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A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING UPON THE HEAD OF LAWRENCE CRANDALL, SON OF WILLIAM HURST CRANDALL AND ROSE EMILY BERRETT. BORN AUGUST 6, 1903, AT PLEASANT VIEW, UTAH. A HIGH PRIEST AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH PART BRANCH, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. NOW RESIDING AT 2215 HOWARD AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. TELEPHONE, HILCREST 2374-W. THIS BLESSING WAS GIVEN AT THE REQUEST OF LAWRENCE CRANDALL, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH PARK BRANCH OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSION, AND NICHOLAS G. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSION, AND APPROVED BY GRANT S. ANDERSON, PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO DISTRICT OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSION.

BROTHER LAWRENCE, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority which I hold in His Church, I lay my hands upon your head and give unto you a father's blessing, even a blessing after the order which has been left with us by Father Adam, he being the first great patriarch and he has left us the pattern for us to follow. Therefore, in fulfillment of his great prophecy, I am giving you this patriarchal blessing.

I say unto you, Brother Crandall, the Lord is pleased with your life, your faith, and your integrity. You sat in the councils of Heaven and heard your name called when the Lord told Abraham, "Thou art one of them, thou wast chosen before thou wast born." In the Heavens above, you made certain promises as to what you would do if your spirit were permitted to take a tabernacle of earth and come in your lineage and in this the greatest of all dispensations that has existed since the world began. Brother Crandall, you are living in one of the greatest times this earth shall see as to the fulfillment of prophecy.

I bless you that you may have the gift of discernment; that you may discern and understand the judgments which are upon the earth and the prophecies which are being fulfilled during your life-time. If you will study and put your mind to this, you shall be able to read the signs of the times as some people read a book. I bless you that you may have the gift of discerning of spirits. This gift will keep you on the right road and when you come to problems in your life which are not clear to you, pray to the Lord and if it is right, you shall have a feeling of peace and of quiet and of contentment and you will know that your decision is right. If it is wrong, you shall have none of these feelings, but you will have a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction and discontent and you will know that it is wrong. Therefore, if you will seek this gift it will help you in your office and calling and in your life in passing judgment upon the men and women who shall come to you for counsel and advice. You have a great mission to perform here upon the earth and you are performing that mission.

And I say unto you that Satan shall not be permitted to tempt you further than you are able to bear. You shall be able to go through life and will be able to pass the gates of Heaven and go on to your exaltation and there live with God and Jesus and partake of their lives and their understanding as a God, for you shall be crowned one among them.

I now declare unto you your lineage. You belong to the great family of Abraham, coming through his great-great-grandson, Ephraim. Ephraim was the son of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, and through Joseph's adversity, he became the saviour of his father's house and a saviour to the hosts of Israel. You shall be like him; you shall become a saviour upon Mount Zion, and especially to your family, to your progenitors. The time will come when thousands will stand up and honor and bless your name for the work you have done for them here upon this earth.

I bless you that you may study the gospel, understand its theories, principles and laws, and as you study, the gospel plan will be opened to you that you will see it more clearly than you have ever understood it before. And as you near the life of our Father in Heaven and His Son Jesus Christ, you will begin more and more to understand where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. I bless you that you may study and understand the Word of Wisdom. If you will study this law and keep the advice therein given, I say unto you that you shall have health in your navel and marrow in your bones, and you shall run and not be weary and you shall walk and not faint, for you will be in a position to gain wisdom and knowledge, for your wisdom shall be great and your knowledge shall reach to Heaven and before you shall the wisdom of the wise perish. The Lord is merciful and gracious to those who serve Him and He delights to honor those who love Him, and you have honor and wisdom in abundance coming to you, for the sacrifices and the labor which you have performed here upon the earth. Seek to be humble, seek to be prayerful, never use your priesthood for selfish motives, and you will be blessed in your body from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet.

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I bless you in your family associations with your wife and your children that you may love them and they in turn may love you, and the time will come when you will stand up as a god over your posterity and they will honor and bless your name. I seal upon your head every good wish of your heart that will be for your advancement and your joy and your happiness and for the betterment of yourself and your family. I say unto you that God is watching over you and the angels of Heaven are guarding and trying to teach you. Keep yourself in tune with the spirit of the Holy Ghost, for He will teach you and be with you in the very hour when you shall need counsel; the very words you shall speak will be given unto you.

These blessings are predicated upon your faith and your obedience to God. I seal upon your head all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I seal you up to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and there to meet the Lord in the clouds of Heaven and I do this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.


JOSEPH A. WEST, PATRIARCH.

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