

OCEAN PARK WARD, LOS ANGELES STAKE, NOVEMBER 10, 1926.

A blessing given by Patriarch James Thomas upon the head of Idonea Isabelle Thomas Crandall, the daughter of William Arthur Thomas and Isabella Jane Armstrong Thomas, born January 21, 1900, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Idonea Thomas Crandall, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood in me vested, I lay my hands upon your head, and will give you a blessing. It being the desire of your heart. Sister Crandall, you desire a very good thing, for a blessing will be an incentive unto you, throughout your life's experience. I will say unto you that you are of a noble lineage, you are of Abraham, the father of the faithful, through the loins of Ephraim, and the reason for your coming through this glorious lineage is because of the nobility of your spirit, and its integrity in the spirit world. My dear sister, you at this time exhibit faith in the Holy Priesthood, and let me say unto you, that if you are faithful and true to the covenants made with your heavenly father, I promise you that as you grow older in years that your faith will also grow until it shall become as firm as the rock of ages.

Sister Crandall, you understand that every blessing is predicated upon faithfulness in the church in keeping the commandments of God inviolate. Sister Crandall, your Heavenly Father is mindful of you, he knoweth your heart, and its purpose that it is to serve him faithfully and I promise you that if you are found in the line of duty that no blessing that your heart may desire in righteousness will be withheld from you. Your Heavenly Father loves you, he will love to bless you, he will love to cause every word spoken unto you at this time to come to pass. My dear sister, I bless you with life, health, and strength, and say unto you that your days will be many upon the land, and as you grow older in years, you will perceive and see and understand the principles of eternal truths readily, for your

heart will be inspired by the Holy Ghost, it will understand, and your mind will comprehend the things as pertaining to eternal life. Your footsteps will be guided by the influence and power of the Holy spirit to the end that you will walk that straight and narrow path that leadeth to life eternal in the presence of the Father and the Son without swerving either to the right or to the left. Your Heavenly Father will bless you with blessings that your heart cannot conceive of at this time, because of the nobility of your spirit and your noble lineage.

Sister Crandall, you have much cause for rejoicing in your heart. Let me say unto you that if called upon to labor in the societies of the Sisters, readily respond, and I promise you that you will be made equal to any duty or responsibility placed upon you. Let me say unto you, reflect and concentrate your mind upon the wonderful sacrifice that our Lord made so as to bring about the immortality and eternal life of man. You are a favored daughter of your Heavenly Father, you are verily one of the daughters of Zion; do magnify the name of the Lord, and I promise you that you will be magnified in the sight of your brethren and sisters of the Church of Jesus Christ. Remember and render all the service that you possibly can in assisting in bringing about the purposes of the Lord on the earth, for the greater the service, the greater the reward. Be generous to the work of the Lord, and I promise you that if you will endeavor to carry out the sayings in the blessing that you will be blessed spiritually and temporally, and will grow to appreciate and to honor any position that you may be called upon to fill in the Church. Your temporal blessing will be of such that you shall never run short in your basket and store. You have obeyed the first great commandment given to men, and you are filling the measure of your creation. Your Heavenly Father is pleased with you for so doing, and will bless you with wisdom and understanding to train the noble spirits that shall be entrusted to your care; they will be trained in the fear and admonition of the Lord, until they will understand the gospel, and they will do honor unto you, yes, they will lavish upon you much love and affection, and this will come about because you will be as one of the five wise virgins spoken of in the parable, and when the call goes forth that the bridegroom cometh, you will be found with your lamp filled and trimmed, ready to enter the banquet of the Lord.

Sister Crandall, at this time I will say unto you, inasmuch as you are now in possession of the pearl of great price, cling unto it with all the strength and power at your command, then you will have strength according to your day that you will surmount every obstacle placed in your pathway, that no power on earth will lead you astray or darken your mind, so rejoice, and be exceedingly glad in your heart. Remember the statement made in regards to service, render good service, and fail not, and your reward will be sure, and I promise you that when the Lord will be making up his jewels that you will be numbered among them, so be determined, come what may, that you will serve the Master, and all will be well with you. Remember the genealogical work of the church, for at this time there are some of your progenitors whose hearts are turned towards you, looking to you to assist in that great work of redeeming the dead. I promise you that as you grow in years, the love of the work for the dead will grow in your heart for the sweet spirit of the Lord will whisper unto you, and your heart will be softened towards your people. You will verily become a Savior upon Mount Zion to some of your people, and they will acclaim your name as blessed for doing that work for them that they failed of the opportunity of doing for themselves. My dear sister, you will live to witness marvelous manifestations of the Lord's power; you will receive a witness, a testimony, of the divinity of Jesus Christ, and of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, the prophet, and when you have lived to a good age, you will look back upon your experiences in life; you will wonder and marvel at that which you shall have seen and accomplished. You will honor and praise the name of the Lord for his many wonderful blessings showered upon you.

My dear sister, I now seal you up against the power of the destroyer unto the day of redemption, and say unto you that when your days are at an end in this probation, your spirit will go back to the Father who gave it, you will be assigned to dwell among the good and noble spirits gone before, and while awaiting the resurrection, your days will be days of peace, joy and unusual happiness in the anticipation of that glorious event, and I promise you that you shall come forth in the resurrection of the just to immortality and eternal life in the Celestial Kingdom of our Father. It will be said unto you, my daughter, because of the integrity of thine heart, thy faith and good works, for and in behalf of the plan of life, now enter into the joy of thy Lord, and be crowned a queen and a priestess to the most high. Sister Crandall, I pronounce this blessing upon your head by the power and authority of the Holy Patriarchal Order of the Priesthood, and in the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, Amen.

James Thomas
Patriarch.