Preparing to meet Christ, The King of Zion Preparing for the Outreach Branch Solemn Assembly

(DAY # 1) Know that God loves us.

- Idot John 3:16-17] For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- □ [1 John 4:7-19] Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time, except them who believe. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in

God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loved us.

- In <u>[1 John 3:16]</u> Hereby perceive we the love of Christ, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
- [Ephesians 2:4-5] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- [Titus 3:3-6] For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

(DAY # 2) Choose to be His.

- □ [2 Nephi 1:119] Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man.
- In <u>[2 Nephi 1:120-125]</u> And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great mediation of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil:

For he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.

And now, my sons, I would that ye should look to the great Mediator, and hearken unto his great commandments;

And be faithful unto his words, and choose eternal life, according to the will of his Holy Spirit, And not choose eternal death, according to the will of the flesh and the evil which is therein, Which giveth the spirit of the devil power to captivate, to bring you down to hell, that he may reign over you in his own kingdom.

Isc 102:10c-10d] There has been a day of calling, but the time has come for a day of choosing; and let those be chosen that are worthy; and it shall be manifest unto my servant, by the voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen, and they shall be sanctified;

and inasmuch as they follow the counsel which they receive, they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion.

(DAY # 3) Repent.

□ [Psalm 119:169-176] Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee; deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

And the Father said, Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my beloved Son. And also, the voice of the Son came unto me, saying, He that is baptized in my name, to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me; wherefore, follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

□ [Alma 13:37-51] And also, what is this that Ammon said: If ye will repent ye shall be saved, and if ye will not repent, ye shall be cast off at the last day?

And Aaron answered him and said unto him, Believest thou that there is a God? And the king said, I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God, and I have granted unto them that they should build sanctuaries, that they may assemble themselves together, to worship him. And if now thou sayest there is a God, behold, I will believe.

And now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, and he said, Behold, assuredly, as thou livest, O king, there is a God.

And the king said, Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem?

(DAY # 3) Repent. (CONTINUED)

[Alma 13:37-51] CONTINUED

And Aaron said unto him, Yea, he is that Great Spirit, and he created all things, both in heaven and in earth: believest thou this?

And he said, Yea, I believe that the Great Spirit created all things, and I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things, and I will believe thy words.

And it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words, he began from the creation of Adam, reading the scriptures unto the king; how God created man after his own image, and that God gave him commandments, and that because of transgression, man had fallen.

And Aaron did expound unto him the scriptures, from the creation of Adam, laying the fall of man before him, and their carnal state, and also the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, through Christ, for all whosoever would believe on his name.

And since man had fallen, he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atoneth for their sins, through faith and repentance, etc.:

And that he breaketh the bands of death, that the grave shall have no victory, and that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory: and Aaron did expound all these things unto the king.

And it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded these things unto him, the king said, What shall I do, that I may have this eternal life of which thou hast spoken?

Yea, what shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast, and receive his Spirit, that I may be filled with joy, that I may not be cast off at the last day?

Behold, said he, I will give up all that I possess; yea, I will forsake my kingdom, that I may receive this great joy.

But Aaron said unto him, If thou desirest this thing, if thou wilt bow down before God, yea, if thou wilt repent of all thy sins, and will bow down before God, and call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.

(DAY # 4) Learn the Art of Prayer

The prayer of Moses. (A Prayer of Moses the man of God.)

□ [Psalm 90:1-17] Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the Light.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be Fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

(DAY # 4) Learn the Art of Prayer (CONTINUED)

[Psalm 90:1-17] CONTINUED

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return us, O Lord. How long wilt thou hide thy face from thy servants? and let them repent of all their hard speeches they have spoken concerning thee.

Oh satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

□ [Psalm 102:12-18] But thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come; and the people which shall be gathered shall praise the Lord.

There is comfort in prayer. (Maschil of David; A prayer when he was in the cave.)

□ [Psalm 142:1-7] I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and behold, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord; I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name; the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

(DAY # 5) Love

□ [John 15:7-13] If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

(DAY # 5) Love (CONTINUED)

[John 15:7-13] CONTINUED

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

 [Sec 105:5a-5b] Be thou humble, and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers. I know thy heart, and have heard thy prayers concerning thy brethren.

Be not partial towards them in love above many others, but let thy love be for them as for thyself; and let thy love abound unto all men, and unto all who love my name.

- [1 John 4:6-7] We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- [John 13:34-35] A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- □ [1 John 4:10-12] Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- □ No man hath seen God at any time, except them who believe. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

(DAY # 6) Know and follow the Holy Spirit

- [2 Corinthians 3:5-6] Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.
- □ [Galatians 5:25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- <u>[Romans 8:9-16]</u> But ye are not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
 And if Christ be in you, though the body shall die because of sin, yet the Spirit is life, because of righteousness.

And if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

For if ye live after the flesh, unto sin, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live unto Christ.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption; whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God;

(DAY # 6) Know and follow the Holy Spirit (CONTINUED)

In <u>[1 Corinthians 12:7-13]</u> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- <u>[John 4:25-26]</u> And the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
 For unto such hath God promised his Spirit. And they who worship him, must worship in spirit and in truth.
- □ [Sec 42:5a-5d] And again, the elders, priests, and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in which is the fullness of the gospel;

and they shall observe the covenants and church articles to do them, and these shall be their teachings, as they shall be directed by the Spirit; and the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.

And all this ye shall observe to do as I have commanded concerning your teaching, until the fullness of my Scriptures is given.

And as ye shall lift up your voices by the Comforter, ye shall speak and prophesy as seemeth me good; for, behold, the Comforter knoweth all things, and beareth record of the Father and of the Son.

(DAY # 7) Faith in God

□ [1 John 4:15-16] Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

- [Psalm 62:5-8] My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.
- □ [Mosiah 5:28-29] Therefore, lift up your heads, and rejoice, and put your trust in God, in that God who was the God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob;

(DAY # 7) Faith in God (CONTINUED)

[Mosiah 5:28-29] CONTINUED

And also, that God who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, and caused that they should walk through the Red Sea on dry ground, and fed them with manna, that they might not perish in the wilderness; and many more things did he do for them.

□ [Mosiah 2:13-17] Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things both in heaven and in earth;

Believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; 15 Believe that man doth not comprehend all things which the Lord can comprehend.

And again: Believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you: And now, if you believe all these things, see that ye do them.

(DAY # 8) Render unto Him that which is His

<u>[Psalm 116:12-19]</u> What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
 Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

- □ [Mark 12:20] And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.
- [Sec 72:1b-1d] For verily thus saith the Lord, It is expedient in me for a bishop to be appointed unto you, or of you unto the church, in this part of the Lord's vineyard; and verily in this thing ye have done wisely, for it is required of the Lord, at the hand of every steward, to render an account of his stewardship, both in time and in eternity. For he who is faithful and wise in time is accounted worthy to inherit the mansions prepared for them of my Father.
- <u>[Matthew 21:55-56]</u> And when the Lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, he will destroy those miserable, wicked men, and will let again his vineyard unto other husbandmen, even in the last days, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
 And then understood they the parable which he spake unto them, that the Gentiles should be destroyed also, when the Lord should descend out of heaven to reign in his vineyard, which is the earth and the inhabitants thereof.

(DAY # 9) Worship Him

 <u>[John 4:25-26]</u> And the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
 For unto such hath God promised his Spirit. And they who worship him, must worship in spirit and in truth.

(DAY # 9) Worship Him (CONTINUED)

- <u>[Matthew 15:24-27]</u> Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.
- Image: John 9:36-39] He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary went to the sepulcher and were met by the Angels

□ [Matthew 28:4-9] And the angels answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for we know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay; and go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulcher, with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold Jesus met them, saying, All hail! And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

(DAY # 10) Purge oneself of vessels of Dishonor:

In <u>[2 Timothy 2:20-26]</u> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

(DAY # 11) Preparation must precede the blessings:

□ [Revelation 7:13-17] And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(DAY # 11) Preparation must precede the blessings: (CONTINUED)

[Revelation 7:13-17] CONTINUED

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Behold no water provided until ditches were digged

- <u>[2 Kings 3:16-17]</u> And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.
 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.
- □ [Joel 2:12-18] Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and repent, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and he will turn away the evil from you.

Therefore repent, and who knoweth but he will return and leave a blessing behind him; that you may offer a meat offering, and a drink offering, unto the Lord your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

(DAY # 12) Approach Christ with certainty having brought the body into subjection

In Corinthians 9:24-27] Know ye not that they which run in a race all run, but only one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air;

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

(DAY # 13) Be Zealous in your preparation and repentance

□ [Revelation 3:19-21] As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

(DAY # 14) Study the Scriptures that you will be able to communicate wisdom wisely.

- □ [2 Timothy 2:15] Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- Isec 10:10a-10c] Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments; yea, with all your might, mind, and strength; seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed;

then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit, and my word; yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men;

but now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating;

ISec 85:36a] Therefore, verily I say unto you, my friends, Call your solemn assembly, as I have commanded you; and as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning even by study, and also by faith.

(DAY # 15) Praise God

□ [Psalm 43:1-5] Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why dost thou cast me off; why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy; yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

□ [Mormon 4:69-73] And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary, and in him there is shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is not a god of miracles.

But behold, I will shew unto you a God of miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same God who created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are.

Behold, he created Adam; and by Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man, came Jesus Christ, even the Father and the Son; and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man.

And because of the redemption of man, which came by Jesus Christ, they are brought back into the presence of the Lord; yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed, because the death of Christ bringeth to pass the resurrection, which bringeth to pass a redemption from an endless sleep, from which sleep all men shall be awakened by the power of God, when the trump shall sound;

And they shall come forth, both small and great, and all shall stand before his bar, being redeemed and loosed from this eternal band of death, which death is a temporal death;

(DAY # 15) Praise God (CONTINUED)

<u>[Psalm 47:1-9]</u> Oh clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God; he is greatly exalted.

(DAY # 16) Christ Reflecting his servanthood

Isec 17:4a-5f] By these things we know that there is a God in heaven who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same unchangeable God, the framer of heaven and earth and all things which are in them, and that he created man male and female; after his own image and in his own likeness created he them, and gave unto them commandments that they should love and serve him the only living and true God, and that he should be the only being whom they should worship.

But by the transgression of these holy laws, man became sensual and devilish, and became fallen man.

Wherefore the almighty God gave his only begotten Son, as it is written in those scriptures which have been given of him:

he suffered temptations but gave no heed unto them;

he was crucified, died, and rose again the third day;

and ascended into heaven to sit down on the right hand of the Father, to reign with almighty power according to the will of the Father, that as many as would believe and be baptized, in his holy name, and endure in faith to the end, should be saved:

not only those who believed after he came in the meridian of time in the flesh, but all those from the beginning, even as many as were before he came,

who believed in the words of the holy prophets, who spake as they were inspired by the gift of the Holy Ghost

□ [Psalm 147:12-20] Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

(DAY # 16) Christ Reflecting his servanthood (CONTINUED)

[1 Nephi 3:54-62] And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me, Nephi, what beholdest thou? And I said unto him, A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins. And he said unto me, Knowest thou the <u>condescension of God</u>? And I said unto him, I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless I do not know the meaning of all things. And he said unto me, Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh. And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; And after she had been carried away in the Spirit for the space of a time, the angel spake unto me, saying, Look! And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me, Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal

Father!