

The Church of The First Born

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Dear Bro. Bautista;

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I wrote to my mother dated Dec. 4.

What John Butcherite wrote you is true, and as Floren knows, I have minutes in his hand writing to prove it.

I could say and prove many more things, but why waste the time. They are only getting ready for a big fall.

I have been associated with the Fundamentalists since 1936, but have stood a hundred percent on my own feet. My first trouble with them came over my belief that AN Indian Prophet would be the head of the priesthood in the redemption of Zion and lead the people as Moses.

Once when these things were weighing heavily upon me, I instinctively prayed, "Father in Heaven, Who is the Mighty and Strong"?

I heard a voice say clearly, "The Mighty and Strong is the Indian Prophet". I was also told that he would bring forth the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon.

I hold the patriarchal Keys held by my father which came down from the prophet Joseph Smith. He conferred them upon me in Mar. 1950. My brothers are trying to confuse the issue; but in the long run they will do more good than harm: For there must needs be opposition in all things.

Joel did not give the Name of the church as Floren claims- I was the first to suggest it, and as for Joel refusing to sign the minutes; they were not signed by anyone.

Joel and Floren both apostatized from what we did as a Quorum; And I reincorporated ~~over~~ on Dec. 1, 1955.

I have never taught any doctrine that would make void anything that God has established upon the earth in this last dispensation.

I believe that an Apostle of Jesus Christ is the highest authority on earth, and that the right of the first-born is a patriarchal authority.

I believe that the authority of the bishop of the Aaronic priesthood is the same as that of a bishop of the Levitical.

As I understand the Levitical priesthood, there could be only one president or Bishop in each generation- he being the first-born of Levi; While under Aarons appointment there could be many in each generation. As there could be only one first-born in each family, the other sons of Aaron were ordained High priests, for they were not born heir to their office: hence the term high priests of the Aaronic priesthood. Levi was a high priest before he became president of the Levitical priesthood and he had two councillors.

A patriarch has the right to appoint a first-born to preside over his brothers, as Joseph of Egypt held; He also has the right to appoint other sons patriarchs over their own posterity.

My father told me thirty years ago that he held the same authority that Joseph of Egypt held in his day. In 1950 he told me that he held the same authority that Abraham held before being ordained by Melchisedek.

In 1943 after praying over the authority of my father, the Lord revealed to me that he was the patriarchal heir of the house of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Lord revealed to me that Joseph Smith Sr. was the First-born of the Lineage of Christ, and that B. F. Johnson was the First-born of Ephraim: and that Hyrum was patriarch to the Gentiles.

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There are many paterns and keys to be learned about patriarchal organization before one can fully understand the relationship of the Prophet to B. f. Johnson.

Adam was the third member of a quorum in the organization of this earth, and at the same time the grand patriarch of the whole world; likewise in the quorum of Peeter, James and John-John held the presiding Patriarchal Keys. Joseph Smith Sr. Joseph Smith Jr. and Hyrum Smith formed a patriarchal Quorum, yet Joseph Smith Jr. and Hyrum were apostles and presided above their father in the higher order. Abraham Issac and Jacob were all high priests, and again the third of the quorum was the grand patriarch of Israel.

After the fall of Adam he appointed a quorum of three or rather two councilors- Able and Seth. In as much as Seth held the right of the first-born, it is reasonable to assume that Able was patriarch to the Gentiles, and held the Keys of the dispensation of Adam in connection with Adam and Seth.

Noah stands next to Adam in a Grand Patriarchal Quorum, for he is father to all after the flood- except Christ who is a direct son of God and the third member of ~~the~~ This Grand Patriarchal Quorum that presides over all the world, Adam, Noah and Jesus.

In the eternal world Christs posterity will preside with Noah-being two distinct lines or houses.

Joseph Smith Sr. and Hyrum will then become patriarchal cousins of Abraham. When this takes place in the eternal worlds, Abraham, Joseph Smith Sr. and Hyrum Smith will form a patriarchal council. Abraham will hold the right of the First-born in Noahs line, Joseph Smith Sr. in Adams line through Christ his first-born Son; and Hyrum will be patriarch to the Gentiles.

The "right of the first-born" has not been very clearly defined; therefore I will try and give a suitable definition.

When Christ said, "I was with the father in the beginning, and am the "First-born"; He may have had reference to those of other worlds in this system besides this earth.

The "Right of the First-born", is the right to preside in patriarchal authority over all your father presided over, according to patriarchal law. This includes the Levitical priesthood also.

For example, Jacob held the right of the First-born over all the children of Noah except his fathers; Yet, as a patriarch Jacob only presided over his own house.

Joseph was next to his father in the right of the First-born; but in the patriarchal organization of the house of Israel- Jacob, Levi and Judah will preside forever, as Patriarch, Priest and King.

Abraham, Issac and Ishmael- formed a Quorum in abrahams day over his family. Ishmael was the third member, and a King; for he received the promise that out of his loins would come twelve princes.

Christ is the third of the Grand Quorum of Adam, Noah and Christ; and holds the title of "King of Kings".

Lehi was evidently the first-born of Manassah; for he followed the patriarchal pattern. His youngest son held the right of the first -born (evidently of the tribe of Manassah) Lehi was patriarch to the new world, Jacob priest, and Nephi King.

In the days of Christ, the patriarchal quorum was Christ, John the revelator and the apostle Paul. Christ was the First-born of God and patriarch to his own House, John was the first-born and patriarch to Israel; And Paul was the great Evangelist (patriarch to the Gentiles).

After the death Of Joseph Smith Sr. The patriarchal quorum was Joseph Smith Jr. The First-born of Christ, Hyrum Smith, the patriarch to the Gentiles and Binjamin F. Johnson, the patriarch to Israel.

When B. F. Johnson was sealed as a son to the prophet Joseph Smith, the whole house of Israel came under his patriarchal authority.

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At the present time Jacob has twelve patriarchal tribes, but by and by Christ will have twelve tribes and Jacob will have twelve houses of twelve tribes each.

Who stands today in the lineage of Christ as Jacob stood in the lineage of Noah? May we not soon look for a patriarchal house of the lineage of Christ?

The presiding patriarchal quorum of this dispensation was Joseph Smith Sr., Hyrum Smith and Benjamin F. Johnson; while Joseph Smith Jr. held the right of the First-born; altho when Joseph Smith Jr. became thirty years of age he had the right to sit in the quorum in his fathers stead.

In the days of Noah, the patriarchal quorum was Noah, (the head patriarch) Shem holding the right of the First-born and Japheth, (patriarch to the Gentiles).

In eternity the patriarchal quorum will be- Noah, Christ and Japheth. Noah will be the patriarch of his posterity, Christ the patriarch of his and Japheth patriarch to the Gentiles.

In thinking of Christ as the son of God, and second in the Godhead, most people forget that he was also a patriarch, priest and King; Likewise they forget that the prophet Joseph Smith held the right of the First-born over all the world, and was also a prophet, priest and King.

Most people do not realize that the president of the Kingdom is lesser in dignity than president of the Levitical priesthood. In the house of Israel, Jacob was first, Levi second and Judah third.

The president of a civil or patriarchal government does not stand in equal dignity with the head of one of the three grand heads of priesthood. That is why John the Baptist, (president of the Levitical and Aarons Priesthood) could hold the keys of the Kingdom. The Kingdom is a temporal organization.

Whenever the patriarchal or Levitical authority is not operative by the right of the first-born, then Three high priests after the order of Melchisedek or a quorum of apostles may hold them.

A president of the Church, a president of the patriarchal authority and a president of the Kingdom must be a president of the priesthood.

Judah as King of Israel, was a high priest and third in the patriarchal quorum of the house of Israel.

Levi was not born heir to the Levitical priesthood, therefore he would have to be a high priest with two councilors, (Jacob and Judah)

Judah likewise was not born heir to the office of King, and he had to have two Councilors. (Jacob and Levi).

The right of the first-born is not the right to organize a patriarchal house. A Quorum of three must sit above, (Abraham, Issac and Jacob). Also a quorum of three must preside within the house, (Jacob, Levi and Judah).

Moses did not hold the right of the First-born over all the earth as did Abraham. The highest order of the priesthood does not come down by lineage.

Whenever one claims the right of the first-born, he must say of whom and define the authority; otherwise it is meaningless.

Joseph Smith Jr. was the first-born of the patriarchal lineage of Christ, B. F. Johnson was the first-born of Ephraem and held the keys over Christs posterity by appointment from Joseph Smith.

Alma Dayer LeBaron Sr. held the right of the first-born of the lineage of Christ; also the patriarchal keys of Israel, by appointment of B. F. Johnson.

The first-born of ephraem is the first-born of B. F. Johnson, and the keys must be placed there when the house of God is set in order.

The patriarchal keys of the house of God over the gentiles belong with the first-born of Hyrum. When the house of God is set in order, God will choose many of Hyrums posterity to be patriarchs to the stakes of the Gentiles, and Hyrum will have many first-born heirs in each generation.

