

## Patriarchal Blessing of James Clifton Baxter

Given 27 December 1926 by Joseph Keddington, Patriarch

A blessing given by Joseph Keddington, Patriarch, upon the head of James Clifton Baxter, son of Reuben Emerson Baxter and Julia Strong. Born 2 May 1912, Garland, Utah.

Brother James Clifton Baxter, according to thy desire I give thee a Patriarchal Blessing and thou shalt know the will of the Lord for which thou art sent down upon the earth. Thou wert one of the noble spirits that was permitted to remain until the fulness of times when thou should have the privilege of coming into the world and be born of noble parents. Thy ancestors before thee were noble men and women and faith is implanted in thy heart and thou hast a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and thou hast received the Priesthood, and thou hast joy in thy labors, and thou art one that is beloved by thine associates and through the blessings of the Lords they will draw near to thee and thou shalt have the gift of wisdom and shall lead, guide, and direct thine associates, and they shall love thee. Thou shalt preside over them and thou shalt be one that shall be called to responsible positions. It is thy privilege to enjoy the gift of discernment and shall know the good from the bad and thy days shall be days of pleasure in performing thy duty in the midst of Israel.

Dear brother, watch thy footsteps for thou shalt be tempted and tried for Satan shall endeavor to shake thy faith, but through the gift of God and the Holy Spirit thou shalt overcome and live to enjoy the blessings pertaining to the New and Everlasting Covenant. Thou art of royal birth. Thou art of the lineage of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, and all the blessings pertaining to the Kingdom of God shall rest upon thee and through dreams and visions thou shalt behold the future, for thou shalt behold great trouble in the earth, for the earth in many parts shall become empty and the people shall mourn.

Dear brother, the hearts of the people shall be softened and the people of the earth shall be humble and it shall be thy privilege to go forth in the earth as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou shalt have power over thy enemies and thou shalt have power over the waves of the sea, and the elements shall obey thee and the Lord shall prepare the way before thee and thou shalt preach the Gospel to the honest in heart and many shall receive thy testimony and be led into the waters of baptism.

Dear brother, thou shalt witness many changes take place in the future and thou shalt be warned and forewarned and thou shalt raise thy voice in the congregations of the Saints and the Spirit and power of Prophecy shall rest upon thee. Thou shalt be enabled to warn the people and to call them to repentance and to warn them of the judgements that shall be spread throughout Zion. Thou shalt warn the young and the rising generation of the evils of Babylon that have come to the people for the day will come when the ungodly will flee when no man pursueth them, and the wicked in Zion shall be cast out and the Sons of God shall rise up in mighty power and shall go forth in the world and peace shall come to the people and thou shalt be called to take a leading part in this mighty work.

Now dear brother, be of good cheer. Fear not thine enemies.. Keep the commandments of the Lord and in the future through thy faithfulness thou shalt be set apart as a High Priest and shall be numbered among the 144,000 that shall come forth with the Savior singing the songs

of Moses and the Lamb. Thou shalt be provided with the necessities of life and shall be a Savior on Mount Zion and mingle with the righteous and be blessed with an helpmate and a posterity who shall carry thy name down to future generations, and through thy faithfulness I seal these blessings upon thee and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life to come forth in the Resurrection of the Just with a host of relatives and the Saints of God and thy posterity with thine helpmate and enjoy the blessings of the Celestial Kingdom.

In the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen

Signed, Joseph Keddington