

Keeping the Vision of Zion in Our Hearts - Part 1

-Message give through Henry Schaefer, at East Alton – February 3, 1974

In this message, given through Henry Schaefer, God reminds us of the importance of keeping the vision of Zion in our hearts as a real and tangible goal. God has called us as a people to keep the vision of building Zion: *Now as you have asked, behold I say unto you, Keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion (D&C 10:3a)*. (This message was given after a sermon on Zion by Ray Zinser.)

How could I withhold myself from those who have come here in the spirit of repentance, in the spirit where they have been willing to more completely dedicate your lives to my eternal purposes? It grieveth me when I still see some of my children not having caught the vision of my city of Zion where I have pleaded and challenged you from time to time that you might go forth under my power in the bringing to realization that “Zion” is supposed to be the ensign for the whole wide world to see that my ways are indeed the best ways.

And so, I would desire that those that have not caught the vision, those that hath through trials and temptations lost the vision, to recapture what was in the heart of my Son when He pleaded with me that my Kingdom might come and my will be done here on earth as it is done so gloriously in heaven.

This is still at the center of my mission to my children so that they might yet produce that which will bring an end to sin in this whole wide world of ours. **And so, I would call each one of you that you might continue to repent, that you might continue to discipline your life after the pattern of my Son, for by doing so you shall give me opportunity to extend the power of my Spirit into your hearts by the bestowal of that greater endowment of my Spirit with which you shall be able to go forward among mankind so that eventually they will have to confess that I have residence within you.**

Keeping the Vision of Zion in Our Hearts - Part 2

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This Message is a reminder of how Satan seeks to destroy and stop Zion from coming. It is a warning but also offers encouragement and hope. May we all be encouraged for God has said, “Zion shall be!”

All of you my people are aware that the adversary has unleashed his power and his evil forces more than ever before for he is aware that his time is short. He is doing everything possible in order to discourage my people, if not possible to destroy, at least to delay that which is bound to come because after all I’m still God.

I still rule in heaven and on the earth and I would encourage you my people, to look at the horizon with your spiritual vision that shall be in the hearts of those that are possessors of the Holy Spirit, whereby you can see the fulfillment of all things that have been spoken to my children down through all ages through my servants the prophets.

So, take heart, be renewed and strengthened in the inner man by the giving of yourself more completely than you have ever done before and you shall be assured that with me you’re engaged in a winning cause because my purposes will not be frustrated.

Zion shall be. My Kingdom will become a reality and it is my heart’s desire that each one of you might be found faithful so that at the end I shall be permitted to speak to each one of you, “Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit My Kingdom.” Be steadfast and true to the sacred covenant that you have made with me and I will never fail you, even so, Amen.