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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN
TO THE MESSENGER.

FRUIT VALE, November 4th, 1888.

I am Abraham Lincoln. I do not want to occupy much of your time, but I wish to say a few words, and would like you to print the message in one of your books.

When I look out over this great nation of free states, I must confess a shivering of sorrow and dismay comes upon my soul. It is not because it has degenerated so extensively from the condition of social life that existed in my days at Washington, but because the patriotism among the people is fast dying out. The masses, comparatively, take no interest in the public welfare, but each individual fights his own battle for gain, and for the accumulation of property, to be rich, which, as a general thing, is to be very beggarly poor in the spirit world.

This is, however, not the thing that I have to present as much as the crisis which that spirit of desolation and deception will lead the people into by a self-consuming of their strength with internal convulsions of social life, and volcanic eruptions of political dreams and failures to be suffered by the greatest of American statesmen.

The spirit of the Constitution belonging to a republican people, is not any longer the motive power of the nation. The letter may be kept in apparent reverence, but when the spirit of the letter is not any longer understood among the Chief Justices of the United States, then anarchy and the empire stand at the threshold of its capitol, and knocking at the door for admission. Let me tell this nation, by my wounds and the death I suffered, that my blood did not atone the hate nor reconcile the different sections of this Union with each other; neither did the blood of Christ make

men any better if that principle for which he lived and died is not understood and incorporated in the flesh and blood of man, and His spirit becomes the spirit of man.

I suffered what I did, and labored as I did, in the honest conviction of saving the Union, and I laid down my mortal body in the effort of doing it honestly, and on the square with all mankind. If I failed, the failure laid not in my spirit, but in that spirit by which the victory over slavery was received. Though it was carried by arms, it was afterwards carried by the Republican vote of Congress.

The spirit of enthusiasm which comes from the patriotism of a great people is gone forever from the Halls of Congress. Nothing but personal aggrandizement is left to feast on. This grasping policy has brought on a national suicide of the people, and every new-comer from earth who enters our council in the spirit world can only deplore that it is so, and not otherwise. What made this broad country to be an independent colony of Great Britain? General Logan says to me: "The spirit of liberty and truth." Very well said; but I say unto you that the spirit of thralldom and falsehood is now destroying it. The spirit of liberty is gone when the people are legislated to death and into thralldom under the letter of the law, and that is all that the Supreme Court knows about a free country in the spirit of republican institutions.

God did not defend this country for the benefit of the Indians when the white man came here, but he made the pale faces prosper and enlarge, and they became a great nation. Why should He do more for the white man than He did for the red man, when the white man becomes more depraved in the spirit of liberty and truth than the Indian ever was? Providence will cut this republic up into sections, as the Indians were cut up in tribes, and one section will be allowed to fight another section, and God will humble this people and bring their pride and arrogance and haughty spirit low down into the dust, and punish them with the most severe humiliation.

It is to the spirit of patriotism that wisdom is given from God to the nation's council. Take patriotism away, and fools will lead fools until they are all led astray and will perish. This is the state of facts to-day. General Logan plead for the poor soldiers all his life in Congress, but who shall do it now? Only a few years more and they will all be here, and another rebellion more forcible than the one he and I fought will come upon the people. It will be a rebellion that will tear the heart of the nation to pieces, and make its statesmen mad with despair, because they could not foresee what a schoolboy in the spirit of our forefathers would have known only too well—that the people had forfeited their rights to the republican institutions of the Union and were fast drifting into anarchy first, empire next. However, be not filled with grief, because as the people are, so are the consequences of their spirit. Be firm, and move on in the darkest hour of the contest, as the people pay only the penalty which comes in proportion to the crime committed against the spirit of freedom and truth. Good bye.

MESSAGE FROM JESUAH, THE MESSIAH.

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY, August 7th, 1888.

In the scriptures it is said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, because they see God," and there it is also said: "Only one is pure, and He is God." This apparent contradiction does not in reality exist, as the *spirit* of God, which is only pure, is the purifier in the hearts of those in whom God is revealed, and is not by themselves, but by God, who works the wondrous change in the human soul to be pure in God, and not of themselves, but by the power of God they see God. This is very little understood in the church of Messiah, and much less in the churches of Christianity, that the

goodness of God worked the goodness in man by His spirit, even as the righteousness of God, by the same spirit, worked the righteousness in man to be accepted of God. Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Paul and Peter believed in God by that faith which is of God, and worked righteousness before God, and His pleasure was given to all of them found to have their lives hidden up in God's spirit.

Some men and women have an idea that they cannot sin because they in some external sense do not transgress the law and do not make themselves liable to condemnation of the laws of the land, and they count this in for righteousness even as the scribes and doctors of the law did formerly at Jerusalem. Such may be termed the righteousness of man, but it is not the righteousness of God which is superior to that of man, as God is superior to man.

The great mistake has been going on all through the days of the church, to build up the righteousness of man as an equivalent for the righteousness of God, which is not the justification of man, and before man, but the justification of the human heart before God. Therefore has God included all under sin, that He could have forbearance with all and show His mercy upon all, and nothing in His sight is more contemptible than man to count himself righteous when his heart has departed from God's spirit and love. In the judgment which will come into man's soul, it shall be said to him what he has omitted to do, what he has not done, what he avoided to do, what he refused to do, and what he closed up his heart against. That he went to war with the spirit of God and opposed the impressions from angels and from his own guardian spirit, and he will find himself in prison and not in the light of God. Man shall fall before his own judgment in God, and his own righteousness shall be counted as nothing before God.

In this humiliation is the grace of God ready to accept men and women to be justified by the justice of God when they are found conscious of the life in God.

That justification is eternal, because God is eternal; it is pure, because God is pure; it is holy, because God is holiness; it is perfect, because God is perfection.

It is the nature of God engrafted upon man, making his sinful nature shine in the pure light of the celestial life. This is a great mystery, both in heaven and upon earth, and only revealed in the spirit of His elect. His kingdom, which is in heaven, shall come down upon earth.

You say very often this was a righteous man, even as the soldiers guarding the crucifixion said about the dying Messiah on the cross, but it contains nothing in an eternal sense, and had no other meaning in the mouth of the soldiers but that he was not a criminal who deserved capital punishment, by the laws of the country.

To be righteous before God is to be God in his nature and life. Whatsoever a man may be or do is nothing in comparison with that to be alive in God and to be hidden up in His life.

By this measure the world is in unrighteousness and cannot please God, because it is weighed without His justice and found wanting in the righteousness of God.

When the churches persecute one another they are of the world, and not of God, as they present the spirit of antagonism and not that of love. Thou shalt conquer evil by good, which is by suffering, and thou shalt not put thyself up against evil. The law was given in fear and by thunder: "Thou shalt *fear* the Lord thy God," but the perfect love drives out all fear.

Therefore, fear no longer when you are perfected in the love of God, and you will suffer rather than retaliate or avenge, or commit the crime of accusation, which is the spirit of murder and degradation and the government of spiritual slaves, not fit for free-born men and women in the spiritual faith of Messiah.

The spirit of antagonism has trampled on the Church and driven out the freedom and light of God, and the priesthood

has delivered the Church up to bondage and bigotry, intolerance and feud, one against another, and one faction against another, and some have become like wild beasts, not knowing a friend from an enemy, and not trusting in their own companions, because they were terror-stricken, belying and fighting each other like mad dogs without reason, contending in their own perverted mind, which claim self-righteousness—an abomination in the sight of God their Father. Therefore has the Church lost its savor, and can do nothing for the redemption of man because it is not redeemed from its own falsehoods, and cannot extricate the world from the mire in which it is.

Let no man say to his brother, thou sinner, except he recognize in his soul the same disposition or infirmity he accuses his brother or sister of, for the accusation of sin is the revelation of that which is hidden up in his own mind.

Blessed are the pure in heart, because they see God, and because they do to others as they would others should do to them; and I was sick and they visited me. I was in prison and an outcast from society, and they came and comforted me. I was spoken evil of by all men, and they greeted me and spoke kindly about me, and I was hungry and without clothes, and they gave me food and clothed me, and I was without money, and they rendered me assistance. Even condemned to the cross, they followed after me with prayers and comfort. I say all these acts of charity have they done because the love of my Father is burning in their hearts, and in the purity of that love have they seen God and seen me in even the lowest of their fellow beings. By God's love, man conquers all things, and is victorious to overcome the world, and escape perils, and inherit the kingdom of my Father.

It is not my follower by name who shall enter the kingdom, but my follower by the spirit of truth, which works charity, in the love of the Messiah. Man's own righteousness shall be as hate to him; and his own works shall be

as the glory of Satan to his soul, when man will be covered by the righteousness of God, as to your Father belongs all honor, and power, and glory, from eternity to eternity. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH SMITH, THE MARTYR,
TO THE MESSENGER.

OAKLAND, June 18th, 1885.

Patria gloria in excelsis!

I am happy to learn that the United States will be redeemed from the burden of its corroding interior politic. I am happy to learn such from superior sources. *Gloria in excelsis!*

We are as much interested in your politics as you are yourselves. If this country would go ahead, as other countries do, and direct the public attention to exterior affairs, and colonize the people, they would be satisfied to leave out this interior strife and wars with the Church.

Our hearts beat in your life on earth, and we are as near you, as you are to yourselves. Believe me, we take an interest in your affairs and the platform on which you stand; in both we are working for the same glory and hope of salvation. My blood, at the Court House of Carthage, was shed to promote liberty and salvation to all men.

In former messages to you, I have about exhausted myself in what I have to say about the Church as it was and as it is. None of them are published. But I have said very little about Joseph, my son, as Hyrum is more interested in his affairs, and spends more time by him than I do. This may be said: Joseph will be gathered to his fathers, but his son will rise to eminence in the Church, and Israel will some day preside over the combined Church.

Only few living now will see him at Jackson County, Mo.; there the Lord shall appear, and the Ancient of Days shall preside, and homage shall be given to God by all nations.

Many things are done for a good purpose, but do not have the desired end.

Joseph is my boy in all things but in that which he does not see, because it is hidden from his sight.

The Church needed the Re-organization as a chastisement, and Joseph has done his work at the whipping-post; but in return will the Re-organized Church need the mother Church, and both will unite in no distant future. When the present generation shall have nearly passed away, then, by the will of the Father—by the power of the Lord—shall it be done.

Marriage is looked upon as the fundamental principle of social redemption in the Church. I do not say in the world, but in the Church. The marriage of the world is a remnant of human slavery, and has to be discarded as inhuman; but the marriage of heaven is not of earth. If it had been of earth, then I should have been on earth to-day, and not been standing by you in the body of spiritual flesh and bone, but I should have had my blood running in my earthly tabernacle, as my time and days on earth would not have been to an end till the fall of 1837.

Let me tell you a truth, and the combined powers of darkness shall not be able to disprove it. I have pledged my honor upon it, and now I will fulfill my promise.

It was a summer evening, the 27th of June, 1870, when you crossed the Mississippi from Keokuk, and paid a visit to my widow, Emma, and my son David; God bless him, and give him light. I have wept more for him in the spirit world than my own mother ever wept for me on earth.

That night I appeared to you at the Old Mansion House (it is now years ago), I gave you a promise. When you saw me at the room, from where my body was laid to rest

only a short distance, what did I tell you? You repeated it before you went to sleep, but the next morning it had all disappeared from your mind, and when you prayed to get the words given to you, then the promise was given: "In due time." I will give the words to you now, and you shall remember them again. I said: "Be another messenger about the truth which stained these clothes with my blood." Now you feel the same chill shaking your body, exactly as it did at my appearance and disappearance that same night of my anniversary death. Do you know it, every inch of your body is shaking with the chill felt permeating my body at the moment of death.

To preserve your life, and keep you from my fate, much effort has been made. I have been absent from you at long intervals, and you are as hidden up from the world, although you are living in the midst of it, as David lived at Gath, the stronghold of the enemies of Israel.

I have one thing against you: that you have not sent all my different messages to my son Joseph. I gave them for him personally. Be sure to send them all, as I am not satisfied with his ignorance, and he will believe that I spoke to him. You wonder that Satan appears by me. It is not because he has any part in me, but because he is seeking news, as his kingdom in the spirit world is in danger by a faithful discharge of your duty.

You ask me, in your mind, Why is he black? That is the way he appears in order to designate his standpoint to the truth as the prince of darkness. He is not dark except when he appears beside me, or beside anybody who has power above him, because in his own power he appears in light; but he can easily be detected by the light of the inferior world, which is not the light of divine love and wisdom. His eyes are dark, and express suffering, but, more than that, they express selfishness—his most potent and cardinal sin. Be not deceived by his spirit, because he will show himself to you in a garment of light; but you will know

him by the spirit of the light. He is more an object of pity than of disgust and abhorrence, as he does not wish progression, but stagnation, which is an impossibility, both in time and eternity, and the end is perdition and desolation of his kingdom in the next phase of the earth's development. You call him Mr. Harmless, and he calls you Mr. Pitiful. In fact, you appear on good defense, as you are too well protected and guided for to make any attempt to overcome. He is on good terms with all in whom he has no part. During my earth-life, he used to follow me up and down the rivers, and I saw him walking on the waters of the Mississippi. However, my blood appeased him. When you write, he gets angry. Now, see his nature, he is raving because he knows it is a just accusation. You see him as a wild man of the forests, and he is retreating towards regions of burning fire. It is always his retreat, and symbolizes his power in the lower regions of spirit life, where he, in knowledge, is an angel of great eminence, and, for that reason, becomes the opposer, or the Satan born before this world was among the globes of eternity. He has not that direct connection with our nature of earth as Jesus had, who was flesh of our flesh, and blood of our blood, and was tempted in all things, and suffered the death warrant of man.

To illustrate his nature, I will take one instance now pending in the Church, and it is marriage. Does the world understand it? It does not; but, at the same time, it judges it. Can the world get an understanding of it? No, it can only be understood by the Holy Spirit.

What will be the consequence of the world becoming devilish, and being supported by the adversary and his forces in the spirit of malice? It is not because the devils want to fight, but because they naturally fight God. It is not because the world wants to fight God, but because the world, led by the spirit of the adversary, will fight God, as he is the antipode or great spiritual pole of existence, and

counterbalances the negative spirit element of matter into obedience to his will, and governs the resistance of material conditions.

God is the Master of all negative spirit attraction, and by that he keeps Satan in his grasp, and Lucifer knows it and trembles. The same is true in regard to the world, as it does not come to the light, nor does it love the light; but the elect, who are of the light, will come to the light, that the world shall not perish, but have the light.

The Holy Spirit is the great positive spirit center, even as the great spiritual sun gives light to the perception of spiritual things, but the world is lighted by its own degree of spirit light—its own sunlight and starlight of electric rays, and its own intelligence and knowledge, and scientific, religious, and philosophical development. Mankind in its mental effort is guided, and impressed, and assisted, by millions of familiar corresponding intelligences and angels, who unknown to the world, have guarded and assisted the movements of modern civilization.

More light has gradually been thrown on the human race, and humane constitutional forms of government have been developed and adopted, but with all that, the gospel of grace in its fulness is not accepted of humanity, and spiritually man is lost—lost his soul. The conception about righteousness is only human law, and the righteousness of God is not known in the courts of justice.

I love God's Zion, the perfect beauty of a woman standing on the moon, where the Church exists in all its celestial splendor of paradise, and with the stars, the terrestrial glory of the Church of Messiah on earth, around her head. God's Zion is the Church in its perfection, where the heavenly truth is preached, which Jesus dared not utter to his apostles on earth. Milk for babies said the tried apostle Paul, and strong food for grown people in the spirit. What the spirit of the world cannot conceive, except in perversion of the truth, do not preach, or you will be rendered asunder.

Companionship was in the beginning an institution of heaven, and not of earth. The world has perverted that institution and not perfected it. The world is carnal and not spiritual, and its marriage is carnal and not spiritual, and not lived and conducted in the spirit of God's love, but in the passion of the flesh. Therefore the world cannot know the spiritual work and the love of heaven; but judges the elect by its carnal disposition, and condemns the work of heaven, and the spiritual love of God and angels.

In the creeds of the world there is no companionship in the resurrection, because the world has no part in the resurrection during the reign of Messiah, but the world will remain the world, as carnal as ever, in its conception of the companionship of paradise. The world cannot conceive things which it has never wished for, nor seen, nor comprehended, nor felt in heart or soul, because they are foolishness.

When the governments claim to license men and women to marry for love or for hate, is that not usurpation?

No government can give a right it never legitimately had. It may imagine to be in possession of such a right, but love comes down from heaven to man and woman in paradise, and to license it is usurpation.

The Gospel of Freedom cannot recognize the claim, and love needs no bondage during the reign of Messiah on earth.

The first great principle of the civil rights of man is freedom and protection. God needs no license to govern by, but the world needs it, and thus far has protection been necessary. Celibacy is better than to marry into the spirit of the world, because you cannot serve two masters, and not serve God in bondage to the Cæsars.

The next great principle is that whatever is done in freedom and in love can only be supported of heaven, as a spiritual act done in love can only demand the blessing from the servants of the Church.

It is not the work of man to control heaven, and the battle

with the arrogance of the world will be fought from above. "Render to God the things that are God's, and to the world the things that are the world's.

By the emancipation of marriage from the control of governments, liberty shall once more shield the human family. The governments of the world have to give protection by law against injustice and despotism, and against the perpetrators of evil and the persecutors of the innocent. The world can occupy a more elevated position in being the benefactor and protector of the oppressed and deserted and desolate of mankind, than to legislate itself and the Church of God into thralldom.

The Gospel of Freedom has to be preached, and the bondage of man to be overthrown, and society to be liberated from the corruption of churches and governments of the world. Whatever cannot be redeemed by wisdom, will be redeemed by blood, and pestilence and famine will speak louder than cannons until the voice of heaven is listened to and obeyed.

Man and woman shall have the right to enter into the covenant of companionship by themselves, and no others shall license it, but the spirit of God.

The heavenly love of paradise is the bondage of angels in the freedom of God. Hence love shall unite as in the commencement, because the two were in the perfection of paradise.

The love of the celestial glory of the Holy Spirit is greater than the world, and cannot be understood by the world.

The Church shall have no political power borrowed from the world, but exists in the world in the freedom of God's spirit. The diplomacy of the Church must be the wisdom of heaven to live in and act by.

The day will come when the governments of the world have legislated themselves into desolation and despair, and riots and lawlessness shall rule supreme on this continent, and the spirit of civil rights shall throw away the chains of

civil restraint, called license, because nobody could buy or sell, except having the mark of the beast on the forehead. On that day shall the governments of injustice to women come to an end; and she shall be counted equal to her rulers in the man-congress, making men's laws, denying her rights and privileges with man, but her vote shall be counted equal with the man of her companionship, and she shall be called by her own name, and it shall no longer be an appenditure to a man's name, and her children shall be called by their mother's no less than by their father's name. Domestic reform is the center of social reform and the victory of the Gospel of Freedom.

In the days of Noah people were eating and drinking and lived for the flesh, and were licensed to marry, and took wives according to the flesh, and were concerned about nothing when the flood came suddenly upon them. Such is the predestination of God, that the race will be near the day when the Son of man shall come. The political power of churches upon governments is responsible for such a state of affairs; but the churches of the world with the assumed name of Christ will eventually be cast off by the political power of the world, and Rome will no longer be the terror of Papacy, but the political power will sit supreme on the Seven Hills, and the beast will rule until during the reign of Messiah; he becomes subject to an alliance of peace with God's Kingdom. Thou Father, our God, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Thy Kingdom come. Amen.

My brother, thou blue-lighted messenger of love, called so by the Ancient of Days, and sent for a special work into the world, do not please men first, but, above all things, please God.

Why did you not publish all the messages given to my son Joseph at Lamoni? Whenever you get the courage, you will defy the traditions of the world and be faithful to your mission. The world is perverted into the center

of its life. Who shall or can remedy it but the power of God? Be fearless and ask no favor from the world, but spread the light of love and truth. I see him at your heels, that yellow-lighted messenger, who comes after you in the strength of God's wisdom, and shall victoriously execute the work of the Order of Messiah, and see the Lord in the splendor of God coming with the Kingdom. God did not give ancient Rome the power to crush the followers of Jesus, but the blood of the martyrs became the strength of the Church, and the greatest empire on earth vanished before the sight of Heaven. Even so shall the political power of this continent vanish away.

Have faith and trust in providence, and in that you have seen and heard by the *Ancient of Days*, our God and Father, and by his beloved Son, our master, that you know, and life or death cannot take it away nor make it nothing. Go on with your work. The Church takes care of its own affairs, and let it not concern you, but as God directs, do the work.

During my mission to earth, false teachers perverted God's work by accusations and expositions, till I fell a victim to treachery and a martyr to truth, but woman shall not remain in the bondage of man. God shall redeem her, and by the heavenly companionship, rebuke man, and atone my blood at Carthage.

You ask about the revelation of July 12, 1843. I will say yes—in part I received it, and in part not. There are men living on earth who know all about it. My mission was not to inaugurate polygamy. We had no such doctrine preached at Nauvoo, but we had sacred sealings of man to woman in the spiritual companionship and holy covenants of the Lord, not before the world—equally to both sexes—in the holiness of God. The original revelation could not be misunderstood; but in its perverted shape, woman is deprived of her rights, and man became the usurper and beguiled woman as Lucifer did in the Garden of Eden.

Yes, I received the revelation about the heavenly companionship with a heavenly command not to present it before the world.

The marriage of the Church is monogamy, the same as that of the world, and we knew of no other. The heavenly companionship is a secret doctrine, and for that reason it never was accepted of the Church during my presidency, and later a perverted copy of the revelation was raised as the standard for polygamy, but I am not a prophet of the perversions, nor is God our Father the father of them. The Church knows it; and when the Messiah comes, all will find the way out of errors, and receive the truth for which I died, and the equality of woman with man in the heavenly companionship.

I could do nothing in the spirit but deplore the restoration without the justification of the Jewish bondage of woman; but I had foreseen plainly that the Church would be guided into errors by some of the twelve. At the same time, it came as the logical result and mathematical consequence of the exodus from Nauvoo, and the existing conditions in the Church. The heavenly companionship is strictly dual in its development, but became plural in its earthly application between the sexes, and nothing but man rule and man power; and the privilege and right of woman was cut short into nothing but obedience and submission, which could not otherwise but end in a reign of terror. The subsequent attempt to defend the position was futile, and had to relapse and finally collapse before the vigorous protest of the civilized world and legislation of congress.

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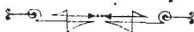
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