

January Week #1 Devotionals and Consideration



Revelation 19:10-14

And I fell at His feet to worship Him. And He said unto me, See that thou do it not; I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war; His eyes as a flame of fire; and he had on his head many crowns; and a name written, that no man knew, but himself. And he is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.



I think sometimes when we read prophecy it all seems so unreal to us. Christ coming on a white horse and vesture dipped in blood seems impossible. Yet we live in a day and age when many prophecies that seemed impossible are being fulfilled right before our eyes.

We of all people should be reading, considering and studying the prophecies concerning our days, even the Last Days. Yet many of us do not spend much time in study of the scriptures or concern ourselves much with prophecy.

In the Doctrine & Covenants, Chapter 1, we are given some important truths. One of these being that all prophecy given from God will one day be fulfilled.

D&C 1:7-8 Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

1:8a What I, the Lord, have spoken I have spoken, and I excuse not Myself;

1:8b And though the heavens and the earth pass away, My word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by Mine own voice, or by the voice of My servants, it is the same;

1:8c For behold, and lo, the Lord is God, and the Spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and the truth abideth for ever and ever. Amen.

Note it says, “the prophecies and promises shall all be fulfilled,” not may be or might be. The Lord states very plainly, it “shall be.”

So if it is all to be fulfilled should we not study it out and even more importantly follow the instruction given to us therein? Revelations/Prophecies are given to us for the following reasons:

F. Henry Edwards, in his commentary of the Doctrine & Covenants, says of Section 1:5, the following:

1. to increase understanding
2. to correct errors
3. to instruct those seeking wisdom
4. to stimulate repentance
5. to strengthen and humble us
6. to give power to translate the Book of Mormon
7. to authorize and inspire the foundation of the church and its development

I will add two more from D&C 5c:

8. to bless us
9. to give us knowledge

2 Peter 3:1-3 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance;

3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments.

We have been warned and forewarned by the Lord and by His speaking to us through our own priesthood. May we listen and respond to the warnings given to us.

D&C 1:1a Hearken, O ye people of My church saith the voice of Him who dwells on high....

1:3a Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear;

1:3b Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and His sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed;

1:3c And the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of His servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people.

Many of us will start the New Year with a resolution to lose weight or exercise more but this year let us include a Spiritual Resolution to Prepare, to Change and Grow Spiritually. In the coming year, let us be committed to keeping the commandments, studying the revelations of God that we might become more humble and repentant, receiving instruction, knowledge and strength from on high, and also many blessings.

May we be like the people in King Benjamin's day who made a mighty change and covenanted with God.

Mosiah 3:2-6 And they all cried with one voice, saying, Yea, we believe all the words which Thou hast spoken unto us;

3:3 And also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually....

3:6 And we are willing to enter into a covenant with our God, to do His will, and to be obedient to His commandments in all things that He shall command us, all the remainder of our days.

From our Priesthood, Ed Story's Message given to us in 2014, "Come to Me in prayer, and study, and fasting, for

there is no other way that you can receive Me into your hearts, that I will be able to soften them to do My will among you."

This is a last call for us in this day and age to sanctify and to prepare our hearts.

Helaman 2:31 Nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God.

Also See: 1 John 1:1-10, 1 John 2:28-29, James 5:7-16, James 1:13-27, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28, Colossians 3:4-17, Joel 2:28-32 and 3:14-16, Isaiah 51:1-16 and 52:1-9, Joel 2:11-32