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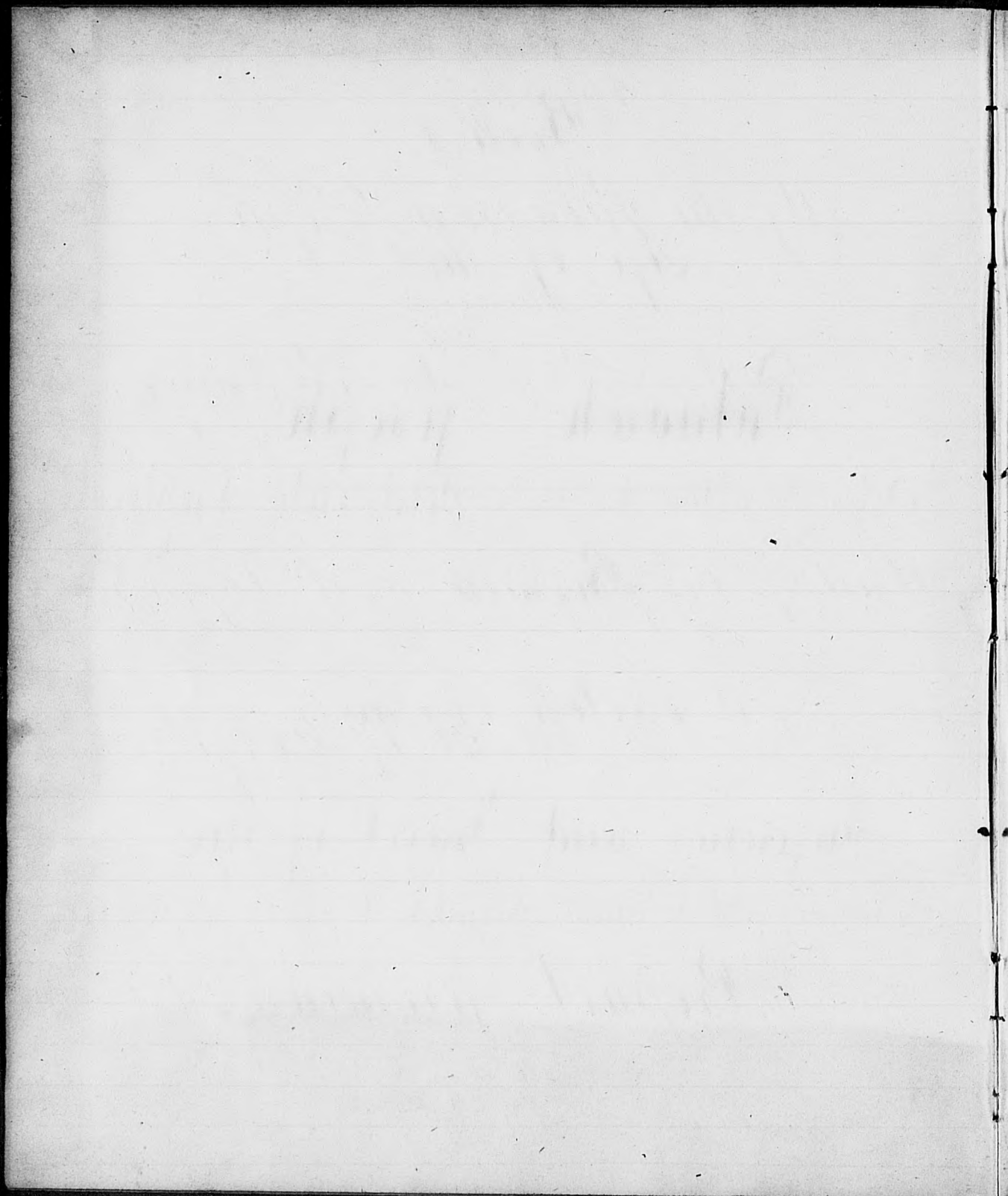
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Book I.

Life of the
Patriarch Joseph.

Book III.

A Sketch of the
Sufferings and Travels of the
Prophet Jeremiah



The Life
Of the Patriarch Joseph,
Containing
An Account of His Sufferings,
Before & after He was Sold into Captivity;
And of His prosperous and Happy reign
In the Land of Egypt.

To which is added Many Sacred & Useful Instructions,
Given by Inspiration in the Church at Harvard

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Introduction.

To the Ministry;

Dearly beloved and Holy Anointed; I have long prayed that God would open a way through which I could give to the children of Zion the following revelation.

2. I have thought of many ways and many places, where, by the spirit of Inspiration, these pages might be left on record, for the benefit of God's chosen people whom I love with a peculiar tenderness.

3. But when our Heavenly Parents became fully acquainted with my feelings, Christ's Holy Angel was sent to me with a message from them, in which they informed me, that in union with the Holy Anointed in this place, I might give, as a present to this Branch of Zion, the following account of my life and sufferings in the days of my ancient pilgrimage on earth.

4. In this message, our Holy Savior and our Blessed Mother informed me, that as this branch of Zion had always been a humble suffering people, they doubted not but this revelation would be thankfully received by their beloved children in this place.

5. Dearly beloved Ministry; as this work cannot well be made profitable to the children of Zion, without proper remarks attending each chapter, therefore in a spirit of love and fatherly kindness, allow me to offer the remarks which attend each chapter, & also to give the following instructions to the lovely Saints under your care; for a desire to advance their happiness, is the pure motive which induced me to communicate the following revelation. Your loving followers have already heard enough concerning me in the present manifestation to learn the nature of my calling.

6. They have learned, that among the many Ancient Fathers and Mothers in Israel, whom God has sent to administer strength, comfort and good instructions, I, the ancient patriarch Joseph, have been sent to help them hasten the work of redemption in the present increasing work of God. Therefore I am persuaded they will easily receive a little kind instruction from one of the most ancient friends to God's people.

7. And I am furthermore persuaded, they will allow me this privilege of revealing to them, a true account of my ancient sufferings and prosperity, as a plain illustration to the good precepts which I wish to lay down for their serious consideration.

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Instructions to the Children of Zion.

Beloved children of our Heavenly Parents, as a fellow traveler with you, in the path which leads to eternal rest and happiness, I consider, that in this great manifestation, this is the greatest of all privileges, that have as yet been conferred upon me.

2. I am about to reveal to you, scenes of sufferings that I once experienced in the days of my sojourning on earth; which first humbled me in deep sorrow of soul, and next, prepared me to do a great work of God on earth; and which finally opened the way for me to obtain, the great notice and peculiar favor of Heaven.

3. The thorny path, through which God called me to pass, in the early part of my life, has always been a delightful theme for reflection, through all my earthly and spiritual existence. Not that I have cherished the remembrance of these things, to perpetuate the memory of the faults of others.

4. But as my calling, through all ages of my existence, has been to be a ministering spirit to others, the early knowledge, which God taught me by sorrowful experience, has ever been a source, from which I have drawn many solemn warnings and much consolation, to comfort and instruct

those, who have looked to me for counsel, and for the knowledge of eternal happiness.

5. Dearly beloved children; my reasons for believing that this revelation will be thankfully received by you are these. First they are sent unto you, in union with your Heavenly Parents. Next, they are the richest treasure that I have power to confer upon you. But the greatest inducement I have for believing they will be held sacred by you, is because they have already become so to millions of spirits.

6. Not that I wish to exalt myself in your estimation; for my motive is altogether different; but I wish to show you the honor that God's chosen people can gain in heaven, by standing firm, and being & being faithful on earth. I wish to show you an example, that millions among my own people and among other spirits, both in and out of the body, have looked up to, and have thereby been taught true wisdom.

7. Dearly beloved, this is a peculiar stage of the great work of redemption. God intends to lay down, in the sacred oracles of heaven, those divine instructions, and holy precepts, that will open wide the doors of eternal happiness, and the windows of heaven, through which beams the pure light of God.

8. And in his infinite wisdom and condescension, he intends to render these sacred oracles, a holy, and divine law, to enable you to pursue the straight path of obedience. But herein is manifested, the great condescension of God.

9. By the spirit of inspiration, it is his purpose, to convey these laws and precepts to you, by so many methods, and in such a variety of forms, that they may be rendered pleasing, as well as instructing.

10. When a course of sacred instructions, or a body of Holy Law, are delivered to you in due form, they are often heard to be remembered, even by some of the most sincere and honest hearted.

11. But in the many forms, in which your heavenly messages are now conveyed to you, and the many pleasing methods thro which you receive your instruction, they will be rendered familiar to all, and will easily be retained by all; or at least, enough will be retained to well instruct you in your duty, and in the true nature of your calling.

12. Again, when a code of laws are read, which bind the people of God down to the most positive obedience, they will be readily comprehended by many, and held sacred by all; therefore, God in his wisdom, sees that such solemn and holy requirements are indispensably necessary.

13. But there is another class of souls, who are created in that order that their fears are easily

excited; and often, under fearful forebodings of something terrible contained in such requirements, and while contemplating the demand of God upon his people, they are often much terrified. Under this spirit they cannot reason right, and Satan will take great advantage over them, for out of their sight he will induce them to forget these sacred requirements, which cause them so much pain and such fearful apprehensions.

14. But God, in his great condescension, shows you, by the variety of methods through which he has chosen to communicate his holy will, and by opening so many channels, through which he teaches you the way of eternal happiness, that his love to his children is boundless, and his wisdom past finding out.

15. Through this present medium, whereby your instruction flows, your Heavenly Father, gently invites you to compare all his requirements upon his people, which are contained in these pleasing communications, with his most positive requirements, and see how exactly they agree. And when you have done this, I am persuaded, that your terrors will be removed, and your love to God increased.

16. Again, in these lessons of instruction, God, in his wisdom, completely defeats the plans of Satan. He shows you, that all his requirements upon his people in whatever form they may be delivered, are the same.

17. And, altho Satan, by his dark stratagems, may tempt you to forget the one, God in his wisdom, and in love to your spirits, intends to clothe the other in such a dress, and present it to you in such a form, that you will not easily forget it.

18. Then, my beloved children, I am persuaded, that in this order of Revelations, you must plainly perceive God's tender love and compassion to his people.

19. And, ^{that} instead of my giving you the following communication to build myself up in your estimation. I believe you will see it is to increase your love to God, and your Heavenly Parents, who have readily given me permission thus to write to enable me to form a nearer relation to you.

20. Dearly beloved children; I address you as a Parent, because of my former standing among God's chosen people, and my present standing in the New Creation. Then hearken ye to my warning voice.

21. Such divine communications as you so often receive from your Heavenly Parents, from the Holy Angels, and the lovely Innocents, and from other happy Spirits, are the most gentle forms, through which God, in this present ministration, sees fit to teach you your duty; and they are the most inviting methods whereby he strives to turn your feet into the path of eternal happiness.

22. Then let your enjoyment be ever so great while you are listening to the sacred pages which from time to time are given you, the desire of the happy spirits is, that you not only listen to what you hear, but in all cases, that you strive to gather the substance therein contained, and labor to comprehend the true design of your Heavenly Father, in thus revealing his will to you.

23. In the holy laws of God, in the many solemn warnings, and in the many positive requirements which are made upon you from time to time, you will understand, that there is a dreadful forfeiture of happiness and a painful penalty attached in consequence of disobedience.

24. But in such pages of history as these, there are no laws laid down, nor positive requirements made upon you; but there is an example contained in such sacred writings, which has been the admiration of the Holy Angels, a pattern for many spirits, and one that is well pleasing in the sight of God.

25. If you render obedience to those holy laws and plain requirements which are laid down with such a degree of strictness and positive injunction that you dare not disobey, your obedience is well accepted of God, and your justification is sure to follow as a reward from the attending Angels.

26. But when such examples as these are presented to you, if you listen to them and contemplate them in your retired and busy hours, and prove by your works to all around you, that these are the holy patterns of virtue that you resolve to follow, at all times and under all circumstances, then you render an order of obedience that is the most noble & the most pleasing in the sight of your Heavenly Father and the heavenly host.

27. Those who in a measure hearkened to the voice of God in past dispensations, and thereby became his peculiar people, were generally so disobedient and so much inclined to sin, that God in his wisdom saw that a revelation to arouse their apprehensions of just punishments, and laws to bind their spirits down under painful penalties in case of disobedience, was the most certain method to inspire them with obedience. But man's lost state was so dark and deplorable that even this generally failed to answer its true design.

28. But in this stage of the ~~of the~~ great work of judgment, God has begun to lay a foundation to prove the nobility of his people. The holy Angels, who have often rejoiced to witness these inviting revelations which are made by God, down through every order of happy spirits in eternity to prove the obedience of the children of Zion will surely observe on earth,

and register in heaven, the use & improvement you make of such heavenly treasures.

29. So dearly beloved children; these warnings are given you in a spirit of heavenly love, by one of the ancient Fathers of Israel who ever stood firm in the days of severe trial, and thereby secured a holy and noble birthright in the present work of redemption.

Introductory Remarks.

1. As the present is a period wherein there are many young and inexperienced babes gathered into the fold of Zion, who will, if proper care is taken to instil into their minds the true faith and principles of the gospel, yet become strong pillars to support the work of judgment, it has been considered in the mansions of heaven, by those who are their most immediate ministering Angels, that a more proper period, than the present, has never occurred wherein to make the following order of revelations.

2. And this place has been chosen by the Holy Savior, because it has been a place of great sufferings, and because many of the lambs of Zion will yet take shelter in this peaceful fold. And if this

work should be considered useful by the Holy Anointed to whom it is directed, they, in their wisdom, will easily determine what course to pursue to render it so.

3. I will here inform the children of Zion, that there always has been, and still is a spirit cherished among the ancients that induces them to strive to render themselves useful in every possible manner, to the saints of the latter day.

4. However mortifying it has ever been to us, we ever considered it a duty that we owed to the Saints of the latter day that a true history of our lives, should be handed down through our successors to them for the following reasons.

5. First we fore saw in a spirit of prophecy that we should stand closely related to them. Next it seemed to be a measure of our reward or punishment, to show after generations our submission to God or our obstinacy against him. If we were disobedient it was painful to us to reflect that the history of our rebellion against Heaven, and our punishment for the same, would be handed down through all ages.

6. And if we were humble and obedient, it was to us a source of joy and consolation to reflect that the remembrance of our virtues and obedience would they be handed down, through after generations.

Thus you will perceive that this spirit, which God, in his wisdom saw fit to keep alive among the ancients, was a powerful restraint to the sinner, & a spirit which stimulated the most upright and obedient, always to maintain their integrity.

7. How the work of judgment would commence on earth, was always veiled in a mystery to God's ancient people. But our faith was firm that such a period would arrive, and in that great work we should be called to stand in the presence of God, Angels and men, in the very character which we had formed, & with the very name which had followed us down, through succeeding ages; and so it has proved to us all.

8. Dearly beloved children of our Heavenly Parents; you have no doubt often imagined, that those who lived in these remote ages, have become very pure, because their spirits were long since gathered to the Israel of God, and continued with them till Christ first appeared, and then traveled with his followers, until the second revelation, & have continued in that work down to this day.

9. But you should remember, that till Christ appeared, we were under the law; and that as long as we were under the law, we were under condemnation. And again, that from Christ's first appearing, until his second coming to judgment,

we only traveled in a hope of coming into our lot at the end of time.

10. And I can assure you, that in the last opening of the gospel, or the setting up of the final judgment, we entered in, with our virtues and our crimes, our righteous deeds, and our former sins, and began, with the saints on earth, to travel in the work of complete purification. And thus you will see, that there is not so great a distance between our gospel virtue, as there is between the ages in which we have lived.

11. Furthermore, the present generation may remember that they are not all Israel which are of Israel. Many who lived in those ancient times, who were great in honor and dignity among the ancient tribes of Israel, were, nevertheless, very disobedient to God's holy and righteous laws, and so were the many who followed their unholy example.

12. They were not only sinful in other respects, but they were stubborn and rebellious. They not only refused to obey the light of Heaven, but many of them were engaged in afflicting God's chosen people, and even in shedding their blood. And very many of such spirits, have hardly as yet, begun to travel in the purifying work of redemption; and many are not yet waked up even to enter it.

13. I speak of these things for your encouragement. I speak of them to show you, that many of those who have entered the work of final judgment, are not so far ahead of you, as you may imagine; and many are not up to you in their travel, while very many of them are far behind you. For many fell into such dreadful disobedience, & such depths of wickedness, that they never can overtake you in your travel if you are faithful.

14. Believe me dear children; the many millions of the ancient house of Israel who have been permitted to visit you, and have seen the easy conditions on which you find salvation and redemption, would almost envy you your privilege, if the gospel had not taught them reconciliation. It is not because God has not opened to them the same door of happiness that he has for you.

15. But when they reflect, that if you are faithful you never will enter the world of spirit, stained with pollution and blood; when they see you who are young, and who are called into the work of God in its very commencement, and realise the treasure which you are gaining by faith and obedience, and see the honorable standing you can secure to yourselves, in the eternal world, by the sacrifice which you are making, it makes your privilege seem to them very inviting.

16. You often think that your small number, makes you appear, even in the sight of the heavenly host, of little consequence; but when I have shown you the true state of the case, you will see it otherwise. For if you were a very numerous people, calculated to strike the world with terror, your nobility could not appear so plain as it now does.

17. You are as yet, few in number, and the world around you are still in a great measure in darkness respecting the cross you bear, and the real happiness you are pursuing, and the power and authority that God has committed to your trust:

18. And having entered the work of God at this early stage it makes you appear more amiable in the sight of the ancient, and renders your prospect for honor and happiness far more glorious in their sight.

19. This, then, may serve to encourage you, and show you, in some measure, what you will gain by a faithful improvement of your privilege. I shall now speak a few words to the middle aged and young and then proceed to relate to you my history.

20. These lessons of instruction, you may gather from my early experience. The first is, I caution you to beware of being lifted up,

either by well meant praise or by flattery; for you will easily perceive, in the account I shall give of my own early experience, that this was in a certain sense, the greatest cause of all my early afflictions, which were, however, sanctified to me through great sufferings; so that I became a great benefit to my people.

21. Secondly, beware, my dear Brethren and Sisters, of the manner in which you treat the young and inexperienced; for if in any unwise course of proceedings, you raise their pride and ambition, you may lay a foundation for much trouble and affliction for them in after life, which may often terminate in their final destruction.

22. The parental fondness and tenderness of my Father were exercised towards me in the days of my youth, when I was destitute of wisdom, and knew not the advantages of humility; and this ^{was} a foundation for many sorrows, and deep mortification both to myself, and to those who caused me to suffer.

23. Thirdly, beware of being lifted up by the gifts of God, which have been or may be poured out upon you; for this will surely destroy in others the affects of those precious gifts, which

God may bestow upon you. It will lay a lasting foundation for disgrace, and then instead of these precious gifts becoming a blessing, they will prove to you a curse.

24. By following these cautions, you may, firstly, keep measurably out of sight of every opposite spirit. Secondly you may avoid many bitter scenes of persecution, and thirdly, you may maintain your union with God and, thus, secure his blessing in the time of affliction.

Early Life of the Patriarch Joseph.

Beloved children; the early scenes of my childhood and youth, are nearly as fresh in my memory now as they were when I dwelt under the kind protection of my Parents, and was surrounded by all my Brethren in the order of nature.

2. The first important feature in my character, which laid the foundation for my reverence for God and sacred things was the peculiar love and tender regard which I always entertained for my parents, especially my Father. I loved him sincerely. Not so much because he was my Father, but because he was, for the day in which he lived, a man of the greatest uprightness and virtue I had ever beheld.

3. He was familiar with every event of importance, that had ever taken place in the line of Ancestry from which he sprung. He was well informed as to the true design of Providence in bestowing his peculiar favor upon his generation of people. He was greatly gifted in heavenly visions, and in the spirit of Prophecy; and through this medium, he was instructed by the spirit of the Almighty

to know, that in his generation God intended to do a great work in the earth, which would eventually terminate in the benefit of the whole human family.

4. I well remember the many times when I was but a child, that my Father would seat his children before him, and with the greatest tenderness, wisely instruct them concerning these things. He would show them, the true line from which they sprung. He would point out to them, the way and manner that God had chosen them to lay a sure foundation from whence should spring the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

5. He would counsel them to beware of covetousness, falsehood, cruelty and oppression; and would point out to them all the abominations practiced by the heathen nations, around them. He would show them the different kinds of impurity that he had been taught by the spirit of God, to warn them not to practice. And in some of these interviews, we were many times deeply affected.

6. Nothing seemed to interest his feelings so much, as the idea of his generations ^{standing} in that degree of uprightness, and maintaining that separation from the heathen nations, that they

might be able to lay a solid foundation, from which the whole nation of the children of Israel could spring.

7. I used to ponder these things in my mind, by day and by night. I possessed, from the earliest period of my recollection, an unshaken confidence in all the sayings of the Patriarch Jacob; and as soon as my reasoning powers began to form, I resolved in all things to walk strictly by his precepts, and to follow his good example. The Patriarch soon observed this, and of course he gathered me very near to his spirit.

8. At this early age, I began to be blest in a very peculiar manner, with the visions of God; I began to see many things in heavenly vision, and in a spirit of prophecy; which were clearly understood by my Father, and were owned by him, as true gifts from heaven. When I was about the age of ten years, I began very closely to observe the manner in which my brethren treated the counsel of my Father. I often heard him admonish them, and as often observed them running into wickedness.

9. These things brought me into a great labor and tribulation; and privately, I often exposed their evil deeds to my Father. At such times he

would appear very sorrowful, and would counsel me to abstain from following their example.

10. About this period of time, I had many remarkable dreams and visions, which clearly represented to my mind that at some future period, I should become great among my own people, and be highly favored of heaven. Being of an open, free turn of mind, I related these gifts & these prophetic views, with all the freedom that I would revolve them in my own mind, or meditate upon them in my secret hours.

11. In all these things I was simple, and entirely honest. But you will easily perceive that I was too young and inexperienced, to know the workings of the human mind, or the deception of my own fallen nature. I early discovered that my Father was chosen and anointed of God, to answer some great design of the Almighty. As in early life, I resolved to walk strictly by my Father's god counsel, I was enabled to walk in a high degree of justification.

12. I soon saw that I walked more godly & more uprightly than any of my brethren; and the love and blessing which I received from my Father, & the chastisement they often experienced in his warning admonitions, confirmed me in this beyond a doubt.

For altho these leçons of reproof were seldom dealt out in public, yet their disorderly murmurs among each other, fully acquainted me with what had happened.

13. Add to all these things my gifts, and consider the nature of them, and you will easily discover, that without deep mortification, there was a great opportunity for me to become lifted up, and even to become vain and conceited. And as I had not experienced any thing at this early period; but one continued round of prosperity and the peculiar love and blessing of my Father, my sense became raised.

14. Entered complaints to him concerning my brethren, in this spirit; and in this spirit I related to them my gifts, and the notice of God towards me. It may justly be said, that with all my uprightness, all the concern I felt for my brethren, with all the gifts that were given me, and with all the just approbation which I merited from my Father, I was exalted in a spirit of pride; far exalted above my Brethren. And the worst of the whole affair was, of this fatal error I was totally ignorant.

Remarks.

Now, beloved children, as my purpose in this revelation is to make it useful to you, especially to you that are young, I have thought proper so to mingle my instructions with ^{this} my early history, that it may be a benefit to you. Firstly, you must remember, that altho I was in the order of nature, yet in my degree I was in the work of God*. My early desires to obtain the gifts of Heaven, were well-pleasing to all happy spirits; and if you honestly and earnestly pray to God for such blessings, they will be poured out in like manner upon you. according to the order of your creation. I early saw, and it was confirmed to me by many visions, that my Father was anointed of God, to stand as the Leader of his posterity; and I bowed before him with the greatest reverence, and would rather have laid down my life, than to have transgressed his commands.

* My early attention to the counsel of those before me, was acceptable to God; and my early determination to follow an upright example, was well pleasing to the Angels. These I kindly invite you to follow and practice with all diligence.

2. This example I invite you to follow closely; for I learned then, and have proved ever since, that this is the surest way that souls can possibly take, to secure the eternal blessing of God.

3. For I afterwards saw, and it was confirmed to me by Heavenly visions, that this, my great reverence for God's Holy Anointing, was the reason why his Spirit followed me through all my sufferings, and stood by me in the days of my deepest affliction, and finally exalted me to the great station which I was afterwards called to fill.

4. But altho my Father stood as a Leader to his posterity, yet he had not received that divine light, that is now manifested on earth; therefore, he could not show me the dreadful difficulties I was daily plunging myself into. And, altho with ^{all} my uprightness and honesty, these sufferings seemed unavoidable, yet in these latter days, God has given you a Holy Lead in Zion, who are enlightened to show you the very rock over which I stumbled and fell into my most distressing afflictions.

5. I will now speak of my greatest errors in the days of my childhood. I early saw that my brethren did not bow with that reverence to the counsel of my Father that I did; this I pondered in my mind, & soon felt myself to be more righteous than they. This temptation I warn you to shun, as you would an alluring path that would lead you to the brink.

of some frightful precipice. Altho you may unavoidably see that you bow with more reverence to the order of God, than ~~the rest~~ of your companions, never let this exalt you above them; but let it lead you to pity their condition, and to pray for them in a spirit of meekness and humility.

6 My Father gathered me near to his spirit, and said many things to encourage me on in the path of obedience. But instead of receiving it in this sense and spirit, I too often misinterpreted it, & persuaded myself that he considered ^{me} more obedient and that he loved me more than he did all the rest of his children.

7. Now all who are young and inexperienced, I warn you to beware of this snare of Satan. For if you follow this delusion, you will become vain and lifted up in the sight of your companions, and your state will finally be seen by your Elders, and they will be compelled to place you under great mortification, to free you from this fatal delusion, which Satan has led you into.

8. When I had received the gifts of Heaven I unwisely related them out of order; altho I saw they were calculated to lift me up, and to place others in a low & humble standing. This was to me, a fatal error. I should have related them to my Father.

in private, who would, no doubt, have counseled me to be wise. And still, they might have been held in remembrance, that when they came to pass, my people might know that the hand of God was in it.

9. Now from this, my childish error, learn these two things. Never relate your precious gifts out of order, especially if they serve to exalt yourselves, and are calculated to make others feel their inferiority. And beware how you believe and relate impressions, that serve to place your companions under mortification. Never relate them to any but your Elders, and by their permission, and then relate them in the spirit of honesty, and in the most charitable manner possible.

10. In an exalted sense I often related the faults of my brethren to my Father. This they soon discovered, and the consequence was, that with all my other unwise measures, this kindled in their breasts the most secret and hateful malice toward me. Now dear children, above all the delusions I have named, avoid this as the most dangerous, and the most opposed to your comfort and happiness.

11. If you become lifted up and selfrighteous and in this spirit report the faults of others to your Elders, it will produce a spirit of hatred in their spirits as certain as they have transgressed. And, altho you may, by this means,

stop measurably the course of their transgressions, yet you only turn them into a far broader channel and you will produce a greater evil. For you will certainly stir up in them a spirit of envy, hatred and ill will towards you, and their last state will be worse than the first.

12. And when a just recompense of your doings returns upon you, you will find that you have sinned against your Brethren or Sisters, and have lost their union; and when your deeds are made manifest to your Elders you will find that they cannot love & bless such a spirit in you.

13. Thus you see, that if you walk uprightly & keep humble, you will be lovely. But tho you walk ever so uprightly otherwise, if you become exalted, that spirit in you will appear hateful. And if you receive the precious gifts of God, in an honest, merciful spirit, and keep them in strict order, they will beautify you in the eyes of the upright, and become very useful to your companions.

14. But if you receive ever so great gifts, if you allow them to raise your sense, or to harm others, you will sink into contempt, and will often do more harm in injuring the faith and harrowing up the feelings of others, than the most vile offender. So dear children, receive ye these solemn cautions, and learn by my early experience, true knowledge and wisdom.

Chap III.

First Sufferings of the Patriarch Joseph:
The Cruelty of his Brethren: He is Sold into
Egypt; His Reflections on this Event.

I had now grown to be a lad, between sixteen and eighteen years of age; and of course, my mental ~~mental~~ sight became clearer, and I began to have a more extensive command of my reasoning powers. And from all I could discover, that was to be seen in the looks, the actions, and the general conduct of my brethren, I found there was something among them, which they all appeared to be concerned in, that was in operation against me; and this began measurably to undermine my happiness.

2. In the days of my childhood, I was satisfied with the love of my Father only, and the small share of attention that was paid to me by my kindred. But I now had arrived at an age that I began, more earnestly, to seek the union and friendship of those that were older. And as we were strictly prohibited from forming a familiarity with the wicked

inhabitants of the land in which we lived, I began to seek to find union and society among my brethren.

3. But many times when I sought to converse with them, they would return me no answer. I often smiled at what they said, or seemed pleased to hear them relate some incident in which they had acted a part; but my smiles were unheeded, and my familiarity treated with contempt. I often sought to render them assistance in the common affairs of life; but they always dispensed with my services, in a cold and unfeeling manner.

4. In many times offered (as they were older than I was) to render myself useful to them, by acting in the capacity of a servant to them, in small matters; and under other circumstances, they would have gladly accepted of my kind offers. But on such occasions they never employed me, but rejected my offers with inattention and unkindness.

5. These strange proceedings, and this singular course of conduct, brought me into a severe labor, and gave rise to many inquiries in my mind. If I had ever, for years, seen them act otherwise, I might have traced out some cause for their singular conduct to me. And I could plainly observe that it was practiced upon me alone; for they were

kind to each other, and to the rising generation among them. But as I had long seen and felt this cold and distant spirit among them, and felt it extended to me alone, I could not fathom the mystery.

6. I knew that I often had related my dreams and visions among them; and still practiced the same fatal error. But as I never felt any thing when others related the same manifestations, but real satisfaction, I could not suppose this to be the cause. It is true, I often saw when I related these things, that they treated them with indifference; but still, I was too simple to suppose that these were the cause of so great an offence among them.

7. I knew that I often related their worst offences to my Father. But I was too young to discover that this was strongly conjectured among them; much less, to detect the spirit which induced me to make these deeds known to him. Therefore, if I attempted to seek for the cause in this direction I was unable to find it there.

8. I sometimes almost come to the conclusion, that as I was well beloved of my Father, and as he had noticed me very often in their presence, and had adorned my person in a distinguished manner, that this must be ^{the} true cause of their strange conduct and secret opposition. But after all I was unable to determine this to be the true ground of offence. For I had that

degree of confidence in my Father, that with all their failings, I childishly supposed they had confidence enough to believe that he would do nothing that was wrong.

9. I spent many months in this unpleasant suspense, and never ventured far enough to question them concerning the matter, until the fatal hour arrived, when my Father sent me to visit my brethren to carry them refreshment, and to enquire concerning their prosperity.

10. During my whole tour while I was searching for them, my disappointment in not finding them at the place where I was directed, my bewildered state, when wandering astray in a lonely place over the fields where I was unacquainted, all conspired to spread a dark cloud of gloom over my spirit, which was extremely distressing. Besides, there was a horrible presentiment that settled down upon my feelings, that inspired me with the belief that something shocking was about to befall me.

11. At length I was met by a stranger, who directed me in the course where my brethren were encamped; & altho I strove on receiving this intelligence, to throw off my burden, my load of horror still increased upon me. It would be utterly impossible for me to relate the gloom and horror that overspread every sensation of my spirit when I came in sight of their flocks.

12. But these horrible sensations, were but a faint introduction to the agony that overspread my soul, when I beheld them rushing towards me in a spirit of fury, with the implements of death in their hands. In their rage and fury they seized and bound me, and what power preserved me from falling senseless in their hands, or from losing my reason and becoming utterly distracted was at that time entirely out of my sight. They stripped off my ornaments, with a roughness that was to me surprising and painful.

13. The true cause of their former malice was no longer hid from my sight, for as I lay bound before them, in their rage and distraction they gave me to understand, by the numerous accusations they brought against me, the dreadful secret which had long been hid from my view.

14. I declared the innocence of my intentions, and acknowledged all that appeared to me to be wrong in my conduct; but it was lost, as soon as the voice of man would be in the midst of the most dreadful tempest.

15. They first proposed to slay me, but not agreeing in this, they seized me, and cast me into one of those dreadful pits, which were often found in the wilderness of the country which we inhabited. At length, horrid to relate they drew me up and sold me to a company of Ishmaelites, who conducted me from my native land, and sold me as a slave in the distant land of Egypt.

16. I often wondered in after days, at the singular interposition of God that preserved my existence.

Remarks.

In this chapter I wish to instruct the young and inexperienced mind, in the following heavenly virtues. When my brethren first seized & bound me, I was still in darkness respecting the true cause of their malice and fury towards me. But before they sold me into the hands of barbarous strangers, I was made acquainted with the reason of their resentment & the real cause of their jealousy, and was clearly shown the true nature of my offence. And this was the reflection that rent my soul in that distressing moment.

2. I had often had serious thoughts of humbly inquiring into the cause of their strange conduct. And no doubt if I had done so that among such a variety of dispositions as they possessed, some of them would have given way to reason, or would have given vent to their feelings and informed me.

3. But I was under the influence of a fallen nature, and when this thought formerly arose in my mind, I thought myself whole, and on too good ground to submit to it, and so still let the matter pass on.

4. In that distressing moment when they first bound me, I could not determine whether they would have informed me, if I had inquired ever so earnestly and humbly. But in my distress and trouble, it would have relieved my soul of what felt to me like a load of condemnation, if I had followed my former conviction, and had thus proved the matter to a certainty.

5. Now beloved youth, you that lack experience in true knowledge and understanding, I warn you not to commit the same fatal error under the light of the gospel, which I formerly committed under the influence of nature.

6. If at any time, you have reason to believe that you have brought your Elders under any particular bearing, on account of your folly or inexperience, and feel an impression that you could release them by humbling your soul before them, do not disobey your convictions; for it is God, striving with your spirit, to turn your inexperienced feet into the way you should go.

7. If you have erred intentionally, humble yourselves before your Elders, and determine to walk more uprightly in future. Or, if you have given them reason to believe that you are in an error, and at the same time, you feel that a reasonable explanation in true humility would clear you in their judgment, never exalt your feelings,

and form a resolution to stand it out, but humble your spirit the first opportunity, and render the matter clear before them, and they will love you for your openness and wisdom.

8. And as I now counsel you to do by your Elders, even so I counsel you to do by your Brethren and Sisters, up to the full requirement of the gospel; and then the good Angels will delight to bless your souls, and help you forward in the way of God.

9. If at any time, you know ^{that} your companions cherish a feeling of disrespect towards you, and you know not the cause, if you feel inward conviction that it is your duty to ask an explanation, in union with your Elders, take up your cross and humble your soul low enough to ask it.

10. Then acknowledge the offense you have given, in a spirit of true humility, and prove to your youthful companions, or to those who are older, by a more upright course of conduct, and a more wise manner of life that you have truly repented of your fault.

11. Another distressing ^{thought} that oppressed my soul in those dreadful moments was the reflection, that I had taken many ways to strengthen the favor and partiality of my Father; until as a mark of his distinguished favor, he prepared for me the very deep against which they first vented their fury.

12. I now felt the full force of this folly for which I expected, every moment, to atone with my life. That, however was lengthened out to me, to be rendered miserable by the dreadful prospect of spending the remainder of my days in a state of slavery and bondage in a distant land.

13. In this, my childish error, I wish to show you a striking figure. It is well calculated to represent many young people of great virtue and excellence, who are too apt to seek many favors and indulgences, which are calculated to hinder their progress in the gospel, & awaken the jealousy of their companions.

14. They will seek friends, to obtain for them the disorderly objects they so much desire, until they lose their union to their Elders and others, & lose the confidence of their Brethren and Sisters. Thus they finally lose their protection in the gospel, by running into disorder and deception, and fall under darkness and death, or spend the remainder of their days, if they remain ⁱⁿ the gospel in a state of comparative bondage.

15. But when any of you are brought into deep tribulation in the times of great persecution, especially if you feel that you are persecuted in the house of your own friends, then resign your souls in such

trying hours, as I did, without a murmur, and labor to gain a spirit that will enable you to forgive, and even pray for your persecutors, and you will feel, even in the most trying hours a measure of that comfort that dwelt in the bosom of the Holy Son of God.

16. Through all the dark years of my banishment and bondage, the remembrance that a kind forgiving spirit towards my brethren, dwelt in my soul, even in the very hour that their arm of persecution was stretched out over me, was one of the most consoling thoughts that could occupy my mind; and it was one that produced many tender recollections, and was a great source of comfort to me.

17. And you may also learn a lesson from the madness of my brethren, in tracing the progress of my history, that will fully show you what spirit influences a persecutor, and the certain judgment that awaits the afflictors of God's chosen people.

Chap III.

The Patriarch Joseph's first entrance into Egypt:— His prosperity and Imprisonment.

In my journey to the land of Egypt, my soul was so oppressed with sorrow, that I paid very little attention to surrounding objects. I did not even seek the acquaintance of my purchasers, who had become hardened by the nature of their profession, and were at that time, carrying with them many other strangers who were sold with me, to wear the yoke of Egyptian bondage.

The first thing that aroused my attention, was my introduction into the great City in Egypt. As I had always dwelt in retirement with my father, and had sought the acquaintance of none but my own people, almost every object that fell under my observation, was new to me, and was calculated to excite my wonder and astonishment.

I passed by many splendid buildings, & through throngs of unfeeling spectators, until, with the rest of my companions in sorrow, I was offered at public sale,

to those who assembled in large numbers to purchase human beings.

4. I well recollect my feelings, when I became the property of my master. I observed something in his appearance, that seemed to bespeak a generous heart, and a compassionate spirit. And upon the whole, seeing that I was torn from my Father's family and doomed to a life of bondage, I resolved to fear God exceedingly, and humble my spirit in the dust, and strive to gain the favor of all around me.

5. I was now conducted home by my new possessor, and soon retired to rest; and after I had humbly implored the protection of the God of Israel, I fell asleep, and dreamed the following Dream.

6. I plainly saw the state of bondage I was placed in. I carefully reviewed the conduct of my brethren, and weighed all my early transgressions. My long and tedious journey into the land of Egypt, the scenes of the great City, my being sold to my master, and my present situation in his splendid mansion all appeared plain and open before me.

7. I now felt my whole soul drawn out in fervent supplication to God, to instruct me in the course I was to pursue. Instantly, an Angel of Comfort appeared before me, and made the following inquiries of me.

8. He asked me if I was willing to learn humility by former experience; to which I readily assented. He asked me if I believed, beyond a doubt, that the dealings of God were wonderful and past finding out.

9. As my own experience had already taught me this, in addition to what I had learned by hearing my Father relate many wonderful events in the history of the Ancestry from which I sprung, I answered, that I fully believed that Gods dealings with man were exceedingly wonderful, and past finding out.

10. This holy Angel then told me that the hand of God was in my banishment into Egypt. He informed me that what appeared to me as the reward of my own transgressions, together with the cruelty of my brethren, was in truth the real design of Heaven. He showed me, that I had not experience nor light enough to do any better; and that my brethren had not gained light enough by the privilege which God had given them to do any different.

11. He also showed me, that altho God, by his judgment, would reward them for their crimes, yet it should be in great mercy, and attended with that degree of mortification that would humble their spirits, answer the will of Heaven and cause them to atone for their transgressions in deep repentance and humiliation.

12. He then gave me a law to keep, which in obedience, was to insure me the protection of Heaven. He pointed out the heathenish abominations I was to abstain from. He marked the separation I was to keep, from the surrounding Idolaters. He explained to me the degree of purity that God required me to practice. He taught me the exact degree of obedience that I was to render to my master, and taught me to observe the most perfect honesty in all that was entrusted to my care.

13. He showed me, ^{that} if I was faithful to live up to the laws of God which he was commissioned to give me, I should secure the blessings of heaven, and find favor in the sight of my Master, and finally obtain complete deliverance from bondage, and become greatly blessed in the land of my captivity, and become a blessing, and effect a great deliverance in the land to which I was banished, for my own kindred and people.

14. This Holy Angel then drew near, and poured out his strength and blessing upon me, and promised me his future aid, and then departed from my sight; and I awoke from my slumber lost in wonder, and filled with true thankfulness to God for this wonderful visitation.

15. I now determined on the most implicit

obedience to the will of Heaven, and resolved to render willing submission to the requirements of my Master. And I fully believed, that when I should be released from my present situation, all these promises of God would be fulfilled to me in some wonderful manner.

16. I lived fully up to my determination, and sought to please all in a just and upright manner. I gained the full confidence of all around me, and daily felt the blessing of God; and I really believe, that I enjoyed more true happiness, than all the rest of the inhabitants of Egypt.

17. Thus these happy years rolled on, mingled with many seasons of painful remembrance of my own kindred, and my own native land, till the snare was laid for my soul, which cast me into the gloomy dungeons of Egypt.

18. Beloved Children, I now invite you to pause and reflect with me upon this severe trial of the faith of your present guardian spirit, the Ancient Patriarch Joseph. Consider well, what I have already told you, that the Holy Angel of Comfort, who has always taken delight to comfort, and bless God's chosen people, appeared to me on my first entering into a state of slavery.

19. Remember that he placed me in a state of justification, and gave me a divine law, by which I was to walk in order to secure the blessing & protection of Heaven.

20. Remember likewise, that I lived up to that law blameless, and knew, to a certainty, that my life was well pleasing in the sight of God. Not that I walked in a state of perfection, but the law that God gave to me by the Holy Angel was never broken.

21. In every hour of temptation I pondered upon this holy law, and reflected upon the great responsibility I was under, and imagined the great blessing I should yet be to my own people. And under these considerations I would have rather sacrificed my life, than to have lost my union with the Holy Angel of Comfort, whom I often sensibly felt hovering around me. Add to all this my first impression, that I should step out of the service of my Egyptian Master into the immediate fulfillment of the promises of God.

22. Indeed I carried my own calculations so far, that in the night season, I often dreamed that the day was at hand, when in some wonderful manner, (I knew not how,) I was just to be released from captivity and commence the work that God had designed for me to begin and accomplish.

23. As I viewed these dreams to be a confirmation of my first impressions, there was not a doubt remaining on my mind, of what I have already stated, until my pleasing illusion was broken in a very painful and unexpected manner.

24. When I entered the gloomy dungeon, loaded with chains and completely disgraced in the opinion of men, I cast myself to the earth, and wept in a bitterness of soul not to be described for the space of a whole hour.

25. And when my grief had abated, the first consoling thing that ministered to my soul a ray of heavenly comfort, was the consciousness of my own innocence, and my perfect obedience to the will of Heaven. As these thoughts rolled in upon my spirit, they again completely overpowered me, and I again bowed down and wept aloud in grief and bitterness of soul.

26 I was now sorely tempted of Satan, to believe that I had committed some unknown transgression, and had thus forfeited the promises of God and His protection. I spent the whole day in examining my life from the first moment of my captivity; but I could not discover one single deviation from the path of true obedience.

27. In all my dealings with men, and in my duty to my Master, my own conscience could not bring against me a single accusation. In the consciousness of the great confidence that my Master had reposed in me, & of the high degree of attention and good will that I received from all around me, and even from strangers, I could not fairly accuse myself of a single deviation from that degree of meekness and humility which God required of me.

28. These serious meditations and close examinations, brought fresh to my remembrance the severe trials which I had often heard my Father relate to my brethren, that the ancient Patriarch Abraham passed through. I recounted the severe trials of the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and of Jacob my father. I reflected upon the bitterness of soul, that my own brethren (which altho they had many infirmities, also had many virtues) must of consequence pass through in their secret reflections.

29. I viewed them in all their former coldness & charitably believed the hand of the Almighty was in it. I thought with feelings of extreme bitterness & sorrow, of their cruelty in selling me as a bond slave, into a foreign land, and felt to pray for them, in a forgiving, and compassionate spirit, when reflecting upon the sufferings they would doubtless pass through, as a reward for the deed they had committed.

30. Reflected with great sorrow, upon the distress this singular event (that happened to me in the Providence of God) would bring upon my Parents, especially my Father. I then again recounted my own sufferings and my cruel disappointment in being cast down from one of the most exalted stations, that a slave could possibly attain to, to lie loaded with chains within the walls of a loathsome dungeon.

31. In these bitter reflections, I called to mind the words of the Holy Angel of Comfort, that God's dealings with men are mysterious and past finding out; and in my grief I cried aloud, almost in a voice of despair. Thy ways, O God, are wonderful and deeply hid from the sight of men!

32. I now saw myself the second time, in a state of extreme persecution. In the first, I could see that I had, in some measure, merited the treatment I received. But dear children, no language can paint the comfort that began to spring up in my soul, in reflecting that in this second severe and trying ^{state}, I felt no accusation to bring against my own soul for transgressing the laws of Heaven.

33. I now reflected, that if I had been driven forth from the respectable station I held, & had really lost the confidence of all around me in consequence of my being a real transgressor, how different would have been my state in the sight of God. In these reflections I was melted down with thankfulness, and could plainly feel the Holy Angel of Comfort hovering over me.

34. These, to me, were precious moments. I bowed to earth, and again wept in thankfulness to God for the protection I had received, and for the many blessings and favors which he had granted me. At that moment I experienced feelings of greater comfort &

satisfaction, than I ever before experienced, in the reflection, that if God had permitted me thus to be cast forth, to suffer in this prison of darkness for some wise purpose he had also enabled me to enter it in a state of perfect innocence.

35. Beloved Children; these, to me, were precious moments. In this hour, I asked myself the question many times. What are the terrors of a gloomy prison if God's Holy Spirit is present, as a source of comfort in the hour of affliction? What are the persecution & vengeance of man, if the humble sufferer can enjoy the comfort of the real presence of God?

36. I now reflect upon the vanity and emptiness of applying human calculations to the promises of Heaven, or of seeking in a spirit of selfishness, to fathom the dealings of God with his creatures. I began to see that altho I had not sinned, God had chosen this method to humble my spirit deeply before his gracious promises were fulfilled to me and my suffering people.

37. In a spirit of meekness I resigned myself to my lot, and determined to keep the divine love that God had given me, and thereby continue to secure his blessing and favor and wait patiently on the dark and mysterious dealings of Providence.

Remarks.

Dear beloved Children of Zion; this, to you, if you reflect upon it wisely, is the most important part of my history. From my example in this trying hour you may behold the pattern I wish you to imitate, and in so doing, you will receive the greatest strength, and gain the most durable blessing, that Heaven can bestow upon you.

2. Believe ye, dear children, and doubt not, that the dealings of God with his creatures are wonderful and past finding out. Believe ye, I say, the words of the Holy Angel. You may plainly see in what God called me to pass through, that he often leads his chosen people through crooked paths, and dark valleys, to prove their faith and obedience.

3. In my youthful sufferings, I have set you the example (altho I was under no law but the law of nature, and the instruction of my Father) to humble your souls before God, when you have reason to believe that his hand is stretched out against you, as a punishment for your offences.

4. At such times of sufferings, when sorrows roll in upon you, humble your souls under his chastening rod, and acknowledge your transgressions and learn wisdom by the things you may be called to suffer.

5. But by my second state of sufferings, and the severe trial that God in his wisdom laid upon me, learn ye, that you may very suddenly be cast down as it were, from the honor and glory which God himself has bestowed upon you, into what appears to you to be the lowest depths of disgrace. And tho' you seek earnestly, with tears and sorrow, to find the true cause, neither heaven nor earth will reveal to you the secret of Gods dealings.

6. This is the most trying state that God ever sees fit to place his people in, to prove them. This may properly be called passing through the heart of the furnace of affliction. Here the honest soul is often put to the severest trial. Here Satan has power to cast in his most dark and dangerous temptations. And I desire, in this part of this communication, to do my part in helping cast Gods shield of strength over you.

7. When upright souls, who are placed in an honorable standing, have labored diligently, with good abilities and fervent zeal, to build up the cause of God, and have done all they could, for the benefit of the children of Zion; I say when such souls are suddenly cast down, by many dark events working against them, for which they can trace no cause, and to every appearance their labors are lightly esteemed, these are trying hours.

8. And when I have seen such suffering souls, among the beloved children of Zion, I have called to remembrance my former sufferings, which I have now related in this part of my history, and have wept over them, in their bitterness and sorrow. I have sorrowed greatly, if any under such circumstances, have ever indulged the least feeling of resentment.

9. On the other hand, I have always greatly rejoiced over souls who would bow down under these scourging stripes, and kiss the rod of heavy affliction, and meekly place their faith and confidence in the promises of God; believing, that when he had led them through these low places in the vale of sorrow they would rejoice in honor and happiness on the Mount of Zion.

10. Draw near and harken to my words, O ye children of Zion! In such trying moments, call to remembrance the mysterious dealings of God with his well beloved Son and Daughter, your Heavenly Parents in the New Creation.

11. See with what resignation they submitted to the mysterious dealings of Providence, and reflect upon the excellency, the honor and glory they gained thereby; and from this reflection, and from the mysterious dealings of God with his people through all ages, learn ye patience in times of darkness and sorrow. And learn true wisdom, by waiting upon the times and seasons appointed unto man, by the Almighty Ruler of all the events of time.

12. Again, beloved children, I invite you to draw near, and receive a lesson of wisdom, by viewing this severe scene of sufferings through which God called me to pass. In various ways, and in diverse manners, God often lays with a heavy hand scenes of deep affliction & severe trial upon his chosen people.

13. And sometimes these afflictions appear extreme, by painful and hard, because you can trace no just cause why God should thus pour out sorrow and affliction upon you. Remember in these trying moments, my dear children the words of the Holy Angel of Comfort, that God's ^{ways} are mysterious and past finding out.

14. Many who have traveled through in a world of spirits, and have gained their redemption, can bear witness, that what once appeared to them the most severe and ^{unjust}, has now conferred upon them, the most lasting honor and glory.

15. Some are called to pass through these dark scenes and severe trials, to prepare them for some wise purpose on the shores of time; and some must be called to enter the sacred mansions of heaven, before they will fully realize the object of God's mysterious dealings with them.

16. But in all seasons of darkness and heavy trial, and in all mysterious events that feel to you heavy, and which you cannot comprehend, remember this, my severe trial, my wise reflections & patient submission, and learn a lesson of true wisdom.

17. Dearly Beloved Children; there is one more picture I wish to draw, upon which I wish you all to look with attention. You have often been told that the present time is a peculiar stage of the work in this great manifestation.

18. You have had many promises, and many manifestations from the Eternal World, which have all taught you to look for a wonderful display of Almighty Power, in the outpouring of heavy judgments upon the world, which will destroy thousands of sinners, and wake up multitudes of sincere seekers after true righteousness, to seek the way of salvation in the habitations of Zion.

19. These promises are true, for the voice of the Almighty hath declared them. But remember the error that stole in upon me, and the dream of delusion that I so readily embraced, when the Holy Angel of Comfort gave me the sure promise, that God would render me honorable and glorious, before the great Egyptian Nation.

20. Remember, I say, ^{that} at the time I began to expect the fulfillment of these promises, the heaviest afflictions that I ever experienced, suddenly rolled in upon me, attended with the most gloomy seasons of darkness through which I was ever called to pass.

21. That very year, I was looking to see the commencement of my great prosperity. I had cherished so many pleasing ideas, and had been led astray

from a right calculation by so many dreams of happiness, that it rendered my disappointment far more bitter than death.

22. And, as this is a day of great expectation among the inhabitants of Zion, I warn you not to be led into the same disappointment, by the same delusion, which is, in reality, a subtle snare of the Adversary. God certainly will bring the world to judgment.

But remember the ways of the Almighty are past finding out.

23. Tho' he intends ^{that} you shall judge the world in righteousness, yet remember that you have, all along, been promised that you should be led through the dark days of sorrow, and through the furnace of affliction, in order to try you and prove you, and to cloth you with that garment of righteousness and holiness that will establish you as upright judges in the New Creation of God.

Chap IV

The Patriarch Joseph's Conduct in Prison; His prosperity & Influence, & his final releasment from Prison.

As I have already informed you, when I had deeply meditated on my condition, and clearly saw by an eye of faith, that it was the righteous will of Heaven that I should thus be cast out from the busy world around me, to fulfill some great purpose of Heaven, I bowed my spirit in submission to the will of God, and meekly resigned myself to my hard fate.

2. But altho I submitted with humility and patience, it required many months of submission, to enable me to dispel my great disappointment. But by strict obedience to the Law of God, and by true faithfulness to what was revealed to me to be my duty, I felt the blessings of God, and was again greatly prospered, even within the walls of a gloomy prison.

3. The Prison Keeper was an Officer of high rank; and altho an Idolater under heathenish darkness, I soon discovered him to be a man of much compassion & kindness.

You will understand by the accounts given of this prison in scripture, that it was a place where the Kings prisoners, or Prisoners of state were bound.

4. These were a class of men who had been high in rank and exalted in station, and had displeased the Monarch of Egypt, who having full power over the lives of all his subjects, had, for their different offences, cast them into these gloomy dungeons, to remain there until they were led forth to execution; or again set at liberty & restored to their former standing.

5. Their former high rank and easy circumstances, and the severe and humiliating usage to which they were forced to submit in these cells of misery, made their condition wretched in the extreme. As my rank was nothing, and the influence which I had gained was the reason why I was thus cast into this prison; my treatment was less severe; and the provision that was made for my subsistence far less grievous to be borne.

6. As I was blessed in the creation of my soul, with a tender, compassionate spirit, which was rendered still more so by my life of godliness, and my many sufferings, I saw something in these gloomy abodes that awakened my compassion, beyond any thing I had ever before conceived.

7. I saw a class of men the most lofty, bowed the lowest, under the most severe punishment that

could be inflicted upon them, short of death. I saw those who were once the most proud and overbearing, & who once felt themselves to be the most independent of all the sons of men, brought down to the most abject poverty; and, who were then the most dependent creatures in the universe.

8. And when I had weighed their crimes & surveyed their misery, I generously lost sight of all their former transgressions, and cast them under my feet with the crimes of those who had been my worst persecutors, & who had thereby, plunged me into my greatest afflictions and misery.

9. I now dreamed on a certain night, soon after I had been cast into prison, that God had caused me to be cast down from my former honorable station, and had ordained that I should thus be shut out from the society of the inhabitants abroad, that I might survey ^{the} sons of sorrow, in the deepest scenes of affliction, that any class of the children of men were made to suffer at that age of time, in order to awaken the most tender sympathies of my spirit, and thus teach me to feel for mankind, in the deepest scenes of sufferings they could then be brought into.

10. In this night vision I saw again the Holy Angel of Comfort, standing before me. He spoke many things to comfort my spirit. He told me ^{that} not a single

weight of crime was to be found in the cause of my sufferings. He gave to me the happy assurance, that from my infant days to that hour, I had not been accused by the recording Angel of God of one willful transgression.

11. He informed me, that the hand of the Almighty was deeply hid in my present affliction, & that I should yet behold the great wisdom of God in his dealings with me.

12. He then spread his wings of blessing and comfort over me, and poured out the wisdom of God upon me from a golden vessel which he carried in his right hand. He then told me, if I would seek the friendship of my Keeper, the way would be made plain before me, and that I should be enabled to do that work, and learn those lessons of wisdom within those gloomy walls, that would prepare me to do a far greater work that lay just before me.

13. I awoke from my slumbers bathed in tears of thankfulness, comforted, & greatly strengthened by this divine manifestation. I now saw that God would not leave me without a comforter, nor forsake me in my afflictions.

14. This visitation I greatly needed, and it was joyfully accepted by me; for previous to this, my spirit was sunk almost into a state of despair in witnessing the scenes of horror around me. And altho my soul was

alive with compassion, I knew not how to proceed, nor what course to take to relieve these children of misery.

15. Dear Children; the most sure place to learn true compassion, that which is the most acceptable to God, is the school of affliction. I soon gained, by the wisdom with which God had anointed me, the love and confidence of all around me. I soon gained the entire confidence of the Keeper of these extensive prisons, and became next in authority under him.

16. This authority he was commissioned to bestow on whomsoever he would. I now set out with great sympathy and kindness, to render the wretched abodes of these children of misery more agreeable; and if possible, I determined to render them comfortable. The station I held, altho a slave and a prisoner, was no mean station. For there were many in authority under me; for these dungeons were very extensive, and contained thousands of wretched inmates.

17. I soon softened the heart of the prison keeper, who prevailed greatly over the minds of the Egyptian Rulers, to relieve the distress, and lighten the burdens of these wretched prisoners. I established a set of rules in the wisdom with which I was anointed, by which these prisons were governed for many years afterward.

18. I carefully examined the under officers, & found many of them to be cruel tyrants, whom I soon

put out of power, and supplied their places with those who were humane and compassionate. The prisoners soon learned the true cause of this great change of treatment; and the blessing I felt in the joy they experienced in their releasment from distress, for a season almost reconciled me to my degraded condition.

19. For in the wisdom of God, my compassion and kindness beamed through these dark vaults of misery, and it felt to them, like the tender compassion which I at times, received from the Holy Angel of Comfort; but they knew not the true source from whence this love and kindness proceeded.

20. In this employment my days rolled on, until the event took place, about which you have read, concerning the Kings Officers; one of which was executed, and the other restored, according, to the different interpretations of their dreams. Altho the hand of God was in this to prepare the way for my deliverance, yet I knew it not, until it was afterwards confirmed to me in a ministration from the Holy Angel of Comfort.

21. My anxious feelings prevailed over my faith at the restoration of one of those Officers, and my heart almost condemned me for it afterwards. But it was a weakness, which arose at that time from my feeling a deep sense of my unjust punishment, and my degraded condition. But it learned me this lesson. It taught me

to place my whole confidence in God, and never in my most trying moments, to place my dependance in the friendship of wicked men.

22. About the two last years of my captivity, I have but little to say. I had done the work faithfully, (at least so it then appeared to me) for which purpose I had been suffered by the wisdom of God to be cast into these dreadful prisons before the singular fate of these two Officers.

23. I was now with deep anxiety, looking for my releasment, in some way that should be brought about by the power and wisdom of the Almighty. But the longer I waited, the further ahead appeared the happy day of my deliverance.

24. In this state of gloom and suspense, the days rolled over me, until about one month before my releasment. I then dreamed one night that I was seated in a pleasant arbour when the Kings Officer, of whom I have spoken, and who was restored to the favor of the King of Egypt appeared before me.

25. He seemed confused and ashamed of his former ingratitude, and told me that something of great importance was shortly to take place, in which he should act a part, and that at that particular season, he would fulfil the promise he had given me nearly two years before.

26. I awoke and reflected, and supposed this to be occasioned by some delusive fancy, or by some flight of imagination. I again slept, when lo! I appeared to be seated in a more pleasant arbor, with every scene that could beautify the prospect around me; and suddenly, the Holy Angel of Comfort appeared in my presence, and the joy that was manifested in his countenance is beyond my description.

27. He smiled upon me with peculiar delight, and told me plainly, that my work was ended in these dreary habitations. He informed me, that my dream concerning the Kings Officer, was a true vision, and should certainly be fulfilled to me, in a short season, and promised me, that it should be fulfilled to me, by the peculiar operation of his holy Spirit.

28. And dear children; as this Holy Angel had always inspired my soul with true faith in his promises, my joy was full and running over, when I awoke the second time, to realize the heavenly promises he had given me. The strength of this divine ministrations did not end, until my prison doors were opened, and I was brought forth and crowned with all the honor and glory concerning which you have often read.

29. Now beloved children, behold in all these dealings the wisdom and condescension of God. As I was called to stand as an eminent type of the

Holy Savior of mankind, you may see that the work that God called me to accomplish in the gloomy prisons before I arrived at my greatest earthly honor and glory was necessary in order to render me a proper type of the Holy Savior in his first manifestation.

30. My first standing in the house of my Father, the anointed servant of God, prefigures to you the free born spirit of the Son of God. My being sold into captivity, figures out the introduction of Christ into this world and his being clothed with a body of flesh and blood in which dwelt also, a corrupt, fallen nature.

31. The dark Kingdom of Egypt, the land in which I was bound, figures out plainly the eternal state of death and bondage, in which his spirit would have been bound, if he had not broken those bands & arose triumphant over all the powers of darkness.

32. My first state of prosperity, clearly represents to you in a figure, the work he accomplished on earth. My being cast into these gloomy prisons, and there performing the work which the God of Israel gave me to do, represents to you, in a most striking figure the work which Christ was called to do, after his ascension into a world of spirits.

33. My deliverance from these gloomy

dungeons, and the wonderful degree of prosperity throughout the whole land during my earthly existence, represents to you in a figure the reviving hopes of happiness, which sprung up among millions of spirits when the Savior entered the eternal world.

34. The gathering of all people into this nation for food, which they were to receive at my hand, figures out before you, that the eyes of all souls in eternity were directed to the Son of God, in the sure hopes of eternal happiness.

Remarks.

In this part of my history, I desire to establish your faith and confidence unshaken in the promises of God. I had received a sure promise from him, by the mouth of the Holy Angel, that I should arise to a great degree of prosperity and to a state of great honor and glory. But how these promises were to be fulfilled, the Almighty in his infinite wisdom deeply concealed from my view according to his wise dealings with his suffering people, through all ages of time.

2. Had I followed my own natural reason when I was cast into prison, and thus given up to believe

the deceitful temptations of Satan, I should have lost all faith in God's precious promises and should have broken his Holy law and lost the protection of Heaven, by mingling with the most depraved and heathenish Idolators. But this was not the course I determined to pursue

3 After I had entered these gloomy dungeons and had time to reflect upon my bitter disappointment, I plainly saw that my own natural reason had led me astray. I then saw the folly of applying my own calculations to the mysterious promises of God. And instead of this event lessening my faith in the former promises that had been given me, I determined to hold them as the most sacred treasures that God had ever bestowed upon me, tho' I should meet with far greater disappointment, and be carried through more trying scenes of affliction

4. Since these dark days of trial, I have seen the wisdom of God in all his dealings with me. How truly the Spirit of the Almighty prefigured, in the great change that was wrought in these gloomy dungeons under my administration, the glorious work that the Blessed Savior of mankind wrought, when he ended his earthly sufferings and ascended to the heavens of glory, and from thence, descended among the gloomy prisons of darkness and unlocked these abodes of misery, and

proclaimed a measure of happy releasement to as many as were prepared to enter with him into the paradise of God.

5. Again, I likewise plainly saw, through all my after years of prosperity, altho I was thus cast down and shut out from the sight of men, that what I viewed in the time of it, as a great calamity, was in truth, one of the greatest blessings that my Heavenly Father ever conferred upon me. In this prison I was taught the all important lesson, to feel deeply for my fellow creatures.

6. I had all around me and completely under my control, sufferings of every grade and form. Here I could learn those lessons of kindness and tender compassion that ever marked my conduct, through all my after years of prosperity. For by being faithful in the one, I plainly proved to the God of all mercy, that I was worthy of the other.

7. Now, my dear children, learn by these dealings of God with me, the true cause why he often leads you through the thorny paths of affliction to prove you. If I had arisen from one degree of prosperity to another far greater, without this intervening trial of my faith and uprightnes, I have every reason to believe that I never could have fulfilled the duties to which God called me.

8. I fully believe, that there was not in me, true virtue enough to have withstood the great temptations that were around me. And if I had not performed my duty to God's acceptance, and had not withstood these strong temptations, I should have fallen into wickedness and Idolatry, and my soul would have become a captive to Satan.

9. Therefore, when God, in his wisdom & mercy, seems to cast you down, wait with patience, and you will surely see, if you are faithful, that he is preparing your souls by affliction, to arise into a far higher degree of happiness.

10. In these gloomy prisons, God enabled me to do a work, that of all others which I ever performed by the operation of his spirit, always seemed to me the most delightful and precious.

11. It is true, when I became great in the earth, I had the pleasing satisfaction of feeding the hungry and of relieving the wants of millions; but this reflection never seemed so pleasing to me, nor ever brought to my spirit such consolation as the remembrance of my former deeds of kindness and tender compassion often did.

12. I have very often, while busily occupied in the latter duties of my life, been melted into tears of thankfulness and gratitude at the remembrance of my former deeds of kindness and charity.

13. Such reflections as these, beloved children, give rise to the greatest degree of heavenly joy that dwells in the spirits of your Heavenly Parents. For of all the deeds of compassion, which their obedience to the commands of God have enabled them to perform, none feel^{ed} them so precious, as that of releasing, by the power of the Almighty, millions of lost souls, from the prisons of endless despair.

14. Again, I invite you, when you are sunk beneath the waves of sorrow and affliction, or when you seem to be cast down in the estimation of mortals, to make this application to yourselves. And remember, while in your state of humility, that God may have placed you there to do a work, which of all others, will crown you with the greatest honor and happiness.

15. I will mention one more lesson of wisdom, which I anxiously wish you to learn from my example, while in this my trying situation. Remember, that two years before I was released from my captivity by the will of Heaven, and when overborne with grief and sorrow in a season of great darkness I sought to find releasement from the condition in which God had placed me, by seeking the aid and favor of one of the lost children of men.

16. This, altho it was never marked down, as a wilful transgression, was plainly shown to me to be a

great weakness. From this, learn ye a lesson of true submission and perfect reconciliation. When God seems to cast you down, and to put your soul under severe trials, never look to mortals for relief, for they will surely fail you in the hour of trial.

17. Never seek to find releasment, by opening, even your heaviest trials, out of the true order of God; for it will only add condemnation to your sorrow and affliction. Never look to the vain enticements of the world, nor to the fallen children of nature for relief nor comfort; for if you take this course, it will end in disgrace and certain destruction.

18. But if you shun all such disorders & tempting allurements, you will come out bright and glorious, as sure as I, a poor forlorn slave, steped forth by the spirit and power of the Almighty, from a gloomy prison of sorrow, into the highest degree of earthly freedom, honor and happiness. The thoughts of this act was the only thing that sprung up in my bosom in after years, when reflecting back upon my confinement in these gloomy dungeons that at times would enter in to mar my happiness.

19. And I now give you this solemn caution, to enable you to pursue that course in the hour of heavy trial, that will enable you to reflect back in your days of prosperity with nothing to enter in to disturb your peace and happiness.

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Chap V.

The Patriarch Joseph's Ascension to
the Government of Egypt: His Prosperous
And happy Reign.

Never before, had I experienced such a change, as now in a very miraculous manner opened before me. Never had I known before, what it was to be set perfectly free, to act without the control of mortals.

2. In the days of my childhood, I joyfully surrendered to the will of my Father, until I was sold into the hands of a merciless band of unfeeling traffickers. The next change that awaited me was, to submit my neck to the galling yoke of slavery, and from thence to be buried beneath the walls of a prison, with the dreadful reflection of being not only a slave, but a prisoner accused of a crime that would cost me my life, at any moment it was demanded of me.

3. But now I had stepped forth free from my prison, free from slavery, free from chains, and what

was yet more surprising, into that rank that made it a crime that would certainly have doomed any one to death, who should dare in the least degree, to impeach my character.

4. As soon as my memorable interview with the Monarch of Egypt and the ceremonies of my miraculous promotion were ended, I retired from the vain applause of mortals, to reflect upon my condition. I locked myself within a chamber, in the palace that was to be my residence, to reflect upon the change that had burst like a new world upon me.

5. I thought upon my former humble appearance, and my past scenes of afflictions. I viewed the royal robe and the golden ornaments that adorned me, and considered the honors that had been conferred upon me.

6. And when I considered the reality of this great and sudden change, I fell to the floor and wept with feelings of joy and sorrow, and in a frame of mind, I never before experienced. Surely, said I, repeating the words of the Holy Angel of Comfort, The ways of the Almighty are wonderful and past finding out.

7. I thought of the humble station I had ever held among men, and of my former degraded condition, and then considered my great promotion, and the arduous duties and great labor which was now assigned to me, and again burst forth in tears of grief and sorrow.

8. At that moment, I almost felt to repine at my lot. For tho' I felt grateful to God for my releasment, yet I felt heavily, the burden of my duty and the greatness of my calling.

9. That night I retired from the scenes of time to seek repose in slumber loaded down with sorrow. I reflected upon my native land, and the good counsel I had early received of my Father, who was I knew, a true servant of the Most High God.

10. I reflected upon my kindred, and with all their cruelty, I would willingly have exchanged my present condition for my former one among them. In my Father's house, I knew that the God of Israel had placed his name forever; and I would have given Kingdoms, to have been placed more immediately under the protection of his Holy Spirit.

11. I reflected upon my former prosperity, before my imprisonment, and considered, that with all my faithfulness I was cast down, into one of the most humiliating scenes of sorrow, that man ever experienced.

12. In this I saw the insecurity of my present condition, and thus I reasoned. Alas! thought I, my career has been wonderful, and my fate remarkable and singular. My faults were hid from me in my Father's house, and were apparently, the cause of the beginning of my sorrows; for they caused me to be cast forth from the protection of my friends, into slavery.

13. On my entrance into this land of idolatry and wickedness, the Lord prospered my way and I was raised to the favor of men; but from thence I was suddenly cast down, into the deepest scenes of misery I ever experienced. And now, cried I, O Lord God of my Fathers! Thine arm is again stretched out in my behalf. But am I again to sink from this high and honorable standing, into other scenes of woe, and more dreadful depths of sorrow?

14. I weighed all the strength that God had given me, and honestly compared it with the mighty temptations, that were shortly to surround me. I was placed in the greatest and most sinful nation on earth, and among all this great number, there was not another being either in a high or low station, that would bow in reverence to the God of Israel.

15. At this moment, my responsibility as the second ruler in this great and wicked nation, pressed upon my soul with a weight that astonished me; and I cried aloud in the bitterness of my grief, How, O Lord, am I to perform the great task which Thou hast assigned me, and escape the alluring snares of temptation and render obedience to thy Holy Laws? Dear children; these thoughts, at that moment, deeply oppressed my spirit; and in this state of mind I lost sight of my condition, by falling into a profound slumber.

16. Before I awoke, the Holy Angel of Comfort, who had ever guarded my steps, stood before me, His countenance was solemn and yet joyful. He drew near and touched me, and my great weight of sorrow left me. He bid me arise and stand upon my feet, and turn my eyes to the west; he then asked me what I saw. I see, said I, a large field covered with the most beautiful flowers, and earthly beauties of every kind.

17. He then bade me again look and observe this extensive field or plain, more closely, and again tell him what I discovered. I see, said I, many beautiful winding walks, running in all directions, the beginning of which I plainly see, but the ends of these walks of delight terminate in darkness & are out of my sight.

18. He then bid me observe closely, the center of this beautiful place, and tell him what I beheld. I see, said I, a path that runs directly through the whole field before me, and none seems to travel in it, while the others are filled, in all directions, by a vast multitude.

19. And furthermore, said I, if any should travel this path, they would cross all these walks of pleasure, and find in it but few of these objects of delight that are to be seen in this happy place. For it crosses every other path, and the traveler will unavoidably enjoy but a few of these earthly beauties, for they are here scattered with a sparing hand.

20. Then the Holy Angel spake as follows. This field, O thou well beloved servant of God, is the great Kingdom of Egypt, over which the Almighty has placed thee, and over which he has given thee the government! These beautiful flowers and pleasing delights, are the riches and glory of the place. These winding walks are the crooked paths which the wicked inhabitants of the land are seen traveling in, and they end in darkness and certain destruction.

21. The straight path which you behold, that lies directly in the center of this broad field, clearly shows you the situation in which God has placed you. For your path lies exactly through the center of this glorious yet wicked kingdom.

22. And thus saith the God of Heaven & earth: We must be exceedingly careful to walk in it. And in as much as you see that this path crosses every other delightful walk in this spacious field, the God of Israel thereby teaches you to cross them all, and to travel in none, & to partake of none of the delights of this Kingdom, except what is found in the path that lies before you. Then in a voice of tenderness, he commanded me to view, both the beginning and the end of this straight path that lay before me.

23. I see, said I, that this path is exceedingly difficult to enter, & that the course of the traveler lies

different from every other course. But I clearly see the end, which leads into a place which I can see but cannot describe; but it surely ends in indescribable delight and happiness.

24. This, said the Angel, is designed to show to you the end that God has reserved for you, if you faithfully travel through this path, and crop all the winding walks before you, and pluck no flowers, but such as are found in the path you are called to walk in.

25. And now, said he, for as much as you observed that my countenance was solemn and yet joyful when I appeared before you, I will now show you the cause.

26. I deeply feel with you, the weight of the labor that lies before you, and this is the cause of my solemnity. But God has assured me, that in every station of life in which he has placed you, you have given sure evidence, that you will travel to the end of this path, and come into full possession of all the joy and happiness that lies at the end of your journey; and this is the true cause of the joy that is seen beneath the solemnity of my countenance.

27. The Holy Angel then gave me additional laws, that were to govern my conduct as Governor of Egypt. He marked the bounds which I was to keep, and revealed to me, precisely how far I was

to adopt the customs and manners of the inhabitants of the land. These additional laws I ever kept, with the most rigid exactness, and practiced no customs nor manners, but such as were tolerated by the Holy Angel. And in my obedience I was greatly blessed by the God of my Fathers. I was endowed with wisdom to govern the people in justice, and thereby gained the approbation of all, from the Monarch on the Throne to the meanest subject. I was enabled to introduce more just & merciful laws, which long continued a great blessing to the nation.

28. I was endowed with wisdom from on high, to collect the great stores of food which the land afforded in the seven years of plenty, and to deal it out with justice, during the seven years of famine that spread over all nations.

29. By continuing humbly to bow my spirit before the God of Israel, I was rendered humble in my high station, and upright in the sight of God during all my earthly glory. And the furnace of affliction through which God had led me, to prepare me for the great work I accomplished in this nation, enabled me to rightly esteem the applause of mortals, and the vain adoration of men.

30. For, amidst the splendid honors that were lavished upon me; amidst the shouts of applause that were raised around me by those benighted idolators who often bent before me, my vanity was not raised for one moment, but I viewed it all with feelings of disgust. And amidst

it all, I often reflected upon the much greater joy I once felt, in my submission to my Father in my early years.

31. I often thanked my God for opening my eyes to see the emptiness of such vain adoration, & for enabling me to place my mind on far more noble and durable objects.

Remarks.

In this chapter, beloved children, you may receive the following instruction. And you may treasure it up in your minds safely, against the years roll on that yet lie before you. You will learn two things in the deep solitude which I felt on my first entering into power.

2. The first is this; altho I had I had received the promise of God on my first entering Egypt, that I should, at some future period, arise to honor and glory, yet I had not, with that promise, received any assurance that I should not, at the expiration of my prosperity, again be plunged into misery. E'er I had learned by my own experience and by that of others, that the higher any are permitted to rise in times of prosperity, the lower they will sink in days of adversity.

3. This was the true cause why I felt it to be no great privilege to be thus exalted; and also why I sought so earnestly, to realise in some way, how this wonderful interposition of God's providence was to end. From this secret dread to the great danger that might still lay before me, you should wisely learn, never to aspire to become great nor powerful. Keep down low and humble, and cautiously continue your travel in the valley of humiliation, and learn that this is the place to find abiding comfort and true happiness.

4. If in the wisdom of God you are called into trust or power, let my example of stepping forth from the most humble state in which I could be placed by the wisdom of God, be set fairly before your eyes.

5. If I had been released from my captivity, and had aspired to the high station which I afterwards filled, and had even attained to it, that proud spirit which ^{would have} led me to aspire to honor and fame, would also have led me to seek the applause of mortals, and to have become exalted in my high station; and by being lifted up in pride, and in all probability wicked and tyrannical, I should probably have ended my career despised and hated by all, or have been cast down in contempt and disgrace, under the heavy judgment of God.

6. Whereas, by being raised from a humble station & keeping down humble and lowly, and acting

under the direction and wisdom of God in all my dealings with men, (altho I was a poor stranger, I was taken from a dark prison in a state of slavery and elevated to great power,) I was beloved by all, was blessed by all, and was a help to all; and when I ended my days of sorrow, I was lamented by all.

7. Then learn ye, that the greatest qualifications for a successful ruler, are virtue and uprightness; and that his greatest security for an honorable and successful reign is true wisdom and humility.

8. The next and last thing I shall mention in this chapter, is the dependance I felt on God, to bless me with that degree of wisdom that would enable me to do the great work that lay before me. The first course I might have pursued was to have sought my own honor and glory, and to have devised means for my own pleasure and earthly happiness.

9. The next course I could have taken was, I might have felt self-sufficient, and thereby exposed my weakness and folly, and merited the just displeasure of men. And lastly, I might have done as nearly all earthly rulers have ever done; that is, I might have placed my dependance on mortals, and from them have sought the knowledge by which I should govern, and thus have merited the just displeasure of God.

10. But thro' Satan, with his allurements, often presented these different paths before me yet I avoided them all and placed my whole confidence in God, and strictly pursued the path which the Holy Angel had marked out before me.

11. And by pursuing this course, altho' my wisdom rendered me the admiration of the Monarch, who in the providence of God raised me into power, & altho' a world of enticements were daily presented to me by the lofty and great who surrounded me, yet they never had power to draw me beyond the limits prescribed as my bounds, by the revelation of God.

12. From this example dear children, I desire that in every state or station into which you may be called, you may learn to place your entire confidence in God, as he is revealed through his Holy Order. Into whatever station you may be called, whether high or low, learn to look there for strength, and for wisdom to govern you, at all times and in all things.

13. Thus you will be able to pursue the straight path of obedience which is marked out before you, which is now made clear and is completely purified from those thorns, which lay hid beneath the flowers and roses which I was allowed to pluck; which nevertheless, caused me a great labor in eternity.

14. Pursue this path, and hearken to the wise

counsel which is given you from time to time, and you will reap the richest treasure for your reward that Heaven can bestow upon you, in a never ending eternity.

Chap VI.

The Patriarch Joseph's Wisdom and Compassion:— His interview with his Brethren.

The years had now rolled on, years ^{which} had been spoken of in a spirit of prophecy, that were to yield abundantly, in which were to be provided food to support the lives of millions, through the seven years of dearth and famine that was to prevail throughout all lands, and oppress all people. The years of famine now began to appear, that clothed the fields with dreariness and filled the hearts of mankind with sorrow.

2. The inhabitants of the land now began to cry for bread, and the great storehouses throughout all the land of Egypt were now thrown open to all the inhabitants of the land, and to all strangers, even to those afar off.

3. I had been warned of God in prophetic dreams and in visions, that this dearth would be the most extensive that had ever been known, throughout the earth; and he had endowed me with wisdom and understanding to prepare food, to meet the years of distress that were to overspread all nations.

4. None could be more actively employed than I was, through the seven years of plenty, in providing agents to collect food, through every part of the land of Egypt. The true thankfulness I felt to God, who had made me the instrument, thus to preserve the lives of my fellow men, far more than recompensed me for all my extensive labors.

5. Instead of feeling myself to be some great character in the earth, who had become the second ruler in the Egyptian nation, I felt that God had, at this season of my life, as it were placed me to be the father of the great human family. And no father, could, labor more diligently to provide for the coming want, of his children, than I did to provide for the days of sorrow and affliction, that were to roll in upon the surrounding nations.

6. But as I have mentioned, the years of dearth began to overspread the land of Egypt and all other surrounding nations. And when the famine began to prevail sorely, and the wretchedness of the suffering

inhabitants and of strangers, began to appear in every direction, I felt the importance of my calling, and the great responsibility of my standing.

7. I plainly saw the value of true faith in the revelation of God. If I had been wrapped up in the same cloud of heathenish darkness, that overshadowed the benighted inhabitants of this land, and God had provided no other remedy for them, how wretched would have been their condition.

8. But the thoughts of rendering relief to so many suffering objects, revived all the energies of my spirit; and none ever proceeded with more delight in any calling, than I did in the faithful discharge of my duty.

9. I had now obtained the full confidence of the Mighty Monarch under whom I acted; and he seeing plainly, that all that I had predicted was daily coming to pass, I was enabled to take the advantage of the great confidence that he and all the rulers of Egypt reposed in me, to cause them to enact laws to ameliorate the condition of the lower orders of the people, that the poor as well as the rich, might enjoy the blessings of the bountiful productions of the seven years of plenty.

10. About this period, as I had often in these days thought of my own native land, I dreamed

that the day had arrived in which my Brethren should visit the Land of Egypt. I saw in this revelation, the very brethren who first made their visit. I saw at what day they were to come, & at what hour they would arrive.

11. In this dream, I was directed by God, what course to take, to bring down their spirits, and to cause them to feel the full weight of their former transgressions. When I awoke from this slumber, sleep departed from my eyes for the remainder of the night season.

12. What an event in my life, thought I, is about to take place, and what an opportunity to grant forgiveness to my persecutors, is about to open before me! I considered all their former actions, on one hand, and my own offences on the other, and so great was the charity of my spirit, that I considered myself almost an equal transgressor with them. If their offences were the greatest thought I, mine were the first; and had my conduct been governed by true wisdom, it might have been otherwise.

13. Again, I considered I was alone in my part of the evil, and they were combined together and had greatly strengthened each other in this heinous offence against the light of Heaven. And I verily thought, if there had been as many evil minded persons to influence me in my resentment, I could not determine but I might have been left to act nearly as far out of the way as they did.

14. When I weighed all these particulars in an honest spirit and considered the many scenes of heartfelt repentance they must have already experienced for the deed they had committed; when I considered how they were, in a short time, to be exposed before the eyes of uncharitable men, and the shame and remorse they would feel in making their great sin known to my Father, my soul was moved with pity and tender concern for them.

15. At that moment I would have freely forgiven their great crime, and blotted out the whole transgression, had not the righteous judgment of Heaven ordained it otherwise.

16. Again to view this matter in an other light, it was to be a day of humiliation and releasement to me, when this whole matter should be fairly brought out, as well as a public mortification to them. For I felt that the justice of Heaven demanded that I should acknowledge my full share in this great transgression.

17. At length the hour came, when my brethren appeared before me, and bowed down as I had seen them by the revelation of Heaven, in former years. My soul was alive with the most strange sensations that ever sprang up in my breast, on my first beholding them. The method I was to pursue was painful in the extreme; and had I not clothed my conduct

in a severe, exalted appearance, and under a rough form of expression, I should have been unable to proceed.

18. From the first of this painful duty, until I made myself known to them, my feelings were not one moment at rest. At every new scene of trouble that burst in upon them, my soul was pained with the agony they felt.

19. When, in the place of confinement to which they were led, supposing me to be an Egyptian ruler, they there spoke in feelings of the deepest sorrow and keenest remorse concerning the heavy guilt they lay under, for the dark unfeeling deed they had committed; this was more than I could bear. I hastened quickly out of their sight, and in the full remembrance of my part of the transgression, I shed the most bitter tears of remorse, and gave vent to feelings of the most sincere repentance that I had ever experienced.

20. In an other interview on beholding them all together, and inquiring concerning the welfare of my Father, my spirit was alive with the most forgiving compassion towards them.

21. But language can never paint the agony of my spirit in that painful moment, when after all my strange dealings with them, my Brother Judah appeared before me, and in the greatest distress of spirit that I had ever seen any human being

brought into, he bowed down in the most humble supplication, and offered to wear the same galling yoke of slavery, which they had caused me for years to bow down under.

22. As the hour had then come, and the wise purpose of the Almighty was fully accomplished, in a voice of anguish which could only find vent in a flood of tears, I cried out "Cause every man to go out from me"; and then proceeded to make myself known to my brethren.

23. This was an hour big with wonder, terror, and the most deep mortification I had ever before witnessed. No language I could make use of, could calm their fears. No persuasion I could use, could assuage their grief. And the shame and ^{& deep mortification} confusion of that moment, can never be described to mortals.

24. In that fearful hour, was felt the just judgment of the Almighty, to the greatest degree I ever witnessed on earth. And when their fears, their anguish, and their deep settled confusion had measureably abated, I confessed my former wrongs to my Brethren, while they fell before me, with feelings of the deepest humility and repentance.

26. I not only confessed the wrongs which I had committed, but I endeavored to show them the mysterious providence of God in matters which began in the house of our Father, and was thus brought to light in the distant land of Egypt.

Remarks.

Now beloved children, I desire to render this chapter both entertaining and instructive to you. In the former part you may see the true value of faith in the revelation of God. If I had closed my eyes and hardened my heart against the light of Divine Revelation, how deeply wrapped up in darkness my soul would have been, concerning the great work God was about to accomplish on earth, among the benighted inhabitants of Egypt.

2 Now this is a day in which divine manifestations are freely given you, learn wisdom by my example, and let your faith be strong in the gifts of God. If I had disregarded these heavenly gifts as idle dreams, I should not have made myself ready to perform the work that God designed for me to do on earth.

3. And in this day in which God condescends to instruct you as to what is yet coming to pass on earth in your day and generation, of how much more importance it is, that you should have an unshaken faith in the revealed will of Heaven.

4. If you do not gather this faith, you will not prepare your souls to meet approaching events, and you will fall behind in the work of God, and will lose your birthright.

5. But if you wisely gather faith in the revealed will of God, it will prepare you for what is shortly to come; and the consequence will be, you will become useful in time and happy in eternity.

6. In the next place, you may see the great importance of true faithfulness on your part, after your faith is well confirmed in these gifts of heaven. For with all my former faith and zeal, if I had not been very diligent in erecting storehouses, and in appointing agents to gather corn, I should not have had wherewith to feed the distressed and hungry inhabitants of the land, when distress and starvation surrounded them on every hand.

7. And as it would have been in temporal things with me, just so it will be in spiritual things with you. Let your faith be ever so strong in the gifts of heaven, if you do not labor to prepare your souls for

the work that lies before, as these gifts inbred you to do, your works will land your soul in death, where your faith will only add to your condemnation.

8. If you do not, in this day, labor to gather the substance of these precious gifts, your souls will be left lean and barren, and you will fail in days of heavy trial which lies before you. But if you labor to improve every gift that is given, and take up every crop which is now required of you, your lives will be honorable and useful, and your end in time, & your entrance into eternity, happy and glorious.

9. You will learn, if you reflect upon the crime of my brethren, and the mortification that God, in his wisdom brought them under, that there are no crimes which have been committed against the light of Heaven, however deeply they may have been hid, but God will bring to light in their proper time and season.

10. My brethren had contrived a most subtle plan to conceal their great sin from the sight of their Father who was but one. But to reward them for their cruelty, it was appointed of God, for me to open to them the dreadful secret, that I still lived to expose them, and that for using such base deception towards their Father, their crime was to be made manifest before the eyes of all mankind.

11. Then, O ye inhabitants of Zion, take warning by this dreadful example! If you at any time in the hour of temptation, commit sin against God, never dig deep to conceal your iniquity. If you do, let this example teach you the solemn lesson, that God will certainly search you out, and your mortification and condemnation, will be in exact proportion to the deep laid schemes you have practiced to cover your iniquity.

12. And as this fell upon them, as suddenly as a voice from heaven would awake the dead, even so your judgment will fall upon you, and the vengeance of Heaven will overtake you, in the day and the hour when you expect it not.

13. In the next place, this learn from my conduct towards my brethren. Never strive, secretly to take the advantage over your brethren or sisters in the gospel. Never seek to render yourself more righteous than they, in the estimation of others. Never show out a spirit of exaltedness, to harrow up their feelings; for if you do, in the day of retribution, when all wrongs are called into the final account, you will find that these things will appear in judgment against you.

14. You may strive in the days of such transactions, as I did, to plead ignorance and inexperience; but if you do not follow your conviction, and in a just,

wise, and orderly manner, seek to find out the true cause why your Brethren or Sisters are tried or grieved with you; if, in a spirit of selfrighteous independance, you stand these things out, and will not surrender to the still small voice of conscience, your faults will rise up in judgment against you, when all wrongs must be righted, and in that day they will pierce you through with many sorrows.

15. Next, if you have been so unfortunate as to try or grieve the spirit of Christ in your Brethren or Sisters, and sooner or later it comes before the just Tribunal of heaven, take example by me, in the final settlement that the spirit of God caused me to make with my Brethren.

16. Weigh their crimes in one balance, and your own in the other; view their wrongs toward you, or their persecution against you, in a spirit of gospel liberality and true charity. View these wrongs in every respect as charitably as possible.

17. But when you sit in judgment upon your own transgressions or imperfections, do not throw them into the scale of justice as dust in the balance, but gather them all, one by one; examine them closely, and judge them thoroughly, and take the full degree of disgrace and mortification that falls to your portion. And your charity in the one case, and

and your righteous severity in the other, will fully atone for your sins in the just judgment of Heaven.

18. These are the true balances of justice, in which you must weigh every action of your life, in all your dealings and intercourse with the children of men. If you weigh them in any other, you will certainly again be weighed in the balance and found wanting at some more distant period.

19. And lastly, and to close this chapter; observe the whole transaction of the painful event, which happened between me and my brethren, and see how lightly God punishes the crimes and the wickedness of men.

20. They would feign have shed my blood; but their lives were neither threatened nor put in jeopardy. They caused me to wear the galling chains of slavery, through years of dismal bondage; and God did nothing more to reward them for this, than to humble their spirits, low enough to compel one of their company, to offer to share the same fate, and experience the same affliction.

21. They spared my life, to sell me into the land of Egypt as a slave; but God had raised me up in that distant land, not only to save their lives, but there to meet them and forgive them, and to maintain them in freedom and in plenty.

And the only evil of which they could complain was, that their deeds were made public, before the eyes of all men. And this they brought upon themselves, by keeping their crime concealed, until it came out in this manner as a natural consequence.

22. On my own part, for the folly which I was guilty of in the days of my childhood I had to feel deep repentance, and bear my full share of the mortification and suffering. It is true, they seemed to be the foundation cause of all my sufferings; but then, through them, the hand of God led me into those sufferings, which prepared me for all the honor and glory with which my path was afterwards strown.

23. Add to all this the benefit which God enabled me to be to the suffering children of men, and the recompense which he enabled me to make, (in returning so great a good for so great an evil, of which I always considered myself as the foundation cause,) and all my part of the sufferings seemed to be but a very light punishment.

24. Dear children; I am persuaded you would all inform me, that God has in like manner rewarded you for your former transgressions, which you committed under the dark influence of nature.

Chap VII.

The Patriarch Joseph gathers His
Kindred into the Land of Egypt.

After the afflicting scene of making myself known to my brethren had taken place, and the shock which it produced was over, and they saw the wonderful dealings of God with them, in bringing them to a true sense of the crime they had committed I began in earnest, to bring about what God had taught me by Divine Revelation must be accomplished.

2 I had been warned of God, in a night vision I have already mentioned, that all my Father's house must come down, and take up their present abode in the land of my adoption. I foresaw in this vision, that in this land they would settle for a season, and become a mighty nation.

3. I did not foresee the sufferings to which they were destined; this, the wisdom of God concealed from

my view, for two reasons. First, because I should have obeyed the command with reluctance. Next I had already experienced my full share of this kind of sufferings, and God intended, and had promised me, that the remainder of my days should be spent in peace and tranquility.

4. When the Monarch and the great men of that nation, understood that my brethren had come to visit me, and that I sought to remove my Father's house into the land of my adoption, the thing was well pleasing in their sight. And all the inhabitants of the land, from the King on the Throne down to the lowest orders of the people, united to prosper the work of my hands, & to bless me in this great undertaking.

5. And having sent waggons & carriages up to the land of Canaan, and every provision to help them accomplish this great undertaking in due season, the work was effected, and they all entered the land of Egypt.

6. My first interview with my Father and my Kindred, was impressive and affecting. I exerted all my power and influence, to render their condition happy & their situation comfortable. After their memorable interview with the Monarch of Egypt, he gave to them as I had foreseen, the whole land of Goshen for an inheritance.

7. But tho' they had thus left the land of their nativity, to sojourn in this land of heathenish

idolatry, it was made known to me, by the revelation of Heaven, that ~~when~~ the days of their sojourning were accomplished, and the will of God ended concerning them, they should return to the land that gave them birth and there become a mighty nation.

Remarks

I have closed this my earthly history in this short chapter, to give you the following lessons of instruction, which may prove a strength to the afflicted and an encouragement to the honest hearted.

2. First you will discover that when I had borne all the sufferings that justice dealt out to me as my portion, I was required to bear no more. All the rest of the great sufferings that my people were to pass through, were hid from my view. I had learned by revelation, that they would sojourn for a season in this strange land, and to me God revealed no more.

3. If I had gathered the most distant idea of the sufferings that awaited them, I should have bid adieu to all earthly happiness and ended my days in sorrow. Altho' they prefigured a great work in the broad field of sufferings through which they passed, yet their distant sorrows would have become

my sorrows, and would have eclipsed the joy & happiness that fell to me as a rightful portion.

4. This, beloved children, may teach you this wise lesson. If you faithfully perform the work that God calls you to do in your day and generation, the strict justice of Heaven will require no more of you.

5. And tho' you may be called to do that work on earth, that will bring God's chosen people into great sorrows, and lead them through trying scenes of affliction, yet if you do this work at the command of God, you will stand perfectly acquitted before the great Bar of justice.

6. If you are called to deal with mortals & call them to judgment, even tho' their condition is rendered a thousand fold ^{worse} by their own unfaithfulness, still, proclaim the call loudly and do the work faithfully, and your own consciences and the spirit of God will acquit you.

7. If the work you are called to do on earth has but few seasons of joy and many of sorrow, yet this work, if performed faithfully according to the requirement of God, will all end right in eternity. It is true in all the years of ^{the} deep affliction of my people in the land of Egypt, until they entered their promised inheritance, I saw them through it all, and felt for them through it all, and greatly rejoiced in their releasment.

8. But so far was my spirit from repining at what the Almighty had called me to do, that I was

reconciled to what I had done, and rejoiced over them at the time of their releasment, that they were made able to bear all they had to suffer. If I could have obtained the knowledge when on earth of what was to take place among my people, and had pursued a different course to prevent their afflictions, my condemnation would have begun on earth and ^{been} sealed in eternity.

9. Through all their days of affliction, I was taught the important lesson, which you all have been taught so frequently. That God's people are a poor afflicted people. And altho, before I closed my pilgrimage on earth, I obtained a temporary releasment from sufferings, to answer a great design of Providence, still I plainly saw in all their years of bondage and sufferings, that the spirit of the Most High was leading them through the same thorny paths to prove them, that he had led me through, to try me and prove me, in the early years of my life.

10. Therefore, beloved children, frown not at the dark events of Providence. For a few dark days may prepare you to see many bright years of peace and comfort.

11. Again, look back and see the many years my Father remained in darkness and uncertainty respecting my real fate, and from that circumstance learn this important lesson.

12. When God calls the deeds of the children of men into judgment, many painful secrets will be

revealed, that will cloth some with shame, will fill others with wonder, and many with fear and trembling; while many more will be filled with joy and gladness.

13. If in the days of affliction, many events are clouded in uncertainty, or if the injuries you receive feel grievous, or the conduct of others feels hard and unkind. Remember, that it, the Ancient Patriarch declare unto you, that the day of retribution will come, when the thoughts and secrets of all hearts will be made known and brought to light, and all wrongs will be righted.

14. Receive ye this promise, and lay hold on this faith, which will enable you to stand firm, & look beyond every cloud of uncertainty in the day of trial, and press ahead in the way of life and salvation.

15. But the most important object I have in writing this chapter, is, to repeat what has so often been told you. That is, if you stand firm in the way of God, you will prove to be a sure support to all your natural kindred, who enter the gospel either in time or in eternity.

16. In the first place, I was led forth into the land of Egypt to prepare the way for my people, that they might from thence pass into the land of promise. If I had been unfaithful, I know of no course that would have prevented my whole generation from ending their days by starvation,

in which case the purpose of God would not have been fulfilled, for they never would have lived to enter Egypt, and to have passed from thence into the land which God promised should become the inheritance of the chosen seed of Abraham.

17. Even so, God has called you into the gospel in the morning of the resurrection to prepare the way for your kindred, both in time and in eternity. If you prove unfaithful, and do not gather food in these years of plenty for the support of your generation, they will ^{still} suffer death, in the years of famine that lie just ahead.

18. If you that are called in this day prove unfaithful, your whole generation will feel the curse of your disobedience, and will, by that means, be kept back, out of the work of God, and you will have to suffer the consequence in eternity.

19. But on the other hand if you are faithful to gather spiritual food, to support your own souls, and to feed and nourish the souls of your natural kindred, they will gather to you in time, and bless you in eternity.

20. You will then stand ahead of your whole generation in your lot and calling in the work of God in a spiritual sense, as really as I was ordained a Patriarch among my people in an earthly sense, and ever stood ahead of them, and never lost my birthright by unfaithfulness.

Chap VIII.

The Patriarch describes the Blessing
of Faithfulness & Obedience.

Draw near, O ye children of Zion!
and hearken unto my last words of counsel & instruction.
Ye on whom the ends of the world have come, listen with
attention, while I describe to you the true blessings of
faithful obedience. I have described unto you the
course I pursued through all my earthly existence.

2 I have shown you, that in the days of
my affliction, when the heavy hand of the Almighty was
stretched forth through a dark cloud of mystery, to humble
my soul to the dust, I submitted to his pleasure in a
lowly spirit of subjection; and my obedience enabled my
soul to arise triumphant over all my sorrows, and enabled me
to still place my confidence in his holy promises, and to
kip the rod of my affliction.

3. In the days when God stretched forth
his arm for my deliverance from captivity, to exalt me

on high, - I have shown you, that the same faithful obedience enabled me to place my trust in his Holy Wisdom and to gain the confidence of man, and to walk humble and lowly, to his acceptance:

4. This obedience, enabled me to find happiness in affliction, and the blessings of God in prosperity. And when I ended my career in time, it enabled me to enter the mansions of eternity, and hear the Recording Angel proclaim, that, altho I was a fallen, imperfect spirit, there had never been recorded against me, one single, wilful transgression against the laws of heaven.

5. Now, beloved children, as you have often been told that the offences and evil deeds of men will follow them into eternity, with all the curses and illwill they have received from mortals, in consequence of their unfaithfulness, and disobedience against the light of God,

6. Even so; I fairly proved, when called to quit the shores of time and awake in eternity, that every obedient act of my life, the fruit of every anointing that I received in faith from the holy Spirit, and every blessing that I ever received from either God or man, followed me into eternity, and there awoke within me, to help complete my happiness, and reward me for my faithfulness.

7. When my spirit was thus awakened &

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gathered to the spirit of my Father, and when I came to realize the full measure of the blessings which I had there secured by my submission to God while I dwelt in time, ^{my spirit was overpowered} with gratitude and thankfulness.

8. I could then look ahead, in holy vision, and see it would be a very distant period, before the Holy Savior would enter the world, to render perfect obedience to the Most Holy Law that God ever intended to reveal to mortals; and thereby, open to them the door, through which all the inhabitants of time, and all spirits in eternity would have to pass, to enter into eternal happiness.

9. And when I looked at the distant period ahead, and saw the millions who were then waiting, and reflected upon the many millions yet unborn, who would surely be in an impatient state of suffering, waiting for that great day to arrive, my reflections were such as can never be described.

10. For I saw the many millions who had been sinful, and wilfully disobedient in time, and the dreadful reward they were then receiving; with scarcely a ray of joy or comfort to relieve their suffering spirit, through this long, dreary period, that was yet to come.

11. I could look ahead, and see the millions that would be born into time, and walk the paths of death and darkness, and enter the world of spirit, ^{to suffer} the dreadful reward of disobedience through this long painful period.

12. I then surveyed the quiet mansions which God had prepared as a resting place, for all who kept his holy Laws in time. I viewed their happy number and wept to see how very few of all the children of men, had found admittance into these happy abodes. And, altho I realised then, that these quiet resting places left us far short of perfect happiness, yet my spirit was alive with feelings of gratitude to God that I was permitted to enter these mansions of rest, and to join His happy company.

13. And, dear children, can you not see the reason? It was because the suffering millions that were shut out of the mansions of comfort, had nothing to quiet their spirits, nor to cheer them in their anguish and grief, through all this long, gloomy period of suffering, and impatient waiting; altho, nothing but the reward of their own hands, was given them.

14. Then, and not till then, had I ever realised the blessings of that faithful obedience which is laid up for the true servants of God, who render obedience to his divine law. For, altho our happiness was imperfect, and our heavenly joy incomplete, yet the reward of our former obedience, was every way designed to carry us comfortably through this long suffering period.

15. In these happy resting places, I likewise realised the blessing, of an unshaken faith in the

promises of God. I plainly saw, that the wilful rebellion that these unhappy souls had committed in time, and all the unbelief they had cherished on earth, concerning the promises of God, had, awful to relate, followed them into eternity.

16. Therefore, no ministering spirit, nor comforting Angels, could enter their dreary abodes of torment to relieve their anguish, by the consolation that was to be found in the promises of God.

17. While in the peaceful abodes of those who had walked in uprightness, and had while on earth, placed their confidence in God's promises, the same humble submission, and the same confidence to a very increased degree, had found its way with our spirit, into these mansions of hope.

18. Here Holy Angels and happy Spirits could hover around, to comfort us and to cheer our souls with the pleasing promises of the day that was ^{yet} to open upon us, to enlighten our spirits into a state of eternal rest, happiness and purity.

19. And tho' on entering eternity, the first degree of happiness which I fully realized, was my former obedience to the light of heaven, yet my reflections were very different, when Christ had accomplished his work on earth, and had entered a world of spirits.

20. If I had ever before been overjoyed, by reflecting

upon my former diligence in cultivating a firm belief in God's promises, it was but the faint glimmerings of joy, to what I experienced when the Holy Saviour entered our abodes, with the offer of perfect pardon & eternal salvation.

21. I then realized the great blessing of all my former labors, in cultivating from my very childhood, an unshaken faith in God's precious promises. I then saw what a boundless ocean of misery of misery I had escaped, and what an eternal fountain of rest I was about to enter into, all of which ^{were} ~~was~~ the fruits of my former faith and obedience.

22. For whilst millions of souls, whom Satan had bound down in torments, with the most dark and heavy chains of unbelief, refused these gracious offers of pardon, I was one among that happy number, who were the first that stood ready to embrace the offers of eternal happiness; and never hesitated, one moment, under the influence of an unbelieving spirit; but stepped immediately forth, into the glorious work that was carried forward by the Saviour, in the first gospel dispensation, through the many dark ages that have since passed away.

23. Our former resting places were now left vacant, and all our chosen number now entered in, to help build up more glorious mansions, in which we could rest in hope, till the second and last

revelation of God should be made, which was to call the world to judgment, and make an end of time, And with us, as many more as chose to enter into the paradise of God, were made welcome. But their mansions were far less glorious, and their happiness was in proportion to their former faith and obedience.

24. We could now compare the blessings of God we received in time and the joy we experienced on first entering eternity, with our present glory & happiness; and we found we had received every advancement in heavenly comfort, that could be granted us, to enable us to wait with patience, till by the trump of the Archangel, it should be proclaimed in heaven, that the Mother of our redemption had completed her suffering travel in the work of God, and the door was set widely open, through which we could enter into a state of perfect purity and rest.

25. At this happy intelligence, not one of the ancient servants of God refused the offer. They entered, with one heart and one united voice, and did every thing that was in their power, to draw as many other souls in with them, as could be prevailed upon to enter the final work of Redemption. Not one of these waiting spirits refused the offers of pardon, and thousands were likewise gathered in from the regions of pain and torment.

26. Now, beloved children, look back, and see the great blessings of my former faith and obedience. I have already told you of the blessings it conferred upon me on earth & on my first entrance into eternity; and, also, on my first entering the Paradise of God; which Christ the Savior prepared in a world of Spirit.

27. All my former obedience and justification, and the blessing that God showered down upon me in consequence, prepared me to enter the final work of redemption and stand before the judgment seat of Christ, in a great degree of honor & glory.

28. I have long since been made able, by the Spirit and power of God, to complete my redemption. I have been made able, through his goodness and mercy, to help many souls, into the work of judgment in the eternal world.

29. I have been able, through the prayers & supplications that I have offered up, and through the strength that I have gained, to be a great benefit to the Zion of God on earth, ever since the gospel opened; and last of all, here I am present, to bestow upon you this revelation. And all this you see comes to pass in consequence of my former faith and obedience.

30. But, Dear Children, altho I am now completely happy, and perfectly at rest as it respects my own salvation, I am a very lowly, thankful and humble.

spirit, who feel greatly dependent on the blessings of God. These virtues I have gained by my travel in time, and since I entered eternity, and they can never be taken from me.

31. I am thankful to God for the blessing and protection he extended to me in time, and for all his former blessings to me in eternity. And as many who have entered eternity long before my own existence are yet in an unhappy state in consequence of their wickedness and unbelief, I sorrow greatly for their sad condition. Nevertheless, I am thankful to my Heavenly Father that I have escaped these dreadful torments by my faithfulness and former obedience, both in time and eternity.

Remarks.

This chapter, I offer for the consideration of all ranks, and orders of the inhabitants of Zion. First, to those who are young. Dearly beloved Youth; you will plainly learn, by this, my history of pain and sorrow, that I have learned well how to feel for the young and rising generation. As a Father would feel for the tender babes of his care, even so I feel for the young and inexperienced lambs in the fold of Zion.

2. Learn, my beloved children, the lesson that the history of my early years is well calculated to teach you. Bow your souls in humility, and learn the true fear of God in the morning of your youth. Learn by the blessings that I received at the hand of God in my latter years, that the fear of God in the youthful season, is the beginning of wisdom.

3. Look into the second chapter of my life, and observe one thing which I have there stated. That ^{is, that} my earthly Father Heen required his children to keep a separation from the heathenish inhabitants of the land in which he lived. Observe how faithfully I practiced this, not only in my youthful season, but through my whole life. For I never mingled nor associated with the children of wickedness, through all my days on earth, only by express permission from God.

4. And if it was necessary for me thus to keep separate in that day, to secure God's favor and protection, of how much greater consequence is it, that the tender lambs of Zion in this day, who are called to grow up in perfect gospel purity, should hearken diligently, to the voice of their Elders, who teach them to keep a perfect separation from the world and all worldly practices, & thereby fit and prepare their souls for that state of eternal happiness, which is laid up in store for all those who faithfully maintain this separation.

5. Learn, now, in the morning of youth, to establish a firm and unshaken faith in the gifts and promises of God. And then put the lessons of divine wisdom which these promises are calculated to teach you, faithfully into practice.

6. And whenever any of these requirements feel crossing to you, think of the crossing incidents of my life through which God led me on to enjoy an earthly glory; and then apply this for a figure, to my declarations in this chapter, and see how I passed on from one degree of faithfulness to another, in perfect obedience to God, until I gained eternal honor & glory, and perfect redemption.

7. Do you who are now in the middle age of life, in a very especial manner, I speak. Reflect upon the blessings which your faithful obedience to the light of heaven will be, to the rising generation around you. See how your faith in the precious promises of God is every ^{way} calculated to inspire the same faith in the rising generation.

8. As you believe, they will believe; as you reverence the sacred gifts and promises of God, so they will reverence and treat them. Do you wish to enjoy the faith and hope, and the blessing that my soul realized when I entered a world of spirits? If you do, then build your hopes for happiness in time and eternity, on the promises of God. Instil the same gospel

principles into the minds of the young, and set them at all times a Godly example.

7. Then, when you are called to leave this world, you will behold the fruits of your labors left as a rich blessing in the Zion of God below, and these labors and works of faith and obedience, will waft your spirits into the resting places that now remain for the people of God. There you will realize the full reward of your labors in the mansions of glory, under the light of the second revelation of God to a far greater degree than I could possibly realize the reward of my works when my soul first awoke in eternity.

8. This faith and your works of righteousness, will enable you to gather the pure substance of the gospel, by which you will be made able to spread the light of salvation among a lost world; and when these, your labors on earth are ended, your last end will be glorious, and you will enter the eternal world with the prospect of being able to commence and accomplish a far more glorious work, than you can ever be called to do in time.

9. I now desire to speak a word of comfort and encouragement, to those faithful souls, who have entered the work of God in their last days or evening of life. To you, I say, your call is to you, the peculiar notice of Heaven.

How many of your children that you

have brought into the fold of Zion, will yet rise up and call you blessed, for the opportunity you have given them to receive a true faith, and to gain their redemption by rendering obedience to the glorious light of the gospel.

11. And if those you have gathered with you into the fold of Zion, slight their privilege and again draw back into sin by their own unfaithfulness, your souls will no more be held accountable for this, than mine was for being made the instrument in the hands of God, of leading my people into the house of bondage.

12. Whatever may have been your former condition, your rank or your circumstances, remember, if you are faithful to obey your call, that your faith and obedience will be of the same great consequence to you, that it possibly could be to any other soul.

13. True gospel faith and obedience, will give you a sure passport into the heavens of glory, where you will have time and space allotted you to press ahead and fully complete your redemption. You will there mingle with the pure and holy, and be a great benefit to those who have passed through the same grades & conditions of life.

14. You may become ministering spirits to all ranks of spirits beneath your privilege, and become completely purified from every stain of pollution.

15. I will now close this work by speaking a

few words of comfort to Mother's first born children.
 Dearly beloved Pillars of the New Creation! Ye firm supporters
 of the living temple of Zion! O the Ancient Patriarch, esteem
 it one of the most peculiar favors of heaven to obtain this
 privilege, at the close of this work, to pour out my blessing
 upon you.

16. I have come in the strength of the
 God of Zion, in union with your Heavenly Parents, and in
 the full blessing of all the heavenly host, to give to you,
 dear children, this little present. And I ask the favor of
 you, ye beloved pillars of the temple of God on earth, to
 pronounce your blessing upon these, my lessons of instruction
 to the rising generation, whom ye delight to instruct and
 bless. In pronouncing my blessing upon you, I only
 repeat the great blessing which God has in store for you.

17. You have trod the winepress of sufferings,
 not as I once did to lead the earthly Israel of God into
 a land of bondage, but ye have borne your burdens faith-
 fully, to help your Heavenly Parents lay a sure foundation
 to lead the spiritual Israel of God, into the land of
 promise, the happy resting places of the Saints of the
 Most High.

18. And your reward is laid up in the mansions
 of heaven. and God, with his own hand, will hand you forth
 your sparkling crowns, and your royal robes, of his
 eternal righteousness. I bless you, and I joyfully bless

all your former and your present labors. The mansions of heaven are prepared for your coming, and the Holy Angels of God now are placed, to guard your habitations of rest.

19. Joy beams upon the faces of all ranks and orders of spirits in heaven, when they hear your Heavenly Parents commission some bright Angel to go forth, to summons one of you to enter our holy habitations. Beloved Ancients of the Latter day! First-born Children of our Heavenly Mother, and objects of delight in the sight of God and your Holy Mother Wisdom.

20. Your bright mansions shall eternally stand next to the dwelling places of your Heavenly Parents in the New Creation. You will take by rightful inheritance, the front rank among all the children of this Latter Day of Glory. Your robes will be more glorious and your crowns will brighter shine, than those of any other rank of the children of Mother, whence shall be called home to leave this vale of sorrow, and to enter into your final rest.

21. Your Heavenly Parents and all orders of happy spirits, will sound praises at your coming, and welcome you to your rightful and eternal inheritance. Again I bless you, and with my blessing receive ye the eternal ^{blessing} of all the Ancients of God's people.

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Dearlly beloved, Anointed of God,
and all ye inhabitants of Zion; receive, with this little
present, my eternal love and blessing, and likewise
the eternal love and blessing of all the faithful, who
belong to the Ancient House of Israel.

Farewell.

From the Ancient Patriarch Joseph.

Conclusion

The Patriarch's Prayer.

O God of my salvation! bow down a listening ear;
Receive ye my petition, thy servants humble prayer;
I pray to thee O Father, Thou sure and holy rock,
For all the saints of Zion, our Mothers little flock.
Thou God of my salvation, in ages that are past,
Didst cast thy mantle round me, to shield me from the blast;
In scenes of deep affliction, by thine Almighty hand,
Upon a sure foundation thou madest my feet to stand.

When from the land of promise, thou ledst me forth at first,
 In thine eternal promise, I always placed my trust;
 Thy mighty arm was ready, to raise my drooping soul,
 In every trying season, when sorrows round me roll'd.
 Thou Mighty God of Zion! O hear ye my request,
 O may thy needy people with living faith be blest!
 May gospel faith and patience, within their souls prevail,
 And lay a sure foundation that never more will fail.

3rd

I see the pain and sorrow that all must shortly share;
 I see the heavy burdens thy children soon must bear;
 I see the light of heaven will soon begin to spread;
 I see in holy vision, their sufferings just ahead.
 When floods of persecution roll in on every hand,
 Lord may thy chosen people upon thy promise stand;
 For thou hast always promised, in answer to our prayer,
 That Zion should, forever, be thy peculiar care.

4th

The sons of persecution have taught my soul to feel,
 That tender, kind compassion, that I cannot conceal.
 And as the same affliction upon thy saints must fall,
 Support them mighty Father, support them one and all.
 As I have passed the furnace, and felt the fiery flame,
 And bowed my soul in reverence to thy Almighty Name,
 My soul in deep compassion can raise this prayer to heaven,
 That thou wilt bless thy children, may strength to them be given.

Shield off the darts of satan, turn back the mighty flood,
 That will roll in upon them, to quench the light of God.
 Be thou their tower of refuge, and their Almighty Shield,
 Through stripes and persecution, when called to take the field.
 Support Almighty Father, and bless thy chosen few,
 Wherever they are scattered, in all they are called to do.
 O clothe their needy spirits, with thy Almighty power!
 So strengthen and support them in every trying hour.

6th

In this short space that's given, O help them to prepare,
 To sound the gospel tidings, the joyful news to bear;
 The sound of free salvation, O may they widely spread,
 Where ever thy Mighty Angels, shall wake the sleeping dead.
 Go forth with them in power, amidst the shades of night
 To call the world to judgment, and spread the gospel light.
 May all who seek salvation come in and share a part;
 May the glad news of pardon reach every honest heart.

7th

O may thy faithful children thy little chosen few,
 When called to preach the gospel, stand upright, just & true,
 And teach the world around them that they in truth possess,
 That heavenly joy and comfort, which all thy saints possess.
 Lord may thy Saints be able, to rise and gather in,
 Those who have long petitioned to be released from sin;
 May thousands yet in darkness, their thankful voices raise,
 Throughout the courts of Zion, and sound thy solemn praise.

May all the honest hearted be gathered to thy flock,
 All who will truly gather, and build upon the rock.
 May all who are awakened, be gathered far and near,
 To join the ranks of Zion, and learn thy holy fear.
 Let not this gospel season, roll on and pass away,
 Till all such souls are gathered, O Lord I humbly pray;
 I hold thy sacred promise, I prize it more than gold,
 That thou wilt lead the stranger, to Zion's happy fold.

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When this great dispensation begins to pass away,
 May other gospel seasons roll on, I humbly pray;
 That all who seek thy favor, may find a constant friend,
 Throughout all generations, till time shall have an end.
 May all thy Saints in Zion and millions yet to come,
 Find in our happy mansions, a peaceful, happy home.
 O bow, Almighty Father, and lend a listening ear;
 O hear ye my petition, the Ancient Patriarch's prayer.

Just: William Leonard.

AN
BOOK.

Containing a Sketch
Of the Sufferings and Travel of the
Prophet Jeremiah

Giving a short account of the Jews,
Also the word of the Lord to the Children of Zion.

Conclusion.

Jeremiah's Instructions Concerning Youth and Children.

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Introduction

Thus saith the Holy Prophet Jeremiah, Beloved Leaders in the Lovely Vineyard of God; I have had permission from my Heavenly Parents to make this communication unto you in the form of a book; for as I never have revealed much concerning myself, it was thought proper for me to write a small pamphlet, which will contain some sketches of my life and travel on earth, and also some pleasing and useful instructions.

2. There is much written concerning me in the sacred scriptures which will be unnecessary to repeat here, any further than to illustrate my subject. It is my labor and fervent desire that what I shall here write may prove beneficial to Mother's Children in this place, for this is all the motive I can have in writing.

3. To advance the cause of Christ and Mother, and to strengthen and comfort their children with good and comforting promises, is the whole labor of my soul. And I do earnestly desire that they may walk in the way, where they may realize the fullness of the blessings of heaven to them.

4. My love to the children of Mother in this place is unbounded, and their increase and prosperity is my joy and delight; for when I first visited them, they were a poor afflicted people, but few in number &

encompassed about with many sorrows; but now, O Thou lovely and chosen spot! hath the hand of Thy God raised thee from Thy low estate, and set thee to be a light to the gentiles.

5. O Thou Lovely, lovely Vineyard! In thee do I delight to dwell, and with Thy Inhabitants pour forth prayer, praise and holy adoration before my God and King, who led me through seas of danger, and raised my soul from the gulf of despair.

6. O ye lovely children in this once lowly vale of sorrow, now the vale of peace and happiness; I well know how to feel for you in all which ye have passed through in former years, to keep the gospel in its purity. Yea, I say my soul has deeply sympathised with Mother's first born, in the days of the falling away; and I have often poured out my soul in prayer to God for those that had to stand and keep his holy way amidst scenes of cruel heresy, and false hearted Brethren who strove to overthrow the work of God.

7. I have stood on this very spot, on which ye now live, and have seen the havoc which Satan had made of souls, and how he had sold this branch of the lovely Vineyard of the Lord into the hands of his emissaries. Then did the Lord, the Holy one of Israel, bid me declare before all the Saints & Angels who were then present; and also before the host of Satan, that he would redeem this portion of his inheritance by his Almighty power,

and that he would drive out the Canaanites with a High hand and a Mighty Stretched out Arm.

8. For said the Lord, "This is a portion of my chosen inheritance, and I will yet cause it to grow and flourish like unto the garden of Eden; and from this place will I cause my law to go forth, to those who sit in darkness, and under the shadow of death; and those who are yet unborn shall be ministers of my word. And here on this very spot, I will make a beginning of a great work, which shall spread through the nations of the earth; and those whom I shall gather to this place will I cause to tear and rend the kingdom of Satan; and all that he has done at this time, will I recompense upon his own head; for the very work which he is now doing, shall greatly weaken his own kingdom."

9. "For out of weakness will I cause strength to arise, and I will cause those whom I will raise up, even those whom I shall call from afar, to raise a war of deadly vengeance by which, ^{Satan} and his host shall flee before them. For so, will I sound from this place my trumpet of salvation, and the hills and vallies shall echo with the sound thereof; and Satan shall fear and quake at the sound; for then will he know that his kingdom must fall."

10. "So gather together ye birds of prey, ye vultures, crows and every kind of evil beast, and fall upon those whom Satan has employed; for ye shall be dispersed, yea, ye shall be swept from the earth; for this my chosen ground shall not be inhabited by evil workers?"

11. This did I declare in the face of all, who had ears to hear, as I was commanded to do. And my spirit fell also upon some of the inhabitants of Zion & they prophesied of the restoration of this place. And now hath the Lord made a beginning to beautify this branch of his Vineyard; and he hath walled it about by the arm of his power, and he hath digged about it, and uncovered living streams of holy waters, wherein souls may wash and bathe unto repentance.

12. And he hath set in the midst, his lovely vine, and Christ the faithful husband-man shall nourish it, and Mother's love shall cause it to grow & flourish, till its fruit becomes meat for all nations. And for this cause, have I come at this time, to declare unto you these things; and this is ^{the reason} why this place was chosen for me to make the communication of which I have spoken. Therefore lend a listening ear to all that I shall reveal; for now has come the time for many things to be revealed, which have long been veiled in a mystery.

13. Could all be revealed unto you which we, the Holy Prophets have declared on this ground, concerning Zion and those who shall yet be gathered into her, it would fill a volume. So cease not to listen to the Spirit, but treasure up all they shall give you, from time to time, for it will yet be of great value to you.

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Chap I.

Jeremiah gives a short Account of His Nativity.
His Sufferings as a Prophet - Instructions to the
Children of Zion - & prayer for the lost Sheep of Israel.

Thus saith the Prophet Jeremiah; It is not my purpose to write a full history of my life, but only to give an account of some incidents which occurred in my pilgrimage through time. For many and various have been the scenes which I have passed through, while I sojourned on the shores of time, and an account of many of these scenes which I witnessed, are similar to those written concerning others who lived in that day.

2. I was born in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. My forefathers belonged to the tribe of Levi. My Father's name was Hilkiah, and belonged to the Priesthood, and used to serve at the tabernacle. He did not bring up his children as many did in those days, but brought them up in the fear of the Lord.

3. I early sought the God of my Father, and strove to live in obedience to every requirement which he

made known unto me; and in walking in obedience to his revealed will, I was wonderfully blessed with heavenly and divine manifestations. I clearly foresaw the destruction at Jerusalem, long before it took place; and I also saw the restoration of the captivity, & by whom it should be brought about.

4. But when the Lord called upon me to declare these things in the ears of the Kings and Rulers I greatly feared and trembled, for I had ever shunned a public life, or making myself known to the great ones of the earth; & I shrunk from the prospect; & I said "ah Lord, I cannot speak for I am but a child". But he said unto me "Say not I am a child, for thou shalt go unto all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, that thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with thee saith the Lord."

5. Then he put forth his hand & touched my mouth, & I felt a burning as it were a fire kindled within me; and fear fled ^{from} before me, and I went forth in the spirit of the Lord, & proclaimed the words which he gave me to speak, in the ears of the King and Rulers of Israel. Neither could I refrain till I had declared the whole of my vision. This often enraged these haughty Rulers to that degree, that they would cast stones at me, and try to part me to death; but this they were not suffered to do, for I had then just begun my work.

6. Through the days of Zosiah, I did not reveal the word of the Lord so publickly as I did in the days of the Kings that came after him; for he was one who feared the Lord, and walked softly in his presence; therefore these warnings were in a great measure withheld from him. But as soon as he was slain, and an other King reigned in his stead; then was I sent forth in the strength & power of the Lord, to announce his heavy judgments on his rebellious people.

7. Here for years I sighed, & cried before God continually for the sins of my people. I often made intercessions for them with my face in the dust. And in these seasons would the Lord send forth unto me his Holy Angels, to administer comfort unto my wounded spirit.

8. Often have I plead before my people, to turn from the error of their ways, and repent and turn to God; till my bodily strength became so exhausted, that I have fallen on the ground, and have desired that I might give up the ghost; while many who had listened to my warning voice, were so enraged that they would have taken my life had they been suffered so to do.

9. Many have been the nights that I have spent in prayer for my poor rebellious Brethren; but with all my prayers and intreaties, they still persisted in their obstinacy and rebellion, till they had fallen into full possession of the Chaldeans. And had they not continued in their obstinate and rebellious proceedings, after they were fully subjuga^{ted}

They would have fared much better; for it was the command of the Lord to them, to subject themselves to the King of Babylon; but this they would not do till compelled by superior force.

11. Here in this instance, is showed a striking example of the judgments of God for mans disobedience; for the children of Israel were his peculiar and chosen people; as much so according to the day in which they lived, as the children of Zion are now; and had they lived up to all his requirements, down to the time of Christ's revelation on earth, they would then have been ready and prepared, to have entered into the work in full purpose of heart, and would have been the first among all Nations in the Kingdom of Heaven and on earth, to have entered the final work of judgment.

11. But as they had always rebelled against God's righteous laws, from the time he called them out of their Egyptian bondage and slavery, till they were sold into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar; to undergo seventy years captivity; so did they again rebel after being restored till the coming of Christ; and finally sealed their destruction by shamefully putting him to death on the cross.

12. Let this the awful state of my ancient Nation, prove a lasting warning to all who are, or may be called to be the chosen people of God; for those whom he has called to be a peculiar people unto himself must obey him in all things.

13. He will not suffer his chosen ones to walk in the ways of the children of men, for he calls for an entire separation from them. And this is what he required in ancient days, according to the light then revealed; and now has he renewed his covenant with the people of his elect, in this latter day, with an increase; for his chosen people cannot be justified in holding any unnecessary correspondence with the sons of strife.

14. And let it not be said, that God has promised that his work shall never go down any more, with a view to rest in ease and carnal security; for if those whom he has gathered in, are not faithful to live up to all his requirements, they will be cast out, and others gathered to supply their room. For ye read that the children of the kingdom shall be cast out &c.

15. So let no one rest, or feel at ease in Zion; for great are the requirements of God on his people. Think ye, O ye inhabitants of Zion! how ye have taken the birthright of these poor & rebellious Sons and Daughters of Israel, and walk ye in lowliness of heart, that this birthright may be sanctified unto you; for had they remained faithful, they would ever have been the leaders in the first dispensation, whereas many of them have had to wait until the present day, before they could even enter the work of the day in which they lived.

16 Grievous and sore have been their sufferings, greater than language can express; but the sufferings of those who forsake the way of God in this day will be as much greater, as the light of this day is greater than that revealed in the day in which they lived. And I do here interceed in behalf of those of my ancient kindred, who are yet in darkness, that the inhabitants of Zion would pray for them. O may God deliver their poor suffering souls from the captivity of Satan! O Lord, gather the scattered remnant of the tribe of Judah, and forget not wandering Israel; for my soul is pained for them.

17. Many of them are now pilgrims & strangers in their own land, under the galling yoke of slavery. O my God, gather them I pray thee, O Thou Holy One. Forget not, O forget not, poor ~~backsliding~~ Israel! O Lord thou hast promised, and thou wilt surely perform, therefore will I wait on thee, O Thou Righteous Judge of all the earth.

18. Yet will I continue to cry unto the residue that yet remaineth of the dispersed children of my people. Enlighten their understanding, O Holy Father, that they may be able to call on thee aright. Reveal unto them thy Holy Son, that when the veil is rent from them, they may also know thy lovely Daughter.

19. O poor benighted Israel, how has my soul sorrowed for thee! yea I have lamented for thee, as a Mother lamenteth for her first-born. Yea I have taken up a

lamentation for thee, O backsliding Judah. Could the sound of the gospel reach you! But I will forbear, for God is just, and will in his own time open a door of mercy unto you. For he will sound his mighty trumpet, and gather you from the four quarters of the earth, whither he hath dispersed you, and ye shall call on his name and shall say, who is like unto the Lord? for the mercy of our God endureth for

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And ye shall play before the Lord a song of praise, on your Harps & Psalteries, and on your stringed instruments, and shall glorify his name for your deliverance.

Thus saith the Lord, concerning the residue of my people, who yet remain scattered abroad; for it is the promise of God, and in his own time shall every word be fulfilled.

Chap III

Jeremiah's Narrative of His Labors and sufferings continued - The Jews obstinacy - His Vision of the New Jerusalem - Is comforted by cheering Promises from the Angel Comfort & Blessing.

Thus saith the Holy Prophet Jeremiah; it was clearly foreshown unto me in a night vision after the

captivity of the children of my people, that those who were left in and about Jerusalem, would flee into Egypt. But God bade me declare his judgments which he would bring upon them, if they disobeyed his word in this thing.

2. For he had said "Go not down to Egypt to sojourn there, for surely will I smite you by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar my servant, whom I have chosen to humble the haughtiness of man & lay low his pride & loftiness even to the ground." But unto this they would not hearken, but went with all their substance into the land wherein their fore-fathers had been so sorely oppressed; and they also compelled me to go with them.

3. At this I was sorely grieved, but God revealed himself to me and comforted my spirit, and bid me go, nothing doubting, promising to visit me in the land of my captivity. Here, in this land, did I prophecy the final overthrow of Egypt. Here did I take up a parable against her and all the surrounding Nations.

4. Here was revealed unto me the full and final destruction of Babylon. I had often spoken by the spirit of prophecy concerning the downfall of Babylon, but I did not fully understand how this work would be accomplished till it was revealed to me in Egypt, in the visions of the night.

5. Here I saw the exact manner of the entering of the Medes and Persians; and the awful massacre

which took place on that eventful night. I saw the devastation that was made of that fair famed City, and saw the inhabitants withdrawing from the remains, and giving place to the monsters and reptiles of the desert. And as the Lord declared that it should never again be builded, or be a habitation for man, so it has been, and so it will be to the end of the world.

6. For the sins and abominations which were committed in that land exceeded all human calculation. Ever from the building of Babel, till the destruction of the City, that land was famous for all kind of wickedness and debauchery. There was no crime then known under heaven but what the wicked inhabitants of Babylon were guilty of.

7. The land at different periods of time had been literally speaking covered with the blood of their fellow beings; besides the awful abominations which they daily committed, even in their houses of public worship. And all these things ripened them for the heavy judgments of an Almighty God.

8. Nebuchadnezzar was raised up as a scourge to the surrounding Nations, who had then become so sunk in sin and pollution that God would no longer bear with them; and also to chastise his rebellious people who refused to hearken to his word, revealed through his holy Prophets, and those whom he had sent to warn them.

9. But after much conquest, and making himself rich with the spoil of the surrounding nations

who had now become tributary to him, he became lifted up in his own imagination, and exalted himself above God, and said "With mine own hand have I gotten unto myself all this abundance of riches, and who is like unto me in power & greatness?"

10 And so God drove him out as ye read to feed with the beasts of the earth. But Nebuchadnezzar repented of the evil of his heart, and gave God the glory, and God forgave him.

11 As the Lord promised the children of Israel that they should be consumed in Egypt, so it turned out with them; for not any who were old enough to act for themselves, ever returned to their native land; but many fell by the hand of the Chaldeans, who finally brought Egypt into subjection. So you will see, beloved children of Zion, that not one word which God ever spoke by the mouth of his Prophets, ever fell to the ground.

12 And now I will tell you a vision which I had, as I was walking pensive and alone, by the great river of Egypt, where so many of the infant children of my people had been cast.

13. I looked, and lo, one in shining apparel stood before me, with a crown of gold upon his head, whose brightness far outshone the sun. He said unto me, Son of man what seekest thou? and what wouldst thou have? And I said, O Lord, that thou wouldst redeem thy chosen people, from the hands of them that oppress them, that they may not be utterly consumed.

14 And he said, "Cast thine eyes upward, & tell me what thou seest?" I see, said I, a beautiful & transparent City, slowly descending from heaven to earth, the brightness of which far surpasses the sun at noon day. Her streets are all paved with gold, and those who walk therein, are crying continually Holy, holy holy in the name of the Lord forevermore! Thou art worthy of eternal adoration and praise, for the deliverance which Thou hast wrought for poor lost souls, through Thy beloved Son and Daughter.

15. The spirit then said, "This is the New Jerusalem, which shall come down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This is the Church in her latter day of glory, whose King and Queen shall be the first-born heirs of God. For God shall set up a Kingdom on earth, in the latter days which shall never have an end; & her children shall cry in her streets holiness to the Lord; and shall praise his name forever.

16 And in that City shall be no night but but one eternal day. For this City shall be the Zion of his likeness, and he will cause her children to drink of the waters of eternal life, and eat of the bread of heaven.

17. I looked again, and this holy City had descended and stood where I could have a full view of her brightness and I heard the shouts and songs of Angels, the music of which far exceeded any thing I had ^{ever} before had any conception of; all in adoration to God for the

deliverance which he had wrought for man. And the sound grew louder and the City increased in brightness and she grew and increased till her glory filled the whole earth. I looked upon this beautiful vision, which appeared before me, till my understanding fled for a season; and when consciousness was again restored unto me, the vision had fled.

18. But he who talked with me again stood before me, and said, "Thou true and faithful Servant of the living God, I am sent unto thee to comfort thee, concerning thy people, for they shall yet be restored from their captivity, and their Temple which is now laid waste shall again be builded, and the Holy Saviour, which will yet be born shall preach the glad tidings of peace and salvation there in."

19. "But thou shall be gathered to the Saints of God, and there find rest, until the rising of the Sun of the latter day of glory, and then shall thou stand in that Holy City which thou hast seen in vision, which is yet to be builded of living stones, Christ being the chief corner stone who shall stand with his Bride, arrayed in bright shining raiment."

20. "And he shall gather all his chosen, from the four quarters of the globe beneath the shadow of his healing wings, and they shall be healed of their former backslidings, and they shall praise the Lovely King and Queen of heaven in one eternal song of thanksgiving for the ~~for~~ victory which they shall gain over their enemies."

21. "So mourn no more, O Thou Child of sorrow, for grief and affliction have paved thy way from thy youth up, and soon shall thy God call thee to himself; so cease thy mourning and grieve no more. And as for the little Innocents which thou wert bewailing when I found thee, thou shalt see them also. He then bade me turn my eyes to the west;" I looked, and behold a little band of bright Angelick beings all clothed in white with palms in their hands, & little crowns on their heads, and their numbers were so numerous I could not count them; and they were marching in a circle.

22. "These, (said he), are the infants who were cast into this river, by the command of Pharaoh, and they shall encircle the Holy Saviour, and march in circles around his Throne, and thou shalt behold this, when the Saviour arrives in his holy Kingdom, and is set down with his Father in his Throne."

23. This lovely Messenger showered upon me his love and blessing; yea, he spread his bright golden wings, which hitherto had been concealed from my view, and covered me all over with comfort and blessing. He said My name is Comfort and Blessing, and to comfort and bless thee, O Thou Holy Prophet, did thy Holy Father send me at this time.

24. So be thou comforted; for on my wings will I soar with thee, when thy work is done, to the mansion of thy God. Thus saying he left me. This visitation from the Holy Angel continued with me while I remained on earth, and was ever a

comfort unto me; and tho I was afterwards called to suffer much, from the hands of wicked and cruel men, still this visitation bore me up.

25. Beloved children, it is a great satisfaction to me, and a source of consolation to my spirit, when I can hover around, and comfort any of the lambs of Mothers fold, as this Holy Angel did me, in the days of my captivity. I greatly rejoice in comforting the mourner, and speaking peace to the wounded spirit. And I will do all I can to help Mothers children in this place. I know what sorrow and tribulation are, for my cup has often been filled to overflowing; and I well know how to feel for the dear lambs of this lovely fold.

26. But O beloved little ones, do walk softly and keep the solemn fear of God, that his Holy Hand may still continue to be stretched out over you. Grieve not his Holy Spirit, for his love is great unto you, and if you grieve him by refusing to comply with any of his requirements, he will withdraw his love from you, and place it upon others who will obey his word.

27. Do love, fear, and serve your God, your Holy, Heavenly, and Merciful Father, and never count any of his requirements hard or unjust, for he will reward you for every sacrifice which you make to do his will.

Chap III.

Jeremiah gives a further Narrative of the Jews—Some things of the Egyptians—Closes With Instructions & Remarks.

Thus saith the Prophet Jeremiah, I shall now proceed a little further with my narrative.

2. After the Children of Israel had become in a measure settled in the land of their adoption, and had sworn allegiance to the King of Egypt, they were suddenly aroused from their slumbers by the armies of Babylon, for the Chaldeans had fallen upon them unawares.

3. And on none did they wreak their vengeance with more rage and madness, than they did on the devoted remnant of the tribe of Judah. For they were so incensed at their leaving Jerusalem, and fleeing into Egypt, that they showed them no mercy. And indeed this act of disobedience in the children of Israel, hastened on the destruction of Egypt; for it seemed as though the Chaldeans were determined to exterminate every Jew in the realm; and this they nearly effected.

4. But as the Chaldean Captain showed mercy unto me in my own land, so did he in the land of my captivity: and all who were compelled by force to flee into Egypt were spared.

This was a striking interposition of the Providence of God, in succoring those who mind it was to do as he had commanded them; and goes to prove, that he never will forsake those who fear him.

5. Could I write the many interpositions of the hand of Providence, in saving those who walked in obedience to the revealed will of God, it would fill the reader with wonder and amazement. Many of these things are recorded in sacred scripture, and there are as many more which would be equally wonderful and miraculous were they related.

6. The truth is, & has ever been down through all ages, that God has always sustained those who put their trust in him. ^{even down to small children} And tho he suffered many to be put to death for revealing his word, yet he supported them in the hour of death, and caused them to die rejoicing.

7. And many of them scarcely felt their sufferings, while passing through them; for they were so completely filled with the love and power of God, that the sufferings of the body were scarcely felt by them.

8. When the Chaldeans had completely subjugated the haughty Egyptians, and had slain and taken captive their King and rulers; then did they assume supreme power over them, and brought them under as severe bondage as their fore-fathers had brought the ancient children of Jacob.

9. This was an awful day to Egypt who had long ruled the surrounding Nations. There was an end of their earthly glory and splendor, & it seemed as tho the elements combined

against them; for famine and pestilence prevailed, and there were many commotions and eruptions in the earth, which was never before known.

10. Egypt had once been a peaceable and prosperous Nation, and in ancient days had respected her Creator; but by learning the rudiments of war, and practicing in the same, they lost the fear of God, and fell into drunkenness and debauchery & committed crimes too horrid to relate.

11. Our Merciful Father gave them a long space to repent, and sent his chosen people among them to learn them wisdom; but they hearkened not. Neither did they give God the glory, when they saw that famine prevailed through the land; for the mighty deliverance which he wrought for all living, by the hand of the Patriarch Joseph, but passed it all by, and let the remembrance of it fall away like an idle tale.

12. So when God had repeatedly warned them both by mercy and judgment, and they would not hearken, he suffered them to be sold into the hands of the King of Babylon with all the rest of the surrounding Nations. The Egyptians were a Nation who once possessed a greater degree of light than many of the Nations around them; but by disobeying the light which God had graciously given them, he left them to fall into Heathenish darkness and idolatry.

13. But in the days of our fore-fathers, there were some among them who feared God, and some followed with the sons of Jacob. And even in the days of my captivity, I found

some among them who were willing to be led by the teachings of the spirit, and would listen to me with attention, while I delivered the word of God unto them. And when I was gathered to my people in eternity, and these poor souls were also called from the shores of time, they were gathered to me, there to rest in hope till the coming of the Messiah.

14. There were many small children whom I used to teach, who never lost the impression these teachings had on their minds. These are now bright souls in eternity.

15. There was one little girl, who belonged to Parents of high rank, who used to steal away and walk with me by the side of the river, for the sake of being instructed in the things of God. This child was then only ten years of age, but she seemed to have the understanding of one who had arrived at mature age.

16. (Never) shall I forget with what attention and true devotion, she listened to me when I used to relate unto her, the captivity of my people in her land; and how by the mighty power of God they were delivered, and of what took place at the red sea. It seemed that her whole soul was alive, to catch every word that fell from my lips. But when it was made known to her Parents, that she used to wander from her home for the sake of being with me, they rebuked her, & forbade her from following any more after the old Jew as they termed me.

17. But her Heavenly Father soon took her from them and she became a lovely spirit in Eternity, and is now doing a great work among her people.

18. I think the relation of this little story, may be some encouragement to the young lambs in the fold of Acher, to try to gather up all they can from their teachers, and treasure it up in good & honest hearts; for all that they gain when young, will be of great value to them. And they cannot think how much good they will be able to do, both in time & eternity, if they are faithful to treasure up all that is taught them in the days of their youth.

19. The youthful mind is capable of taking lasting and durable impressions. O then beloved youth, store your minds well with heavenly and divine things. Seek opportunities when you can, and not infringe on the rights of those who are older, to converse with your teachers and those who have had greater experience than you have, on things which belong to the gospel. Seek not to associate with those who tell old stories concerning the things of the world, but chose rather to converse with the spiritually minded, who will teach you the way which leads to eternal life.

20. Could those who are young realize their privilege, and the day in which they live, they would thank and praise God continually, and would improve every moment of their precious time, which he has allowed them, to gain faith and understanding in his most holy way.

21. It is a great thing for youth to get a good planting of faith, and to understand fully what their faith is grounded upon. Great care ought to be used to instill into their minds such principles as you would be willing

should govern them in after life. But I will say no more on this subject at present, but will reserve it till another time.

22. Beloved Leaders, you will perceive that I have not been very formal in my communication; for a familiarity of style is what I aim at. I have closed certain numbers of paragraphs, with some remarks & comments on certain portions of this work, thinking that it might be of use to the young and inexperienced mind. And all I can do to help them is a great treasure to me.

23. So the reader must not look so much at the form of this work as the substance it contains; for we the Ancients do not aim so much at being systematical, as we do at being useful and instructive in our writings. Therefore we bring these things forward in as familiar a style as possible, that the smallest capacity may understand them, and receive benefit and instruction therefrom.

24. I have a few things more which I wish to communicate, and then I shall draw my work to a close.

Chap IV.

The Word of the Lord to the Children of
 Zion, concerning many things. Conclusion
 By the Prophet Jeremiah.

This saith the Holy Prophet Jeremiah; Beloved Leaders, I shall now quit the coasts of Egypt, where I suffered so many hardships, and so much heart felt tribulation and agony of soul; and take my stand in this lovely Vineyard, even where my God hath sent me, to be a Prophet unto his chosen people.

2. Yea on the Holy Hill I will stand, and from thence will I prophecy of the goodness of my God, & of the wonders which he will in his own time perform upon this his Holy Hill.

3. Thus saith your God, O Zion, "Stretch forth thy hand to the rising sun, yea sound your trumpets, ye trumpeters whom I have chosen, and call in my children to partake of the feast. For lo, my table is spread, & my feast is prepared, and guests are yet wanting. And again I say, sound your trumpets, yea sound them to the west to the north & the south, and call home the wanderer, that he may partake, with this my chosen number of the feast which I have prepared. for I shall not slack my hand till my tables are supplied with guests.

4. What meanest thou O my Zion! that thou dost not prepare thyself for my day? Yea for the great feast of the Lord; for surely I shall hasten thee, and thou must prepare, and thy children must be clad in raiment white and clean, and be ready to wait upon the chosen priests. Yea make yourselves ready, O my people, and prepare to meet the Lamb and Bride, and make ye your selves ready for the day of my visitation, for soon shall I call upon thee, O my Zion! So see ye to it that none fall a sleep within thy walls for such ones will be found unprepared in the day of my coming.

5. Now stretch forth your eyes, O my people, & see those whom I have called, gathering unto this my Holy Hill. These have suffered enough; yea they are willing to sacrifice all to find in Zion a resting place. And many will say come let us arise, and go to Zion, the City of our God; for why should we die of hunger, when there is bread enough and to spare, in the house of our Father, and our God?

6. Surely we have spent our time for naught; we have labored in vain, Yea we have labored in the fire & wearied ourselves for very vanity. And now have we nothing but to perish with hunger; for truly are our souls perishing for the bread and waters of life and shall we not find mercy in Zion? Yea, though we have long delayed our coming, yet will our God grant mercy and forgiveness, and will shelter us in his fold, if we turn to him and repent."

7.

Yea this will be the language of many who

have long sought to shun the crop, and when they see that naught but destruction stares them in the face, they will flee to Zion's strong hold. So prepare for them, my children, & make yourselves ready to feed and clothe them, both spiritually & temporally.

8. Do by them as your Mother's first-born have done by you. Let him that hath two coats impart one to his neighbor, and count it not hard to make a sacrifice for poor suffering souls; for ye know nothing of the sufferings that are abroad in the earth. The hearts of many fail them, for my fear hath fallen upon them, and they know ^{no} way to escape from my fierce judgments, neither do many know where safety is found.

9. But I have stretched out my hand over my Zion, in my mercy and in loving kindness, saith your God! And ye know not the sorrow and anguish that fill the hearts of the poor lost world, who are as good by nature, as those whom I have gathered into my Zion; and now will ye not show pity to these poor sufferers, whose souls are sinking in despair?

10. Surely ye ought not to be at ease in my Zion, but ye ought greatly to fear me your God; and ye ought to pray for these poor souls now groaning beneath the galling fetters of Satan, and I will hear your prayers in their behalf. Yea my people, your prayers must rise before me like incense on the altar, for the prayers of the Saints are a sweet smelling savor to me their God.

11. So pray ye, pray for a lost world, and I will

hear your prayers, and answer your request. Let not a slack nor idle soul be found in my Zion, for I call upon ^{all} from the greatest to the least, to bring an offering unto me even of the first ripe fruits of their souls. Then will I shower a ten fold blessing upon them, & their souls shall yield an increase of goodness which shall be without end. And Zion shall grow and flourish, and her children shall become Kings and Priests unto me saith your God.

12. No more will I forsake my Zion, neither will I cast her children far from me, if they will walk in my ways. But they must love my laws, and delight in keeping my commandments. Count not my ways hard, neither call my requirements unjust, for is not all ye possess mine? Have not I given unto ^{you} all these good things, with which your storehouses are filled, both temporal & spiritual?

13. And can ye think it hard if I require you to give a portion of the same to the widow, the fatherless and stranger, who shall yet call upon you for help? Nay, my people, ye must not withhold your hand from giving unto those, whom I shall send unto you, for if ye do, I shall withhold my blessing from you.

14. But if ye cast your bread upon the waters, or feed my needy children who shall come unto you, and clothe them as you would those of your own kindred in nature, I will withhold no good thing from you. But I will replenish your stores, and give you more abundantly of the good things of this

life; and I will shower on you my blessings without weight or measure; so that ye shall be greatly astonished thereat. & shall say one to another, surely the Lord has more than fulfilled his promises unto us.

15. But if ye regard not my word, ye shall feel leanness and barrenness of soul, and shall not see the good things, though they be placed before your eyes. So be ye warned O my beloved, and walk in the counsel of me your God. Never suffer yourselves to distrust my mercy, nor to disbelieve any of my gracious promises unto you, for as I live saith your God, not one word which I have uttered shall fall to the ground. And tho I may try your faith concerning these things, so that it may appear dark to you, yet believe ye my word, for I will surely bring it to pass.

16. To trust ye in your God in darkness, trust him in danger, trust him when waves of tribulation roll over you, & when floods of persecution surround you, trust ye in your God. For I will never leave nor forsake those who trust in me, for my Almighty Arm shall ever protect and defend the people of mine elect.

17. And I will lead them through all which may ever fall upon them; for tho the wicked may cast them into the flames, or into the midst of the sea, from thence am I able to deliver them. And when ye are brought into danger, think of the three holy children whom Nebuchadnessar caused to be cast into the burning fiery furnace, and of Daniel in the

den of Lions, of Jonah in the whales belly, & of the many more mighty mercies, which I wrought for the preservation of those who trusted in me, and me alone.

18. Thus have I caused my word to be sounded unto you, O my chosen ones, by the mouth of my Holy Prophet, that ye may sound it in the ears of all my people, that they may know my will in these things whereof I have spoken, and that they may not fear to place their whole trust in me, and not in an arm of flesh; for this will as surely fail them, as they put their trust therein.

19. And now do I your Holy and Merciful Father place my Holy and Eternal Love and Blessing here, as a seal to this my word, for every child in this Lovely Vineyard, who walks in obedience to my revealed will. And all who do obey my commands, shall feel this love resting upon them, and they shall never want for a Father's Blessing saith your Holy Father Jahovah."

20. Now have I written what I was commanded to write, by my Holy Lord and Father; and may it sink deep into the Hearts of all, who may have a privilege of hearing this his word; for great is his condescension unto his chosen people; for he withholdeth nothing from them that will do them the least good, or help them forward in his glorious work.

21. Will may we all declare that God is Love; for could his love be realised in a small degree, to what it really is, by those on earth, they would be wholly overpowered by

his goodness. But poor man while veiled in an earthly tabernacle can have but a little idea of the boundless ocean of God's love; for his views are so limited, that he can have but a faint conception of it.

22. But all his chosen people have shared largely in his love, and many have felt so much of it, that their little vessels have overflowed; and may they ever bear in mind that there is an ocean of this heavenly love, which is continually overflowing its banks, and is showered on all the true and faithful without measure, by our Holy and Eternal Parents.

23. And every child of Mother, who keeps a living sense of this, may feel a measure of this continually. For no soul will be left destitute of this love, who will make room in their hearts to receive it. And remember beloved children, that as fast as you turn out that which is contrary to this spirit, you will fill up with this precious love. So be not weary in striving to make room in your hearts for this pure love, for it will cast out all fear, and will be in your souls a pool of living waters springing up unto everlasting life.

24. For when a soul is filled with the true love of God, nothing can harm them. And tho' death stare them in the face, in his most frightful form, they will not fear; for they know the God whom they serve, and they fear not to stand in his presence for they know that his love will support them, and carry them through the vale of death.

Chap V.

Jeremiah's Observations and Instructions
Concerning Youth & Children.

Thus saith the Prophet Jeremiah;
Beloved Leaders, I shall now write a short epistle for the benefit
of youth and children.

2 The time is not far distant when many youth
will be gathered to the fold of Christ and Mother; and as I have
ever taken a deep interest in the prosperity of the youth & rising
generation, I thought it would not be improper to express some
of my ideas on this subject at the close of this work.

3. I have ever found on close examination, that in-
structions that are received in early life, take the most deep &
lasting root. Therefore, it is necessary to use every means that
lies in your power, to instill in their minds, a love of every thing
that is good and virtuous. They must have objects of imitation
often held up to their view, by giving them an account of some
good and virtuous child who always walked in obedience & the
blessings they gained thereby, or showing them on the contrary the
reward of disobedience.

4. But in relating these things to children, great care should be used not to inspire their minds with fear, save that which is of God; for a child ought to be brought up an entire stranger to slavish fear. I mention this manner of relating little stories to them, that they may have something to look to. This makes their duty much easier for them to comprehend, than a bare relation of what they ought to do, to become good members of Society.

5. There is no need of applying to old story books, to get these simple narrations, for there is enough recorded in the sacred scriptures to furnish their teachers sufficiently. And there are many who have been brought up in the gospel, who have been patterns worthy of imitation, and such characters are the most suitable to hold up to their view.

6. My object in writing this is to have those who have the care of children, strive to make the good path appear lovely to their young minds, by strewing it with flowers instead of thorns; for it is just as easy to inspire a young mind with a love of that which is good, as it is to inspire it with hatred. This in a general sense of speaking, lays entirely with those who are called to be their teachers. You may tell a child its duty just as it is, but at the same time, you may do it in a way which will make them hate to perform that duty, or you may lead them into it, in a way and manner which will make it appear lovely and pleasant to them.

7. I would have all flattery avoided with children, like as I would all rashness, for either are calculated to spoil the

young mind. And the sooner you begin with a young child to turn its mind into the right channel, the easier the work will be effected.

8. As soon as a child begins to notice surrounding objects, it is time to begin to bend the young and tender twig the right way. Many times a child has received injury, either by being indulged, or by being used rashly before it had arrived at the age of three years, that has caused its Caretakers great tribulation to remedy. So it is necessary to use great care even with young children, If they are corrected by any one, when under the influence of passion, the child partakes of this evil influence, and becomes enraged, and many times they get that in such ways which they never outgrow.

9. If you would have likely and promising youth, you must use great care how you deal with them when small children, for children seldom forget the treatment which they receive when quite young.

10. When youth are gathered in among you, who have arrived at the age of twelve or fourteen or older, use your best endeavours to inspire them with a love for the gospel, by showing to them how noble they may appear in the sight of both men and Angels, if they can gain a reigning power over evil.

11. The young mind is ever aspiring after greatness, and if you can turn this sense into the right channel it will be of great service to them. This spirit is not an evil, but it must be turned into the right channel.

12. This is all the youthful mind has to stimulate it to virtuous acts, or acts which it thinks would promote its honor, and if this spirit is broken down too fast, or before it has acquired a full understanding of the gospel principles, it deprives the creature of all it has to lead it into acts of virtue. It is a great thing to deal with youth, & there cannot be too much care used to lead them aright.

13. Let no one think that their time is lost, which they spend in instructing youth and children; for those who are faithful in this work, will be richly rewarded both in time and eternity.

14. Look around among your numbers, and see how many there are, who are now suffering for the want of being rightly educated in their youth, and many of this number have been left to cast reflections on their Parents and those who brought them up for not doing their duty to them.

15. Let the amusement and past-time of the young, be calculated as much as possible to inspire them with a love for their Creator. Teach them to view the creation with love and reverence. Often remind them by whom these things were created; and that they were created for the good of man; and inspire in their young minds, a spirit of true thankfulness to the giver of all good.

16. Inspire in their minds a fear to waste any thing which God has created, and not even to pour out water in a wanton, careless manner; for many a poor

creature has perished for that which is often carelessly thrown away, and they would have given world (had they them in Popedom) for a draught of this cooling beverage.

17. I do not mean to be understood that they must never throw away water when the vessel is needed for another use, or on any necessary occasion, but I want that they should be taught to feel ^{these} things, and know the blessings which they enjoy, when thousands have died for the want of them.

18. Never suffer them to cast an unthankful look upon their food, without gently admonishing them, by telling them of the thousands now on earth, who are in the state of starvation, and know no way to procure one morsel of bread.

19. This will often awaken in their minds a lively sense of gratitude to God for his goodness to them, in giving them good homes, and comfortable food and raiment, instead of being unthankful and murmuring at what is set before them.

20. Suffer them not to waste their clothing, or put away a garment because it has come to mending, but show unto them how many there are, who have nothing to cover their nakedness, and do all you can to inspire a feeling in them to pity such ones.

21. Teach them while young, to pray, not only for themselves, but for their companions, and for the poor children that are out in the wide wicked world, and learn them to have a realizing sense of these things, and of their call in the gospel.

22. Inspire them with a feeling to be faithful in all things, both spiritual and temporal, that they may be able to help others when they arrive to mature years. When employed in their daily labor, try to inspire their young minds with a feeling that they are at work to build up the cause, and to lay a foundation for others to be gathered in.

23. This will make their task easy and they will take pleasure in their daily employment, instead of feeling it a burden.

24. There must be wisdom used that they do not go beyond their strength, for many times an ambitious youth may spoil himself before he is aware of it; and such ones must be watched over, & checked if needful.

25. I shall now draw my work to a close, with a desire that this may be of use to you, in bringing forward and rearing the young and tender plants, which will be committed to your care.

26. And, I hear pronounce my blessing on the young and rising generation, both those who are gathered, and those who shall be gathered to the fold of Christ and Mother.

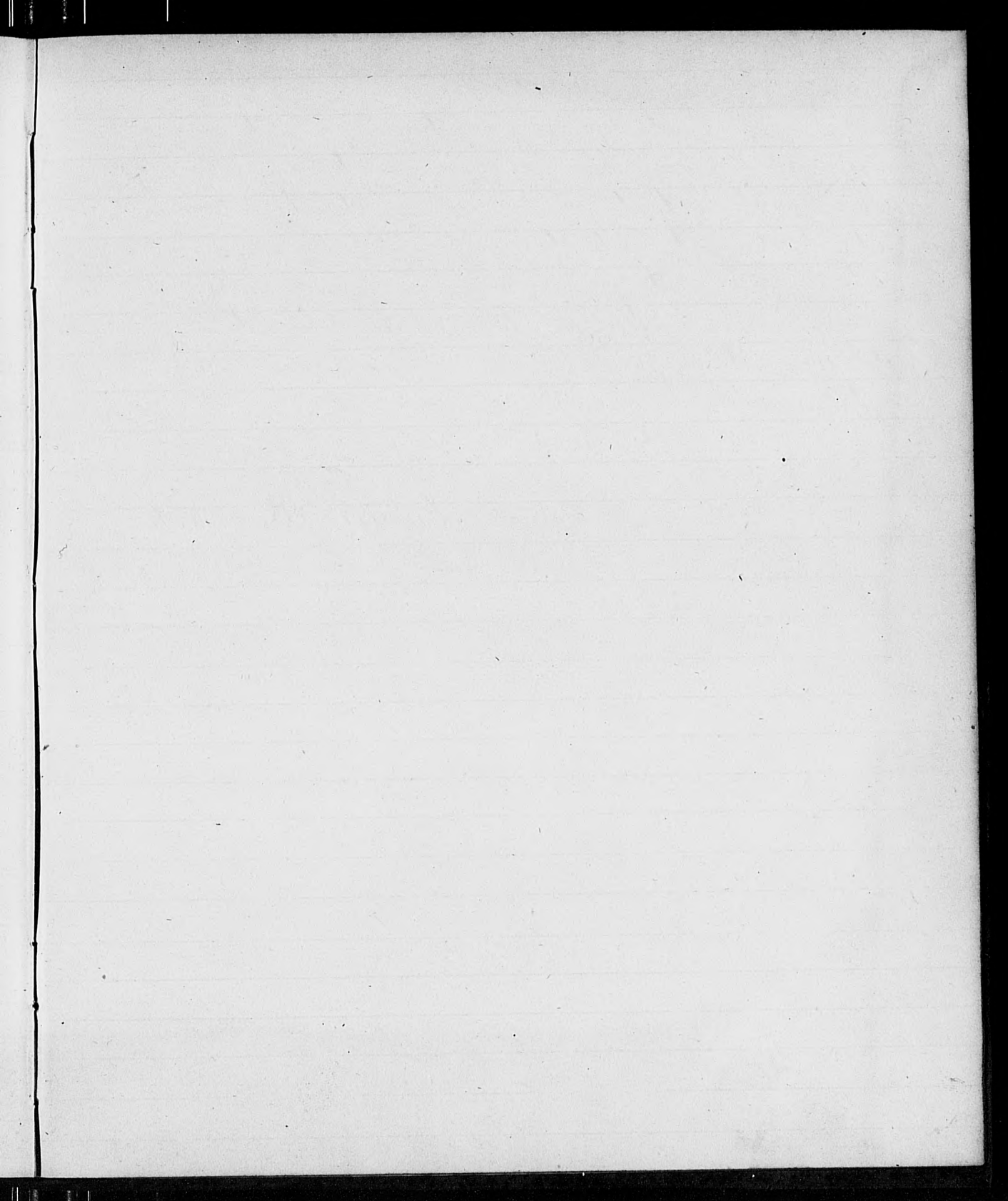
27. And I bless you, ye faithful Leaders in this place; I bless the labor of your hands, and I bless the labor of your souls; for I know you are a striving to do the will of God. Yea I freely bless you and all under your care.

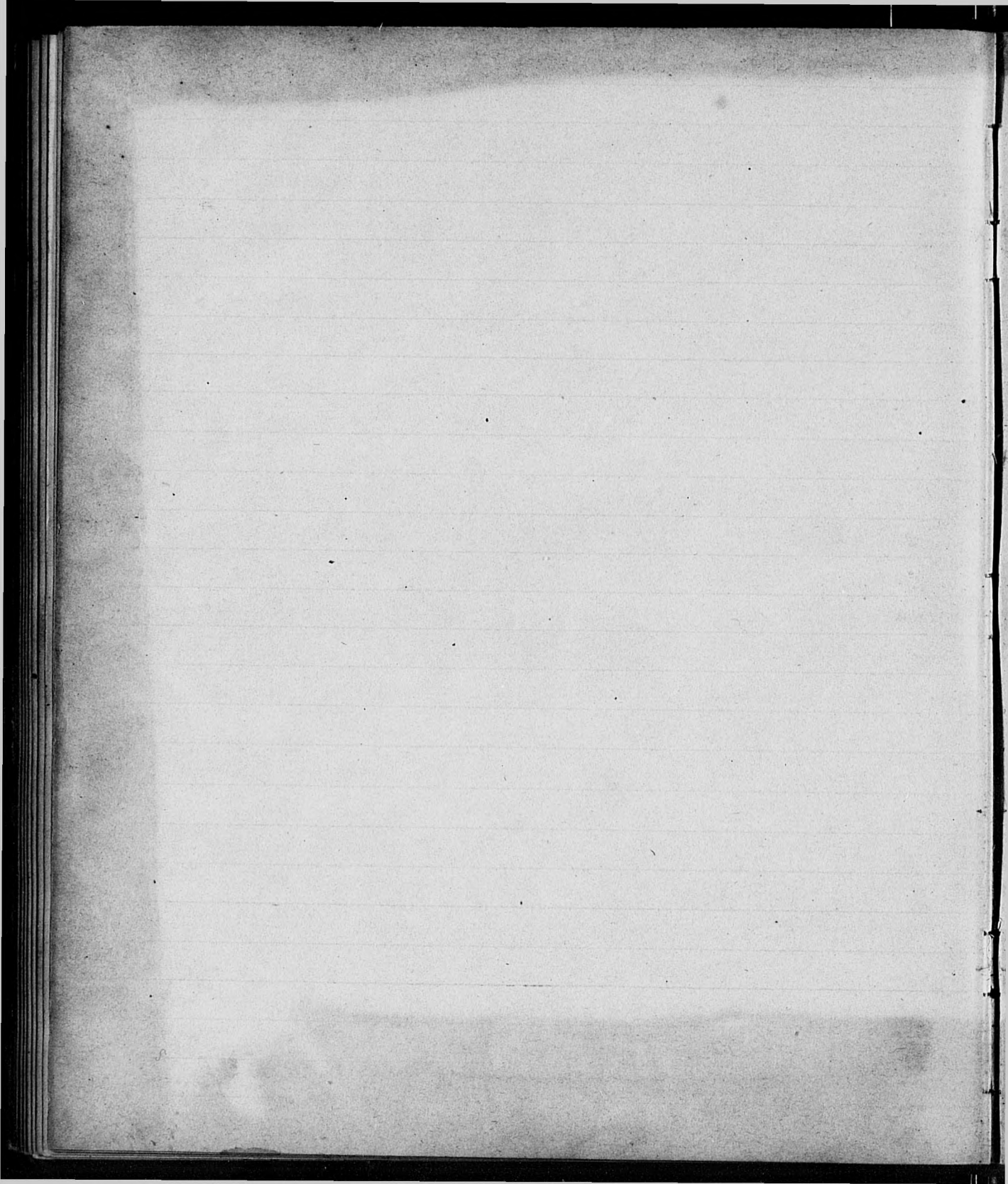
28. I bless all your dwellings, and all you
 people; yea, my soul breatheth forth continual blessings
 on the people of God, for they are my interest and my all
 and my delight is to dwell among them.

29. So fare ye well in blessing and love,
 for my love shall never fail to the chosen children of
 Mother, and they shall feel my love so long as I
 continue with them.

So again I say. Farewell.

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