

Section 75

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Amherst, Ohio, January 25, 1832. HC 1:242-245. The occasion was that of a conference previously appointed. At this conference Joseph Smith was sustained and ordained President of the High Priesthood. Certain elders, who had encountered difficulty in bringing men to an understanding of their message, desired to learn more in detail as to their immediate duties. This revelation followed.

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
I who speak even by the voice of my Spirit,
even Alpha and Omega,
your Lord and your God--2

A Harken, O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my gospel, and to prune my vineyard. 3

B₁ Behold, I say unto you that it is my will that you should
go forth and not tarry,
neither be idle
but labor with your might--4
Lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet,
proclaiming the truth
according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you. 5

B₂ And thus, if ye are faithful ye shall be
laden with many sheaves, and
crowned with
honor, and
glory, and
immortality, and
eternal life. 6

C Therefore, verily I say unto my servant William E. McLellin, I revoke the commission which I gave unto him to go unto the eastern countries; 7 And I give unto him a new commission and a new commandment, in the which I, the Lord, chasten him for the murmurings of his heart; 8 And he sinned; nevertheless, I forgive him and say unto him again, Go ye into the south countries. 9

And let my servant Luke Johnson go with him,
and proclaim the things which I have commanded them--10

D Calling on the name of the Lord for the Comforter,
which shall teach them all things that are expedient for them--11
Praying always that they faint not;
and inasmuch as they do this, I will be with them even unto the end. 12
Behold, this is the will of the Lord your God concerning you. Even so. Amen. 13

C And again, verily thus saith the Lord, let my servant Orson Hyde and my servant Samuel H. Smith take their journey into the eastern countries,
and proclaim the things which I have commanded them;
and inasmuch as they are faithful, lo, I will be with them even unto the end. 14

And again, verily I say unto my servant Lyman Johnson, and unto my servant Orson Pratt, they shall also take their journey into the eastern countries;
and behold, and lo, I am with them also, even unto the end. 15

And again, I say unto my servant Asa Dodds, and unto my servant Calves Wilson, that they also shall take their journey unto the western countries,
and proclaim my gospel, even as I have commanded them. 16
And he who is faithful shall overcome all things, and shall be lifted up at the last day. 17

And again, I say unto my servant Major N. Ashley, and my servant Burr Riggs, let them take their journey also into the south country. 18

B₁ Yea, let all those take their journey, as I have commanded them, going from house to house, and from village to village, and from city to city. 19

B₂ And in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you, leave your blessing upon that house. 20

And in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you not,

ye shall depart speedily from that house, and shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them. 21

And you shall be filled with joy and gladness; and know this, that in the day of judgment you shall be judges of that house, and condemn them; 22 And it shall be more tolerable for the heathen in the day of judgment, than for that house;

therefore, gird up your loins and be faithful, and ye shall overcome all things, and be lifted up at the last day. Even so. Amen. 23

A And again, thus saith the Lord unto you, O ye elders of my church, who have given your names that you might know his will concerning you--24

B Behold, I say unto you, that it is the duty of the church

C to assist in supporting the families of those, and also to support the families of those who are called and must needs be sent unto the world to proclaim the gospel unto the world. 25

D Wherefore, I, the Lord, give unto you this commandment, that ye obtain places for your families,

E inasmuch as your brethren are willing to open their hearts. 26

D And let all such as can obtain places for their families,

C and support

B of the church for them, not fail to go into the world, whether to the east or to the west, or to the north, or to the south. 27

A Let them ask and they shall receive, knock

and it shall be opened unto them, and be made known from on high, even by the Comforter, whither they shall go. 28

And again, verily I say unto you, that every man who is obliged to provide for his own family, let him provide, and he shall in nowise lose his crown; and let him labor in the church. 29

Let every man be diligent in all things. And the idler shall not have place in the church, except he repent and mend his ways. 30

Wherefore, let my servant Simeon Carter and my servant Emer Harris be united in the ministry; 31

And also my servant Ezra Thayre and my servant Thomas B. Marsh; 32

Also my servant Hyrum Smith and my servant Reynolds Cahoon; 33

And also my servant Daniel Stanton and my servant Seymour Brunson; 34

And also my servant Sylvester Smith and my servant Gideon Carter; 35

And also my servant Ruggles Eames and my servant Stephen Burnett; 36

And also my servant Micah B. Welton and also my servant Eden Smith. Even so. Amen.

Section 76

A vision given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Hiram, Ohio, February 16, 1832. HC 1:245-252. Prefacing his record of this vision the Prophet wrote: "Upon my return from Amherst conference, I resumed the translation of the Scriptures. From sundry revelations which had been received, it was apparent that many important points touching the salvation of man had been taken from the Bible, or lost before it was compiled. It appeared self-evident from what truths were left, that if God rewarded every one according to the deeds done in the body, the term 'Heaven,' as intended for the Saints' eternal home, must include more kingdoms than one. Accordingly, while translating St. John's Gospel, myself and Elder Rigdon saw the following vision." It was after the Prophet had translated John 5:29 that this vision was given.

- I A Hear, O ye heavens, and give ear, O earth, and rejoice ye inhabitants thereof, for the Lord is God, and beside him there is no Savior. 2
- II₁ B Great is his wisdom, marvelous are his ways,
- C and the extent of his doings none can find out. 3
- D His purposes fail not,
neither are there any who can stay his hand. 4
From eternity to eternity he is the same,
and his years never fail. 5
- II₂ E For thus saith the Lord--I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me,
- E and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end. 6
- D Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory. 7
- C And to them will I reveal all mysteries, yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come,
will I make known unto them
the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom. 8
Yea, even the wonders of eternity
shall they know,
and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations.† 9
- B And their wisdom shall be great,
and their understanding reach to heaven;
and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish,
and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught. 10
- A₁ For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will--
- A₂ yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.† 11

- III B We, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, being in the Spirit on the sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two--12
- A₁ By the power of the Spirit our eyes were opened and our understandings were enlightened, so as to see and understand the things of God--13
- A₂ Even those things which were from the beginning before the world was, which were ordained of the Father,
- B through his Only Begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the Father, even from the beginning; 14
- C Of whom we bear record;
- C and the record which we bear is the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
- B who is the Son,
- A whom we saw and with whom we conversed in the heavenly vision. 15
- B For while we were doing the work of translation, which the Lord had appointed unto us, we came to the twenty-ninth verse of the fifth chapter of John, which was given unto us as follows: 16
- C Speaking of the resurrection of the dead,
- D concerning those who shall hear the voice of the Son of Man: 17 And shall come forth,
- C They who have done good
in the resurrection of the just,
and they who have done evil
in the resurrection of the unjust--18
- B Now this caused us to marvel, for it was given unto us of the Spirit.† 19
- A And while we meditated upon these things, the Lord touched the eyes of our understandings and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about. 20
- B₁ And we beheld the glory of the Son,
- B₂ on the right hand of the Father,
- B₃ and received of his fulness; 21
- B₄ And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before his throne, worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever. 22
- C And now, after the many testimonies
which have been given of him,
this is the testimony, last of all,
which we give of him:
That he lives! 23
- B₁ For we saw him,
- B₂ even on the right hand of God;
- B₃ and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father--24 That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created,†
- B₄ and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God. 25

- IV A And this we saw also, and bear record,
- B₁ that an angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God,
- B₂ who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son whom the Father loved and who was in the bosom of the Father,
- B₃ was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son, 26
- C And was called Perdition, for the heavens wept over him--he was Lucifer,
- D a son of the morning. 27
- E And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen!
- E is fallen,
- D even a son of the morning! 28
- C And while we were yet in the Spirit, the Lord commanded us that we should write the vision; for we beheld Satan, that old serpent,
- B₁ even the devil,
- B₂ who rebelled against God, and sought to take the kingdom of our God and his Christ--29
- B₃ Wherefore, he maketh war with the saints of God, and encompasseth them round about. 30
- A And we saw a vision of the sufferings of those with whom he made war and overcame,
- B for thus came the voice of the Lord unto us: 31 Thus saith the Lord concerning all those who know my power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves through the power of the devil to be overcome, and to deny the truth and defy my power--32
- They are they who are the sons of perdition,
- a of whom I say that
- b it had been better for them never to have been born; 33
For they are vessels of wrath,
doomed to suffer the wrath of God,
with the devil and his angels in eternity; 34
- a Concerning whom I have said
- b there is no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come--35
- c Having denied the Holy Spirit after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten Son of the Father, having crucified him unto themselves and put him to an open shame. 36
- C₁ These are they who shall go away into
- C₂ the lake of fire and brimstone,
- C₃ with the devil and his angels--37

- D And the only ones
 on whom the second death shall have any power; 38 Yea, verily,
 the only ones
 who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his
 wrath. 39
- V E For all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, through the
 triumph and the glory of the Lamb, who was slain,
 F who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made. 40
 G And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens
 bore record unto us--41 That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be
 crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world,
 H and to sanctify the world,
 H and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness; 42
 G That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power
 and made by him; 43
 F Who glorifies the Father,
 E and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son
 after the Father has revealed him. 44
 D Wherefore, he saves all except them--
- VI C₁ they shall go away into
 C₂ everlasting punishment, which is
 endless punishment, which is
 eternal punishment,
 C₃ to reign with the devil and his angels in eternity,
 B a where
 their worm dieth not,
 and the fire is not quenched, which is their torment--45
 And the end thereof,
 neither the place thereof,
 nor their torment,
 b no man knows; 46
 Neither was it revealed,
 neither is,
 neither will be revealed
 unto man,
 c except to them who are made partakers thereof; 47
 d Nevertheless, I, the Lord, show it by vision unto many, but straightway shut it up
 again; 48
 a Wherefore,
 the end,
 the width,
 the height,
 the depth, and
 the misery thereof,

- b they understand not,
neither any man
 - c except those who are ordained unto this condemnation. 49
- A And we heard the voice, saying: Write the vision, for lo, this is the end of the vision of the sufferings of the ungodly. 50
- VII AA A And again we bear record--for we saw and heard, and this is the testimony of the gospel of Christ concerning them who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just--51
- BB B They are they who received the testimony of Jesus, and believed on his name
- C and were baptized after the manner of his burial, being buried in the water in his name,
 - D and this according to the commandment which he has given--52
 - D That by keeping the commandments
 - C they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins,
 - B and receive the Holy Spirit
by the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power; 53
And who overcome by faith,
and are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise,
which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true. 54
- CC A₁ They are they who are the church of the Firstborn. 55
- A₂ They are they into whose hands the Father has given all things--56
- B They are they who are priests and kings,
- C who have received
of his fulness, and
of his glory; 57
 - B And are priests of the Most High, after the order of Melchizedek,[†] which was after the order of Enoch, which was after the order of the Only Begotten Son. 58
- DD A₁ Wherefore, as it is written, they are gods, even the sons of God--59
- A₂ Wherefore, all things are theirs,
whether life or death,
or things present,
or things to come,
all are theirs
and they are Christ's,
and Christ is God's. 60
- B And they shall overcome all things. 61
- EE C Wherefore, let no man glory in man,
- C but rather let him glory in God,
 - B who shall subdue all enemies under his feet. 62
- DD A These shall dwell in the presence of God and his Christ forever and ever. 63

B₁ These are they whom he shall bring with him, when he shall come

B₂ in the clouds of heaven to reign on the earth

B₃ over his people. 64

C These are they who shall
have part
in the first resurrection. 65

These are they who shall
come forth
in the resurrection of the just. 66

B₁ These are they who are come

B₂ unto Mount Zion, and
unto the city of the living God,

B₃ the heavenly place,
the holiest of all. 67

CC B₁ These are they who have come

B₂ to an innumerable company of angels,
to the general assembly and church

B₃ of Enoch, and
of the Firstborn. 68

BB A These are they
whose names are written in heaven, where God and Christ are the judge of all. 69
These are they
who are just men made perfect

B through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,

C who wrought out this perfect atonement

B through the shedding of his own blood. 70

AA A These are they
whose bodies are celestial,
whose glory is that of the sun,
even the glory
of God,
the highest of all,
whose glory
the sun of the firmament is written of as being typical. 71

VII A And again, we saw the terrestrial world, and behold and lo,

B these are they who are of the terrestrial, whose glory
differs from that of the church of the Firstborn who have received the fulness of the Father,
even as that of the moon
differs from the sun in the firmament. 72

C Behold, these are they who died without law; 73

D And also they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached
the gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh; 74

- D Who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it. 75
- C These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men. 76
- B These are they who receive of his glory,
but not of his fulness. 77
These are they who receive of the presence of the Son,
but not of the fulness of the Father. 78
Wherefore, they are bodies terrestrial,
and not bodies celestial,
and differ in glory as the moon
differs from the sun. 79
These are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus;
wherefore, they obtain not the crown over the kingdom of our God. 80
- A And now this is the end of the vision which we saw of the terrestrial, that the Lord commanded us to write
while we were yet in the Spirit. 81
- VI A And again, we saw the glory of the telestial,
- B which glory is that of the lesser, even as the glory of the stars
- C differs from that of the glory of the moon in the firmament. 82
- D These are they who received not the gospel of Christ,
- E neither the testimony of Jesus. 83 These are they who deny not the Holy Spirit. 84
- F These are they who are thrust down to hell. 85
- F These are they who shall not be redeemed from the devil until the last resurrection,
- E until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work. 86
- D These are they who receive not of his fulness in the eternal world,
- C but of the Holy Spirit through the ministration of the terrestrial; 87 And the terrestrial through the
ministration of the celestial. 88
- B And also the telestial receive it of the administering of angels who are appointed to minister for them,
or who are appointed to be ministering spirits for them; for they shall be heirs of salvation. 89
- V A And thus we saw, in the heavenly vision, the glory of the telestial, which surpasses all understanding; 90 And
no man knows it except him to whom God has revealed it. 91
- B And thus we saw the glory of the terrestrial which excels in all things the glory of the telestial, even
in glory, and
in power, and
in might, and
in dominion. 92
- C And thus we saw the glory of the celestial, which excels in all things--
- D where God, even the Father, reigns upon his throne forever and ever; 93 Before whose throne
all things bow in humble reverence, and give him glory forever and ever. 94

E They who dwell in his presence are the church of the Firstborn;
 - and they see as they are seen,
 - and know as they are known,
 - having received of his fulness and of his grace; 95

D And he makes them equal
 in power, and
 in might, and
 in dominion. 96

C And the glory of the celestial is one,
 even as the glory of the sun is one. 97

B And the glory of the terrestrial is one,
 even as the glory of the moon is one. 98

A And the glory of the telectual is one,
 even as the glory of the stars is one;
 for as one star differs from another star in glory,
 even so differs one from another in glory
 in the telectual world; 99

IV B For these are they who are
 of Paul, and
 of Apollos, and
 of Cephas. 100
 These are they who say they are some of one and some of another--
 some of Christ and
 some of John, and
 some of Moses, and
 some of Elias, and
 some of Esaias, and
 some of Isaiah, and
 some of Enoch; 101
 But received
 not the gospel,
 neither the testimony of Jesus,
 neither the prophets,
 neither the everlasting covenant. 102

Last of all, these all are they who will not be
 gathered with the saints, to be
 caught up unto the church of the Firstborn, and
 received into the cloud. 103

These are they who are
 liars, and
 sorcerers, and
 adulterers, and
 whoremongers, and
 whosoever loves and makes a lie. 104

These are they who suffer the wrath of God on earth. 105
 These are they who suffer the vengeance of eternal fire. 106
 These are they who are cast down to hell
 and suffer the wrath of Almighty God, until the fulness of times,