

DAILY TIDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

DAY 3

Daily Theme: Prepare ye prepare ye for that which is to come... D&C Section 1:3

- 3a. Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear;
- 3b. 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;
- 3c. 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;
- 3d. for they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness,
- 3e. but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.

REGISTRATION:

Please register at the table in the foyer if you haven't already done so on-line. This helps us have a count for presentations, classes, and for meals. There is **NO** cost to register (however if you would like to purchase a binder with all the pertinent information, the cost is \$15).



Conference Registration: To register on-line directly, use this link:

<http://eldersconference.org>

Once you have registered you will then receive a link to access on-line.

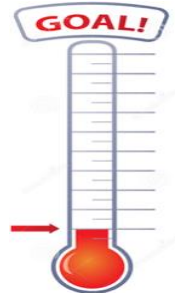
LAYING ON OF HANDS; ADMINISTRATION:



If you need this ordinance, contact any Elder or specifically Eric Odida or Marlin Guin.

CONFERENCE FINANCIAL GOAL:

If you will be donating by check, please make the check-out to: Conference of Restoration Elders *OR* CRE. Thank you for your generosity! The financial goal of the conference and reunion is:



Financial Goal	\$15,650.00
Offerings Thus Far	\$ 1,654.85
Balance To Be Met	<u>\$13,995.15</u>

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Sunday Evening	225
On-Line	90
Monday Evening	160
On-Line	96

SANCTUARY: A consecrated place. Please maintain a sense of quiet and reverence when in the sanctuary. Also, **NO** food or drink in the sanctuary, except for bottled water.



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MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD: You must register



and be credentialed in order to have a voice and vote in the Elder's sessions. The first Elder's Quorum session is **Monday, April 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** Please check the schedule in the conference notebooks as well as at the Registration desk for times and locations for all meetings. Pick up your name badge and conference notebook at the registration table. A \$15.00 donation is helpful to cover the cost of the notebooks.

ON-LINE ACCESS: www.eldersconference.org

- ◆ Access the website
- ◆ Register On-Line
- ◆ Conference Schedule
- ◆ Stone Church Map
- ◆ Public Sessions
- ◆ Women's Classes
- ◆ Aaronic Quorum Meetings
- ◆ Elders Quorum Meetings
- ◆ Conference Notebook
- ◆ Digital Handouts & Resources



ELECTRONIC "GADGETS":

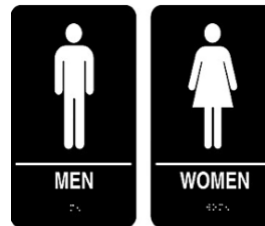
Please set your phones on silent or off when in the building. Take and make calls outside the building.

SEATING:

Please fill in the seats in the main section **BEFORE** filling in the seating on the sides of the sanctuary.



RESTROOMS: The men's restroom is located on the east side hallway going toward the Luff Auditorium and the women's restroom is located on the west side of the hallway, also going toward the Luff Auditorium. There is also a men's and women's room toward the main hallway going toward the glass breezeway.



ELEVATOR: The elevator is located on the west side of the foyer as you head toward the Luff Auditorium. Feel free to ask Janet Dickson who will be at the registration table for directions.



FIRST AID, & AED Defibrillator:

Check at the Registration Desk in the foyer if you have first aid



needs. We will not have a nurse "on duty" but some may be available. A portable AED Defibrillator will be there as well. Point of contact for these items is Janet Dickson at the registration table. You can call or text her at (940) 783-7987.



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DISPLAYS: Various displays are set up in the foyer. Please take time to visit them to see what is going on in and around the Center Place. Displays will be up all week and removed by Friday, April 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.



- † ARM: African Restoration Ministries
- † Children's Books by: Beryle Immer
- † Education Council
- † FSM: Freedom Stewardship Ministries
- † GEM: Greater European Ministries
- † Joseph Smith III & Israel A. Smith Home Historical Society
- † Kingdom Kids by: Becky Stayton
- † LAMB: Latin American Missions Board
- † Old Bookman: Paul & Dee Ludy
- † Publications Council
- † Restoration Hymn Society, Inc.



SCHEDULES AND BUILDING FLOOR PLAN:

These items will be posted at the registration table in the foyer. The schedule is also in Section 1 of your notebook and the floor plan is on the back cover of the notebook.

TODAY'S LUNCH will be at Outreach RB located at 723 S. Chrysler Ave., Independence . (Only 0.06 miles from the Stone Church)



Today's yummy is...enchiladas. There will be gluten free options as well.

LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found items can be turned in at the Registration Desk in the foyer. If possible, please be sure that your items are marked with your name so that they can be returned to the rightful owner.



TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION:



Write your testimonies for the Tidings of Zion magazine and send them to: centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com

Make sure you stop by the **Old Bookman** book tables in the foyer and pick up a few good reads!



Free 1-year subscriptions of Restoration Voice magazine are available. Give Dee or Paul Ludy your name, address & phone number to get on the list.

BUILDING OPEN & CLOSURE TIMES: The building will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will be closing approximately at 9:00 p.m. following the evening service. Please complete all your business by that time, so conference staff can close up and get home shortly thereafter.



NAME BADGES: When you to leave the conference and won't be returning, please leave your plastic name badge at the registration table.



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WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN: There is a water fountain that also fills water bottles on the west side in the foyer and a traditional water fountain on the east side of the foyer. Feel free to bring your own water bottles for refilling.



Just a thought... What is Jesus's favorite song? Answer: Mary had a little Lamb

SPECIAL NOTE: On Wednesday, April 10th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a picnic, fellowship, and lawn game fun instead of the regular daily scheduled activities.



The picnic location is at Living Hope RB (2425 Chrysler Ave., Independence, MO. 64052). It is only 1.2 miles from the Stone Church.

How to Know if You Are Living Your Calling

By: Cally Logan from crosswalk.com

The idea and concept of living out your calling is a common phrase we hear throughout the church. The concept of a calling stems from the heart of living in such a way that one would actively work and live out what God made them to do, what they were intended for. It is something many of us want to know we are doing, but how do you know if you are living out the specific calling upon your life?



Joy in the Work

There is a severe difference between joy and happiness, though they are often considered synonyms. Joy is the quiet assurance of something or someone, whereas happiness is a feeling that can shift or change on a whim. Joy roots itself in assurance despite circumstances or feelings. On the other hand, happiness can move with the feeling or sentiment of the day or levels of stress. When you are living in your calling, there is joy found in work, even if happiness is not present at the moment. Any job, pro-

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Joy in the Work, *Cont'd.*

profession, or career will have times that are not preferable or desirable, but there can still be a feeling of joy present. This is because it is not rooted in emotion, but instead stability that even in the hard times, there is a fullness and root that things are as correct. It is better to root ourselves in the rock of joy rather than the sands of feeling.

It Is Challenging

Mundane and monotonous activities rarely ignite passion or vigor. A significant aspect of living out a calling is finding fulfillment and excitement even in challenges when they arise. This is not to say a calling must always be a challenge, nor is it to say that it never is. Instead, it is said that even when inevitable challenges arise, there is a sustained aspiration to face the challenge head-on. These challenges will prove fruitful in how they help you grow, learn a lesson, or improve in a new and different way. These challenges often fuel new ideas or methods of approaching issues as well. Callings with challenges keep things moving forward into the future rather than withering away.

The Work Is Never Done

Living out a calling validates that the work is never really done. The idea of a calling versus a temporary project is that the calling goes on and endures. A project for a season typically has a time period of beginning and end. A calling grows and changes with time and meets a place of evolution over time. Consider great musicians who begin with a genre or type of music and continue to enhance and grow their craft. Their calling moves within them to not cease creating but to grow with time. A calling invites growth, not completion.

You Are Inspired

Passion and inspiration are a huge necessity when it comes to a calling. This is not to say that you will always feel inspired or passionate, but you will have an underlying desire to continue even when things are difficult. There is also a sense of curiosity and intrigue in continuing on the path of discovery within

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You Are Inspired, *Cont'd.*

a calling. What might happen if you keep working? What could be born of going down this path? Where are places of potential growth and learning? Van Gogh once said, "Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling. "Inspiration will take you far within a calling.

A Sense of Assurance

When one lives out their calling, there is also a sense of knowing that is confirmed within. This is often an unspoken place that emerges by simply feeling a deep peace not contingent upon outward circumstances. This is why it is important to be in tune with your inner self when pursuing a profession or calling, and it is where the aspect of inviting God is vital before investing time, effort, money, and your life. This sense of assurance is something no man can buy, contrive, or invent; rather, it is something freely given from within.

Confirmation from God

A true calling comes from God, so it is important to connect with God when investigating where you are called to and for what reason. Consider those in the Bible who were called into specific missions, professions, or quests for a calling. These callings often came directly from God, be it through a verbal command, a revelation, a dream, or an invitation of the Lord. Jeremiah 33:3 reminds us that, "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: 3 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' It is the delight of the Lord to reveal to you what He has for you to accomplish in this mission called life. Seek Him to truly see and know what it is that He has to bear fruit through your life.

Fruit

The fruit that is produced from a calling will prove indicative of the plant, the plant being you. Matthew 7:17-20 explains, "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree

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Fruit, Cont'd.

cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them." The fruit born of your calling will be directly influenced by what you are sowing, planting, and watering. This is not to say that drought, storm, or issue may arise, but there will be evidence of what is born even in difficulties. The fruit born of your calling can be produced sevenfold from what is planted when you invite the Lord within it, but it falls upon us if we invite the Lord to abide or not in the calling. What will you choose?

A calling and how you live out the "why" behind your creation is such a large part of the short lives we live on this planet. Be it for creation, be it for cultivating His garden, or be it for something else, God has a very specific and beautiful plan that you are invited into. Tolkien spoke of how as human beings; we are invited to be sub-Creators as we are made in the image of the Creator God Himself. That said, the sub-creator status can be seen and fulfilled in how we live out our callings. You will know you are living out your calling by the fruit that is born, the sense of assurance within your own heart, and the confirmation that God Himself will offer you in the process. If you are unsure if you are living out your calling **WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU READ YOUR PATRIARCAL BLESSING?**