

Section 82

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, in Jackson County, Missouri, April 26, 1832. HC 1:267-269. The occasion was a general council of the Church at which Joseph Smith the Prophet was sustained as the President of the High Priesthood, to which office he had previously been ordained at a conference of high priests, elders, and members, at Amherst, Ohio, January 25, 1832 (see heading to Section 75). Formerly unusual names were used in the publication of this revelation to conceal the identity of the persons named (see heading to Section 78). These unusual names have now been dropped, except in cases where the identification is not known (see verse 11).

- A Verily, verily, I say unto you, my servants, that inasmuch as you have forgiven one another your trespasses, even so I, the Lord, forgive you. 2
- B Nevertheless, there are those among you who have sinned exceedingly; yea, even all of you have sinned;
- C but verily I say unto you, beware from henceforth, and refrain from sin, lest sore judgments fall upon your heads. 3
- D For of him unto whom much is given
much is required;
- E and he who sins against the greater light
shall receive the greater condemnation. 4
- D Ye call upon my name for revelations, and I give them unto you;
and inasmuch as ye keep not my sayings, which I give unto you, ye become transgressors;
- C and justice and judgment are the penalty which is affixed unto my law.† 5
- B Therefore, what I say unto one I say unto all: Watch,
for the adversary spreadeth his dominions, and
darkness reigneth; 6 And
the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the earth; and
none doeth good, for all have gone out of the way. 7
- A And now, verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, will not lay any sin to your charge; go your ways and sin no more; but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God. 8
- And again, I say unto you, I give unto you a new commandment,
that you may understand my will concerning you; 9
- Or, in other words, I give unto you directions how you may act before me,
that it may turn to you for your salvation. 10
- I, the Lord, am bound
when ye do what I say;
but when ye do not what I say,
ye have no promise. 11
- A Therefore, verily I say unto you, that it is expedient for my servants Edward Partridge and Newel K. Whitney, A. Sidney Gilbert and Sidney Rigdon, and my servant Joseph Smith, and John Whitmer and Oliver Cowdery, and W. W. Phelps and Martin Harris, to be bound together by a bond and covenant that cannot be broken by transgression, except judgment shall immediately follow, in your several stewardships--12
- B To manage the affairs of the poor, and all things pertaining to the bishopric both in the land of Zion and in the land of Kirtland; 13 For I have consecrated the land of Kirtland in mine own due time
- C for the benefit of the saints of the Most High, and for a stake to Zion. 14

- D For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness;
her borders must be enlarged;
her stakes must be strengthened;
yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments. 15
- A Therefore, I give unto you this commandment, that ye bind yourselves by this covenant, and it shall be done according to the laws of the Lord. 16 Behold, here is wisdom also in me for your good. 17
- B And you are to be equal, or in other words, you are to have equal claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just--18
- C And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God,
- D that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church--19 Every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. 20

This order I have appointed to be an everlasting order unto you, and unto your successors, inasmuch as you sin not. 21 And the soul that sins against this covenant, and hardeneth his heart against it, shall be dealt with according to the laws of my church, and shall be delivered over to the buffetings of Satan until the day of redemption. 22

And now, verily I say unto you, and this is wisdom, make unto yourselves friends with the mammon of unrighteousness, and they will not destroy you. 23

Leave judgment alone with me, for it is mine and I will repay.

Peace be with you; my blessings continue with you. 24 For even yet the kingdom is yours, and shall be forever, if you fall not from your steadfastness. Even so. Amen.

Section 83

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Independence, Missouri, April 30, 1832. HC 1:269-270. This revelation was received as the Prophet sat in council with his brethren.

- A Verily, thus saith the Lord, in addition to the laws of the church concerning women and children, those who belong to the church, who have lost their husbands or fathers: 2
- B₁ Women have claim on their husbands for their maintenance, until their husbands are taken;
- B₂ and if they are not found transgressors
they shall have fellowship in the church. 3
And if they are not faithful
they shall not have fellowship in the church;
- B₃ yet they may remain upon their inheritances according to the laws of the land. 4
- B₁ All children have claim upon their parents for their maintenance until they are of age. 5
- B₂ And after that, they have claim upon the church, or in other words upon the Lord's storehouse,
- B₃ if their parents have not wherewith to give them inheritances. 6
- A And the storehouse shall be kept by the consecrations of the church; and widows and orphans shall be provided for, as also the poor. Amen.

Section 84

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, September 22 and 23, 1832. HC 1:286-295. During the month of September, elders had begun to return from their missions in the eastern states and to make reports of their labors. It was while they were together in this season of joy that the following communication was received. The Prophet designates it a revelation on priesthood.

- A A revelation of Jesus Christ unto his servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and six elders, as they united their hearts and lifted their voices on high. 2 Yea, the word of the Lord concerning his church, established in the last days
- B for the restoration of his people,
as he has spoken by the mouth of his prophets,
and for the gathering of his saints to stand upon Mount Zion,
- C which shall be the city of New Jerusalem. 3
- D Which city shall be built, beginning at the temple lot, which is appointed by the finger of the Lord, in the western boundaries of the State of Missouri, and dedicated by the hand of Joseph Smith, Jun., and others with whom the Lord was well pleased. 4
- C Verily this is the word of the Lord, that the city New Jerusalem shall be built
- B by the gathering of the saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple,
which temple shall be reared
in this generation. 5
For verily this generation shall not all pass away
until an house shall be built unto the Lord, and a cloud shall rest upon it, which cloud shall be even
the glory of the Lord, which shall fill the house. 6
- A And the sons of Moses,
according to the Holy Priesthood which he received under the hand of his father-in-law, Jethro; 7
And Jethro received it under the hand of Caleb; 8
And Caleb received it under the hand of Elihu; 9
And Elihu under the hand of Jeremy; 10
And Jeremy under the hand of Gad; 11
And Gad under the hand of Esaias; 12
And Esaias received it under the hand of God. 13
Esaias also lived in the days of Abraham, and was blessed of him--14
Which Abraham received the priesthood from Melchizedek,
who received it through the lineage of his fathers, even till Noah; 15
And from Noah till Enoch, through the lineage of their fathers; 16
And from Enoch to Abel, who was slain by the conspiracy of his brother,
who received the priesthood by the commandments of God, by the hand of his father Adam,
who was the first man--17
Which priesthood continueth in the church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days
or end of years. 18
- B And the Lord confirmed a priesthood also upon Aaron and his seed, throughout all their generations,
which priesthood also continueth and abideth forever with the priesthood which is after the holiest order
of God. 19
- A a And this greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the
kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God. 20
- b Therefore, in the ordinances thereof,
the power of godliness is manifest. 21

b And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood,
the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh; 22

a For without this no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live. 23

Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness,
and sought diligently to sanctify his people
that they might behold the face of God; 24

But they hardened their hearts

and could not endure his presence;

therefore, the Lord in his wrath,

for his anger was kindled against them, swore that they should not enter into

his rest while in the wilderness,

which rest is the fulness of his glory. 25

Therefore, he took Moses out of their midst, and the Holy Priesthood also; 26

B And the lesser priesthood continued, which priesthood holdeth the key of
the ministering of angels and
the preparatory gospel; 27 Which gospel is the gospel of

repentance and of

baptism, and

the remission of sins, and

the law of carnal commandments,

which the Lord in his wrath caused to continue with the house of Aaron among the
children of Israel

until John, whom God raised up, being filled with the Holy Ghost from his
mother's womb. 28 For he was baptized while he was yet in his childhood, and
was ordained by the angel of God at the time he was eight days old unto this
power, to overthrow the kingdom of the Jews, and to make straight the way of the
Lord before the face of his people, to prepare them for the coming of the Lord, in
whose hand is given all power. 29

A And again, the offices of elder and bishop are necessary appendages belonging unto the high priesthood. 30

B And again, the offices of teacher and deacon are necessary appendages belonging to the lesser
priesthood, which priesthood was confirmed upon Aaron and his sons. 31

A Therefore, as I said concerning the sons of Moses--for the sons of Moses and also the sons of Aaron shall offer
an acceptable offering and sacrifice

B in the house of the Lord, which house shall be built unto the Lord in this generation,

C upon the consecrated spot as I have appointed--32

D And the sons of Moses and of Aaron shall be filled with the glory of the Lord,

C upon Mount Zion

B in the Lord's house,

A whose sons are ye; and also many whom I have called and sent forth to build up my church. 33

B For whoso is faithful unto

C the obtaining these two priesthoods of which I have spoken,

C and the magnifying their calling,

- B are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies. 34
- A They become
the sons of Moses
and of Aaron and
the seed of Abraham, and
the church
and kingdom,
and the elect of God.† 35
- B And also all they who receive this priesthood receive me, saith the Lord; 36
- C₁ For he that receiveth my servants
receiveth me; 37
And he that receiveth me
receiveth my Father; 38
And he that receiveth my Father
receiveth my Father's kingdom;
- C₂ therefore all that my Father hath shall be given unto him.† 39
- D And this is according to the oath and covenant
- E which belongeth to the priesthood. 40
- E Therefore, all those who receive the priesthood,
- D receive this oath and covenant of my Father, which he cannot break, neither can it be moved. 41
- C₁ But whoso breaketh this covenant after he hath received it, and altogether turneth therefrom,
- C₂ shall not have forgiveness of sins in this world nor in the world to come. 42
- B And wo unto all those who come not unto this priesthood which ye have received,
- A which I now confirm upon you who are present this day, by mine own voice out of the heavens; and even I have given the heavenly hosts and mine angels charge concerning you. 43
- B And I now give unto you a commandment to beware concerning yourselves,
to give diligent heed to the words of eternal life. 44
For you shall live by every word
that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God. 45
For the word of the Lord
is truth,
and whatsoever is truth
is light,
and whatsoever is light
is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 46
- (a) And the Spirit giveth light
to every man that cometh into the world;
- (a) and the Spirit enlighteneth
every man through the world,
- (b) that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit.† 47
- (b) And every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit
(c) cometh unto God, even the Father. 48
(c) And the Father teacheth him of the covenant which he has renewed and

- (d) confirmed upon you, which is
 - (d) confirmed upon you
 - (e) for your sakes, and not
 - (e) for your sakes only, but for the sake of
 - (f) the whole world. 49
- C (f) And the whole world
- (g) lieth in sin, and groaneth under darkness and under the bondage of sin. 50
- D (g) And by this you may know they
- E are under the bondage of sin,
- F (h) because they come not unto me. 51
- F (h) For whoso cometh not unto me
- E (i) is under the bondage of sin. 52
- (i) And whoso receiveth not my voice is not acquainted with my voice, and is not of me. 53
- D (j) And by this you may know the righteous from the wicked,
- C (k) and that the whole world groaneth under sin and darkness even now. 54
- B a (k) And your minds in times past have been darkened
- (l) because of unbelief,
- and because you have treated lightly the things you have received--55
- (l) Which vanity
- and unbelief
- b (m) have brought the whole church
- under condemnation. 56
- (m) And this condemnation
- resteth upon the children of Zion, even all. 57
- c (n) And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember
- the new covenant,
- d even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given
- them,
- c not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written--58 That they may
- bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom;
- b otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of
- Zion. 59
- a For shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.‡ 60
- A Verily, verily, I say unto you who now hear my words, which are my voice, blessed are ye inasmuch as you
- receive these things; 61 For I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment--that you remain steadfast
- in your minds in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world of those things which
- are communicated unto you. 62
- A Therefore, go ye into all the world;
- and unto whatsoever place ye cannot go ye shall send,
- that the testimony may go from you
- into all the world unto every creature. 63

- B And as I said unto mine apostles, even so I say unto you,
 for you are mine apostles,
 even God's high priests;
 ye are they whom my Father hath given me;
 ye are my friends; 64
 Therefore, as I said unto mine apostles I say unto you again,
- C₁ that every soul who
- C₂ believeth on your words,
- C₃ and is baptized by water for the remission of sins,
- C₄ shall receive the Holy Ghost. 65
- C₅ a And these signs shall follow them that believe--66
- b In my name they shall do many wonderful works; 67
- c In my name they shall cast out devils; 68
- d In my name they shall heal the sick; 69
- e In my name they shall open the eyes of the blind,
 e and unstop the ears of the deaf; 70
- e And the tongue of the dumb shall speak; 71
- d And if any man shall administer poison unto them it
 shall not hurt them; 72
- c And the poison of a serpent shall not have power to harm
 them.† 73
- b But a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not boast
 themselves of these things, neither speak them before the world;
- a for these things are given unto you for your profit and for salvation. 74
- C₁ Verily, verily, I say unto you, they who
- C₂ believe not on your words,
- C₃ and are not baptized in water in my name, for the remission of their sins,
- C₄ that they may receive the Holy Ghost,
- C₅ a shall be damned, and shall not come into my Father's kingdom where
 my Father and I am. 75
- b And this revelation unto you, and commandment, is in force from
 this very hour upon all the world, and the gospel is unto all who
 have not received it. 76
- b But, verily I say unto all those to whom the kingdom has been
 given--from you it must be preached unto them, that they shall
 repent of their former evil works;

- a for they are to be upbraided for their evil hearts of unbelief, and your brethren in Zion for their rebellion against you at the time I sent you. 77
- B And again I say unto you, my friends, for from henceforth I shall call you friends, it is expedient that I give unto you this commandment, that ye become even as my friends in days when I was with them, traveling to preach the gospel in my power; 78
- A a For I suffered them not to have purse or scrip, neither two coats. 79
- b Behold, I send you out to prove the world, and the laborer is worthy of his hire. 80
- c And any man that shall go and preach this gospel of the kingdom, and fail not to continue faithful in all things, shall
not be weary in mind,
neither darkened,
neither in body, limb, nor joint;
and a hair of his head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed.
And they shall not go hungry, neither athirst. 81
- d Therefore, take ye no thought
for the morrow,
for what ye shall eat,
or what ye shall drink,
or wherewithal ye shall be clothed. 82
For, consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of the world, in all their glory, are not arrayed like one of these. 83
For your Father, who is in heaven, knoweth that you have need of all these things. 84
Therefore, let the morrow
take thought for the things of itself. 85
- e Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say;
but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life,
and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man. 86
- a Therefore, let no man among you, for this commandment is unto all the faithful who are called of God in the church unto the ministry, from this hour take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom. 87
- b Behold, I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which is to come. 88
- c And whoso receiveth you,
there I will be also, for
I will go before your face.
I will be on your right hand and on your left, and
my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and
mine angels round about you, to bear you up. 89
- d i Whoso receiveth you receiveth me;
- ii and the same
will feed you,
and clothe you,
and give you money. 90