

“Copy of a Roll written by Mother Ann, and brought by Father William for her faithful and beloved child, Luther.

Read by a Holy Angel, and copied
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O my beloved little one, it is with pleasure, Yea, with the greatest pleasure that I write these words and send unto you by the hands of your beloved Father William. That ye may receive direct from mine own hands the words that I have long desired to speak unto thee. Yea beloved child truly thou art one whom I chose in the beginning of my late work upon Earth to bear heavy sufferings, and feel deep tribulation of soul that the word of God which we your Heavenly Parents did sound forth, might find a resting place in the hearts of God's people on Earth.

And know ye beloved child it was by the wisdom of God your Heavenly Father that I made choice of you to be a child of sorrow and tribulation; even as I made choice of the instrument thro' whom I did speak my word unto the people. And truly, yea truly, thou has been a faithful and obedient child unto me thy Mother.

And shall I, or can I? withhold [sic] my love and blessing from a faithful and obedient child that how ever been ready and willing to own my name and stand for me through scenes of deep tribulation and heavy sufferings as ye have done. Nay my beloved little son, think not that I have forgotten thee. Tho' I have entered the mansions of my Heavenly Father no more to walk with my children in this place, as I have walked for a long time past. Yet I withhold not my blessing from my faithful children. Therefore with my own hand have I written and sealed these my words and sent unto you, by the hands of your beloved Father William for your support and comfort while ye remain in time.

For many are the scenes of tribulation and sufferings that yet have passed thro' for the support and increase of your Mother's work and all your Heavenly Parents in their late manifestations to their children upon Earth.

And know ye my dearly beloved and faithful child, that for all the sufferings and tribulation that ye have passed through, ye shall have your just reward; for in the Heavens above have I prepared a beautiful mansion for thee, where in ye shall dwell, when your work on earth is done and time with you is ended. Then will I meet you in peace and bestow upon you a reward of well doing and true faithfulness, for in truth thou hast borne heavy sufferings and waded in deep, yea deep, tribulation for the support of my word. Yea well do I know this my child.

And now my beloved little one, receive ye my love, receive ye my blessing, which freely I bestow upon thee for thou art worthy, Yea, and more than this; receive ye my thanks, my most hearty thank, O Beloved, for so faithfully and boldly supporting the word, and work of thy Mother in all trying hours, which have been many that ye have seen.

And many are the times I have seen your soul bowed low in humble prayer to God, that ye might be able to bear with patience all sufferings and tribulation that might be caused to come upon you. And know ye beloved one, truly your prayers, your fervent cries and supplications have been heard. And truly thou hast done well, and faithfully borne the sufferings and tribulation with meekness and patience that I have called thee to bear. And what more could I ask, what more could I desire of a child than ye have done, truly I am satisfied, yea my soul is satisfied to a full measure.

And now my beloved and worthy child, I say unto you, take ye comfort in the pure way of God, let your soul feast on the good things of God and upon the treasure ye have gain'd by walking the low path of humiliation true tribulation and Godly fear.

For I have chosen you to be a pillar a supporter and burden bearer in my holy church upon Earth, for mine eye has ever been upon you, even in the days of your childhood did I notice and watch over you. And I have ever found your faith firmly established in the pure way of God, and built on that sure foundation which cannot be overthrown. Therefore ye are a shining light to the

children of this world, and I have chosen ye to stand in my Zion as witness for God and me your Mother, and all your Heavenly parents.

So my beloved fear not the power of satan [sic], fear not your enemies for they shall in no wise be suffered to destroy or harm you. Boldly testify to the truth of my word, and work, even as ye have done. And let the searching light of God in thy word pierce the heart of iniquity, and purge the evil worker from among my children, and ye shall be blest with wisdom strength and power to perform whatever duty ye may be called to do.

Think not my little one, that because I and the rest of your Heavenly Parents leave you, that the power and gifts of God are taken from you. Nay, nay, in no wise, but the power and searching light of God shall ever remain in this my Zion upon Earth. So my beloved take faith in the power and gifts of God, for did not I your Mother promise unto you that by faith and the power of God ye should at many times receive strength of body to withstand the infirmity which ye have for many years suffered great sufferings and sever sickness and pain from. Yea truly I did. And again I say take faith my little one, take faith in the power of God, for even as I did promise unto you so shall that promise be fulfilled, for not one promise that I your Mother has given has been given in vain, but shall surely be fulfilled to every faithful and obedient soul.

Therefore take ye faith my beloved child, and in faith ye shall receive strength of body and comfort to thy soul which will enable thee to do thy duty and be a support and strength in this pure gospel and to the work and word of thy Mother. For truly thou art a zealous and faithful soul and greatly is thy strength and blessing needed among my children in this my first church upon Earth. So in my love and blessing, receive ye strength and faith in my word, and in the power of God doubting not.

Though ye may suffer in a small degree as ye have suffered, yet do I say unto thee O child of my love, that thy spirit filled with the power of God, shall be made able to sustain the infirmities of thy body.

So fear ye not, fear ye not little one, for know ye have the strength love and blessing of me your Mother and all your Heavenly parents together with your visible dead. And when ye feel thy spirit borne down with tribulation and affliction and thy bodily strength quite exhausted, then o then my beloved child think of me your Mother, think of this my word that I have written unto you. Yea and in the presence of your beloved Elders read this my word of strength comfort and blessing that I send unto thee, and ye shall receive strength and power there from, ask also of your beloved Elders their strength and blessing, and ye shall in no wise go away destitute but shall be clothes and fed and filled with strength and power.

So be ye encouraged for your path shall be smothe [sic] pleasant and lovely. Though ye may meet with deep tribulation, yet great will be the comfort your soul shall feel.

Ye Beloved son, when I see you in trouble and affliction and your soul borne down under tribulation and sufferings, then I pray to God your Heavenly Father to send his angels of strength and comfort to administer unto you. Yea often will I remember you and pray for you my dearly beloved and worth child.

Now receive ye this roll that I have written and sent unto you with my everlasting love and blessing and let it be a comfort and strength unto thee while on thy journey thro time.

For I know not when ye will receive again from me your Mother as ye have now received, it is the last for ought that I know ye will receive while in time.

So farewell farewell in love Untill [sic] we meet again in the Heavens above.

Farewell farewell my beloved little one.

From your affectionate Mother in the gospel,

Mother Ann Lee.”