

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING by Daniel Duncan McArthur, Patriarch, on the head of Wilford Woodruff McArthur, his son.

“This instrument was hand written by Mary Frances Callaway McArthur, mother of Wilford W. McArthur” (This statement was written on the original blessing and signed by W. W. McArthur.)

A blessing by D. D. McArthur, Patriarch, upon the head of Wilford W. McArthur, son of Daniel D. and Mary F. C. McArthur, born April 30, 1884, in St. George, Washington County, Utah.

My dear son, Wilford Woodruff McArthur, having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a patriarchal blessing. Your lineage is of the house of Jacob through the loins of Ephraim and you are lawful heir to all the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant both in heaven and on earth and your calling is to preach the everlasting gospel to the inhabitants of the earth wherever you will be sent by the servants of the living God. You will have power of language to set forth the gospel in such a plain and convincing manner that all that hear you will be pierced in their hearts because of the earnestness of your sole and they will proclaim that you are an inspired man of God and they that are honest will receive the message that you bear unto them through the inspirations of the Holy Ghost and you will have power to gather them together and form camps and companies and lead them forth to the Zion of our God with their vast stores of riches and you will see them safely through all the difficulties to arise before you to hinder you in your onward march to the Zion of our God for you will lead them across the mighty deep and across the deserts in safety for you will put your whole trust in Jesus Christ and he will hear your prayers and the raging winds and the foaming billows will be stilled because God will hear your prayers and springs will come forth from the desert land to quench the thirst of both man and beast. No weapon that shall be formed against you or a hand of men that shall be raised against you shall prosper. No prison walls or bars of iron or gates of brass shall confine you for the angels of almighty God will protect you in all your afflictions that may be heaped for God will be with you constantly.

You will have a companion that will be true to you in all of her devotions for her whole heart and sole for power to be given you that you may accomplish every work that will be required at your hand. You will have a numerous posterity to bear your name in honorable remembrance in the church and Kingdom of God for ever.

You will have power to perform all miracles that shall be required of you in moving forward the cause of Zion. You shall be blessed with the blessings of heaven and earth for the comfort of your family and all that may sojourn with you from time to time or dine at your table.

You will be respected among your brethren in the Priesthood because of the wisdom and knowledge given you of God.

Now, my dear son, I say unto you in the name of Jesus Christ not one word which I have said shall fail for I seal you up with eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and meet the Savior at his coming. You will assist with your own hands in the building of zion and receive an inheritance with the righteous of God's kingdom. Now, I say unto you that not one word of this blessing shall fail you if you are faithful and true to the end and I seal you up unto eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Amen

Copied in D. D. McArthur's book of blessings (note on original blessing in W. W. McArthur's handwriting)