

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING UPON THE HEAD OF LORENZO SNOW

BROTHER SNOW, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the Authority of the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon thy head and give thee father's blessing.

I ask God to have mercy upon thee, who are but a youth. Thou has been diligent in thy application to learning, God has looked upon thee from all eternity, and has been countifful in gifts. He has given thee intelligence, talent, and great faculties of mind that thou mightest be useful in His cause. Thou hast a great work to perform. God hast called thee to the ministry. Thou must preach the gospel to the inhabitants of the earth. Thou shalt become a mighty man. Thou shalt have great faith, even like the brother of Jared. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one planet to another, and power to go to the moon if thou desire; power to preach to the spirits in prison; power to rend the veil and see Jesus Christ at the right hand of the Father; power like Enoch to translate thyself to Heaven. There shall not be a mightier man on earth than thou. Thy faith shall increase and grow stronger, until it shall become like Peter; thy shadow restore the sick. The diseased shall send to thee their aprons and handkerchiefs, and by thy touch their owners shall be made whole. Thou shalt have power over unclean spirits. At thy command the powers of darkness shall stand back, and devils shall flee away. If expedient, the dead shall rise and come forth at thy bidding - even those who have long slept in the dust.

Thou shalt have long life - live to the age of Moses - yet not be old. Age shall not come upon thee. The vigor of mind shall not be abated, and the vigor of thy body shall be preserved. Thou shalt have power to stand in the flesh and see Jesus Christ come in the clouds. No power shall be able to take thy life, so long as thy life shall be useful to the children of men.

Thou shalt preach the Gospel so long as there is an ear to hear, or a heart to bless. Thou must open thy mouth and the Lord will fill it with arguments. Thy voice shall cause the earth to tremble. Thou must pray for thy kindred and be diligent, and they shall receive a celestial glory.

Thou art of the seed and lineage of Abraham through the loins of Joseph and Ephraim, and thou art entitled to these blessings. God will give thee a companion of thy heart's desire, and thou shalt have posterity. Thy sons shall be large and mighty men, even large in stature. Thou shalt sit in council with the one hundred and forty thousand, and be able to sing the songs.

This is thy blessing and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal it upon thy head, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen and amen.

(Given in the Kirtland Temple, December 15, 1836, by Joseph Smith Sr., Patriarch.)