

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING

Given to Margaret Jane Weaver April 1, 1957 in Maywood, Illinois by Patriarch, John E. Whowell of the Chicago Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

Sister Margaret Jane Weaver, in the authority of the Holy Priesthood I give unto thee thy patriarchal blessing, one of the aids to thy welfare and happiness which the Lord has provided through His church, and I pray that it may be an incentive to righteousness and true happiness.

Thou hast come forth out of the world, enjoying the light of the priceless gospel in this marvelous day when the prophets walk. Thou hast a great heritage to enjoy and pass on, having been born of goodly parents, reared in a home of the highest order, and much is required of thee.

I bless thee that thou will continue thy course so well begun, that thou will grow in self-mastery and acquisition of new truth, in steady approach to the likeness of God in that eternal part of thee, co-eternal with Him; that thou shall not want, enjoy health and strength of body and spirit, be stable with respect to the laws of the gospel, and the building of thy character; that thou will be among the nobler ones, the quality of thy faith the purest.

Thou art of Ephraim, the children of the promise, those who in the indomitable spirit of righteousness share the priesthood, build the temples, and prepare the way. Thou hast power in thy soul born of obedience in thy eternal journey to recognize the truth, to glory and to progress in it.

The gospel of our Savior offers a stimulus in the pursuit of knowledge that transcends anything the world offers. Therefore, love it for its own sake, use and develop thy talents to show thy gratitude to the Lord, dig deep into the rich veins of the doctrines, and live in thanksgiving and in patience so as to guarantee the possession of the Holy Spirit and the rewards promised to the faithful, and pray always, and thou will find joy and enrichment of thy life beyond thy words to express. Thou will be a savior to many, even a savior upon Mount Zion. Thou will disseminate knowledge of the divinity of Christ, the basic truth of life, teach and lead, and be an angel of mercy and free many from darkness, suffering and confusion.

In acknowledging the hand of the Lord, thou will rejoice in the fruits of thy labors and the answers to thy prayers will be given in due time, a choice companion for the journey of life, building a family heritage. Thy spirituality will add charm to thy personality; thy learning will but verify the truths of the gospel and thou will be protected according to the all-wise purpose of our Heavenly Father. In overflowing measures of joy thou will see the fulfillment of prophecy and have part in the building of the New Jerusalem.

I seal this blessing upon thy head against the power of the Destroyer, sealing the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, that thou will come forth in the morning of the resurrection with thy loved ones, posterity, and the hosts of the saints, even to be a priestess unto the Most High God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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