

## SECTION 49

*Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to Sidney Rigdon, Parley P. Pratt, and Leman Copley, at Kirtland, Ohio, May 7, 1831. Leman Copley had embraced the gospel but still held to some of the teachings of the Shakers (United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing), to which he had formerly belonged. Some of the beliefs of the Shakers were that Christ's Second Coming had already occurred and that He had appeared in the form of a woman, Ann Lee. They did not consider baptism by water essential. They rejected marriage and believed in a life of total celibacy. Some Shakers also forbade the eating of meat. In prefacing this revelation, Joseph Smith's history states, "In order to have [a] more perfect understanding on the subject, I inquired of the Lord, and received the following." The revelation refutes some of the basic concepts of the Shaker group. The aforementioned brethren took a copy of the revelation to the Shaker community (near Cleveland, Ohio) and read it to them in its entirety, but it was rejected.*

*1–7, The day and hour of Christ's coming will remain unknown until He comes; 8–14, Men must repent, believe the gospel, and obey the ordinances to gain salvation; 15–16, Marriage is ordained of God; 17–21, The eating of meat is approved; 22–28, Zion will flourish and the Lamanites blossom as the rose before the Second Coming.*

**1** Hearken unto my word, my servants Sidney, and Parley, and Leman; for behold, verily I say unto you, that I give unto you a commandment that you shall go and <sup>a</sup>preach my gospel which ye have received, even as ye have received it, unto the Shakers.

**2** Behold, I say unto you, that they desire to know the truth in part, but not all, for they are not <sup>a</sup>right before me and must needs repent.

**3** Wherefore, I send you, my servants Sidney and Parley, to preach the gospel unto them.

**4** And my servant Leman shall be ordained unto this work, that he may reason with them, not according to that which he has received of them, but according to that which shall be <sup>a</sup>taught him by you my servants; and by so doing I will bless him, otherwise he shall not prosper.

**5** Thus saith the Lord; for I am God, and have <sup>a</sup>sent mine <sup>b</sup>Only Begotten Son into the world for the <sup>c</sup>redemption of the world, and have decreed that he that receiveth him shall be saved, and he that receiveth him not shall be <sup>d</sup>damned—

**6** And they have done unto the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man even as they listed; and he has taken his power on the <sup>b</sup>right hand of his <sup>c</sup>glory, and now reigneth in the heavens, and will reign till he descends on the earth to put all enemies <sup>d</sup>under his feet, which time is nigh at hand—

7 I, the Lord God, have spoken it; but the hour and the <sup>a</sup>day no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven, nor shall they know until he comes.

8 Wherefore, I will that all men shall repent, for all are under <sup>a</sup>sin, except those which I have <sup>b</sup>reserved unto myself, <sup>c</sup>holy men that ye know not of.

9 Wherefore, I say unto you that I have sent unto you mine everlasting <sup>a</sup>covenant, even that which was from the beginning.

10 And that which I have promised I have so fulfilled, and the <sup>a</sup>nations of the earth shall <sup>b</sup>bow to it; and, if not of themselves, they shall come down, for that which is now exalted of itself shall be laid <sup>c</sup>low of power.

11 Wherefore, I give unto you a commandment that ye <sup>a</sup>go among this people, and say unto them, like unto mine apostle of old, whose name was <sup>b</sup>Peter:

12 <sup>a</sup>Believe on the name of the Lord Jesus, who was on the earth, and is to come, the beginning and the end;

13 <sup>a</sup>Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, according to the holy commandment, for the remission of sins;

14 And whoso doeth this shall receive the <sup>a</sup>gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of the <sup>b</sup>hands of the elders of the church.

15 And again, verily I say unto you, that whoso <sup>a</sup>forbiddeth to marry is not ordained of God, for <sup>b</sup>marriage is ordained of God unto man.

16 Wherefore, it is lawful that he should have one <sup>a</sup>wife, and they twain shall be <sup>b</sup>one flesh, and all this that the <sup>c</sup>earth might answer the end of its creation;

17 And that it might be filled with the measure of man, according to his <sup>a</sup>creation <sup>b</sup>before the world was made.

18 And whoso <sup>a</sup>forbiddeth to <sup>b</sup>abstain from <sup>c</sup>meats, that man should not eat the same, is not ordained of God;

19 For, behold, the <sup>a</sup>beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is <sup>b</sup>ordained for the use of man for food and for <sup>c</sup>raiment, and that he might have in abundance.

20 But it is not given that one man should <sup>a</sup>possess that which is above another, wherefore the <sup>b</sup>world lieth in <sup>c</sup>sin.

21 And wo be unto man that <sup>a</sup>sheddeth blood or that <sup>b</sup>wasteth <sup>c</sup>flesh and hath no need.

22 And again, verily I say unto you, that the Son of Man <sup>a</sup>cometh not in the form of a woman, neither of a man traveling on the earth.

23 Wherefore, be not <sup>a</sup>deceived, but continue in steadfastness, <sup>b</sup>looking forth for the heavens to be <sup>c</sup>shaken, and the earth to tremble and to reel to and fro as a drunken man, and for the <sup>d</sup>valleys to be exalted, and for the <sup>e</sup>mountains to be made low, and for the rough places to become smooth—and all this when the angel shall sound his <sup>f</sup>trumpet.

24 But before the great day of the Lord shall come, <sup>a</sup>Jacob shall flourish in the wilderness, and the Lamanites shall <sup>b</sup>blossom as the rose.

25 Zion shall <sup>a</sup>flourish upon the <sup>b</sup>hills and rejoice upon the mountains, and shall be assembled together unto the place which I have appointed.

26 Behold, I say unto you, go forth as I have commanded you; repent of all your sins; <sup>a</sup>ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

27 Behold, I will go before you and be your <sup>a</sup>rearward; and I will be in your <sup>b</sup>midst, and you shall not be <sup>c</sup>confounded.

28 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, and I come <sup>a</sup>quickly. Even so. Amen.

1a TG Preaching.

2a Acts 8:21.

4a TG Gospel; Truth.

5a John 3:17 (16–17); D&C 132:24 (24, 59). TG Jesus Christ, Authority of.

5b TG Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship.

5c TG Jesus Christ, Redeemer; Redemption.

5d TG Damnation.

6a TG Jesus Christ, Son of Man.

6b Acts 7:56; D&C 76:20 (20–23); 104:7.

6c TG Jesus Christ, Glory of.

6d Ps. 66:3; D&C 76:61.

7a Matt. 24:36; 25:13; Mark 13:32; Rev. 16:15 (15–16); D&C 133:11; JS—M 1:40.

8a Gal. 3:22; Mosiah 16:3.

8b Rom. 11:4.

8c Ex. 22:31; Heb. 13:2; W of M 1:17; Alma 13:26; D&C 107:29.

9a Ps. 74:20; Isa. 59:21 (20–21); Rom. 11:27; Heb. 10:16 (16–17). TG New and Everlasting Covenant.

10a Zech. 2:11 (10–12); D&C 45:69 (66–69); 97:19 (18–21).

10b Isa. 60:14.

- 10c Matt. 23:12.
- 11a TG Missionary Work.
- 11b Acts 2:38 (37–38).
- 12a TG Baptism, Qualifications for.
- 13a TG Repent.
- 14a TG Holy Ghost, Gift of.
- 14b TG Hands, Laying on of.
- 15a 1 Tim. 4:3.
- 15b Gen. 2:24 (23–24); D&C 42:22; Moses 3:24 (23–24); Abr. 5:18 (17–18). TG Marriage, Celestial; Marriage, Marry.
- 16a TG Marriage, Husbands; Marriage, Wives.
- 16b TG Family, Love within.
- 16c TG Earth, Purpose of.
- 17a TG Creation; Foreordination.
- 17b TG Man, Antemortal Existence of.
- 18a IE biddeth to abstain; see v. 19 and Gen. 9:3–4.
- 18b TG Abstain.
- 18c TG Food; Meat; Word of Wisdom.
- 19a Gen. 1:26; D&C 89:12.
- 19b 1 Tim. 4:3. TG Food.
- 19c TG Clothing.
- 20a Acts 4:32; D&C 51:3; 70:14; 78:6 (5–6). TG Consecration; Covet.
- 20b TG World.
- 20c TG Sin.
- 21a TG Life, Sanctity of. JST Gen. 9:11 *And surely, blood shall not be shed, only for meat, to save your lives; and the blood of every beast will I require at your hands.*
- 21b TG Cruelty; Waste.
- 21c TG Food; Meat.
- 22a Matt. 24:23 (23–27). TG Jesus Christ, Second Coming.
- 23a Matt. 24:4 (4–5).
- 23b 2 Pet. 3:12; D&C 45:39.
- 23c D&C 21:6; 45:48 (22, 48).
- 23d Isa. 40:4; D&C 109:74; 133:22.

- 23e Micah 1:4. TG Earth, Renewal of.
- 23f Isa. 27:13; Matt. 24:31.
- 24a 3 Ne. 5:21 (21–26); D&C 52:2 (1–3).
- 24b Isa. 35:1 (1–2); 2 Ne. 30:6; 3 Ne. 21:25 (22–25); D&C 3:20; 30:6; 109:65.
- 25a D&C 35:24; 39:13; 117:7 (7–8).
- 25b Gen. 49:26; 2 Ne. 12:2 (2–3).
- 26a D&C 88:63 (62–64).
- 27a Isa. 52:12.
- 27b Matt. 18:20.
- 27c Ps. 22:5; 1 Pet. 2:6; D&C 84:116.
- 28a D&C 1:12.