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Already we have seen that heaven has been concerned about the building of Zion. Instruction has been given concerning locality, the law governing the city, and conditions upon which citizenship may be acquired. When the early ministers moved into Missouri in 1831, they were told that they *“Might be honored of laying the foundation and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand (Doctrine & Covenants 58:3c).”*

What does this require? Jesus answered once for all in as concise manner possible: *“Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Mark 12:35-36).”*

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Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son Jesus Christ, that ye may become the sons of God, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is, that we may have this hope, that we may be purified even as he is pure. Amen. (Moroni 7:520)

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