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Comparison of Pre-1990 to Post-1990

Source: <http://www.ldsendowment.org/parallelintro.html>

Black: No change from previous version of endowment

Green: Words added Post-1990

Red: ~~Words removed from Pre-1990~~

Preface

FIRST LECTURER: Brethren and sisters, we welcome you to the temple and hope you will find joy in serving in the house of the Lord this day.

Those of you who are here to receive your own endowment should have been washed, anointed, and clothed in the garment of the holy priesthood. **For those who are representing deceased persons**, the ordinances of washing, anointing, and clothing in the garment of the holy priesthood, together with the ordaining on behalf of deceased brethren, were performed previously ~~for those deceased persons whom you are representing~~.

Each of you should have received a new name in connection with this company. If any of you have forgotten the new name or have not received these ordinances as explained, please stand.

[Pause.]

Please be alert, attentive, and ~~refrain from whispering~~ **reverent** during the presentation of the endowment. As you are asked to proceed to the veil, please do so in an orderly manner, row by row, as directed. After passing through the veil into the celestial room, and in other areas in the temple, if you need to communicate, please whisper, thus helping us maintain the quiet reverence that should prevail in the house of the Lord.

We will now proceed with the presentation of the endowment.

Introduction

SECOND LECTURER: Brethren, you have been washed and pronounced clean, or that through your faithfulness you may become clean, from the blood and sins of this generation. You have been anointed to become hereafter kings and priests unto the most high God, to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever.

Sisters, you have been washed and anointed to become **hereafter** queens and priestesses to your husbands.

Brethren and sisters, if you are true and faithful, the day will come when you will be chosen, called up, and anointed kings and queens, priests and priestesses, whereas you are now anointed only to become such. The realization of these blessings depends upon your faithfulness.

You have had a garment placed upon you, which you were informed represents the garment given to Adam and Eve when **they he** were found naked in the garden of Eden, and which is called the garment of the holy priesthood. This you were instructed to wear throughout your life. You were informed that it will be a shield and a protection to you **inasmuch as you do not defile it and** if you are true and faithful to your covenants.

You have had a new name given unto you, which you were told never to divulge, nor forget. This new name is a keyword which you will be required to give at a certain place in the temple today.

Your endowment is to ~~prepare you for exaltation in the celestial kingdom.~~ **receive all those ordinances in the house of the Lord which are necessary for you, to enable you to walk back to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the signs, and the tokens pertaining to the holy priesthood and gain your eternal exaltation.**

If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be required to take upon yourselves sacred obligations, the violation of which will bring upon you the judgment of God; for God will not be mocked. If any of you desire to withdraw rather than accept these obligations of your own free will and choice, you may now make it known by raising your hand.

[Pause.]

Brethren and sisters, as you sit here, you will hear the voices of three persons, who represent Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael. Elohim will command Jehovah and Michael to go down and organize a world. The work of the six creative periods will be represented. They will **also** organize man in their own likeness and image, male and female. ~~This, however, is simply figurative, so far as the man and the woman are concerned.~~

The Creation

The First Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, see--yonder is matter unorganized. Go ye down and organize it into a world like unto the **other** worlds that we have heretofore formed. Call your labors the first day, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, see--here is matter unorganized. We will organize it into a world like unto **the other** worlds that we have heretofore formed. We will call our labors the first day, and return and report.

MICHAEL: We will return and report our labors of the first day, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have ~~been-down~~ **done** as thou hast commanded and ~~have-organized a-world-like-into-the-worlds-that-we-have-heretofore-formed;-and-we~~ have called our labors the first day.

ELOHIM: It is well.

The Second Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, go down again. Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye Seas, and the dry land call ye Earth. Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. ~~When-ye-have-done-this;~~ Call your labors the second day, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call Seas, and the dry land we will call Earth. We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. We will call our labors the second day, and return and report.

MICHAEL: We will return and report our labors of the second day, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have ~~been-down~~ **done** as thou hast commanded and ~~have-gathered the-waters-together;-and-have-caused-the-dry-land-to-appear.-The-great-waters-we-have-called-Seas;-and-the-dry-land-we-have-called-Earth.-We-have-formed-mountains-and-hills;~~

~~great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth; and we~~
have called our labors the second day.

ELOHIM: It is well.

The Third Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return again to the earth that you have organized. Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light Day, and the darkness Night. Cause the lights in the firmament to appear--the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds heretofore created. Call your labors the third day, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

MICHAEL: We will return ~~again~~, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will divide the light from the darkness, and ~~we will~~ call the light Day and the darkness Night. We will cause the lights in the firmament to appear--the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds heretofore created. We will call our labors the third day, and return and report.

MICHAEL: We will return and report our labors of the third day, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have ~~been down done~~ as thou hast commanded and ~~have divided the light from the darkness, and have called the light Day and the darkness Night. We have caused the lights in the firmament to appear--the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. We have caused the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with worlds heretofore created; and we~~ have called our labors the third day.

ELOHIM: It is well.

The Fourth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return ~~again~~ and place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself after its own kind ~~as on the worlds we have heretofore created~~. Call your labors the fourth day, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, ~~each bearing seed in itself after its own kind, as on the worlds we have heretofore created~~. We will call our labors the fourth day, and return and report.

MICHAEL: We will return and report our labors of the fourth day, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have ~~been down~~ done as thou hast commanded and ~~have placed seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself, after its own kind, as on the worlds we have heretofore created; and we~~ have called our labors the fourth day.

ELOHIM: It is well.

The Fifth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided, and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, return and place ~~beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals--fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects and~~ all manner of animal life upon the earth.

Command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein. Call your labors the fifth day, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, we will place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals--fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth.

We will command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein. We will call our labors the fifth day, and return and report.

MICHAEL: It is well, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed, ~~divided, and beautified~~, with vegetation growing thereon, and provided with ~~animal life~~ all manner of life, it is glorious and beautiful.

JEHOVAH: It is, Michael.

MICHAEL: Let us return and report our labors of the fifth day, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have ~~been down~~ done as thou hast commanded ~~We have placed beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals--fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth.~~

~~We have commanded the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein.~~ We and have called our labors the fifth day.

ELOHIM: It is well.

The Sixth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, is man found upon the earth?

JEHOVAH: Man is not found on the earth, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, then let us go down and form man in our own likeness and in our own image, male and female, and put into ~~him his spirit~~ them their spirits, and let us give ~~him them~~ dominion ~~over the beasts, the fishes, and the birds, and make him lord over the earth, and~~ over all things on the face of the earth.

We will plant for ~~him them~~ a garden, eastward in Eden, and place ~~him them~~ in it to tend and cultivate it, that ~~he they~~ may be happy and have joy therein. We will command ~~him them~~ to multiply and replenish the earth, that ~~he they~~ may have joy in ~~his their~~ prosperity.

We will place before ~~him them~~ the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and we will allow Lucifer, our common enemy, whom we have thrust out, to tempt ~~him them~~ and to try ~~him them~~, that ~~he they~~ may know by ~~his their~~ own experience the good from the evil.

If ~~he yields~~ they yield to temptation, we will give unto ~~him them~~ the law of sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for ~~him them~~, as we counseled in the beginning, that ~~man they~~ may be brought forth by the power of the redemption and the resurrection, and come again into our presence, and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

We will call this the sixth day, and we will rest from our labors for a season. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

The Creation Of Adam

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see the earth that we have formed. There is no man to till and take care of it. We are here to form man in our own likeness and in our own image.

JEHOVAH: We will do so, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, man is now organized, and we will put into him his spirit, the breath of life, that he may become a living soul.

The Creation Of Eve

ELOHIM: Jehovah, is it good for man to be alone?

JEHOVAH: It is not good for man to be alone, Elohim.

ELOHIM: We will cause a deep sleep to come upon this man whom we have formed, and we will take from his side a rib, from which we will form a woman to be a companion and helpmeet for him.

JEHOVAH: Brethren and sisters, this is Michael, who helped form the earth. When he awakens from the sleep which we have caused to come upon him, he will be known as Adam and, having forgotten all, will have become as a little child. Brethren, close your eyes as if you were asleep.

ELOHIM: Adam, awake and arise.

JEHOVAH: All the brethren will please arise.

ELOHIM: Adam, here is a woman whom we have formed and whom we give unto you to be a companion and helpmeet for you. What will you call her?

ADAM: Eve.

ELOHIM: Why will you call her Eve?

ADAM: Because she is the mother of all living.

ELOHIM: That is right, Adam; because she is the mother of all living.

Introduced Into The Garden

ELOHIM: ~~Adam~~, We have organized for you this earth and have planted a garden, eastward in Eden. We will place you in the garden and will there command you ~~and Eve~~ to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

Jehovah, introduce Adam ~~and Eve~~ into the garden which we have prepared for ~~him~~ ~~them~~.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Garden

God Withdraws

ELOHIM: Adam, **Eve**, we have created **for-you** this earth, and have placed upon it all kinds of vegetation and animal life. We have commanded all these to multiply in their own sphere and element. We give you dominion over all these things and make you lord over the whole earth and all things on the face thereof. We now command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

We have also planted for you this garden, wherein we have placed all manner of fruits, flowers, and vegetation. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat; nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee. But remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Adam, Remember **this commandment** **these commandments** which we have given unto you. Now go to--dress this garden, take good care of it, be happy and have joy therein.

We shall go away, but we shall visit you again and give you further instructions.

Lucifer Approaches Adam

LUCIFER: Well, Adam, you have a new world here.

ADAM: A new world?

LUCIFER: Yes, a new world, patterned after the old one where we used to live.

ADAM: I know nothing about any other world.

LUCIFER: Oh, I see--your eyes are not yet opened. You have forgotten everything. You must eat some of the fruit of **this that** tree.

Adam, here is some of the fruit of **that-this** tree. It will make you wise.

ADAM: I will not partake of that fruit. Father told me that in the day I should partake of it, I should surely die.

LUCIFER: You shall not surely die, but shall be as the Gods, knowing good and evil.

ADAM: I will not partake of it.

LUCIFER: Oh you will not? Well, we shall see.

Lucifer Approaches Eve

LUCIFER: Eve, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It will make you wise. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

EVE: Who are you?

LUCIFER: I am your brother.

EVE: You, my brother, and come here to persuade me to disobey Father?

LUCIFER: I have said nothing about Father. I want you to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil that your eyes may be opened, for that is the way Father gained his knowledge. You must eat of this fruit so as to comprehend that everything has its opposite: good and evil, virtue and vice, light and darkness, health and sickness, pleasure and pain. Thus your eyes will be opened, and you will have knowledge.

EVE: Is there no other way?

LUCIFER: There is no other way.

EVE: Then I will partake.

LUCIFER: There. Now go and get Adam to partake.

Adam Eats The Fruit

EVE: Adam, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

ADAM: Eve, do you know what fruit that is?

EVE: Yes, it is the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

ADAM: I cannot partake of it. Do you not know that Father commanded us not to partake of the fruit of that tree?

EVE: Do you intend to obey all of Father's commandments?

ADAM: Yes, all of them.

EVE: Do you not ~~recollect~~ remember that Father commanded us to multiply and replenish the earth? I have partaken of this fruit and by so doing shall be cast out, and you will be left a lone man in the garden of Eden.

ADAM: Eve, I see that this must be ~~so~~. I will partake that man may be.

The Apron

LUCIFER: That is right.

EVE: *[To Adam.]* It is better for us to pass through sorrow that we may know the good from the evil.

[To Lucifer.] I know thee now. Thou art Lucifer, he who was cast out of Father's presence for rebellion.

LUCIFER: Yes, you are beginning to see already.

ADAM: What is that apron you have on?

LUCIFER: It is an emblem of my power and priesthoods.

ADAM: Priesthoods?

LUCIFER: Yes, priesthoods.

ADAM: I am looking for Father to come down to give us further instructions.

LUCIFER: Oh, you are looking for Father to come down, are you?

ELOHIM: Jehovah, we promised Adam and Eve that we would visit him them and give him them further instructions. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

ADAM: I hear their voices; they are coming.

LUCIFER: See--you are naked. Take some fig leaves and make you aprons. Father will see your nakedness. Quick! Hide!

ADAM: *[To Eve.]* Come, let us hide.

NARRATOR: Brethren and sisters, put on your aprons.

God Returns

ELOHIM: Adam! Adam! Adam, where art thou?

ADAM: I heard thy voice and hid myself, because I was naked.

ELOHIM: Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou partaken of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, of which we commanded thee not to partake?

ADAM: The woman thou gavest me and commanded that she should remain with me--she gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

ELOHIM: Eve! What is this that thou hast done?

EVE: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Lucifer Is Expelled From The Garden

ELOHIM: Lucifer! What hast thou been doing here?

LUCIFER: I have been doing that which has been done on other worlds.

ELOHIM: What is that?

LUCIFER: I have been giving some of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to them.

ELOHIM: Lucifer, because thou hast done this, thou shalt be cursed above all the beasts of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life.

LUCIFER: If thou cursest me for doing the same thing which has been done on other worlds, I will take the spirits that follow me, and they shall possess the bodies thou createst for Adam and Eve!

ELOHIM: I will place enmity between thee and the seed of the woman. Thou mayest have power to bruise his heel, but he shall have power to crush thy head.

LUCIFER: Then with that enmity I will take the treasures of the earth, and with gold and silver I will buy up armies and navies, ~~popes and priests~~ false priests who oppress and tyrants who destroy, and reign with blood and horror on the earth!

ELOHIM: Depart!

Conditions Of The Fall

ELOHIM: Jehovah, let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the tree of life, lest Adam and Eve put forth ~~his hand~~ their hands, and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in ~~his~~ their sins.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the tree of life, lest Adam and Eve put forth ~~his hand~~ their hands, and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in ~~his~~ their sins.

It is done, Elohim.

~~**ELOHIM:** Eve, because thou hast hearkened to the voice of Satan, and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, and given unto Adam, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; nevertheless, thou mayest be preserved in childbearing. Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee in righteousness.~~

ELOHIM: Adam, because thou ~~hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and~~ hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man; and by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Law Of Obedience

Inasmuch as Eve was the first to eat of the forbidden fruit, if she will covenant that from this time forth she will obey ~~your law in the Lord~~ the law of the Lord and will hearken unto your counsel as you hearken unto mine, and if you will covenant that from this time forth you will obey the law of Elohim, we will give unto you the law of obedience and sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for you, whereby you may come back into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

EVE: Adam, I now covenant to obey ~~your law as you obey our Father.~~ the law of the Lord, and to hearken to your counsel as you hearken unto Father.

ADAM: Elohim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.

ELOHIM: It is well. ~~Adam.~~

ELOHIM: Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

NARRATOR: Brethren and sisters, the garment ~~which that~~ was placed upon you in the washing room is to cover your nakedness and represents the coat of skins spoken of. ~~Anciently, it was made of skins. You have received the garment; also, your new name.~~

A couple will now come to the altar.

Brethren and sisters, this couple ~~at the altar~~ represents all of you as if at the altar. You must consider yourselves as if you were, respectively, Adam and Eve.

ELOHIM: We will put the sisters under covenant to obey the law ~~of their husbands.~~ of the Lord, and to hearken to the counsel of her husband, as her husband hearkens unto the counsel of the Father.

Sisters, arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will each observe and keep the law ~~of your husband and abide by his counsel in righteousness.~~ of the Lord, and hearken to the counsel of your husband as he hearkens to the counsel of the Father.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

Brethren, arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will obey the law of God and keep his commandments.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

The Law Of Sacrifice

ELOHIM: Brethren and sisters, ~~you are now about to be put~~ we will now put you under covenant to obey and keep the law of sacrifice, as contained in the ~~Old and New Testaments~~ holy scriptures. This law of sacrifice was given to Adam in the garden of Eden, who, when he was driven out of the garden, built an altar on which he offered sacrifices.

And after many days, an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying, "Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?" ~~And~~ Adam said ~~unto him~~, "I know not, save the Lord commanded me." And then the angel spake saying, "This ~~thing~~ is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son, and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore."

The posterity of Adam down to Moses, and from Moses to Jesus Christ, offered up the firstfruits of the field and the firstlings of the flock, which continued until the death of Jesus Christ, which ended sacrifice by the shedding of blood.

And as Jesus Christ has laid down his life for the redemption of mankind, so we should covenant to sacrifice all that we possess, even our own lives if necessary, in sustaining and defending the kingdom of God.

All arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will observe and keep the law of sacrifice, as contained in the ~~Old and New Testaments~~ holy scriptures, as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

The First Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

ELOHIM: We will now give unto you the first token of the Aaronic priesthood with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign.

Before doing this, ~~however,~~ we desire to impress upon your minds the sacred character of the first token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its ~~accompanying name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign, as well as that of all the other tokens of the holy priesthood, with their ~~names, signs, and penalties~~ names and signs, which you will receive in the temple this day. They are most sacred and are guarded by solemn covenants and obligations ~~of secrecy to the effect that, made in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses, to hold them sacred; and under no condition, even at the peril of your life,~~ will you ever divulge them, except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you hereafter.

~~The representation of the execution of the penalties indicates different ways in which life may be taken.~~

The first token of the Aaronic priesthood is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb directly over the first knuckle of the hand, in this manner.

Adam, we give unto you the first token of the Aaronic priesthood. We desire all to receive it. All arise.

[All Patrons receive the token.]

The name of this token is the new name that you received in the temple today.

The sign is made by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

~~The execution of the penalty is represented by placing the thumb under the left ear the palm of the hand down and by drawing the thumb quickly across the throat to the right ear, and dropping the hand to the side.~~

I will now explain the covenant and obligation ~~of secrecy~~ which are associated with this token, its name, ~~sign, and penalty~~ name, and sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my own endowment today and had been given the name of _____ as my new name, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign, ~~at the same time representing the execution of the penalty:~~

I, _____, covenant ~~before God, angels, and these witnesses,~~ that I will never reveal the first token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying name, ~~sign, and penalty. Rather than do so, I would suffer my life to be taken~~ and sign.

[Elohim leads the patrons in repeating this oath.]

That will do.

Comparison of Pre-1990 to Post-1990

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see that ~~Adam is~~ Adam and Eve are driven out of this beautiful garden into the lone and dreary world, where ~~he~~ they may learn from ~~his~~ their own experience to distinguish good from evil.

The Telestial Kingdom

ADAM: Brethren and sisters, this represents the telestial kingdom, or the world in which we now live. Adam, on finding himself in the lone and dreary world, built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words he uttered:

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth.

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth.

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth.

LUCIFER: I hear you. What is it you want?

ADAM: Who are you?

LUCIFER: I am the god of this world.

ADAM: You, the god of this world?

LUCIFER: Yes. What do you want?

ADAM: I am looking for messengers.

LUCIFER: Oh, you want someone to preach to you. You want religion, do you? ~~I will have preachers here presently.~~ There will be many willing to preach to you the philosophies of men mingled with scripture.

Lucifer's Preacher (section removed)

~~**LUCIFER:** Good morning, sir!~~

~~**PREACHER:** Good morning! A fine congregation!~~

~~**LUCIFER:** Yes, they are a very good people. They are concerned about religion. Are you a preacher?~~

~~**PREACHER:** I am.~~

~~**LUCIFER:** Have you been to college and received training for the ministry?~~

~~**PREACHER:** Certainly! A man cannot preach unless he has been trained for the ministry.~~

~~**LUCIFER:** Do you preach the orthodox religion?~~

~~**PREACHER:** Yes, that is what I preach.~~

~~**LUCIFER:** If you will preach your orthodox religion to these people and convert them, I will pay you well.~~

~~**PREACHER:** I will do my best.~~

LUCIFER: ~~[Indicating Adam.] Here is a man who desires religion. He is very much exercised and seems to be sincere.~~

PREACHER: ~~I understand that you are inquiring after religion.~~

ADAM: ~~I was calling upon Father.~~

PREACHER: ~~I am glad to know that you were calling upon Father.~~

~~Do you believe in a God who is without body, parts, or passions; who sits on the top of a topless throne; whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere; who fills the universe, and yet is so small that he can dwell in your heart; who is surrounded by myriads of beings who have been saved by grace, not for any act of theirs, but by his good pleasure? Do you believe in such a great being?~~

ADAM: ~~I do not. I cannot comprehend such a being.~~

PREACHER: ~~That is the beauty of it. Perhaps you do not believe in a devil, and in that great hell, the bottomless pit, where there is a lake of fire and brimstone into which the wicked are cast, and where they are continually burning but are never consumed?~~

ADAM: ~~I do not believe in any such place.~~

PREACHER: ~~My dear friend, I am sorry for you.~~

LUCIFER: ~~I am sorry, very very sorry! What is it you want?~~

ADAM: ~~But~~ I am looking for messengers from my Father.

God Send Messengers

ELOHIM: Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John to visit the man Adam in the telestial world, without disclosing their identity. Have them observe conditions generally, see if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam has been true to the token and sign given to him in the garden of Eden. Have them then return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, go down and visit the man Adam in the telestial world, without disclosing your identity. Observe conditions ~~generally. See if Satan is~~ there and learn whether Adam has been true to the token and sign given to him in the garden of Eden. Then return and bring us word.

PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come, James and John, let us go down.

JAMES: ~~We will go down.~~

JOHN: ~~We will go down.~~

The Messengers' First Visit

PETER: Good morning.

LUCIFER: Good morning, gentlemen.

PETER: What are you doing here?

LUCIFER: ~~Teaching religion.~~ Observing the teaching of these people.

PETER: ~~What religion do you teach?~~ What is being taught?

LUCIFER: ~~We teach a religion made of~~ The philosophies of men, mingled with scripture.

PETER: ~~How is your religion received by this community?~~ How is this teaching received?

LUCIFER: Very well--~~excepting this man. He does not seem to believe anything we preach.~~
except this man does not seem to believe what is being taught.

PETER: *[To Adam.]* Good morning. What do you think of ~~the preaching of these gentlemen?~~
this teaching?

ADAM: ~~I cannot comprehend it.~~ I am looking for messengers from my Father to teach me.

PETER: ~~Can you give us some idea concerning it?~~

ADAM: They preach of a God who is without body, parts, or passions; who is so large that he fills the universe, and yet is so small that he can dwell in your heart; and of a hell, without a bottom, where the wicked are continually burned but are never consumed. To me, it is a mass of confusion.

PETER: ~~We do not wonder that you cannot comprehend such doctrine~~ That is good. Have you any tokens or signs?

LUCIFER: ~~Do you have~~ Have you any money?

PETER: We have sufficient for our needs.

LUCIFER: You can buy anything in this world for money.

PETER: *[To Adam.]* Do you sell your tokens or signs for money? You have them, I presume.

ADAM: I have them, but I do not sell them for money. I hold them sacred. I am looking for the further light and knowledge Father promised to send me.

PETER: That is right. We commend you for your integrity. Good day. We shall probably visit you again.

Lucifer Boasts Of His Power

LUCIFER: Now is the great day of my power. I reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. There is none who dares to molest or make afraid.

~~**PREACHER:** Shall we ever have any apostles or prophets?~~

~~**LUCIFER:** No. However, there may be some who will profess revelation or apostleship. If so, just test them by asking that they perform a great miracle, such as cutting off an arm or some other member of the body and restoring it, so that the people may know that they have come with power.~~

The Messengers' First Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have visited the man Adam in the telestial world as thou didst command us. We found Satan there, ~~with his ministers, preaching all manner of false doctrine and~~ striving to lead the posterity of Adam astray. But Adam has been true and faithful to the token and sign given him in the garden of Eden and is waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send him. This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is well, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim--Peter, James, and John have been down to the man Adam in the telestial world. They found Satan there, ~~with his ministers, preaching all manner of false doctrine and~~ striving to lead the posterity of Adam astray ~~with all manner of false doctrine~~. But Adam has been true and faithful to the token and sign given him in the garden of Eden, and he is waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send him. This is their report.

ELOHIM: It is well.

Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to go down in their true character, as apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity in the telestial world and to cast Satan out of their midst. Instruct them to give unto Adam ~~and his~~ and Eve and their posterity the law of the gospel as contained in the ~~Book of Mormon and the Bible~~ holy scriptures; also, ~~give unto them~~ a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice; and cause these to be received by covenant.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to clothe Adam and ~~his~~ Eve and their posterity in the robes of the holy priesthood, with the robe on the left shoulder, and to give unto them the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign. Then have them return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, go down in your true character, as apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity in the telestial world.

Cast Satan out of their midst. Give unto them the law of the gospel as contained in the ~~Book of Mormon and the Bible~~ holy scriptures; also, a charge to avoid all lightmindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice. Cause them to receive these by covenant.

Clothe them in the robes of the holy priesthood, with the robe on the left shoulder, and give unto them the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign. Then return and bring us word.

PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come, James and John, let us go down.

The Messengers' Second Visit

PETER: I am Peter.

JAMES: I am James.

JOHN: I am John.

LUCIFER: Yes, I thought I knew you. ~~[To the preacher.] Do you know who these men are? They claim to be apostles. Try them!~~

PREACHER: ~~[To Peter.] Do you profess to be an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ?~~

PETER: ~~We do.~~

PREACHER: ~~This man told me that we should never have any revelation or apostles, but if any should come professing to be apostles, I was to ask them to cut off an arm or some other member of the body and then restore it, so that the people might know that they came with power.~~

PETER: ~~We do not satisfy men's curiosity in that manner. It is a wicked and an adulterous generation that seeks for a sign. Do you know who that man is? He is Satan.~~

PREACHER: ~~What? The devil?~~

PETER: ~~That is one of his names.~~

PREACHER: ~~He is quite a different person from what he told me the devil is. He said the devil has claws like a bear's on his hands, horns on his head, and a cloven foot, and that when he speaks he has the roar of a lion.~~

PETER: ~~He has said this to deceive you, and I would advise you to get out of his employ.~~

PREACHER: ~~Your advice is good. But if I leave his employ, what will become of me?~~

PETER: ~~We will preach the gospel unto you, with the rest of Adam's posterity.~~

PREACHER: ~~That is good. [To Lucifer.] I would like to have a settlement. I want you to pay me for preaching.~~

LUCIFER: ~~I am ready to keep my word and fulfill my part of the agreement. I promised to pay you if you would convert these people, and they have nearly converted you! You can get out of my kingdom— I want no such men in it!~~

LUCIFER: ~~Now~~ What are you going to do ~~now~~?

PETER: We will dismiss you without further argument.

LUCIFER: Ah! You have looked over my kingdom and my greatness and glory. Now you want to take possession of the whole of it.

[He indicates the patrons.]

I have a word to say concerning these people. If they do not walk up to every covenant they make at these altars in this temple this day, they will be in my power!

PETER: Satan, we command you to depart.

LUCIFER: By what authority?

PETER: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Master.

Adam Tests The Messengers

PETER: Adam, we are true messengers from the Father and have come ~~down~~ to give ~~unto~~ you the further light and knowledge he promised to send you.

ADAM: How shall I know that you are true messengers?

PETER: By our giving unto you the token and sign you received in the garden of Eden.

[Peter takes Adam by the hand in the first token of the Aaronic priesthood.]

ADAM: What is that?

PETER: The first token of the Aaronic priesthood.

ADAM: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

ADAM: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I cannot, for it is the new name, ~~and I have made a covenant not to disclose it.~~ But this is the sign, ~~and this represents the execution of the penalty.~~

[Peter demonstrates the sign ~~and penalty~~ as he says this.]

ADAM: Now I know that you are true messengers sent down from Father.

[To the patrons.] These are true messengers. I exhort you to give strict heed to their counsel and teachings, and they will lead you in the way of life and salvation.

The Law Of The Gospel

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

Brethren and sisters, this couple at the altar represent all of you as if at the altar, and you will be under the same obligations as they will be.

We are required to give unto you the law of the gospel as contained in the ~~Book of Mormon and the Bible~~ **holy scriptures**; to give unto you, also, a charge to avoid all light-mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice; and to cause you to receive these by covenant.

All arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

~~You and~~ Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will observe and keep the law of the gospel and this charge, as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

The Robes Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: We are instructed to clothe you in the robes of the holy priesthood.

Place the robe on your left shoulder. Place the cap on your head with the bow over the right ear. Replace the apron. Tie the girdle with the bow on the right side. Remove the slippers from your feet, and put them on again as part of the temple clothing.

You may now proceed to clothe.

The Second Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

With the robe on the left shoulder, you are prepared to officiate in the ordinances of the Aaronic priesthood.

We will now give unto you the second token of the Aaronic priesthood with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ **name and sign**.

This token is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb between the first and second knuckles of the hand in this manner. *[Peter demonstrates the token.]*

We desire all to receive it. All arise.

[All patrons receive the token.]

The name of this token is your own first given name if you are going through the temple for your own endowment or if you are going through for the dead it is the first given name for the person for whom you are officiating.

The sign is made by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

~~The execution of the penalty is represented by placing the right hand on the left breast drawing the hand quickly across the body and dropping the hands to the sides.~~

I will now explain the covenant and obligation ~~of secrecy~~ which are associated with this token, its ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ ~~name, and sign~~, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my own endowment today, and if [*here Peter provides a sample name for the token*], I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the sign, ~~at the same time representing the execution of the penalty:~~

I, _____, ~~solemnly~~ covenant ~~before God, angels, and these witnesses~~ that I will never reveal the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty. Rather than do so, I would suffer my life to be taken.~~ ~~name and sign.~~

[Peter leads the patrons in repeating this oath.]

That will do.

We will return and report.

The Messengers' Second Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ ~~Adam and Eve and their posterity~~ in the telestial world and have cast Satan out of their midst. We have given unto them the law of the gospel as contained in the ~~Book of Mormon and the Bible~~ ~~holy scriptures~~; also, a charge to avoid all lightmindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and have caused them to receive these by covenant.

We have also clothed them in the robes of the holy priesthood and have given unto them the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ ~~name and sign~~. This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is well, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim--Peter, James, and John have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ ~~Adam and Eve and their posterity~~ in the telestial world, have cast Satan out of their midst, and have done all else that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is well.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John again to the telestial world. Have ~~Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity change their robes to their right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek priesthood, and introduce them into the terrestrial world.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to give unto ~~Adam and his posterity~~ them the law of chastity and to put them under covenant to obey this law, which is that the daughters of Eve and the sons of Adam shall have no sexual ~~intercourse relations~~ except with their husbands or wives to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded, ~~and to~~ Give unto them the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign. Have them return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, go down again to the telestial world. Instruct ~~Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity to change their robes to their right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek priesthood, and introduce them into the terrestrial world.

Give to ~~Adam and his posterity~~ them the law of chastity and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is that the daughters of Eve and the sons of Adam shall have no sexual ~~intercourse relations~~ except with their husbands or wives to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded. Give unto them the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign; and return and bring us word.

PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come, James and John, let us go down.

The Robes Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We are instructed to have you ~~change the robe~~ remove the robe and change it to the right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek priesthood, and to introduce you into the terrestrial world.

You may now ~~make the change by removing the robe:~~ remove the robe and make the change.

The Terrestrial World

The Law Of Chastity

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

We are instructed to give unto you the law of chastity, ~~This I will explain. To the sisters, it is that no one of you will have sexual intercourse except with your husband to whom you are legally and lawfully wedded. To the brethren it is that no one of you will have sexual~~

~~intercourse except with your wife to whom you are legally and lawfully wedded.~~ which is that each of you shall have no sexual relations except with your husband or wife to whom you are legally and lawfully wedded.

~~Sisters~~ All please arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses ~~at this altar~~ that you will observe and keep the law of chastity, as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

~~Brethren, please arise.~~

~~Each of you bring your right arm to the square.~~

~~You and each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will observe and keep the law of chastity, as it has been explained to you.~~

~~Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes.!"~~

~~That will do.~~

The First Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ name and sign.

This token is received by bringing the right hand into this position, the hand vertical, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended, and the person giving the token placing the tip of his forefinger of his right arm in the center of the palm, and the thumb opposite on the back of the hand of the one receiving it. In this manner.

[Peter demonstrates the token.]

We desire all to receive it. All arise.

The name of this token is the Sun, meaning the Sun of God.

The sign is made by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape. The left are forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

~~The execution of the penalty is represented by drawing the thumb quickly across the body and dropping the hands to the sides.~~

I will now explain the covenant and obligation ~~of secrecy~~ which are associated with this token, its ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ ~~name, and sign~~, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving the endowment today, either for myself or for the dead, I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the sign ~~at the same time representing the execution of the penalty:~~

I solemnly covenant ~~before God, angels, and these witnesses,~~ in the name _____ that I will never reveal the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty. Rather than do so, I would suffer my life to be taken:~~ ~~name and sign.~~

[Peter leads the patrons in repeating this oath.]

That will do.

We will return and report.

The Messengers' Third Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ ~~Adam and Eve and their posterity,~~ have placed the robe on the right shoulder, and have introduced them into the terrestrial world. We have put them under covenant to observe and keep the law of chastity. We have also given them the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying ~~name, sign, and penalty~~ ~~name and sign.~~ This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is well, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim--Peter, James, and John have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity, have placed the robe on the right shoulder, and have introduced them into the terrestrial world. They have also put them under covenant to observe and keep the law of chastity. They have given unto them the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name, sign, and penalty. This is their report.~~ ~~Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that they were commanded to do.~~

ELOHIM: It is well.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John, and instruct them to give to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ ~~Adam and Eve and their posterity~~ in the terrestrial world the law of consecration, in connection with the law of the gospel and the law of sacrifice, and to cause them to receive it by covenant; to give unto them the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign; and to teach them the order of prayer and prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the veil. Then have them report at the veil.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, go down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity in the terrestrial world and give unto them the law of consecration, in connection with the law of the gospel and the law of sacrifice, and cause them to receive it by covenant. Give unto them the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign. Teach them the order of prayer and prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the veil. Then report at the veil.

PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come, James and John, let us go down.

The Law Of Consecration

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

We are instructed to give unto you the law of consecration as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the law of the gospel and the law of sacrifice, which you have already received. It is that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which he may bless you, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth and for the establishment of Zion.

All arise.

Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar, that you do accept the law of consecration as contained in ~~this~~, the ~~book of~~ Doctrine and Covenants, in that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which he may bless you, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth and for the establishment of Zion.

Each of you bow your head and say, "Yes."

That will do.

The Second Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign.

This token has reference to the crucifixion of the Savior. When he was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of his hands; then, fearing that the weight of his body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through his wrists. Hence in the palm is the Sign of the Nail, and in the wrist is the Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place.

This token is given by clasping the right hands, interlocking the little fingers and placing the tip of the forefinger on the center wrists in this manner.

[Peter demonstrates the token.]

We desire all to receive it. All arise.

[All patrons receive the token.]

This token has a name and a sign. ~~but no penalty is mentioned. However,~~ You will be under ~~just as sacred as~~ the same sacred obligation ~~of secrecy~~ in connection with this token and sign as you are with the other tokens and signs of the holy priesthood which you have received in the temple this day.

The name of this token will not be given ~~unto~~ to you at this stage in the endowment, but it will be given later on.

The sign is made by raising both hands high above the head and while lowering the hands repeating allowed the words:

~~Pay Lay Ale~~ oh God hear the words of my mouth
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When Adam was driven out of the Garden of Eden he built an altar and offered prayer and these are the words that he used. ~~Which interpreted are:~~ oh God hear the words of my mouth. Repeated three times.

[Peter demonstrates the sign for this token and then leads patrons in making the sign.]

That will do.

The Prayer Circle And The True Order Of Prayer

PETER: Brethren and sisters, with the robe on the right shoulder you are prepared to be taught the true order of prayer and to be introduced at the veil.

A few ~~couples~~ of you, including couples, will please come forward and form a circle around the altar.

JAMES: Only the best of feelings should exist in the circle. If any of you have unkind feelings toward any member of this circle, you are invited to withdraw so that the Spirit of the Lord may be unrestrained.

In the circle we make the signs of all the tokens of the holy priesthood.

[James leads those in the circle in making each sign, in succession. As they do this, he reminds patrons of the name for each token, except the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the name of which has not yet been revealed.]

We have here a list of names of persons who are sick or otherwise afflicted, whom we are requested to remember in our prayer. We will place this list upon the altar and request the faith of those present in behalf of these persons.

The sisters in the room will please veil their faces.

Each brother in the circle will take the sister at his left by the right hand in the patriarchal grip.

Each of you bring your left arm to the square and rest it upon the shoulder or arm of the person at your left.

~~The brethren and sisters~~ Those in the circle will repeat the words of the prayer.

[James kneels before the altar, within the circle, makes the sign of the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, and offers an extemporaneous prayer. He pauses after each sentence, so that those in the circle may repeat his words.]

PETER: The sisters will unveil their faces, and the brethren and sisters in the circle will return to their seats.

The Veil of the Temple

We will now uncover the veil.

The Marks On The Veil

PETER: Brethren and sisters, **this is the veil of the temple.** I will now explain the marks on the veil.

These four marks are the marks of the holy priesthood, and corresponding marks are found in your individual garment.

~~This one~~ On the right is the mark of the square. It is placed in the garment over the right breast, suggesting to the mind exactness and honor in keeping the covenants entered into this day.

~~This one~~ On the left is the mark of the compass. It is placed in the garment over the left breast, suggesting to the mind an undeviating course leading to eternal life; a constant reminder that desires, appetites, and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set; and that all truth may be circumscribed unto one great whole.

This is the navel mark. It is placed in the garment over the navel, suggesting to the mind the need of constant nourishment to body and spirit.

This is the knee mark. It is placed in the right leg of the garment so as to be over the kneecap, suggesting that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ.

These other three marks are for convenience in working at the veil. Through this one, the person representing the Lord puts forth his right hand to test our knowledge of the tokens

of the holy priesthood. Through the one on our right, he asks us certain questions; through the one on the left, we give our answers.

The Dialogue At The Veil

PETER: As all of you will have to pass through the veil, we will show you how this is to be done.

Presentation At The Veil

PETER: The person is brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet, whereupon the Lord parts the veil, and asks:

LORD: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge by conversing with the Lord through the veil.

LORD: Present him at the veil, and his request shall be granted.

First Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: The person is then brought to this point, whereupon the Lord puts forth his right hand, gives the first token of the Aaronic priesthood, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The first token of the Aaronic priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the veil.

The person then gives, through the veil, the name of this token, which is the new name received in the temple today.

Second Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the second token of the Aaronic priesthood and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The second token of the Aaronic priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the veil.

The person then gives the name of this token, which is _____.

First Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the veil.

The person then gives the name of this token, which is _____.

Second Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Lord through the veil.

LORD: You shall receive, ~~upon the five points of fellowship,~~ it through the veil.

PETER: ~~The five points of fellowship are: inside of right foot by the side of right foot, knee to knee, breast to breast, hand to back, and mouth to ear.~~ It is received as left arms are placed upon right shoulders through the veil.

The Lord then gives the name of this token and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, ~~upon the five points of fellowship,~~ through the veil.

The person then repeats back to the Lord the name of this token, as he received it, whereupon the Lord says:

LORD: That is correct.

Admission Through The Veil

PETER: The person is again brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet. The Lord parts the veil and asks:

LORD: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having conversed with the Lord through the veil, desires now to enter his presence.

The Lord puts forth his right hand, takes the person by the right hand, and says:

LORD: Let him enter.

PETER: He is admitted into the presence of the Lord.

We will now report.

The Messengers' Fourth Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity in the terrestrial world, and have given unto them the law of consecration, and have caused them to receive it by covenant. We have given unto them the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign, and have taught them the order of prayer. They are now ready to converse with the Lord through the veil. This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is well, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim--Peter, James, and John have been down to ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity in the terrestrial world and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is well.

Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to introduce ~~the man Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, you will introduce ~~Adam and his posterity~~ Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

PETER: It shall be done Jehovah. Come, James and John, we will introduce them at the veil.

Ceremony At The Veil

Brethren and sisters, we are instructed to introduce you at the veil, where you will receive the name of the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to your entering into the presence of the Lord.

The Lecture At The Veil (Section Removed)

~~**PETER:** A lecture will now be given which summarizes the instructions, ordinances, and covenants, and also the tokens, with their keywords, signs, and penalties, pertaining to the endowment, which you have thus far received.~~

~~You should try to remember and keep in mind all that you have heard and seen, and may yet hear and see, in this house. The purpose of this lecture is to assist you to remember that which has been taught you this day. You must keep in mind that you are under a solemn obligation never to speak outside of the temple of the Lord of the things you see and hear in this sacred place.~~

Introduction

~~**LECTURER:** Brethren and sisters, the ordinances of the endowment as here administered, long withheld from the children of men, pertain to the dispensation of the fullness of time and have been revealed to prepare the people for exaltation in the celestial kingdom, where God and Christ dwell.~~

~~The deep meaning of the eternal truths constituting the endowment has been set forth in brief instructions and by symbolic representation. If you give prayerful and earnest thought to the holy endowment, you will obtain the understanding and spirit of the work done in the temples of the Lord. The privilege of laboring here for the dead permits us to enter the~~

temple frequently, and to refresh our memories, and to enlarge our understanding of the endowment.

The Initiatory

You were first washed and anointed, a garment was placed upon you, and a new name was given you. This name you should always remember; but you must never reveal it to any person, except at the veil.

The Creation

You then entered [the Creation Room]. [There] you heard the voices of persons representing a council of the Gods—Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael. Elohim said: "See, yonder is matter unorganized. Go ye down and organize it into a world, like unto the other worlds that we have heretofore formed." As the creation of the earth progressed, you heard the commands and the reports of the persons representing the Gods:

If we are faithful, we shall enter the celestial kingdom and there hear and know the Gods of heaven. They are perfect; we are imperfect. They are exalted; we may attain exaltation.

Our spirits at one time lived with the Gods; but each of us was given the privilege of coming upon this earth to take upon himself a body, so that the spirit might have a house in which to dwell.

Michael, one of the council of the Gods, became the man Adam, to whom was given the woman Eve. However, as Adam he did not remember his life and labors in the council. It is so with us all. We came into the world with no memory of our previous existence.

The Garden

We then followed Adam and Eve into the garden, where Elohim provided that they might eat freely of all kinds of fruit of the garden, except the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He forbade them to partake of this fruit, saying that in the day they did so, they should surely die.

When Adam and Eve were left alone in the garden, Satan appeared and tempted them. Eve yielded to the temptation, partook of the fruit, and offered it to Adam. Adam had resisted the temptation of Satan, but when Eve offered him the forbidden fruit, he partook of it that they might continue together and perpetuate the human race.

Adam and Eve now understood that it was Lucifer who had tempted them. They became self-conscious. Discovering their nakedness and hearing the voice of the Lord, they made aprons of fig leaves and hid themselves. They had learned that everything has its opposite, such as good and evil, light and darkness, pleasure and pain.

The Lord again entered the garden. Adam and Eve confessed their disobedience. The Lord cursed Satan and cast him out of the garden of Eden, and the Lord commanded: "Let cherubim, and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the tree of life, lest Adam put forth his hand, and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in his sins."

Before their departure, however, instructions were given them. Addressing Eve, the Lord said: "Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of Satan and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit and given unto Adam, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; nevertheless, thou mayest be preserved in childbearing. Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee in righteousness."

To Adam, the Lord said: "Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife and hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man; and by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Having been commanded, Jehovah provided Adam and Eve with coats of skins for a covering. The garment which was placed upon you after you had been washed and anointed represents the coat of skins, or covering, of Adam and Eve. They were also promised that further light and knowledge would be given them.

The Law of Obedience and Sacrifice

The law of obedience was then taught Adam and Eve and accepted by them. Eve covenanted with Adam that thenceforth she would obey the law of her husband and abide by his counsel in righteousness; and Adam covenanted with the Lord that he would obey the Lord and keep his commandments. You, likewise, covenanted to comply with the law of obedience.

The law of sacrifice accompanying the law of obedience, as contained in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, was next presented to Adam, and you were all placed under covenant to observe it.

The law of obedience and sacrifice includes the promise of the Savior, the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth and who by his sacrifice has become the Redeemer of mankind. All things should be done in the name of the Son. An angel of the Lord explained this to Adam, who was given the privilege of showing his obedience by offering sacrifices to the Lord in similitude of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Later, the people of Israel lived under this law, which continued in force until the death of Jesus Christ.

The first token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying name, sign, and penalty, was given you; and you were told that the name of this token is your new name, or the new name of the dead, if officiating for the dead. The sacred nature of the tokens of the priesthood was carefully explained at this time. You were placed under solemn covenant never to reveal these tokens, with their accompanying names, signs, and penalties, even at the peril of your life. You were told that the execution of the penalties indicate different ways in which life may be taken.

The Telestial World

~~Then Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden into the telestial kingdom, or the lone and dreary world, the world in which we are now living. There Adam offered a prayer saying, "Oh God, hear the words of my mouth," repeating it three times.~~

~~Satan entered and, claiming to be the god of this world, asked Adam what he desired. Adam replied that he was waiting for messengers from his Father. Satan declared that a preacher would soon arrive. A man representing a sectarian minister entered and preached doctrine, which Adam did not accept.~~

~~Peter, James, and John were sent down by the Lord to learn, without disclosing their identity, if the man Adam had been faithful to his covenants. They found that he had been faithful and so reported.~~

~~They were sent down again, this time in their true character as apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, to visit and to instruct Adam and his posterity in the telestial world. Before so teaching the people, they cast Satan out.~~

The Law of the Gospel

~~The law of the gospel, as contained in the Book of Mormon and the Bible, was then given Adam and his posterity. You were placed under covenant to obey the law of the gospel, and to avoid all lightmindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, and taking the name of the Lord in vain.~~

~~The robe of the holy priesthood was placed upon your left shoulder, according to the order of the Aaronic priesthood.~~

~~The second token of the Aaronic priesthood was given you, with its name, sign, and penalty, and you were informed that the name of this token is _____.~~

~~The robe of the holy priesthood was then changed to the right shoulder, as was done anciently when officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek priesthood. With the robe on the right shoulder, you have authority also, if called to the bishopric, to act in the Aaronic priesthood.~~

The Terrestrial World — The Law of Chastity

~~You were then introduced, with the robe of the holy priesthood on the right shoulder, into the terrestrial kingdom. The law of chastity was there explained to you in plainness, and you were placed under covenant to obey this law.~~

~~The first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name, sign, and penalty, was next given you. You were told that the name of the first token of the Melchizedek priesthood is _____.~~

The Law of Consecration

The book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the Book of Mormon and the Bible, was presented to you; and the law of consecration, as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, was explained to you; and you received this law by covenant.

The second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place, was given you, together with its sign. The name of this token will be given you at the veil.

This token has reference to the crucifixion of the Savior. When he was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of his hands; then, fearing that the weight of his body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of his hands, they drove nails through his wrists. Hence in the palm is the Sign of the Nail, and in the wrist is the Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place.

The Veil

You have now progressed so far in the endowment that you are ready to receive the name of the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood and to pass through the veil into the celestial kingdom:

The sisters in this company who are to be married and sealed for time and eternity should be taken through the veil by their intended husband. Others will be taken through the veil by the regular temple workers.

Conclusion

Brethren and sisters, you will have received this day the sacred ordinances of the endowment. The eternal plan of salvation for man, as he journeys from his pre-existent state to his future high place in the celestial kingdom, has been presented to you. You have covenanted to obey all the laws of the gospel, including the laws of obedience, sacrifice, chastity, and consecration, which make possible an exaltation with the Gods; and you have received the first and second tokens of the Aaronic priesthood and the first and second tokens of the Melchizedek priesthood, with the names, signs, and penalties of these tokens, except the name of the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, which will be given you at the veil.

All this is done for the glory, honor, and endowment of the children of Zion.

Brethren and sisters, strive to comprehend the glorious things presented to you this day. No other people on earth have ever had this privilege, except as they have received the keys of the priesthood given in the endowment:

These are what are termed the mysteries of godliness—that which will enable you to understand the expression of the Savior, made just prior to his betrayal: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."

May God bless you all. Amen.

Presentation at the Veil

[patrons are presented individually at the veil. The veil worker taps three times with the mallet.]

LORD: What is wanted?

WORKER: Adam, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge by conversing with the Lord through the veil [for and in behalf of _____, who is dead].

LORD: Present him at the veil, and his request shall be granted.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The first token of the Aaronic priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the veil.

[The patron gives the token's name.]

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The second token of the Aaronic priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the veil.

[The patron gives the token's name.]

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The first token of the Melchizedek priesthood, or Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the veil.

[The patron gives the token's name.]

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Lord through the veil.

LORD: You shall receive it, ~~upon the five points of fellowship,~~ through the veil.

[Still holding the patriarchal grip, the patron and the person ~~representing the Lord~~ embrace ~~upon the five points of fellowship~~ through the veil. The patron's left arm passes through the mark of the compass, and the left arm of the person representing the Lord passes through the mark of the square. The person representing the Lord speaks into the patron's ear the name of the token.]

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the patriarchal grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, ~~upon the five points of fellowship,~~ through the veil.

[The patron speaks back the name of the token.]

LORD: That is correct.

Admission Through The Veil

[The patron returns to the part in the veil; the worker taps three times with the mallet.]

LORD: What is wanted?

Comparison of Pre-1990 to Post-1990

WORKER: Adam, having conversed with the Lord through the veil, desires now to enter his presence.

LORD: Let him enter.

[The patron is brought through the veil into the Celestial Room.]

Comparison of Pre-2019 to Post-2019

Credit to: Mike Norton, AKA NewNameNoah.

Audio of this ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VOb0XNjdXE>.

Black: No change from previous version of endowment

Green: Words added Post-2019

Red: ~~Words removed Pre-2019~~

[Bracketed]: Stage directions taken from previous versions of endowment as found on LDSEndowments.org

Preface

[Patrons assemble in silence in the chapel. When all is ready, they are ushered into the Creation Room. Here and throughout the ceremony, men sit on one side of the room, women on the other.]

NARRATOR: Before beginning the endowment session, we share the following statement from the first Presidency of the church:

Brothers and sisters, since the temple endowment was first administered in this dispensation occasional adjustments have been made by the First Presidency and the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, acting unitedly in their capacity as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Upon seeking the will of the Lord and after solemn prayer in the upper room of the Salt Lake Temple, the Lord has again revealed inspired adjustments to the temple ceremonies.

These adjustments, which you will notice during your worship experience in the temple today, will bring harmony to the way men and women make covenants with God. They deepen our understanding of His will and His relationship with his daughters and sons.

These modifications do not affect the sacred and eternal covenants associated with the saving and exalting ordinances of the temple,

As a reminder, due to the sacred nature of all temple ordinances, the fact and content of these changes should not be discussed outside the temple.

May you feel the Lord's love as you serve in His holy house.

Brethren and sisters, we welcome you to the temple, and hope you will find joy in serving in the house of the Lord this day. Those of you who are here to receive your own Endowments should have been washed, anointed, and clothed in the Garment of the Holy Priesthood. For those who are representing deceased persons, the ordinances of washing, anointing, and clothing in the Garment of the Holy Priesthood, together with the ordaining in behalf of the deceased brethren were preformed previously. Each of you should have received a New Name in connection with this company. If any of you have forgotten the New Name, or have not received these ordinances as explained, please stand. (pause)

Please be alert, attentive and reverent during the presentation of the Endowment. As you are asked to proceed to the Veil, please do so in an orderly manner, row by row, as directed. After passing through the Veil into the Celestial Room, and in other areas in the Temple, if you need to communicate, please whisper, thus helping us maintain the quiet reverence that should prevail in the House of the Lord. We will now proceed with the presentation of the Endowment.

Introduction

Brethren, you have been washed and pronounced clean, or that through your faithfulness, you may become clean from the blood and sins of this generation. You have been anointed to become hereafter Kings and, Priests unto the Most High God, to rule and reign in the House of Israel forever.

Sisters, you have been washed and pronounced clean and anointed to become hereafter Queens and Priestesses ~~to your husbands~~ in the new and everlasting covenant.

Brethren and Sisters, if you are true and faithful, the day will come when you will be chosen, called up, and anointed Kings and Queens, Priests and Priestesses, through the holy order of matrimony in the new and everlasting covenant here after to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever whereas you are now anointed only to become such. The realization of these blessings depends upon your faithfulness.

You have had a Garment placed upon you, which you were informed represents the garment given to Adam and Eve when they were found naked in the garden of Eden, and which is called the "Garment of the Holy Priesthood." This you were instructed to wear throughout your life. You were informed that it will be a shield and a protection to you inasmuch as you do not defile it, and if you are true and faithful to your covenants.

You have had a New Name given unto you, which you were told never to divulge, nor forget. This New Name is a keyword which you will be required to give at a certain place in the temple today.

Your Endowment is, to receive all those ordinances in the House of the Lord, which are necessary for you, to enable you to walk back to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the signs and the tokens, pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, and gain your eternal exaltation.

If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be required to take upon yourselves sacred obligations, the violation of which will bring upon you the judgment of God; for God will not be mocked. If any of you desire to withdraw rather than accept these obligations of your own free will and choice, you may now make it known by raising your hand.

[Pause.]

Brethren and sisters, as you sit here, you will hear the voices of three persons who represent Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael. Elohim will command Jehovah and Michael to go down and organize a world. The work of the six creative periods will be represented. They will also organize man in their own likeness and image, male and female.

The Creation

First Day

[Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael are heard speaking outside the Creation Room.]

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, see: yonder is matter unorganized, go ye down and organize it into a world like unto the other worlds we have hereunto formed. Call your labors the First Day and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done Elohim. Come Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, see: here is matter unorganized. We will organize it into a world like unto other worlds we have heretofore formed. We will call our labors the First Day and return and report.

~~**MICHAEL:** We will return and report our labors of the First Day, Jehovah.~~

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded, and have called our labors the First Day.

ELOHIM: It is ~~well~~ good.

Second Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, go down again. Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye seas, and the dry land call ye earth. Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. Call your labors the Second Day, bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call seas, and the dry land we will call earth. We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. We will call our labors the Second Day and return and report.

~~**MICHAEL:** We will return and report our labors of the Second Day, Jehovah.~~

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded, and have called our labors the Second Day.

ELOHIM: It is ~~well~~ good.

Third Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return again to the earth that you have organized. Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light "day," and the darkness "night." Cause the lights in the firmament to appear; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds heretofore created. Call your labors the Third Day and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

MICHAEL: We will return, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will divide the light from the darkness, and call the light "day," and the darkness "night." We will cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater to rule the day, and the lesser to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth; the same as with other worlds heretofore created. We will call our labors the Third Day and return and report.

~~**MICHAEL:** We will return and report our labors of the Third Day, Jehovah.~~

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded, and have called our labors the Third Day.

ELOHIM: It is ~~well~~ good.

Fourth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return and place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation; each bearing seed in itself after its own kind. Call your labors the Fourth day and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation. We will call our labors the Fourth Day and return and report.

~~**MICHAEL:** We will return and report our labors of the Fourth Day, Jehovah.~~

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have been down as thou hast commanded, and we have called our labors the fourth day.

ELOHIM: It is well good.

Fifth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, return and place all manner of life upon the earth. Command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein. Call your labors the Fifth Day and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, we will place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals; fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds, in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth. We will command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein. We will call our labors the Fifth Day and return and report.

MICHAEL: It is well good, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed with vegetation growing thereon, and provided with all manner of life, it is glorious and beautiful.

JEHOVAH: It is, Michael.

~~**MICHAEL:** Let us return and report our labors of the Fifth Day, Jehovah.~~

JEHOVAH: Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded, and have called our labors the Fifth Day.

ELOHIM: It is well good.

Sixth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, is man found upon the earth?

JEHOVAH: Man is not found on the earth, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, then let us go down and form man in our own likeness and in our own image, male and female, and put into them their spirits, and let us give them dominion over all things on the face of the earth. We will plant for them a garden, eastward in Eden, and place them in it to tend and cultivate it, that they may be happy, and have joy therein. We will command them to multiply and replenish the earth, that they may have joy in their prosperity.

We will place before them the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and we will allow Lucifer, our common enemy, whom we have thrust out to tempt them, and to try them, that they may know by their own experience the good from the evil. If they yield to temptation, we will give unto them The Law of Sacrifice, and we will provide a savior for them, as we counseled in the beginning, that they may be brought forth by the power of the redemption and the resurrection, and come again into our presence, and with us partake of Eternal Life and exaltation. We will call this the Sixth Day, and we will rest from our labors for a season. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

Creation of Adam

[Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael enter the Creation Room. Michael sits in a chair with his head on his chest, his eyes closed, as if he were lifeless.]

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see the earth that we have formed. There is no man to till and take care of it. We are here to form man in our own likeness and in our own image.

JEHOVAH: We will do so, Elohim.

[Elohim and Jehovah pass their hands in the air over Michael's body, from head to foot.]

ELOHIM: Jehovah, man is now organized, and we will put into him his spirit, the breath of life, that he may become a living soul.

[Elohim and Jehovah lift Michael's head into an upright position. He opens his eyes.]

Creation of Eve

ELOHIM: Jehovah, is it good for man to be alone?

JEHOVAH: It is not good for man to be alone, Elohim.

ELOHIM: We will cause a deep sleep to come upon this man whom we have formed, and we will take from his side a rib from which we will form a woman to be a companion and helpmeet for him.

[Elohim and Jehovah lower Michael's head to his chest again. He closes his eyes as if asleep.]

NARRATOR: Brethren and sisters, this is Michael, who helped form the earth. When he awakens from the sleep which Elohim and Jehovah have caused to come upon him, he will be known as Adam, and having forgotten all, will have become a little child. Brethren close your eyes as if you were asleep.

[While the brethren's eyes are closed, Elohim and Jehovah lead Eve into the Creation Room.]

ELOHIM: Adam, awake and arise.

NARRATOR: All the brethren will please arise.

ELOHIM: Adam, here is a woman whom we have formed ~~and whom we give unto you~~ to be ~~a your~~ companion and helpmeet ~~for you~~. What will you call her?

ADAM: ~~She will be called~~ Eve.

~~**ELOHIM:** Why will you call her Eve?~~

ADAM: Because she is the mother of all living.

Introduction Into The Garden

ELOHIM: That is right, Adam; because she is the mother of all living ~~she will be called Eve~~. ~~For thus have I the Lord God called the first of all women~~. Adam, Eve, We have organized for you this earth, and have planted a garden, eastward in Eden. We will place you in the garden and we will there command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity. Jehovah, introduce Adam and Eve into the garden which we have prepared for them.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

[Jehovah instructs the brethren to follow Adam, and the sisters to follow Eve, into the Garden Room.]

The Garden

God Withdraws

NARRATOR: We now go with Adam and Eve into the garden. The brethren will ~~now~~ please be seated.

ELOHIM: Adam, Eve, we have created this earth, and have placed upon it all kinds of vegetation and animal life. We have commanded all these to multiply in their own sphere and element. Adam, Eve, we give you dominion over all these things, ~~and make you, Adam, Lord over the whole earth, and all things on the face thereof.~~

We now command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity. We have also planted for you this garden, wherein we have placed all manner of fruits, flowers, and vegetation. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil thou shalt not eat; nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee. But, remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Remember these commandments which we have given unto you. Now, go to, dress this garden, take good care of it, be happy and have joy therein. We shall go away, but we shall visit you again and give you further instructions.

[Elohim and Jehovah withdraw from the Garden Room. Eve also withdraws from view, as if passing into a different portion of the garden. Adam is left alone.]

Lucifer Approaches Adam

[Lucifer enters.]

LUCIFER: Well, Adam, you have a new world here.

ADAM: A new world?

LUCIFER: Yes, a new world, patterned after the old one where you used to live.

ADAM: I know nothing about any other world.

LUCIFER: Oh, I see, your eyes are not yet opened. You have forgotten everything. You must eat some of the fruit of that tree.

[Lucifer pantomimes picking two pieces of fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He offers the fruit to Adam.]

LUCIFER: Adam, here is some of the fruit of this tree. It will make you wise.

ADAM: I will not partake of that fruit. Father told me that in the day I should partake of it I should surely die.

LUCIFER: You shall not surely die but shall be as the gods, knowing good and evil.

ADAM: I will not partake of it.

LUCIFER: Oh, you will not? Well, we shall see.

[Adam withdraws from view.]

Lucifer Approaches Eve

[Eve returns.]

LUCIFER: Eve, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It will make you wise. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

EVE: Who are you?

LUCIFER: I am your brother.

EVE: You, my brother, and come here to persuade me to disobey Father?

LUCIFER: I have said nothing about Father. I want you to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, that your eyes may be opened, for that is the way Father gained his knowledge. You must eat of this fruit so as to comprehend that everything has its opposite: good and evil, virtue and vice, light and darkness, health and sickness, pleasure and pain—thus your eyes will be opened, and you will have knowledge.

EVE: Is there no other way?

LUCIFER: There is no other way.

EVE: Then I will partake.

[Eve pantomimes taking one of the pieces of fruit from Lucifer's hand and eating it.]

LUCIFER: There, now go and get Adam to partake.

[Lucifer pantomimes placing the second piece of fruit in her hand. He withdraws from view.]

Adam Eats The Fruit

[Adam returns.]

EVE: Adam, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

ADAM: Eve, do you know what fruit that is?

EVE: Yes, it is the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

ADAM: I cannot partake of it. Do you not know that Father commanded us not to partake of the fruit of that tree?

EVE: Do ~~you~~ ~~we~~ ~~not~~ intend to obey all of Father's commandments?

ADAM: Yes, all of them.

EVE: Do you not remember that Father commanded us to multiply and replenish the earth? I have partaken of this fruit and by so doing shall be cast out, and you will be left a lone man in the garden of Eden.

ADAM: Eve, I see that this must be. I will partake that man may be.

[Adam pantomimes eating the fruit.]

The Apron

LUCIFER: That is right.

EVE: *[To Adam.]* It is better for us to pass through sorrow that we may know the good from the evil.

EVE: *[To Lucifer]* I know thee now. Thou art Lucifer, he who was cast out of Father's presence for rebellion.

LUCIFER: Yes, you are beginning to see already.

ADAM: ~~What is that apron you have on?~~

LUCIFER: ~~It is an emblem of my power and Priesthoods.~~

ADAM: ~~I am~~ ~~We are~~ looking for Father to come down to give us further instructions.

LUCIFER: Oh, you are looking for Father to come down, are you?

[Elohim and Jehovah are heard speaking outside the Garden Room.]

ELOHIM: Jehovah, we promised Adam and Eve that we would visit them and give them further instructions. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

ADAM: I hear their voices, they are coming.

LUCIFER: See, you are naked. Take some fig leaves and make you aprons. Father will see your nakedness. Quick! Hide!

[Lucifer withdraws from view.]

ADAM: *[To Eve.]* Come, let us hide.

[Adam and Eve withdraw from view.]

NARRATOR: Brethren and sisters, put on your aprons.

[He waits until they have done so.]

God Returns

[Elohim and Jehovah return to the Garden Room.]

ELOHIM: Adam ... Adam! ... Adam!! Where art thou?

[Adam returns.]

ADAM: I heard thy voice and hid myself, because I was naked.

ELOHIM: Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou partaken of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, of which we commanded thee not to partake?

ADAM: The woman thou ~~gavest me, and~~ commanded ~~that she~~ should remain with me, she gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

ELOHIM: Eve, *[Eve returns.]* what is this that thou hast done?

EVE: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Lucifer Is Expelled From The Garden

ELOHIM: Lucifer, *[Lucifer returns.]* what hast thou been doing here?

LUCIFER: I have been doing that which has been done in other worlds.

ELOHIM: What is that?

LUCIFER: I have been giving some of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil to them.

ELOHIM: Lucifer, because thou hast done this, thou shalt be cursed above all the beasts of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life.

LUCIFER: If thou cursest me for doing the same thing which has been done in other worlds, I will take the spirits that follow me, and they shall possess the bodies thou createst for Adam and Eve!

ELOHIM: I will place enmity between thee and the seed of the woman. Thou mayest have power to bruise his heel, but he shall have power to crush thy head.

LUCIFER: Then with that enmity I will take the treasure of the earth, and with gold and silver I will buy up armies and navies, false priests who oppress, and tyrants who destroy, and reign with blood and horror on the earth!

ELOHIM: Depart!

[Lucifer passes from the Garden Room into the World Room.]

Conditions Of The Fall

ELOHIM: Jehovah, let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands, and partake of the fruit thereof, and live forever in their sins.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

[Jehovah stretches his hand towards the tree of life.]

JEHOVAH: Let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof and live forever in their sins. It is done, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Adam because thou hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man. And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Law Of Obedience

ELOHIM: Adam, Eve, inasmuch as ~~Eve was the first to eat~~ you have eaten of the forbidden fruit, ~~if she will covenant that from this time forth she will obey the Law of the Lord, and will hearken unto your counsel as you hearken unto mine, and~~ if you will covenant that from this time forth you will obey the Law of ~~Elohim~~ the Lord, we will give unto you the Law of Obedience and Sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for you, whereby you may come back into our presence, and with us partake of Eternal Life and exaltation.

EVE: ~~Adam, I now covenant to obey the Law of the Lord, and to hearken to your counsel as you hearken unto Father.~~ Elohim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.

ADAM: Elohim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.

ELOHIM: It is ~~well~~ good. Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

NARRATOR: Brethren and sisters the garment ~~that was~~ which has been placed upon you ~~in the washing room~~ is to cover your nakedness and represents the coat of skins spoken of. The officiator will represent Elohim at the Altar. A couple will now come to the altar.

Brethren and sisters, this couple represents all of you as if at the altar. You must consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

ELOHIM: We will put ~~the sisters~~ each of you under covenant to obey the Law of the Lord, ~~and to hearken to the counsel of her husband, as her husband hearkens unto the counsel of the Father. Sisters, arise.~~

~~**ELOHIM:** Each of you bring your right arm to the square. You and each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will each observe and keep the law of the Lord, and hearken to the counsel of your husband as he hearkens to the counsel of the Father. Each of you bow your head and say "Yes."~~

~~**WOMEN:** Yes.~~

~~**ELOHIM:** That will do.~~

~~**ELOHIM:** Brethren, Arise.~~

ELOHIM: Brethren and sisters, Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and Each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will obey the law of ~~God~~ the Lord and keep his commandants.

Each of you will bow your head and say "yes."

ADAM: PATRONS: Yes.

ELOHIM: ~~That will do.~~ Thank You.

The Law Of Sacrifice

ELOHIM: Brethren and sisters, we will now put you under covenant to obey and keep the Law of Sacrifice, as contained in the Holy Scriptures. This Law of Sacrifice was given to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, who, when ~~he was~~ they were driven out of the garden, built an altar on which ~~he~~ Adam offered sacrifices; and after many days, an angel of the Lord appeared ~~unto Adam,~~ saying: "Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?" Adam said: "I know not, save the Lord commanded me." And then the angel spake saying: "This is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou dost in the name of the Son, and thou shalt repent, and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore."

The posterity of Adam down to Moses, and from Moses to Jesus Christ offered up the first fruits of the field, and the firstlings of the flock, which continued until the death of Jesus

Christ, which ended sacrifice by the shedding of blood. And as Jesus Christ has laid down his life for the redemption of mankind, so we should covenant to sacrifice all that we possess, even our own lives if necessary, in sustaining and defending the Kingdom of God.

~~All arise.~~ Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar that you will observe and keep the Law of Sacrifice, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes."

PATRONS: Yes.

ELOHIM: ~~That will do~~ Thank you.

The First Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

ELOHIM: We will now give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign. Before doing this, we desire to impress upon your minds the sacred character of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign, as well as that of all the other tokens of the Holy Priesthood, with their names and signs, which you will receive in the temple this day. They are most sacred and are guarded by solemn covenants and obligations made in the presence of God, angels and these witnesses to hold them sacred and under no condition will you ever divulge them, except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you.

[Elohim demonstrates the first token of the Aaronic priesthood.]

The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb directly over the first knuckle of the hand, in this manner.

ELOHIM: Adam, we give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. We desire all to receive it. All arise.

[All patrons receive the token.]

ELOHIM: If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand.

The name of this token is the New Name that you received in the temple today. If any of you have forgotten the New Name, please stand.

[Elohim demonstrates the sign for this token.]

The sign is made by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

ELOHIM: I will now explain the covenant and obligation which are associated with this token, its name and sign which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were

receiving my own Endowment today, and had been given the name of "John" as my New Name, I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the sign:

I, John, covenant before God, angels and these witnesses, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~ELOHIM: All arise.~~

ELOHIM: Each of you make the sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, by bringing your right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign. Now, repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant.

I _____, think of the new name, covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~That will do~~ Thank you.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see that Adam and Eve are driven out of this beautiful garden into the lone and dreary world, where they may learn from their own experience to distinguish good from evil.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

[Jehovah instructs the brethren to follow Adam, and the sisters to follow Eve, into the World Room. Elohim and Jehovah do not accompany patrons into the World Room.]

The Telestial Kingdom

NARRATOR: We go now with Adam and Eve into the lone and dreary world. Brethren and sisters, this represents the Telestial Kingdom, or the world in which we now live. Adam and Eve, on finding ~~himself~~ themselves in the lone and dreary world, built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words ~~he~~ Adam uttered:

[Adam kneels at the altar and lifts his hands towards heaven, each arm raised to the square.]

ADAM: Oh God, hear the words of my mouth. Oh God, hear the words of my mouth. Oh God, hear the words of my mouth.

[Lucifer comes into view.]

LUCIFER: I hear you; what is it you want?

ADAM: Who are you?

LUCIFER: I am the God of this world.

ADAM: You, the God of this world?

LUCIFER: Yes, what do you want?

ADAM: ~~I am~~ We are looking for messengers.

LUCIFER: Oh, you want someone to preach to you. You want religion, do you? There will be many willing to preach to you the philosophies of men, mingled with scripture.

ADAM: But ~~I am~~ we are looking for messengers from ~~my~~ our Father.

God Sends Messengers

[Elohim, Jehovah, and their messengers are heard speaking outside the World Room.]

ELOHIM: Jehovah, send down Peter, James and John to visit ~~the man~~ Adam and Eve in the Telestial World, without disclosing their identity. Have them observe conditions generally, see if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam and Eve ~~has~~ have been true to the token and sign given ~~him to them~~ in the garden of Eden. Have ~~them~~ Peter, James and John then return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

~~**JEHOVAH:** Peter, James and John, go down and visit the man Adam in the Telestial World, without disclosing your identity. Observe conditions there, and learn whether Adam has been true to the token and sign given to him in the garden of Eden. Then return and bring us word.~~

~~**PETER:** It shall be done, Jehovah. Come James and John, let us go down.~~

~~(The three turn and leave, and the scene turns to the lone and dreary world. Adam and Eve are shown walking through a forested area with Lucifer following them. Peter, followed by James and John approach Adam, Eve, and Lucifer.)~~

The Messengers' First Visit

[Peter, James, and John enter the World Room.]

PETER: Good morning.

LUCIFER: Good morning gentlemen.

PETER: What are you doing here?

LUCIFER: Observing the teachings of these people.

PETER: What is being taught?

LUCIFER: The philosophies of men, mingled with scripture.

PETER: How is this teaching received?

LUCIFER: Very well! Except ~~this man does~~ these people do not seem to believe what is being taught.

PETER: *[To Adam.]* Good morning. What do you think of this teaching?

ADAM: ~~I am~~ We are looking for messengers from ~~my~~ our Father to teach ~~me~~ us.

PETER: That is good.

PETER: Have you any tokens or signs?

LUCIFER: *[Interjecting.]* Have you any money?

PETER: We have sufficient for our needs.

LUCIFER: You can buy anything in this world with money.

PETER: *[To Adam.]* Do you sell your tokens or signs for money? You have them, I presume.

ADAM: † We have them, but I we do not sell them for money. † We hold them sacred. ~~I am~~ We are looking for the further light and knowledge Father promised to send ~~me~~ us.

PETER: That is right. We commend you for your integrity. Good day. We shall probably visit you again.

[Peter, James, and John leave the World Room.]

Lucifer Boasts Of His Powers

LUCIFER: Now is the great day of my power. I reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. There is none who dares to molest or make afraid.

The Messengers' First Report

[Elohim, Jehovah, and their messengers are heard speaking outside the World Room.]

PETER: Jehovah, we have visited ~~the man~~ Adam and Eve in the Telestial World as thou didst command us. We found Satan there, striving to lead ~~the their~~ posterity ~~of Adam~~ astray with all manner of false doctrine. But ~~Adam has they have~~ been true and faithful to the token and sign given ~~him~~ them in the garden of Eden, and ~~is they are~~ waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send ~~him~~ them. This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is well good, Peter, James and John. Elohim—Peter, James and John have been down to ~~the man~~ Adam and Eve in the Telestial World. And have done all that they were commanded to do. ~~They found Satan there, striving to lead the posterity of Adam astray with all manner of false doctrine. But Adam has been true and faithful to the token and sign given him in the garden of Eden, and he is waiting for the further light and knowledge you promised to send him. This is their report.~~

ELOHIM: It is well good. Jehovah, instruct Peter, James and John to go down in their true character as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the

Telestial World, and to cast Satan out of their midst. Instruct them to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity, the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Holy Scriptures; also give unto them a charge to avoid all light mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice; and cause these to be received by covenant. ~~Instruct Peter, James, and John further to clothe Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood, with the robe on the left shoulder, and to give.~~ Give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign. Then have them return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. ~~Peter, James and John, go down in your true character as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial World and, to cast Satan out of their midst. Give unto them Adam and Eve and their posterity the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Holy Scriptures; also a charge to avoid all lightmindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice. Cause them to receive those by covenant. Clothe them in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood, with the robe on the left shoulder, and give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign. Then return and bring us word.~~

~~PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come James and John, let us go down.~~

The Messengers' Second Visit

[Peter, James, and John return to the World Room.]

PETER: I am Peter.

JAMES: I am James.

JOHN: I am John.

LUCIFER: Yes, I thought I knew you. What are you going to do now?

PETER: We will dismiss you without further argument.

LUCIFER: Aah! You have looked over my kingdom, and my greatness and glory. Now you want to take possession of the whole of it. *[He indicates the patrons.]* I have a word to say concerning these people. If they do not walk up to every covenant, they make at these altars in this temple this day, they will be in my power!

PETER: Satan, we command you to depart!

LUCIFER: By what authority?

PETER: *[Raising his right arm to the square.]* In the name of Jesus Christ, our Master.

[Lucifer exits.]

Adam Tests The Messengers

PETER: Adam, Eve, we are true messengers from the Father, and have come to give you the further light and knowledge He promised to send you.

ADAM: How shall I know that you are true messengers?

PETER: By our giving unto you the token and sign you received in the garden of Eden.

[Peter takes Adam by the hand in the first token of the Aaronic priesthood.]

ADAM: What is that?

PETER: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

ADAM: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

ADAM: Will you give it to me?

PETER: *[Peter demonstrates the sign as he says this.]* I cannot, for it is the New Name, and I have made a covenant not to disclose it, but this is the sign.

ADAM: Now † we know that you are true messengers sent down from Father. *[To the Patrons.]* These are true messengers, † We exhort you to give strict heed to their counsel and teaching, and they will lead you in the way of life and salvation. Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened and in this life, I shall have joy and again in the flesh I shall see God.

EVE: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed and never should have known good and evil and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.

NARRATOR: The Officiator will represent Peter at the Altar.

The Law Of The Gospel

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar. Brethren and sisters, this couple at the altar represents all of you as if at the altar, and you will be under the same obligations as they will be. We are required to give unto you the Law of the Gospel which is the Higher Law taught by Jesus Christ as contained in the Holy Scriptures; to give unto you also a charge to avoid all light mindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and to cause you to receive these by covenant.

All-arise: Each of you bring your right arm to the square. Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses, that you will observe and keep the Law of the Gospel and this charge as it has been explained to you. Each of you bow your heads and say "yes."

PATRONS: Yes.

PETER: ~~That will do~~ Thank you.

The Robes Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: ~~We are instructed to clothe you in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood. Place the robe on your left shoulder. Place the cap on your head with the bow over the right ear, replace the apron, tie the girdle with the bow on the right side, remove the slippers from your feet, and put them on again as part of the temple clothing. You may now proceed to clothe.~~

Second Token Of The Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: ~~A couple will now come to the altar.~~

~~With the robe on the left shoulder, you are prepared to officiate in the ordinances of the Aaronic Priesthood:~~

We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.

[Peter demonstrates the token.]

This Token is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb between the first and second knuckles of the hand, in this manner.

We desire all to receive it. All arise.

[All patrons receive the token. Peter then reveals the name and sign for this token. Not all patrons receive the same name.]

If any of you have not received this token, please raise your hand. The name of this token is your own first given name if you are going through the temple for your own Endowment, or, if you are going through for the dead, it is the first given name of the person for whom you are officiating.

The sign is made by bringing the right hand in front of you, with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign. I will now explain the covenant and obligation which are associated with this token, its name and sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my own endowment today, and if *[here Peter provides a sample name for the token]* my first given name were "David," I would repeat in my mind those words, after making the sign:

I, David, solemnly covenant before God, angels and these witnesses, that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~All arise.~~ Each of you make the sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic priesthood by bringing the right hand in front of you, with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

Now, repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

[Peter leads the patrons in repeating this oath.]

I _____, think of the first given name, solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~That will do~~ Thank you.

We will return and report.

[Peter, James, and John exit.]

The Messengers' Second Report

[Elohim, Jehovah, and their messengers are heard speaking outside the World Room.]

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve ~~and~~ who have their posterity in the Telestial World, and have ~~cast Satan out of their midst. We have given unto them the Law of the Gospel as contained in the Holy Scriptures; also a charge to avoid all lightmindedness, loud laughter, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and have caused them to receive these by covenant. We have also clothed them in the Robes of the Holy Priesthood and have given unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign. This is our report.~~ done all that we were commanded to do.

JEHOVAH: It is well good, Peter, James and John.

Elohim—Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial World, have cast Satan out of their midst, and have done all else that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is well good.

Jehovah send down Peter, James, and John again to the Telestial World. ~~Have Adam and Eve and their posterity to change their robes to their right shoulder, Instruct them to clothe Adam and Eve and their posterity in the robes of the Holy Priesthood with the robe on the right shoulder,~~ preparatory to ~~officiating~~ participating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood; and introduce them into the Terrestrial World.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further, to give unto them the Law of Chastity, and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is, that the ~~daughters of Eve, and the sons of Adam~~ women of my kingdom and the men of my kingdom shall have no sexual relations except with ~~their husbands or wives to those~~ whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to my law. Give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or the

Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign. Have them return and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. ~~Peter, James, and John, go down again to the Telestial World; instruct Adam and Eve and their posterity to change their robes to their right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood; and introduce them into the Terrestrial World. Give to them the Law of Chastity, and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is, that the daughters of Eve, and the sons of Adam shall have no sexual relations except with their husbands or wives to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded. Give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or the Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign; and return and bring us word.~~

The Robes Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

[Peter, James, and John return to the World Room.]

PETER: ~~It shall be done, Jehovah. Come James and John, let us go down. We are instructed to have you remove the robe and change it to the right shoulder, preparatory to officiating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood;~~ We are instructed to clothe you in the robes of the Holy Priesthood and to introduce you into the Terrestrial World. ~~You may now remove the robe.~~

Place the robe on your right shoulder. Place the cap or veil on your head with the bow over the left ear for the brethren, replace the apron, tie the girdle with the bow on the left side. You may now proceed to clothe.

The Terrestrial World

NARRATOR: ~~We now enter the Terrestrial World.~~ Brethren and Sisters please follow the officiators into the room which represents the Terrestrial World.

The Law Of Chastity

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

We are instructed to give unto you the law of Chastity; which is, that ~~each of you shall have no sexual relations except with your husband or wife to whom you are legally and lawfully wedded.~~ the women of God's kingdom and the men of God's kingdom shall have no sexual relations except with those to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to His law.

~~All please arise.~~ Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you **individually** covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will observe and keep the Law of Chastity, as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes."

PATRONS: Yes.

PETER: ~~That will Do~~ Thank You.

First Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or the Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign.

[Peter demonstrates the token.]

This token is received by bringing the right hand into this position: the hand vertical, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended; and the person giving the token placing the tip of the forefinger of his right hand in the center of the palm, and the thumb opposite on the back of the hand of the one receiving it, in this manner.

We desire all to receive it. All arise.

If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand. The name of this token is "the Son", meaning the Son of God.

The sign is made by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square; the right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant and obligation which are associated with this token, its name and sign and which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving the Endowment today, either for myself or for the dead, I would repeat in my mind these words, after making the sign:

I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~All arise~~ Each of you make the sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square; the right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant.

I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign.

~~That will do~~ Thank you.

[Peter, James, and John exit.]

The Messengers' Third Report

[Elohim, Jehovah, and their messengers are heard speaking outside the Terrestrial Room.]

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity, ~~have placed the robe on the right shoulder and have introduced them into the Terrestrial World. We have put them under covenant to observe and keep the Law of Chastity. We have also given them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying name and sign. This is our report.~~ and have done all that we were commanded to do.

JEHOVAH: It is well good, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim—Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is well.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James and John and instruct them to give to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world the Law of Consecration in connection with the law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice, and to cause them to receive it by covenant; to give unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign, and to teach them the Order of Prayer and prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the Veil. Then have them report at the Veil.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. ~~Peter, James, and John, go down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial World, and give unto them the Law of Consecration, in connection with the Law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice, and cause them to receive it by covenant. Give unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign. Teach them the Order of Prayer and prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the Veil. Then report at the Veil.~~

~~PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah. Come, James and John, let us go down.~~

The Law Of Consecration

[Peter, James, and John return to the Terrestrial Room.]

PETER: A couple will now come to the altar.

We are instructed to give unto you the Law of Consecration as contained in the book of Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the Law of the Gospel and the Law of Sacrifice which you have already received. It is that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which he may bless you, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth and for the establishment of Zion.

All-arise: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

You and each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses at this altar, that you do accept the Law of Consecration as contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, in that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which he may bless you, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth and for the establishment of Zion.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes."

PATRONS: Yes.

PETER: ~~That will do~~ Thank You.

Second Token Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign.

This token has reference to the crucifixion of the Savior. When he was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of his hands, then fearing that the weight of his body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through his wrists. Hence, in the palm is the Sign of the Nail, and in the wrist is the Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure place.

[Peter demonstrates the token.]

This token is given by clasping the right hands, interlocking the little fingers, and placing the tip of the forefinger upon the center of the wrist, in this manner. We desire all to receive it. All arise.

If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand.

This token has a name and a sign. You will be under the same sacred obligation in connection with this token and sign as you are with the other tokens and signs of the Holy Priesthood which you have received in the temple this day. The name of this token will not be given to you at this stage in the Endowment, but it will be given later on.

[Peter demonstrates the sign for this token and then leads patrons in making the sign.]

The sign is made by raising both hands high above the head and while lowering the hands repeating aloud the words: "Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!" repeated three times.

When Adam and Eve ~~was~~ ~~were~~ driven out of the Garden of Eden, ~~he~~ ~~they~~ built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words that ~~he~~ ~~Adam~~ uttered: "Oh God, Hear the words of my mouth!", repeated three times.

All arise. Each of you make the sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands repeating three times the words:

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!
Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!
Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

PETER: ~~That will do~~ Thank you.

The Prayer Circle And The True Order Of Prayer

PETER: Brethren and Sisters with the robe on the right shoulder you are prepared to be taught the True Order of Prayer; and to be introduced at the Veil.

A few of you, including couples, will please come forward and form a circle around the altar.

[The couples are arranged so that men and women alternate around the circle. James directs the prayer circle.]

JAMES: Only the best of feelings should exist in the Circle. If any of you have unkind feelings toward any member of this circle, you are invited to withdraw so that the Spirit of the Lord may be unrestrained.

In the Circle we make the signs of all the tokens of the Holy Priesthood.

[James leads those in the circle in making each sign, in succession. As they do this, he reminds patrons of the name for each token, except the second token of the Melchizedek priesthood, the name of which has not yet been revealed.]

We will begin by making the Sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This is done by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this token is the New Name received in the temple today.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This sign is done by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right hand forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign. The name of this token is your first given name if you are going through the temple for your own Endowment, or if you are going through for the dead, it is the first given name of the person for whom you are officiating.

We will now make the sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail. This is done by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together with the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this Token is "the Son", meaning the Son of God.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail. This is done by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands repeating three times the words:

Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!
Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!
Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

We have here a list of names of persons who are sick, or otherwise afflicted, who we are requested to remember in our prayer. We will place this list upon the altar and request the faith of those present in behalf of these persons.

~~The sisters in the room will please veil their faces.~~

Each brother in the circle will take the sister at his left, by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip.

Each of you bring your left arm to the square, and rest it upon the shoulder or arm of the person at your left.

Those in the Circle will repeat the words of the prayer.

[James kneels before the altar, within the circle, makes the sign of the second token of the Aaronic priesthood, and offers an extemporaneous prayer. He pauses after each sentence, so that those in the circle may repeat his words.]

(Officiator Prays)

PETER: ~~The sisters will unveil their faces, and~~ The brethren and sisters in the circle will return to their seats.

We will now uncover the Veil.

The Veil Of The Temple

The Marks On The Veil

PETER: Brethren and sisters, this is the Veil of the temple. I will now explain the marks on the Veil.

These four marks are the marks of the Holy Priesthood, and corresponding marks are found in your individual garment.

On the right is the mark of the square. It is placed in the Garment over the right breast, suggesting to the mind exactness and honor in keeping the covenants entered into this day.

On the left is the mark of the compass. It is placed in the Garment over the left breast, suggesting to the mind an undeviating course leading to Eternal Life, a constant reminder that desires, appetites and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set, and that all truth may be circumscribed unto one great whole.

This is the navel mark. It is placed in the Garment over the navel, suggesting to the mind the need of constant nourishment to the body and spirit.

This is the knee mark. It is placed in the right leg of the garment, so as to be over the knee cap, suggesting that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ.

These other three marks are for convenience in working at the Veil. Through this one, the person representing the Lord puts forth his right hand, to test our knowledge of the tokens of the Holy Priesthood. Through the one on our right, he asks us certain questions, through the one on the left, we give our answers.

The Dialogue At The Veil

[Peter stands before the veil, in view of the patrons. A person representing the Lord stands concealed behind the veil.]

PETER: As all of you will have to pass through the Veil, we will show you how this is to be done.

Presentation at the Veil

[Peter stands before a part in the veil, off to the side of the marks whose meaning he has just explained.]

PETER: The person is brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet.

[Peter does so. The person representing the Lord puts his hand through the part in the veil, opening it slightly.]

Whereupon, the Lord parts the Veil, and asks:

LORD: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge, by conversing with the Lord, through the Veil.

LORD: Present him at the Veil, and his request shall be granted.

[Peter stands in front of the marks on the veil. The person representing the Lord puts his hand through the mark which Peter has indicated for this purpose.]

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: The person is brought to this point, whereupon the Lord puts forth his right hand, gives the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the Veil.

PETER: The person then gives, through the Veil, the name of this token, which is the New name received in the temple today.

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the Veil.

PETER: The person then gives the name of this token, which is his first given name, if he is going through the temple for his own Endowment, or if he is going through for the dead, it is the first given name of the person for whom he is officiating.

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the Veil.

PETER: The person then gives the name of this token, which is "the Son," meaning, the Son of God.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: The Lord then gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Lord through the Veil.

LORD: You shall receive it through the Veil.

PETER: It is received as left arms are placed upon right shoulders through the Veil.

PETER: The Lord then gives the name of this token, and asks:

LORD: What is that?

PETER: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I will, through the Veil.

PETER: The person then repeats back to the Lord the name of this token, as he receives it, whereupon the Lord says:

LORD: That is correct.

[The person representing the Lord withdraws his hand from view.]

Admission through the Veil

[Peter stands again before the part in the veil.]

PETER: The person is again brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet.

[Peter does so.]

PETER: The Lord parts the Veil and asks:

LORD: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having conversed with the Lord through the Veil, desires now to enter his presence.

PETER: The Lord puts forth his right hand, takes the person by the right hand, and says:

LORD: Let him enter.

PETER: He is admitted into the presence of the Lord.

[The person representing the Lord pulls Peter partway through the veil to demonstrate.]

We will now report.

[Peter, James, and John pass behind the veil.]

The Messengers' Fourth Report

[Elohim, Jehovah, and their messengers are heard speaking behind the veil.]

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial World, ~~and have given unto them the Law of Consecration, and have caused them to receive it by covenant. We have given unto them the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign, and have taught them the Order of Prayer. They are now ready to converse with the Lord through the Veil. And have done all that we were commanded to do. This is our report.~~

JEHOVAH: It is **well good**, Peter, James, and John. Elohim—Peter James and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial World and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is **well good**. Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the Veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Peter, James, and John, you will introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the Veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second

Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

PETER: It shall be done Jehovah. Come James and John, we will introduce them at the Veil.

[Peter, James, and John return from behind the veil.]

PETER: Brethren and sisters, we are instructed to introduce you at the Veil, where you will receive the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or the Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to your entering into the presence of God.

Ceremony At The Veil

Presentation at the Veil

[Patrons are presented individually at the veil. The veil worker taps three times with the mallet.]

LORD: What is wanted?

WORKER: Adam/Eve, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge, by conversing with the Lord, through the Veil. [for and in behalf of _____, who is dead].

LORD: Present him/her at the Veil, and his request shall be granted.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

[The Lord gives the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood through the opening in the Veil.]

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the Veil. (The New Name is given).

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

[The Lord gives the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.]

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the Veil (The First Name is given)

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

[The Lord gives the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood.]

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the Veil—the Son.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

[The Lord gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood.]

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose, I have come to converse with the Lord through the Veil.

LORD: You shall receive it through the Veil.

[Still holding the patriarchal grip, the patrons and the person embrace through the veil. The patron's left arm passes through the mark of the compass, and the left arm of the person representing the Lord passes through the mark of the square. The person representing the Lord speaks into the patrons' ears the name of the token.]

LORD: This is the name of the Token—Health in the navel, marrow in the bones, strength in the loins and in the sinews, power in the Priesthood be upon me, and upon my posterity through all generations of time, and throughout all eternity.

LORD: What is that?

PATRON: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: Has it a name?

PATRON: It has.

LORD: Will you give it to me?

PATRON: I will, through the Veil;

Health in the navel, marrow in the bones, strength in the loins and in the sinews, power in the Priesthood be upon me, and upon my posterity through all generations of time, and throughout all eternity.

LORD: That is correct.

Admission Through The Veil

[The patron returns to the part in the veil; the worker taps three times with the mallet.]

LORD: What is wanted?

WORKER: Adam/Eve, having conversed with the Lord through the Veil, desires now to enter his presence.

LORD: Let him enter.

[The patron is brought through the veil into the Celestial Room.]

Comparison of Pre-2023 to Post-2023

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Preface

NARRATOR: Before beginning the endowment session, we share the following statement from the First Presidency of the Church:

Brothers and sisters, since the temple endowment was first administered in this dispensation, occasional adjustments have been made by the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, acting unitedly in their capacity as prophets, seers, and revelators.

~~Upon seeking the will of the Lord and after solemn prayer in the upper room of the Salt Lake Temple, the Lord has again revealed inspired adjustments to the temple ceremonies.~~

~~These adjustments, which you will notice during your worship experience in the temple today, will bring harmony to the way men and women make covenants with God. They deepen our understanding of His will and His relationship with his daughters and sons.~~

You will notice that additional adjustments have been made in the presentation of the endowment, all of which are in harmony with the doctrine of the Savior's restored gospel.

~~These modifications do not affect the sacred and eternal covenants associated with the saving and exalting ordinances of the temple.~~

The temple covenants and ordinances remain the same.

~~As a reminder, due to the sacred nature of all temple ordinances, the fact and content of these changes should not be discussed outside the temple.~~

~~May you feel the Lord's love as you serve in His holy house.~~

May you be blessed as you serve and worship in the House of the Lord today

Brethren Brothers and sisters, we welcome you to the temple and hope you will find joy serving and worshiping in the house of the Lord ~~this day~~ today.

Those of you who are here to receive your own endowments should have been washed, anointed, and clothed in the garment of the holy priesthood. For those who are representing deceased persons, the ordinances of washing, anointing, and clothing in the garment of the holy priesthood, together with the ordaining on behalf of deceased ~~brethren brothers~~, were performed previously. Each of you should have received a new name in connection with this ~~company session~~. If any of you have forgotten the new name or have not received these ordinances as explained, please stand. (pause)

Please be ~~alert~~, attentive and reverent during the presentation of the endowment.

As you are asked to proceed to the veil, please do so in an orderly manner, row by row, as directed. After passing through the veil into the celestial room, and in other areas in the temple, if you need to communicate, please whisper, thus helping us maintain the quiet reverence that should prevail in the house of the Lord. ~~We will now proceed with the presentation of the Endowment.~~

Introduction

Brethren Brothers, you have been washed and pronounced clean, or that through your faithfulness you may become clean from the blood and sins of this generation. You have been anointed to become hereafter kings and priests unto the Most High God, to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever.

Sisters, you have been washed and pronounced clean, and anointed to become hereafter queens and priestesses in the new and everlasting covenant.

Brethren Brothers and sisters, your endowment in the house of the Lord includes all those ordinances necessary for you to return to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the tokens, names, and signs pertaining to the holy priesthood, and gain your eternal exaltation.

The endowment is a gift from your Heavenly Father. It is a symbolic representation of the plan of salvation, from your premortal life to your potential future exaltation in the celestial kingdom. The endowment is given by revelation. Thus, it is best understood by revelation, prayerfully sought with a sincere heart. As with other ordinances, during the endowment you will participate in sacred symbolic acts that teach about the Atonement of Jesus Christ. If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be invited to enter into sacred covenants or agreements with God established by Him in his Love and

mercy. As you make and keep these covenants you bind yourself to God the father and His son Jesus Christ. By exercising your agency to keep covenants throughout your life, you become more like Them and progress spiritually to return to Their presence. If you enter into a covenant with God and obey His laws, you will receive the blessings associated with that covenant. Those who violate covenants will bring upon themselves the judgment of God; for God will not be mocked.

Today you will be invited to covenant to keep five laws:

1. The Law of Obedience
2. The Law of Sacrifice
3. The Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
4. The Law of Chastity
5. The Law of Consecration

You will also receive tokens of the holy priesthood with their accompanying names and signs. You will covenant never to reveal them, except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you.

During the endowment, you will dress in the robes of the holy priesthood, symbolic of being clothed with righteousness, power, and glory as you honor your covenants with God.

~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, if you are true and faithful, the day will come when you will be chosen, called up, and anointed kings and queens, priests and priestesses through the holy order of matrimony in the new and everlasting covenant, hereafter to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever, whereas you are now anointed only to become such. The realization of these blessings depends upon your faithfulness.

~~You have had a~~ Each of you has had the garment placed upon you, ~~which you were informed represents the garment given to Adam and Eve when they were found naked in the garden of Eden, and~~ which is called the garment of the holy priesthood. It is a symbol of taking upon yourself the name of Jesus Christ and as a reminder of your temple covenants. ~~This~~ You were instructed to wear the garment throughout your life. ~~and You~~ were informed that it will be a shield and a protection to you inasmuch as you ~~do not defile it, and if you~~ are true and faithful to your covenants.

You have had a new name given unto you, which you were told never to ~~divulge~~ reveal nor forget. This new name is a key word, which you will be required to give at a certain place in the temple today.

~~Your Endowment is, to receive all those ordinances in the House of the Lord, which are necessary for you, to enable you to walk back to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the signs and the tokens, pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, and gain your eternal exaltation.~~

~~If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be required to take upon yourselves sacred obligations, the violation of which will bring upon you the judgment of~~

~~God; for God will not be mocked.~~

If any of you desire to withdraw rather than ~~accept these obligations~~ enter into these covenants of your own free will and choice, you may now make it known by raising your hand.

~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, ~~as you sit here~~; you will ~~now~~ hear the voices of ~~three~~ four persons who represent Elohim, Jehovah, ~~and~~ Michael, and Lucifer. Since the premortal realm, God the Eternal Father has also been known as Elohim, and the Savior Jesus Christ has also been known as Jehovah. Adam was known as Michael before he received a physical body. Satan was known as Lucifer before he was cast down.

As the presentation of the endowment begins, Elohim will preside over a council of His spirit children. He will present his plan for His children, and Jehovah will be chosen as the Savior and Redeemer. Lucifer will rebel against Elohim, and he and those who follow him will be cast down. Elohim will then command Jehovah and Michael to go down and organize a world. The work of the six creative periods will be represented. They will also organize man in their own likeness and image, male and female.

ELOHIM: Worlds without number have I created, and I also created them for mine own purpose. For behold, this is my work and my glory: to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. We will make an earth whereon these may dwell; and we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. If they yield to temptation, we will give unto them the Law of Sacrifice and we will provide a Savior for them, that they may be brought forth by the power of the Redemption and the Resurrection and come again into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

Whom shall I send?

JEHOVAH: Father, here am I, send me. Thy will be done, and the glory be Thine forever.

LUCIFER: Here am I, send me. I will be Thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it. Wherefore give me Thine honor.

ELOHIM: I will send Jehovah, who is my Beloved Son.

Lucifer, because thou hast rebelled against me and sought to destroy the agency of man, thou shalt be cast down.

The Creation

The First Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, see, ~~yonder~~ there is matter unorganized. Go ~~ye~~ down and organize it into a world like unto the other worlds that we have ~~hereunto~~ formed. ~~Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light “day” and the darkness “night”.~~ Call your labors “The First Day” and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, see, here is matter unorganized. We will organize it into a world like unto ~~the~~ other worlds that we have ~~heretofore~~ formed. ~~We will divide the light from the darkness and call the light “day” and the darkness “night”.~~ We will call our labors “The First Day” and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The First Day”.

ELOHIM: It is good.

The Second Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, go down again. ~~Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye seas, and the dry land call ye earth. Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams, to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth.~~ ~~Place a firmament to divide the waters which are in the heavens from the waters which are below the heavens.~~ Call your labors “The Second Day” and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will ~~gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call seas, and the dry land we will call earth. We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth.~~ ~~place a firmament to divide the waters which are in the heavens from the waters which are below the heavens.~~ We will call our labors “The Second Day”, and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Second Day”.

ELOHIM: It is good.

The Third Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return again to the earth that you have organized. ~~Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light "day," and the darkness "night." Cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds heretofore created.~~ Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye "seas", and the dry land call ye "earth". Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. Place seeds of all kinds in the earth, that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself after its own kind. Call your labors "The Third Day" and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

MICHAEL: We will return, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will ~~divide the light from the darkness, and call the light "day," and the darkness "night." We will cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater to rule the day, and the lesser to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth; the same as with other worlds heretofore created.~~ gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call "seas", and the dry land we will call "earth". We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. We will place seeds of all kinds in the earth, that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees,

and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself after its own kind. We will call our labors "The Third Day" and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors "The Third Day".

ELOHIM: It is good.

The Fourth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return and ~~place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation; each bearing seed in itself after its own kind.~~ cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds created. Call your labors "The Fourth Day" and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will ~~place seeds of all kinds in the earth that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation. We will call our labors the Fourth Day and return and report.~~ cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as the other worlds created. We will call our labors “The Fourth Day”, and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Fourth Day”.

ELOHIM: It is good.

The Fifth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided, and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, return and place ~~all manner of life upon the earth. Command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein.~~ fishes of all kinds in the waters and fowls in the air in

all their varieties. Command the fishes and the fowls to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. Call your labors “The Fifth Day” and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

MICHAEL: We will go down, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided, and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, we will place ~~beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all other kinds of animals; fowls in the air in all their varieties, fishes of all kinds, in the waters, and insects and all manner of animal life upon the earth. We will command the beasts, the fowls, the fishes, the insects, all creeping things, and other forms of animal life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind, and every kind of vegetation to multiply in its sphere, that every form of life may fill the measure of its creation and have joy therein.~~ fishes of all kinds in the waters and fowls in the air in all their varieties. We will command the fishes and the fowls to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. We will call our labors “The Fifth Day”, and return and report.

MICHAEL: It is well good, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed with vegetation growing thereon, and provided with all manner of life, it is glorious and beautiful.

JEHOVAH: It is, Michael.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Fifth Day”.

ELOHIM: It is good.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, return again and place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all manner of life upon the earth. Command the beasts, the insects, all creeping things, and every form of life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. Also command the earth and everything thereon to fill the measure of their creation and have joy therein. Then return and report.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

MICHAEL: We will return, Jehovah.

JEHOVAH: Michael, we will place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all manner of life upon the earth. We will command the beasts, the insects, all creeping things, and every form of life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. We will also command the earth and everything thereon to fill the measure of their creation and have joy therein. We will then return and report.

MICHAEL: It is good, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed, with vegetation growing thereon and provided with all manner of life, it is glorious and beautiful.

JEHOVAH: It is, Michael.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded.

ELOHIM: It is good.

The Sixth Day

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, is man found ~~upon~~ on the earth?

JEHOVAH: Man is not found on the earth, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, Michael, then let us go down and form man in our own likeness and in our own image, male and female, and put into them their spirits; and let us give them dominion over all things on the face of the earth. We will plant for them a garden eastward in Eden and palace them in it to tend and cultivate it, that they may be happy and have joy therein. We will command them to multiply and replenish the earth, that they may have joy in their posterity.

We will place before them the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and we will allow Lucifer, our common enemy, whom we have ~~thrust out~~ cast down, to tempt them and ~~to~~ try them, that they may know by their own experience the good from the evil. If they yield to temptation, we will give unto them the Law of Sacrifice and we will provide a Savior for them, as we counseled in the beginning, that they may be brought forth by the power of the Redemption and the Resurrection and come again into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

We will call this the Sixth day, and we will rest from our labors for a season. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

Creation of Adam

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see the earth that we have formed; there is no man to till and take care of it. We are here to form man in our own likeness and in our own image.

JEHOVAH: We will do so, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, man is now organized, and we will put into him his spirit, the breath of life, that he may become a living soul.

Creation of Eve

ELOHIM: Jehovah, is it good for man to be alone?

JEHOVAH: It is not good for man to be alone, Elohim.

ELOHIM: We will cause a deep sleep to come upon this man whom we have formed, and we will take from his side a rib, from which we will form a woman, ~~to be a companion and helpmeet for him.~~ that they may be companions and helpmeets for one another, and they shall cleave unto one another.

NARRATOR: ~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, this is Michael, who helped form the earth. When he awakens from the sleep which Elohim and Jehovah have caused to come upon him, he will be known as “Adam”, and having forgotten all, will have become like a little child. The priesthood was first given to Adam, and he holds the keys of it from generation to generation.

~~Brethren~~ Brothers, close your eyes as if you were asleep.

ELOHIM: Adam, awake and arise!

NARRATOR: All the brothers will please arise.

ELOHIM: Adam, here is a woman whom we have formed ~~to be a your companion and helpmeet for you.~~ that you may be companions and helpmeets for one another, and you shall cleave unto one another. What will you call her?

ADAM: She will be called “Eve”, because she is the mother of all living.

Introduction to the Garden of Eden

ELOHIM: That is right, Adam, because she is the mother of all living she will be called “Eve”; for thus have I, the Lord God, called the first of all women.

Adam, Eve, we have organized for you this earth and have planted a garden eastward in Eden. We will place you in the garden and will there command you to multiply and

replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

Jehovah, introduce Adam and Even into the garden which we have prepared for them.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Garden of Eden

God Withdraws

NARRATOR: We now go with Adam and Eve into the garden. The ~~brethren~~ brothers will please be seated.

ELOHIM: Adam, Eve, we have created this earth and have placed upon it all kinds of vegetation and animal life. We have commanded all these to multiply in their own sphere and element. ~~Adam, Eve, We~~ We give you dominion over all these things. We now command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

We have also planted for you this garden, wherein we have placed all manner of fruits, flowers, and vegetation. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil thou shalt not eat. Nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Remember these commandments which we have given unto you.

Now, go to, take good care of this garden, be happy and have joy therein. We shall go away, but we shall visit you again and give you further instructions.

Lucifer Approaches Adam

LUCIFER: Well, Adam, you have a new world here!

ADAM: A new world?

LUCIFER: Yes, a new world, patterned after the old one where we used to live.

ADAM: I know nothing about any other world.

LUCIFER: Oh, I see, your eyes are not yet opened. You have forgotten everything. You must eat some of the fruit of that tree.

Adam, here is some of the fruit of this tree. It will make you wise.

ADAM: I will not partake of that fruit. Father told me that in the day I should partake of it I

should surely die.

LUCIFER: You shall not surely die, but shall be as the Gods, knowing good and evil.

ADAM: I will not partake of it.

LUCIFER: Oh, you will not! Well, we shall see.

Lucifer Approaches Eve

LUCIFER: Eve, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It will make you wise. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

EVE: Who are you?

LUCIFER: I am your brother.

EVE: You, my brother, and come here to persuade me to disobey Father?

LUCIFER: I have said nothing about Father. I want you to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that your eyes may be opened, for that is the way Father gained His knowledge. You must eat of this fruit so as to comprehend that everything has its opposite: Good and evil, virtue and vice, light and darkness, health and sickness, pleasure and pain. Thus your eyes will be opened and you will have knowledge.

EVE: Is there no other way?

LUCIFER: There is no other way.

EVE: Then I will partake.

LUCIFER: There! Now go and get Adam to partake.

Adam Eats The Fruit

EVE: Adam, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

ADAM: Eve, do you know what fruit that is?

EVE: Yes, it is the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

ADAM: I cannot partake of it. Do you ~~not know~~ remember that Father commanded us not to partake of the fruit of that tree?

EVE: Do ~~we not~~ you intend to obey all of Father's commandments?

ADAM: Yes, all of them.

EVE: Do you remember that Father commanded us to multiply and replenish the earth? I have partaken of this fruit, and by so doing shall be cast out, and you will be left a lone man

in the Garden of Eden.

ADAM: Eve, I see that this must be. I will partake that man may be.

LUCIFER: That is right.

EVE: It is better for us to pass through sorrow that we may know the good from the evil. I know thee now. Thou art Lucifer, he who was cast out of Father's presence for rebellion.

LUCIFER: Yes. You are beginning to see already.

ADAM: We are looking for Father to come down to give us further instructions.

LUCIFER: Oh! You are looking for Father to come down, are you?

The Apron

ELOHIM: Jehovah, we promised Adam and Eve that we would visit them and give them further instructions. Come, let us go down.

JEHOVAH: We will go down, Elohim.

ADAM: I hear Their voices. They are coming.

LUCIFER: See, you are naked! ~~Take some fig leaves and make you aprons.~~ Father will see your nakedness. Quick! Hide!

ADAM: Come, let us hide!

NARRATOR: ~~The eyes of Adam and Eve were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.~~

~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, please put on your aprons.

God Returns

ELOHIM: Adam! Adam! Adam! Where art thou?

ADAM: I heard Thy voice and hid myself because I was naked.

ELOHIM: Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou partaken of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil of which we commanded thee not to partake?

ADAM: ~~The woman thou gavest me, and commanded that she should remain with me,~~ ~~she~~ Eve gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

ELOHIM: Eve, what is this ~~that~~ thou hast done?

EVE: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Lucifer Is Expelled From The Garden

ELOHIM: Lucifer! What hast thou been doing here?

LUCIFER: I have been doing that which has been done in other worlds.

ELOHIM: What is that?

LUCIFER: I have been giving some of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil to them.

ELOHIM: Lucifer, because thou hast done this, thou shalt be cursed above all the beasts of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life.

LUCIFER: If Thou cursest me for doing the same thing which has been done in other worlds, I will take the spirits that follow me, and they shall possess the bodies Thou createst for Adam and Eve.

ELOHIM: I will place enmity between thee and the seed of the woman. Thou mayest have power to bruise his heel, but he shall have power to crush thy head.

LUCIFER: Then with that enmity, I will take the treasures of the earth, and with gold and silver, I will buy up armies and navies, false priests who oppress, and tyrants who destroy, and I will reign with blood and horror on this earth.

ELOHIM: Depart!

Conditions Of The Fall

Jehovah, let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof and live forever in their sins.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof and live forever in their sins.

It is done, Elohim.

ELOHIM: Adam, because thou hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man. And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Law of Obedience

ELOHIM: Adam, Eve, inasmuch as you have eaten of the forbidden fruit, if you will

covenant that from this time forth you will ~~obey the law of the Lord~~ keep the Law of Obedience, we will give unto you the Law of ~~obedience and~~ Sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for you, whereby you may come back into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

EVE: ~~Elohim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.~~

ADAM: ~~Elohim, I now covenant with thee that from this time forth I will obey thy law and keep thy commandments.~~

ELOHIM: ~~It is good. Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.~~

JEHOVAH: ~~It shall be done, Elohim.~~

NARRATOR: ~~Brethren and sisters the garment which has been placed upon you is to cover your nakedness and represents the coat of skins spoken of. The officiator will represent Elohim at the Altar. A couple will now come to the altar.~~

~~Brethren and sisters, this couple represents all of you as if at the altar. You must consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve:~~

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

ELOHIM: ~~We will put each of~~ Adam, Eve, we will now put you under covenant to ~~obey the Law of the Lord~~ keep the Law of Obedience, which is to obey my commandments.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please raise your arm to the square as Instructed:

ELOHIM: ~~Brethren and sisters~~ Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

~~You and~~ Each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses ~~at this altar~~ that you will ~~obey the Law of the Lord and keep his commandments~~ keep the Law of Obedience as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes".

ADAM AND EVE: Yes.

ELOHIM: Thank you.

The Law of Sacrifice

ELOHIM: Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, the garment which has been placed upon you is to cover your nakedness and represent the coat of skins spoken of.

ELOHIM: Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

ELOHIM: ~~Brethren and sisters~~ We will now put you under covenant to keep the Law of Sacrifice as contained in the holy scriptures. ~~This~~ The Law of Sacrifice was given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, who, when they were driven out of the garden, built an altar on which Adam offered sacrifices. And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared, saying, "Why doest thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?" Adam said, "I know not save the Lord commanded me." And then the angel spake, saying, "This is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son; and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore."

The posterity of Adam down to Moses, and from Moses to Jesus Christ, offered up the first fruits of the field and the firstlings of the flock, which continued until the ~~death~~ Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which ended sacrifice by the shedding of blood. And as Jesus Christ has laid down His life for the Redemption of mankind, so ~~we~~ you should covenant to ~~sacrifice all that we possess, even our own lives if necessary, in sustaining and defending the Kingdom of God~~ keep the Law of Sacrifice, which is that you will offer a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and sacrifice all else that I, the Lord God, require of you so that you can become holy, without spot, through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please raise your arm to the square as Instructed.

ELOHIM: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

~~You and~~ Each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses ~~at this altar~~ that you will ~~observe and~~ keep the law of sacrifice as contained in the holy scriptures as it has been explained to you. Each of you bow your head and say "yes".

ADAM AND EVE: Yes.

ELOHIM: Thank you.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

ELOHIM: We will now give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign. Before doing this, we desire to impress upon your minds the sacred character of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign, as well as that of all other tokens of the holy priesthood with their names and signs, which you will receive in the temple today. They are most sacred and are guarded by solemn covenants made in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses to hold them sacred, and under no condition will you ever ~~divulge~~ reveal them except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you.

The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb directly over the first knuckle of the hand, in this manner.

~~**ELOHIM:** Adam, we give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. We desire all to receive it. All arise.~~

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

~~**ELOHIM:** If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand.~~

ELOHIM: Adam, Eve, we give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

The name of this token is the new name that you received in the temple today. If any of you have forgotten the new name, please stand.

The sign is made by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant ~~and obligation which are~~ associated with this token, its name, and its sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were receiving my own endowment today and had been given the name of “John” as my new name, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

“I, John, covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.”

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please make the sign as instructed:

ELOHIM: Each of you make the Sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood by bringing your right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

“I” - think of the new name - “covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.”

Thank you.

ELOHIM: Jehovah, see that Adam and Eve are driven out of this beautiful garden into the lone and dreary world, where they may learn from their own experience to distinguish good from evil.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Telestial Kingdom

NARRATOR: We go now with Adam and Eve into the lone and dreary world.

Brethren Brothers and sisters, this represents the Telestial Kingdom, or the world in which we now live. Adam and Eve, on finding themselves in the lone and dreary world, built an altar and offered prayer. And these are the words Adam uttered:

“O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth.”

SATAN: I hear you. What is it you want?

ADAM: Who are you?

SATAN: I am the god of this world.

ADAM: You, the god of this world?

SATAN: Yes. What do you want?

ADAM: We are looking for messengers.

SATAN: Oh, you want someone to preach to you? You want religion, do you? There will be many willing to preach to you the philosophies of men mingled with scripture.

ADAM: But we are looking for messengers from our Father.

God Sends Messengers

ELOHIM: Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John to visit Adam and Eve in the Telestial world without disclosing their identity. Have them observe conditions generally, see if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam and Eve have been true to the ~~token and sign~~ **given to them** covenants they made in the Garden of Eden. Then have Peter, James, and John ~~then~~ return, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Messengers' First Visit

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, through the ages Heavenly Father has sent messengers to communicate with His children. In the endowment, Peter, James, and John symbolically represent such messengers.

PETER: Good morning.

SATAN: Good morning, gentlemen.

PETER: What are you doing here?

SATAN: ~~Observing the teachings of these people.~~

PETER: ~~What is being taught?~~

SATAN: I am teaching the philosophies of men mingled with scripture.

PETER: How is this teaching received?

SATAN: Many receive it very well, ~~except~~ but these people do not seem to believe what is being taught.

PETER: Good morning. What do you think of this teaching?

ADAM: We are looking for messengers from our Father to teach us.

PETER: That is good. ~~Have you any tokens or signs?~~ Have you been true to the covenants you made in the Garden of Eden?

SATAN: Have you any money?

PETER: We have sufficient for our needs.

SATAN: You can buy anything in this world with money.

PETER: ~~Do you sell your tokens or signs for money? You have them, I presume.~~ Have you been true to your covenants?

ADAM: ~~We have them, but we do not sell them for money. We hold them sacred.~~ We have been true to our covenants and are looking for the further light and knowledge Father promised to send us.

PETER: That is right. We commend you for your integrity. Good day. We shall probably visit you again.

Lucifer Boasts of His Powers

SATAN: Now is the great day of my power. I reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. ~~There is none who~~ No one dares to ~~molest or make afraid~~ oppose me.

The Messengers' First Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have visited Adam and Eve in the Telestial world, as Thou didst command us. We found Satan there striving to lead Adam and Eve and their posterity astray with all manner of false doctrine. But they have been true and faithful to the ~~token and sign given them~~ covenants they made in the Garden of Eden, and they are waiting for the further light and knowledge You promised to send them. This is our report.

JEHOVAH: It is good, Peter, James, and John...Elohim—Peter James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve in the Telestial world and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is good....Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to go down in their true character as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ to Adam and Eve and their posterity in

the Telestial world and to cast Satan out of their midst. Instruct ~~them~~ Peter, James, and John to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity the Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as contained in the holy scriptures. It is that they will exercise faith unto repentance, come unto Jesus Christ, be baptized in His name, be sanctified by the Holy ghost, receive my ordinances, obey my commandments, and endure to the end, that they might become perfected through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

~~Also~~ To help them live this law, give unto them a charge to love the Lord their God and their neighbor and to avoid all light-mindedness, ~~loud laughter,~~ unworthy thoughts and actions, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and cause these to be received by covenant.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign. Then, have ~~them~~ Peter, James, and John return, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Messengers' Second Visit

PETER: I am Peter.

JAMES: I am James.

JOHN: I am John.

SATAN: Yes! I thought I knew you. What are you going to do now?

PETER: We will dismiss you without further argument.

SATAN: Ah! You have looked over my kingdom and my greatness and glory. Now you want to take possession of the whole of it.

I have a word to say concerning these people: If they do not ~~walk-up-to~~ keep every

covenant they make ~~at these alters~~ in this temple ~~this day~~ today, they will be in my power.

PETER: Satan, we command you to depart.

SATAN: By what authority?

PETER: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Master.

[Lucifer exits]

When you repent with real intent and seek forgiveness, you may be cleansed and forgiven through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. By exercising faith in Him, you will be given strength to overcome trials and be enabled to do all that God asks of you, for it is by His grace that you are saved, after all you can do.

Adam Tests The messengers

Adam, Eve, we are true messengers from the Father and have come to give you the further light and knowledge He promised to send you.

ADAM: How shall we know that you are true messengers?

PETER: By our giving unto you the token and sign you received in the Garden of Eden.

ADAM: What is that?

PETER: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

ADAM: Has it a name?

PETER: It has.

ADAM: Will you give it to me?

PETER: I cannot, for it is the new name, and I have made a covenant not to ~~disclose~~ reveal it. But this is the sign.

ADAM: Now we know that you are true messengers sent down from Father.

These are true messengers. We urge you to give strict heed to their counsel and teachings, and they will lead you in the way of life and salvation.

Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God.

EVE: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.

Law of the Gospel

NARRATOR: ~~The Officiator will represent Peter at the Altar.~~

PETER: ~~A couple will now come to the altar.~~ Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, ~~this couple at the altar represents all of you as if at the altar, and you will be under the same obligations as they will be~~ please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve. We are required to give unto you the Law of the Gospel ~~which is the higher law taught by~~ of Jesus Christ as contained in the holy scriptures. It is that you will exercise faith unto repentance, come unto Jesus Christ, be baptized in His name, be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, receive God's ordinances, obey His commandments, and endure to the end, that you might become perfected through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

To help you live this law, we are also instructed to give unto you ~~also~~ a charge to love the Lord your God and your neighbor; and to avoid all light-mindedness, ~~loud laughter,~~ unworthy thoughts and actions, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice; and to cause you to receive these by covenant.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

PETER: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will ~~observe and~~ keep the Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and this charge as ~~it they has~~ ~~have~~ been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes".

ADAM AND EVE: Yes.

PETER: Thank you.

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.

This token is given by clasping the right hand and placing the joint of the thumb between the first and second knuckles of the hand in this manner.

~~We desire all to receive it. All arise:~~

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

~~If any of you have not received this token, please raise your hand.~~ Adam, Eve, we give unto

you the **Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood**. The name of this token is your own first name if you are going through the temple for your own endowment, or if you are going through for the dead, it is the first **given** name of the person for whom you are officiating.

The sign is made by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant ~~and obligation which are~~ associated with this token, its name, and **its** sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my own endowment today and ~~if~~ my first **given** name were “David”, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

“I, David, solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and Sign.”

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, As invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

PETER: Each of you make the Sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

“I” - think of the first name - “solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.”

Thank you.

We will return and report.

The Messengers’ Second Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial world and have done all that we were commanded to do.

JEHOVAH: It is good, Peter, James, and John...Elohim—Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial world, have cast Satan out of their midst, and have done all else that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is good.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John again to the Telestial world. Instruct them to clothe Adam and Eve and their posterity in the robes of the holy priesthood with the robe on the right shoulder, preparatory to participating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and introduce them into the Terrestrial world.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to give unto them the Law of Chastity and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is that ~~the women of my kingdom and the men of my kingdom~~ my sons and daughters shall have ~~no~~ sexual relations ~~except only~~ with those to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to my law.

Give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.

Then have ~~them~~ Peter, James, and John return, and bring me word.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Robes Of The Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We are instructed to clothe you in the robes of the holy priesthood and introduce you into the Terrestrial world.

~~Remove the apron.~~ Place the robe on your right shoulder. ~~Place the cap or veil on your head with the bow over the left ear for the brethren.~~ Replace the apron. Tie the girdle with the bow on the left side. Sisters, place the veil on your head. Brothers, place the cap on your head with the bow over your left ear.

You may now proceed to clothe.

The Terrestrial World

NARRATOR: We now enter the Terrestrial world.

The Law Of Chastity

PETER: ~~A couple will now~~ Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve. We are instructed to give unto you the Law of Chastity, which is that ~~the women of God's kingdom and the men of God's kingdom~~ God's sons and God's daughters shall have ~~no~~ sexual relations ~~except only~~ with those to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to His law.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

PETER: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

~~You and~~ Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will ~~observe and~~ keep the Law of Chastity as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "Yes".

ADAM AND EVE: Yes.

PETER: Thank you.

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.

This token is received by bringing the right hand into this position: the hand vertical, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. The person giving the token places the tip of the forefinger of his right hand in the center of the palm and the thumb opposite on the back of the hand of the one receiving it, in this manner.

~~We desire all to receive it. All arise.~~

~~If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand.~~

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Adam, Eve, we give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail. The name of this token is “the Son”, meaning “The Son of God”. The sign is made by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant ~~and obligation which are~~ associated with this token, its name, and its sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were receiving the endowment today, either for myself or for the dead, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

“I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.”

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

PETER: Each of you make the Sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

“I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.”

Thank you.

We will return and report.

The Messengers' Third Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that we were commanded to do.

JEHOVAH: It is good, Peter, James, and John...Elohim—Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is good.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John and instruct them to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world the Law of Consecration, in connection with the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Law of Sacrifice. ~~and to~~ Cause them to receive it by covenant, ~~to give unto them~~ Instruct Peter, James, and John to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign; and to teach them the order of prayer, and to prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the veil. Then have ~~them~~ Peter, James, and John report at the veil.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Law of Consecration

PETER: ~~A couple will now~~ Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve. We are instructed to give unto you the Law of Consecration as contained in the ~~book of~~ Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Law of Sacrifice, which you have already received.

It is that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which He may bless you, to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, and for the establishment of Zion.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as Instructed:

PETER: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

~~You and~~ Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses ~~at this altar~~ that you do accept the Law of Consecration as contained in the Doctrine and Covenants - in that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which He may bless you, to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, and for the establishment of Zion.

Each of you bow your head and say “yes”.

ADAM AND EVE: Yes.

PETER: Thank you.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

PETER: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign.

This token has reference to the Crucifixion of the Savior. When He was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of His hands. Then, fearing that the weight of His body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through His wrists. ~~Hence; Therefore,~~ in the palm is the Sign of the Nail and in the wrist is the Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place.

This token is given by clasping the right hands, interlocking the little fingers, and placing the tip of the forefinger upon the center of the wrist, in this manner.

~~We desire all to receive it. All arise.~~

~~If any of you have not received this token, you will please raise your hand.~~

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Adam, Eve, we give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail. This token has a name and a sign. You will be under the same sacred obligation ~~in connection with~~ never to reveal this token ~~and sign with its accompanying name and sign~~ as you are with the other tokens and signs of the holy priesthood which you have received in the temple today.

The name of this token will not be given to you at this stage of the endowment, but it will be given later on.

The sign is made by raising both hands high above the head and, while lowering the hands, repeating aloud the words, “O God, hear the words of my mouth,” repeated three times.

When Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden, they built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words that Adam uttered: “O God, hear the words of my mouth,” repeated three times.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

PETER: Each of you make the Sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, by raising both hands high above the head and, while lowering the hands, repeating three times the words:

PETER, ADAM, AND EVE: “O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of

my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth.”

PETER: Thank you.

The Prayer Circle And The True Order of Prayer

PETER: ~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, ~~with the robe on the right shoulder~~ dressed in the robes of the holy priesthood, you are prepared to be taught the true order of prayer and to be introduced at the veil.

~~A few of you, including couples,~~ Individuals and couples who desire to participate in the prayer circle will please come forward and form a circle around the altar.

Only the best of feelings should exist in the prayer circle. If any of you have unkind feelings towards any member of this circle, you are invited to withdraw so that the Spirit of the Lord may be unrestrained.

In the prayer circle we make the signs of all the tokens of the holy priesthood received in the temple today.

We will begin by making the Sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This is done by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this token is the new name that you received in the temple today.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This is done by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign. The name of this token is your first name if you're going through the temple for your own endowment, or if you are going through for the dead it is the first name of the person for whom you are officiating.

We will now make the Sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or sign of the nail. This is done by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together with the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this token is “The Son”, meaning “The Son of God”.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail. This is done by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands, repeating three times the words “O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth”.

We have here a list of names of persons who are sick or otherwise afflicted whom we are requested to remember in our prayer. We will place this list upon the altar, and request the faith of those present in behalf of these persons.

Each brother in the circle will take the sister at his left by the right hand in the Patriarchal

Grip. Each of you bring your left arm to the square and rest it upon the shoulder or arm of the person at your left. Those in the circle will repeat the words of the prayer spoken by the officiator.

(prayer officiator gives prayer)

The brothers and sisters in the circle will return to their seats.

The Veil Of The Temple

The Marks on the Veil

PETER: We will now uncover the veil.

~~Brethren~~ Brothers and sisters, this is the veil of the temple. The Book of Hebrews teaches that the veil of the temple symbolically represents the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Mediator with the Father. It is only through Him that we can return to the holy presence of God the Father.

I will now explain the marks on the veil.

These four marks are the marks of the holy priesthood, and corresponding marks are found in your individual garment.

On the right is the mark of the square. It is placed in the garment over the right breast, suggesting to the mind exactness and honor in keeping the covenants entered into ~~this day~~ today.

On the left is the mark of the compass. It is placed in the garment over the left breast, suggesting to the mind an undeviating course leading to eternal life - a constant reminder that desires, appetites, and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set and that all truth may be circumscribed into one great whole.

This is the navel mark. It is placed in the garment over the navel, suggesting to the mind the need of constant nourishment to body and spirit.

This is the knee mark. It is placed in the right leg of the garment so as to be over the knee ~~cap~~, suggesting that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ.

~~These other three marks are for convenience in working at the Veil. Through this one, the person representing the Lord puts forth his right hand, to test our knowledge of the tokens of the Holy Priesthood. Through the one on our right, he asks us certain questions, through the one on the left, we give our answers.~~

The Dialogue At The Veil

PETER: ~~As~~ All of you will ~~have~~ be invited to pass through the veil, ~~we will show you how this is to be done.~~ As you pass through the veil, each brother should consider himself as if he were Adam, and each sister should consider herself as if she were Eve.

We will show you how this is to be done from the perspective of Adam.

Presentation at the Veil

The person is brought to this point and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet, whereupon ~~the Lord~~ Elohim parts the veil and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge by conversing with the Lord through the veil.

LORD: ELOHIM: Present him at the veil and his request shall be granted.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: The person is then brought to this point, whereupon ~~the Lord~~ Elohim puts forth His right hand, gives the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is that?

ADAM: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: ELOHIM: Has it a name?

ADAM: It has.

LORD: ELOHIM: Will you give it to me?

ADAM: I will through the veil.

PETER: The person then gives through the veil the name of this token, which is the new name received in the temple today.

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

PETER: ~~Lord:~~ Elohim then gives the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is that?

ADAM: The Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

LORD: ELOHIM: Has it a name?

ADAM: It has.

LORD: ELOHIM: Will you give it to me?

ADAM: I will through the veil.

PETER: The person then gives the name of this token, which is his first name if he is going through the temple for his own endowment, or if he is going through for the dead, it is the first name of the person for whom he is officiating.

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

~~The Lord~~ Elohim then gives the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is that?

ADAM: The First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail.

LORD: ELOHIM: Has it a name?

ADAM: It has.

LORD: ELOHIM: Will you give it to me?

ADAM: I will through the veil.

PETER: The person then gives the name of this token, which is “The Son” meaning “The Son of God”.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

~~The Lord~~ Elohim then gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is that?

ADAM: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: ELOHIM: Has it a name?

ADAM: It has.

LORD: ELOHIM: Will you give it to me?

ADAM: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Lord through the veil.

LORD: ELOHIM: You shall receive it through the veil.

PETER: It is received as left hands are placed upon right shoulders through the veil.

~~The Lord~~ Elohim then gives the name of this token and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is that?

ADAM: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail.

LORD: ELOHIM: Has it a name?

ADAM: It has.

LORD: ELOHIM: Will you give it to me?

ADAM: I will through the veil.

PETER: The person then repeats back to ~~The Lord~~ Elohim the name of this token as he received it, whereupon ~~The Lord~~ Elohim says:

LORD: ELOHIM: That is correct.

Admission through the Veil

PETER: The person is again brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet. ~~The Lord~~ Elohim parts the veil and asks:

LORD: ELOHIM: What is wanted?

PETER: Adam, having conversed with the Lord through the veil, desires now to enter His presence.

PETER: ~~The Lord~~ Elohim puts forth His right hand, takes the person by the right hand, and says:

LORD: ELOHIM: Let him enter.

PETER: He is admitted into the holy presence of ~~the Lord~~ God the Father and his son Jesus Christ.

We will now report.

The Messengers' Fourth Report

PETER: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world and have done all that we were commanded to do.

JEHOVAH: It is good, Peter, James, and John...Elohim—Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world and have done all that they were commanded to do.

ELOHIM: It is good.

Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the nail, preparatory to their entering into our Presence.

JEHOVAH: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, you will introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

PETER: It shall be done, Jehovah.

Come, James and John, we will introduce them at the veil.

PETER: Brethren Brothers and sisters, we are instructed to introduce you at the veil, where you will receive the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to your entering into the holy presence of God the Father and His son Jesus Christ.

NARRATOR: Brothers and sisters, thank you for your attendance in the temple today. Temple workers will now assist you as you are presented at the veil.