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From Mother Ann,
to Eld. Amos Stewart
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A Short Communica-
tion, from Mother Ann
to Elder Amos, March 11th 1755.

O Worthy, faithful, & true
Shepherd of Israel, — Unto thee
and thy fellow laborers, are given
the keys of the heavenly Kingdom.

May God grant you wisdom,
and enable you to bear all trying
scenes of tribulation and sorrow,
which lay just before you, tho'
now, a little out of sight.

I have heard your many, &
repeated intercessions, to heaven
thru your prayers, ascended, in

the present, trying, & uncommon
circumstance, I have heard you
call upon my name, & ask for
wisdom and direction. This
I have bestowed, and thus far
you have acted wisely. God
bless your labors, and heaven
will reward you, for your toil
and deep tribulation.

But now, my beloved hearken
to the ^{solemn} declaration which I give
unto you, for it is unalterable
truth. I have caused it to be
written by a mortal hand, for
your eyes to behold, and your
heart to receive.

Beware! beware of that man
(James)
who now groaneth under condempn

mation, for sins, yea for sins,
deep and abominable sins, and
transgressions of almost every kind.

Some of these sins he has opened
according to the best of his abilities,
considering his lost and deplorable
condition. Many, very many
things of a corrupt nature, have
not yet been mentioned, and
some few things he will never
own, unless the judgments of
God fall so heavily upon him
that he unwillingly and invol-
untarily exposes his blackest
crimes. Be assured, my
beloved, he has sined deeper than
some who have been cast out
of Zion, & out of this Church,

since the commencement of my
late manifestation. I do not
mention this to show displeasure,
or to cause you to think, that
any one has been turned away
who merited a home, or a habi-
tation among the faithful.

Not so; my present object is
to save the young of the flock
from the grasp of their cruel
enemy, - I fear, lest this man-
turn and send you; but you
can do nothing better than to
watch, watch & instruct the flock
of whom you are the Shepherd.

He will not injure the lambs
at present, for now, he feels the
horror, & condemnation of a guilty

conscience; but if he remains
with the faithful, his burdens
will more or less rest upon them,
and he will of course find some
relaxment; and when the heart
is corrupt, the fountain which
floweth therefrom, will be impure
and those who partake of its influ-
ence, must suffer death as the
consequence. It is impossible
for that man, to find a true
joining and relation to the people
of God, and travel prosperously
in this life. He may abide in
the fold for a season, and seem
to prosper for a while, but his
own ungodly life, will finally

separate him from the faithful
followers of Christ. True as the
heavens, are my words, and
as such you will prove them
to be. But you may strive
to help him, and God will re-
ward you for the same.

Let him if he can, flourish
in Zion, like the green bay tree,
and bring forth fruit acceptable
to God, — Every soul must
prove themselves, fit, or unfit,
for Christ's kingdom; they must,
and will, show by their works
to what kingdom they belong.

There will unavoidably, be
seasons of deep tribulation

and heavy sufferings, for the
faithful number, with whom
he resides, as long as he is suf-
fered to remain in their midst.

But heaven will remember
them — God will help them, &
enable them to keep the gospel
fire burning, till the chaff is
consumed from the precious
wheat, —

Heart rending that, that any
one who has been called by the
gospel, to forsake the foolishness of
this world, should live so long in
the heart of Sion, & keep their souls
so hardened with sin, that they
have never been able to realize

the purity, to which they have been called, or take up their cross against their beastly propensities.

O heaven daring soul! better would it be for him, and more tolerable, if he would speedily depart from Zion, and mingle with those who live in nature's darkness.

If a man will not take up his cross against his fallen and lustful desires, he had better marry him a wife, and strive to live honorably with her, rather than defile himself with the brutal creation, and then present himself in the solemn, sacred, and holy worship

of God, with the pure virgins
of Christ, whose garments are
clean and undefiled.

When this man, James,
tells you, that the beasts of the
field, would cry out against him,
(were they able) and that his
sin might be likened unto Adams
transgression in the garden of
Eden, when the serpent beguiled
Eve, I say, when he tells you
this, you need not hesitate to
believe it. But let him be
his own accuser. — I have no
desire ~~to have~~ ~~him~~ to have
him sent away, so long as
you feel that Gods people can,

or will, give him any place in their hearts, or in their houses.

My dearly beloved, you have truly acted wisely, you have shown great charity, and forbearance, both now, both now, and in times past. But do not cast any reflections upon yourself, or feel as if you was to blame for the lost condition of this man.

You have spent hours of tribulation for him, which has proved to him, like casting pearls before swine; but for this sin, he alone must give an account. But unto

you, my faithful servant,
I say, a Righteous reward
will be your portion, and
none can take it from you.

As you have often cried
to me for help, and craved
most earnestly the power of
my spirit, to lead and direct
you in all difficult & trying
cases, I will, even as I have
done, freely & bountifully extend
it to you, and your worthy com-
panions, — And now, I say
to you, in the tenderness of a
Mother's love, Be patient, and
God will help you thro; altho
at present, a very dark cloud

overshadows Zion, and the waters of affliction roll in upon you, fear not, there always has been, and there always will be, a way, and a pure way for God's people.

Father William has been commissioned by heaven to work with, and for this little branch of Zion, - He will work with mighty power, and blessed are those who will work with him.

He will work in humility till he undermines the high-built and tottering walls of the hypocrite, their hopes shall perish, and their bark shall fail.

Gods work will go on, and
persevering faithful souls will
go on with it; while the un-
faithful are withering & dying.

This is the decree of heaven;
for what would my gospel be,
more than other vain creeds, if
it would allow of sinners to re-
main undisturbed in Zion, and
a lasting home with the righteous.

Beloved, one and all good
Ministry, the keys of the king-
dom are in your hands; the
ark is yours to steady; wisdom,
wisdom from on High, has

been granted you; your
stores are daily supplied from
the throne of Wisdom, by
her lovely Angels, — So fear
not, tho' all the powers of earth
& Hell combine against you;
your trust is in God, and
His arm is stretched out to
help you.

Forewell in my love.

Mother Ann
To Elder Amos.

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