

Patriarchal Blessing given by Abinidi Olsen upon the head of Ervin Andrew Anderson, son of Frederick Anderson and Hannah Jensen Anderson. Born in Castle Dale, May 14, 1897.

Brother Anderson in the mercy of our Father and in authority sealed upon be my the prophets and in the sacred name of Jesus I bless thee...Thou art a son of promise. Thou art a Pearl of Great price in thy Father's house. O how kind the Lord hath been unto thee, and it pleaseth him because of thy humility and faith to receive this blessing. Thou art a conspicuous member in thy family circle, and if thou would listen to the voice of the Priesthood, thou shalt be added upon and thy sins forgiven thee. Thou shalt learn to love the Lord as others have, because of thy repentant spirit. There hast been a voice calling thee brother for many days. In the beginning thou didst not know its promptings. How be it, because of righteousness of the covenant new and everlasting, under which thou wast conceived and born into the world and because of the power of prayer thou art this hour happily found planting thy feet in the straight and narrow way, and if thou wilt harken and obey council, thou shalt receive God's favor and approval, and the blessings of father and mother, which meaneth much unto thee. Yea there is awaiting thee in the House of the Lord blessings of which thou art a stranger. Thy spiritual vision will be divinely strengthened; thou vows and obligations be made plain and beautiful unto thee. There is an altar in God's house where thou shalt kneel and have given unto thee a daughter of Mother Eve, whose spirit is congenial with thy spirit. Whose ambitions and righteous desires shall be voiced and protected by thy strong hands. And God will multiply thy joys in the earth. Thou shalt become a pillar of strength and a blessing to and in thy father's house. It shall be thy delight to honor the priesthood to eat and drink at the table of the Lord, and to renew thy covenants and to witness before God, angles and men that you have a testimony that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was visited by the Father and the Son. And in due time Brother Anderson, thou shalt plead the cause of Zion in the earth, and for this cause I warn thee here this hallowed Sabbath evening happily within thy childhood home to read as thou hast never read before, reflect and ponder the words of God, yea, read the Book of Mormon. All that is written therein, and thy heart shall be made glad and thou shalt rejoice in the testimonies of Jesus and his goodness. Unto thee the Lord has proposed to develop thee, for he has given unto you talents not a few. Do not hide them, put them to usury, that men may see thy good work and glorify thy Father in Heaven, and the windows thereof shall be opened and show blessings upon thee and those who love you. Do not disappoint them for it is given thee to rise above thine enemies, it is given thee to rise above those who know not the Lord. For it is given thee to be an example and to sound the trumpet of warning to this generation, and to prepare men and women for the second advent of the Son of man. O

forget not to pray. O forget not thy tithes and offerings, that you may be assured against the day of burning. For the wicked shall burn as stubble, yea, they shall be bound in bundles and destroyed. But to know God and Jesus Christ is life eternal. O what a world of possibilities is laid forth. What a world of experience is coming to you. God hath accepted thine offering as a soldier of liberty thy name is written in the archives of the Church of Christ, and in the archives of this great American Nation. And I bear thee witness that thy safe return to thy parental home is God's mercy unto thee. And in answer to many many tears and prayers, favored son look up, go on, look not back. Embrace every grace, gift and blessing within thy reach. Be a candidate from this very hour for the celestial kingdom of God. I do bless thee that thy faith may increase, that the spirit of repentance may follow thee, that the spirit of God may light thy path, that you may take your place and station, namely to be a minute man, to be a watchman upon the walls of Zion. O be faithful Brother Anderson, these promises and blessings are divine. They will not fail thee, if thou will listen and obey. They are God's gracious gifts unto man. Doubt not. Thou art truly a descendent of Ephraim. Read the beautiful history of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, because it is his son whom you represent, and who will share with you his inheritance which is beyond the price of gold or earthly riches. Now brother much has been given thee, much will be required of thee. Do not, dare not, procrastinate. I bless thee with a home in Zion. God will multiply the honest touch of thy hand. For thou art a son of honest toil. The riches of the earth will be given thee. Thy table shall be laden with good things, and thy basket be full. There are many many blessings to be ministered unto thee of which I do not speak. God will make them plain unto you in due time. I seal thee up against the powers of the underworld. Keep the word of wisdom pure and simple. Preserve thy beautiful form and strength for the building up of Zion. I seal all these promises and blessings upon thee, with promise of their fulfillment. In turn God will require thee to do thy part. It is given thee to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection to be clothed in the robes of the priesthood, to receive the blessings of posterity and a faithful, devoted, patient wife is thine helpmate not only for time but beyond the veil.

Even so,

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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