LINEAGE

Our lineage is not known to all of us. We may not know our origin; but this we may be assured of, that we who have received the truth are choice spirits...

Where do you think this nobility of character has come from? It has come from ancestors who obtained promises from God, through their faithfulness, in regard to their posterity. Our ancestors may have come through poverty and obscure channels, and some of them may not have possessed any noted characteristics; but when our ancestry is known, it will be found that the noblest men and women of God have been the progenitors of this people. (April 8, 1894, DW 48:701)

Otten & Caldwell, Sacred Truths of the Doctrine & Covenants, Vol.2, Pg.88

It was arranged before we came here how we should come and through what lineage we should come.... As the Lord has taught us... our Priesthood has been hid with God. He says:

Therefore, thus saith the Lord unto you, with whom the priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers —

For ye are lawful heirs, according to the flesh, and have been hid from the world with Christ in God —

Therefore your life and the priesthood have remained, and must needs remain through you and your lineage until the restoration of all things spoken by the mouths of all holy prophets since the world began. [D&C 86:8-10]

I am as convinced that it was predesignated before I was born that I should come through my father as I am that I stand here (Gospel Truth, Vol. 2, p. 89.)

It was while delivering this speech that a transformation of President Brigham Young is said to have occurred, that is to say in voice, person and manner. He seemed to be the personification of Joseph Smith, on the testimony of many who were present. The late President George Q. Cannon of this event said:

"If Joseph had arisen from the dead and again spoken in their hearing, the effect could not have been more startling than it was to many present at that meeting; it was the voice of Joseph himself: and not only was it the voice of Joseph which was heard, but it seemed in the eyes of the people as if it were the very person of Joseph which stood before them. A more wonderful and miraculous event than was wrought that day in the presence of that congregation we never heard of. The Lord gave his people a testimony that left no room for doubt as to who was the man chosen to lead them" (LIFE OF BRIGHAM YOUNG, Tullidge, 1877, p. 115)

DELEGATE TO CONGRESS

I remember that when George Q. Cannon was elected a delegate to Congress his right to a seat in Congress was contested. The attorney who went to Washington to oppose Brother Cannon—and in behalf of the man who had received (as I remember it) just ten percent as many votes as President Cannon—told the Congressmen that we were a vile lot and went on to say that if a man were opposed to the Mormon hierarchy he was liable to disappear and nobody would know what had become of him; that a man took his life in his hands if he dared to be in opposition to the Mormon people. When he got through, President Cannon said to him, calling him by name:

"You pride yourself that than you, no more bitter, no more relenting, vicious opponent of this awful Mormon system lives, do you not?"

"I certainly do."

Brother Cannon said, addressing the committee hearing his case: "Gentlemen, I do not think it is at all necessary for me to answer the gentleman's arguments. He has lived with us for over twenty years. He has a fine dwelling that has cost about $25,000 to erect," Then he sat down, and the committee voted for Brother Cannon to retain his seat.

Years later it was suggested that the horrible Mormon problem could be solved by giving the franchise to the women. It so happened that the legislature was in session at the time, and there was not a single non-Mormon in the legislature. Within forty-eight hours, if my memory serves me right, the women were enfranchised by our legislature. The same identical gentleman who was employed to fight George Q. Cannon's taking his seat in Congress was sent to Washington to have the franchise taken away from the Mormon women, as he said that it only added power to the awful hierarchy. He announced that the Mormons had from two to twenty wives, etc., and that these women were all slaves and voted just as they were told to do by their husbands.

When he got through speaking, President Cannon remarked: "Does it not surprise you, gentlemen, as you are all married, how some intelligent men believe that other men's wives can be bosomed?" He then sat down. He had killed the gentleman's argument.

However, when the discussion came before the Congress of the United States, the franchise was taken away from the women of Utah, but it was later restored when Utah attained statehood. —CR April, 1930:184.

—Heber J. Grant, Gospel Standards, p. 226
The word of God and the communication of God should have a significant role in your daily life, focusing on the principles and teachings shared in the scriptures. The Church of God is a community of believers who gather together to worship, study, and grow in their faith. These gatherings provide opportunities for spiritual growth and community support. The importance of these meetings is emphasized through the words of God, who has entrusted the Church with the task of spreading His message and leading people towards salvation.

In many churches, the worship service includes music, prayer, and sermons. The scriptures are read and interpreted, and the message is delivered through a combination of words and actions. The Church of God values the importance of this communication and encourages its members to participate actively in these gatherings.

The Church of God also recognizes the importance of education and learning. Meetings are often accompanied by study sessions, where members can discuss the scriptures and share their insights. This active participation in the communication of God's word helps to foster a deeper understanding of the faith and strengthens the spiritual foundation of the Church.

In conclusion, the Church of God encourages its members to actively participate in the communication of God's word through worship services, study sessions, and other activities. The importance of this communication is emphasized not only in the scriptures but also in the daily lives of the Church's members. By actively participating in the Church's activities, each member can contribute to the spiritual growth of the community and further the mission of spreading God's word to the world.
midst of difficulties? No. We never have. There has not been a single minute that this people has been left without the voice of God; there has not been a single minute since this church was founded to this time that the power of God has not been plainly manifested in our midst...." (Gospel Truth, p. 332.)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Brother George Q. Cannon touched upon a very important principle this forenoon — a principle which has often rested upon my mind; that is, with regard to the spirits that surround us. He said that one third of the hosts of heaven were cast out because of their rebellion. I suppose we may say that at least one hundred thousand millions were cast down from heaven to earth. Where are they? Some are in Salt Lake, some in New York, some in Amsterdam, some in Constantinople, some in Jerusalem; in fact, they are in every city and hamlet wherein the inhabitants of the earth dwell, and especially where there are any Latter-day Saints. And whether there are one hundred or not to every man, woman, and child, there are enough of them, at least, to labor for our overthrow. I say to my counselors, to the apostles, to the seventies, the high priests, the bishops, and all men who bear the Holy Priesthood, do you suppose these devils are around us without trying to do something? Are they asleep? Have they not a work to perform? I say to my brethren who bear the priesthood, we have got a mighty warfare to wage with these spirits. We cannot escape it. What will they do to you? They will try to make us do anything and everything that is not right. These devils would be very glad to make me and my brethren think we are great men, smarter than anyone else; to divide us one against the other, and to cause us to seek to confess our brother's sins instead of our own. We should, therefore, watch ourselves well. I should do this; my counselors and the apostles should; we all should. And unless we are united together, as has been said before, we are not the Lord's. —MS 51:354 (1889)

FREE AGENCY

Delbert L. Stapley, Conference Report, April 1968

President George Q. Cannon has said: "I thank God for giving us our [free] agency, because I think this earth will be a furnace to cleanse me and prepare me for a better condition of affairs and a better life, and I believe this of all of us.... These bodies of ours are naturally rebellious [and] full of strange appetites. We are here to conquer these desires.... [and] bring this earthly substance in subjection to the will of God.

It is true that some have greater power of resistance than others, but everyone has the power to close his heart against doubt, against darkness, against unbelief, against depression, against anger, against hatred, against jealousy, against malice, against envy.... Whenever darkness fills our minds, we may know that we are not possessed of the Spirit of God, and we must get rid of it. When we are filled with the Spirit of God, we are filled with joy, with peace and with happiness...." (Gospel Truths, Vol. 1, pp. 15, 19-20.)

We can perfect our desires. God commands us to do so, and he will strengthen us in this effort if we will seek his help. President George C. Cannon taught:

No man ought to say, "Oh, I cannot help this; it is my nature." He is not justified in it, for the reason that God has promised to give strength to correct these things, and to give gifts that will eradicate them. If a man lack wisdom, it is his duty to ask God for wisdom. The same with everything else. That is the design of God concerning his Church. He wants his Saints to be perfected in the truth. For this purpose He gives these gifits, and bestows them upon those who seek after them, in order that they may be a perfect people upon the face of the earth.


President George Q Cannon told us that "for generations there has been an indifference manifested by the adversary of truth to the systems of religion which have prevailed among men. When men partake of error,.... then there is indifference manifested by the adversary;.... religious movements are regarded by him with unconcern. But the moment the Holy Priesthood of God is restored, then all hell is moved...." (Journal of Discourses 11:227.) Now that the Church of Jesus Christ is growing and prospering spiritually, "all hell is moved.

President George Q. Cannon: "We have the sweet influence of the Spirit of God pleading with us to do that which is right, pleading with every human being that does not drive it from him; for every human being has a portion of the Spirit of God given unto him. We sometimes call it conscience. On the other hand, there is the influence of evil, the influence of the Adversary enticing men to do wrong,.... infusing doubt, infusing unbelief, infusing hardness of heart, infusing rebellion against everything that is holy and pure. We are all conscious of the existence of these two influences within us.... one entreating to do right, the other enticing to do wrong, to commit sin and to violate the commandments of God.

In the first Twelve called in this dispensation, Parley P. and Orson Pratt were brothers as were Luke S. and Lyman E. Johnson. Joseph Smith, the Prophet, and Hyrum Smith, the Patriarch, were brothers; their brother William served in the Twelve, and their father, Joseph Smith, Sr., was the first Patriarch to the Church. Brigham Young, Jr., a son of President Brigham Young, was one of the Twelve. George
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Wells. He was, however, an apostle, as a member of the
Wells in the Council of the Church, even a Disciple. H.
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Trinity. For, the Lord has said, ‘‘I am not a child in
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TRIALS OF FAITH

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Twelve. Brigham Young, Jr., was ordained as an Apostle by his father on February 4, 1864, but he did not become a member of the Council of the Twelve until October 1868, when he was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by George A. Smith. Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon was ordained an Apostle but was not sustained as a member of the Council of the Twelve for some time.

President Brigham Young, at another time said: "The seed of Ham, which is the seed of Cain descending through Ham, will, according to the curse put upon him, serve his brethren, and be a "servant of servants, to his fellow creatures, until God removes the curse; and no power can hinder it." - J.D., 2:184

HAWAII & POLYNESIA

David O. McKay

We have the unusual experience told by President David O. McKay in Hawaii when a native Hawaiian brother reported that while the prayer was being offered at the spot where the first baptism had occurred, he saw George Q. Cannon and President Joseph F. Smith stand in the circle. They had long been dead.

David O. McKay, Conference Report, October 1958

You in the Hawaiian Islands who have had come to your shores missionaries, one only in his sixteenth year, who later became the leader of this Church a noble prophet, seer, and revelator: I tell you that on that island of Maui where he and President George Q. Cannon had their great theophanies and experiences, there is a spirit and an atmosphere, which I have felt nowhere else in the world.

BLACKS & THE PRIESTHOOD

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., The Way to Perfection, Pg.110

The name of Ham is also rather significant, for it means "swarthy" or "black." It is possible that this is an appellation given to the third son of Noah because of the part he played in preserving through his lineage — and that most likely, as we have tried to show, through his wife Egypt — the race of blacks upon whom the curse was placed. Piecing together the evidence as we discover it in holy writ and in tradition, we are brought to the conclusion that Ham, through Egypt, continued the curse which was placed upon the seed of Cain. Because of that curse this dark race was separated and isolated from all the rest of Adam's posterity before the flood, and since that time the same condition has continued, and they have been "despised among all people."

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., The Way to Perfection, Pg.110–111

This doctrine did not originate with President Brigham Young but was taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith. At a meeting of the general authorities of the Church, held August 22, 1895, the question of the status of the Negro in relation to the Priesthood was asked and the minutes of that meeting say:

"President George Q. Cannon remarked that the Prophet taught this doctrine: That the seed of Cain could not receive the Priesthood nor act in any of the offices of the Priesthood until the seed of Abel should come forward and take precedence over Cain's offspring."

Joseph Smith has left very little on record in his own words outside of the Pearl of Great Price. During the course of a discussion in Nauvoo in 1842, on the question as to whether the Negroes or the Indians have received the greater ill-treatment from the whites, the Prophet Joseph said: "The Indians have greater cause to complain of the treatment of the whites, than the Negroes, or sons of Cain." (D.H.C., 4:501.) But we all know it is due to his teachings that the Negro today is barred from the Priesthood. The Negro may be baptized and enter the Church; and some of these unfortunate people have been baptized and have proved their faithfulness and worthiness before the Lord, in this their second estate, setting examples in righteousness which many of the sons of Shem and Japheth could emulate with everlasting profit. Surely the Lord will remember their faithfulness and reward them accordingly.

UNIVERSAL RESURRECTION

These references should be enough, but there may be some who will rise up and say that the Lord has spoken otherwise, and they will base their contention on the words in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 76:38-39. President George Q. Cannon, years ago, corrected this erroneous interpretation, as follows:

Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., Doctrines of Salvation, Vol.2, Pg.277

"In many minds there has been a great misapprehension on the question of the resurrection. Some have had the idea and have taught it, that the sons of perdition will not be resurrected at all. They base this idea, and draw this conclusion from the 38th and 39th verses of section 76, of the book of Doctrine and Covenants, where the Lord says:

"Yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his wrath. For all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, through the triumph and the glory of the Lamb, who was slain, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made."

A careful reading of these verses, however, and especially of the preceding paragraphs, will show that the Lord does not, in this language, exclude even the sons of perdition from the resurrection. It is plain that the intention is to refer to them explicitly as the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power. For all the
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HEBREWS 1:8-10

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He said, "No, I do not wish to speak." But Brother Angus refused to take "No" for an answer.

Brother Cannon said, finally: "All right, go take your seat, and I will say something." And he arose and said in substance:

"There are times when the Lord Almighty inspires some speaker by the revelations of His Spirit, and he is so abundantly blessed by the inspiration of the living God that it is a mistake for anybody else to speak following him, and one of those occasions has been today, and I desire that this meeting be dismissed without further remarks." And he sat down.

I devoted the thirty minutes of my speech almost exclusively to a testimony of my knowledge that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, and to the wonderful and marvelous labors of the Prophet Joseph Smith, bearing witness to the knowledge God had given me that Joseph was in very deed a prophet of the true and living God.

The next morning my brother came into my office and said, "Heber, I was at a meeting yesterday and heard you preach."

I said, "The first time you ever heard your brother preach, I guess?"

"Oh, no," he said, "I have heard you many times."

He said, "I generally come in late and go into the gallery. I often go out before the meeting is over. But you never spoke as you did yesterday. You spoke beyond your natural ability. You were inspired of the Lord." The identical words I had uttered the day before, in my prayer to the Lord!

When I heard George Q. Cannon after I sat down, and before his brother spoke to him, say to himself, "Thank God for the power of that testimony," the tears gushed from my eyes like rain, and I rested my elbows on my knees and put my hands over my face, so that the people by me would not see that I was weeping like a child. I knew when I heard those words of George Q. Cannon that God had heard and answered my prayer. I knew that my brother's heart was touched. The next day when he came and repeated my words, I said to him, "Are you still praying for a testimony of the gospel?"

He said, "Yes, and I am going nearly wild."

I asked, "What did I preach about yesterday?"

He replied, "You know what you preached about."

I said, "Well, you tell me."

"You preached upon the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith."

I answered, "And I was inspired beyond my natural ability; and I never spoke before—at any time you have heard me, as I spoke yesterday. Do you expect the Lord to get a club and knock you down? What more testimony do you want of the gospel of Jesus Christ than that a man speaks beyond his natural ability and under the inspiration of God, when he testifies of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith?"

The next Sabbath he applied to me for baptism. -CR, October, 1922:188-190

A MIRACULOUS HEALING

Heber J. Grant, Gospel Standards, Pg.362–64

When my wife died, I took my three girls to visit New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Hartford, Washington, and other cities of interest, that they might forget the sorrow of the death of their mother. While in Washington my oldest girl was taken down with diphtheria. In those days, thirty years ago, diphtheria was almost sure death.

I have known more than one family in which six, seven, or eight children have died of diphtheria. It was an alarming disease. Very soon thereafter my second daughter came down with it, and they were both sick nigh unto death. Finally I heard the doctor say to the nurse regarding my second daughter, "If you miss giving that child a stimulant every fifteen minutes—if you miss just once—she will die. She cannot live a half hour without this stimulant."

I stayed up all night to see that she did not miss giving the stimulant, and the next morning the child was no better. I went into my room and shed some bitter tears at the thought that, in all probability, I should have to take that little girl home in a coffin. Kneeling down, I pleaded with the Lord to spare her life, for the very joy I was giving to my girls added to and intensified my own sorrow; and I asked that I be not obliged to have an additional sorrow in taking that little girl, whom I had brought away from home to give her pleasure in order that she might forget the death of her mamma, back to her home in a coffin.

I begged that that might not come into my life. The testimony of the Spirit came to me: "The power of the Priesthood is here on the earth. Send for the elders and rebuke the power of the destroyer and that girl shall live."

Immediately I thanked the Lord for the whisperings of His Spirit and I shed tears of gratitude and thanksgiving, after shedding tears of bitter anguish. George Q. Cannon was in Washington at the time and also Bishop Hiram B. Clawson, the father of Elder Judger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve. I sent at once for them to come and administer to my child.

Brother Clawson anointed her, and Brother Cannon confirmed the anointing. In that confirmation he said something that I have never heard, before or since, in my life. He said, "The adversary, the destroyer, has decreed your death and made public announcement of his decree, but by the authority of the Priesthood of God which we hold as His servants and in the name of Jesus Christ, our
Known influences have often missed.

Dr. Robert Q. Cannon is their great-grandfather. C.

Influence and inspiration have come from various sources, including family and personal experiences. Cannon's early life was shaped by his family's values and traditions. Growing up in a small town, he was exposed to the simple virtues of hard work and dedication.

The town's annual parade was a highlight of the year, and Cannon always looked forward to it. It was a time when the community came together, and Cannon was always one of the parade's highlights, donning a costume that reflected his family's history.

The parade was a way for Cannon to connect with his family's past and to celebrate the values that had been passed down for generations. It was a reminder of the importance of community and the role that each individual plays in maintaining its traditions.

Despite the challenges that came with growing up in a small town, Cannon never lost sight of his family's values and the importance of hard work and dedication. These values would shape his life and help him achieve his goals.

Throughout his life, Cannon remained true to his family's heritage and continued to pass down its traditions to the next generation. He was proud of his family's history and the role that it played in shaping his life.

In conclusion, Cannon's family's influence and inspiration have been a constant presence throughout his life. They have helped him stay true to his values and continue to shape his future.

David O. McKay, Conference Report, October 1958

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Dickens—On Mormon Emigrants

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Cannon's family's traditions played a significant role in shaping his life. They helped him stay true to his values and continue to guide his decisions. Cannon's dedication to his family's traditions is evident in his work and his commitment to passing them down to the next generation.

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