

## HOW THE LORD WOULD HAVE US THINK AND FEEL ABOUT ZION

That which follows is a message from the Lord which I believe should have come to the prayer and testimony meeting at the "Seminar on Zion", held at the University of Pittsburgh April 1-3, 1966. The basic concepts of this message came to me in the very early part of March, and were repeated with a growing spiritual testimony, until about a week before the actual gathering, when the urge to speak began to leave me. There was simply no place where it could fit in, so tightly was the program organized.

I have felt on the way home and since, that I should commit to paper that which had come to me as a personal exercise in the use of the gift of prophecy. Perhaps, there may be a few among my many friends who would care to read, or listen to its being read, and might find inspiration in its contents. Between four and five A.M. Tuesday, the fifth, waking, I was strongly impressed to arise and write.

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

It is both a thrilling and fearful experience to speak in the name of the Lord. Realizing this I am reminded of a vision that came to me several years ago. I beheld the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove even as happened the day Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. This indescribably beautiful creature flew over so gracefully through the air and gently alighted on my shoulder, and then very lovingly reached across the left side of my face and tenderly touched my lips. Perceiving the hand of my Lord and Savior is laid on my shoulder, and that I should speak for Him, I sense how great is my need that this same Spirit should touch my mind and my lips that I may truly present that which the Lord would have me express.

### THE MESSAGE

From that altogether beautiful and marvelous place where I dwell, in the grand presence of the Everlasting Father, I, the Lord Jesus, your elder brother, desire through My Spirit and the voice of My servant, to speak to you, My children of earth. At the very beginning of your service of prayer and testimony, I would that I might come to you in mighty power bearing a holy gift from the one you call Heavenly Father. I would enter into the mind and heart of each one, melting away the reservations that so greatly hinder My people in what they do about Zion.

I, the Lord, am pleased that you concern yourselves about Zion. I am pleased with My daughter whose sense of urgency caused her to take the steps which have led to this seminar. I am pleased with My servants of the ministry who have gladly supported this effort. I am pleased that My servants, Arthur Oakman and Raymond Zinzer have tried as best they could to inspire, to enlighten, and to fill with a strong sense of urgency, the lives of all who have set under the light and enthusiasm of their ministry. The need for all they have done, and much more than they have done, is very great indeed.

It has been the high intention and exalted purpose of My Father and Myself, from the very beginning of life on earth, that My sons and My daughters should live together in the holy environment of Zion. Yet I am distressed, and the heavens weep when centuries and milleniums go by, and the generations of men rise and pass away, and only twice in the long history of man have My sons and My daughters lived so close to Me that in the finest of exalted living, Zion has come to be. How much longer must I wait, dismayed that the grand ideals of Zion are not achieved?

Verily, verily, I say unto you, if My people whom I love continue to delay, to hesitate, to dedicate themselves to the things of this your world, they, you, will do so at their and your peril. The prophets of the ages past, and of your dispensation have clearly foreseen and foretold the times of trouble, of wickedness, and of destruction that will characterize the last days prior to My coming. I, Myself, have foretold that in the days before My return to the earth, that the "abomination of desolation" would prevail. I have warned you that the hearts of men would fail them, and that they would look forth in fear because of all they would see coming to pass on the earth. Behold, Satan is raging in the affairs of mankind. Will My people fail Me? Will the time come when you, my people, will cry out as did My captive people in Babylon "how can we sing the Lord's song in a wicked land"?

Now you see with your own eyes, these conditions around you which the prophets have foretold would cause destruction and catastrophe. You know that within one hour a ghastly rain of instruments of widespread destruction can come down out of the heavens, causing millions to lose their lives in a holocaust of near annihilation. You do not know, as I the Lord know of secret means, and forces, and instruments, and facilities in the thoughts and hands and arsenals of your wicked men and nations which are more terrible than those you know. Oh, my chosen people, must it be that you, because of lack of dedication, and concern, and of spirituality, that you, too, shall go down to destruction with Babylon the Great which shall fall. Within one hour shall it fall. Consider and remember, even as in agony of spirit you behold these things, that if Satan and the wicked people deceived by him have their way, My truth and My people will perish from the earth. How can you, My Saints, tarry in the ways of the world? How can you help but give yourselves to the holy cause of Zion, when the World's need and your need is so almost expressibly vast?

Hear me, oh My chosen people, for even beyond these needs, I, the Lord, long to see the splendor of holy communities of Zion shine out to a distressed world. Yea, yea, My people, there is not one, not one single community in the wide, wide world to which the sorrowing, noblehearted sons and daughters of men in all of the world can turn, and perceive and say: "God dwells with these men and women of Zion. The ways and truths of Jesus Christ are lived and exemplified there. These are living on a very high level of spiritual development. These are at peace and they love one another."

Oh, My people, in the face of this your high destiny and in view of all, I, the Lord would do for you and through you, how can you possibly give yourselves to less than My Zion, that Zion that I would have to be the light of the world?

Oh My sons and My daughters, those whose years are adorning your heads with gray and white, My younger men and women with the responsibilities of parenthood, My young people with the outreach and vigor of youth, as you listen and your hearts are made tender by the pleading manifestation of My Spirit, yea, as all of you are lifted up to bask in the scintillating light and intelligence and glory that My and your Everlasting Father will so graciously and gladly share with you, yea all of you who love Me, yet cannot help but be somewhat dismayed as you consider the seemingly insurmountable difficulties in achieving Zion in this your perplexed and distressed age - hear Me, even I Who am the Lord, Jesus Christ, even I who was present when the foundations of the earth were laid, IF YOU WILL BUT GIVE YOURSELVES COMPLETELY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MY LOFTY PURPOSE, ZION SHALL RAPIDLY AND GRANDLY FULFILL HER DESTINY.

## HOW THE LORD WOULD HAVE US FEEL ABOUT ZION

My hesitant, My needy people, I love with a love that is far above any earthly love. I long for you to arise and come unto Me. I yearn over you infinitely more than a mother yearns over the welfare of her child. My servant has not words to describe the intensity of this My longing and My yearning. Come unto Me, unto the One Who has such high hopes for you. I will to grandly nurture with that incomparable food that comes down from heaven. In an indescribably marvelous communion with Me, and under a grand prophetic illumination, there shall open up to you the grandest of all destinies. Zion is the goal of the ages; upon Zion will I lavish the tremendousness of My love.

Thus, through My servant, do I, the Lord, open up to you how I would have you think and feel about Zion.

Even so, Amen.

I, who am the recipient of this gift and experience, thus testify to you my brothers and sisters of the church.

Written April 5 to 9, 1966 at Kirtland, Ohio.

signed,

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## HOW THE LORD WOULD HAVE US FEEL ABOUT ZION

Behold, I, the Lord, plead with you:

-----How many have fully transformed themselves, eliminating all selfishness from your personalities?

-----How many homes are Zion's Homes, where a holy love prevails, where there is no harshness, where children are taught by word and example to love their Lord and to love the holy ideals of Zion?

-----How many of your congregations are at peace, living on a high level of spiritual experiences, by which I, the Lord, am lifting them up?

-----Ask yourselves, is the church as a whole living on exalted levels of spiritual experience, perception, and ever enlarging comprehension of that truth which centers in the Everlasting Father and Myself? Or are My people trusting almost entirely in human wisdom and the sin of flesh?

Your answers to these questions will either exalt you or judge you when all shall stand before Me in the day of judgment.

My people, if you will listen to My voice, even the voice of the Good Shepherd, and come repentantly unto Me, if you will call upon Him who created you, in Mighty Prayer, I, the Lord Jesus, will make a covenant with you, yea, a covenant that will not fail.

Your individual personalities will be grandly transformed.

Your home will become homes of extraordinary saintliness, even homes where I, the Lord, and the angels could come and not feel out of place. Your children will be truly nurtured, and they will love Me, and they will become children of Zion, and they will give themselves to its upbuilding.

Your congregations shall become truly a part of Zion; and I, the Lord, will pour out My Spirit upon them and upon you.

My people as a church will I enable to live on lofty plains of understanding and intelligence: yea, I will bless them with expanding, grandly uplifting, profoundly inspiring, gifts of My Spirit, even scores of spiritual gifts.

My people shall become spiritually radiant far beyond all that the earth knows or has ever known.

Behold, I will cause My School of the Prophets to arise, based upon the pattern I have given you and will give. Then shall My ministry truly become a prophetic ministry. And they shall go forth in very great and mighty power. The fullest redemption of Zion can only be brought to pass as "ENDOWMENT" shall come to My people.

Finest of all, I the Lord Jesus will come unto you. From the exalted presence of Him Who is grandest and noblest of all, will I come. Yea, as foretold by Malachi, I will suddenly come to My temple. I will set My church in order. I shall instruct and endow My servants who will purify and prepare themselves. Thus shall My work be quickened in spiritual power, and by a heavenly righteousness.

Oh My people, My saints of latter days, I long to covenant with you. If you in these ways, and in such ways as your ennobled desires shall suggest to you, will unflinchingly, and earnestly, and in the spirit of finest consecration, reach out and up to Me, I will unflinchingly reach out to you. I will bless you as My people have never been blessed. Zion will rise in splendor and extraordinary beauty, and her radiancy and her glory shall shine out in growing power. Through Zion will I show a dying world how good, how gracious, how loving, how exalting life can be when the sons and daughters of men labor together and cooperate within me, I, Who am the Son of God, and I, Who can bless them with the marvelous powers of Heaven.