

Last day's quotes

Neal A. Maxwell – General Conference - April 1992 “My Servant Joseph”

”Now, my brethren, “these are [your] days” ([Hel. 7:9](#)) in the history of the Church. Mark well what kind of days they will be, days when, with special visibility, the Lord will “make bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations.” ([D&C 133:3](#).) God will also “hasten” His work. ([D&C 88:73](#).) He will also “shorten” the last days “for the elect’s sake”; **hence, there will be a compression of events.** ([Matt. 24:22](#); [JS—M 1:20](#).) Furthermore, “all things shall be in commotion.” ([D&C 88:91](#).) Only those in the process of becoming the men and women of Christ will be able to keep their spiritual balance. Brethren, may we “walk by faith,” and, if necessary, even on our knees!”

Neal A. Maxwell – General Conference – April 1987 “Overcome...Even as I also overcame.”

“We surely have been warned and forewarned about our time, **a period in which the compression of challenges may make a year seem like a decade.** Members will be cleverly mocked and scorned by those in the “great and spacious building,” representing the pride of the world ([1 Ne. 8:26](#); [1 Ne. 11:36](#)). No matter, for ere long, He who was raised on the third day will raze that spacious but third-class hotel!

Ours will be a time of great inversion as well as perversion, as some will call good evil and evil good (see [Isa. 5:20](#); [2 Ne. 15:20](#); [D&C 64:16](#); [2 Ne. 2:5](#)). Others, in their ignorance of spiritual truths, will “speak evil of those things which they know not” ([Jude 1:10](#); see [2 Pet. 2:12](#)).”

Recognizing the Signs of the Times

"The greatest events that have been spoken of by all the Holy Prophets **will come along so naturally** as the consequences of certain causes, that **unless our eyes are enlightened by the Spirit of God, and the spirit of revelation rests upon us, we will fail to see** that these are the events predicted by the Holy Prophets." [George Q. Cannon, Nov. 2, 1879, JD 21:266-67](#)

Teachings of President of the Church Joseph Fielding Smith pg. 322

"The words of the prophets are **rapidly being fulfilled, but it is done on such natural principles that most of us fail to see it.**"

Elder Robert D. Hales – (“Preparations for the Restoration and the Second Coming: ‘My Hand Shall Be over Thee’” GC, October 2005)

“Before that sacred night in Bethlehem, the events of history and the words of the prophets of all dispensations prepared the way for the first coming of the Lord and His Atonement. Similarly, history and prophecy laid the groundwork for the Restoration of the gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith. **Do we have eyes to see that the events and prophecies of our time are preparing us for the Savior’s Second Coming?**”

Ezra Taft Benson, "Prepare for the Days of Tribulation," Ensign, November, 1980.

"Too often we bask in our comfortable complacency and rationalize that the ravages of war, economic disaster, famine, and earthquake cannot happen here. Those who believe this are either not acquainted with the revelations of the Lord, or they do not believe them. Those who smugly think these calamities will not happen, that they somehow will be set aside because of the righteousness of the Saints, are deceived and will rue the day they harbored such a delusion.

We are instructed / commanded to watch for and prepare for the tribulations to precede the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Marvelous event itself.

Elder Marion G. Romney commented (In Conference Report, Oct. 1966, pp. 51–52.):

"The fact that the Lord recounted these predictions to the Prophet Joseph in 1831 surely emphasizes their importance to us. And since the disciples were troubled when they were but being told of these calamities to come far in the future, it is no wonder that we are troubled as we witness their occurrence. ...

"It was in the light of Christ's foreknowledge ... that he said to his disciples, 'be not troubled. ...'

"I hope we are all familiar with these words of the Lord and with his predictions concerning other coming events, such as the building of the New Jerusalem and the redemption of the old, the return of Enoch's Zion, and Christ's millennial reign.

"Not only do I hope that we are familiar with these coming events, I hope also that we keep the vision of them continually before our minds. This I do because upon knowledge of them, and an assurance of their reality and a witness that each of us may have part therein, rests the efficacy of Christ's admonition, 'be not troubled. ...'"

President Jedediah M. Grant (The First Presidency) asked: "Why is it that the Latter-day Saints are perfectly calm and serene among all the convulsions of the earth—the turmoils, strife, war, pestilence, famine and distress of nations? It is because the spirit of prophecy has made known to us that such things would actually transpire upon the earth. We understand it, and view it in its true light. We have learned it by the visions of the Almighty." ("The Hand of God in Events on Earth," Improvement Era, Feb. 1915, p. 286.)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie explained (In Conference Report, Apr. 1979, pp. 132–133; or Ensign, May 1979, p. 93.):

"We do not know when the calamities and troubles of the last days will fall upon any of us as individuals or upon bodies of the Saints. The Lord deliberately withholds from us the day and hour of his coming and of the tribulations which shall precede it—all as part of the testing and probationary experiences of mortality. He simply tells us to watch and be ready.

"We can rest assured that if we have done all in our power to prepare for whatever lies ahead, he will then help us with whatever else we need. ...

"We do not say that all of the Saints will be spared and saved from the coming day of desolation. But we do say there is no promise of safety and no promise of security except for those who love the Lord and who are seeking to do all that he commands.

“It may be, for instance, that nothing except the power of faith and the authority of the priesthood can save individuals and congregations from the atomic holocausts that surely shall be.

“And so we raise the warning voice and say: Take heed; prepare; watch and be ready. There is no security in any course except the course of obedience and conformity and righteousness.”

Jeffery R. Holland

"In a world of tribulation - and there will always be plenty of it - let's remember our faith. Let's recall the other promises and prophecies that have been given, all the reassuring ones, and let's live life more fully, with more boldness and courage than at any other time in our history." Jeffery R. Holland, *Created For Greater Things*, pg. 82.

Elder Larry Y. Wilson (Elder Larry Y. Wilson (70) - “The Return of the King,” BYU Devotional, 1 December 2015, https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/larry-y-wilson_the-return-of-the-king/)

“So please remember, there is a story line to this world’s history. It is an epic tale. It involves a True King who is hidden from the world’s sight for a time while His kingdom is ruled over by a wicked pretender to the throne who is a cruel despot who seeks to rule by war, blood, and horror. But the True King has true followers—humble servants who are able to see through all the lies and deceptions of the enemy and who seek to build allegiance to the True King. They seek to prepare a people who will be ready to receive Him when He comes in glory and defeats the false king, rewarding those who are looking forward to His coming...As you think of the Christ child this season, remember also the sequel to that story: the future return of the King. As you reflect on the stable in Bethlehem, keep alongside it this glorious vision: ‘And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True... His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. . . .And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’ (Revelation 19:11–12, 16) ‘And so great shall be the glory of his presence that the sun shall hide his face in shame, and the moon shall withhold its light. . . .And his voice shall be heard: I have trodden the wine-press alone, and have brought judgment upon all people. . . .And now the year of my redeemed is come; and they shall mention the loving kindness of their Lord, and all that he has bestowed upon them according to his goodness, and according to his loving kindness, forever and ever.(D&C 133:49–50, 52.) If we are prepared for His coming—if we are looking for it—that day will be a great time of reunion and rejoicing. Make your choice, brothers and sisters, to use your time in the cause that matters most—the one that leads to the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. I bear my testimony to you that He is the True King of this world. Jesus first came as the Christ child, a meek and lowly lamb who offered Himself for our sins. He is going to return in glory to receive the acknowledgment of every tongue and the homage of every knee (Philippians 2:10–11.). May we prepare for the return of our King is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”

“When I contemplate upon all things that have been manifested, I am aware that I ought not to murmur, and do not murmur, only in this, that those who are innocent are compelled to suffer for the iniquities of the guilty; and I cannot

account for this, only on this wise, that the saying of the Savior has not been strictly observed: "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; or if thy right arm offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee." Now the fact is, if any of the members of our body is disordered, the rest of our body will be affected with it, and then all are brought into bondage together; and yet, notwithstanding all this, it is with difficulty that I can restrain my feelings when I know that you, my brethren, with whom I have had so many happy hours—sitting, as it were, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; and also, having the witness which I feel, and ever have felt, of the purity of your motives—are cast out, and are as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, exposed to hunger, cold, nakedness, peril, sword—I say when I contemplate this, it is with difficulty that I can keep from complaining and murmuring against this dispensation; but I am sensible that this is not right, and may God grant that notwithstanding your great afflictions and sufferings, there may not anything separate us from the love of Christ." (Teachings of the prophet Joseph smith pg. 34)

President Brigham Young:

Do you think there is calamity abroad now among the people? Not much. All we have yet heard and all we have experienced is scarcely a preface to the sermon that is going to be preached. When the testimony of the Elders ceases to be given, and the Lord says to them, "Come home; I will now preach my own sermons to the nations of the earth," all you now know can scarcely be called a preface to the sermon that will be preached with fire and sword, tempests, earthquakes, hail, rain, thunders and lightnings, and fearful destruction. What matters the destruction of a few railway cars? You will hear of magnificent cities, now idolized by the people, sinking in the earth, entombing the inhabitants. The sea will heave itself beyond its bounds, engulfing mighty cities. Famine will spread over the nations, and nation will rise up against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and states against states, in our own country and in foreign lands. (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 8, p. 123, July 15, 1860)(Compare to D&C 88:84-91)

Elder Orson Pratt:

When God has called out the righteous, when the warning voice has been sufficiently proclaimed among the Gentile nations, and the Lord says, "It is enough," he will also say to his servants—"O, ye, my servants, come home, come out from the midst of these Gentile nations, where you have labored and borne testimony for so long a period; come out from among them, for they are not worthy; they do not receive the message that I have sent forth, they do not repent of their sins, come out from their midst, their times are fulfilled. Seal up the testimony among them and bind up the law." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 18, p. 64, July 25, 1875)

Elder Heber C. Kimball:

The judgments of God will be poured out upon the wicked to the extent that our elders from far and near will be called home. Or, in other words, the gospel will be taken from the Gentiles and later on will be carried to the Jews. (Deseret News, Church Department, May 23, 1931, p. 3)

We as Latter-day Saints have many advantages over our fellowmen. We who have accepted the Gospel of Christ have been given wonderful promises, and if we are able to live it as it should be lived, love our brothers and sisters, and try to live the laws and ordinances to the best of our ability, the Lord will spare us many of the difficulties, sorrows, and tribulations that will come when the missionaries are called home, and we are left standing alone. We must remember that it is mankind himself who has created all of the confusion and the suffering in the world today, for God is love and if we desire His love and protection we must pay the price of obedience. (Unknown person:

Bee-Hive, Improvement Era, 1940, Vol. XLIII. January, 1940. No. 1)

“Thus, clearly, the Lord has placed the responsibility for directing the work of gathering in the hands of the leaders of the Church to whom he will reveal his will where and when such gatherings would take place in the future. **It would be well—before the frightening events concerning the fulfillment of all God’s promises and predictions are upon us, that the Saints in every land prepare themselves and look forward to the instruction that shall come to them from the First Presidency of this Church as to where they shall be gathered and not be disturbed in their feelings until such instruction is given to them** as it is revealed by the Lord to the proper authority.” (Harold B. Lee Conference Report, Apr. 1948, p. 55.)

When the call comes from the First Presidency, are you prepared to walk away from your job and home temporarily to escape the judgments to come?

Read Omni 1:12-13,

Scriptures: Matt 24-25/ Joseph Smith Matthew 1; D&C 29; 45; 88

Hasten My Work in its time (D&C 88:73)

- D&C 88:66-69, - Sanctify yourself, eye single to the Glory of God
- D&C 88:70-72, **73**, 84-91
- Brethren are saying the Lord is hastening his work
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Parable of the 10 Virgins – Matt 25:1-13,

- D&C 45:56-59 Wise Virgins
- D&C 63:54 Foolish Virgins

D&C 1:12-18 – Do we hold to philosophies that aren’t consistent with the Gospel / Prophetic guidance? There will be a physical and spiritual separation between those who heed the Voice of the Lord through his spirit and/or his ordained prophets and apostles. Do we let our ideas put us in a position that overrides prophetic guidance? That’s a decision we must all ask ourselves.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 children of light / D&C 29:7-11 Elect / The Lords sheep hear his voice John 10:3-5,27-28

Recent prophetic guidance: (These statements have caused me to pause about where we are in the grand plan of our God.)

We are a Marked Generation

On at least two occasions, Apostle and later President Ezra Taft Benson said the following:

March 4, 1978 – Apostle Ezra Taft Benson at a BYU Devotional:

- 1.) “For nearly six thousand years, God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the Second Coming of the Lord. Every previous gospel dispensation has drifted into apostasy, but ours will not. True, there will be some individuals who will fall away; but the kingdom of God will remain intact to welcome the return of its head—even Jesus Christ. While our generation will be comparable in wickedness to the days of Noah, when the Lord cleansed the earth by flood, there is a major difference this time. It is that God has saved for the final inning some of his strongest children, who will help bear off the Kingdom triumphantly. And that is where you come in, for you are the generation that must be prepared to meet your God.

All through the ages the prophets have looked down through the corridors of time to our day. Billions of the deceased and those yet to be born have their eyes on us. Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us.”

https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson_in-christs-steps/

- 2.) President Ezra Taft Benson to a youth group in California in 1987

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(“In His Steps,” Church Educational System Devotional, Anaheim, California, 8 February 1987; cited in Ezra Taft Benson, *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, and p.104 - 105)

- 3.) Additionally, another Apostle referred back to President Benson’s statements. In General Conference in October 1989, Marvin J. Ashton quoted President Benson:

“I share with you a statement of President Benson made to a gathering of youth in Southern California after he became President of the Church:

“For nearly six thousand years, God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the Second Coming. Every previous gospel dispensation has drifted into apostasy, but ours will not. ... God has saved for the final inning some of his strongest children, who will help bear off the kingdom

triumphantly. And that is where you come in, for you are the generation that must be prepared to meet your God. ... Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us. ... Each day we personally make many decisions that show where our support will go. The final outcome is certain—the forces of righteousness will finally win. What remains to be seen is where each of us personally, now and in the future, will stand in this fight—and how tall we will stand. Will we be true to our last-days, foreordained mission?”

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1989/10/stalwart-and-brave-we-stand?lang=eng>

4.) And last, but by no means least, President Thomas S. Monson as President of the Church, quoted a portion of President Benson's remark again:

“Lest we at any time feel inadequate for the tasks ahead for us, brethren, may I share with you a statement made in 1987 by then-Church President Ezra Taft Benson as he addressed a large group of members in California. Said President Benson:

“In all ages, prophets have looked down through the corridors of time to our day. Billions of the deceased and those yet to be born have their eyes on us. Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. ...

“For nearly six thousand years, God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the second coming of the Lord. Some individuals will fall away, but the kingdom of God will remain intact to welcome the return of its Head—even Jesus Christ.

“While this generation will be comparable in wickedness to the days of Noah, when the Lord cleansed the earth by flood, there is a major difference this time: [it is that] God has saved for the final inning some of His strongest ... children, who will help bear off the kingdom triumphantly.”⁴

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2011/10/dare-to-stand-alone?lang=eng>

I emphasize the four quotations above for a reason. The Law of Witnesses is in full force here.

President Eyring discussed the law of witnesses in General Conference April 1997 – “Finding Safety in Counsel”

“In our own time, we have been warned with counsel of where to find safety from sin and from sorrow. One of the keys to recognizing those warnings is that they are repeated. For instance, more than once in these general conferences, you have heard our prophet say that he would quote a preceding prophet and would therefore be a second witness and sometimes even a third. Each of us who has listened has heard President Kimball give counsel on the importance of a mother in the home and then heard President Benson quote him, and we have heard President Hinckley quote them both. The Apostle Paul wrote that “in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established” (2 Cor. 13:1). One of the ways we may

know that the warning is from the Lord is that the law of witnesses, authorized witnesses, has been invoked. When the words of prophets seem repetitive, that should rivet our attention and fill our hearts with gratitude to live in such a blessed time.”

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1997/04/finding-safety-in-counsel?lang=eng>

Dean L. Larson (in Conference Report, Apr. 1983, 47; or Ensign, May 1983, 33). See also Institute Manual for the Book of Mormon... Jacob 5:62–75. “Labor with Our Might This Last Time”

While serving as a member of the Seventy, Elder Dean L. Larsen declared that each of us is part of this final effort to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus Christ:

“[Now] is the period during which the Lord and his servants will make the final great effort to take the message of truth to all the peoples of the earth and to reclaim the descendants of ancient Israel who have lost their true identity.

“The prophet Zenos, whom Jacob quotes in the Book of Mormon, compares this effort to the work of the laborers who prune and nurture a vineyard and gather its fruit for the last time. Zenos likens the Savior to the master of the vineyard, who says to those who are his helpers, ‘Wherefore, let us go to and labor with our might this last time, for behold the end draweth nigh, and this is the last time that I shall prune my vineyard’ (Jacob 5:62).

“You have come to the earth when the foundation has been laid for this great work. The gospel has been restored for the last time. The Church has been established in almost every part of the world. The stage is set for the final dramatic scenes to be enacted. You will be the principal players. You are among the last laborers in the vineyard. This is the yoke that is set upon your necks. This is the service for which you are chosen”

Elder Kim B. Clark of the Seventy. October 2015 General Conference. “Eyes to See and Ears to Hear”.

“Our time is a dangerous time—a time of great evil and temptation, a time of confusion and commotion. In these perilous times, the Lord’s prophet on the earth, President Thomas S. Monson, has called us to rescue the wounded in spirit,¹² to stand for truth with courage,¹³ and to build the kingdom of God.¹⁴ **Whatever level of spirituality or faith or obedience we now have, it will not be sufficient for the work that lies ahead. We need greater spiritual light and power. We need eyes to see more clearly the Savior working in our lives and ears to hear His voice more deeply in our hearts.**

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2015/10/eyes-to-see-and-ears-to-hear?lang=eng>

President Russell M. Nelson – April 2016 General Conference “The Price of Priesthood Power”

“I urgently plead with each one of us to live up to our privileges as bearers of the priesthood. In a coming day, only those men who have taken their priesthood seriously, by diligently seeking to be taught by the Lord Himself, will be able to bless, guide, protect, strengthen, and heal others. Only a man who has paid the price for priesthood power will be able to bring miracles to those he loves and keep his marriage and family safe, now and throughout eternity.”

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2016/04/the-price-of-priesthood-power?lang=eng>

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, October 2015 General Conference “A Summer with Great Aunt Rose.” Interesting quote about Monson using stories like the Savior to teach truths.

“As I pondered what I should say to you today, my thoughts turned to the way the Savior taught. It is interesting how He was able to teach the most sublime truths using simple stories. His parables invited His disciples to embrace truths not just with their minds but also with their hearts and to connect eternal principles with their everyday lives.¹ Our dear President Monson is also a master at teaching with personal experiences that touch the heart.²

“Today, I too will give my message by expressing my thoughts and feelings in the form of a story. I invite you to listen with the Spirit. The Holy Ghost will help you to find the message *for you* in this parable.”

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2015/10/a-summer-with-great-aunt-rose?lang=eng>

Consider this as you read this next message:

President Thomas S. Monson: Are we prepared? Ensign, September 2014 , First Presidency Message.

(note: President Monson tells the story of a chicken farm prior to getting into this message. I’ve got my own feelings on why he told this story, but I invite you to ask the Lord what he would teach you through this story. Feel free to email me if you want my take. The final quote doesn’t ask us if we have been preparing, he is asking us if we are prepared.)

“Are we prepared for the emergencies in our lives? Are our skills perfected? Do we live providently? Do we have our reserve supply on hand? Are we obedient to the commandments of God? Are we responsive to the teachings of prophets? Are we prepared to give of our substance to the poor, the needy? Are we square with the Lord?

“We live in turbulent times. Often the future is unknown; therefore, it behooves us to prepare for uncertainties. When the time for decision arrives, the time for preparation is past.”

www.lds.org/ensign/2014/09/are-we-prepared?lang=eng

President Thomas S. Monson: Ensign July 2016 “True to the Faith of our Forefathers”

Discusses the John and Maria Linford experience in their sacrifice of everything, including eventually John losing his life in the Martin and Wiley Handcart Company. The Pioneer story is very interesting, but then he says something even more interesting...

“To be a Latter-day Saint is to be a pioneer, for the definition of a pioneer is “one who goes before to prepare or open up the way for others to follow.”² And to be a pioneer is to become acquainted with sacrifice. Although members of the Church are no longer asked to leave their homes to make the journey to Zion, they often must leave behind old habits, longtime customs, and cherished friends. Some make the agonizing decision to leave behind family members who oppose their Church membership. Latter-day Saints move forward, however, praying that precious ones will yet understand and accept.

“The path of a pioneer is not easy, but we follow in the footsteps of the ultimate Pioneer—even the Savior—who went before, showing us the way to follow.

“Come, follow me,”³ He invited.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life,”⁴ He declared.

“Come unto me,”⁵ He called.

“The way can be trying. Some find it difficult to withstand the mocking and unsavory remarks of foolish ones who ridicule chastity, honesty, and obedience to God’s commands. The world has ever belittled adherence to principle. When Noah was instructed to build an ark, the foolish populace looked at the cloudless sky and then scoffed and jeered—until the rain came.

“On the American continent long centuries ago, people doubted, disputed, and disobeyed until the fire consumed Zarahemla, the earth covered Moronihah, and the water engulfed Moroni. Jeering, mocking, ribaldry, and sin were no more. They had been replaced by sullen silence, dense darkness. The patience of God had expired, His timetable fulfilled.”

<https://www.lds.org/ensign/2016/07/true-to-the-faith-of-our-forefathers?lang=eng>

My thoughts (Kelly Lifferth): Why did President Monson give the comment about the societies that had the judgments of God brought upon them? Has time run out? Are you prepared for that scenario if that is the case? Why the connection to Pioneering including sacrifice? We very well could be facing changes in society that will require us to pursue paths that we have not experienced before. Paths that will require us to step up more than we presently are doing. There are many applications of this message, but I can’t help but think he is advising those that would be reading this article where we are in the sequence of events. Those reading the article are likely those who are using this message to DO THEIR HOME TEACHING. That is for people who are fulfilling their covenant responsibilities.

The Lord has been hastening his work in all areas of the church’s mission. We have been warned in advance regarding the prophesied calamities to precede the second coming will be tied to the disintegration of the family unit. There are scriptural reasons why natural disasters are tied specifically to the disintegration of the family unit, which is a lesson in and of itself. I would say that the earth’s ability to sustain life is by the Light of Christ and that Light is diminished because of wickedness and spiritual darkness. You can read about this in D&C 88. Additionally, Enoch saw the earth in spiritual pain because of the wickedness of men in Enoch’s time (Moses 7). There are other issues in play here but my point is, the earth wants to cleanse itself of the wickedness and natural calamities such as earthquakes, famines, floods, severe storms are part of the process of cleansing. These shake people up with the hopes of getting them to repent. Consider how the nation came together under God after 9/11/01, at least for a short while. Then we as a nation slid further our rebellion and people have been losing faith in God and religion now quite steadily. There has been prophecy given regarding large scale apostasy of individuals, but there will not be an apostasy of the church at all. Your status of being among the faithful or not being numbered there is based on your decisions. President Monson has stated on numerous occasions that “decisions determine destiny.” Do you nurture your testimony and spiritual knowledge by treasuring up the word? Have you taken the Holy Spirit to be your guide? I invite you all to be continually working on this.

Conditions in this country and the world seem to be hastening towards conflict. We can be prepared and not fearful if we make decisions to implement the information the brethren are giving us. **You may not see things the way I do. That’s quite alright. My hope though is that you will go to the Lord with a mind open to his instruction and that you will seek his guidance on what the Lord would have you do to prepare for difficult times, whether it be on an individual basis or on a large scale.**

I hope you find the information in this document to be useful in your relationship with the Savior. That is the ultimate key that we all need to focus on. I leave this with you in Jesus Christ’s holy name, Amen.