

MY TESTIMONY
OF THE LIFE AFTER THIS ONE

When I was but a very small child my mother was taken very seriously ill. I was too young to realize anything except that our home was different without mother, because she was in the hospital or ill at home for several months. There were six of us children - 4 boys and 2 girls, so my sisterillian, who was only 15 years of age, carried the responsibility of the house and the family as best she could, as well as attending high school.

An incident which happened to my mother during this illness has done a great deal to help me to gain the testimony I now have of this glorious Gospel. My mother was lying in the hospital very ill, a messenger appeared to her and told her that her mother (who had died two years before) needed her help and asked if she was ready to go. Mother answered that she was not ready then, that she had been promised in her Patriarchal blessing that she should live as long as she desired, and her greatest desire was to live until her children were grown - until they could care for themselves. The messenger then left her.

Patriarch Harrison Sperry was visiting his wife in a room close by, who told him that another woman had been moved to 'the Death Room' to die; called such because so many people had recently been moved there to die. Mother being told who it was, Patriarch Sperry said he would go in and see her as he was well acquainted with her. He came to the room right after the heavenly Messenger had left and asked mother if she would like to be administered to. Mother immediately said, yes. In the administration she was promised that she would recover, which she immediately started to do. Within two weeks after this incident, two sisters of her mother died, evidently to assist with the work which was needed to be done.

Mother recovered from this illness and lived until her youngest child was 15 years of age. We all felt that her greatest desire had been fulfilled - that she had lived until her children were all old enough to care for themselves', and that she was needed then to assist with the work in the world beyond this.

This incident has made me know for a surety that there is a life beyond this one, that we must live here in such a way that we will be worthy to go on to the next life and there meet with our loved ones to carry on the great work awaiting us there.

I know beyond a shadow of doubt that that this Gospel, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is the true Church of Christ. I am thankful for this testimony I have of the truthfulness of it and trust that I will always live so that I will be worthy to meet my dear ones who have passed on before me.

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