

# The Holy Ghost

## Defined: Who is He? What are His responsibilities?

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## The Importance of the Holy Ghost

- Bruce R McConkie:  
 "The Holy Ghost does two things in particular. On the one hand he is a witness to truth, and so bears the testimony of the truth, and that is how we get a testimony, by revelation from the Holy Ghost. But on the other hand the Holy Spirit is a sanctifier, and he has the power to cleanse and perfect the human soul, to wash evil and iniquity out, and to replace it with righteousness. And that is the occasion when we are converted." (Writings and Sermons of Bruce R McConkie, pg 135)
- 1 Cor. 2:9-14 (JST)  
 "the things of God knoweth no man, except he has the Spirit of God."
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
 "There is nothing more important in the lives of members of the Church than to have the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2, pg 113, The teachings of Church Authorities.)
- Bruce R McConkie:  
 "Men ought -- above all things in this world -- to seek for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing as important as having the companionship of the Holy Ghost. Those who first receive this endowment and who then remain in tune with this member of the Eternal Godhead will receive a peace and a comfort that passeth all understanding; they will be guided and preserved in ways that are miraculous; they will be instructed until they receive all truth; they will sanctify their souls so as to dwell spotless before the Sinless One in his everlasting kingdom. There is no price too high, no labor too onerous, no struggle too severe, no sacrifice too great, if out of it all we receive and enjoy the gift of the Holy Ghost." (A new witness for the articles of faith, pg 253)
- Wilford Woodruff:  
 "You may have the administration of angels, you may see many miracles; you may see many wonders in the earth; but I claim that the gift of the Holy Ghost is the greatest gift that can be bestowed upon man." (Discourses of Wilford Woodruff, pg 5)
- Harold B Lee:  
 "And every baptized member of the Church, who lives worthy of it, may have the greatest of all gifts that can come to mankind, the gift of the Holy Ghost,

by which the Lord reveals all that is necessary to make in completeness a dispensation of the gospel” (Teachings of Harold B Lee, Chapter 1)

- Brigham Young: “I want to see men and women breathe the Holy Ghost in every breath of their lives, living constantly in the light of God's countenance.” (Discourses of Brigham Young, pg 31)

## Who is the Holy Ghost

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Member of Godhead**

- Joseph F Smith:  
“He constitutes the third person in the Trinity, the Godhead” (Gospel Doctrine pg 60)
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
“The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead” (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:38)
- Joseph Smith:  
“Any person that had seen the heavens opened knows that there are three personages in the heavens who hold the keys of power, and one presides over all.” (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Pg 312)
- Unity with Father & Jesus
  - Bruce R McConkie:  
“Just as Jesus and the Father are so much alike in appearance, and so completely united in doctrine and in all the attributes of godliness, that he who has seen one has in effect seen the other, so there is a similar unity between Jesus and the Holy Ghost. They are one in that they both would say and do the same thing under the same circumstances.” (Sermons & Writings of Bruce R McConkie. pg 100)
- Other References:
  - Joseph Fielding Smith: "The Personages in the Godhead" (Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol I, pg 1-4)

### **Personage of Spirit**

- D&C 130:22  
"the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us."
- Joseph F Smith:  
“the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit, he constitutes the third person in the Trinity, the Godhead. The gift or presentation of the Holy Ghost is the authoritative act of conferring him upon man.” (Gospel Doctrine, Pg 61)

- Joseph F Smith:  
“The Holy Ghost as a personage of Spirit can no more be omnipresent in person than can the Father or the Son” (Gospel Doctrine, Pg 61)
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
“The Holy Ghost is a personage of Spirit, and has a spirit body only. His mission is to bear witness of the Father and the Son and of all truth... As a Spirit personage the Holy Ghost has size and dimensions. He does not fill the immensity of space, and cannot be everywhere present in person at the same time.” (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:38)
- Other References:
  - Joseph Fielding Smith: "A Personage of Spirit" (Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, pg 38)
  - Bruce R McConkie: "The Spirit Personage in the Godhead" (New Witness for Articles of Faith, pg 253-255)
  - Brigham Young: (Discourses of Brigham Young, pg 24)

### ***Light of Christ different from the Holy Ghost***

- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
"The Holy Ghost should not be confused with the Spirit which fills the immensity of space and which is everywhere present. This other Spirit is impersonal and has no size, nor dimension; it proceeds forth from the presence of the Father and the Son and is in all things. We should speak of the Holy Ghost as a personage as "he" and this other Spirit as "it," although when we speak of the power or gift of the Holy Ghost we may properly say "it." " (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:49-50)
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
"I know that frequently the Holy Ghost and the Spirit of Christ have become confused. There are passages that have to be judged solely by the context, but it seems to me that the Lord has made very clear the difference between the mission of each. One is a Personage of Spirit and the third member in the Godhead. The other is a spirit of light and truth which fills the immensity of space and gives light to the intelligence of men, whether they believe in Christ or not. " (Answers to Gospel Questions, 5:137)
- Other References:
  - Joseph Fielding Smith: "The Holy Ghost and the Light of Christ" (Answers to Gospel Questions, 5:133-137)
  - Joseph Fielding Smith: "The Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Doctrines of Salvation, 1:50-51)
  - Joseph F Smith: (Gospel Doctrine. Pg 61)

- Brent Bolluch: "What is the difference between the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ, and the Light of Christ?" (Ensign, June 1989, pg 26)
- Bruce R McConkie: "The Light of Christ" (New Witness for Articles of Faith,. pg 257-261)
- Joseph Fielding Smith: "Is the Spirit of the Lord with Every Man?" (Answers to Gospel Questions, 2:35)
- Willam Bradford: "The Spirit" (Talk given at Nauvoo, Mike Baird has copy)

### **Other Names**

- Bruce R McConkie:  
"In the scriptures he is called the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, and the Comforter. He can also with propriety be called the Testator, Testifier, Witness, Revelator, and Sanctifier." (New Witness for Articles of Faith, pg 255-6)
- Other References:
  - Bruce R McConkie: "What is meant by "The Holy Spirit" " (Sermons & Writings of Bruce R McConkie. pg 97-99)
  - James Talmage: "Personality and Powers of the Holy Ghost" (Articles of Faith. Pg 159)

### **Holy Ghost is a He**

- John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7-8
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: The Omnipresent Holy Spirit, pg 49-50

### **Separate Person from Powers**

- One place at one time, influence omnipresent
  - Mormon Doctrine, Holy Ghost
  - Articles of Faith, Chapter 8, Pg 160
  - Gospel Doctrine. Chapter 5: Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit, Comforter, Pg 61
- Operates simultaneously on many persons
  - Articles of Faith, Chapter 8, Pg 160
- See "Holy Ghost works through the Light of Christ" in Topics Related to the Holy Ghost section on page 8

### **Holy Ghost and Gift of Holy Ghost different**

- (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Section: Difference Between the Holy Ghost and the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Pg 199)

### **Attributes**

- Speaks, Commands, Commissions (Acts 10:19, 13:2, 16:6, 1 Nephi 4:6)
- Is grieved (Ephesians 4:30)

- Searches and investigates (1 Cor 2:10)
- Knows all things (Alma 7:13)

### ***Summary as to whom He is:***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Member of Godhead. As such is one with God and Jesus.
- Personage of Spirit
- Referred to in the scriptures by several different names
- One place at one time yet influence may be everywhere
  - Is not the Light of Christ but uses the Light of Christ
- Gift of the Holy Ghost is different from the Holy Ghost himself

### **Responsibilities & Functions of the Holy Ghost**

- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Mission of the Holy Ghost. pg 264-270
- Articles of Faith. Chapter 8. The office of the Holy Ghost. Pg 162-3
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2, pg 149-152. The Mission of the Holy Ghost.

### ***Revelator***

- D&C 8:2-3, D&C 68:2-4, 1 Nephi 10:17-19, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, 9-16, D&C 24:5, D&C 31:11, D&C 52:9, D&C 90:14, D&C 121:26
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Holy Ghost A Revelator, pg 38
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Pg 151, 328
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 99-101, 111-112, 154-155
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Ghost – A Revelator. pg 266-7
- Boyd K Packer. Revelation in a Changing World. November 1989. Pg 14 (October Conference 1989)
- Boyd K Packer. Personal Revelation: The Gift, the Test, and the Promise. November 1994. Pg 59 (October Conference 1994)

### ***Teacher***

- John 14:26 “He shall teach you all things”
- D&C 36:2, D&C 39:6, D&C 50:14, D&C 52:9, D&C 79:2, D&C 75:10
- Gospel Doctrine. Chapter 7: The First Principals of the Gospel, Pg 101
- Teachings of the Presidents of the Church, Joseph F Smith. Pg 70
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Ghost – A Teacher. pg 267-8

### ***Comforter***

- Moroni 8:26, John 14:26-27, D&C 21:9, D&C 42:17, D&C 39:6, D&C 36:2
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Pg 149-150
- Mormon Doctrine, Comforter
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Comforter. pg 268-9

### ***Holy Spirit of Promise***

- See "[Holy Spirit of Promise – outline](#)" by Mike Baird
- D&C 132:7, D&C 76:53
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: The Holy Spirit of Promise, pg 45
- Mormon Doctrine, Holy Spirit of Promise, pg 361
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Spirit of Promise. pg 272-3

### ***Witness of Christ***

- D&C 21:9, D&C 90:11, D&C 42:17, John 15:26, 1 Cor 12:3, 3 Nephi 28:11
- Gospel Doctrine. Chapter 7: The First Principals of the Gospel, Pg 101
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 114-116
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Ghost – A Witness. pg 267

### ***Witnesses to our Spirit***

- 1 Cor 2:9-14, 2 Nephi 33:1
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Spirit Speaking to Spirit, pg 47-8
- Discourses of Brigham Young, pg 31
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 102
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2, pg 149-152. Mission of the Holy Ghost.

### ***Guide to and witness truth***

- Moroni 10:4-5, D&C 50:14, D&C 124:97
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Those Guided by the Spirit Not Deceived, pg 43
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Holy Ghost Will Guide into All Truth, pg 47
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 135-6

### ***Testimony***

- Moroni 10:4-5, 1 Cor 12:3

- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Testimony Comes From The Holy Ghost, pg 44
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Holy Ghost Can Testify to a Non-Church Member, pg 42
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 114-116,124-126,130-132

### ***Prophecy***

- D&C 42:16, D&C 68:4, D&C 20:26
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Ancient Prophets Had The Holy Ghost, pg 46
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2, Was the Holy Ghost on the Earth before the Time of our Savior.
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Ghost & the Prophetic Word. pg 269

### ***Beareth record of Father & Son***

- D&C 42:17, John 15:26, 2 Nephi 31:18, Moroni 10:7, D&C 20:27, Moses 1:24, Moses 5:7-9

### ***Sanctifier***

- Alma 13:11-12, 3 Nephi 27:19-21, D&C 84:33, Romans 15:16
- Mormon Doctrine, Sanctification, pg 675, Sanctifier pg 676,
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 135-6
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, The Holy Ghost – A Sanctifier. pg 265-6

### ***Baptism of Fire***

- 3 Nephi 9:20, 2 Nephi 31:14, 17, D&C 19:31
- Discourses on the Holy Ghost, The Holy Spirit; The Holy Ghost by Orson Pratt
- Mormon Doctrine, Baptism of Fire, pg 73
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Pg 135-6
- Loren C Dunn. Fire and the Holy Ghost. Ensign June 1995, pg 22

### ***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

- Mormon Doctrine, Pg 312-313
- Discourse by Elder C.W. Penrose, JD 23:350
- Gospel Kingdom: Selections from the Writings and Discourses of John Taylor, chpt 4
- Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses 6:315



- The Light Of Christ, President Marion G. Romney, Priesthood Session: April 1977

### ***Summary as to Responsibilities and functions:***

- Revelator
- Teacher
- Comforter
- Holy Spirit of Promise
- Witness of Christ
- Witness to our spirit
- Guide to and witness of truth
- Prophecy
- Beareth record of Father & Son
- Sanctifier
- Baptism of Fire

## **Topics related to the Holy Ghost**

### ***Sign of the Dove***

- Mat 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, 1 Nephi 11:27, 2 Nephi 31:8
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Pg 275-276
- Mormon Doctrine, Sign of the Dove, pg 712
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2. The Sign of the Dove

### ***Holy Ghost works through the Light of Christ***

- Moroni 10:8,17
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
"The person of the Holy Ghost can work through the Spirit of Christ that permeates everything, or he can work by personal contacts " (Doctrines of Salvation, 1: 54.)
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
" President Joseph F. Smith has expressed it thus: "The Holy Ghost as a personage of Spirit can no more be omnipresent in person than can the Father or the Son, but by his intelligence, his knowledge, his power and influence, over and through the laws of nature, he is and can be omnipresent throughout all the works of God." Thus when it becomes

necessary to speak to us, he is able to do so by acting through the other Spirit, that is, through the Light of Christ. " (Doctrines of Salvation, 1: 41.)

- Mormon Doctrine, Gifts of the Spirit. Pg 314
- Bruce R McConkie:  
" The light of Christ is neither the Holy Ghost nor the gift of the Holy Ghost; but that member of the Godhead, because he along with the Father and the Son is God, uses the light of Christ for his purposes." (A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pg 258.)

### ***Visitation of the Holy Ghost before Baptism***

- Acts 10
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Section: Difference Between the Holy Ghost and the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Pg 199
- Teachings & Sermons of Bruce R McConkie. Gift of the Holy Ghost Defined Pg 131-2
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Holy Ghost Can Testify to a Non-Church Member, pg 42

### ***Gifts of the Spirit***

- 1 Cor 12-14, Moroni 10:8-17, D&C 46:9-33
- Mormon Doctrine, Gifts of the Spirit
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Pg 243-247
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, Spiritual Gifts. pg 270-71
- Articles of Faith, Chapter 12: Spiritual Gifts

### ***Angels Speak by power of Holy Ghost***

- 2 Nephi 31:13-14
- 2 Nephi 32:2-3,14

### ***Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost***

- Matt 12:31-33, Mark 3:28-30, Luke 12;10, Heb 6:4-6, D&C 76:34-35, D&C 132:7
- Mormon Doctrine. Unpardonable Sin
- Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Section: Pg 358
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. pg 279-80
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 1, Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 2, The Mission of the Holy Ghost.
- Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol 4, What is the sin against the Holy Ghost

### ***Fate of Holy Ghost - useless to speculate***

- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Avoid Speculating on Destiny of the Spirit, pg 39

## **Qualifying for the companionship of the Holy Ghost**

### ***Initial Qualification***

Faith, repentance, baptism and laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost(4<sup>th</sup> article of faith)

### ***Gift of Holy Ghost confers right to the constant companionship***

- Note that we are commanded to *receive* the Holy Ghost.

### ***Actual enjoyment of the gift requires us to be worthy.***

- Mosiah 27:24-26, 1 Cor 3:16-17,6:19,
- Gospel Doctrine. Pg 60-61, 96
- Mormon Doctrine, Gift of the Holy Ghost, pg 312-313
- Doctrines of Salvation Vol 1, Chapter 3, Section: Our right to Guidance from Holy Ghost, pg 43
- New Witness for Articles of Faith, “Receive the Holy Ghost”. pg 265
- Teachings of Spencer W Kimball, pg 23
- Joseph Fielding Smith:  
 “We have a great many members of this Church who have never received a manifestation through the Holy Ghost. Why? Because they have not made their lives conform to the truth. And the Holy Ghost will not dwell in unclean tabernacles or disobedient tabernacles. The Holy Ghost will not dwell with that person who is unwilling to obey and keep the commandments of God or who violates those commandments willfully. In such a soul the spirit of the Holy Ghost cannot enter. That great gift comes to us only through humility and faith and obedience.” “When we are disobedient, when our minds are set upon the things of this world rather than on the things of the kingdom of God, we cannot have the manifestations of the Holy Ghost. Did you ever stop to think what a great privilege it is for us to have the companionship of one of the members of the Godhead? Have you thought of it that way? That is our privilege, if we keep the commandments the Lord has given us.” (We Are Here to be Tried, Tested, Proved, BYU Speeches of the Year [Provo, 25 Oct 1961], pg. 4)

# The Spirit of Christ or Light of Christ

## **Names**

- Light of Christ (D&C 88: 6-13,
- Spirit of Christ (D&C 84:45-47, Moroni 7:16
- The Spirit (D&C 84:45-47
- Spirit of truth (
- Light of truth (D&C 88:6-7,

## ***Spirit of Christ different from the Holy Ghost, gift of Holy Ghost***

- see section: [Light of Christ different from the Holy Ghost](#)

## **Description**

- See ["\(The\) Spirit – Elder Bradford outline"](#)
- See ["\(The\) Spirit - outline"](#)

# Reading

## **Books**

### **New Witness for Articles of Faith. Bruce R McConkie.**

- Chapters 28-31

### **Gospel Doctrine. Joseph F. Smith.**

- Pg 58-62, 96-101, 433-435

### **Teachings of The Presidents of the Church, Joseph F. Smith.**

- Chapter 8

### **Doctrines of Salvation. Vol I. Joseph Fielding Smith.**

- Chapter 3

### **Sermons & Writings of Bruce R McConkie.**

- Section 2 (chapters 5-9)

### **Mormon Doctrine. Bruce R McConkie.**

- Holy Ghost, Comforter, Sanctification, Sanctifier, Baptism of Fire, Holy Spirit of Promise, Sign of the Dove, Unpardonable Sin

### **Answers to Gospel Questions, Joseph Fielding Smith,**

- Vol I, The Personages in the Godhead, Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost
- Vol 2, The sign of the Dove, How Can a Spirit Be a Member of the Godhead, The mission of the Holy Ghost, Teachings of General Authorities, Was the Holy Ghost on the Earth before the Time of our Savior, Is the Spirit of the Lord with Every Man?
- Vol 4, What is the sin against the Holy Ghost.
- Vol 5, The Holy Ghost and the Light of Christ.

### **Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith**

- Pg 149-151, 198-199, 242-248, 275-276, 328, 358

### **Articles of Faith. James E Talmage.**

- Chapter 8 – The Holy Ghost
- Chapter 12 – Spiritual Gifts

### **Discourses of Brigham Young**

Pg 30-31, 160-162

### **Teachings of The Presidents of the Church, Brigham Young.**

- Chapter 10

### **The Seventy's Course in Theology, B.H. Roberts**

- 5<sup>th</sup> year, Part 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> year, Part 3

### **Teachings of Spencer W Kimball.**

- Pages 22-23

### **A Watchman on the Tower. Boyd K Packer.**

- Chapter 24. The Language of the Spirit

### **Stand Ye in Holy Places. Harold B Lee**

- Section 1, Chapter 6. Born of the Spirit

### **The Holy Spirit; The Holy Ghost. Orson Pratt**

- Millennial Star. Vol. 12. Also available in Discourses on the Holy Ghost. Pg 33-46, 78-84

## ***Ensign articles and talks from General Conference***

- 1) Marion G Romney. The Holy Ghost. May 1974, pg 90. (April Conference 1974)
- 2) James E Faust. The Gift of the Holy Ghost – A Sure Compass. May 1989. Pg 31. (April Conference 1989)
- 3) Boyd K Packer. Revelation in a Changing World. November 1989. Pg 14 (October Conference 1989)
- 4) Boyd K Packer. Personal Revelation: The Gift, the Test, and the Promise. November 1994. Pg 59 (October Conference 1994)
- 5) June 1989, pg 26. What is the difference between the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ, and the Light of Christ?
- 6) Marion G Romney. The Light of Christ. May 1977, pg 43 (April Conference 1977)
- 7) Daniel K. Judd, “The Spirit of Christ: A Light amid Darkness,” Liahona, May 2001, 18
- 8) Brent Bulloch, “I Have a Question,” Ensign, June 1989, 26, “What is the difference between the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ, and the Light of Christ?”
- 9) Dallin H. Oaks, “Spiritual Gifts,” Ensign, Sept. 1986, 68

## Quotes:

**Elder Bradford** said many people do not really comprehend what it means to "teach by the Spirit." He explained that when he was a missionary in Japan, he learned the Japanese have two different words for "light." One word, as used in dealing with rays of light, simply means the absence of darkness.

The other word means enlightenment—the clarity and understanding that come into the mind about a concept or particular truth. "It is this light that we are talking about when we talk about teaching by the Spirit," explained Elder Bradford.

To illustrate how the light of the Spirit can enter into teaching and learning situations, he used the example of a computer. When all its parts are functioning properly, an operator can use an access code and, by obeying the "laws" that govern its use, extract information from it.

"In mortality, the Holy Ghost stands as a mediator to see that those who are obedient to the law may receive full access, as far as it is expedient, to the Lord's work," said Elder Bradford. "The Spirit that comes into the mind is a communicative system that teaches concepts of truth. **The Holy Ghost also stands as a guardian of sorts to see that the light of the Spirit cannot be accessed by those who are not fully obedient to the principles of the law.**"

Elder Bradford further said, "This light of the Spirit is divine. You cannot force the Spirit. The light of the Spirit will come to each person independently, upon divine principles, and those principles are outlined very clearly for us in the scriptures." (Church news, 3/17/90, Preparing for the influence of the Holy Ghost)

Brigham Young:

"While sick, and asleep, about noon-day of the 17th inst., I dreamed that I went to see Joseph. He looked perfectly natural, sitting with his feet on the lower round of his chair. I took hold of his right hand and kissed it many times, and said to him, 'Why is it that we cannot be together as we used to be? You have been away from us a long time, and we want your society, and I do not like to be separated from you.'

"Joseph, rising from his chair and looking at me with his usual earnest, expressive and pleasing countenance, said, 'It is all right.' "I replied, 'I do not like to be away from you.'

"Joseph said, 'It is all right; we cannot be together yet; we shall be, by-and-by; but you will have to do without me awhile, and then we shall be together again.'

"I then discovered there was a hand right between us. Joseph stood by a window, and to the southwest of him it was very light. I was in the twilight, and to the north of me it was very dark. I said, 'Brother Joseph, the brethren, you know them well, better than I do, you raised them up, and brought the Priesthood to us, the brethren have a great anxiety to understand the law of adoption, or the sealing principles; and if you have a word of counsel for me, I should be glad to receive it.'

"Joseph stepped toward me, and, looking very earnestly, yet pleasantly, said, 'Tell the people to be humble and faithful, and be sure to keep the Spirit of the Lord, and it will lead them right. Be careful and not turn away the small, still voice; it will teach what to do and where to go; it will yield the fruits of the kingdom. Tell the brethren to keep their hearts open to convictions, so that when the Holy Ghost comes to them, their hearts will be ready to receive

it. They can tell the Spirit of the Lord from all other spirits; it will whisper peace and joy to their souls; it will take malice, strife and hatred, and all evil, from their hearts; and their whole desire will be to do good, bring forth righteousness, and build up the kingdom of God. Tell the brethren if they will follow the Spirit of the Lord, they will go right. Be sure to tell the people to keep the Spirit of the Lord; and if they will, they will find themselves just as they were organized by our Father in heaven, before they came into the world. Our Father in heaven organized the human family, but they are all disorganized and in great confusion.'

"Joseph then showed me the pattern, how they were in the beginning. This I cannot describe, but I saw it, and saw where the Priesthood had been taken from the earth, and how it must be joined together, so that there would be a perfect chain from Father Adam to his latest posterity. Joseph again said, 'Tell the people to be sure to keep the Spirit of the Lord, and follow it, and it will lead them just right.'"

(Reminiscences of Brigham Young. by Susa Young Gates., Improvement Era, 1908, Vol. Xi. June, 1908. No. 8. .)