

# The Meaning of Zion in Our Time- Card 1

By Clifford Cole

*For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry (Habakkuk 2:3).*

We need first of all to recognize that God purposes to reveal himself in the world. It is the purpose of God “to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.” Whatever God has done and whatever he calls us to do, should be seen against this background ... where does Zion fit in? We have always said the church has a two-fold mission. The first of these is the missionary objective. It is the job of the church to bring people into faith in God. The second objective is the building of Zion.



The church makes it possible to come together in the organism of the living body of Christ in such a way that those gifts which we have and those resources which are ours, may be so clear that Zion is to do in us and others that which brings about our immortality and eternal life.

**God has given us the supreme privilege of being joined with Him in working toward the achievement of that end, then, of course, that which we do is of eternal value,** and therefore it becomes a part of those things which shall endure because God is omnipotent and he is able to keep that which is His. The end value, however is to create in us those qualities of life which are able to endure His presence.

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*Say not ye there are yet four months, then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he who reapeth, receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he who soweth, and he who reapeth, may rejoice together. (John 4:37-38)*



The most important element of Zion is what happens to the people who work for the end goal. Strangely enough, when one lives by faith it makes little difference whether he lives in the beginning or at some other stage of the development of Zion ... the laborers hired to serve in the vineyard, who served in each different hour of the day, all received the same wage. The joy which is offered to you and me is also the same if, in our time, we are given the opportunity to use that which God has given to us for the achieving that purpose for which God has called the universe into being. When we do this it probably matters little whether we serve in the first hour or near the last hour.

The scripture speaks of those who saw the city afar off but enjoyed the pleasures of that city through faith. **There is a sense in which the church is not only those of us who are here, but the church is made up of those who have in the centuries past lived for this cause, and who are joined with us in it. Those who in the future may yet live for this cause will be joined with us. We need to see ourselves a part of that broad movement of God through the centuries. God has not reserved the joys of Zion to those who come at the end for the same joys are available to the laborers in each generation.**

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*...therefore hold up your light that it may shine unto the world. Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up. (3 Nephi 8:54-55)*

We need to see ourselves a part of that broad movement of God through the centuries. God has not reserved the joys of Zion to those who come at the end, for the same joys are available to the laborers in each generation.

Now having said these things about Zion, **it is important in our day that we address ourselves at this particular period of history to doing those things which God has called us to do.** When men and women are called into the faith and see themselves as committed servants of God then they must use all they have as a way of expressing their love of God. They see themselves as having the supreme opportunity to use all God has given them to bring about His purposes.

The members of the church ought to and are called to become a part of the communities in which they live so that rather than being isolated from the world...**they see themselves as entering the world as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. They touch the lives of those in the community in such a way that...they are like the salt or like the leaven in the world.**

The church is called not to save itself but to save the world. It must be in the world in such a way that its influence will bring the world to God. **The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Now the day for the movement of Zion is here.**

