

LOOK UP

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What does it mean to look upward? If we are discouraged, or ashamed, or sad—our heads hang down. But we are to lift up our heads—be hopeful, be joyful, be expectant—faith-filled. Jesus told us, even in troubled times, “*look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh.*” Luke 21:27

Kenneth Benedict was an elder in the RLDS church at the time document 156 was given, and many hearts were troubled about the church. He had a dream where he was engaged in a great race. At least a portion of this race was being run around the square in Independence. As the elder came around the southwest corner of the square, he saw someone was lying on the ground, and a few people were standing around.

He knew CPR, and he thought (in his dream) I must help. So he left the race and approached the prone figure. As he did, he saw it was a woman—a

beautiful lady. He knelt by her and said, “Can I help you?”

She answered, “No. I am wounded, but I will be all right. You must run the race.”

Upon awakening from his dream, he recognized that the beautiful woman was the church. She was wounded, but he could not help her. What he could do was tend to his ministry—to feed the sheep, feed the lambs.

We can't solve all the problems of the world, but if we can establish Zion homes, so that the places where the Lord's people dwell may shine as Zion, the world will have a place to look for answers. Let's recommit (1)to honor our God with our lives, to seek always to please Him before ourselves. And (2)we can Look Up to Jesus with hope and faith and live in expectation of the return of Enoch's city and the return of our Lord Jesus to reign in His Kingdom on earth.

Daily let us affirm with the Psalmist, “...*O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.*” Psalm 5:3

