

& it came to pass when Jesus had said these words he spak^c unto his Disciples one by one saying unto them what is it that ye desire of me after that I am gone to the Father

& they all spake save it were three saying we desire that after we have lived unto the age of man that our ministry w^herein thou hast called us may have an end that we may speedily come unto thee in thy Kingdom

& he saith unto them blessed are ye because ye desire this thing of me therefore after that ye are seventy & two years old ye shall come unto me in my Kingdom & with me ye shall find rest

& when he had spake unto them he turned himself unto the three & said unto them what will ye that I should do unto you when I am gone unto the Father

& they sorrowed in their hearts for they dearest not speak unto him the thing which they desired

& he saith unto them Behold I know your thoughts & ye have desired the thing which John my Beloved ~~did desire~~ (which was with me in my ministry before that the was lifted up by the Jews) desired of me

therefore more blessed are ye for ye shall never taste of death but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the Children of men even untill all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father when I shall come in my Glory with the powers of Heaven

& ye shall never endure the pains of death but when I shall come in my Glory ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to Immortality & then shall ye be blessed in the Kingdom of my Father

CHAPTER 28

Nine of the twelve disciples desire and are promised an inheritance in Christ's kingdom when they die—The Three Nephites desire and are given power over death so as to remain on the earth until Jesus comes again—They are translated and see things not lawful to utter, and they are now ministering among men. About A.D. 34–35.

¹**And** it came to pass when Jesus had said these words, he spake unto his disciples, one by one, saying unto them: **W**hat is it that ye desire of me, after that I am gone to the Father?

²**And** they all spake, save it were three, saying: **W**e desire that after we have lived unto the age of man, that our ministry, **w**herein thou hast called us, may have an end, that we may speedily come unto thee in thy kingdom.

³**And** he said[] unto them: **B**lessed are ye because ye desired this thing of me; therefore, after that ye are seventy **and** two years old ye shall come unto me in my kingdom; **and** with me ye shall find rest.

⁴**And** when he had spoken unto them, he turned himself unto the three, **and** said unto them: **W**hat will ye that I should do unto you, when I am gone unto the Father?

⁵**And** they sorrowed in their hearts, for they du[]rst not speak unto him the thing which they desired.

⁶**And** he said[] unto them: Behold, I know your thoughts, **and** ye have desired the thing which John, my beloved [X_X], []**who** was with me in my ministry, before that **I** was lifted up by the Jews[], desired of me.

⁷**Therefore**, more blessed are ye, for ye shall never taste of death; but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, even until[] all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, when I shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven.

⁸**And** ye shall never endure the pains of death; but when I shall come in my glory ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to **immortality**; **and** then shall ye be blessed in the kingdom of my Father.

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& again ye shall not have pain while ye shall dwell in the flesh neither sorrow save it be for the Sins of the world & all this will I do because of the thing which ye have desired of me for ye have desired that ye might bring the Souls of men unto me while the world shall stand

& for this cause ye shall have fullness of joy & ye shall sit down in the Kingdom of my Father yea your joy shall be full even as the Father hath given me fullness of joy & ye shall be even as I am & I am even as the Father & the Father and I am one

& the Holy Ghos^t beareth record of the Father and me & the Father giveth the Holy Ghost unto the Children of men because of me.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these words, he touched every one of them with his finger save it were the three which were to tarry & then he departed.

And behold the Heavens were opened and they were caught up into Heaven & saw & heard unspeakable things

& it was forbidden them that they should utter neither was it given unto them power that they could utter the things which they saw & heard

& whether they were in the body or out [out] of the body they could not tell for it did seem unto them like a Transfiguration of them that they were changed from this body of flesh into **408** an Immortal state that they could behold the things of God

but it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard & seen because of the comman[a]dment which was given them in Heaven

& now whether they were mortal or immortal from the day of their Transfiguration I know not

but this much I know according to the Record which hath been given they did go forth upon the face of the land & did minister unto all the People uniting as many to the Church as would believe in their Preaching Baptising [~~them~~] them & as many as were Baptised did receive the Holy Ghost

⁹And again, ye shall not have pain while ye shall dwell in the flesh, neither sorrow save it be for the sins of the world; and all this will I do because of the thing which ye have desired of me, for ye have desired that ye might bring the souls of men unto me, while the world shall stand.

¹⁰And for this cause ye shall have fullness of joy; and ye shall sit down in the kingdom of my Father; yea, your joy shall be full, even as the Father hath given me fullness of joy; and ye shall be even as I am, and I am even as the Father; and the Father and I are one;

¹¹And the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me; and the Father giveth the Holy Ghost unto the children of men, because of me.

¹²And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he touched every one of them with his finger save it were the three who were to tarry, and then he departed.

¹³And behold, the heavens were opened, and they were caught up into heaven, and saw and heard unspeakable things.

¹⁴And it was forbidden them that they should utter; neither was it given unto them power that they could utter the things which they saw and heard;

¹⁵And whether they were in the body or out [X] of the body, they could not tell; for it did seem unto them like a transfiguration of them, that they were changed from this body of flesh into an immortal state, that they could behold the things of God.

¹⁶But it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth; nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard and seen, because of the commandment which was given them in heaven.

¹⁷And now, whether they were mortal or immortal, from the day of their transfiguration, I know not;

¹⁸But this much I know, according to the record which hath been given—they did go forth upon the face of the land, and did minister unto all the people, uniting as many to the church as would believe in their preaching; baptizing [] them, and as many as were baptized did receive the Holy Ghost.

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& they were cast into Prison by them who did not belong to the Church & the Prisons could not hold them for they were rent in twain

& they were cast down into the earth but they did smite the earth with the word[s] of God insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the debths of the earth & therefore they could not dig pits sufficiently to hold them

& thrice they were cast into a furnace & received no harm

& twice were they Cast into a den of wild beasts & behold they did play with the beasts as a child with a suckling lamb & received no harm

& it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the People of Nephi & did preach the Gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face[e] of the land & they were converted unto the Lord & were united unto the Church of Christ & thus the People of that Generation were blessed according to the word of Jesus.

And now I Mormon make an end of speaking concerning these things for a time

behold I were about to write the names of those who were never to taste of death but the Lord forbade, therefore I write them not for they are hid from the wo[u]rld

but behold I have seen them & they have ministered unto me

& behold they will be among the Gentiles & the Gentiles knoweth them not,

they will also be among the Jews & the Jews shall know them not

& it shall come to pass when ~~that when~~ the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel & unto all Nations Kindreds Tongues & People & shall bring out of them unto Jesus many Souls that their desire may be fulfilled & also because of the convincing power of God which is in them

& they are as the Angels of God & if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can shew themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good

¹⁹And they were cast into prison by them who did not belong to the church. And the prisons could not hold them, for they were rent in twain.

²⁰And they were cast down into the earth; but they did smite the earth with the word[] of God, insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient[_ _] to hold them.

²¹And thrice they were cast into a furnace and received no harm.

²²And twice were they cast into a den of wild beasts; and behold they did play with the beasts as a child with a suckling lamb, and received no harm.

²³And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of Nephi, and did preach the gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face[] of the land; and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus.

²⁴And now I, Mormon, make an end of speaking concerning these things for a time.

²⁵Behold, I was about to write the names of those who were never to taste of death, but the Lord forbade; therefore I write them not, for they are hid from the wo[]rld.

²⁶But behold, I have seen them, and they have ministered unto me.

²⁷And behold they will be among the Gentiles, and the Gentiles shall know[_ _] them not.

²⁸They will also be among the Jews, and the Jews shall know them not.

²⁹And it shall come to pass, when [X][X] the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them.

³⁰And they are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good.

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therefore great & marvelous works shall be wrought by them before the great & coming day when all People must surely stand before the Judgment seat of Christ;

yea even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them before that Judgment day

& if ye had all the scriptures which gives an account of all the marvelous works of Christ ye would according to the words of Christ know that these things must surely come ~~to pa~~

& wo[e] be unto him that will not hearken **409** unto the words of Jesus & also to them which he hath chosen & sent among them for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus & the words of them which he hath sent receiveth not him & therefore he will not receive them at the last day

& it would be better for them if they had not been born for do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God who hath been trample[e]d under feet of men that thereby salvation might come,

And now behold as I spake concerning them whom the Lord had chosen yea even three which were caught up into^{the} Heaven^s that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality

but But **behold** since I wrote I have enquired of the Lord & he hath made it manifest unto me that **there must** needs be a change wrought upon their bodies or else **it** ~~ne^eds~~ needs be that they must taste of death

therefore that they might not **taste** of death there was a change wrought upon their bodies that they might not suffer pain nor sorro^w save it were for the Sins of the world

now this change was not equal to that which should take place at the last day but there was a change wrought upon them insomuch that Satan could have no power over them that he could not tempt them & they were sanctified in the flesh that they were Holy & that the powers of the earth could not hold them

³¹**T**herefore, great **and** marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great **and** com[]ing day when all **p**eople must surely stand before the judgment-seat of Christ;

³²**Y**ea even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them, before that judgment day.

³³**A**nd if ye had all the scriptures which give[] an account of all the marvelous works of Christ, ye would, according to the words of Christ, know that these things must surely come [X_ _ _].

³⁴**A**nd wo[] be unto him that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus, **and** also to them **whom** he hath chosen **and** sent among them; for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus **and** the words of **those whom** he hath sent receiveth not him; **and** therefore he will not receive them at the last day;

³⁵**A**nd it would be better for them if they had not been born. **F**or do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God, who hath been trample[]d under feet of men, that thereby salvation might come?

³⁶And now behold, as I spake concerning **those** whom the Lord **hath** chosen, yea, even three **who** were caught up into[]**the heavens**, that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality—

³⁷ [X] But **behold**, since I wrote, I have **in**quired of the Lord, **and** he hath made it manifest unto me that **there must** needs be a change wrought upon their bodies, or else **it** [X] needs be that they must taste of death;

³⁸**T**herefore, that they might not **taste** of death there was a change wrought upon their bodies, that they might not suffer pain nor sorro[]**w** save it were for the **sins** of the world.

³⁹**N**ow this change was not equal to that which **shall** take place at the last day; but there was a change wrought upon them, insomuch that Satan could have no power over them, that he could not tempt them; **and** they were sanctified in the flesh, that they were **holy**, **and** that the powers of the earth could not hold them.

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& in this state they were to remain until the Judgment day of christ & at that day they were to receive a greater change & to be received into the Kingdom of the Father to go no more out but to dwell with God eternally in the Heavens

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⁴⁰**And** in this state they were to remain until the judgment day of **Christ; and** at that day they were to receive a greater change, **and** to be received into the kingdom of the Father to go no more out, but to dwell with God eternally in the **heavens**.