

Joseph Smith- Re-appearance Cases  
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Joseph Longed for His Rest ( From the writings of Benjamin F. Johnson )

That the Prophet did not really desire longer to live - and that you may see how my mind was in a degree prepared for after results, I will briefly relate an incident that occurred at his last visit to us at Ramus

After he had at evening preached with great animation to a large congregation & had blessed 19 children he turned to me & Said "Benjamin I am tired let us go home" which - only a block distant we Soon reached and entering we found a warm fire with a large chair in front and my wife Sitting near with her babe, our eldest, upon her lap, and approaching her I said "Now Nelissa see what we have lost by your not going to meeting. Brother Joseph has blessed all the children in the place but ours & it is left out in the cold." But the prophet at once said "You shall loose nothing" & proceeded to bless our first son and then with a deep drawn breath and sigh of weariness he Sank down heavily in his chair and said "Oh! I do get so tired & weary that at times I almost yearn for my rest and then proceeded briefly to recount to us some of the most stirring events of his life's labors suffering & sacrifices. and then he Said I am getting tired & would like to go to my Rest -- His words & tone thrilled & Shocked me, and like an arrow pierced my hopes that he would long remain with us. and I said as with a heart full of tears: "Oh! Joseph what could we as a people do without you? and what would become of the Great Latter Day Work if you should leave us?" He saw.-- and was touched by my emotion and in reply he said "Benjamin I should not be far away from you: and if on the other side of the veil I should still be working with a power greatly increased to roll on this kingdom.-

( From the book I knew the Prophets, pp. 32-34, by Dean Zimmerman, Horizon Publishers, Bountiful Utah, 1976 )

VISITATIONS OF JOSEPH THE PROPHET TO  
PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

"One morning while we were at Winter Quarters, Brother Brigham Young said to me and the brethren that he had a visitation the night previous from Joseph Smith. I asked him what he said to him. He replied that Joseph had told him to tell the people to labor to obtain the Spirit of God; that they needed that to sustain them and to give them power to go through their work on the earth

"Now I will give you a little of my experience in this line. Joseph Smith visited me a great deal after his death, and taught me many important principles. The first time\* he visited me was while I was in a storm at sea (September 1844 ). I was going on my last mission to preside in England. My companions were Brother Leonard W. Hardy, Brother Milton Holmes, Brother Dan Jones and another brother and my wife and two other women. We had been traveling three days and nights in a heavy gale and were being driven backwards. Finally I asked my companions to come into the cabin with me, and I told them to pray that the Lord would change the wind. I had no fears of being lost; but I did not like the idea of being driven back to New York, as I wanted to go on my journey. We all offered the same prayer, both men and women; and when we got through we stepped on to the deck and in less than a minute it was as though a man had taken a sword and cut that gale through, and you might have thrown a muslin handkerchief out and it would not have moved it.

The night following this, Joseph and Hyrum visited me, and the Prophet laid before me a great many things. Among other things he told me to get the Spirit of God; that all of us needed it. He also told me what the Twelve Apostles would be called to go through on the earth before the coming of the Son of Man, and what the reward of their labors would be.

"Joseph Smith continued visiting myself and others up to a certain time, and then it stopped. The last time I saw him was in heaven. In the night vision I saw him at the door of the temple in heaven. He came and spoke to me. He said he could not stop to talk with me because he was in a hurry. The next man I met was Father Smith; he could not talk with me because he was in a hurry. I met a half a dozen brethren who had held high positions on earth and none of them could stop to talk with me because they were in a hurry. I was much astonished. By and by I saw the Prophet again, and I got the privilege to ask him a question. 'Now,' said I, 'I want to know why you are in a hurry. I have been in a hurry all through my life but I expected my hurry would be over when I got into the kingdom of heaven, if I ever did.' Joseph said, 'I will tell you, Brother Woodruff, every dispensation that has had the Priesthood on the earth and has gone into the celestial kingdom, has had a certain amount of work to do to prepare to go to the earth with the Savior when He goes to reign on the earth. Each dispensation has had ample time to do this work. We have not. We are the last dispensation, and so much work has to be done and we need to be in a hurry in order to accomplish it. Of course that was satisfactory with me, but it was new doctrine to me."

(Discourse delivered by President Wilford Woodruff at the Weber Stake Conference, Ogden, Monday, October 19, 1896.) Deseret Weekly News, Vol.53, No.21  
( Taken from the book The Vision pp. 101-102, by N. B. Lundwall, Bookcraft, 1951 )

#### Wilford Woodruff From Journal of Discourses

After The death of Joseph Smith I saw and conversed with him many times in my dreams in the night season. On one occasion he and his brother Hyrum met me when on the sea going on a mission to England. I had Dan Jones with me. He received his mission from Joseph Smith before his death; and the Prophet talked freely to me about the mission I was then going to perform. And he also talked to me with regard to the mission of the Twelve Apostles in the flesh, and he laid before me the work they had to perform; and he also spoke of the reward they would receive after death. And There were many other things he laid before me in his interview on that occasion..

I believe the eyes of the heavenly hosts are over this people; I believe they are watching the elders of Israel, the prophets and apostles and men who are called to bear off this kingdom. I believe they watch over us all with great interest.... I have had many interviews with Brother Joseph until the last fifteen or twenty years of my life; I have not seen him for that length of time. But during my travels in the southern country last winter I had many interviews with President Young, and with Heber C. Kimball, and George A. Smith, and Jediah M. Grant, and many others who are dead. They attended our conference, they attended our meetings. And on one occasion, I saw Brother Brigham and Brother Heber ride in carriage ahead of the carriage in which I rode when I was on my way to attend conference; and they were dressed in the most priestly robes. When we arrived at our destination I asked President Young if he would preach to us. He said, "No, I have finished my testimony in the flesh. I shall not talk to this people any more." "But, said he, "I have come to see you; I have come to watch over you, and to see what the people are doing." Then, said he, "I want you to teach the people-and I want you to follow this counsel yourself-that they must labor and so live as to obtain the Holy Spirit, for without this you

cannot build up the kingdom; without the spirit of God you are in danger of walking in the dark, and in danger of failing to accomplish your calling as apostles and as elders in the church and kingdom of God." And, said "Brother Joseph taught me this principle." And I will here say, I have heard him refer to that while he was living. But what I was going to say is this: the thought came to me that Brother Joseph had left the work of watching over this Church and kingdom to others, and that he had gone ahead, and that he had left this work to men who have lived and labored with us since he left us. This idea manifested itself to me, that such men advance in the spirit world. And I believe myself that these men who have died and gone into the spirit world had this mission left with them; that is, a certain portion of them, to watch over the Latter-day Saints.-JD 21:317-318, October 10, 1880.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS IMPARTED  
IN A DREAM  
*by*  
PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

While at Winter Quarters, on the 17th of February, 1847, President Young had a very interesting dream which he related to the brethren. He dreamed that he went to see Joseph the Prophet, and when he met him he looked perfectly natural. He appeared to be sitting in a chair at the time. President Young took hold of his right hand and kissed him many times, and said to him: "Why is it we cannot be together as we used to be? You have been from us a long time; we want your society and do not like to be separated from you."

Joseph rose from his chair, and looked at him with his usual earnest, expressive and pleasing countenance, and said: "It is all right."

President Young repeated that he did not like to be away from him. Joseph said: "It is all right. We cannot be together yet; we shall be by and by, but you will have to do without me for a while; then we shall be together again."

President Young discovered there was a hand-rail between Joseph and himself. Joseph stood by a window, and at the southwest of him it was very light but President Young was in the twilight, and to the north of him it was very dark. President Young said: "The brethren you know well, better than I do; you raised them up and brought the priesthood to us. They have a great anxiety to understand the law of adoption or the sealing principle, and if you have a word of counsel for me I shall be glad to receive it."

Joseph stepped towards him, looked very earnestly yet pleasantly, and said: "Tell the brethren to be humble and faithful and be sure to keep the Spirit of the Lord, and it will lead them aright. Be careful and not turn away the small, still voice; it will teach them what to do and where to go; it will yield the fruits of the kingdom. Tell the brethren to keep their hearts open to conviction, so that when the Holy Ghost comes to them their hearts will be ready to receive it. They can tell the Spirit of the Lord from all other spirits - it will whisper peace and joy to their souls; it will take malice, hatred, strife and all evil from their hearts, and their whole desire will be to do good. Tell the brethren if they will follow the Spirit of the Lord, they will go right. Be sure to tell the brethren to keep the Spirit of the Lord; and if they will, they will find themselves just as they were organized by our Father in heaven before they came into the world. Our Father in heaven organized the human family, but they are all disorganized and in great confusion."

Joseph then showed President Young the pattern how the human family were in the beginning. He saw where the priesthood had been taken from the earth, and how it had to be joined together so that there would be a perfect chain from Father Adam to his latest posterity.

Joseph again said to him: "Tell the people to be sure to keep the Spirit of the Lord and follow it and it will lead them just right."

(Juvenile Instructor, Volume 8, p. 114, 1873)

## Eliza Recieves A Visitation From Joseph

*Eliza R. Snow was sealed to the Prophet Joseph on June 29th, 1842. Their relationship indeed continued beyond the grave, is attested to by Assistant Church Historian Andrew Jensen.*

After the martyrdom of her husband, June 27, 1844, Sister Eliza was prostrated with grief, and besought the Lord with all the fervency of her soul to permit her to follow the Prophet at once, and not leave her in so dark and wicked a world. And so set was her mind on the matter, that she did not and could not cease that prayer of her heart until the Prophet came to her and told her that she must not continue to supplicate the Lord in that way, for her petition was not in accordance with his design concerning her. Joseph told her that his work upon earth was completed as far as the mortal tabernacle was concerned, but her work was not; the Lord desired her, and so did her husband, to live many years, and assist in carrying on the great Latter-day work which Joseph had been chosen to establish. That she must be of good courage and help to cheer, and lighten the burdens of others. And that she must turn her thoughts away from her own loneliness, and seek to console her people in their bereavement and sorrow.

(Andrew Jensen, Latter-day Saints Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 1, p. 695 Also in Book Manifestations of Faith By Joseph Heinerman, p. 148, Magazine Printing and Publishing, Salt Lake City, Utah , First Printing 1979 )

Emma Hale Smith receives a visit from Joseph

"Despite my failings, I know that Joseph still loved me. He came to me when I was old. I was given a vision of the hereafter and of a most beautiful and spacious mansion which we were to have together. Joseph came to me and I went with him into the mansion as he showed me through the various apartments. One room was a nursery, and in that nursery there was a babe in a cradle. I knew my babe, my Don Carlos that was taken away from me! As I pressed my baby to my bosom and wept for joy, I turned to Joseph and asked, "Where are the rest of the children?" And Joseph assured me, "Emma, be patient, and you shall have all your children."

"My children! My children and my husband, Joseph Smith, the prophet of God! My feelings for them are beyond capturing in the pages of a journal. I believe we shall be together again. May the world cease from judging me, for only the God of heaven-He who knows my heart can give, or take, my Joseph from me."

*Emma Smith*

Emma Hale Smith remained the same compassionate, devoted, faithful woman, wife, mother and neighbor she had always been. She died April 30, 1879. She was 75 years old. Her son, Alexander Hale Smith, describes her passing...

"We waited upon my mother while she was sick. Just before she passed away she called, 'Joseph, Joseph.' I was at the head of the bed. My mother raised right up, lifted her left hand as high as she could raise it and called 'Joseph! Yes, yes I am coming'

"I put my left arm under her shoulders, took her hand in mine, saying, 'Mother, what is it?,' laid her hand on her bosom, and she was dead."

( From the book Mormon Enigma: Emma Hale Smith, chapter 22, By Linda King Newell and Valeen Tippetts Avery, Doubleday & Company Inc. Garden City New York

