

1. Joke
  - 1.1. Good morning!
  - 1.2. I know it is bad form to start a speaking engagement with an apology, and yet that is what I am going to do.
  - 1.3. I must apologize for being a little rusty.
  - 1.4. For some reason I haven't been asked to speak in my local congregation in quite some time.
  - 1.5. As near as I can tell it has been nearly 7 years since I have spoken to a church
  - 1.6. I have no idea why it has been so long. Maybe I am such a poor speaker. Maybe I am too dangerous or crazy.
  - 1.7. I'll leave it to you all to decide after this talk if those concerns are valid.
2. I am here to deliver "A Message of peace from the Prince of Peace to bring you Principles of Peace."
3. Topic Intro and Overview
  - 3.1. Naturalization and Doctrine of Christ
    - 3.1.1. Naturalization -
      - 3.1.1.1. to confer upon a foreigner the rights and privileges of a citizen
    - 3.1.2. Doctrine of Christ -
      - 3.1.2.1. Faith
        - 3.1.2.1.1. Faith requires confidence in Christ; trust that he can do what he says he can. A correct idea of his character and attributes.
      - 3.1.2.2. Repentance
        - 3.1.2.2.1. We are perfected in Christ, not apart from Him.
        - 3.1.2.2.2. Requires diligence in always turning to Him.
        - 3.1.2.2.3. As a flower tracks the sun throughout the day continually, so we continually turn to Christ.
        - 3.1.2.2.4. If you can't manage it continually for a day, try to do it for 5 minutes.
          - 3.1.2.2.4.1. The proper response to missing the mark is to retrieve the arrows and try again.
          - 3.1.2.2.4.2. It may require some study and instruction as to the form.
          - 3.1.2.2.4.3. It may require some strength training to be able to draw the bow.
        - 3.1.2.2.5. But mostly, at its core it requires the determination to keep trying and correcting no matter how many times you miss.
      - 3.1.2.3. Baptism
        - 3.1.2.3.1. Requires a desire to obey.
        - 3.1.2.3.2. "God's children are always authorized to obey any command from

their Father”

3.1.2.3.2.1. ‘For [we] know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.’ 1 Nephi 3:7

3.1.2.3.3. 1 Nephi 10:18 For he is the same yesterday, today, and forever; and **the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world**, if it so be that they repent and come unto him.

3.1.2.4. Receiving the Holy Ghost,

3.1.2.4.1. Which is like a Liahona guiding you though the naturalization process.

3.1.2.5. Enduring to the end

3.1.2.5.1. Or another way to state it Endure until the Goal is achieved.

3.1.2.5.2. Enduring all the distractions and attempts to turn us from our goal. When we set forth on a journey, the end of the journey is when we have reached our destination. So if I fainted away on my journey to Boise and never made it past SLC, I have not endured to the end. If I travel directly and swiftly and make it to Boise, then I have endured the trials on the trail.

3.1.2.6. And that Goal is Christ manifests Himself unto you

3.1.2.6.1. and tells you what to do

3.1.2.6.2. As an aside, in a properly ordered endowment, after conversing through the veil, instead of sitting around in a nice looking room, you would be taken to a sealing room. Sealing rooms are properly parts of the Celestial room and their families are made, first as sons and daughters and next as fathers and mothers.

3.2. To paraphrase Paul:

3.2.1. In the past you were dead because you sinned and fought against God. You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil... [and now through the doctrine of Christ] You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens and members of God’s household. – CEV Eph 2:1,19 with DAR additions.

3.3. The purpose of the Doctrine of Christ is to take a foreigner and alien to nation of heaven and bring you first as a citizen and then as a member of the household. Moving from a condition of complete estrangement to fellow citizen to member of the family.

4. Lord’s Prayer

4.1. JST Matt 6:9 **Therefore** after this manner **shall ye pray, saying, 10** Our Father **who** art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 11 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done **on**

earth, as it is **done** in heaven. 12 Give us this day, our daily bread. 13 And forgive us our **trespasses**, as we forgive **those who trespass against us**. 14 And **suffer us not to be led** into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 15 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever **and ever**, Amen.

4.1.1. Implicit in this is the idea that God's will is not done on Earth as it is done in heaven. His kingdom comes as we as individuals do His will. Just as He gives us daily bread, we give others daily bread. Just as He forgives us, we forgive those who trespass.

#### 4.2. Fatherhood in Zion the House of Order.

4.2.1. Members of the family of God work to bring order to chaos.

4.2.1.1. D&C 132:8 Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion.

4.2.2. To do and bring His will on earth as in heaven.

4.2.3. They bring understanding to confusion

4.2.4. Citizens of heaven act and leave things better in their presence.

4.2.5. I can always tell a good dad by seeing their natural inclination to pick up... even if they were the creators of the mess.

4.2.5.1. Responsibility for ordering a situation is not absolved by lack of responsibility for causing it.

4.2.6. Members of the House of Order act upon the world, first in their own lives, the family on outward to their sphere of influence so that Heaven will's is brought to earth.

4.3. One note His Order is not a bunch of Borg. God is not making a bunch of Pringles made from potatoes slaughtered, mashed, turned into paste, and then extruded into the same form as every other potato chip.

4.3.1. It is the order we see in nature. Where patterns and general rules like golden ratios guide, but leave each individual unique. From the smallest to the largest structure. Each leave is unique, but it is a leaf. Each branch, and every tree.

4.3.2. Even the smallest particles we can find in science have only probabilities of location, freedom of position, and sometimes do incredibly surprising things.

4.4. This is the order He that exists in Heaven and we can bring to Earth

4.4.1. He does not bear responsibility for the hell of this world.

4.4.2. It is our job to rise up and do his will.

4.4.3. True doctrine can be taught in one intensive weekend.

4.4.4. What is really lacking is a people with the concrete charitable qualities doing His will on earth as it is in Heaven. His kingdom comes as people align their will with Him, becoming Heaven citizens that establish a heavenly beachhead on earth.

5. So this is the trick then, how to discern His will among all of the voices out there?
  - 5.1. JST Matt 7:21 **Verily I say unto you, it is** not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, **that** shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.
  - 5.2. Not only do we have outside voices competing for our attention, we have our own struggles learning to listen to the whispers of the spirit.
  - 5.3. We should be wary of deception, because there are many that sow chaos when they think they are serving God.
6. The good news is we have many different keys to Judge -
  - 6.1. Moroni 7:15 For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night. 16 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. 17 But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him.
  - 6.2. Any standard of discernment – Any test of truth -- that would persuade you if you had been an average resident of Jerusalem in 30 AD, to believe in Christ is a standard of from God. Any standard that would cause you to have rejected Christ is not from God.
  - 6.3. So how did Christ come? What did he do while here? What did he teach?
    - 6.3.1. He came from town that did show up on maps, with an accent that set him apart from the cosmopolitan Judean Capital. With no authority from any hierarchy.
    - 6.3.2. He was like a hillbilly from LaVerkin walking into Salt Lake City and throwing people out of the temple HQ with a whip, then hanging out with the poor. His revitalization project was to befriend and teach.
    - 6.3.3. Hillbilly religion drinking booze and getting baptized down by the river.
  - 6.4. Alma taught that true priests are ordained in the same manner as Christ. Heaven has established this pattern so that people would know what to look for -- before Christ the goal was to recognize Christ when he came. After Jesus of Nazareth, we can look to his mortal life to discern His true priests.
  - 6.5. So this is one standard to discern his Will, looking to the circumstances of Jesus's mortal ministry.

7. Another method to judge is to have a correct knowledge of His character and attributes.
  - 7.1. So when a Friend of God spells out 12 attributes of the Great High Priest we have an excellent key to learning about who Jesus is and then from that what His will is.
  - 7.2. Consider this:
    - 7.2.1. D&C 121:41 No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned; 42 By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile— 43 Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy;
  - 7.3. Consider Authority based claims supported by an ad hoc internal logic that demands and can only survive with immunity from critical evaluation, compared to the authority based on things like longsuffering, patience, meekness and perhaps most important unfeigned love.
  - 7.4. and D&C 121 Principles of Righteousness.
    - 7.4.1. Heaven's will are and D&C 121 Principles of Righteousness.
    - 7.4.2. Not suicide bombers, temples to consumerism, carnal security, revitalized downtown districts.
8. Another method is to listen to the sayings of Christ. What was His emphasis in His teachings?
  - 8.1. Maybe all of these test can be summed up by this statement
    - 8.1.1. Mosiah 2:17 And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.
9. Conclusion
  - 9.1. Doctrine and Covenants 45:68 And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety.
  - 9.2. "Residents of the city; citizens of the mountain; sons and daughters of the Family of God."
  - 9.3. We first approach Zion as refugees.
    - 9.3.1. Those of have taken an oath of pacifism.
    - 9.3.2. Who will not 'take his sword against his neighbor'.
    - 9.3.3. In a city with people gathered from every nation.
    - 9.3.4. Only those residents will be at peace.
    - 9.3.5. There they are taught and healed in the Mountain of the Lord's House.
    - 9.3.6. Whereas they came first as refugees, they join as citizens, then they are

adopted as family.

9.3.7. Naturalization and then Adoption - An ascent to become members of the Family of God

9.4. When is a task accomplished?

9.4.1. Can it ever be considered done the moment the decision has been made to finish the task?

9.4.2. KJV Psalm 40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God: yea, your law is within my heart.

9.4.3. Doctrine and Covenants 58:31 Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?

9.5. At its core Exaltation is a choice.

9.5.1. It is a choice to 'Never give up. Never surrender.'

9.5.2. It is a choice to be healed from the poison of fiery flying snakes by looking to the body nailed and lifted up for us.

9.5.3. 'and the labor which they had to perform was to look; and because of the simpleness of the way, or the easiness of it, there were many who perished.' 1 Ne 17:41

9.5.4. No matter where you are decide today that 'As long as I can stand I will walk. As long as I can walk I will run.'

9.5.5. Submission to the will of God – to bring heaven to this earth -- not an acquiescence or surrender to this hell on earth.

9.5.6. It is our job as Seekers of Righteousness to actually do Heaven's will in our own lives. Start there with yourself, then your family, then your community, and then never stop. Do it in that order.

10. Witness

10.1. Wrote about it online so I won't repeat what was on there. However, let me add this.

10.2. There really isn't much special about being a messenger or a witness. As near as I can tell the main advantages is I have had a bit more time to think about the message, to miss the mark, and to try again.

10.3. Many of you know firsthand that my most common response to most questions is some combination of, 'Wow! I have never thought of that before,' 'That is very interesting,' and 'I don't know'.

10.4. But for what it is worth I will share this. Christ is a real person. Do not believe anyone or anything that will try to discourage you from knowing Him.

10.5. Our job is to do His Will. His job is to bring to pass our Eternal Life and exaltation. Please trust in His methods and timing. He has the ability to accomplish much more than we normal give Him credit for. The timing is His. And He see a

bigger picture than any of us realize. Even when we might be ready, perhaps our family isn't, or neighbors. Time is subject to Him and no impediment.

11. So this is the message of Peace,

11.1. Thanks to the Father, who gives to us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work and will of the Lord, because we all know that our labour is not in vain when done in Christ Jesus. KJV 1 Cor 15:57-58 with DAR modifications.