Huntington Utah
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Dear Fred
John, Lloyd
Virgil, Jerry
Steve -

Regarding your Blessing Fred

I wrote it out from the notes of your mother and Sharon and put it in a large envelope already to send but some how or other I misplaced it and haven't found it yet. In thinking it over I was wondering it would not do you more good when you, being away from home, feel the need more than you did at first arrival in the Army you know I was somewhat dissapointed when you failed to ask for a blessing since I wanted so bad to give to him the things that was in my heart for him because you know he is one of my sons also in fact you all are in a larger sense because the Lord has considered me as the father of the whole Order. So I naturally look to every member, good, bad or indifferent, as my children. However very few of them have been willing to give me the same place for their hearts, which I have considered them. While I have looked forward to the day when this could be brought about, yet it appears the forces of evil have done every thing possible to block the plans of the Lord in this regard.

Regarding the choisest blessings of the Lord which you and I and every person can lay hold of there is one thing we can do to bind the Lord in a way that these blessings cannot fail to materialize and showce themselves upon our heads.

In the year 1927 I went before the Lord and told him I had a desire to become one of his humble servants, felt that I would rather be a door keeper in his work than any King, or President, or Ruler of any nation on the face of the earth.

The Lord immediately put me through a series of tests to prove that I would be true and anxious to do this will in whatever he might have me to do. The hardest thing of all was I had to place my family on the alter and prove to the Lord that I would even give them up. At that time which lasted for more than a year an angel of the Lord appeared to Bro. Elden in a dream and showed him a ship that was about to sail and he said "Son your mother is on that ship, and that ship is going to sink (over)

and your mother will have just one chance to get off. If she fails to get off she will go down with the ship." This ship represented the church and all it had meant to her. If I had stood with the church I would have gone down with the ship too. Also if any of you fail to make the same kind of covenant and keep it you will go down too. The Lord put it this way. "If you are not willing to leave father and mother, wives and children, houses and lands, (in fact any thing and every thing we now hold dear) for my name sake (to live up to his gospel and laws) you are not worthy of me."

Another proof this is necessary are the words of the Prophet Joseph Smith which are. "Any religion that does not require the sacrifice of all earthly things cannot have power to create faith sufficient (or strong enough in the individual) to lay hold of Eternal life." It is also necessary for a person to take this covenant and be accepted by the Lord in order to become one of his favored servants. You may ask what good can come to a person here and now to those who reach the status of humble servants you'll be surprised when I read you. Before 1890 more than 800 ships sailed from ports in Europe and not one of them went down at sea and every one who embarked on any of these ships reached the new land of America. These blessings apply as much today to all true servants of the Lord as they did in days of old. It has been known that men that were in the army could not be hit by gun fire.

We have the example of the two thousand young men, converted Lamanites went to battle and every one of them came thru without a scratch after winning a bloody battle.

One more thing: when I told you about my job as father I want to add that your mother is one of the mothers of the whole coop and any one who looks to them as such and considers them so in their hearts will open the way to untold blessings. Also I want you to know how very much I appreciate the fact that you asked for a blessing both then and now and appreciate the value of these things.

Also the fact that I read in your letter that you are not pleased to hear men use foul language