, that he may receive the consecrations of mine house, that he may administer blessings upon the heads of the poor of my people, saith the Lord. Let no man despise my servant George, for he shall honor me. 22

- AA Let my servant George, and my servant Lyman, and my servant John Snider, and others, build a house unto my name, such a one as my servant Joseph shall show unto them, upon the place which he shall show unto them also. 23

- BB And it shall be for a house for boarding, a house that strangers may come from afar to lodge therein; therefore let it be a good house, worthy of all acceptation,
 that the weary traveler may find health and safety while he shall contemplate the word of the Lord;
 and the corner-stone I have appointed for Zion. 24
 This house shall be a healthful habitation if it be built unto my name, and if the governor which shall be appointed unto it shall not suffer any pollution to come upon it.
 It shall be holy, or the Lord your God will not dwell therein. 25

- CC And again, verily I say unto you, let all my saints come from afar. 26 And send ye swift messengers, yea, chosen messengers, and say unto them: Come ye, with all
 your gold, and
 your silver, and
 your precious stones, and with all
 your antiquities;
 and with all who have knowledge of antiquities, that will come, may come, and bring
 the box-tree, and
 the fir-tree, and
 the pine-tree, together with all the precious trees of the earth; 27 And
 with iron,
 with copper, and
 with brass, and
 with zinc, and
 with all your precious things of the earth;
 and build a house to my name, for the Most High to dwell therein. 28

- A For there is not a place found on earth that he may come to and restore again that which was lost unto you, or which he hath taken away, even the fulness of the priesthood. 29
- B For a baptismal font there is not upon the earth, that they, my saints, may be baptized for those who are dead--30 For this ordinance belongeth to my house,
- C and cannot be acceptable to me, only in the days of your poverty, wherein ye are not able to build a house unto me. 31
- D But I command you, all ye my saints, to build a house unto me;
- E₁ and I grant unto you a sufficient time to build a house unto me;
- E₂ and during this time your baptisms shall be acceptable unto me. 32
- F But behold, at the end of this appointment
your baptisms for your dead shall not be acceptable unto me;
- F and if you do not these things at the end of the appointment
ye shall be rejected as a church, with your dead, saith the Lord your God. 33
- E₁ For verily I say unto you, that after you have had sufficient time to build a house to me, wherein the ordinance of baptizing for the dead belongeth, and for which the same was instituted from before the foundation of the world,
- E₂ your baptisms for your dead cannot be acceptable unto me; 34
- D For therein are the keys of the holy priesthood ordained, that you may receive honor and glory. 35
- C And after this time, your baptisms for the dead, by those who are scattered abroad, are not acceptable unto me, saith the Lord. 36
- B For it is ordained that in Zion, and in her stakes, and in Jerusalem, those places which I have appointed for refuge, shall be the places for your baptisms for your dead. 37 And again, verily I say unto you, how shall your washings be acceptable unto me, except ye perform them in a house which you have built to my name? 38
- A For, for this cause I commanded Moses that he should build a tabernacle, that they should bear it with them in the wilderness, and to build a house in the land of promise, that those ordinances might be revealed which had been hid from before the world was. 39
- B Therefore, verily I say unto you, that
- your anointings, and
 - your washings, and
 - your baptisms for the dead, and
 - your solemn assemblies, and
 - your memorials for your sacrifices by the sons of Levi, and for
 - your oracles in your most holy places wherein you receive conversations, and
 - your statutes and judgments,
- for the beginning of the revelations and foundation of Zion, and
for the
glory,
honor, and
endowment of all her municipalities,
are ordained by the ordinance of my holy house,
- C which my people are always commanded to build unto my holy name. 40
- C And verily I say unto you, let this house be built unto my name,

B that I may reveal mine ordinances therein unto my people; 41

A For I deign to reveal unto my church things which have been kept hid from before the foundation of the world, things that pertain to the dispensation of the fulness of times. 42

And I will show unto my servant Joseph all things pertaining to this house, and the priesthood thereof, and the place whereon it shall be built. 43 And ye shall build it on the place where you have contemplated building it, for that is the spot which I have chosen for you to build it. 44 If ye labor with all your might, I will consecrate that spot that it shall be made holy. 45

DD And if my people will hearken unto my voice,
and unto the voice of my servants whom I have appointed to lead my people,
behold, verily I say unto you, they shall not be moved out of their place. 46

EE But if they will not hearken to my voice,
nor unto the voice of these men whom I have appointed,
they shall not be blest,
because they pollute
mine holy grounds, and
mine holy ordinances, and charters, and
my holy words which I give unto them. 47

EE And it shall come to pass that if you build a house unto my name, and do not do the things that I say,
I will not perform the oath which I make unto you,
neither fulfil the promises which ye expect at my hands, saith the Lord. 48
For instead of blessings, ye, by your own works, bring
cursings,
wrath,
indignation, and
judgments upon your own heads,
by your follies, and by all your abominations,
which you practise before me, saith the Lord. 49

DD A Verily, verily, I say unto you, that when I give a commandment to any of the sons of men to do a work unto my name, and those sons of men go
with all their might and
with all they have to perform that work,
and cease not their diligence,

B and their enemies come upon them and hinder them from performing that work, behold, it behooveth me to require that work no more at the hands of those sons of men, but to accept of their offerings. 50

C And the iniquity and transgression of my holy laws and commandments I will visit upon the heads of those who hindered my work, unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not, and hate me, saith the Lord God. 51

A Therefore, for this cause have I accepted the offerings of those whom I commanded to build up a city and a house unto my name, in Jackson county, Missouri,

B and were hindered by their enemies, saith the Lord your God. 52

C And I will answer
judgment,
wrath, and
indignation,
wailing, and
anguish, and
gnashing of teeth
upon their heads, unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not, and hate me, saith the Lord your God. 53

- A And this I make an example unto you, for your consolation concerning all those who have been commanded to do a work
- B and have been hindered by the hands of their enemies, and by oppression, saith the Lord your God. 54
- C For I am the Lord your God, and will save all those of your brethren who have been pure in heart, and have been slain in the land of Missouri, saith the Lord. 55
- CC And again, verily I say unto you, I command you again to build a house to my name, even in this place,
that you may prove yourselves unto me
that ye are faithful in all things whatsoever I command you,
that I may bless you, and crown you with
honor,
immortality, and
eternal life. 56
- BB A And now I say unto you, as pertaining to my boarding house which I have commanded you to build for the boarding of strangers,
- B let it be built unto my name, and
let my name be named upon it, and
- C let my servant Joseph and his house have place therein, from generation to generation. 57
- D For this anointing have I put upon his head,
that his blessing shall also be put upon the head of his posterity after him. 58
- E And as I said unto Abraham concerning the kindreds of the earth,
- D even so I say unto my servant Joseph:
In thee and in thy seed shall the kindred of the earth be blessed. 59
- C Therefore, let my servant Joseph and his seed after him have place in that house, from generation to generation, forever and ever, saith the Lord. 60
- B And let the name of that house be called Nauvoo House;
- A and let it be a delightful habitation for man, and a resting-place for the weary traveler,
that he may contemplate the glory of Zion, and
the glory of this, the corner-stone thereof; 61
That he may receive also the counsel from those whom I have set to be as plants of renown, and as watchmen upon her walls.† 62
- AA Behold, verily I say unto you, let my servant George Miller, and my servant Lyman Wight, and my servant John Snider, and my servant Peter Haws, organize themselves, and appoint one of them to be a president over their quorum for the purpose of building that house. 63
- A And they shall form a constitution, whereby they may receive stock for the building of that house. 64
- B And they shall not receive less than fifty dollars for a share of stock in that house,
- C and they shall be permitted to receive fifteen thousand dollars from any one man for stock in that house. 65
- C But they shall not be permitted to receive over fifteen thousand dollars stock from any one man. 66
- B And they shall not be permitted to receive under fifty dollars for a share of stock from any one man in that house. 67

- A And they shall not be permitted to receive any man, as a stockholder in this house, except the same shall pay his stock into their hands at the time he receives stock; 68 And in proportion to the amount of stock he pays into their hands he shall receive stock in that house; but if he pays nothing into their hands he shall not receive any stock in that house. 69 And if any pay stock into their hands it shall be for stock in that house, for himself, and for his generation after him, from generation to generation, so long as he and his heirs shall hold that stock, and do not sell or convey the stock away out of their hands by their own free will and act, if you will do my will, saith the Lord your God. 70

And again, verily I say unto you, if my servant George Miller, and my servant Lyman Wight, and my servant John Snider, and my servant Peter Haws, receive any stock into their hands, in moneys, or in properties wherein they receive the real value of moneys, they shall not appropriate any portion of that stock to any other purpose, only in that house. 71 And if they do appropriate any portion of that stock anywhere else, only in that house, without the consent of the stockholder, and do not repay fourfold for the stock which they appropriate anywhere else, only in that house, they shall be accursed, and shall be moved out of their place, saith the Lord God; for I, the Lord, am God, and cannot be mocked in any of these things. 72

Verily I say unto you, let my servant Joseph pay stock into their hands for the building of that house, as seemeth him good; but my servant Joseph cannot pay over fifteen thousand dollars stock in that house, nor under fifty dollars; neither can any other man, saith the Lord. 73

And there are others also who wish to know my will concerning them, for they have asked it at my hands. 74

Therefore, I say unto you concerning my servant Vinson Knight, if he will do my will let him put stock into that house for himself, and for his generation after him, from generation to generation. 75 And let him lift up his voice long and loud, in the midst of the people, to plead the cause of the poor and the needy; and let him not fail, neither let his heart faint; and I will accept of his offerings, for they shall not be unto me as the offerings of Cain, for he shall be mine, saith the Lord. 76 Let his family rejoice and turn away their hearts from affliction; for I have chosen him and anointed him, and he shall be honored in the midst of his house, for I will forgive all his sins, saith the Lord. Amen. 77

Verily I say unto you, let my servant Hyrum put stock into that house as seemeth him good, for himself and his generation after him, from generation to generation. 78

Let my servant Isaac Galland put stock into that house; for I, the Lord, love him for the work he hath done, and will forgive all his sins; therefore, let him be remembered for an interest in that house from generation to generation. 79

Let my servant Isaac Galland be appointed among you, and be ordained by my servant William Marks, and be blessed of him, to go with my servant Hyrum to accomplish the work that my servant Joseph shall point out to them, and they shall be greatly blessed. 80

Let my servant William Marks pay stock into that house, as seemeth him good, for himself and his generation, from generation to generation. 81

Let my servant Henry G. Sherwood pay stock into that house, as seemeth him good, for himself and his seed after him, from generation to generation. 82

- A Let my servant William Law pay stock into that house, for himself and his seed after him, from generation to generation. 83
- B If he will do my will let him not take his family unto the eastern lands, even unto Kirtland; nevertheless, I, the Lord, will build up Kirtland, but I, the Lord, have a scourge prepared for the inhabitants thereof. 84
- C And with my servant Almon Babbitt, there are many things with which I am not pleased; behold, he aspireth to establish his counsel instead of the counsel which I have ordained, even that of the Presidency of my Church; and he setteth up a golden calf for the worship of my people. 85

B Let no man go from this place who has come here essaying to keep my commandments. 86
 If they live here let them live unto me; and
 if they die let them die unto me;
 for they shall rest from all their labors here,
 and shall continue their works. 87

A Therefore, let my servant William put his trust in me, and cease to fear concerning his family,
 because of the sickness of the land.
 If ye love me, keep my commandments;
 and the sickness of the land
 shall redound to your glory. 88

Let my servant William go and proclaim my everlasting gospel with a loud voice, and with great joy, as he
 shall be moved upon by my Spirit,
 unto the inhabitants of Warsaw, and also
 unto the inhabitants of Carthage, and also
 unto the inhabitants of Burlington, and also
 unto the inhabitants of Madison,
 and await patiently and diligently for further instructions at my general conference, saith the
 Lord. 89

If he will do my will let him from henceforth
 hearken to the counsel of my servant Joseph, and with his interest
 support the cause of the poor, and
 publish the new translation of my holy word unto the inhabitants of the earth. 90
 And if he will do this I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings, that he shall not be forsaken,
 nor his seed be found begging bread. 91

And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant William be
 appointed,
 ordained, and
 anointed,
 as counselor unto my servant Joseph, in the room of my servant Hyrum,
 that my servant Hyrum may take the office of Priesthood and Patriarch, which was appointed
 unto him by his father, by blessing and also by right; 92
 That from henceforth he shall hold the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads
 of all my people, 93
 That whoever he blesses
 shall be blessed, and
 whoever he curses
 shall be cursed;
 that whatsoever he shall bind on earth
 shall be bound in heaven; and
 whatsoever he shall loose on earth
 shall be loosed in heaven. 94

And from this time forth I appoint unto him that he may be
 a prophet, and
 a seer, and
 a revelator unto my church, as well as my servant Joseph; 95

- That he may act in concert also with my servant Joseph; and that he shall
 receive counsel from my servant Joseph, who shall show unto him the keys
 whereby he may ask and receive, and be crowned with the same
 blessing, and
 glory, and
 honor, and
 priesthood, and
 gifts of the priesthood,
 that once were put upon him that was my servant Oliver
 Cowdery; 96