

Two By Two

D&C 52



Kirtland, Ohio

June 6, 1831

Letters were sent to all missionaries to return and come to the conference

During this conference a significant new office was conferred upon a number of the brethren, that of high priest in the Melchizedek Priesthood.



The Prophet Joseph Smith received the spirit of prophecy and prophesied that John the Revelator was among the ten tribes preparing them to return from their long dispersion. HC

Conferences

Held every 3 months or as often as the Saints assembled in conference decided upon



Usually the leaders of the Church decided in one conference the date and place of the next. The Lord in this revelation designated Missouri as the location of the next conference..

Purpose of Conference

One purpose of this revelation was to call certain brethren to travel as missionaries from Ohio to Missouri.



Twenty-eight missionaries were called in this revelation; however, thirty actually went—one of the original twenty-eight did not go, and three more were called later

28 Called

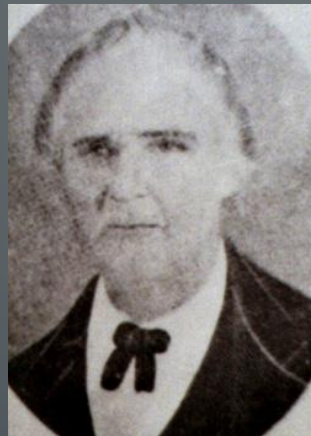
D&C 52:7-21

1. Lyman Wight
2. John Corrill
3. John Murdock *
4. Hyrum Smith *



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5. Thomas B. Marsh **
6. Ezra Thayre
7. Isaac Morley *
8. Ezra Booth
9. Edward Partridge *
10. Martin Harris **
11. Sidney Rigdon
12. Joseph Smith Jun. *



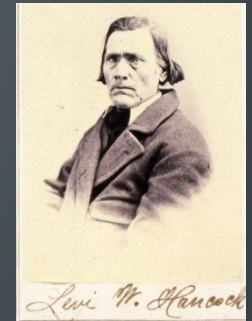
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13. David Whitmer
14. Harvey Whitlock
15. Parley P. Pratt *
16. Orson Pratt **
17. Solomon Hancock *
18. Simeon Carter *
19. Edson Fuller
20. Jacob Scott
21. Levi W. Hancock *
22. Zebedee Coltrin *

D&C 52:30-32

23. Reynolds Cahoon *
24. Samuel H. Smith *
25. Wheeler Baldwin
26. William Carter ?
27. Newel Knight *
28. Selah J. Griffin *

The last two to be ordained then take their journey



* Those who stayed strong and valiant

** Those who fell away but returned to the church

The Others

D&C 52:35

1. Joseph Wakefield
2. Solomon Humphrey *

To take their mission to the east to their families

D&C 52:37

Heman Basset lost his calling and it was given to Simonds Ryder



D&C 52:38-40

Ordained:

1. Jared Carter
2. George James **

These were to watch over the church and preach in their surrounding areas and labor with their hands and take care of the poor, need and sick

1/3 of the adults mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants rebelled and separated from the mainstream of the restored Church. Sound familiar?

See D&C 29:36

Finding a Clue

Continual Guidance

Instructions were given to Joseph Smith and other priesthood leaders at a conference of the Church held in Kirtland, Ohio, in June 1831.



The Lord had previously revealed that the Saints would establish a city called *Zion*. (D&C 28:9)

but He had not yet revealed its location.

What do you feel are some benefits of receiving the Lord's guidance and truth little by little rather than all at once?



A Missionary Standard

They should teach those things that He has revealed to His prophets and Apostles, that which is taught to them through the influence of the Holy Ghost.



Many problems arise when people begin to offer their personal opinions as doctrines of the Church. In 1837 the Twelve Apostles wrote an epistle in which they warned...

Preaching the Word of God

“Be careful that you teach not for the word of God the commandments of men, nor the doctrines of men, nor the ordinances of men, inasmuch as you are God’s messengers. Study the word of God, and preach it and not your opinions, for no man’s opinion is worth a straw.



Advance no principle but what you can prove, for one scriptural proof is worth ten thousand opinions. We would moreover say, abide by that revelation which says ‘Preach nothing but repentance to this generation,’ and leave the further mysteries of the kingdom till God shall tell you to preach them, which is not now.”

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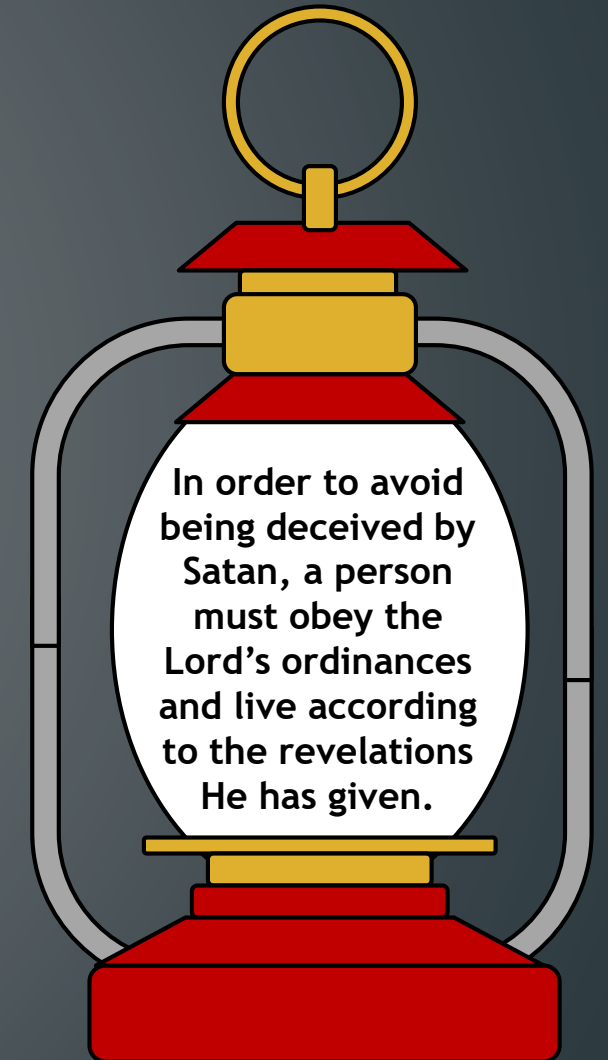
The truth of all things is measured by the scriptures. That which harmonizes with them should be accepted; that which is contrary to their teachings, however plausible it may seem for the moment, will not endure and should be rejected.”

Bruce R. McConkie



Pattern—In Which to Follow

A *pattern* is a representative sample of traits, acts, or other features characterizing an individual. In these verses the Lord indicates that one observable feature of those who are inspired of God is that they obey the ordinances of the gospel.



Actions and Attributes

Whose Spirit is
contrite

A person who has a repentant attitude

Obey min
ordinances

A person who receives the Lord's ordinances and keeps
the associated covenants

Whose language is
meek and ediffieth

A person whose speech is humble and lifts or builds
others

Trembleth
under my power

A person who feels reverence for the power of God

Bring forth
fruits

A person who produces something good (such as "praise
and wisdom") by following the revelations God has given

Those Left in Ohio

These men were assigned to stay home and be the priesthood leaders for the Saints in Kirtland.

By laboring with their own hands for their support, rather than being paid for their priesthood service, these brethren would help prevent idolatry and priestcraft from springing up in the Church.



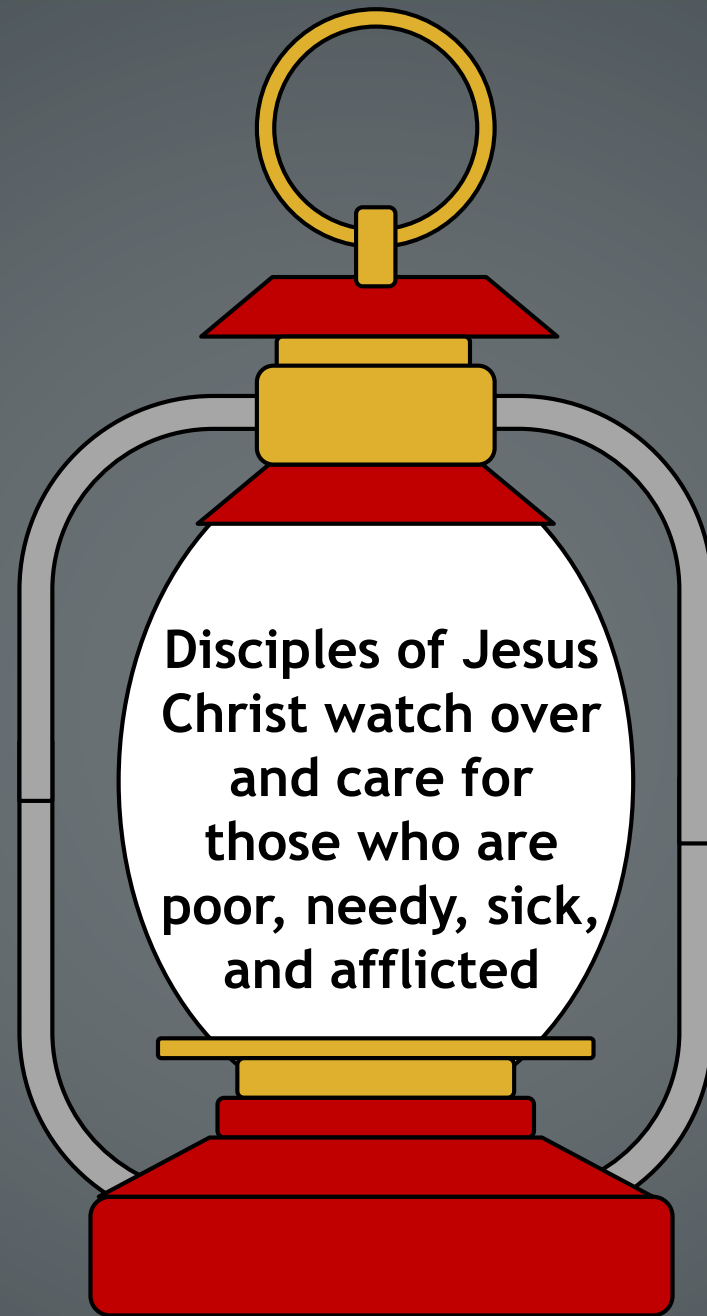
*Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
Colossians 3:5*

Those Left in Ohio

When people set their hearts on natural things, or prestige, or power to the point that God is no longer supreme, then that becomes as god to them.



They worship, or give allegiance to, those things. This verse suggests that if the elders who remained in Ohio did not labor with their own hands, they might be guilty of this kind of covetousness or idolatry.



Disciples of Jesus
Christ watch over
and care for
those who are
poor, needy, sick,
and afflicted

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