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The Endowment Series - Card 1

By Arthur Oakman (Endowment Series p. 101-102)

Oakman: "This church was conceived by the ministry of angels. It was not brought forth by human instrumentality except as Joseph Smith and those around him responded to the ministry to those who were from above. It was Moroni, Peter, James and John, and John the Baptist who appeared to him. It was from these brethren that Joseph received his call and ordination to the priesthood and under the continual guidance of those who were from above, the church moved in the discharge of its responsibility. Brethren, never let us forget that the hope of the Kingdom does not rest here below with men on the earth outside of the Church. It rests with men who are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Our communion is with them. And as the writer to the Hebrews said, *"Ye are come unto Mount Sion...to an innumerable company of angels (Hebrews 12:22)."* That is to whom we have come.

Overshadowing this world there is an innumerable company of those who have gone on before...men of faith who wrought righteousness, who under the power of God by exercise of their faith wrought and subdued every principality and power that stood in the way of the accomplishment of the work of God. This is the heritage of the servants of God...What does it say of the power of the Melchisedec priesthood? *To have the heavens open unto them, to commune with God, with Jesus Christ, and have the communion of the Church of the First Born (D&C 104:9b).* This comes as a result of continual, careful study, fasting, praying, and continual unremitting search for truth which are from above."

In the above statements, Bro. Oakman reminds us what is possible if our priesthood will fully commit themselves to the cause of Christ. As we continue forward into the New Year may the women of the church, not only work in their designated areas of responsibilities but may we uphold the priesthood in mighty prayer, that the endowment may flow down upon the priesthood and the church as a whole, that all may be edified, and Zion established. Pray for the priesthood, pray for the church, pray for the endowment and pray for Zion. The solemn assembly was just the first step in the windows of heaven being opened. Our continued dedication and prayers are a part of that process. Doctrine and Covenants 65 is called a *revelation on prayer to the church* and we are told to pray for Zion.



The Endowment Series - Card 2

Taken from Lecture 5 by Arthur Oakman - Compiled by Pat Chadwick

Oakman says: “I remember as a small boy hearing my paternal grandmother telling the family that the night before she had a vision. She had seen the place on earth from which the City of Enoch had been taken. In my impressionable mind it stayed with me, and it is still with me to this day...She bore testimony that she knew the City of Enoch was real and was concerned with what was transpiring on the earth. The city of Enoch, this innumerable company of angels, are men who have labored upon the earth; and into that city have gathered since that time those who through their faith have found redemption. They are waiting to return to the earth to claim their inheritance. The world has not been cleansed to be made a fit place for their habitation before this because God in His mercy has seen fit to restrain the devouring flood of destruction in order that some few of His children might repent and create upon this earth a fit counterpart—so that heaven and earth could come together, and the sons of God be tried so as by fire”

Oakman then speaks of the order of the Everlasting Covenant of the Holy Priesthood and says: “By faith they should have power to work righteousness, to subdue kingdoms and principalities, to set at defiance the armies of the earth, to break every band, and to stand in the presence of God. Can you imagine us doing these things? When we read of the privileges and the powers which are attached to the Melchisedec priesthood—what lies before us and what is possible of achievement through faith—we cannot but bow our heads and say, ‘*Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief (Mark 9:21).*’ This is the power by which the Kingdom of Zion shall be brought to pass. It is the power of God; and it centers in that radiant company, the company of the redeemed—who wait in their place until the day shall come when God shall say, ‘It is enough’ Then shall they return to the earth and have place until the end comes.”

Oakman asks us, “Can you imagine these things?” Can we? Are we ready as a people for the tasks that are before us? Are we ready for Enoch’s City? If not, why not? God has warned us over & over that the time is short. We must move forward in our preparation. Let us be mighty in prayer, fasting and study that = The Windows of Heaven Will Be Opened and the Promised Blessings Poured Out, that we Might Be Made Ready! Now is the Time for Action!!



The Endowment Series - Card 3

Taken from Lecture 5 by Arthur Oakman - Compiled by Pat Chadwick



After outlining the signs of the times and the wars and rumors of war, Jesus said, *“And Again, this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness...and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:32 & Mark 13:36).”* How can the gospel of the Kingdom be preached in all the world for the witness until there is a visible Kingdom of which witness could be borne? Then He said, *“The Son of man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet (Matthew 24:40).”* Before the coming of the Son of man, we men of the ministry may expect the visitation of a glorious retinue of those who have gone before.

On the third day of April, 1836...in the Kirtland Temple, Oliver Cowdrey and Joseph Smith dropped the veils behind the pulpits and knelt down in solemn and earnest prayer. There appeared to them the Son of man, glorious in His description, exactly as He is described in the book of Revelations. Then Elijah, whose function was to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers and the fathers to the children. (Church History 2:46-47) That power to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers is in this Church. Who are the fathers? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are our fathers.

What was the promise to them which would be planted in our hearts? *In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (Genesis 22:22).* That was the primary promise.

This is still the purpose of God, that in the midst of the nations there shall be a revelation not alone of social justice, but a revelation on the Kingdom of God socially—for Christ is the Savior of society as well as the Savior of individuals. So it was that Jesus talked to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdrey and told them that He should come and send His angels before Him. In the Kirtland Temple not only Elijah appeared, but Moses appeared to them and gave them the keys of gathering the 12 tribes of Israel. And Elias the restorer appeared to them and committed to them the keys of the restoration of all things. Those men had converse with spiritual powers which are not of this world...This church must recapture the genius which made that possible!

Last Days Experiences – Card 1

Taken from a message given by Karl Anderson, Knob Noster Restoration Branch 2-23-2020

Karl, in preparation to preach was considering the conditions in the church and some of the messages given to the church by his grandfather, Apostle Joseph Luff. Two in particular; one being the song *Admonition* and the other a message in poetic verse called the *Arraignment*.



Karl says: According to Webster, Arraignment means = To call or set a prisoner at the bar of a court to answer the matter charged against him. An indictment for information. When called, the indictment is read to him, and he is to plead guilty or not guilty...I was overcome by the good Spirit as I considered that and the thought came, “The church is being brought to an arraignment, and the charges have been brought against her and her sons for the condition of the church.” I was overcome by the message that God was indicting each of us, and the church, and the nation, and that we were called to give an account.

As I considered the church and how it would be arraigned, there was recalled to my mind these words. *And his people wrought righteousness, and obtained heaven, and sought for the city of Enoch which God had before taken, separating it from the earth, having reserved it unto the latter days, or the end of the world; And hath said, and sworn with an oath, that the heavens and the earth should come together; and the sons of God should be tried so as by fire (Genesis 14:34-35).* I’d read this scripture many times, possibly as you have, and many others scriptures about the trial of our faith. I always considered that trial to be a testing. I understand it now to be an arraignment.

Not only is the church to be tried and tested for her faithfulness, but she must be arraigned before the bar of God.

And so, I prayed about that all morning long, and so this was my question, “What would you say to your church in light of that which I have experienced?” As I prayed for the church at large, I was visited by a manifestation of the Spirit, much stronger, much more potent than before. The Spirit fell upon me in great power. (To be continued on next month’s card...)

The Endowment Series - Card 4

Taken from Lecture 5 by Arthur Oakman - Compiled by Pat Chadwick



Elijah has appeared to the men of this generation. In their priesthood has been bestowed the longing and the promise of Zion and the power and the capacity to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers and the fathers to their children. This we received from above---it did not originate upon the earth or among men. If I were to ask you, what is the covenant with us in these Last Days, I wonder what the response would be? It is, *“I (the Lord) hold forth and deign to give you greater riches, even a land of promise...upon which there shall be no curse when the Lord cometh...and this shall be my covenant with you, Ye shall have it for the land of your inheritance, and for the inheritance of your children forever (Doctrine & Covenants 38:4d-f).”*

Brethren, there has to be an economic basis for the demonstration of righteousness in a social way in these latter days. There has to be means on the earth by which the City of Zion is sustained, and not only that, a means by which the earth itself is sanctified.

The gathering is just as important today as it was in the day when Joseph Smith was here among us...you know the promise, “*Zion shall not be moved out of her place, notwithstanding her children are scattered, they...shall return...with songs of everlasting joy (Doctrine & Covenants 98:4g).*”...I believe that every branch of this church should be a clearinghouse for the gathering in which people of the church practice the laws of stewardship one with another. If they practice the laws of stewardship in the places where they are, they shall be prepared to come to the Center Place to make the glorious demonstration of righteousness. *And righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine own elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare; an holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion; a New Jerusalem (Genesis 7:70).*

Last Days Experiences – Card 2

Taken from a message given by Karl Anderson, Knob Noster Restoration Branch 2-23-2020

As I prayed for the church at large, I was visited by a manifestation of the Spirit...The Spirit fell upon me in great power...suddenly the Spirit brought me to the top of a battleship on which I had previously stood.

From my vantage point, I could see the mooring pins on the ship. The immense size caused me to marvel, as they did when I had actually stood there, the pins dwarfed me. And around those mooring pins, if you can imagine, was a great chain used to moor the ship to the dock. And the links and the chain were bigger than I was. And so we took a picture of that. And now, the Spirit had carried me back to that vantage point on top of the ship. I was struck by the overall scale of the ship, its size, its dimensions, its mooring pins. Then the Spirit spoke to me these words, **“IS THE SHIP SAFELY MOORED?”**

I was made aware that the ship was the *church*, and I was caused to consider whether or not she was safely moored. Was she safe in harbor and moored safely to the dock? Then I heard these words, as if a warning, **“BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES.”** Batten down the hatches is a nautical term which literally means = **secure the ship’s hatch and tarpaulins, especially when rough weather IS EXPECTED. Prepare it for difficulty or crises.**

I was again flooded by the Holy Spirit, now stronger than before. I couldn’t shake the thought that the warning was coming to the church to prepare it for the storm ahead and for the coming crises. Then suddenly as I dwelt upon those words, it was recalled to my mind that the ship upon which I stood was the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor. A couple years previously, I remembered Margie and I going to Pearl Harbor visiting the memorial there, and also seeing the Arizona where it sunk, and then going to the USS Missouri and boarding the battleship. (Experience to be continued on next month’s card.)

Last Days Experiences – Card 3

Taken from a message given by Karl Anderson, Knob Noster Restoration Branch 2-23-2020

I remember it was on the USS Missouri that President Truman signed the treaty, ending the war with Japan...He insisted that if the war was to be ended, that the treaty had to be signed on the USS Missouri.

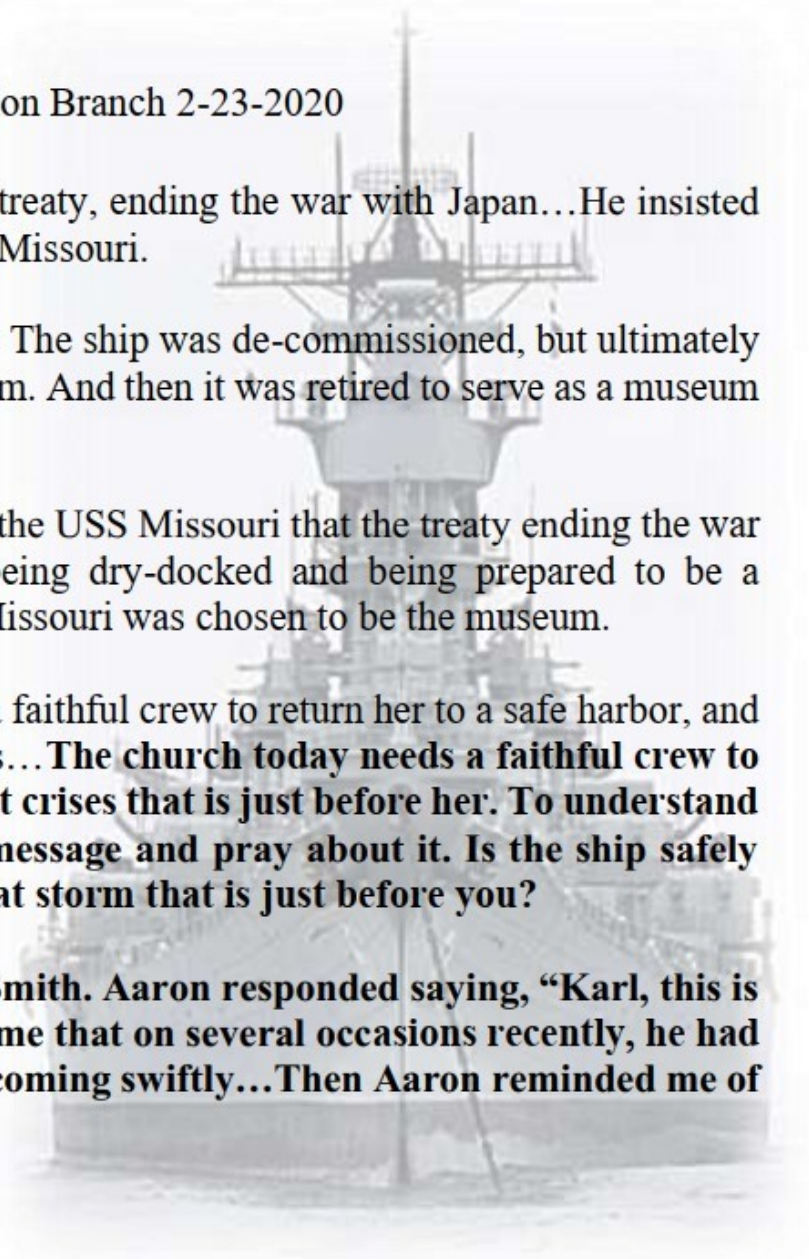
I looked up the USS Missouri, and the first thing I was presented with was: The ship was de-commissioned, but ultimately re-commissioned in 1986 to provide support for the Gulf War—Desert Storm. And then it was retired to serve as a museum representing her faithful service in multiple wars.

Can you see the parallels? I can't begin to tell you the parallels...It was on the USS Missouri that the treaty ending the war was signed and it being re-commissioned for one final battle before being dry-docked and being prepared to be a representation of its faithful service. Of all the Iowa class battleships, the Missouri was chosen to be the museum.

Why is it docked today? Why was it de-commissioned? The church needs a faithful crew to return her to a safe harbor, and to moor her tightly and prepare her to be a monument of God's faithfulness...**The church today needs a faithful crew to bring it to safe harbor and to moor it for the coming storm and the great crises that is just before her. To understand that, you will have to pray about it...I want you to think about this message and pray about it. Is the ship safely moored? And are you prepared to batten down the hatches for the great storm that is just before you?**

I was then prompted to share the experience with my brother, Aaron Smith. Aaron responded saying, "Karl, this is a confirmation to me of what is about to unfold." He then shared with me that on several occasions recently, he had had several experiences telling him that judgment is coming—and it's coming swiftly...Then Aaron reminded me of an experience shared in a sermon by Ed Story...about a ship.

(To be continued...)





The Endowment Series - Card 5



Taken from Lecture 6 by Arthur Oakman - Compiled by Pat Chadwick

If I were to choose a text it would be: *And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; And if they endure unto the end, they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb (I Nephi 3: 187-188).* **This is the promise given to the men and women of this day...** I know this is a difficult day, a day when men's hearts are failing them for fear, but it ought not to be so among you. Your brethren have the assurances of the gospel of Jesus Christ that the forces of destruction shall not be permitted to engulf the world as to make impossible the redemption of Zion and the completion of the task in which you are engaged. I can bear personal testimony that God is able to save to the uttermost those who put their trust in Him. **The endowment will come when we extend ourselves.** *Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves...But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned (Doctrine & Covenants 58:6d, f).*

Gentlemen there are people lying upon beds of affliction in this city, who I am sure could be healed if there were more virtue in the Church. And where will that virtue come from, except it is through the discipline that we ourselves voluntarily undertake in the cause of Christ?

Remember: *And if it so be that you should labor all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father (Doctrine & Covenants 16:3f)!*

The Endowment Series - Card 6

Taken from Lecture 6 by Arthur Oakman - Compiled by Pat Chadwick

“In 1833 the early saints were driven out of Independence...Joseph Smith was told to gather 500 young men from the eastern states and to go on a journey from Kirtland to Jackson County (DC 100)...Instead of 500 responding to the call 198 responded. So, 302 men said, “We will wait and see if this prospers before we venture our wealth and our lives in it.”

Suppose that 500 had responded and suppose in the discipline of the journey from Kirtland to Independence, they had many marvelous experiences. If they had entered Jackson County peacefully, they might have redressed the balance of power here—had they kept the law. The Lord said, **‘Wherefore a commandment I give unto you, to prepare and organize yourselves by a bond or everlasting covenant that cannot be broken...that the church may stand independent above all other creatures beneath the celestial world (Doctrine & Covenants 77:2d-e).’** Oakman then comments: How it would have changed the world, if 500 had responded to Joseph’s call to go to Missouri, even to the point that the 2 great World Wars might have not taken place. We have to assume some responsibility for what goes on in the world.

Satanic majesty is determined that the purposes of God shall not be fulfilled. But in spite of all, it will be fulfilled. God is determined...there should be a demonstration of social justice.

In this section Oakman asks: ‘You be the judge of your own life and ask yourself, “Have I done all that I possibly could to advance the cause of Christ?” And let the answer stimulate you to redouble your efforts in His cause that others might come to know of the glory of God.”



Are we ready to redouble our efforts in seeking to build up the Kingdom of God? If not, why not? Will you commit to giving your all in this great cause? The world awaits a people and a city set on a hill to show them the way. Come let us become that people and build that city!



Last Days Experiences – Card 5

Message given by Karl Anderson, Knob Noster Restoration Branch 2-23-2020

(Karl's experience continued)...In the experience that Ed had, he said John told him that the church had the prevailing winds in its masts. Do you know what that means? You have to be a sailor to really understand this, but from what little I could learn, that a ship takes the winds, the prevailing winds, no matter what direction they are in and turns those winds and uses it to propel itself through the storm. **Do you see the parallel? The church has to have the prevailing winds to get through the storm. But it has to be able to navigate them. And the crew is not sufficient for the day.**



There is going to be a great arraignment. The sons of God are going to be tried. And then there will be great judgment. **The church has not yet taken its final voyage. The voyage is just ahead. The church must be prepared for the coming storm. She must be moored safely against the crisis, so that she will be able to survive. And as she survives, she will be able to make her final voyage and she will stand as a true testament of her faithfulness. You, brothers and sisters, are the church.**

I pray you will consider the message...It's now in the mouth of 3 witnesses. I pray the Lord will witness to you...the coming crises is only a storm—and if the prevailing winds are in our masts, and we are prepared to receive it, it will propel us on through our final voyage. And she will safely return to Zion's harbor. **My testimony to you this morning is: The ship will return. The question is—will you be aboard it? The Lord has many promises for you. Many blessings await, even in the midst of the storm. He will ride beside you, but you must prepare.**

The Endowment Series - Card 7

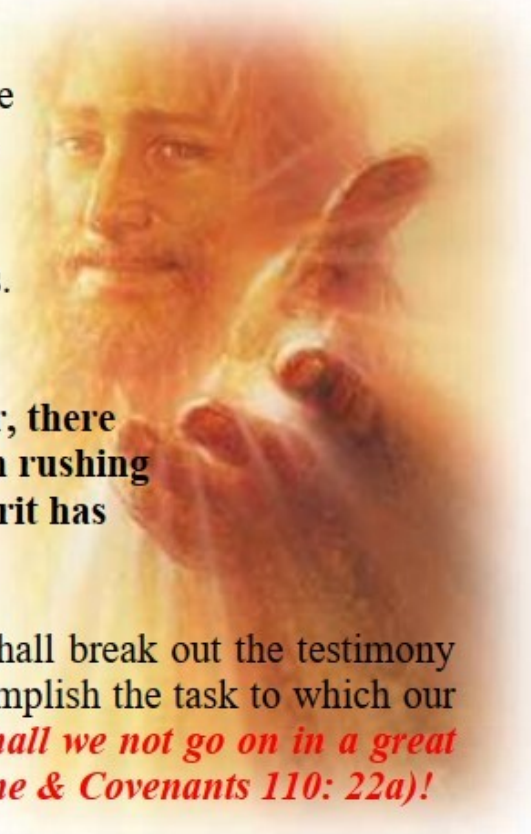
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As we look forward into the future and try to keep the commandments of God, we may expect great things to happen. The world in which we live is in a precarious condition; the times are portentous and great things are about to happen. I wish I could feel happy about the immediate prospect, for the only hope I see for the children of men is that somewhere sometime soon, there shall be built communities under the providence of God that will embody the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Such communities must be built out of our love for our fellow men. *God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16).*

How much do we love the world? Enough to sacrifice to bring into being the Zion of which we have dreamed. Zion must be our gift to a sin-sick world, so that children may be brought into this world and raised to maturity without the divisive influence of the conflicting idealisms which are in every city in which we live today. When they have come to maturity, clean, intelligent, and skillful then we must offer them to the world as our gift to meet their problems. *God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son.* How much do we love?

To everyone who humbles himself, studies the Word of God, and keeps diligent in prayer, there shall come a gradual invasion of the Spirit of God. Endowment will come not as a sudden rushing mighty wind, but gradual unfoldment of the riches of divine grace which God by His Spirit has sown into our lives.

The church will rise in the strength of its Master. And here and there on every hand there shall break out the testimony which shall win others to the cause of Christ—others without which we cannot hope to accomplish the task to which our heavenly Father has called us. Therefore, in the language of Joseph the martyr: *Brethren, shall we not go on in a great cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory (Doctrine & Covenants 110: 22a)!*



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Message given by Roy Weldon - Warrensburg Reunion 1960 -Compiled by Pat Chadwick

"I see a great broad valley; it represents the pleasures of this world. Adjacent to it I see a great mountain approached by a series of heights that can be scaled. Through the valley flows a great broad river. Men sought to bulwark the river...governments build levees to contain the river, which represents the great flowing river of sin and crime and war. On the horizon are growing storm clouds.

The day is going to come when the bulwarks men have built shall no longer contain the powers and forces of evil and destruction...The need is very great because it is later than we think...The need is very great that our homes shall be moved to higher ground. Those in the priesthood need to go into the homes of the people and help them to move to higher ground before it's too late.

The way to come higher is by establishing the family altar, reading the scriptures...We need to move our possessions and talents to higher ground. The only things we can save will be the things we give to God and the church. We need to move to higher ground in personal righteousness, in keeping the Sabbath.

I see as this people shall move to higher ground, for every height they shall scale, heaven shall reach down. They shall come in increasing contact with the powers of God. As they scale the height and come to the top, the King will meet them and lead them into the city and they shall see a table set...Then shall their souls melt and they shall mourn the wasted years spent in the vain pursuit of this world."

This was given in 1960 and if time was short then, we must be down to the last few seconds now. I can see it's fulfillment taking place right now in 2021. The bulwarks have indeed fallen. The powers of destruction, sin and violence are overflowing into society, the storm has arrived. Let us quickly move to higher ground!





My Dream of Crystal Dishes, By Pat Chadwick



I felt compelled to share this dream, after recently reading a message by Roy Weldon, where he says, **“The King will see them and lead them into the city and they shall see a table set...Then shall their souls melt and mourn the wasted years spent in vain pursuit of this world.”** (See Flash Card 113-Roy Weldon’s Message)

Several years ago, I had a most unusual dream. In this dream I was preparing for a great banquet to honor my King. I was looking for serving bowls to use on the King’s table. I went into a supply room and there on an antique sideboard sat a plain glass bowl. I looked at it and thought this will never do, it is not worthy to be used on the King’s table. Then through the window came a shaft of light and it shone upon the bowl, and I understood this was the light of Christ.

The light was absorbed into the bowl, so that the bowl was full of light. It did not just reflect the light but absorbed it into itself. When this happened, the bowl began to change and it was transformed into a beautiful crystal bowl. I understood this is what happens when we actually take Christ into our inner being and our daily lives and live by His commandments, we are changed. Following this transformation, I saw thin gold filaments like strands of gold shoot through the glass bowl and this enhanced its beauty even more. I understood this was the endowment which will come when we start living on a higher level. Brother Weldon’s message spoke of that, how we must come up to a higher level and move to higher ground in personal righteousness. He said, **“I see as this people shall move to higher ground, for every height they shall scale, heaven shall reach down. They shall come in increasing contact with the powers of God.”**

In Bro. Weldon’s message, the Lord said, **“The need is very great it is later than you think.”** In my dream I felt this urgency and I knew more serving dishes were going to be needed. I looked on the sideboard and noticed more dishes. They were all plain glass some were even broken and chipped. I was dismayed at their condition. Then I saw this same light shine upon them and they too were transformed. They shone gloriously with gold filaments through them also. I knew these dishes would be pleasing to the King and would serve Him well. No matter how broken we are, if we will come unto Christ, we can be restored, we can shine gloriously and serve the King of Kings.

The King is Coming let us all hurry to become vessels of honor, sanctified and meet for the master’s use.

Message given at Warrensburg Reunion, 1960

by Emery Jennings

God stands sure and He shall bring to pass the promises of Zion. I will give you strength to do that which you have to do. The protecting angels shall walk beside His children in Zion, not only to protect them physically but also spiritually.

I call you to sacrifice. I require sacrifices that demand not only your hearts, but your lives in service, in labor, in prayer, in friendship and in fellowship. I know you are not perfect; I have made you this way. I have made you to struggle, but as you struggle you will come to appreciate the bitter and also the sweet. I know your trials and what you are called upon to pass through. Jesus was lonely and He wept too. I gave my Son and He was called upon to give His life, and His heart was broken for the sins of the world. Your hearts also will be broken for the sins of the world. You will share in the sorrows, but you will also share in the glories of Zion. The foundations of Zion have already been laid.

I will bless you in your congregations. My Spirit shall dwell in the congregations of my people. Go to church often in fasting and prayer, heed the voice of my servants and you shall be blessed. Listen to what is being said by my ministry and apply it to your lives.

(Addressed to the Ministry) I am calling you to be more diligent. Give yourselves to me in a more dedicated way. It makes me sad that some of my men are not walking in the paths as they should. Those who respond from this day forward shall be rewarded here upon the earth and in eternity. They shall sit at my right hand and I shall be with them. Come and serve me and my people. Welcome the priesthood into your homes...My power shall continue, My purposes and My promises shall be fulfilled...I shall be with you. I shall be your Leader, your Protector, your Guide and your Friend. Thus saith the Spirit, Amen.





COME UP HIGHER – BE YE SANCTIFIED

By Pat Chadwick

Elder Charlie Booth had this experience in 2020: “I had a dream in which I found myself in a small house. Brother Ron Lidberg (who had passed away in 2011) appeared to me. He looked much younger, perhaps in his twenties. Even though I had not known him then, I recognized him. The unusual aspect of his appearance was that he seemed to be standing about a foot off the floor. He did not speak, but simply looked at me, then turned and walked through a doorway. I followed him through the doorway and the dream ended.

I awoke, wondering and praying about what I had just seen. In particular, I did not understand why he had been standing above the floor. **The Lord let me know that Ron had been sent to urge me and others to come up higher, that we needed to be spiritually elevated, and that the time to do so was short.**”

In September our flash card #113, carried a message from the Lord, given by Patriarch Roy Weldon, which read in part: **“...see as this people shall move to higher ground, for every height they shall scale, heaven shall reach down. They shall come in increasing contact with the powers of God.”**

When Joshua was getting ready to lead the people into the promised land, he spake unto them saying: **Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you (Joshua 3:5).**

Joseph Smith the prophet brought the word of the Lord: **Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power...Hearken ye, for, behold, the great day of the Lord is nigh at hand (Doctrine & Covenants 43:4d, 5a).**

If we will seek the Lord and sanctify ourselves as He has asked us to do, I have no doubt **He will do wonders among us. Did not Bro Weldon tell us if we would move higher spiritually that we would come in increasing contact with the power of heaven? In this the New Year let us all make a determined effort to come up to a higher spiritual plain. The Promised Land “Zion” is just ahead of us and God has invited us to be a part of it, but first we must become sanctified!!**

Excerpts from Sermon - by Karl Anderson. - Part I

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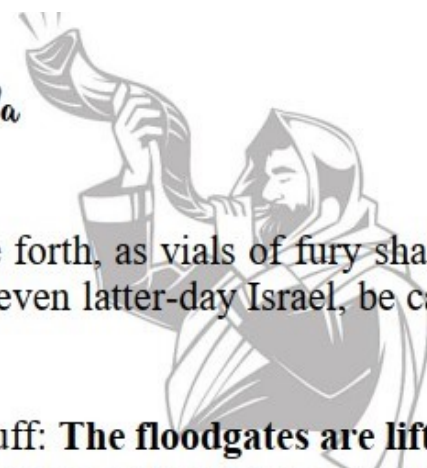
In the early morning hours of May 24th, the Spirit of the Lord prevailed upon me, amidst the midnight watch. I was awakened and prompted to write many things. I had declared to Him the things which I had observed from the watchtower, things that concerned me, and I could see coming. To these things He gave response...Much of what I share with you will be just as it was dictated to me by the Spirit, some more direct than others, just as I was prompted to write it...Much like the plagues of Egypt, God is moving to bring judgment upon the world. And even though we may be waiting and watching for His return and for Zion's bondage to be broken, like Israel of old, we will be required to endure, as did the Israelites, while the plagues were sent forth.

This has been a great concern for me. I love you with all my heart. I love the church, and I love the brethren. Nevertheless, I have watched as God's people have complained, and bemoaned their sufferings, much like the Hebrew children, when God delivered them from their 400 years of bondage. When the men of the ministry should have stood in the light and glory and effulgence of God, many times they chose for their light, the darkness and shadows for a covering. Many whom God has called to stand in His stead, should have sounded the trumpet. When they should have lifted the warning voice, and armed the church with faith, they sought counsel of man and left their post for cover. Many of God's elect, have complained, as did Israel of old, wishing to return to the flesh pots of Egypt. And so, before us are the plagues, and soon we will be called to our Red Sea, that we might behold the SALVATION OF GOD.

This pandemic is only the beginning of the woes which yet shall come forth, as vials of fury shall be poured out. Just as Israel was required to endure the plagues upon Egypt, so shall the church, even latter-day Israel be called to endure the plagues upon Babylon, which shall fall. (To be continued next month)

Excerpts from Sermon - by Karl Anderson. - Part 2a

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(Karl Anderson cont.) This pandemic is only the beginning of the woes which yet shall come forth, as vials of fury shall be poured out. Just as Israel was required to endure the plagues upon Egypt, so shall the church, even latter-day Israel, be called to endure the plagues upon Babylon, which shall fall.

Recall with me now, the word of the Lord, to the church in November 1907 through Apostle Luff: **The floodgates are lifting- beware of the tide! Twill sweep o'er the nations, subduing their pride; No barrier can stay it, no hand can prevail for God moves in judgment, His word cannot fail. The fires are kindling, beware of the flame! For havoc and ruin 'twill surely proclaim... Fierce tempests are brewing, beware of their blast! Their fury will gather in strength to the last.**

A plague is in nesting, beware of its breath! Its touch is as mildew, its watchword is death. No rank will escape it, no station be free, nor safety be found on the land or the sea. A panic is pending, commotion and dearth lie close in its path, and the treasures of earth from hands that have held them like dust shall be swept, and poverty enter where wealth has long slept.

A famine is coming, the long fertile field will mock at man's labor, refusing to yield. The earthquakes, increasing, shall sport, as they reel, with towers of granite and strongholds of steel. Disorders upon and disasters beneath, earth's surface shall terror and sorrow bequeath. My nations shall war and people contend, and man must himself 'gainst his neighbor defend.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory (Luke 21:27-28). (Continued on card 2b...)



Excerpts from Sermon - by Karl Anderson. Part 3

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We were warned in the later day revelation that this was coming (see Joseph Luff's Prophecy on last month's card and Doctrine & Covenants 63:9) and that we were to take righteousness in our hands and faithfulness upon our loins. And so it is, that we have come to the days of fulfillment, when God of heaven is beginning to rain down upon His enemies with justice and judgment. **We are called today to stand in Holy Places, and not be moved. However, says the Lord – when I would have richly poured out upon my servants, the oil of anointing, there were few to be found. Remember, Remember, that God is not mocked! Hath He not said, “Whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap?”**

If Ye have chosen fear as the seed of your planting, then fear and destruction you shall reap. If, however, for your planting you have chosen faith, then ye shall reap for yourselves a harvest of peace and blessings, and you shall countenance the light of Jesus Christ within you.

Nevertheless, His mercies fail not, and he is willing to forgive our transgressions, and heal our hearts of unbelief. Can you not hear His voice, saying, “Come and fall down before the alter, oh church of my choice? See if I will not open my arms to receive You.” Nevertheless, many woes are coming. Remember the words of the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is (1 Corinthians 3:13). This is the fire of God.

The patriot and hymn writer Julia Ward Howe first published in the February 1862 issue of the Atlantic:

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded him an altar
in the evening dews and damps
I have read his righteous sentence by the
dim and flaring lamps
His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul to answer, oh be jubilant, my feet,
His truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me
As he died to make men holy let us die to make men free
His truth is marching on Glory, Glory hallelujah His truth is
marching on.*

Excerpts from Sermon
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by Karl Anderson. - Part 4
2021

To refresh your mind, read again the words of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” on last month’s card. Karl, then stated: “Julia Ward Howe saw the Glory of God---**She saw it in the watchfires of circling camps, she was able to read His righteous sentence by the dim but flaring lamp and she could hear the trumpet call that never sounds retreat, and ultimately see within his judgments the transfiguring power of the one who sits upon the judgment seat. May we have the eyes of our spirits opened today, that we may see with such insight, the pending movements of the divine in our day.**”

My intent tonight has been to love you, and to call you and me to repentance, that we may all inherit the promises made to Israel in this last hour; and to inspire you to greatness, that you may respond to the love of the father, as never before, and to stand in the faith of him who dwells on high. **To stand in the shadow of his wings, and in the divine protection of his grace.**

The prophet Joel saw our day, and instructed us accordingly, saying: *Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand (Joel 2:1).* **ZION, like Israel of old is on the precipice of deliverance from Babylon the Great, which must fall.** Much like ISRAEL, however, we have complained against the GOD OF ISRAEL, longing for a return to normalcy, wishing to return to the fleshpots of Egypt. Provoking the LORD OF GLORY with our own counsels, rather than trusting in the covenants made to the elect, in many instances, sinning against the God of Heaven. **And so it is, that we have come to the water’s edge, to our RED SEA, in need of repentance. WHERE THE SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS stands with his ARMS OUTSTRECHED, and he says to the inhabitants of Zion: STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.**



Excerpts from Sermon - by Karl Anderson. - Part 5

CMRB Reunion 2021

And so, in the afore-mentioned early morning hours of May 24th, the following, which was portrayed to my soul, I now share with you: **BEHOLD, I TELL YOU NOW THESE THINGS THAT ARE MADE KNOWN TO THY SERVANT BY THE VOICE OF THE LORD. THAT HE SHALL YET DO GREAT WONDERS UPON EGYPT, YEA UPON IDUMEA, UPON THE WORLD, YEA UPON ALL THOSE THAT FIGHT AGAINST ZION. FOR HE HAS SET FORTH HIS HAND TO DELIVER THEE, OH CAPTIVE DAUGHTER OF ZION. HE SHALL YET BREAK OFF THE YOKE OF THY BONDAGE, WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM AND MIGHTY POWER. YEA NOT IN THE POWER OF MOSES' ROD, BUT BY THE ROD OF HIS POWER WHICH IS HIS WORD, WHEN HE SHALL ARISE TO SHAKE TERRIBLY THE EARTH. FOR HE SHALL COME FORTH FROM HIS HIDING PLACE, CLOTHED IN THE GLORY OF HIS MIGHT, AND HIS FIERY INDIGNATION SHALL FUEL HIM, AND HIS WRATH SHALL BE UPON THE HEATHEN; THEN SHALL THE NATIONS KNOW THAT THE GOD OF THE ANCIENTS, IS INDEED THE GOD OF ZION, YEAH AND THE GLORY OF ISRAEL, EVEN ISRAEL HIS CHOSEN. FOR BEHOLD, SAITH THE LORD, THE DAY SHALL DECLARE IT.**

Karl then stated, in closing: It is my belief and understanding that we are now in the midnight hour! The call has gone forth. The bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Only few have heard the call, and many are without oil. But to the elect, the invitation has been sent, to put on your beautiful garments, clean and white, and to come to the wedding. The Spirit and the Bride say Come! Even so, Lord Jesus, come.

My brothers and sisters, of the church, I hope by sharing Karl's message on these flash cards it will draw our attention back to this inspired message. Just consider, God spoke to us this past summer of 2021! Right now, today, He spoke to us!!! We need to listen and ponder upon His words. Too often we hear with our ears, but do not take God's words into our hearts to ponder upon them and consider what meaning it should have in our personal lives. We need to respond to this message and make the necessary changes in our lives to become sanctified individuals. We need to put on our "Beautiful Garments". It is the Midnight Hour! Time is Short!!

The Midnight Hour

By Aaron Smith

We are surely at the end of the Gentiles. Jerusalem being returned in the 6 days of war fulfilled Jesus' prophecy about the Jews regaining that city many years ago. How close are we to the completion of his many other prophecies regarding his coming again in glory? To that I will leave you these several testimonies and pray that the Holy Spirit will bear witness to you as it has to me of not only the day we live, but the very moment foretold by Jesus during his earthly ministry.

In April 2020, I woke up from sleep, only to roll over and see my digital clock read 11:59. Within seconds, it changed to 12:00. I went back to sleep, not thinking anything of this. The next night, the exact same thing happened. I woke up to see it read 11:59 and then within seconds again, roll to midnight. I'm sure my thoughts were at that point, "What are the chances" or "How odd"—two nights in a row at exactly the same minute---maybe 10 seconds of each other.

When it happened two nights later, I was struck with the significance of this timing. For the third night in the same week, I woke up at 11:59 only to watch it change to midnight. **I knew the third time God was speaking to me. He was telling me we lived in the moments right before the cry was to go out to the bridal party to gather for the feast.**

Fast forward now to the week of October 2021. Many things have transpired over the last year and half. I've witnessed many who have heeded the call to gather. They see the world collapsing around them and know that the time is now short, when as the Doctrine & Covenants says, we will either take up our sword against our neighbor or we will be forced to flee to Zion for safety. (DC 45:13a)

Earlier that week, as it occurred many times, I woke up in the night. As I rolled over this time, I saw 12:00. I looked at it and because of the significance of my earlier experiences that had been given 18 months prior, the weight of that moment in time and prophecy struck me with sober truth—**we have reached the time when the parable of the 10 virgins will be fulfilled.** (As a side note I wake up frequently during the night. I can't recall any other times when I've woken up to see midnight exactly. To Be Continued...)

The Midnight Flour – Card 2 by Aaron Smith

In October 2021 Aaron was awakened exactly at midnight. Aaron then said: “The weight of that moment in time and prophecy struck me with a somber truth—we have reached the time when the parable of the 10 virgins will be fulfilled.” (See the July flash card) He continued saying:

Two days later, as I was driving home from work, I was taking a curve on a road not far from my house. As I began that curve there was something in the middle of the road that caught my eye. It was large and it took me a second to recognize it. I had already begun to slow down to avoid hitting it when it struck me there was a carcass in the middle of the road with a large bald eagle standing over it. As I passed it by, slowing way down, it just stood there, never flinching over its meal. Several other cars went by with the same result. It just stood there, not moving other than the flinch of its head occasionally to recognize other traffic headed its way.

I had made it no further than my next turn, or about 100 yards away, and the verse from Matthew 24:28 came to me which says, *“And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together; so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth.”* There is no doubt in my mind that these two experiences were connected. I have lived for almost 50 years of my life, most of which, we never had eagles live in our area. It hasn’t been except for the last 5-8 years that eagles have really begun to live back down as far as south Independence. I have never seen an eagle so large, nor have I seen one eating from a carcass. (Even though I hear that is somewhat regular.)

That night I shared these two experiences with an elder from a different congregation. He was woken up that next night and told to study certain things—especially in relation to the Greek definition of midnight which indicates that it is a time when the drunken fall asleep. He was drawn to the word ‘drunken’ and told to then study Revelations 17. (To Be Continued)

The Midnight Flour – Card 3

by Aaron Smith



The elder, Aaron shared his testimony with, was given further testimony of this being true. The elder was drawn to the word “drunken” and told to go to Revelations 17 (See August Flash Card). He immediately saw the parallels and was given emphasis that we do live in the last days where the beast is rising up against the whore/false church and will make her desolate, naked and eat her flesh as is described there. He describes this experience as follows: **“I was wrought upon, as I read this passage of scripture, by the POWER and PRESENCE of the HOLY GHOST, such as I have never experienced before.”** He was given to know that God has set His hand to claim His bride. He has set in motion the final sequence, and there is no turning back, there is no staying His hand.

Aaron says: “I urge those who read this testimony and those who hear it to do a study on the term midnight in scripture. You will find seven stories in the Bible and two parables with that term. **There is no mistaking God’s wording or usage of that term. Each of those stories holds a prophetic under current for the return of the King in glory.** Both parables (10 Virgins and the Lord’s prayer parable found in Luke 11) speak of seven things in common: Both were at midnight, the door was shut, people were asleep, both asked for entrance/help, Jesus is represented in both parables, both questions received an answer, and finally both dealt with food.

The time of midnight in scripture indicates a time of division. It indicates a time of separation, yet of gathering. The implications of this time of history indicate to us that the return of Christ is upon the church.” (To Be Continued)



The Midnight Hour – Card 4

by Aaron Smith

Aaron had one more witness to the truthfulness of his experience. He says: “To further add witness to these experiences, a friend said to me, did you check to see what the Torah reading was for the week you had those experiences? I asked her if she did and she said, “No, but that’s how God works. He ties things together.”

You can imagine my surprise when I looked up the scripture references that were read across all of the synagogues in the world that week. The story of Noah and Isaiah 54. The story of Noah has been compared to the last days in many fronts including baptism by water in their day, fire in ours; the door being shut, a division in the people, and Jesus himself saying that the days before He comes again will be just like those days of Noah. To add even more evidence, the very scripture that was given to me to read that morning at Kingsville was Isaiah 54. Again, the same portion of the Torah read all over the world. Needless to say, I was in awe of how God confirmed all of this in ways I would understand and appreciate.

Gird up Your loins; Be Sober; Be Vigilant; The Day of the Lord is Upon Us

I personally find Aaron’s testimony and statement profound and hope it will shake all of us in the church awake. (See July, August, and September Flash Cards for his whole testimony). There is but a little time left to do the work given to us as a church, in this the latter days. We must individually and as a people quickly wake up and spring into action. We must become a people who love one another, all of us working diligently together for the great cause of God’s Kingdom. The world is speedily disintegrating, the bulwarks are falling, it is the midnight hour and time is of the essence. (See Roy Weldon testimony, 2021 Flash Card #113)



The Voice of the Spirit

Message given by Emery Jennings,
Warrensburg Reunion, 1960

*My sheep hear My Voice
and I know them, and
they Follow Me*

God's words and messages are timeless. We see this in the message below. Although given in 1960 it is still relevant today. If we are to build Zion, we must be willing to sacrifice and give our lives in service to this great cause. The task of building Zion presses heavily upon us, let us go forward and give of ourselves to this great cause.

I call you to sacrifice. I require sacrifices that demand not only your hearts, but your lives in service, in labor, in prayer, in friendship and in fellowship. I know you are not perfect; I have made you this way. I have made you to struggle, but as you struggle you will come to appreciate the bitter and also the sweet. I know your trials and what you are called upon to pass through. Jesus was lonely and he wept, too. I gave my son and he was called upon to give His life, and His heart was broken for the sins of the world. Your hearts also will be broken for the sins of the world. **You will share in the sorrows, but you will also share in the glories of Zion. The foundations of Zion have already been laid.**

Remember these things that you may grow strong and I will bless you in your congregations. My Spirit shall dwell in the congregations of my people. **Go to church often in fasting and prayer, heed the voice of my servants and you will be blessed. Listen to what is being said by my ministry and apply it to your lives...**(Addressing the Ministry)... **I am calling you to be more diligent. Give yourselves to me in a more dedicated way. It makes me sad that some of my men are not walking in the paths they should. Those who respond from this day forward shall be rewarded here upon the earth and in eternity...**

Welcome the priesthood into your homes...My power shall continue; my purposes and My promises shall be fulfilled. Some men have already died for my promises. **I shall be with you. I shall be your leader, your protector, your guide and your friend.** Thus saith the Spirit unto you. Amen

The Incarnation is the True Meaning of Christmas

Arthur Oakman, Saints Herald July 1956

“The incarnation of our Lord, which we celebrate at Christmastide, was a fact of history. But it was more. It was and it remains a revelation of an eternal principle which was always operative and which is operative still. God has sought to come into human life, and He still strives to do so, even now...

The Christmas story reveals eternal principles. Eternal is the principle of God’s love. Always men need to know Him. The will of God is that they come to know Him as Father, as well as Creator. This is highlighted in the beautiful Hymn of Phillips Brooks; “O Little Town of Bethlehem”. In this hymn the author draws the true inference from the fact of the incarnation:



‘O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.’ All the glitter and tinsel, the mirth and commercialism usually associated with this festive season of the year is as filthy rags compared to the “unspeakable gift” of God to us, in Jesus Christ. And the wonder is that still He, the Lord Jesus, is offered to us. Every low lintel of every human heart can be crossed and every life visited by the ‘dayspring’ from on high.”