

THE WRITINGS OF
GERALD W. PETERSON I

Chapter 1

Extracts from the history & testimony of Gerald W. Peterson Sr.,
concerning the succession of the Keys of the Priesthood:

1. What I discuss, is sure to upset some people for it challenges their most favored games, and their foundation of belief in their Church and its leaders.

2. First a little of my history, I was born of goodly parents, on Oct. 8th, 1917, at Lusk, Wyoming, and lived on a cattle ranch until the age of 10 years, at which time, my father, Peter Peterson moved his family to Millville, Utah, in Cache County, where we farmed 60 acres of row crops.

3. We as a family did not belong to the Mormon Church, although we lived and associated among them. I attended the Mormon Church services, excelled in the Boy Scout program and attended 'Grade' and 'High School' in that valley.

4. At the age of 16 years, I met the girl who later became my wife, after a two year courtship. During this time, I was converted to and joined the [LDS] Church, and did receive the Holy Ghost, which gifts were immediately manifested in my life to the wonderment of those around me who did not have the Holy Ghost, although they were church members for years.

5. It [Holy Ghost] has taught me by way of visions, dreams, prophecy, and all the Gifts of the Spirit. Because of this, I have enjoyed what the Prophets of the New Testament and other Holy Scriptures say the members of Christ's Church are supposed to enjoy, and I testify that the Gospel is true in every phase of it. However on the other hand I also testify that the [popular LDS] Church leaders are

leading us on to the very brink of apostasy, as Brigham Young testified in 1867, they would do, when he spoke at Stake Conference in Provo, Utah.

6. A year later, [after my baptism], I was ordained a member of the Melchizedek Priesthood, to the office of an Elder. I was one of the few after 1928 who did receive the Priesthood by proper ordination, inasmuch as it was the rule of the Church at that time, to only ordain to office and not confer the Priesthood.

7. I did receive good instruction and experience. Because I did have the Holy Ghost, I have received divine revelation, and the ministry of Angels, including the presence of the Father and Son, and have been commissioned to find the Keys of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood, in the hands of a man, living in the flesh. This man was not the President of the Church, as we [LDS] would suppose.

8. The Keys of the Priesthood, were given to Joseph Smith Jr., [by revelation, see D&C 110], and he gave them to those who followed him, in succession, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Willford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, and Joseph F. Smith, the 6th President of the Church. The Keys were not given to any of the other Presidents of the Church after the sixth, unlike most people think, for the Church by 1920 had gone so far into apostasy, and were refusing to live the higher laws of the Gospel, so God transferred the Keys to a group of men, who did keep alive the true higher principles of the Gospel.

relative to my coming mission on the Earth, and told me, that I could not divulge it to any living person, without His permission, and that my calling was like unto the Apostle John, that it would be immortal during most of my earthly mission, and that I would labor bringing souls unto Christ!

30. The Lord withdrew His presence and my spirit once again entered my body, lying on the couch beneath.

31. Shortly afterward, the mission I was given, was taken from me, or my memory of it was removed, and only the last few thoughts above remained, until I was given the keys of the Priesthood by Rulon C. Allred, when it all returned to me again, for that was the mission which had been given to me in advance, but which I was not to fill until the later date.

32. I suffered long about my mission, not knowing what it was, and on a later occasion, at the home of Ivan Baker, in Lehi Utah (8/25/71) I received a blessing at the hands of Apostle George Maycock, which contained an identical line, which I had previously received at the time my father died.

33. The blessing by Brother Maycock follows: Note: This is not the complete blessing, but only that portion pertaining to this epistle:

34. "We say unto you that you yet have a mission to fill in the earth; and if you want to know what it is, apply to Rulon C. Allred who has this mission for you and has had it for several years, and has waited for your heart and for your hand; and he will reveal it unto you. And, if you will be prayerful, our Heavenly Father will reveal it unto you in your inner most parts, and you shall have it confirmed. Two witnesses will bear you out, and you shall labor for the rest of your life in this mission, bringing souls unto Christ, setting your own life

(* Former saints will return and

assist mortals in the last days.)

and your own house in order, bringing happiness and joy, worlds without end, unto you and yours. And your Father in Heaven will permit you to help glorify Him thereby.

35. "We perform this ordinance in your behalf by virtue of the Priesthood we bear and in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen."

36. I did as directed, and took the blessing to Rulon Allred, and he said it was true and of the Holy Ghost, and gave me my mission! He said, the time had not come however, for it to be activated, but I must wait!

37. Since my moving to Salt Lake City, and working with Rulon C. Allred, in his office in Murray, Utah, the members of the Council, repeatedly made verbal attacks against me and I have been accused of apostasy. I have been accused of not paying tithing, and not attending meetings. I was spoken ill of on every hand. Why?? Was it because of the coming position in the Priesthood and the Devil knowing this, inspired men to resist me? Only God knows! I did pay a full tithing, until Rulon told me to stop!

38. The Prophet of the Lord called me to go to Richmond, Utah, and open a mission there and to establish a united effort there, and he set me apart, to that position, to receive revelation and guide that group. The Council fought against the work from the beginning. Rulon called me and six other men to go to Cedar valley to establish a community there. The Council fought against that and then stopped it. Rulon wanted me to go to Southern Utah and establish a community there. The Council voted against it. Rulon sent me just the same, and it has been established under his direction.

39. Brother Rulon Allred, often counseled with me, relative to the

work, and kept me informed as to what was transpiring relative to the work of the Lord. Before the time he was killed, he told me and the Order which he told me to form, of from ten to thirty families, to discontinue coming to the meetings at Bluffdale, and move our Order to Southern Utah, which we did. We also were told to not pay our tithing to the men at Bluffdale. This of course caused us to be spoken ill of, and of course they did not know Brother Rulon had told us this.

40. Rulon Allred, did lay his hands upon my head, and ordain me to the office of a High Priest Apostle, a Patriarch in Israel, and gave unto me the keys of the Holy Priesthood and the keys of Elijah the Prophet, with all the rights, keys, powers and authority pertaining to the office of the one like unto Moses, who is supposed to lead the Priesthood and Church in these last days, and to lead the escaped of Israel, back to the "Promised Land" of Jackson County, Missouri, prior to the coming of the Savior in the clouds of Heaven. He did this, because the Lord made it known to him, that the keys would not remain with the Council which he needed at Bluffdale, due to their rebellion against the word of the Lord, through himself, Rulon C. Allred. The work of the Lord had to continue, and has continued since his martyrdom.

41. The history of the Church of Jesus Christ down through the ages has been one of rise and fall, for it seems the nature of almost all men when they have a little authority, as they suppose, begin to take the direction in their own hands, and forget what the God of Heaven has told them to do.

42. So it has been in these latter days, with the restoration of the Gospel, under the direction and guidance

of Joseph Smith Jr., the Prophet.

43. He restored the Gospel to its fullness and in its perfection. He in no way tried to change the Gospel or its ordinances. Neither did the other Presidents of the Church down to and including the third, President John Taylor. However, after that, due to severe persecution by the United States government officials and the weaknesses of the Saints, pressure was brought to bear upon the officials of the LDS Church which caused them to forget what God had said and thereby issue proclamations changing the Church and its doctrines and regulations, thus pleasing the enemy of the Church and its Christ.

44. Since 1890, the changes (apostasy) of the Mormon LDS Church have been a gradual but consistent process which has caused the Lord, even Jesus Christ, to withdraw His favor and Priesthood from the Church, thus making the ordinances and saving power of the Church and Priesthood in the Church, of no avail with God!!!!

45. Now, because the Lord foresaw these events, he prophesied, by the Prophet Isaiah and Book of Mormon Prophets, that He, God, would not forget the faithful in these latter days, but would provide for them a Branch of His True Church which would offer to His Saints the fullness of the Gospel, that they might be prepared to meet Him at His coming in the clouds of Heaven!

46. I now declare to the entire world, that the resurrected Prophet Joseph Smith Jr., has returned to perform the duty of setting the house of God in order as promised in the 85th section of the D&C. Under the direction of Jesus Christ, Joseph Smith Jr. has reorganized the Priesthood Council of the Lord, also the Church of Christ, and will, in due time, organize the Kingdom of God.

47. The Lord has called and ordained