

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING OF JOSEPH KNIGHT, JUNIOR

At Far West, Caldwell County, Missouri. February 6, 1839, a blessing by Joseph Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Joseph Knight, son of Joseph Knight Sr., born June 21, 1808, in Windham County, Vermont.

In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head at thy request because thy father is absent; I personate thy father. I bless thee for him and it shall be unto thee, a father's blessing, for thou art called after his name: I say unto thee thy life shall be lengthened out, thy health shall be restored and thine infirmities shall be healed; keep the word of wisdom and keep it in wisdom not by restraint, but with an eye single to the glory of God, for God looks with indignity upon those who keep the Word of Wisdom by restraint; have patience, do all that you do according to the order of heaven, and thou shalt be kept from the power of the destroyer.

I seal the seal of God upon your forehead, thou shalt be kept by the power of (God)?. The day shall come when you shall no more be smitten and driven to and fro upon the face of the earth, but shall dwell in Zion and in peace and safety; shalt behold the redemption of Zion, and shall see the day when the wicked men who wasted(?) the Church of God shall be destroyed, and there shalt have their ashes treaded under the soles of thy feet, and (?) their downfall; you shall not lose your reward, but you shall be rich in the things of the world, and shall possess the treasures of the earth.

Murmur not against the authorities of the Church, and thou shalt have all the blessing that will be for thy good, and the blessings shall extend to thy children and thy children's' children from generation to generations. Thou shalt live to see the winding up scene of all things, and shall have an inheritance with the children of Ephraim, for thou art of the blood of Ephraim; thou shalt not labor for a living, for God has not made thee strong to labor with thy hands, but thou shalt have the lesser priesthood, and spend all thy time in the Church; in this thou can do the most good.

This shall be thy calling; this is thy blessing and thou shalt have all the spiritual blessings of the kingdom ,and have the ministering of angels. Ponder these things in thy heart, be faithful and you shall have all these blessings. I seal these up in the name of the Lord, Amen

Albert Carrington, recorder

Note: This is a type script from a photo of the original hand written blessing. In several instances where the words were questionable, some liberty was taken to complete an unclear sentence. An conscious effort was made to adhere to the discernable original copy.