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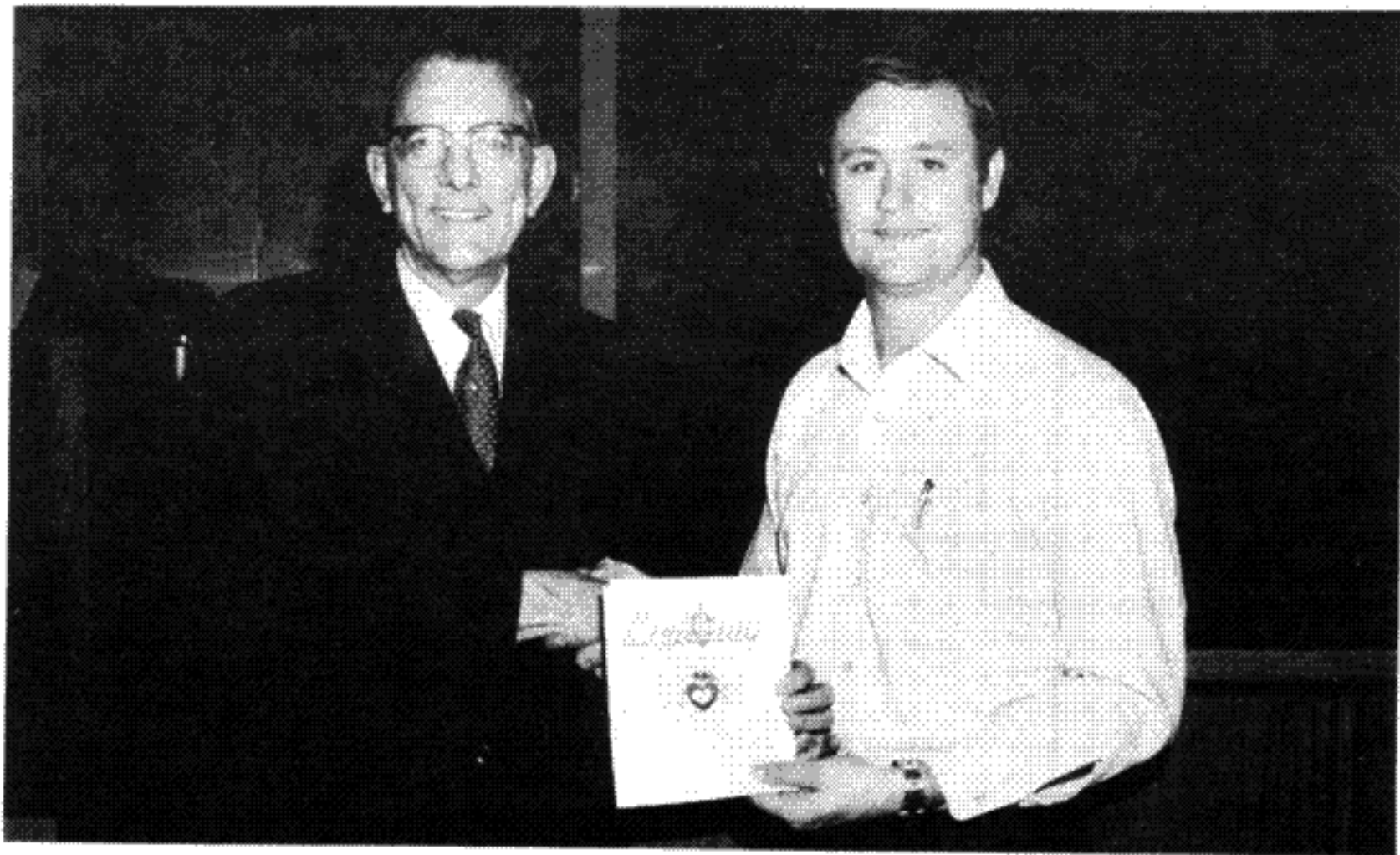
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ELDER DEJAGER RETURNS TO OKC



Elder Jacob de Jager of the First Quorum of the Seventy graciously accepts some printed copies of "THE LIAHONA" from Oklahoma City Fourth Ward Bishopric Second Counselor, Darrell Hashins. An extensive report of Elder de Jager's conference visit appeared in our November issue.

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While teaching the inhabitants of the Americas following his death and resurrection, the Savior asked, "...What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am." Then he went on to indicate how they were to achieve it. "And now I go unto the Father. And verily I say unto you, whatsoever things ye shall ask the Father in my name shall be given unto you. Therefore, ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for he that asketh, receiveth; and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened." (3NEPHI 27:28-29)

There can be little doubt that prayer is to be one of the primary means by which we are to interact with our Heavenly Father. However, the Lord indicated to Joseph Smith that he expects us to do more than to simply ask. "And Satan is abroad in the land, and he goeth forth deceiving the nations - wherefore he that prayeth, whose spirit is contrite, the same is accepted of me if he obey mine ordinances..." (D&C 52:14-15)

Certainly the clearest statement of the level of involvement the Lord wants us to have is found in D&C 9:7-9, where we are implored to ask, but only after we have studied matters out in our own minds and determined on the basis of our judgement and experience, the course of action we should take. Then, as we are given very specific keys by which we can confirm through the spirit whether or not our answer or proposed action is correct.

Some may question the process, thinking, "Why should I go to all that trouble when it would be so much simpler to merely ask?" We must remember that a part of our purpose in this life is to show our Father in Heaven, through our actions, that we will use our free agency to make wise choices and accept the consequences of our actions. Does it seem reasonable that we can accomplish this if we take no thought, save it be to ask?

What a great blessing it is to know that our Heavenly Father has enough confidence in us to let us search out for ourselves the answers to our questions and problems. And... at the same time, he loves us enough that once we have done our part, we can go forward with complete confidence that our solution is correct.

It makes sense then that we must follow a similar course of growth and development as the Savior. "And he received not of the fullness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fullness;..." (D&C 93:13). And as we perfect our ability to make correct choices, we can ultimately accom-

plish what we were placed here to achieve...namely to return to his presence. "Verily, thus saith the Lord; it shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am." (D&C 93:1)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL!

LIAHONA STAFF MESSAGE

This generation, and, in particular, we Latter-Day Saints, are the most blessed of all the souls who have inhabited this earth! In our time, the creator of all things has revealed himself anew to prophets of this modern age and within the framework of a mere 150 years has extinguished the gross darkness which had enveloped the world for centuries! Once again the word of the living God hisses forth from the mouths and inspired writings of his chosen servants. How fortunate we are to be able to possess copies of these inspired texts: the Holy Bible, The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price! What knowledge is in our grasp! The answers to life's greatest questions!

Yet, how many of us in our present status are capable of explaining: The difference between a translated being and a transfigured being; or the keys to detecting a false spirit; or why baptisms for the dead are performed below the surface of the earth; or what language the Jaredites spoke?? Some of these questions may seem merely trivial, but who has earnestly read and pondered the scriptures seriously without gaining insight in all facets of the gospel?

President Joseph Fielding Smith once said: "From time to time members of the Church are deceived and led astray because they have no substantial foundation in faith, and lack knowledge of the Gospel. Skillful deceivers, under these conditions, prey upon the weak and destroy the little measure of faith which they possess. Therefore, it behooves us all to be alert, diligent and studious, doing all things in prayer and humility. Then we can overcome the world..."

"If members of the Church would search their scriptures more intensely in the spirit of humility and prayer disputations would cease among us. It seems to be a difficult thing to eliminate from the minds of some of our brethren cherished notions that are contrary to the revealed word. Many questions have been answered time and time again by those who have the knowledge and are prepared to give the answers, yet the error continues to exist... The reason for these answers to questions is to endeavor to settle once and for all time the problems discussed, which occur and reoccur so frequently, yet are answered in the standard works; moreover, with the thought in mind to stimulate members of the Church to spend a little more of their spare time in personal search. Of far more profit is a fact discovered by research than by information received. The impression on the mind lasts longer."

As President Smith pointed out, all too often it is that "trivial" piece of information that is "not important to our salvation" that forms a stumbling block for those who have "no substantial foundation in faith." Under such circumstances it very well may be important to that individual's salvation! Granted, some gospel subjects are more imperative than others; yet if trivia will stimulate a genuine interest in scripture study it is answering a real need.

One does not study the scriptures by briefly scanning a few passages. As President Smith pointed out, "The trouble with so many of us is the fact that we reach conclusions in relation to some matters without knowing all the facts pertaining to the specific events. It is very apparent that a large proportion of the members of

the Church do not prepare themselves thoroughly by study prayer and faith to understand many of the revelations which have been placed before us. This lack of comprehension is not the fault of the Lord, but the fault of the individual.

"Perhaps I may be pardoned for this thought which I present without any desire to find fault, but merely to impress upon our minds the need of a more thorough search of the revealed word of the Lord in sincere prayer and humility of spirit. It is a simple matter to reach incorrect conclusions when only a part of the facts are understood. Therefore, the members of the Church, and especially those holding the divine Priesthood, should be diligent in their study with the spirit of humility and prayer."

Within the full-time missionaries' "UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR TEACHING FAMILIES" manual is a missionary study guide which may be adapted with great success to the individual or family:

How To Study

1. SEEK THE SPIRIT. There is no possible way to understand the gospel, the scriptures, the things of God, except by the power of the Holy Ghost.
2. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES. Search in an orderly, systematic way. For instance, read the Book of Mormon at least five times.
3. PONDER UPON THE SCRIPTURES. Meditate and think about the doctrines of the Gospel continually. In reading the Book of Mormon, for instance, ask yourself over and over again, in faith and prayer: "Could any man have written this book?"
4. STUDY BY SUBJECT. Make a list of all the basic doctrines of the gospel and study what all the standard works have to say about each of them, analyzing, comparing, harmonizing.
5. LEARN TO OUTLINE. Always outline a subject. Joseph Smith's outline of the subject of faith, for instance, contained the following general heads, with numerous subheads under each:
 - (A) What it is.
 - (B) The object upon which it rests.
 - (C) The effects which flow from it.
6. MEMORIZE IMPORTANT SCRIPTURES. Begin with those which establish the message of the restoration and teach distinctive doctrines of the Gospel, and then go to those of general doctrinal and literary excellence.

7. STUDY EVERY DAY.

This includes a one hour study class, plus additional personal study. During these, missionaries should:

- (A) Recite memorized passages of scripture.
- (B) Read to each other out of the Standard Works.
- (C) Discuss the doctrines thus read.
- (D) Prepare outlines of Gospel Doctrines.

Following this study plan in the missionary manual was a list of one hundred sixty - two basic doctrines suggested for studying and outlining (SEE #4 ABOVE.) It is our privilege and duty to study and gain a working knowledge of the scriptures. Don't let these figures overwhelm you! Remember, even Christ, in his mortal state, learned line upon line, precept upon precept, continuing from grace to grace until he gained a fullness of the Gospel. The world has so long wallowed in darkness that we have nearly forgotten how to see... today the Earth is flooded with divine light: WE NEED ONLY OPEN OUR EYES.

Sunday, 28 February 1982, the members of the Oklahoma City Fourth Ward were blessed by having two members of the Elder's Quorum Presidency speak during Sacrament Meeting. The main topic stressed was the institution of a daily scripture reading program and a series of checks to monitor the individual member's progress. If at least two pages of scriptures are read a day, the four standard works will have been read in approximately forty-three months.

A survey was taken throughout the Ward with the following results: 40 percent read at least once a week, and 60 percent have no regularly scheduled reading program. Of those 60 percent, 40 percent have not begun any kind of program/

FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS, I HAVE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH MY CAR. SEVERAL REPAIRS HAVE BEEN MADE TO IT, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS. NOW IT HAS STOPPED RUNNING ALTOGETHER. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION... I COULD SEE ONLY ONE SOLUTION: CONTACT MY PARENTS AND SEEK THEIR HELP. BUT THAT CREATED ANOTHER PROBLEM... MY PARENTS ARE CURRENTLY SERVING A MISSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. JEFF, MY BROTHER, AND I DECIDED TO TRY TO CALL AT 9:00 P.M. SINCE MOM AND DAD'S LANDLORD WOULD ONLY SPEAK SPANISH, I ASKED RANDY LUSK TO COME OVER TO BE AN INTERPRETER SO THAT I COULD COMMUNICATE MY NEEDS TO THEM. AT ABOUT 7:00 P.M. I GOT A PHONE CALL...FROM DAD!! THE LORD, KNOWING MY SITUATION, IMPRESSED DAD TO CALL ME FIRST, SO THAT WE COULD DISCUSS THAT PROBLEM, AND THAT PROBLEM EXCLUSIVELY. DAD'S WORDS WERE: "WE WERE STRONGLY IMPRESSED TO CALL HOME."

SO WE CAN BEAR TESTIMONY THAT THE LORD WATCHES OUT FOR US ALL, AND EVEN OUR LITTLE PROBLEMS ARE WORTH HIS TIME AND CARING. HE LOVES US VERY MUCH.



Brothers and Sisters

We have been asked by the Prophet, Stake and Ward leaders to study the scriptures. During a recent fire-side, President Lazenby said that in order to reach our goal to be like the Savior, we must get to know him, and after we get to know him, then do as he does. He further said that the best way to get to know him is to study the scriptures.

We in the Elder's Quorum believe that there is an urgent need for the members to be actively engaged in a daily scripture reading. We know that daily reading will not only help the individual, but will improve the spirituality of the Ward. For this reason we are providing a program to help motivate members to study the scriptures. This program will suggest a daily reading habit of at least two pages of standard works a day, and will include monitoring of members monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually. There will also be awards.

For additional information concerning the proposed program sponsored by the Elder's Quorum, contact a member of the presidency or Elder David Cook. Program participation offers many blessings through increased knowledge and spirituality.

LESSON SCHEDULE

- MARCH 7 I HAVE HEARD THY PRAYERS
- MARCH 14 ENSIGN (FIRST PRESIDENCY MESSAGE FOR MARCH)
- MARCH 21 THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
- MARCH 28 PERSONAL AND FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

SCRIPTURE QUIZ ANSWERS:

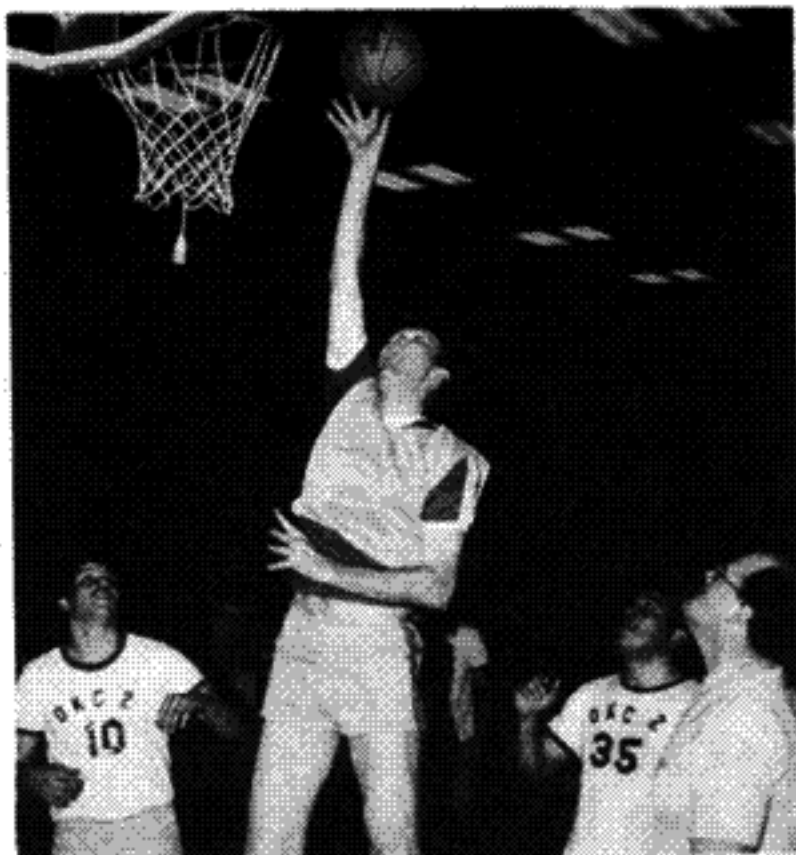
1. THE LORD FORBODE HIM BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN A MAN OF WAR.
2. 10 YEARS INCLUDING THE 3 YEARS TO COLLECT ALL THE MATERIALS.
3. 30,000 TIMBER CUTTERS, 80,000 QUARRY WORKERS, 20,000 TO HAIL THE ROCK TO MT MORIAH, AND 3,000 FOREMEN AND ENGINEERS.
4. THE 2 STONE TABLES: 10 COMMANDMENTS. (Aaron's budding staff and the pot of manna which were at one time included did not survive for the Temple dedication.) SEE 2 CHRONICLES 5:10.
5. BAPTISMS FOR THE LIVING. PROXY WORK WAS INAUGURATED BY CHRIST.
6. 2 CHRONICLES 3:9 SAYS THE TEMPLE HAD "upper chambers" LAID IN GOLD BUT DOES NOT STATE THEIR PURPOSE. 124:37-38 SAYS THAT ORDINANCES WERE REVEALED WHICH WERE HID FROM BEFORE THE WORLD IN THIS HOUSE OF THE LORD.

— SPORTS —

THE WARD ATHLETIC PROGRAM HAS BEEN COMING ALONG VERY WELL IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUES ARE COMING TO AN END, WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S TEAM PLAYING MIDWEST CITY AND ADA IN THE STAKE TOURNAMENT. ALTHOUGH THE YOUNG WOMEN LOST TO BOTH TEAMS, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE GIRLS WHO PARTICIPATED, THE PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MARGARET AND CARLA GUY FOR SPENDING SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME IN COACHING THE YOUNG WOMEN. THE MEN'S TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH THE TEAM A LOST BOTH GAMES, AND TEAM B WON THEIR 1ST ONE LOSING THE 2ND AND 3RD.

EVEN THOUGH THE SEASON IS OVER, WE WILL CONTINUING THE PRACTICES EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 7 A.M. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY USEFUL MISSIONARY TOOL IN THE PAST, SO WE URGE EVERYBODY TO COME OUT AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

IF BASKETBALL IS NOT YOUR GAME, EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT STARTING THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, WE WILL BE PLAYING MIXED VOLLEYBALL FOR THE AGES 14 AND UP. ALSO IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE ORGANIZING SOFTBALL AND TENNIS. ONCE AGAIN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF THE BISHOPRIC AND THE WARD.



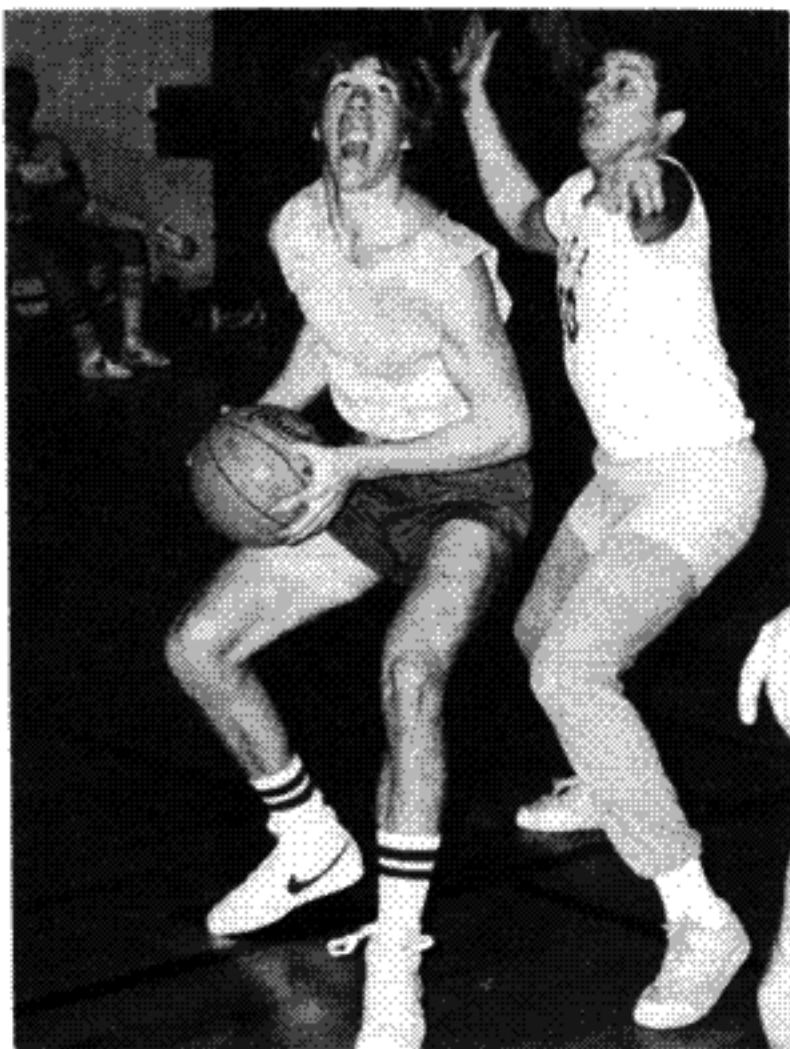
Mark Donaldson of the Oklahoma City fourth Ward's team goes for a lay up...adding two points to the teams tally, as OKC second Wards players stand looking on.
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ROAD SHOW

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CHAPEL CULTURAL HALL, WE HAVE A SPECIAL FAMILY ACTIVITY. OKLAHOMA CITY SECOND AND FOURTH WARD MUTUAL YOUTH WILL PRESENT THEIR ENTERTAINING AND ENJOYABLE ROADSHOW.

THE YOUTH HAVE WRITTEN THE ROADSHOW, PARTICIPATED IN THE DIRECTION, PERFORMED DRAMATICALLY, AND CREATED THE PROPS. WE INVITE YOU TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS AND TALENTS.

THE ROADSHOWS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY DANCE IN THE CULTURAL HALL. MARCH 6TH, AT NORMAN STAKE CENTER, THE YOUTH WILL BE PERFORMING AGAIN IN THE STAKE COMPETITION FOR THE ROADSHOWS.



Larry Arnold of the Oklahoma City fourth Ward's B team, tries for a basket under the watchful guard of Rodney Hernandez, of the OKC second Ward during the tournament, Saturday February 27th.
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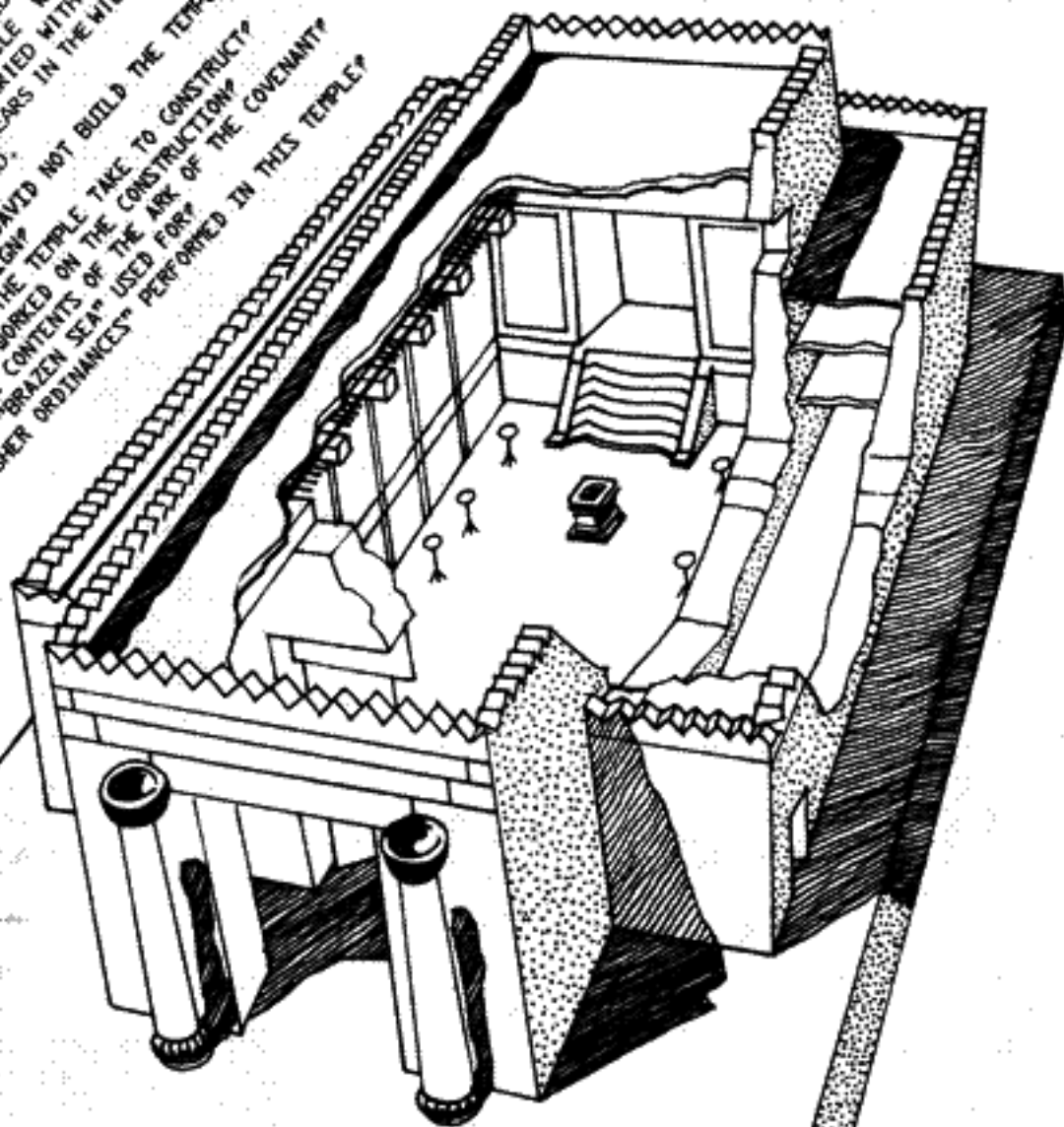
Scripture Quiz

BY GARY J SATTERLEE

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

THE TEMPLE REPLACED THE PORTABLE TABERNACLE WHICH THE ISRAELITES CARRIED WITH THEM DURING THEIR 40 YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS AND AFTERWARD.

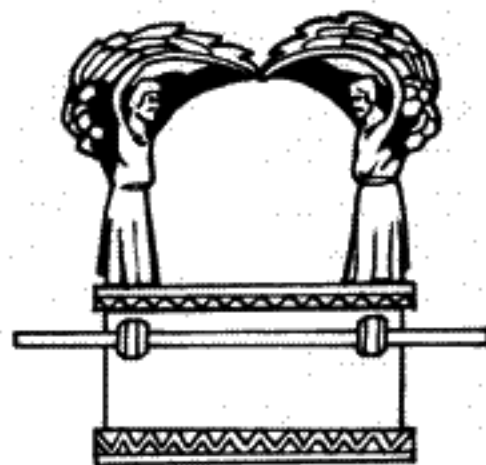
1. WHY DID KING DAVID NOT BUILD THE TEMPLE DURING HIS REIGN?
2. HOW LONG DID THE TEMPLE TAKE TO CONSTRUCT?
3. WHAT WERE THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT?
4. WHAT WAS THE "BRAZEN SEA" USED FOR?
5. WERE THE "HIGHER ORDINANCES" PERFORMED IN THIS TEMPLE?



THE BRAZEN SEA WAS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE COURT OF THE PRIESTS



ARK OF THE COVENANT



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THE FOLLOWING PIECE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE LIAHONA STAFF WITH THE THIS REQUEST:

Dear LIAHONA Staff,

I would like to ask you to print this in the next issue of the LIAHONA. It is dedicated to a special friend who, as the selection says, has helped me a great deal. He will know who he is, so there is no need for a signature.

I hope that he will realize just how much he means to me. I also hope that this will make others realize just what kind of friends they really do have, and that they are important to other people. Thank you.

TO MY FRIEND: I LOVE YOU.

MY PRAYER...

"Father, it is not for me to say who thy chosen are... it's not for me to say that this one can't come in..." I read these words again and they suddenly take on new meaning. How could I be so faithless? Why did I give up so easily?

Father, I have been so faithful in all else; I have done all that you have asked to the best of my ability; done it willingly, gladly, greatfully, lovingly. All that you have asked OF me FOR me. But I now realize that I have fallen short in a very big area of my life and my stewardship. I ask, my Father, thy forgiveness for this shortcoming, and ask thy help in remembering this and striving to improve my faithfulness.

Father, you have given me a friend - a very special friend. He is the person I wish the most happiness to. If I had to choose just one person out of all of thy children; if I were cut off from all others; this would be the one that I would choose.

We have known each other for so long; longer than the world has been. I have loved him and cared for him more than anything, anyone else in my life; even more than my own family.

He has been a friend to me; has helped me through some very rough times. He has drawn me closer to you, probably without knowing it. His example, his strength, caring, determination to survive and succeed, have inspired me and touched me so deeply; I cannot express. We have gone through a lot; tacitly leaning on each other, drawing from each other (though always hundreds of miles apart) the strength that each of us needed. Never mentioning the strong bond that we shared, but just knowing that it could never be severed.

How I have believed in him and his talents; have longed for him to succeed, to be happy; how I have prayed for his strength and endurance; how I loved giving him my support and trust and confidence, always knowing that he would make the right choice. How I hurt at his "failures" and rejoiced with even his smallest triumph.

All this have I given him; yet, what credit have I given him for the inner strength he may draw, however quietly and inconspicuously, from thee? How could I really "give up" on him, not believing that he has the strength to acknowledge his interdependency on thee? He has shown all else; why can I not believe that he has within the center of his being the trust and faith and love for thee that I see him giving to his chosen career?

Father, please give me strength and understanding that I may better be a strength to him. Let me be more patient with his indecisiveness and confusion. The

world is so unsettled now; there are so many ways to help; so many things he would like to do, could do. Please help me to be more of a help to him; that I may let him lean on me when he is weary of fighting, constantly working, seldom resting. Let him know of my deep respect and caring for him, though I never mention it. I know it is very hard for him; please let me make it easier. Please, PLEASE, Father. Let him know that someone DOES care, that he does have someone to turn to, no matter what happens.

Let him know, also, dear Father, that there is no failure; only experience. Open his eyes and touch his heart, that he may feel these things; that he may continue to fight uphill against all odds.

Thank you, Father, for giving me such a special inspiration in this person. I pray that I may always be worthy to bear his burdens with mine...

Primary

Primary, for ages 18 months through 12 years, is the first organized religious instruction for children in the Church. Our goal is to teach the basic fundamental principles of the Gospel.

The Valiant A Course is new this year, teaching the eight-year-olds to keep the covenants he or she made at baptism. Also new this year are the manuals for Star A, CTR A and the combined class, Merrie Miss B and Blazer B. Manuals for the other classes will be introduced in 1983 and 1984.

Children will no longer be required to memorize the Articles of Faith before graduation. Instead, understanding and memorizing the Articles of Faith will be a gradual process.

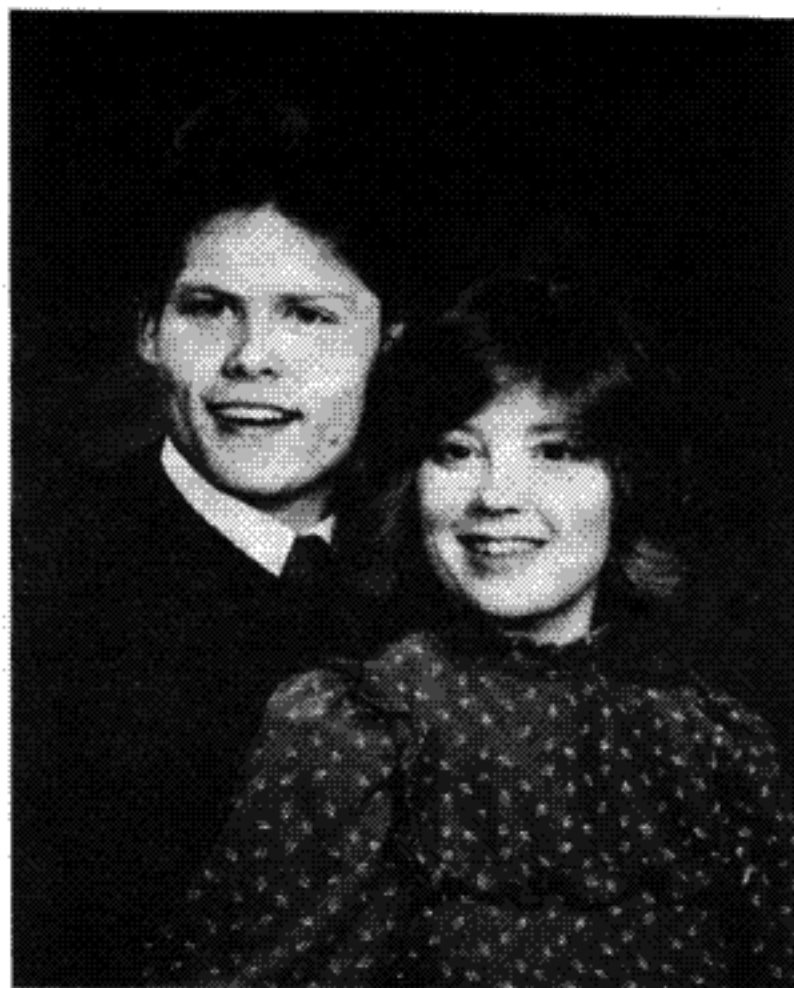
This month our "Mystery Person" at Preparation Meeting was Jack Cuppy. Jack is 24 years old and has one sister. He grew up in Oklahoma and has a degree in Forestry, so it is only natural that Jack loves to be outside camping, swimming, and, of course, skiing.

New this past month in Primary is Sister Corris Mueller, who is a nursery teacher. Brother Jack Cuppy was also sustained in January. Both are wonderful additions to Primary.

I know that Jesus Christ lives today; that he loves each and every one of us, as does our Father in heaven. The knowledge that he suffered so much for us - mental as well as physical anguish - helps me so much. Even my fellow workers have noticed the change. And that is saying a lot for the military! I challenge each of you to study the scriptures - search out the knowledge of Christ, and try to become "perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect." I know that this is possible. I love each and every one of you; you all have helped me so much in my search for the knowledge; I pray that these things are true; in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. All my love, Sis S. Yvonne Jones

CONGRATULATIONS

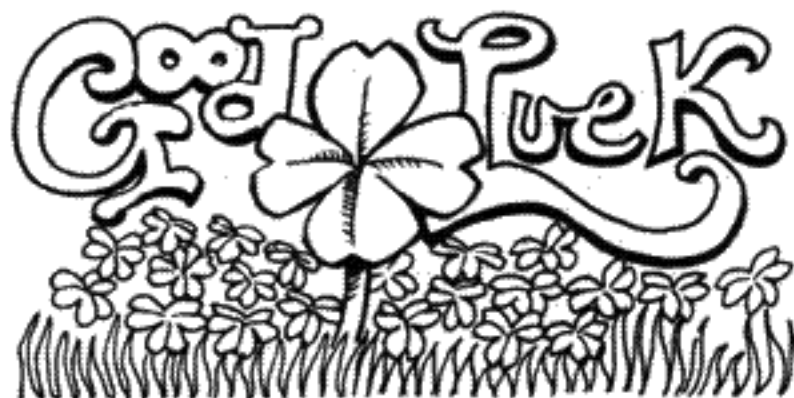
== YOUNG ADULTS ==



The Members of the Oklahoma City Fourth Ward would like to extend our best wishes to Amos Hedrick III and Leslie Wilke Hedrick as they join paths in marriage.

On 23 February 1982, Bishop Robert F. Allen of Oklahoma City Fourth Ward, joined the hands of Amos Hedrick III and Leslie Wilke, beginning their life together as a married couple. We hope that they will enjoy the greatest blessings possible in their happy union.

Jesus Christ said, "...For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (MATT 19: 5-6)



WANTED

Someone who will be attending

SINGLE ADULT CONFERENCE

MAY 28, 29, 30

NEEDED

STEREO For one of two dances

FRIDAY NIGHT

IT IS NO FUN DANCING WHILE HUMMING TO YOURSELF



The Relief Society Presidency would like to encourage all sisters to set and accomplish the goal of consistently reading the Relief Society lessons. This is especially important for those Relief Society women who are currently serving in the Primary or Young Women's organizations. Reading the lessons does not in itself make us better women, but by applying the principles therein, we can be assured that we are on the "straight and narrow path" that leads to exaltation.

Some sisters have the feeling that the Mother Education lessons are only for sisters with children at home. Not true! Shirley Thomas, 2nd Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency, recently stated, "Mother Education lessons deal not with the physical processes of giving birth, but with the nurturing qualities that can help every child of God live in the light..." Every one of us has many opportunities to nurture others, whether we are old or young, single or married. So, as we set the goal of studying our lessons, don't neglect Mother Education. Your immediate family and/or your extended family (neighbors, friends, Visiting Teaching Sisters) will feel the results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Relief Society Birthday Dinner and Food Storage Fair will be held March 3, 1982, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. This event is for all Relief Society sisters and spouses or friends. Please contact the Relief Society Presidency if you plan to attend. We want to plan for plenty of food. Alice Brooks, Sharon Wood, and all the homemaking personnel are putting in much planning and effort for this event, so be prepared for a great evening.



Our Missionaries At Home and Abroad

DEAR LIAHONA,

MY MIND IS EXPLORING THESE NEW FEELINGS IN MY HEART. THIS IS THE GREATEST OF ALL EXPERIENCES IN MY LIFE-TIME SO FAR. NEVER HAVE I FELT THE SPIRIT SO OFTEN SO STRONG. THIS IS TRULY AN ITEM TO REPORT TO YOU.

AS I SIT IN CLASS LEARNING THE SWEDISH LANGUAGE, I CAN FEEL THE HOLY GHOST HELP ME TO LEARN. IT'S STRONG PRESENCE CANNOT BE IGNORED. AND AT TIMES WHEN MY MIND STRAYS FROM THE CLASS, I FEEL THE SPIRIT BEGIN TO DEPART. AS I BECOME MORE SENSITIVE TO THIS, I BECOME A BETTER STUDENT AND I LEARN MORE.

IT'S AMAZING WHEN AN ELDER OR SISTER BEARS A SIMPLE TESTIMONY OR SAYS A SIMPLE PRAYER TO OUR FATHER. THE HOLY GHOST IS SO STRONG THAT IT TOUCHES THE HEART IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT BRINGS TEARS TO THE EYES AND HUMILITY TO THE HEART. WHEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE SET APART AS MISSIONARIES, THEY ARE GIVEN A GREAT POWER WHICH I CANNOT COMPREHEND COMPLETELY. I ONLY KNOW THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS WITH THEM AS THEY WORK AND LEARN IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. THERE IS A SCRIPTURE IN 2ND NEPHI 32:2-3 THAT BEGINS TO GIVE ME A CLUE AS TO THIS GREAT POWER. "Do ye not remember that I said unto you that after ye received the Holy Ghost ye could speak with the tongue of Angels? And now, how could ye speak with the tongue of Angels save it were by the power of the Holy Ghost? Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do."

I'M SURE THAT AS WE AS CHURCH MEMBERS AND MISSIONARIES BEAR OUR TESTIMONIES IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BY THE HOLY GHOST, WE DO SPEAK IN THE TONGUE OF ANGELS. I SUSPECT THAT THIS POWER IS GREATER SIMPLIFIED IN MISSIONARIES AS THEY HAVE BEEN SET APART. BUT I'M SURE THAT MISSIONARIES DO NOT HAVE A MONOPOLY UPON THIS GIFT. IT CAN BE SHARED BY ALL WHO SEEK IT.

MY TESTIMONY GROWS DAILY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SWEDEN MORE EVERY DAY. I'M EXCITED FOR THE WORK THAT I GET TO DO. AT TIMES I AM OVERCOME THAT THE LORD WOULD ALLOW ME TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WORK. THAT ALONE COULD BE ENOUGH TO MOTIVATE ME TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, BUT THE LORD GIVES ME SO MUCH MORE.

Love, Elder CARLSON

The mission is the most worthwhile experience a person can have. My testimony has grown so much that I am sure that this is the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Service to the Lord brings personal sanctification and salvation to our brothers and sisters who are not members of our great Church. The forces of evil become stronger each day in our world, but the Spirit of the Lord also increases and the righteousness of the elect is expanding. The mission is the greatest!

Love, Sister DAVIS

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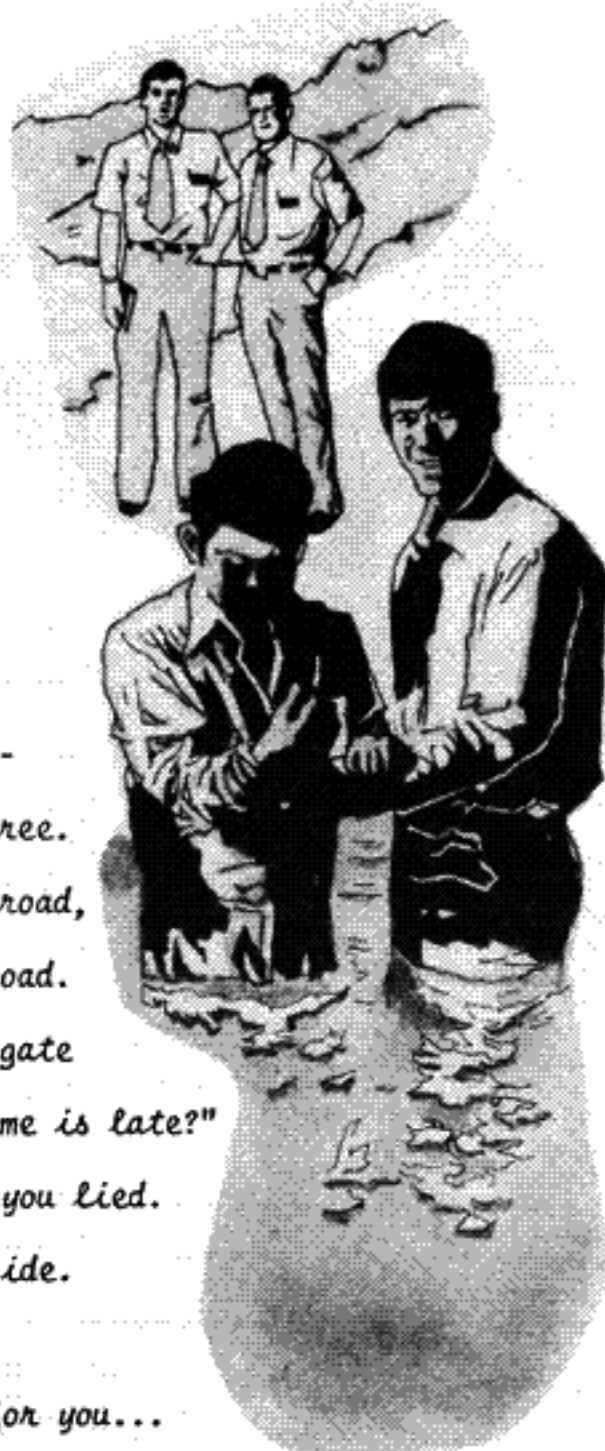
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TWO BY TWO

Lord, it's not for me to say who thy chosen are;
I humbly seek by the Spirit: I've sought near and far.
But it's not for me to say that this one can't come in--
I, thy disciple, am told to love all men.
I state my message simply, by the power of the Spirit--
I trust thy counsel that thy sheep will hear it.
I came not as a judge, but as a humble servant of thee--
To teach thy glorious gospel and to set the prisoners free.
And when we walk two by two down that lonesome waiting road,
I know that you walk with me, Lord, to lighten up the load.
For long and far you wandered door to door and gate to gate
Saying, "Oh listen to my message; don't you know the time is late?"
And doors were closed upon you; and they told you that you lied.
But peace reigned in your heart as God walked by your side.
Oh, teach me, teach me, Master, to love the way you do,
To teach the gospel of love that will ready the world for you...

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