

SECTION 43

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, in February 1831. At this time some members of the Church were disturbed by people making false claims as revelators. The Prophet inquired of the Lord and received this communication addressed to the elders of the Church. The first part deals with matters of Church polity; the latter part contains a warning that the elders are to give to the nations of the earth.

1–7, Revelations and commandments come only through the one appointed; 8–14, The Saints are sanctified by acting in all holiness before the Lord; 15–22, Elders are sent forth to cry repentance and prepare men for the great day of the Lord; 23–28, The Lord calls upon men by His own voice and through the forces of nature; 29–35, The Millennium and the binding of Satan will come.

1 O hearken, ye elders of my church, and give ear to the words which I shall speak unto you.

2 For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye have received a commandment for a ^alaw unto my church, through him whom I have appointed unto you to receive commandments and ^brevelations from my hand.

3 And this ye shall know assuredly—that there is ^anone other appointed unto you to receive ^bcommandments and revelations until he be taken, if he ^cabide in me.

4 But verily, verily, I say unto you, that ^anone else shall be appointed unto this gift except it be through him; for if it be taken from him he shall not have power except to appoint another in his stead.

5 And this shall be a law unto you, that ye ^areceive not the ^bteachings of any that shall come before you as revelations or commandments;

6 And this I give unto you that you may not be ^adeceived, that you may know they are not of me.

7 For verily I say unto you, that he that is ^aordained of me shall come in at the ^bgate and be ordained as I have told you before, to teach those ^crevelations which you have received and shall receive through him whom I have appointed.

8 And now, behold, I give unto you a ^acommandment, that when ye are ^bassembled together ye shall ^cinstruct and ^dedify each other, that ye may know ^ehow to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given.

9 And thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church, and be ^asanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me—

10 That inasmuch as ye do this, glory shall be ^aadded to the kingdom which ye have received. Inasmuch as ye do it not, it shall be ^btaken, even that which ye have received.

11 ^aPurge ye out the ^biniquity which is among you; sanctify yourselves before me;

12 And if ye desire the glories of the kingdom, ^aappoint ye my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and uphold him before me by the prayer of faith.

13 And again, I say unto you, that if ye desire the ^amysteries of the kingdom, provide for him

food and raiment, and whatsoever thing he needeth to accomplish the work wherewith I have commanded him;

14 And if ye do it not he shall remain unto them that have received him, that I may reserve unto myself a ^apure ^bpeople before me.

15 Again I say, hearken ye elders of my ^achurch, whom I have appointed: Ye are not sent forth to be ^btaught, but to ^cteach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my ^dSpirit;

16 And ye are to be ^ataught from on high. ^bSanctify yourselves and ye shall be ^cendowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken.

17 Hearken ye, for, behold, the ^agreat ^bday of the Lord is nigh at hand.

18 For the day cometh that the Lord shall utter his ^avoice out of heaven; the heavens shall ^bshake and the earth shall ^ctremble, and the ^dtrump of God shall sound both long and loud, and shall say to the sleeping nations: Ye saints ^earise and live; ye sinners ^fstay and ^gsleep until I shall call again.

19 Wherefore gird up your loins lest ye be found among the wicked.

20 Lift up your voices and spare not. Call upon the nations to repent, both old and young, both ^abond and free, saying: Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord;

21 For if I, who am a man, do lift up my voice and call upon you to repent, and ye ^ahate me, what will ye say when the ^bday cometh when the ^cthunders shall utter their voices from the ends of the earth, speaking to the ears of all that live, saying—Repent, and prepare for the great day of the Lord?

22 Yea, and again, when the ^alightnings shall streak forth from the east unto the west, and shall utter forth their voices unto all that live, and make the ears of all tingle that hear, saying these words—Repent ye, for the great day of the Lord is come?

23 And again, the Lord shall utter his voice out of heaven, saying: Hearken, O ye nations of the earth, and hear the words of that God who ^amade you.

24 O, ye nations of the earth, how often would I have gathered you together as a ^ahen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye ^bwould not!

25 How oft have I ^acalled upon you by the mouth of my ^bservants, and by the ^cministering of angels, and by mine own voice, and by the voice of ^dthunderings, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of ^efamines and pestilences of every kind, and by the great sound of a ^ftrump, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of ^gmercy all the day long, and by the voice of glory and honor and the ^hriches of eternal life, and would have saved you with an ⁱeverlasting salvation, but ye would not!

26 Behold, the day has come, when the ^acup of the ^bwrath of mine indignation is full.

27 Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God.

28 Wherefore, labor ye, ^alabor ye in my vineyard for the last time—for the last time call upon

the inhabitants of the earth.

29 For in mine own due time will I ^acome upon the earth in ^bjudgment, and my people shall be ^credeemed and shall ^dreign with me on earth.

30 For the great ^aMillennium, of which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come.

31 For ^aSatan shall be ^bbound, and when he is loosed again he shall only reign for a ^clittle season, and then cometh the ^dend of the earth.

32 And he that liveth in ^arighteousness shall be ^bchanged in the twinkling of an eye, and the earth shall pass away so as by ^cfire.

33 And the wicked shall go away into unquenchable ^afire, and their end no man knoweth on earth, nor ever shall know, until they come before me in ^bjudgment.

34 Hearken ye to these words. Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the ^aSavior of the world. ^bTreasure these things up in your hearts, and let the ^csolemnities of ^deternity ^erest upon your ^fminds.

35 Be ^asober. Keep all my commandments. Even so. Amen.

2a D&C 42:2 (1–93).

2b TG Commandments of God; God, Law of; Revelation.

3a TG False Prophets.

3b TG Prophets, Mission of.

3c John 15:4.

4a D&C 28:2 (1–3, 11–13).

5a D&C 28:5 (3–8).

5b TG False Doctrine.

6a D&C 28:11; 46:7. TG Deceit.

7a TG Authority; Called of God.

7b Matt. 7:13; 2 Ne. 9:41; 31:9 (9, 17–18); 3 Ne. 14:14 (13–14); D&C 22:4.

7c TG Scriptures to Come Forth.

8a TG Commandments of God.

8b TG Assembly for Worship; Meetings.

8c D&C 88:77 (77–79).

8d TG Edification.

8e D&C 82:9; JS—H 1:12.

9a TG Sanctification.

10a Alma 12:10 (9–11).

- 10b Mark 4:25.
- 11a 1 Cor. 5:7.
- 11b D&C 42:87. TG Sin.
- 12a TG Sustaining Church Leaders.
- 13a TG Mysteries of Godliness.
- 14a TG Purity.
- 14b TG Millennium, Preparing a People for.
- 15a TG Jesus Christ, Head of the Church.
- 15b 1 Jn. 2:27. TG Teaching.
- 15c D&C 50:13. TG Missionary Work; Mission of Latter-day Saints; Priesthood, Ordination.
- 15d TG Teaching with the Spirit.
- 16a TG Inspiration; Teachable.
- 16b Josh. 3:5. TG Sanctification.
- 16c Luke 24:49; D&C 38:32; 39:15; 95:8 (8–9); 110:9 (8–10).
- 17a Mal. 4:5; D&C 2:1; 34:8 (6–9).
- 17b D&C 5:19 (19–20); 29:8; 35:11 (11–16).
- 18a Joel 2:11; D&C 35:21; 88:90; 133:50 (50–52).
- 18b Joel 2:10; 3:16; D&C 45:48. TG Last Days.
- 18c D&C 45:33 (33, 48); 84:118; 88:87 (87, 90).
- 18d D&C 29:13; 45:45.
- 18e TG Resurrection.
- 18f Rev. 20:13 (12–13); Alma 11:41; D&C 76:85; 88:100 (100–101).
- 18g Dan. 12:2; Morm. 9:13 (13–14).
- 20a 1 Cor. 12:13.
- 21a TG Hate.
- 21b TG Day of the Lord.
- 21c 2 Ne. 27:2; D&C 88:90.
- 22a Amos 4:6 (6–10).
- 23a Deut. 32:6; 1 Ne. 2:12.
- 24a Matt. 23:37; Luke 13:34; 3 Ne. 10:6 (4–6).
- 24b TG Rebellion.
- 25a Lev. 26:16; Ezek. 26:6; 1 Ne. 21:26 (25–26); Mosiah 7:29; 11:22 (20–22); Hel. 12:3 (2–4).

- 25b Matt. 23:34. TG Prophets, Mission of.
- 25c D&C 7:6; 130:5.
- 25d Rev. 16:18; 2 Ne. 6:15. TG Nature, Earth.
- 25e Jer. 24:10; Joel 1:10; Amos 4:6; D&C 87:6 (1–8); JS—M 1:29. TG Drought; Famine.
- 25f Ex. 19:19 (13, 16, 19).
- 25g TG Mercy.
- 25h TG Treasure.
- 25i TG Eternal Life; Immortality; Salvation.
- 26a Lam. 4:21.
- 26b Ezek. 21:31. TG God, Indignation of.
- 28a Jacob 5:71 (71–75); D&C 27:13; 33:3. TG Vineyard of the Lord.
- 29a TG Jesus Christ, Second Coming.
- 29b TG Judgment, the Last.
- 29c Rev. 14:4 (2–5).
- 29d TG Jesus Christ, Millennial Reign.
- 30a TG Millennium.
- 31a 1 Ne. 22:26. TG Devil.
- 31b D&C 45:55; 84:100; 88:110 (110–12); 101:28.
- 31c Rev. 20:3 (3–10); Jacob 5:77 (76–77); D&C 29:22; 88:111 (110–12).
- 31d Matt. 24:14. TG World, End of.
- 32a TG Righteousness.
- 32b 1 Cor. 15:51 (51–52); D&C 63:51; 88:28 (20, 28); 101:31. TG Resurrection.
- 32c Matt. 3:12.
- 33a Dan. 7:11; D&C 29:28 (21, 26–30). TG Hell.
- 33b TG Jesus Christ, Judge.
- 34a TG Jesus Christ, Savior.
- 34b Isa. 45:22; D&C 6:36; 11:26; JS—M 1:37. TG Treasure.
- 34c D&C 84:61; 88:121; 100:7. TG Levity.
- 34d TG Eternity.
- 34e TG Meditation.
- 34f TG Mind.
- 35a Rom. 12:3; D&C 18:21.

