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Zion in America, Joseph's Holy City

Zion is mentioned no less than forty-two times in the Nephite record (pg.7). The Nephite record's continual insistence that Zion is to be a city of the House of Israel raises some serious questions. The prophet Mormon, knowing the records that he was engraving would one day come to the Gentiles, said: *And now behold, this I speak unto their seed, and also to the Gentiles, who have care for the house of Israel that realize and know from whence their blessings come. For I know that such will sorrow for the calamity of the House of Israel* (Mn. 2:37-38).

Surely the Gentiles have not cared for the House of Israel in America, neither have many of them sorrowed for the calamity of this unfortunate people. As a church one can perhaps say that we are not responsible for what has befallen the Indian at the hands of the white man. We comfort ourselves with the thought that we did not rob them of any of their gold. Yet thus far, we have taken and withheld from them more gold than Cortez...ever dreamed [of].

The really great treasure of Indian gold was not found by Cortez...It was found by a backwoods country youth. This young man...Joseph Smith Jr. by name, did not

have to fight Indians to obtain this fabulous treasure. He was led to it voluntarily by one who belongs to and represents the Indian people both ancient and modern. This ancient American, Moroni, led Joseph Smith to where he had secreted this golden treasure, for a purpose which has apparently thus far been largely, if not entirely, overlooked (pg. 26).

(Excerpts from Book of Mormon Deeps, Vol. 3, 1979, by Roy E. Weldon).

Weldon also asks the question:

Do we have the cart before the horse? Can we build Zion before we carry the priceless testimony of their fathers to the Lamanites? (pg.28). Can it be possible that instead of our waiting for the endowment the endowment is waiting for us to carry our ancient American gold to it's rightful owners? (pg. 30).

These are things to ponder about to pray for enlightenment and understanding.

(Oak Grove R.B. Flash Card #169 compiled by Sherrie Kline Smith.)

See also Mosiah 7:78, 3Nephi 7:43, and 3 Nephi chapters 9 - 10.#

Reasons why I'm not worried.

1. God.



Looking for Something to do or Give to A Special Mother?

Zion's Ridge is sponsoring an:

Elegant Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

It's a Zion's Ridge Campground fundraiser to complete the kitchen/dining hall.

Please join us on May 9th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for an elegant Mother's Day Brunch Buffet at Missionary Restoration Branch on Elsea Smith Road, Buckner, Mo. 6416.

We will be serving a variety of dishes ranging from breakfast casseroles to fruit and muffins along with many other delectable.

We will have a juice and tea bar with different types of juices and both herbal and regular teas.

We are also having a spring sale for Mom or the lady in your life. There will also be baked goods to buy by the pound or individually. If you want to shop the sale and skip the brunch that is fine. There is no cost to shop the sale.

Mother's day Brunch prices: one person \$15.00, two people \$25.00, family of 3-4 \$35.00, family of 5 or more \$50.00

Please RSVP to Deana Van Eaton at ggma13and2@gmail.com if you are coming to the brunch so we have an idea of how many to plan for.#

Disaster Relief Need



Cyclone *Gazeni/Awo* struck Mozambique and Malawi on March 18, 2026. It left a number of Saints homeless and dealing with the loss of family. Disaster relief for food and household resources, as well as, funds to rebuild homes is needed. To make a donation send checks to:

Conference of Restoration Branches

attn.: Disaster Relief

411 E. 23rd St. South, Ste. C

Independence, Missouri 64055

Make checks payable to JCRB with *Disaster Relief* clearly noted on the memo line.#

Read a Good Book Lately?

I just finished reading *A Time to Sew* by Patrick McKay, Sr. self-published. I've read the other two books written and published by Patrick, *Healing the Breach* and *Witnessing With the Book of Mormon*, and found them very enriching and uplifting. *A Time to Sew* is equally as edifying. In it he focuses on what is common among all the Restoration groups and then discusses how the ministry of Jesus needs to accomplish what we were told to be doing, sharing the Gospel of Christ. The "Great Commission" Jesus gave to His disciples is our work now! This is a short book, only 28 pages, more like a workbook with questions at the end of each chapter to get the reader to think about what needs to be done with the work before us.#

If God put a Goliath in front of you, He knows there's a David inside of you.

Joy is not a matter of what is happening around you, but inside you. Steve Miller

Such a Time as This

Esther 4:14

Marilyn Middleton, January 2023

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| I was born | Pain and Sorrow | Each day. |
| For such a time as this | Our night which | Serve others |
| The words ring loud | We create. | As you pray. |
| And true | | |
| I was born | Our night of | Live the life |
| For such a time as this | Death and Sickness | That others will see |
| And so were You! | Our night of | The Peace |
| | Selfishness and Greed | The Joy |
| What does this mean? | Our night of | The Freedom |
| What can I say? | Carnal pleasure | That comes |
| What is this time? | For all this light | When we let Jesus |
| What role am I to play? | We're freed. | Lead us |
| | | To God's Kingdom |
| I need to see it clearly | So what am | |
| Before I can begin. | I to do? | Serve others |
| Or am I in the midst of living | What are you | Think less of self |
| And all will be added in? | To do? | Shine your light so free |
| | We each have | To all you see |
| Some things I know | A part to play | Be the person |
| Right now | A job to do | God created you |
| This world needs | A message to convey. | To be! |
| Truth and light. | | |
| God's love will | Spread the Joy | I was born |
| Light the darkness | Christ brings for all | For such a time as this |
| To overcome our night | Witness of Him, always | The words ring loud and true. |
| | Seek God's direction | I was born |
| Our night of fear and doubting | Heed His Words | For such a time as this |
| Our night of | Be His Hands and Feet | And so were You!# |
| Anger and hate | On earth | |
| Our night of | | |



Your house feels different because you pray in it, it's not the paint color. It's not the décor. It's not the square footage. It's His presence.

There are words spoken in your home that heaven has recorded. There are tears that hit the floor and become intercession. There are whispered Scriptures in the kitchen, at the sink, in the hallway, that shifted the atmosphere long before anyone noticed.

Peace doesn't just *happen*, it's cultivated.

When you pray in your living room, walls absorb faith. When you worship while folding laundry, the air changes. When you plead the blood over bedrooms, you mark territory.

Joshua 24:15 (KJV) says: *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* That's not decoration for a wall. That's a declaration in the Spirit.

Your home may not be perfect. It may be loud. It may be messy. It may be in process. But it is covered.

Because prayer doesn't just touch people, it saturates places. Your children feel it. Your guests sense it. Even the arguments don't linger the same way. Why? Because someone in that house prays.

Keep praying in the kitchen.

Keep declaring in the hallway.

Keep anointing doorframes.

Keep worshipping in ordinary moments.

You're not just raising a family. You're establishing an altar. And that's why your house feels different.

(Natalie Breckenreidge).Thanks Pat Johnson#

See the rocks in your path not as obstacles, but as opportunities to climb higher.
Eleanor Wiley.

God's Refund Policy

Thank you for your prayer request.

We see you'd like to return:

- *The hard season*
- *The person who left*
- *The unanswered prayer*
- *The closed door*
- *The waiting period*

Unfortunately, these items are non-refundable as they were:

- ⇒ Custom-designed for your growth
- ⇒ Necessary for your next chapter
- ⇒ Protecting you from something you couldn't see
- ⇒ Part of a bigger plan you do not have the full picture of yet

However, we are issuing you:

- * Strength you didn't know you had
- * Clarity you couldn't see before
- * Faith that's deeper than it was
- * A testimony that will help someone else

Exchange complete. Trust the process.

(Jaqueline Whitney) Thanks Pat Johnson#



Tamela's Testimony

Over the past four months you've read the talk Tamela gave at a women's conference a few years ago. I want to reprint one of the testimonies I've published of Tamela's over the last 6 years.

My Mom has just enough money monthly to live on, nothing extra and sometimes the money runs out before the end of the month. We try to help as we can. At the end of Feb. she went to the grocery store to buy 3 items. As she got to the checkout she was counting out her change when she realized she didn't have enough. She turned to the people behind her, a young man and his young son, and behind them an older man, and apologized for making them wait. As she turned back to the checker PLOP a \$20.00 bill landed on the counter. The older gentleman said, *I want to pay for her groceries.*" My Mom, with tears in her eyes thanked him and the checker holding back tears as well, handed her all her change. When my Mom got home she called me and told me about what had happened. I said *"Mom, I never have to worry about you because I know the Lord is taking care of you., always"*.

What other choice is there but to have hope? Lance Armstrong

Have I Done Any Good?

Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909) LDS hymn.

Have I Done Any Good?

Have I done any good in the world today?

Have I helped anyone in need?

Have I cheered up the sad - made someone feel glad- if not I have failed indeed.

Has anyone's burden been lighter today because I was willing to share?

Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way -

When they needed my help, was I there?

The Warrior's Prayer Eph.6

Heavenly Father, Your warrior prepares for battle. Today I claim victory over satan by putting on the whole armor of God!

I put on the **Girdle of Truth**. May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word so I will not be a victim of satan's and his demons' lies.

I put on the **Breastplate of Righteousness**. May it guard my heart from evil so I will remain pure and holy. Protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the **Shoes of Peace**. May I stand firm in the Good News of the gospel. So Your peace will shine through me and be a light to all I encounter.

I take the **Shield of Faith**. May I be ready for satan's fiery darts of doubt, denial and deceit. So I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

'I put on the **Helmet of Salvation**. May I keep my mind focused on You so satan will not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the **Sword of the Spirit**. May the two-edged sword of Your Word be ready in my hands so I can expose the tempting words of satan.

By faith our warrior has put on the whole armor of God. In His most Holy Name, Jesus Christ, Amen.#

Then wake up and do something more than dream of your mansion above.

Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure, a blessing of duty and love.

There are chances for work all around us just now.

Opportunities right in our way.

Do not let them pass by -

Saying "Sometime I'll try"

But, go and do something today.

Tis noble of man to work and to give -

Loves labor has merit alone.

Only he who does something helps others to love,

To God it's work will be known.#

If you own any of These Items, you are Richer Than 90% of the Planet

Most people measure wealth by observing their life and their surroundings. You compare yourself with friends, family and people you see on line - that feels natural. But once you step back and look at the entire world, wealth changes quickly. Things that feel average are rare in other places. What often gets missed are some of the simplest comforts we overlook which are actually signs that we are wealthy on a global level. It shows up in every day ways we often overlook. Owning certain basic items places someone far above global average, even if they do not feel rich.

- ⇒ *A Smart Phone*
- ⇒ Reliable internet access at home.
- ⇒ Leisure spending without guilt - every time.
- ⇒ A personal computer or laptop.
- ⇒ A working refrigerator
- ⇒ Extra clothing beyond immediate need.
- ⇒ Ability to plan beyond the next month.
- ⇒ Access to clean, running water.
- ⇒ Personal transportation options.
- ⇒ Ability to afford medical care when needed.
- ⇒ A bank account with some cushion.
- ⇒ Time that is not fully controlled by survival.
- ⇒ Ability to travel for non-essential reasons.

In Summary

Owning some or many of these items does not make one better, smarter, or more deserving. It simply means they live within systems that provide access and stability. Understanding global inequality can inspire gratitude, empathy, and awareness rather than comparison, and these markers exist to shift perspective, not to shame or evaluate.

If you recognize yourself in this list, it does not mean you should feel guilty. It means you have room to notice your position in the wider world. That awareness alone can change how people relate to money, opportunity, and others.

In the end the most meaningful signs that you are wealthy are not about excess. They are about security, choice, and the ability to look beyond survival.#

Praise or Thankfulness, What's the Difference?

Thankfulness is *us-centered*; when things work out the way we want, we're thankful. Praise is God-centered; praise means becoming aware of God in your life right now. Praise is the beginning of healing. With praise we see God at work even through the pain and dislocation in our lives. Praise takes our eyes off our problems and puts our focus back on God, who is with us in every challenge.#

All our hopes and our dreams for a better tomorrow can be found in the blessings God provides us today.

Charlie DeLeo.