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Means for theⁿ protection of Children,

Wednesday evening June 23rd 1841.

I saw an Angel descending from heaven; having on his wings a Box. He entered the room, and placed the box upon my head. Nothing more was done about it until the next evening. Then Mother's little messenger little James Wardley, came to the inspired instrument, and told her to take the Box to the Elders, and he would reveal its contents.

In the Box said he, is a book from Holy Mother Wisdom, which contains the means for the protection of the little lambs of Zion. Beloved Elders, if ye desire it, this Book may be copied off any time, and by any instrument whom ye may choose.

A Book of Means for the
Protection of Children.

Sent from Heaven by

Holy Mother Wisdom

To the Caretakers of Children,

Draw near, all ye anointed Shepherds
and bow low at the voice of Wisdom.

Ye who are the nearest to the little ones,
whom I have marked and promised
protection, bow low & drink deep of my
wisdom.

2 I have not marked the least lamb
of my fold, and promised them protection,
without means to accomplish the same.
And to you have I promised a blessing,

through whom my means must be used.

And if in obedience ye do my will, great shall be your reward, and your Heaven without end

3 Now again I say unto you; ye who have the immediate oversight of these little ones whom I have marked, & promised protection, ye shall labor in tribulation to do your duty to my acceptance; and in no other wise shall ye feel my love, and feel my desirable blessing.

4 This Book I caused to be written by my lovely Angel Wisdom: even with his finger, he wrote this unto thee.

5 Firstly; thou shalt, in all cases, let thy words proceed from true wisdom: that they may be a law unalterable to the lambs within thy care.

6 If at any time, you feel angry, or your patience tried or vexed, my wisdom forbids

you to punish or reprove them, while under the influence of this spirit. If this ever be the case, let it be a sign to you, that you do not labor fervently, to gather the jewels of endurance, that I will ever drop from my Kingdom for you.

7. A loud and solemn trumpet of wisdom I will give unto you, thro' which you shall speak to the lambs in your care, and make visible, even the sound of the trumpet.

8 Before ye attempt to use this my loud and solemn trumpet of wisdom, ye shall first labor in silent prayer, after which I will bless the labors of your hands.

A mild still small voice I require you to use. by which you may accomplish many things.

9. My wisdom wholly forbids you to use any boisterous or inconsiderate

reproof, in any case. In the fear of God administer ye to them, that light & knowledge may attend your labours. All ye to whom I speak, bow low, that ye may understand my words and keep my statutes.

10 When any of my little ones come before you to open their trials, or to confess sin of any kind, you shall use no harsh words, nor express any astonishment to them, let the confession be what it may; lest you hurt the soul and cause the avenues of confession to be closed

11. The spirit of confession will prepare the little soul to receive true faith, knowledge and light to walk my way aright. My wisdom requires you, in such cases, to show them the awful consequence of walking in the paths of sin; and bring plainly to their understanding, the path of obedience, and the comfort that is found in pursuing it.

12. After they have made an honest confession, teach them how to repent.

Tell them in so doing, the stain shall be washed away, and their Mother will bless them.

13. If there are any of my little ones that possess not the gift and power of confession, labor with and for them, in the fear of God; pray for them, knowing the power of God is Almighty, and he maketh his will known to mortals.

14 Tell them that are not willing to confess their faults, that you cannot love and bless them, as you can those good children that feel sorry when they wrong, and are thankful to confess their faults, so as to get power to take up their crosses, and not do so again.

15. And again, you shall labor for, and use true wisdom, whenever you question

any of the children, concerning their own faults or the faults of others; which may sometimes be necessary.

16. But my wisdom forbids you to let them know your opinion of the case in hand, lest they may lie, even against themselves, for fear of displeasing you. And more than this, if you should be mistaken, the child will readily see that you lack knowledge and spiritual discernment. And truly it will be confirm'd to them, if you tell them they have done any thing & punish them for it, when they have not done it.

17. I will now, in my wisdom, unfold to you the knowledge of a child. Its capacities are small; but it is ready to grasp at whatever comes within its reach. They are as a rich soil, ready for planting; and the first seed that is sown will yield a thrifty growth, hard to be uprooted, if suffered to ripen.

18. Therefore it is the wisdom of God, and his pleasure, to call the young into his nursery, that they may be cultivated to his will, and bring forth the first fruits acceptable to him, the foundation of which may stand eternally.

19. You may think that a child heareth and understandeth not; seeth and forgetteth. I will show you the reverse of this by a short parable.

20. You may pass thro' a garden with many noxious seeds in your possession, and carelessly drop many without thinking them worth stooping down to pick up. Therefore, when the growing season cometh, the scattered seed taketh root and springeth up, visible to the sight of the gardner, who will readily by the appearance of the sprout, that a disorderly sower hath entered his garden.

21. Even so it is with children; If you

allow yourselves to deal unreasonably with them, or to take underhanded means in the least, or break the orders of God before them, and think them poor ignorant children, and that they will not remember it afterwards you are mistaken.

22. When children grow to years of understanding, they will look back upon these things to your dishonor. And again; your example before children is the only foundation whereon you can establish your precepts.

23 My wisdom forbids you to strike a child on the head. You shall not use rulers or the like to punish them with. Suitable rods may be used when other means all fail. When children are rebellious and saucy, and will not turn therefrom, you shall make the case known to the Elders; and if their wisdom directs the use of the rods, then they may be used.

24. If a child resents your reproof, and makes saucy returns, you must bring it down, and make it suffer under mortification, until it has well paid the debt.

My wisdom will afford you the means of mortification enough, by which such a spirit shall be laid low.

25. My wisdom forbids you to rest at ease, when there is a spirit of lying, rebellion, self-righteousness and the like, among the little ones in your care.

26. In such cases, you shall sound my loud and solemn trumpet in the presence of all my little flock, and forbid them to let this spirit in among them; yea, forbid this spirit to approach your lambs.

Tell my little ones that this spirit of rebellion and disobedience is loathsome in the sight of God, and shall not stand in my presence.

27. You shall not threaten nor promise a child any punishment that my wisdom does not approve, or which cannot be performed in union with my Anointed, thinking they will not dare venture beyond their limits, through fear, so as to deserve the fulfilment of your promise. Whatever you say to them, say it in true wisdom, that your words may readily be brought into action, should the case require it.

28. You shall never whip a child for getting overcome with the flesh; but you shall carefully watch over and protect them wherein they are most exposed.

You shall show them by means of my wisdom, the dangerous precipice, which they are swiftly approaching; after which, my power will cause them to turn their course therefrom, towards the valley low.

29. th But if you discover a child of this

disposition, teaching these filthy works to one that is innocent, knowing not sin, you must break up this connexion, and suffer not a second attempt, if you use rods. With my loud and solemn trumpet, this may be done in my wisdom; for it is wilful disobedience.

30. Children are beset with many trying spirits. Their inexperienced ways are heedless, and will lead them into the labyrinths of woe, if they are left to run in their own paths.

31. Therefore I have looked upon the little ones of the world of mankind, and by means of my own choosing, I have and will gather thousands to my fold of protection in eternity, that they may glorify their Redeemer, and know their God, by walking in my wisdom, that the first flowers of their souls may be delightful

in my sight, and a sweet scent in my nostrils.

32 For this same cause, I have called the little ones to my Zion on earth. But if they are not cultivated to my will, they will prove but a drug, and be loathsome in my sight.

33. Often has my displeasure cast a gloom over Zion, because of sin among the little ones. Therefore all ye shepherds, let your eyes be opened, and your ears turned to the voice of Wisdom, which cryeth aloud unto you, saying,

34. You shall not let the foundation of my little ones settle and become barren; but you shall turn it over & over, until you make it rich and beautiful with the wine and substance of subjection; then the seed of gospel faith can take root, and bring forth fruit, holy and acceptable unto me.

35. Then great shall be the addition of your treasure; yea, all who have made the soil ready for my planting, by the use of my means, and the counsel of my Anointed, nothing shall be left undone by you; but you shall be visited by my Angels, and lastly you shall meet me in peace.

36. Again I say unto you, ye shall warn my little ones of my displeasure, if they are disobedient; tell them, through my loud and solemn trumpet, that mortification must and will follow the disorderly child. you must not let them pass after sufficient warning.

37. Before you punish a child in the least, you shall bring plainly to their sight and understandings, why, and wherefore your promise is brought

into action. Tell them it is not your pleasure to punish them; but it is your duty, for the purpose of saving their souls from hell, and to prepare them for an endless eternity, which is near at hand.

38. My wisdom wholly forbids your speaking to children concerning the sacrifice of their birthright, in the following manner; "If you are not obedient, you shall go to the world, where you can have your own ways, and do as you have a mind to, live in sin, and dress in the gayeties of Babylon, to the sad ruination of the soul.

39. I have heard these expressions made to the little ones; by reason of which, I have seen them looking upon the world and its pleasures with longing eyes.

40. O ye willing shepherds! bow your hearts, and listen with attention,

to my words, and I will in the following manner, show how you may profit the souls of my little ones, and warn them against the sacrifice of their holy birthright.

41. Say to them; Do ye know who suffered persecution by the hands of the wicked, And bore it patiently in deep tribulation, to build up this lovely foundation of Zion, wherein ye are called?

42. Bow low, even to your feet, and I will tell you. It was your beautiful Mother Ann, Father William, Father James, Father Joseph and Mother Lucy. Through their incessant labors, and cries to God, you have been afforded this pretty home, where you have all you need, made ready for you, by the labors of their faithful & obedient children, whom they did gather to the gospel.

43. And it is they that have gathered you; and if you are faithful & obedient to your caretakers, you will grow up in the gospel, and be able to administer it to others in its purity, whom God will call and send to Zion to be gathered and clothed and fed. Then they will see your meek spirit, and gather to you for protection.

44. Then in heaven you will have a great treasure, and a crown of life laid up for you. All this is for you, little children, if you will be obedient and honest. Is this not worth laboring every day to be worthy of? Yea, it is.

45. Is there any of you that would be willing to sell your holy birthright for torment & misery? Would any of you rather feel the wrath of God, & his displeasure than to feel his love and mercy?

46. You must be honest and obedient, or God will cast you off from your pretty home of safety, where sorrow disappointments, plagues and judgments will rest upon you. Many of the rebellious, that turn from Zion, and cast themselves out, will be walking monuments of honor!

47. Think of this, little children, when you want to tell a lie, or be saucy or disobedient, in any manner. When you want to do any thing that is contrary to what you have been taught, remember the witnesses of God stand between you and his all seeing eye. Vengeance is in the hand of him that hath placed you here: and if you rebel, he will repay you in his wrath.

48. Beloved, these are the words of

my wisdom, and my blessing will follow them. But the end of my sayings is not yet.

49. When my little ones retire to rest, for the night, there should be no loud or unnecessary conversation in the room; but all should keep the fear of God, retire to rest, and rise in the same sense. My wisdom affords means, and requires you to keep the fear of God in all things.

50. It is also my will, that if any of my little ones sit up thro' the evening, retiring time, they should sit erect, and spend it in silent meditation on spiritual things. This may be a profitable season to them, tho' they were not going to attend meeting.

51. They should never be at work, talking loud, and the like, while

others are retiring for the worship of God. These are important, sacred and holy duties, due to God, for his mercy, charity and boundless love, for the whole household of Zion.

52. There is another ^{important} responsibility resting upon you, in relation to the meetings of my little ones. The worship of God adorns his kingdom.

53. Now, beloved Shepherds, my wisdom requires you to attend their meetings, in general; and if at any time, you cannot, then lay out their meeting, and look well to their proceedings. Let mortification follow the disorderly child.

54. And again, you shall not cease to strive with them, until you make them fear to assemble in the ranks, with their companions, with any sin or disorder wilfully covered in them. Make them

fear the wrath of God & his displeasure that awaits such a soul. Give them a full and open sense that the off'rings of the unclean, are loathsome in his sight.

55. If these things are not planted in their souls now, while the unlimited light of God surrounds them, and in the morning of their lives, they will never, thro' time, respect the orders of God, nor the worship of God, thro' love & his holy fear to his acceptance. Neither will they fear to appear in his holy sanctuary, with sin covered; but a heaven-daring spirit, will overshadow their path, with temptation and sorrow.

56. Look at this, my willing shepherds, and strive to do my will, and I will repay your labors, with my blessing and glory, that shall never end. Many of my little ones, if cultivated with my wisdom, will be strong shining pillars to stay my Church, my holy

temple on earth. Keep my statutes,
and I will bless the labors of your
hands, and fill your cups with comfort,
to the overflowing.

57. Beloved Anointed, if ye feel union
with these my words, which I have caused
to be written by my Angel, it is my will
that the caretakers of my little ones, should
have a full understanding of them.

58. And with my hand I will place
four loud solemn trumpets in this box,
containing the Book for the present shep-
herds of my lambs. And all that may
hereafter stand as such, I will cause
to be given unto them a loud and
solemn trumpet of wisdom.

59. All that hereafter receive these
my words, may also, from my Anointed,
receive a loud and solemn trumpet
of Wisdom, which may cause the sleeper

to awaken and tremble. If these my trumpets are rightly used in wisdom and faith, they will prove a rod, a staff and a searching light.

60. Beloved Anointed, these words are heavy with my wisdom and my blessing, which shall ever attend them; and the same I now seal with my finger, writing my name and my love.

Holy Mother Wisdom.

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