

47 From Within the Veil

- this year's scriptural theme for youth is James 1:5-6
- **James 1:5** "If any of you lack wisdom,"
- The interpretation of wisdom being, 'the proper use of knowledge'.
- 'Proper use' being interpreted as Godly
- **James 1:5** 'let him ask of God,' [there it is, it's hidden in plain sight again]
- **James 1:5** "that giveth to all men liberally", Does it apply to us now? I see our Father in Heaven and Jesus and the Holy Ghost in the mind's eye, especially the Holy Ghost, who ministers to us in this world
- **Joseph** said; "if you could gaze into heaven for 5 minutes,..."
- it's important that we stop relying on the things of this world and go to the source
- **James 1:5** "and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" See upbraid? "Should I do this? Or shouldn't I do that? Is this appropriate or not appropriate?"
- "Perhaps we should end this conversation." That led to the study of things I had never considered before
- God doesn't upbraid
- If you want to see his face, you'll need to step outside your comfort point; you're going to find yourself faced with contradiction and paradox..
- Even if people around you are saying you should not do that, go to Him. Trust in Him.
- Book by **Bruce Hafen**, called "The Disciples' Life".
- Back of the dust cover, statement sums up the meaning of the book. "If you are serious about your discipleship, Jesus Christ will eventually require of you the very thing that is hardest for you to do".
- 'Abrahamic test' vs. 'trail of our faith'
- **Ether 12:6** 'you will receive no witness until **after** the trial of your faith'
- That witness is to see the Lord Jesus Christ, face to face
- You want that witness; you're going to be hit with a trial that's equal to the blessings of that witness.
- Practice now, sacrifice things that are difficult
- Put your **will** aside, stop doing what you want to do, and start seeking His will and do it
- **James 1:6** "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."
- King Follett Discourse, **Joseph** tells us what the first principle of the gospel is: "I was told for a certainty the character of God, and that a man can commune with Him as one man communes with another."
- The first principle of the gospel is **the second comforter**. There's an awakening taking place
- **James 1:6** "For he that wavereth"
- Don't be afraid to step outside and do something. You're going to have to be creative, use courage if you want these kinds of blessings and privileges; this is not for the faint-hearted.
- Know this: he's not going to chew you out for trying
- **Joseph** said; "I never knew that God was displeased with anybody that wanted more knowledge"
- Remember, it's OK to be where you are at. It's not OK to stay there.
- Everything in this world, this telestial school house, is designed to take you down
- It's always upstream. That's why the Lord uses the words, press forward
- The greater the blessing you seek, the greater opposition will be there. He doesn't upbraid
- It's Spirit speaking to Spirit. If I speak and teach by the Spirit, then you hear by the Spirit
- Remember, the veil was never meant to be a wall. It was always meant to be 'rent'.
- **Story of Beam of light in New Jersey**
- It taught me that everything around us is alive.
- The definition of a soul is the body and the spirit together. That's section **88:15 (D&C)**
- The Lord gave me that experience to know that everything he creates praises Him
- As I had my hands on that old big rock, I sensed that it was praising the Lord
- If I want to, as a Zion man, I can exercise power over the elements of the earth
- He works from lesser to greater, from portions to fullnesses, from small to large. That's the way He works
- I can lay hands on those living creations; trees, grape vines, berry bushes, and in the name of Jesus Christ give those things blessings
- Be doing that and get some practice now, don't wait until it becomes a life and death situation
- Do something different and you will find that you have results that are much, much, different
- **D&C 88** shows some principles and some patterns
- Men and women are obtaining these blessings. It's happening at an accelerating rate.
- One of my mentors was Hyrum L. Andrus, the Pearl of Great Price textbook
- Margie and I had an opportunity to go to his house and have him give us each personal blessings. he mentioned 3 times: 'use wisdom and prudence'
- **D&C 88:83** "He that seeketh me early shall find me, and shall not be forsaken"
- **D&C 88:62** "that ye shall call upon me while I am near—"
- Those words indicate that he is not always near, rather that you call on him while He is near
- **D&C 88:63** "Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently"
- You draw near unto me, then I will draw near unto you, but you have to make the first move
- That first move is, more likely than not, going to be very unorthodox
- Seek diligently. There's that implication of an uphill, pressing against resistance and opposition

- **D&C 88:64** *“ask the Father in my name it shall be given unto you, that is expedient for you”*
- That’s the part right there, **expedient**. I can tell you that expedient is this: the Lord wants you to pierce the veil. It’s expedient that you do that.
- **D&C 88:67-68** *“And if your eye be single to my glory”*
- They may testify to you of things that ‘eye has not seen, neither the ear heard, nor has entered into the hearts of men’.
- Things which the Lord has in reserve for those who love him and keep his commandments
- **D&C 67:10** *“Strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves before me, ..the veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am, ...but with the spiritual”*
- This whole world is counter to God and who he is. We’re going to have to step out
- **D&C 67:11** *“ For no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, [that’s the Second Comforter] except quickened by the Spirit of God*
- You’re going to have to see him with the spiritual mind, not with the carnal or with the natural. You’re going to have to be quickened by the Spirit of God to do it!
- **D&C 67:12-14** *“Neither can any natural man abide the presence of God, neither after the carnal mind. Ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels; wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected”. Let not your minds turn back; and when ye are worthy, in mine own due time, ye shall see and know that which was conferred upon you by the hands of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun. Amen.”*
- **Section 84:17-25**, talk about the failure of the House of Israel in the days of Moses to obtain the Second Comforter.
- Now remember that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. What we’re striving to do here is to enter into his presence while in the flesh and obtain what’s reserved for us there
- Priesthood is the channel which the keys are revealed on how to enter into the presence of God. Have your faith finished
- As John Pontius’ book says, (Following the Light of Christ into His Presence) one step at a time until you are in the presence of God
- **D&C 88:54-58** *“remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion”*
- Not by coincidence that the story of rejection of the Children of Israel of their Second Comforter invitation. In only a few verses we moved from the verses that talk about the latter-day church being condemned.
- Is that what we’re talking about in the condemnation because we have left the doctrine of the Second Comforter?
- **3 Nephi 11:32-39** *Repent, becometh as a little child, be baptized and you shall be saved*
- So what is the one attribute of a little child? You could say they are innocent
- Repent and ask a lot of questions. Don’t be afraid. If you want the Second Comforter, you must ask questions. Ask, ask, ask! You take it to the Lord! You go to the source. That’s what a little child is
- It is a mighty striving. It is a downward reaching from heaven, and there must be an upward reaching from earth. If you take that downward reaching and put a base to it, it forms a pyramid. The Star of David. Which is the Savior’s Star
- The eight sided star is two squares overlapping at an angle that creates 8 points. That is the Seal of Melchizedek
- We need to be reaching up because I promise you, He is reaching down and waiting for you to make the first move
- **Ether 3:19-20** *“and because of the knowledge of this man he could not be kept from beholding within the veil”. “and he had faith no longer, for he knew”*
- Is the body the veil? Once you step outside of that veil do you behold
- **D&C 67:10** *“the veil will be rent*
- We have a tendency to think that the things of the spirit are not the real things. this world is illusionary
- Doesn’t change the fact that you see Him, that he calls you by name. That he invites you to come up and witness for yourself the wounds in his hands and feet and side. That he embraces you and you feel the warmth of the body.
- Let’s broaden our horizons. The important point is, that you have that encounter. Think about what it is you want to sacrifice because you receive no witness until after the trial of your faith
- Another thing is, we attend the temple weekly, say our prayers three times a day. In my fasting, I ask the Lord to help me visualize and see with the eye of faith
- I know that before I see my beloved Savior and have a second Comforter experience, I’ll need to have seen that experience in my mind, envisioning it through the eye of faith before the actual encounter takes place. I find myself, as Ether says; **“Glad”**.