

- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength; and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him. 6
 - Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
 - Thou shalt not steal;
 - neither commit adultery,
 - nor kill, nor do anything like unto it. 7
 - Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things. 8
 - Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in righteousness, even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. 9
 - And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world,
 - a thou shalt go to the house of prayer
 - b and offer up thy sacraments
 - c upon my holy day; 10
 - d For verily this is a day
 - e appointed unto you to rest from your labors, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High; 11
 - e Nevertheless thy vows shall be offered up in righteousness
 - d on all days and at all times; 12
 - c But remember that on this, the Lord's day,
 - b thou shalt offer thine oblations and thy sacraments unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren, and before the Lord. 13
 - a And on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart
 - i 1 that thy fasting
 - 2 may be perfect,
 - ii 1 or, in other words, that thy joy
 - 2 may be full. 14
 - i 1 Verily, this is fasting
 - 2 and prayer,
 - ii 1 or in other words, rejoicing
 - 2 and prayer. 15
- B And inasmuch as ye do these things with thanksgiving, with cheerful hearts and countenances, not with much laughter, for this is sin, but with a glad heart and a cheerful countenance--16
- Verily I say, that inasmuch as ye do this, the fulness of the earth is yours, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which climbeth upon the trees and walketh upon the earth; 17

Yea, and the herb, and the good things which come of the earth, whether
 for food or
 for raiment, or
 for houses, or
 for barns, or
 for orchards, or
 for gardens, or
 for vineyards; 18

Yea, all things which come of the earth, in the season thereof,
 are made for the benefit and the use of man, both
 to please the eye and
 to gladden the heart; 19

Yea, for food and
 for raiment,
 for taste and
 for smell,
 to strengthen the body and
 to enliven the soul. 20

And it pleaseth God that he hath given all these things unto man;
 for unto this end were they made to be used,
 with judgment,
 not to excess,
 neither by extortion. 21

And in nothing doth man offend God,
 or against none is his wrath kindled,
 save those who confess not his hand in all things,
 and obey not his commandments. 22

Behold, this is according to the law and the prophets; wherefore, trouble me
 no more concerning this matter. 23

A₁ But learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness

A₂ shall receive his reward, even peace in this world

A₃ and eternal life in the world to come. 24 I, the Lord, have spoken it, and the Spirit beareth record.
 Amen.

Section 60

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, in Jackson County, Missouri, August 8, 1831. HC 1:201-202. On this occasion the elders who had been appointed to return to the East desired to know how they should proceed, and by what route and manner they should travel.

AA A Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the elders of his church, who are to return speedily

B to the land from whence they came: Behold, it pleaseth me, that you have come up hither; 2

BB C But with some I am not well pleased,
 for they will not open their mouths, but they hide the talent which I have given unto them,
 because of the fear of man.

Wo unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them. 3

And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even
 that which they have. 4

For I, the Lord,
 rule in the heavens above,
 and among the armies of the earth;
 and in the day when I shall make up my jewels,[‡]
 all men

shall know what it is that bespeaketh the power of
 God. 5

- CC₁ B But, verily, I will speak unto you concerning your journey unto the land from whence you came.
- A Let there be a craft made, or bought, as seemeth you good, it mattereth not unto me, and take your journey speedily for the place which is called St. Louis. 6
- A And from thence let my servants, Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Oliver Cowdery, take their journey for Cincinnati; 7
- CC₂ B₁ And in this place let them lift up their voice and declare my word with loud voices, without wrath or doubting, lifting up holy hands upon them.
- DD B₂ For I am able to make you holy, and your sins are forgiven you. 8
- CC₁ C₁ And let the residue take their journey from St. Louis, two by two,
- C₂ and preach the word, not in haste, among the congregations of the wicked, until they return to the churches from whence they came. 9
- C₃ And all this for the good of the churches; for this intent have I sent them. 10
- D And let my servant Edward Partridge impart of the money which I have given him, a portion unto mine elders who are commanded to return; 11
- D And he that is able, let him return it by the way of the agent; and he that is not, of him it is not required. 12
- CC₂ C₁ And now I speak of the residue who are to come unto this land. 13
- C₂ Behold, they have been sent to preach my gospel among the congregations of the wicked;
- BB C₃ wherefore, I give unto them a commandment, thus:
- C₄ Thou shalt not idle away thy time, neither shalt thou bury thy talent that it may not be known.† 14
- AA B₁ And after thou hast come up unto the land of Zion, and hast proclaimed my word, thou shalt speedily return, proclaiming my word among the congregations of the wicked, not in haste, neither in wrath nor with strife. 15
- B₂ And shake off the dust of thy feet against those who receive thee not,
not in their presence,
lest thou provoke them,
but in secret;
and wash thy feet, as a testimony against them in the day of judgment. 16
Behold, this is sufficient for you, and the will of him who hath sent you.† 17
- A And by the mouth of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., it shall be made known concerning Sidney Rigdon and Oliver Cowdery. The residue hereafter. Even so. Amen.

Section 61

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, on the bank of the Missouri River, McIlwaine's Bend, August 12, 1831. HC 1:202-205. On their return trip to Kirtland the Prophet and ten elders had traveled down the Missouri River in canoes. On the third day of the journey many dangers were experienced. Elder William W. Phelps, in daylight vision, saw the destroyer riding in power upon the face of the waters.

Behold, and hearken unto the voice of him who has all power, who is from everlasting to everlasting, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. 2

- A Behold, verily thus saith the Lord unto you, O ye elders of my church, who are assembled upon this spot, whose sins are now forgiven you, for I, the Lord, forgive sins, and am merciful unto those who confess their sins with humble hearts; 3
- B But verily I say unto you, that it is not needful for this whole company of mine elders to be moving swiftly upon the waters, whilst the inhabitants on either side are perishing in unbelief. 4
- C Nevertheless, I suffered it that ye might bear record; behold, there are many dangers upon the waters, and more especially hereafter; 5 For I, the Lord, have decreed in mine anger many destructions upon the waters; yea, and especially upon these waters. 6
- D Nevertheless, all flesh is in mine hand, and he that is faithful among you shall not perish by the waters. 7
- E Wherefore, it is expedient that my servant Sidney Gilbert and my servant William W. Phelps be in haste upon their errand and mission. 8
- F Nevertheless, I would not suffer that ye should part
- G until you were chastened for all your sins,
that you might be one,
that you might not perish in wickedness; 9
- F But now, verily I say, it behooveth me that ye should part.
- E Wherefore let my servants Sidney Gilbert and William W. Phelps take their former company, and let them take their journey in haste that they may fill their mission, and through faith they shall overcome; 10
- D And inasmuch as they are faithful they shall be preserved, and I, the Lord, will be with them. 11 And let the residue take that which is needful for clothing. 12 Let my servant Sidney Gilbert take that which is not needful with him, as you shall agree. 13
- C a And now, behold, for your good I gave unto you a commandment concerning these things; and I, the Lord, will reason with you as with men in days of old. 14
- b Behold, I, the Lord, in the beginning blessed the waters;
- c but in the last days, by the mouth of my servant John, I cursed the waters. 15
- d Wherefore, the days will come that
no flesh shall be safe upon the waters. 16
And it shall be said in days to come that
none is able to go up to the land of Zion upon the waters,
but he that is upright in heart. 17
- c And, as I, the Lord, in the beginning cursed the land,
- b even so in the last days have I blessed it, in its time, for the use of my saints, that they may partake the fatness thereof. 18
- a And now I give unto you a commandment that what I say unto one I say unto all, that you shall forewarn your brethren concerning these waters, that they come not in journeying upon them, lest their faith fail and they are caught in snares; 19 I, the Lord, have decreed, and the destroyer rideth upon the face thereof, and I revoke not the decree. 20
- B I, the Lord, was angry with you yesterday, but today mine anger is turned away. 21