

WE MUST WATCH AND BE READY

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares



Matthew 13:22-29 22 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field; 23 But while he slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 24 But when the blade sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 25 So the servants of the house-holder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? Whence then hath it tares? 26 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. 27 And the servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 28 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 29 Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest, I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the wheat into my barn; and the tares are bound in bundles to be burned.

Jesus Shares the Mysteries of the Tares of the Field

- Matthew 13:35 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house. And his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.



Matthew 13:36 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man. (Jesus)

37 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked.

38 The enemy that sowed them is the devil.

39 The harvest is the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked.

40 The reapers are the angels, or the messengers sent of heaven.



Matthew 13 Continued

- 41 As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world, or the destruction of the wicked.
- 42 For in that day, before the Son of Man shall come, he shall send forth his angels and messengers of heaven.
- 43 And they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, and shall cast them out among the wicked; and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 44 For the world shall be burned with fire.
- 45 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Highlight of Matthew 13: 43 -44

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(To Offend & do iniquity = to live opposite to the requirements of true followers of Jesus

Here Jesus is telling us that people “in or out of the church” who live opposite to God’s commandments and the requirements of true discipleship = will be considered tares.

It is how we live not whether we are members of the church that determines if we are wheat or tares)

God’s intentions for the church is to have the kingdom, and for this all His believers must be matured to the extent they can live in the reality of the kingdom and bring in the manifestation of the kingdom.

DC 81:1c Beware from henceforth and refrain from sin lest sore judgments fall upon your heads; for unto whom much is given much is required; and he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation.

We Must Come to Maturity in Christ

He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, And some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13



The Tares

- Tares = Greek word = Zizania = refers to a grass like seed called “Darnell, Bearded Darnell or Ryegrass
- Tares are poisonous to animals and humans
The kernels even look like kernels of wheat
- In early growth it looks so much like wheat you can’t tell them apart so, in ancient times, farmers had to let them grow together, till the thrashing
- process then they
- were separated
- out and burned



In DC 84 Joseph Smith Was Given “An Inspired Exposition of the Wheat and the Tares” – This is an Important Parable for Our Day and Time

In Sec. 84 We Find “An inspired Exposition of the Wheat and the Tares” December 6, 1832 at Kirtland, God gave Joseph a deeper understanding of this parable

Let's Consider Sec. 84

- This is an Important Parable for Our Day and Time.

It Speaks of

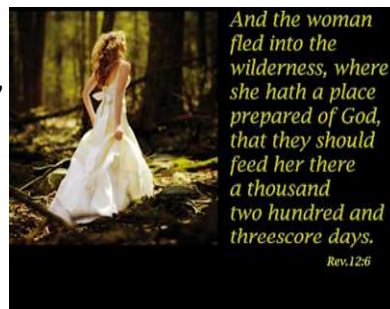
- Two Time
- Periods.



Sec. 84 = 1st Time Period = Apostasy of the Early Church After Apostles Were Gone

Sec. 84:1d behold, he soweth the tares, wherefore **the tares choke the wheat and drive the church into the wilderness.**

The Church
Is the Woman,
The Bride



2nd Time Period- Last Days

- 2a But, behold, in the last days, even now,



Sec. 84 = 2nd Time Period = The Last Days

2a But, behold, in the last days, even now, while the Lord is beginning to bring forth the word, and the blade is springing up and is yet tender, behold, verily I say unto you,

2b **The angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields; but the Lord saith unto them,**

2c Pluck not up the tares while the blade is yet tender (for verily your faith is weak), **lest you destroy the wheat also; therefore let the wheat and tares grow together until the harvest is fully ripe;**

The Early Apostasy

Sec. 84:1a Verily thus saith the Lord unto you, my servants, concerning the parable of the wheat and of the tares:

1b Behold, verily I say that the field was the world, and the apostles were the sowers of the seed;

(Note in bible Christ was the sower but the apostles were commissioned by him to continue the process of sowing)

1c and after they have fallen asleep, the great persecutor of the church, the apostate, the whore, even Babylon, that maketh all nations to drink of her cup, in whose hearts the enemy, even Satan, sitteth to reign;

1d behold, he soweth the tares, wherefore the tares choke the wheat and drive the church into the wilderness. (The Apostasy)

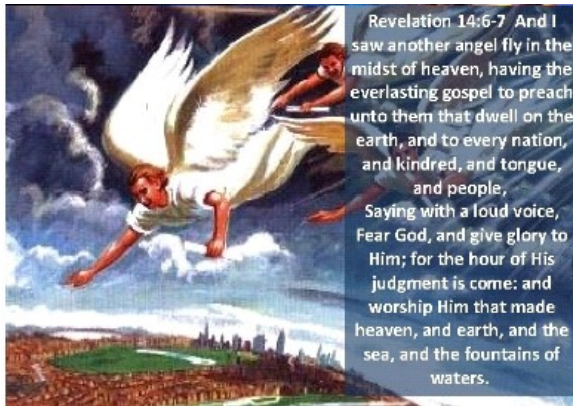
Highlight = Follow The Progression of the Angels

1. Matthew 13:42 For in that day, before the Son of Man shall come, he shall send forth his angels and messengers of heaven.

2. Sec. 38: 3c and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned; and, behold, the enemy is combined.

3. DC 84:2b The angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields

Rev. 14: 6-7 Speaks of the Restoration Coming Forth
 Angel Moroni Sent Forth



**In This Dispensation, of Last Days,
 The Angels Cry Thrust in Your Sickle**



Rev 14:14-15 = The Harvest of the Earth is Ripe

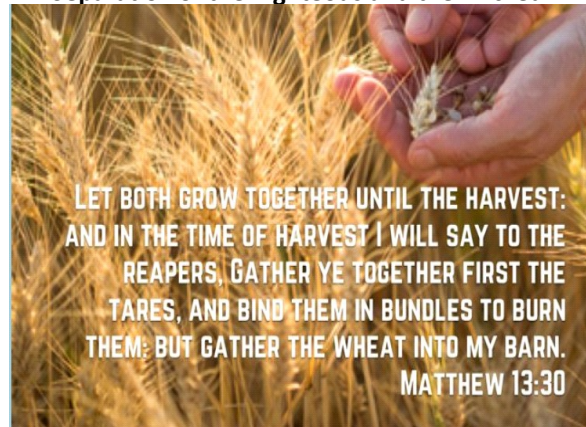


The End of This World or Destruction of the Wicked

2d then ye shall first gather out the wheat from among the tares, and after the gathering of the wheat, behold, and lo, the tares are bound in bundles, and the field remaineth to be burned.



Separation of the Righteous and the Wicked



It is Yet Day When All Can Work

Sec. 142:5b It is yet day when all can work. The night will come when for many of my people opportunity to assist will have passed.

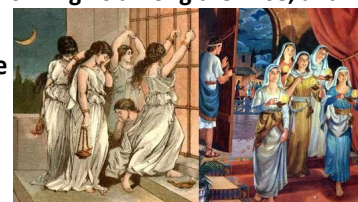
Sec. 23: 4a For thou shalt devote all thy service in Zion. And in this thou shalt have strength.

Sec. 29:3c And your whole labor shall be in Zion, with all your soul, from henceforth;

Sec. 39:4b Thou art called to labor in my vineyard, and to build up my church, and to bring forth Zion, that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish.

A Time of Separation is Coming

DC 63:13g these things are the things that ye must look for, and speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand; and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man, and until that hour, there will be foolish virgins among the wise, and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked



It Shall Devour

Isaiah 9:18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother.



The Day Cometh

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."
Malachi 4:1

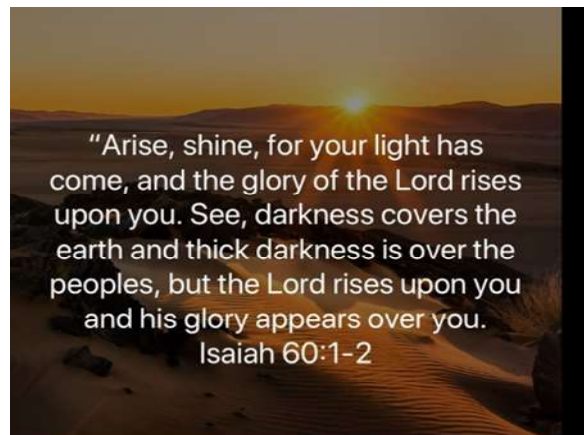


After Wheat and Tares Information is Given on the Lineage of Priesthood This Ties Together with Rev. 14

Sec. 84:3a Therefore, thus saith the Lord unto you, with whom the priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers, for ye are lawful heirs, according to the flesh, and have been hid from the world with Christ in God..... 4 Therefore, blessed are ye if ye continue in my goodness, a light unto the Gentiles, and through this priesthood, a savor unto my people Israel. The Lord hath said it. Amen.

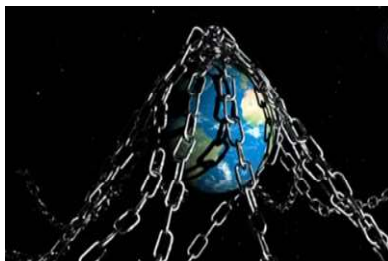
We Must Be the Light and Build the City of Light

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
Isaiah 60:1-2



Satan Chains Down the Earth

Sec. 36:5d And he beheld Satan, and he had a great chain in his hand, and it veiled the whole face of the earth with darkness, and he looked up and laughed, and his angels rejoiced.



Satan Has Dominion Now But He Will Not Win

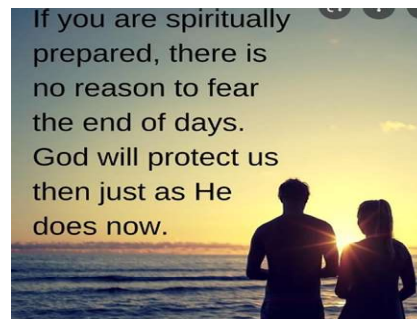
- Sec. 1:6b and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh-- the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand--when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion
- DC 85:35e And the Devil and his armies shall be cast away into their own place, that they shall not have power over
- the saints any more at all;
- for Michael shall fight
- their battles, and shall
- overcome him who seeketh
- the throne of him who sitteth
- upon the throne, even the Lamb.



Parables to Help Us Prepare

- **Wheat and the Tares**
 - **Matthew 25th Chapter**
 - Parable of the 10 Virgins**
 - **Parable of the Talents**
 - **The Sheep and the Goats**

- **See Handout = Instruction To Help Us Prepare**



God Gives Instruction on How to Shine

1 Thess 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober

Greek = Sober = (Vigilant, Alert, to Watch, be on Guard)

Much like a Soldier on Duty



Tares Are Counterfeit

They Are Hypocrites Pretending to Be What They Are NOT

Tares are a Counterfeit = They are Poison



Guile & Hypocrisy are in the same category = phony, pretender, beguiler, cheater, deceiver

Matthew 23:21 -30 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!...who make yourselves appear unto men that ye would not commit the least sin, and yet ye yourselves, transgress the whole law. Even so, ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Verse 30 Ye serpents, and generation of vipers! How can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Isaiah 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?

Those With Guile Will Be Proven & Judged

DC 50:2b But **woe unto them that are deceivers, and hypocrites,** for thus saith the Lord, **I will bring them to judgment.**

3b **but the hypocrites shall be detected and shall be cut off,** either in life or in death, even as I will, and woe unto them who are cut off from my church, for the same are overcome of the world;

3c **wherefore, let every man beware lest he do that which is not in truth and righteousness before me.**

DC 64:7d **and liars, and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets shall be known.**

DC 98:12b (Speaking of those people who had driven the saints out of Missouri) **and appoint them their portion**

among hypocrites and unbelievers;

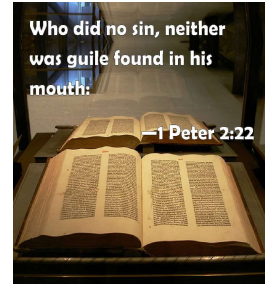
even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

Patriarch's Challenge Us = Am I Without Guile

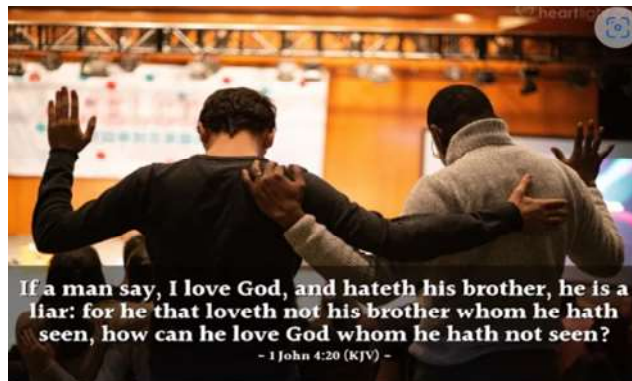
• Action

- Let your every action and word reflect the truth of who and whose we are, with no deception whatsoever

• Speaking of Jesus



If You Say You Love God But Hate Your Brother = Are You A Tare????



DC 98:9b 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 garner 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;

DC 98:9c while the tares shall be bound in bundles, and their bands made strong, that they may be burned with unquenchable fire.

DC 64:5b For verily I say, Tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, for I am the Lord of hosts; **and I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon.** Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labor while it is called today.

DC 108:2b **Go ye out from Babylon.** Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Call your solemn assemblies, and speak often one to another.

The Wheat Bows Down Its Head and Is Humble

Difference Between Wheat and the Tares = Wheat Bows It's Head, Tares Stand Tall



**Wheat Has Humility= Bows Down to God
Patriarch's Pamphlet = To Have Humility**

Pamphlet Page 3 = We must enter into the depths of humility. Humility is the key to the door that unlocks the spiritual blessings of God (Mosiah 2:21-23)

Humility is the natural consequence of our coming to understand just how much God loves us and His hand is in all things. (DC 59:5b)

We ourselves cannot see ourselves as God sees us until we have humbled ourselves into the depths of humility,

Scripture to Go With This Action

Sec. 105:5a Be thou humble, and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.

Do You Want Answers to Your Prayers? = Need Humility

Sec. 5:5b Behold, I say unto him, he exalts himself and does not humble himself sufficiently before me; but if he will bow down before me, and humble himself in mighty prayer and faith, in the sincerity of his heart, then will I grant unto him a view of the things which he desires to see. (Given to Martin Harris)

Do You Want Your Hearts Desire? = Need Humility

Mosiah 2:20-22 20 Even so I would that ye should remember, and always retain in remembrance, the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, and his goodness and long suffering towards you unworthy creatures, 21 And humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the angel; 22 And behold, I say unto you, that if ye do this, ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins.

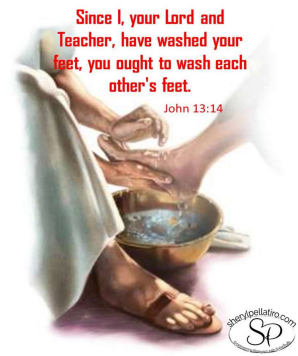
Endowment and Humility are Intertwined

Sec. 102:3e for, behold, I have prepared a great endowment and blessing to be poured out upon them, inasmuch as they are faithful, and continue in humility before me



Jesus Set the Example

Philippians 2:7-8 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.



Alma 3:48-53 48 Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? 49 That your garments have been cleansed and made white, through the blood of Christ, who will come to redeem his people from their sins? 50 Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God. 51 Behold ye must prepare quickly, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life. 52 Behold, I say, Is there one among you who is not stripped of envy? 53 I say unto you, that such an one is not prepared, and I would that he should prepare quickly, for the hour is close at hand, and he knoweth not when the time shall come; for such an one is not found guiltless.

God Has Promised Wonderful Things for the Righteous

But God Has Promised Wonderful Things for the Righteous

3rd Nephi 9:58 And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem.

59 And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you.



Promise of Assistance & Help

Sec.83: 15c I will go before your face: I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and my angels round about you to bear you up.

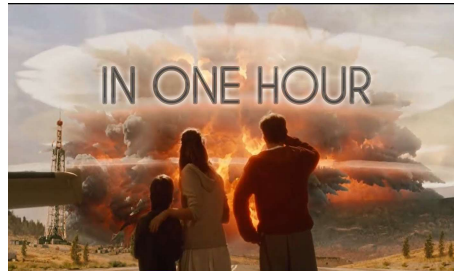


We Need Not Fear For God Has Said We Will Rejoice In His Protection

DC 135:3b
and as the church shall move
forward in its great work,

**The fulfillment
of prophecy
may cause the Saints to
tremble at the exhibition
of divine power,
yet they shall rejoice in the
protection of his grace.**

We know many difficult days lay
ahead. Read Sec. 28 where
tribulations and desolations are to be
sent forth among the wicked
Revelations 18:4-24 Babylon to fall



1 Nephi 7:36-41

36 Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire.

37 Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, They shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire.

38 Behold, my brethren, I say unto you, that these things must shortly come; yea, even blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke must come;

39 And it must needs be upon the face of this earth;

40 And it cometh unto men according to the flesh, if it so be that they will harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel:

41 For behold, the righteous shall not perish.

Covered By His Feathers



Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

2 Nephi 6:42 But, behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel; they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it; they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world: and their joy shall be full forever.

Crown of Righteousness and Eternal Life

2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.



From a letter from Joseph Smith to Moses Nickerson,
Nov. 19, 1833, Kirtland, Ohio

Joseph Smith wrote: “When I contemplate the rapidity with which the great and glorious day of the coming of the Son of Man advances, when He shall come to receive His Saints unto Himself, where they shall dwell in His presence, and be crowned with glory and immortality; when I consider that soon the heavens are to be shaken, and the earth tremble and reel to and fro; and that the heavens are to be unfolded as a scroll when it is rolled up; and that every mountain and island are to flee away, I cry out in my heart, What manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness! [See 2 Peter 3:11]”- Joseph Smith,

Julia Ward Howe in 1861, many people have sung this song, unaware that its inspiring word pictures originated from the book of Revelation. Some of the powerful words contained in this song are based in part on **Revelation 14:14-20**. These words summon God’s people to spiritual battle to spread the gospel around the world and at the same time they also warn nonbelievers of coming judgment when God’s wrath will be poured out upon the wickedness of the earth = See Flash Cards #118-122, Karl Anderson’s Sermon, Reunion 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO HELP US PREPARE

DC 1:3a-c "Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear; prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people."

DC 129:8g-h "Until such heed is paid to the word which has been given . . . the church cannot receive the blessings which have been looked for when Zion should be redeemed. Harken once again unto the voice of inspiration, in warning and instruction, and conform to that which is given and receive what is awaiting the upright and pure in heart."

DC 43:3b, 4d, 5d-f, 8 Be Sanctified

Be instructed in the law

Act in all holiness before me

Purge out the iniquity which is among you; Sanctify yourselves before me

Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord

Repent and prepare for the great day of the Lord

Hearken to these words

Treasure these things up in your hearts

Be sober

Keep all My commandments

Matthew 24:51-54 Faithful, Wise, Servant = so doing

DC 28:1 Be Humble

Call upon the Lord in mighty prayer

DC 1:5f Repent

Do the commandments of the Lord

DC 85:20 Prepare yourselves

Sanctify yourselves

Purify your hearts

Cleanse your hands

Continue in prayer and fasting

Love one another

Clothe yourselves with the bonds of charity

DC 63:6-9, 15 Endureth in faith

Doeth God's will

Keep the commandments

DC 63 continued Take righteousness in his hands

Faithfulness upon his loins

Let all men beware how they take my name

Let the church repent of their sins

Receive the spirit through prayer

1 Peter 1:13-16 We are called to be a Holy People

1 Peter 2:9-11 We are called to be a peculiar people

1 Peter 2:21-22 We are called to follow in Christ's footsteps

DC 45:10-b Be Wise

Receive the truth

Take the Holy Spirit as our guide

Alma 10:18, 27-29 Led by the Holy Spirit

Become Humble

Become meek

Submissive

Patient

Full of Love

Long suffering

Having faith on the Lord

1 Thessalonians, 5th Chapter Be sober = mentally alert, vigilant

Putting on the breastplate of Faith, Love and Hope

Edify and comfort each other

Be at peace among yourselves

Ever follow that which is good

Support the weak

Be patient toward all men

Rejoice evermore

Pray without ceasing

In everything give thanks

Quench not the spirit

Despise not prophesying

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good

Abstain from all appearance of evil

DC 59:2 I give you a commandment . . . thou shalt love the Lord thy God
 Heart and serve Him
 Love thy neighbor as thyself
 Keep thyself unspotted from the world
 Thank the Lord at all times
 Offer a broken heart and contrite spirit
 Confess thy sins before thy brethren and the Lord
 Go to the house of prayer upon my Holy Day, offer up righteousness on all days

Isaiah 52:1-2 Awake, put on thy beautiful garments

Revelation 18 Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins
 Receive not of her plagues

DC 45:10b Be Wise, Receive the truth, Take the Holy Spirit as your guide

Psalms 15th chapter = Intro: The righteousness of Zion's children.

1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill of Zion?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord; sweareth not falsely to hurt any man, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "And the Very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."