

(They again ascend by the stairway, and their voices are heard again.)

Peter—"Elohim, we have been down to the man Adam, have given him the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood and have instructed him to place the robe on the right shoulder."

Elohim—"It is well. Go down again, instruct him to place the robe on the left shoulder, give him the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and teach him the true order of prayer."

Peter, James and John—"We will go down."

SECOND TOKEN MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Peter—"The brethren and sisters will now stand, push back the seats, place the robe upon the left shoulder, and receive the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood."

There is no penalty attached to this, but we are told the obligation of secrecy is the same, for God will not be mocked.

The Sign is made by elevating both arms above the head to represent the crucifixion. The word "Pale" is spoken, the arms dropped to the square, "Hale," and then to the sides, "Hale"—thus—"Pale, Hale, Hale."

The Grip is made by grasping the hand, the forefinger on centre of wrist and little fingers locked. There is a tradition that when our Saviour was crucified, the nail drew out between the fingers with the weight of His body, and the executioner then drove the nail through the wrist for better security. This Grip is called the "Patriarchal Grip" or "Sure Sign of the Nail."

The following obligations are now taken with the right arm at the square:

LAW OF SACRIFICE

"You and each of you do covenant and promise that you will sacrifice your time, talents and all you may now or hereafter become possessed of to the upbuilding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

"All bow your heads and say yes."

LAW OF CHASTITY FOR MEN

"You and each of you do covenant and promise that you will not have sexual intercourse with any of the opposite sex except your lawful wife or wives who are given you by the holy priesthood."

"All bow your heads and say yes."

LAW FOR WOMEN

"You and each of you do covenant and promise that you will not have sexual intercourse with any of the opposite sex save your lawful husband, given you by the holy priesthood."

"All bow your heads and say yes."

LAW OF VENGEANCE

"You and each of you do solemnly promise and vow that you will pray, and never cease to

pray, and never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets on this nation, and that you will teach this to your children and your children's children unto the third and fourth generation."

"All bow your heads and say yes."

PRAYER CIRCLE

The true order of prayer is now taught in what is known as the Prayer Circle. As many candidates as can conveniently do so now surround the altar, when all the Tokens of the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood are gone over.

Peter—"The Sisters will now veil their faces."

The veil attached to the hood is here lowered.

The men who are kneeling now take each other by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip and place the elbow of the left arm on the shoulder of the person next to them, arm at the square, palm of the hand to the front.

An elder kneels at the altar, with right arm at the square and the left extended, the hand cupped as though about to receive a blessing. He then offers a prayer, which is repeated by all who compose the circle. A prayer of this type is used in the Prayer Circles of the priesthood.

THE ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Elohim, or one in authority, now mounts the platform in front of the veil and gives a lecture, reviewing the whole Endowment service. This lecture is often very long and tedious. The speaker goes over the Temple work of the day and explains its signs and meaning. The marks in the veil are also explained, with their significance and uses. In speaking of the creation, he is sure to say that Adam was not made out of the dust of the earth but begotten the same as other men; that the creation of Adam was done by a figure just to show you how man was made; and that when he came here he brought one of his wives with him. On days when there are few who are going through the Temple for the first time, this lecture before the veil is very much shortened, only the essential part which refers to the creation of Adam being recited or read.

THE PLATFORM BEFORE THE VEIL

The platform from which this lecture is delivered is reached by three steps on either side of an altar. Up these steps the candidates must ascend for final testing before admission to the inner sanctuary or Celestial Glory. The veil itself covers a large archway at the east end of the Lecture Room. The archway is supported by five pillars and covered with a curtain heavy with gold lace trimmings. Between these pillars candidates give their grips, signs and tokens before being admitted to the holy of holies. Benches are placed on this platform for the accommodation of those whose names have been called until there is room for them to do their work through one of the veiled openings.

Peter—"We will now uncover the veil."