

- B Let not your hearts be troubled; for in my Father's house are many mansions, and I have prepared a place for you; and where my Father and I am, there ye shall be also. 19
- A₁ Behold, I, the Lord, am not well pleased with many who are in the church at Kirtland; 20 For they do not forsake their sins, and their wicked ways, the pride of their hearts, and their covetousness, and all their detestable things,
- A₂ and observe the words of wisdom and eternal life which I have given unto them. 21
- A₃ Verily I say unto you, that I, the Lord,
will chasten them and will do whatsoever I list,

if they do not repent and observe all things whatsoever I have said unto them. 22

And again I say unto you, if ye observe to do whatsoever I command you,

I, the Lord,
will turn away all wrath and indignation from you, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you. 23
- Now, I speak unto you concerning your families--
- AA A if men will smite you, or your families, once, and ye
bear it patiently and
revile not against them,
neither seek revenge,
ye shall be rewarded; 24
- But if ye bear it not patiently,
it shall be accounted unto you as being meted out as a just measure unto you. 25
- And again, if your enemy shall smite you the second time, and
you revile not against your enemy, and bear it patiently,
your reward shall be an hundred fold. 26
- And again, if he shall smite you the third time,
and ye bear it patiently,
your reward shall be doubled unto you four-fold; 27
And these three testimonies shall stand against your enemy if he repent not, and shall not be blotted out. 28
- B And now, verily I say unto you, if that enemy shall escape my vengeance, that he be not brought into judgment before me, then ye shall see to it that ye warn him in my name, that he come no more upon you,
neither upon your family,
even your children's children unto the third and fourth generation. 29
- A And then, if he shall come upon you or your children, or your children's children unto the third and fourth generation,
I have delivered thine enemy into thine hands; 30 And then if thou wilt spare him,
thou shalt be rewarded for thy righteousness; and also thy children and thy children's children unto the third and fourth generation.† 31
- BB Nevertheless, thine enemy is in thine hands;
and if thou rewardest him according to his works thou art justified;
if he
has sought
thy life,

and thy life
is endangered
by him,
thine enemy is in thine hands
and thou art justified. 32

- CC B Behold, this is the law I gave unto
my servant Nephi, and thy fathers, Joseph, and Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham, and all mine
ancient prophets and apostles. 33
And again, this is the law that I gave unto
mine ancients,
- C that they should not go out unto battle against
- D any nation, kindred, tongue, or people,
- E save I, the Lord, commanded them. 34
- D And if any nation, tongue, or people
- C should proclaim war against them,
- B they should first lift a standard of peace unto that people, nation, or tongue; 35
And if that people did not accept the offering of peace, neither the second nor the third time, they
should bring these testimonies
before the Lord; 36
Then I, the Lord,
would give unto them a commandment, and justify them
in going out to battle against that nation, tongue, or people. 37
- BB A And I, the Lord, would fight their battles, and their children's battles, and their children's children's, until they
had avenged themselves on all their enemies, to the third and fourth generation. 38 Behold, this is an
ensample unto all people, saith the Lord your God, for justification before me. 39
- AA A₁ And again, verily I say unto you, if after thine enemy has come upon thee the first time,
he repent and come unto thee praying thy forgiveness,
- A₂ thou shalt forgive him, and shalt hold it no more as a testimony against thine enemy--40
And so on unto the second and third time; and as oft as thine enemy repenteth of the trespass
wherewith he has trespassed against thee, thou shalt forgive him, until seventy times seven. 41
- B And if he trespass against thee
and repent not the first time,
nevertheless thou shalt forgive him. 42
And if he trespass against thee
the second time, and repent not,
nevertheless thou shalt forgive him. 43
And if he trespass against thee
the third time, and repent not,
thou shalt also forgive him. 44
But if he trespass against thee
the fourth time
thou shalt not forgive him,
but shalt bring these testimonies before the Lord; and they shall not be blotted out until
he repent and reward thee four-fold in all things wherewith he has trespassed against
thee. 45
And if he do this,
thou shalt forgive him with all thine heart;
and if he do not this,
I the Lord, will avenge thee of thine enemy an hundred-fold; 46 And upon
his children, and upon his children's children of all them that hate me, unto
the third and fourth generation. 47

A₁ But if the children shall repent, or the children's children, and turn to the Lord their God, with all their hearts and with all their might, mind, and strength, and restore four-fold for all their trespasses wherewith they have trespassed, or wherewith their fathers have trespassed, or their father's fathers,

A₂ then thine indignation shall be turned away; 48 And vengeance shall no more come upon them, saith the Lord thy God, and their trespasses shall never be brought any more as a testimony before the Lord against them. Amen.

Section 99

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to John Murdock, August 1832, at Hiram, Ohio. Although editions of the Doctrine and Covenants beginning with 1876 have listed this revelation as Kirtland, August 1833, earlier editions and other historical records certify to the proper information.

Behold, thus saith the Lord unto my servant John Murdock--

thou art called to go into the eastern countries
 from house to house,
 from village to village, and
 from city to city,
 to proclaim mine everlasting gospel unto the inhabitants thereof, in the midst of persecution
 and wickedness. 2

And who receiveth you receiveth me;
 and you shall have power to declare my word in the demonstration of my Holy Spirit. 3

And who receiveth you as a little child, receiveth my kingdom;
 and blessed are they, for they shall obtain mercy. 4

And whoso rejecteth you shall be rejected of my Father and his house;
 and you shall cleanse your feet in the secret places by the way for a testimony against them. 5

And behold, and lo, I come quickly to judgment, to convince all of their ungodly deeds which they have committed against me, as it is written of me in the volume of the book. 6

And now, verily I say unto you, that it is not expedient that you should go until your children are provided for,
 and sent up kindly unto the bishop of Zion. 7
 And after a few years, if thou desirest of me,
 thou mayest go up also unto the goodly land, to possess thine inheritance; 8
 Otherwise thou shalt continue proclaiming my gospel until thou be taken. Amen.

Section 100

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Perrysburg, New York, October 12, 1833. HC 1:419-421. The two brethren had been long absent from their families and felt some concern about them.

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my friends Sidney and Joseph,
 your families are well;
 they are in mine hands,
 and I will do with them as seemeth me good;
 for in me there is all power. 2

Therefore, follow me, and listen to the counsel which I shall give unto you. 3

A Behold, and lo, I have much people

B in this place,

C in the regions round about;

D and an effectual door shall be opened

C in the regions round about

B in this eastern land. 4 Therefore, I, the Lord, have suffered you to come unto this place;

A for thus it was expedient in me for the salvation of souls. 5

A Therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people;

B speak the thoughts

C that I shall put into your hearts,

D and you shall not be confounded before men; 6

C For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment,

B what ye shall say. 7

A But a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall declare whatsoever thing ye declare
in my name,
in solemnity of heart,
in the spirit of meekness, in all things. 8

And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth
in bearing record unto all things
whatsoever ye shall say. 9

And it is expedient in me that you, my servant Sidney, should be a spokesman unto this people; yea,
verily, I will ordain you unto this calling, even to be a spokesman unto my servant Joseph. 10

And I will give unto him power to be mighty in testimony. 11

And I will give unto thee power to be mighty in expounding all scriptures, that thou mayest be a
spokesman unto him,
and he shall be a revelator unto thee,
that thou mayest know the certainty of all things pertaining to the things of my kingdom on
the earth. 12

Therefore, continue your journey and let your hearts rejoice; for behold, and lo, I am with you even unto
the end. 13

And now I give unto you a word concerning Zion. Zion shall be redeemed, although she is chastened for a
little season. 14

A Thy brethren, my servants Orson Hyde and John Gould, are in my hands; and inasmuch as they keep my
commandments they shall be saved. 15

B Therefore, let your hearts be comforted; for all things shall work together for good to them that walk
uprightly,

C and to the sanctification of the church. 16

C For I will raise up unto myself a pure people,

B that will serve me in righteousness; 17

A And all that call upon the name of the Lord, and keep his commandments, shall be saved. Even so. Amen.

Section 101

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, December 16, 1833. HC 1:458-464. At this time the saints who had gathered in Missouri were suffering great persecution. Mobs had driven them from their homes in Jackson County, and some of them had tried to establish themselves in Van Buren County, but persecution followed them. The main body of the saints was at that time in Clay County, Missouri. Threats of death against individuals of the Church were many. The people had lost household furniture, clothing, livestock, and other personal property, and many of their crops had been destroyed.

- A Verily I say unto you, concerning your brethren who have been afflicted, and persecuted, and cast out from the land of their inheritance--2
- B₁ I, the Lord, have suffered the affliction to come upon them, wherewith they have been afflicted,
- B₂ in consequence of their transgressions; 3
- C Yet I will own them,
- C and they shall be mine in that day when I shall come to make up my jewels. 4
- B₁ Therefore, they must needs be chastened and tried, even as Abraham, who was commanded to offer up his only son. 5 For all those who will not endure chastening, but deny me, cannot be sanctified. 6
- B₂ Behold, I say unto you, there were jarrings, and contentions, and envyings, and strifes, and lustful and covetous desires among them; therefore by these things they polluted their inheritances. 7
- They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; therefore, the Lord their God is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble. 8
- In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but, in the day of their trouble, of necessity they feel after me. 9
- Verily I say unto you, notwithstanding their sins, my bowels are filled with compassion towards them.
- A I will not utterly cast them off; and in the day of wrath I will remember mercy. 10
- A I have sworn, and the decree hath gone forth by a former commandment which I have given unto you,
- B that I would let fall the sword of mine indignation in behalf of my people; and even as I have said, it shall come to pass. 11
- Mine indignation is soon to be poured out without measure upon all nations; and this will I do when the cup of their iniquity is full. 12
- C And in that day all who are found upon the watch-tower, or in other words, all mine Israel, shall be saved. 13

D And they that have been scattered

E shall be gathered. 14

F And all they who have mourned shall be comforted. 15

G And all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned. 16

F Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion;
for all flesh is in mine hands;
be still and know that I am God. 17

E Zion shall not be moved out of her place,

D notwithstanding her children are scattered. 18

C They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return, and come to their inheritances, they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy,

B to build up the waste places of Zion--19

A And all these things that the prophets might be fulfilled. 20

And, behold, there is none other place appointed
than that which I have appointed;
neither shall there be any other place appointed
than that which I have appointed,
for the work of the gathering of my saints--21
Until the day cometh when there is found no more room for them;
and then I have other places
which I will appoint unto them,
and they shall be called stakes, for the curtains or the strength of Zion. 22

A Behold, it is my will, that all they who
call on my name, and
worship me according to mine everlasting gospel, should
gather together, and
stand in holy places; 23 And
prepare for the revelation which is to come,
when the veil
of the covering of my temple,
in my tabernacle,
which hideth the earth,
shall be taken off, and all flesh shall see me together. 24
And every corruptible thing,
both of man,
or of the beasts of the field,
or of the fowls of the heavens,
or of the fish of the sea,
that dwells upon all the face of the earth, shall be consumed; 25
And also that of element shall melt with fervent heat;
and all things shall become new,
that my knowledge and glory may dwell upon all the earth. 26

And in that day
the enmity of man, and
the enmity of beasts, yea,
the enmity of all flesh,
shall cease from before my face. 27

And in that day
 whatsoever any man shall ask, it shall be given unto him. 28

And in that day
 Satan shall not have power to tempt any man. 29
 And there shall be no sorrow because there is no death. 30

In that day
 an infant shall not die until he is old;
 and his life shall be as the age of a tree; 31
 And when he dies he shall not sleep, that is to say in the earth,
 but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye,
 and shall be caught up,
 and his rest shall be glorious. 32

Yea, verily I say unto you, in that day
 when the Lord shall come,
 he shall reveal all things--33
 Things which have passed, and hidden
 things which no man knew,

 things of the earth,
 by which it was made,
 and the purpose
 and the end thereof--34
 Things most precious,
 things that are above, and
 things that are beneath,
 things that are
 in the earth, and
 upon the earth, and
 in heaven. 35

B And all they who suffer persecution for my name, and endure in faith, though they are called to lay down their lives for my sake

C yet shall they partake of all this glory. 36

B Wherefore, fear not even unto death;

A for in this world your joy is not full, but in me your joy is full. 37 Therefore,
 care not for the body,
 neither the life of the body;
 but care for the soul,
 and for the life of the soul. 38

And seek the face of the Lord always,
 that in patience ye may possess your souls,
 and ye shall have eternal life.† 39

B When men are called unto mine everlasting gospel, and covenant with an everlasting covenant,

C they are accounted as the salt of the earth

D and the savor of men; 40

E They are called to be

D the savor of men;

- C therefore, if that salt of the earth lose its savor, behold, it is thenceforth good for nothing only to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men. 41
- B Behold, here is wisdom concerning the children of Zion, even many, but not all; they were found transgressors, therefore they must needs be chastened--42
- A He that exalteth himself
shall be
abased, and
he that abaseth himself
shall be
exalted. 43
- A And now, I will show unto you a parable, that you may know my will concerning the redemption of Zion. 44
- B₁ A certain nobleman had a spot of land, very choice; and he said unto his servants: Go ye unto my vineyard, even upon this very choice piece of land, and
- B₂ plant twelve olive-trees; 45 And
set watchmen round about them,
- B₃ and build a tower,
- B₄ that one may overlook the land round about, to be a watchman upon the tower,
- B₅ that mine olive-trees may not be broken down when the enemy shall come to spoil
and take upon themselves the fruit of my vineyard. 46
- C Now, the servants of the nobleman went and did as their lord commanded them, and planted the olive-trees,
- D and built a hedge round about, and set watchmen,
- E and began to build a tower. 47
- F And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof,
- G they began to say among themselves:
- H And what need hath my lord of this tower? 48
- I And consulted for a long time, saying among themselves:
- H What need hath my lord of this tower,
seeing this is a time of peace? 49
Might not this money be given to the exchangers?
For there is no need of these things. 50
- G And while they were at variance one with another
- F they became very slothful,
- E and they hearkened not unto the commandments of their lord. 51
- D And the enemy came by night, and broke down the hedge; and the servants of the nobleman arose and were affrighted, and fled;
- C and the enemy destroyed their works, and broke down the olive-trees. 52

B₁ Now, behold, the nobleman, the lord of the vineyard, called upon his servants, and said unto them, Why! what is the cause of this great evil? 53 Ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you, and--after ye had

B₂ planted the vineyard, and
built the hedge round about, and
set watchmen upon the walls thereof--

B₃ built the tower also, and

B₄ set a watchman upon the tower, and
watched for my vineyard, and
not have fallen asleep,

B₅ lest the enemy should come upon you? 54 And behold, the watchman upon the tower would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off; and then ye could have made ready and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer. 55

A And the lord of the vineyard said unto one of his servants:
Go and gather together the residue of my servants,
and take all the strength of mine house,
which are my warriors,
my young men, and they that are of middle age also
among all my servants,
who are the strength of mine house,
save those only whom I have appointed to tarry; 56

And go ye straightway unto the land of my vineyard,
and redeem my vineyard;
for it is mine; I have bought it with money. 57

Therefore, get ye straightway unto my land;
break down the walls of mine enemies;
throw down their tower, and
scatter their watchmen. 58

And inasmuch as they gather together against you, avenge me of mine enemies, that by and by I may come with the residue of mine house and possess the land. 59

And the servant said unto his lord:
When shall these things be? 60

And he said unto his servant:

When I will;

go ye straightway, and do all things whatsoever I have commanded you; 61

And this shall be my seal and blessing upon you--a faithful and wise steward in the midst of mine house, a ruler in my kingdom. 62

And his servant went straightway, and did all things whatsoever his lord commanded him; and after many days all things were fulfilled. 63

B₁ Again, verily I say unto you, I will show unto you wisdom in me concerning all the churches,

B₂ inasmuch as they are willing to be guided in a right and proper way

B₃ for their salvation--64

- C That the work of the gathering together of my saints may continue, that I may build them up unto my name upon holy places;
 for the time of harvest is come,
 and my word must needs be fulfilled. 65
 Therefore, I must gather together my people,
 according to the parable of the wheat and the tares, that the wheat may be secured in the garners to possess eternal life, and be crowned with celestial glory,
 when I shall come in the kingdom of my Father to reward every man according as his work shall be; 66 While the tares shall be bound in bundles, and their bands made strong, that they may be burned with unquenchable fire. 67
 Therefore, a commandment I give unto all the churches, that they shall continue to gather together unto the places which I have appointed. 68
- D Nevertheless, as I have said unto you in a former commandment, let not your gathering be in haste, nor by flight;
- E but let all things be prepared before you. 69
- E And in order that all things be prepared before you,
- D observe the commandment which I have given concerning these things--70
- C a Which saith, or teacheth, to purchase all the lands with money, which can be purchased for money, in the region round about the land which I have appointed to be the land of Zion,
 b for the beginning of the gathering of my saints; 71
- a All the land which can be purchased in Jackson county, and the counties round about, and leave the residue in mine hand. 72
- b Now, verily I say unto you, let all the churches gather together all their moneys; let these things be done in their time, but not in haste; and observe to have all things prepared before you. 73
- a And let honorable men be appointed, even wise men, and send them to purchase these lands. 74
- B₁ And the churches in the eastern countries, when they are built up,
- B₂ if they will hearken unto this counsel they may buy lands and gather together upon them;
- B₃ and in this way they may establish Zion. 75
- A There is even now already in store sufficient, yea, even an abundance,
 to redeem Zion, and
 establish her waste places, no more to be thrown down,
 were the churches, who call themselves after my name, willing to hearken to my voice. 76
- A And again I say unto you, those who have been scattered by their enemies,
- B it is my will that they should continue to importune for redress, and redemption,
- C by the hands of those who are placed as rulers and are in authority over you--77
- D According to the laws and constitution of the people,
- E which I have suffered to be established,

- F and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles; 78
- G That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity,
- H according to the moral agency which I have given unto him,
- G that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment. 79
- F Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another. 80
- E And for this purpose have I established
- D the Constitution of this land,
- C by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose,
- B and redeemed the land
- A by the shedding of blood. 81
- A Now, unto what shall I liken the children of Zion? I will liken them unto the parable of the woman and the unjust judge,
- B for men ought always to pray and not to faint,
- C which saith--82 There was in a city a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man. 83
- D And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him saying: Avenge me of mine adversary. 84
- C And he would not for a while, but afterward he said within himself: Though I fear not God, nor regard man,
- B yet because this widow troubleth me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 85
- A Thus will I liken the children of Zion. 86
- Let them importune at the feet of the judge; 87
 And if he heed them not,
 let them importune at the feet of the governor; 88
 And if the governor heed them not,
 let them importune at the feet of the president; 89
 And if the president heed them not,
 then will the Lord arise and come forth out of his hiding place,
 and in his fury
 vex the nation; 90 And
 in his hot displeasure, and
 in his fierce anger,
 in his time,
 will cut off those
 wicked,
 unfaithful, and
 unjust stewards,
 and appoint them their portion among
 hypocrites, and
 unbelievers; 91
 Even in outer darkness, where there is
 weeping, and
 wailing, and
 gnashing of teeth. 92

Pray ye, therefore,
 that their ears may be opened unto your cries,
 that I may be merciful unto them,
 that these things may not come upon them. 93

What I have said unto you must needs be,
 - that all men may be left without excuse; 94
 - That wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have never considered; 95
 - That I may proceed to
 bring to pass
 my act,
 my strange act, and
 perform
 my work,
 my strange work,
 that men may discern between the righteous and the wicked,
 saith your God. 96

A And again, I say unto you, it is contrary to my commandment and my will that my servant Sidney Gilbert should sell my storehouse,

B which I have appointed unto my people,
 into the hands of mine enemies. 97
 Let not that which I have appointed
 be polluted by mine enemies,
 by the consent of those who call themselves after my name; 98

C For this is a very sore and grievous sin against me, and against my people, in consequence of those things which I have decreed and which are soon to befall the nations. 99

A Therefore, it is my will that my people should claim, and hold claim upon that

B which I have appointed unto them,
 though they should not be permitted to dwell thereon. 100
 Nevertheless, I do not say they shall not dwell thereon;
 for inasmuch as they bring forth fruit and works meet for my kingdom
 they shall dwell thereon. 101
 They shall build,
 and another shall not inherit it;
 they shall plant vineyards,
 and they shall eat the fruit thereof. Even so. Amen.

Section 102

Minutes of the organization of the first high council of the Church, at Kirtland, Ohio, February 17, 1834. HC 2:28-31. The original minutes were recorded by Elders Oliver Cowdery and Orson Hyde. Two days later, the minutes were corrected by the Prophet, read to the high council, and accepted by the council. Verses 30-32, having to do with the Council of the Twelve Apostles, were added by the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1835 when he prepared this section for publication in the Doctrine and Covenants.

A This day a general council of twenty-four high priests assembled at the house of Joseph Smith, Jun., by revelation,

B and proceeded to organize the high council of the church of Christ,

C which was to consist of twelve high priests, and one or three presidents as the case might require. 2