

**June 30–July 6: Doctrine and Covenants 71–75 “No Weapon That Is Formed
against You Shall Prosper”**

Missionary Work

The Lord called Joseph and Sidney from their work of translation to proclaim the gospel to the world (section 71). This was the result of a great disturbance created by the work of an apostate, Ezra Booth, who published nine letters against the Church in a local paper.

D&C 71:4-10

4 Wherefore, labor ye in my vineyard. Call upon the inhabitants of the earth, and bear record, and prepare the way for the commandments and revelations which are to come.

5 Now, behold this is wisdom; whoso readeth, let him understand and receive also;

6 For unto him that receiveth it shall be given more abundantly, even power.

7 Wherefore, confound your enemies; call upon them to meet you both in public and in private; and inasmuch as ye are faithful their shame shall be made manifest.

8 Wherefore, let them bring forth their strong reasons against the Lord.

9 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you—there is no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;

10 And if any man lift his voice against you he shall be confounded in mine own due time.

When do you think it is appropriate to strive to “confound [the] enemies” of the Church?

(call upon them to meet you both in public and in private
inasmuch as ye are faithful)

Robert D. Hales

“As we respond to others, each circumstance will be different. Fortunately, the Lord knows the hearts of our accusers and how we can most effectively respond to them. As true disciples seek guidance from the Spirit, they receive inspiration tailored to each encounter. And in every encounter, true disciples respond in ways that invite the Spirit of the Lord.” (CR, Oct. 2008)

What does the Lord promise will become of every “weapon that is formed against” His Church and doctrine?

(heir shame shall be made manifest
no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper
he shall be confounded in mine own due time)

George Q. Cannon

“God has said this concerning this work—that it will stand forever. It will overcome every obstacle. It will grow, it will increase. Everything done

against it will only be the means of accelerating it, or pushing it forward, or insuring to it the victory that God has promised. . . . I know that every power that opposes this work will perish.” (JD, 26:39)

Section 75 is directed to a number of missionaries who were called to proclaim the gospel

D&C 75:2-5

2 Hearken, O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my gospel, and to prune my vineyard.

3 Behold, I say unto you that it is my will that you should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle but labor with your might—

4 Lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, proclaiming the truth according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you.

5 And thus, if ye are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life.

What did the Lord promise those who faithfully proclaim His gospel?

(laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life)

Jack H. Goaslind, Jr

“The promises for our diligence are glorious. We know that—

“Bringing souls unto the Lord is ‘the thing which will be of the most worth unto you.’ (D&C 16:6)

“By proclaiming the gospel ‘thou wilt do the greatest good unto thy fellow beings, and wilt promote the glory of him who is your Lord.’ (D&C 81:4)

“Those who seek to bring forth Zion ‘shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost.’ (1 Ne. 13:37)

“Faithful servants will be ‘crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life.’ (D&C 75:5)

“‘Great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!’ (D&C 18:16).” (CR, Oct. 1983)

William E. McLellin and Luke Johnson are commanded to go to the eastern countries and they are told what they must have in order to teach

D&C 75:9-11

9 And let my servant Luke Johnson go with him, and proclaim the things which I have commanded them—

10 Calling on the name of the Lord for the Comforter, which shall teach them all

things that are expedient for them—

11 Praying always that they faint not; and inasmuch as they do this, I will be with them even unto the end.

Who's influence must be present in order for both the teacher and the listener to understand the gospel?

(the Comforter, which shall teach them all things that are expedient for them)

Wilford Woodruff

“The whole secret of our success as far as making converts is concerned is, that we preach the same Gospel in all its simplicity and plainness that Jesus preached, and that the Holy Ghost rests upon those who receive it, filling their hearts with joy and gladness unspeakable, and making them as one; and they then know of the doctrine for themselves whether it be of God or man.” (JD, 23:124)

D&C 75:18-20

18 Yea, let all those take their journey, as I have commanded them, going from house to house, and from village to village, and from city to city.

19 And in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you, leave your blessing upon that house.

20 And in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you not, ye shall depart speedily from that house, and shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them.

What were the missionaries commanded to do when they were received into a house?

(leave your blessing upon that house)

Alma 10:7,11

7) As I was journeying to see a very near kindred, behold an angel of the Lord appeared unto me and said: Amulek, return to thine own house, for thou shalt feed a prophet of the Lord... and thou shalt receive him into thy house and feed him, and he shall bless thee and thy house; and the blessing of the Lord shall rest upon thee and thy house.

11) For behold, he hath blessed mine house, he hath blessed me, and my women, and my children, and my father and my kinsfolk; yea, even all my kindred hath he blessed, and the blessing of the Lord hath rested upon us according to the words which he spake.

What were the missionaries commanded to do when they were NOT received into a house?

(ye shall depart speedily from that house)

John Taylor

“Our business is to preach the Gospel, and if they do not receive it, leave them, that is all. In some particular cases, when the disciples in former days went and preached the Gospel, and the people would not receive it—Jesus told them to go and wash their feet as a testimony before Him in regard to that matter, and he would deal with such people Himself. We have to leave those things in the hands of God.” (JD, 23:368)

When I was a missionary we were told specifically NOT to “shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them.”

The Lord gives directions for financial supporting missionaries and their families

D&C 75:24,28-29

24 Behold, I say unto you, that it is the duty of the church to assist in supporting the families of those, and also to support the families of those who are called and must needs be sent unto the world to proclaim the gospel unto the world.

28 And again, verily I say unto you, that every man who is obliged to provide for his own family, let him provide, and he shall in nowise lose his crown; and let him labor in the church.

29 Let every man be diligent in all things. And the idler shall not have place in the church, except he repent and mend his ways.

Who is expected to take on the financial responsibility for missionary work?

(the duty of the church to assist in supporting the families
every man who is obliged to provide for his own family
and let him labor in the church)

Loren C. Dunn

“As a father in the Church attempts to be a father to his children, there are occasionally some special conflicts. In the 75th section of the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord says: ‘And again, verily I say unto you, that every man who is obliged to provide for his own family, let him provide, and he shall in nowise lose his crown; and let him labor in the church.’ (D&C 75:28)

“This spells out two basic responsibilities: providing for our families and laboring in the Church. There arise questions sometimes as to a seeming conflict between a father’s duty to his family and the many church responsibilities that might be his.” (CR, Oct. 1971)