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To the Holy Laws of Zion.

Thus saith the holy Savior;

My dearly beloved, the holy Anointed on earth,

I have at this time written and caused to be written by the Angel Vikalen, this Book, which is to confirm and witness my union and approbation with what you have hitherto received from your heavenly Parents; that there have ^{perfectly} not been any writings or communications from them, but what have

agreed with the holy Savior, and with the true spirit and will of God. Thus saith the Savior; My heavenly Father hath sent forth his Book containing the holy Laws of Zion; and 20 parts therefrom have been read by your heavenly Parents this holy Angel, and written for the general increase of all Believers. I have placed my name and fixed my seal upon that holy Book, ^{witnessing} to the truth of what is there stated by your heavenly Parents.

2. Yea, my beloved, says the Savior, let the will and desires of your heavenly Parents, be written and kept as a Law & Covenant, for a strength and guidance to their children, for

ages to come, when those of you, my dearly beloved, who now bear the burden, and direct the house of God, shall finish your work and be no more; that it may be a lasting memorial for those on whom the anointing shall rest, to lead and protect God's chosen; that by it they may be strengthened and supported; and build upon the same which they now see witnessed by their blessed Lead; which is manifested from their holy Savior and heavenly Parents in eternity.

3. And furthermore, have I caused to be stated in this Book, another matter, which is necessary for a further increase among Believers. And as this is the first Church ^{on} earth, here is the holy Anointed, the chosen and appointed of God. And his Wisdom and holy Power ^{does} rest ~~upon~~ upon you, to lead and direct his holy people. Here must the laws of Zion first be revealed; here must the first increase be found; here is where all souls look for example; and here must the pattern be set.

4. Beloved Ministry, believing your anxiety to know and do the will of your heavenly Parents, I will now make known their will and desire unto you. That is, that the people of God should be more separate from the children of this world.

Did not Jesus the Savior first set this example while on earth? Was it not in the first call of souls to salvation? Truly it was. I called upon those who followed me, to separate themselves from the world, saying, Come out from among them; deny yourselves of the pleasures and friendships of this world; take up your cross and follow me.

5. Feeling the same anxiety for the salvation of souls, it is my will and desire that, in union with the beloved Lord, ~~that~~ the Believers should be gathered into Zion, and her walls closed; for the enemy is lurking around, seeking opportunities to allure and decoy the children of Zion. Your heavenly Parents say that, too much freedom has been shown to the unbelieving and defiled children of this lost world; that there has been, yea, great loss come by having so much correspondence and sociability—freely conversing with hired men.

6. Did your first Parents and Elders set this example? Is this the way that the — order and Church of God was first established? When your first Parents received the gospel, did they not separate themselves from their connections, from the world and all that was near to them, and form a little

as far as possible
 band, secluded ~~from~~ ^{from} all others? Did they not labor and toil
 for their own support, ~~as far as possible~~? Truly they did, and
 reaped the reward of their industry.

7. It has been a grief to your blessed Parents, many times,
 to see so much hiring done, and so little interestedness among
 Believers, to get their own support, and gain their interest
 in temporal things, in the fear and order of God, by their
 8) own industry and diligence. | This is the request of your heavenly
 Parents; that if there be union with the present Lead, there should
 be no more calculations made for hiring help in the Chh.
 where it can consistently be avoided. Of this, the Ministry, ~~the~~
 1) Elders, ^{and Trustees} ~~and~~ must be the proper judges. | Whatever engage-
 ments are already made for hired help, let them be fulfilled.

9. But why should you make so much dependence
 on such help? It is not any gain to your interest nor
 prosperity; and proves no blessing to you, and never will.

— Nay, says your blessed Father, you cannot find
 the increase that is for you, while you keep up so
 much business with the world. The increasing work
 of God calls you to make a further separation. —

10. My dear children, I have looked around among you with sorrow and grief, many times, and beheld the filthy and unclean, who were hired and employed to repair your buildings and dooryards, which are consecrated to God and ~~and~~ his people; and at work around upon your farms, with the brethren. Great loss has come by these things; yea, more than Believers are sensible of.

11. Many times have the young minds been allured and drawn astray by getting into company with the hired men, having vain and carnal conversation, that which led their minds to sin, and attracted their sense to the vain pleasures of the world. I speak of the Brethren; because they are more exposed.

Many, yea, very many of the young and unstable in their faith, have received that in this way, that was
 12 / their final overthrow. / Many that might now have been with you, promising in the work of God, who fell away, got their first hurt in this way, by blending and uniting with hired men; and then getting together with their equals, in their leisure moments, to tell over the stories they had heard the workmen tell; and feasting upon these stories until they became wholly defiled,

and lost their protection, lost the love and union of their Elders, Brethren and Sisters — lost their souls and were ruined.

13. And many, by the means of having hired help, have fall^{en} into a careless, idle sense; and instead of improving all their time, and devoting their faculties and strength, and diligently improving their mornings and evenings, have foolishly loitered about, thinking there was no need of being much engaged; for the hired hands will do the work; and I had rather they would. This is a wrong sense, and must be purged out.

14. Such things bring grief to your blessed Parents. It is their desire that each and every Believer should put their hands to work and their hearts to God; and take hold of the present increase of the work of God, and build up the Church of God upon earth, with your own industry; that what you gain may be your own earning; that which you have zealously labored for, both in things spiritual and temporal.

15. It is a destructive thing to Believers to leaven into a careless, stupid sense; feeling at ease, and rather hire their work done than to do it themselves. I tell you this is not

the way for Believers to increase; and if you go on in this way, you will surely lose the blessing, and will not prosper as you have done heretofore; for the season of these things must come to a close. You can no longer prosper, nor your riches increase, while the defiled and unclean are daily around you, offering their unrighteous service upon this holy, consecrated ground.

16. Certainly, dear children, you have made a mistake in doing this. You have had too strong a desire to appear popular and flourishing in the eyes of the world — wanting many buildings and much room — extensive on your farms — too great a desire to expand to the children of sin — an excitement of curiosity, by an extensive trade in your produce and manufactures — making a great show and profession, and at the same time are not able to perform, and do not fulfill the duties which lie on your own premises.

17. But rather than to stop the sound of a great name, and your commerce with the world, you readily increase it by calling and hiring them into your door yards and dwellings, to do that which you say you have no time to do.

18. Truly, dear children, these things are a displeasure to your heavenly Parents, who have ever strove, since they

left you on earth, to gather that heavenly food for you, that when the time should come, for it to be revealed, should be for your everlasting increase and support in the way of God.

19. Thus saith the holy Savior; It would be far more satisfying and pleasing to me, and to all your heavenly Parents, to see some of the Societies of our children upon earth, with not more than one half or two-thirds as many buildings, and one half as much room and convenience, well repaired and taken care of, in a plain and neat manner, adorned with union and order, as becomes the people of God; and then, as far as can be consistently done, erected and completed ^{exclusive of the services of the wicked,} by the hands of the undefiled, ^{who devote their services and justly} ~~without the services of the wicked.~~ inherit the consecrated ground.

20 Then shall the blessing of God flow, and his protection be felt. Yea, say your heavenly Parents, this is the way the foundation ^{was laid,} and the Church first erected; by each and every one being wholly devoted and interested to build up the Zion upon earth; their hands to work, and their hearts to God; all striving to be the most help, and do the most good. Up bright and early ^{to their duty,} in the morning; and improving their evenings in some useful employment for the joint union.

21. They did not desire to make some great show; neither did they call upon filthy hearts and unclean hands to build up the Church of God; but were willing and satisfied to live low and poor, until they gained their support by their own toil and labor. This is the way in which they received the blessing of God, and prospered in their undertakings; and in this way, and no other, can the people of God be blessed.

22. It is the desire of the Holy Savior and your heavenly Parents, that the Church should again return to its former rectitude, as respects its spiritual feeling of dependence upon God and the order of God, for its protection and prosperity.

23. Yea, says Father James, let those be called home who wander abroad; let Zion be shut up, and the world shut out. Let Believers henceforth labor to do their own work, till their own land, and reap the fruits of their own labors. It has grieved me, says Father, to see the feelings of some of the young so indifferent and idle; so willing to let the filthy creatures of this world in among them, and thought it was adding to your interest. But nay; you are mistaken; it is spending your interest, spoiling yourselves, ~~and~~ losing the fear of God, and shutting out His blessing.

24. You had much better live poorer a few years, and raise your own provisions, as far as lies in your power, and have no correspondence with the world, only what is necessarily done by the Trustees of the Office, in the order and fear of God. Let each heart be interested at home, to beautify this gospel, by walking according to what you profess; which is to be separate from the children of this world, in body and spirit; living together pure & undefiled, united ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ one union and spirit; befriending one another in brotherly love.

25. Yea, says Father, chuse rather to live on a little that is justly yours, than an abundance of that which comes thro' the ^{unpious} ~~filthy~~ hands of the wicked. For a little room, with love and united spirits, will bring you far more comfort and blessing, than an extensive farm, or many buildings, or great convenience, that are daily occupied by that which God does not own.

26. Dear children, do not incline to branch out in your farms, and spread yourselves further than you are able to improve. It is the request and will of your parents, that you should buy no more lands for cultivation, until those which you now have in possession are faithfully improved.

Take every advantage of that nearest home, to see it well ~~now~~ nurtured and tilled, that it may yield forth blessings to you.

27. Your Parents have looked round on this consecrated ground, and been sorry to see it look, in some places, like a deserted land, showing no toil nor labor; bringing forth no increase to the people of God; while your feelings are wandering & aspiring for that which is far off.

28. Remember, dear children, it is those who stay in the fold, and feed around the tent, that are sure of the blessing & protection of God's people. But ~~the~~ ^{the} wanderer and seeker after riches, honor and a great name among the grand & popular, that are liable to the dangers of this life, and to the judgments of God to overtake them.

29. Furthermore, erect no more buildings until you have wholly finished those you have begun; and henceforth do not begin more than you have strength and means to accomplish in proper time. Do not be expensive & extravagant in your buildings, but modest and neat. For a lowly cottage, in order and cleanliness, is far more beautiful, than a grand dwelling, made or inhabited by that which is unclean.

30. Was it not the pattern that was set by your first Parents, and those who have gone before you, and laid the foundation

for you to build upon, to be tidy and snug in temporal things? liberal and kind, free and loving together? and zealous to keep all things in order? When there was a building to repair or be built, when the signal was given, all would lend a liberal hand, and feel an interested desire to see how quick it would be accomplished.

Loving to see all things in order, and knowing it would please their blessed Parents, in so doing, they obtained the blessing of God, and built up the Church in order and beauty.

32 It does not beautify, Zion to have a great deal of lumber about, and a building begun and left, and another begun, until there is a number in one family, standing years before they are finished; and what is done, be done by now and then a hired job of wicked worldlings. Do you think, dear children, that this is the right way for the people of God, or Mother's children to prosper? Or is it being true to our profession? Nay, it is not.

33 May the young follow the example of their predecessors, and henceforth manifest their zeal in the gospel by their strict attention to the laws of Zion, and obedience to their holy Lead; choosing ^{an everlasting} ~~lasting~~ separation from all

that is wicked and unclean. Yea, chuse rather to gain your own treasure in things spiritual and temporal, than to indulge an idle curiosity, or please the fancies of the natural mind.

34. We do not say you shall never hire, on any occasion whatever; but if the thing be really necessary to be done, let it be done with the union of the Ministry and Elders, by the Trustees ^{of} the office; and let the hired help be applied to accomplish such jobs as you, in your best wisdom and judgment, deem to be inexpedient for the brethren to accomplish: being careful that the spirit of the world does not get in and mingle with Believers.

35. Thus saith the Savior; Holy Anointed, think it not hard that these things are now read unto you; nor take the blame to yourselves; for it is not yours. Knowing your earnest desire that the present manifestation of your heavenly Parents should afford you some relief, that there might be a separation from the world; and not feeling able to effect the work yourselves, they, in their condescending love, have listened to your request.

36. And many times, yea, very many times, have I, the Savior, beheld the blessed Seed upon earth, laboring to know and do the will of your heavenly Parents, ^{and} poured forth

my blessing upon you, and enabled you, by my holy power, to remove that which looked to you impossible to remove. And there is still the remainder of this subject lying with weight on the feelings of your heavenly Parents.

37. It is furthermore, the will and desire of your heavenly Parents, that Believers should know and consider the loss you have ^{suffer} ~~felt~~ under, and the heavy tribulation that has, many times, been brought upon you, by your commercial business. You have enlarged upon it, and extended its limits so far, that the blessing of God is withdrawn, and its prosperity abated.

38. Nay, say your blessed Parents, there is no need of so ~~much~~ much of this trading all over. It proceeds from an ungoverned sense, and the blessing of God does not attend it; neither do we own nor bless it. Certainly there has great loss come by this means. Loss of money; loss of time spent in idle curiosity; and worse than all, the loss of souls, which have been many among Believers.

39. We therefore desire, if in union with your present Lead, that you should not do any more for trade & commerce, than what can be done without causing long and fatiguing journeys, and separating you from the people of God, for many weeks; and taking the time

and service of those whose interest ought to be at home, in the vineyard where they dwell.

40. Yea, much more pleasing would it be to us, your Parents, that you should never go out on traffic, any further than you really need, to get the necessary articles for your support and comfort; which can be procured within a short distance.

41. We should much rather you would do your own work, and raise and procure your own support, and wholly neglect to carry along any commercial business, only what you can do besides attending strictly to that which pertains to your own welfare, honor and support, without having to make up the lack by hiring the world to do your work, while you are at the same time, devoting your services and time to satisfy the craving desires of the wicked, which is not required of the people of God.

42. You are not called to supply the whole world with the things of this life; nor to satisfy their vain desires with curiosities; nor to follow their fashions nor customs. But your calling is, to separate yourselves, in word and deed; plainly testifying before all, by precept and example, that ye are the followers of Christ in the regeneration.

43 And furthermore, you are not, at any time, to make any trade whatever, with those who have left the way of God; and indulge a spirit of enmity and opposition against the prosperity of Zion; nor to have any connection or correspondence with any such creatures; but keep yourselves separate from sin and sinners; and in so doing, you will find the blessing and protection of God.

The increasing work of God calls for the Children of Zion to gather home, and see where they have erred, and lost the blessing and protection of God. —

44. Believers have greatly missed the mark in these respects, and have deceived themselves — have thought they were adding to their property and interest, and showing marks of wealth and prosperity in the eyes of mankind, while at the same time they were bringing trouble, ^{& distress} upon themselves, and knew not what it was. A great deal has been brought in which was not owned, neither could be, for which you have had to suffer and to labor out of.

45 Thus, say your heavenly Parents, we have made known our will and desire in relation to these things, in addition to what has heretofore been given. So

press on, dear children, in obedience to your holy Lead upon earth, knowing that your heavenly Parents have not forsaken you, but will continue to reveal their will and desire to the faithful, until they ~~are~~ arrive at the destined mark which we have set.

46. Thus saith Jesus the Savior; May, this, the desired will of your eternal Parents, be given to the holy Anointed, and be submitted to their care, to communicate to the Mother Church; and may it follow the Book of Laws to All Believers, as far as the beloved ^{Lead} in their wisdom see fit. Amen.

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