



A Year of Transformation and Preparation

Rejoice!

Make Yourself Ready...The Bridegroom is at the Door

Many times over the past year the Spirit has rested upon our services here at Oak Grove. Through a variety of speakers, our need to be prepared for Christ's Second Coming and move up to a higher spiritual level has been expressed. It is as if a call has gone out from the heavens to warn us. Because of this I developed the above theme for the Women's Department for the coming year of 2014-2015.

The very first year I became your women's leader this concept, of becoming prepared, was given to me as I accepted the position. In an experience I related in the 2010-2011 Women's Handbook, I was told "There is No Time." Now we have arrived full circle to revisit this theme once again, although in a little different way. I believe the call to this theme of "Transformation and Preparation" is because "There is No Time," No Time to Waste, No Time to Put Off, what we are called to do. It is time, even past time, for us individually and as a people to be transformed and make ourselves ready.

To assist us in growing spiritually, along with our yearly theme and our "Zion Flash Cards," each month we will provide for

you some weekly devotional thoughts for your consideration. It is our desire that the devotional ideas and concepts we share will not only challenge you individually, but will help us all, as sisters in the faith together, to come up to a higher spiritual level.

For the next few months we will work our way through Revelation 19:7-9, and, two songs: "Admonition," and, "Let Us Pray for One Another." Although the hymns are not scripture I do feel these are inspired works. We will also use D&C 85:36-38 for consideration. Hopefully we can all respond to the call that is expressed in these. I hope you will truly work at coming up to a higher level. Time is short, My Sisters, may we joyfully prepare for the coming of the Bridegroom.

Zion calls to us. The world suffers and waits for us to develop the cause of Zion. We must remember **D&C 140:5c** **The work of preparation and the perfection of my Saints go forward slowly, and Zionic conditions are no further away nor any closer than the spiritual condition of my people justifies.** World conditions are worsening. We must quickly build up God's Kingdom in this place.