

The Council of Witnesses

The Teacher

Teach Them My Ways

"Truth is not merely spoken—it is opened. The Teacher does not create disciples for himself; he opens the records so others may follow the King."

The Mantle

The Teacher is appointed to reveal understanding.

He does not invent new truth.

He faithfully opens what the Father has already spoken.

The Teacher knows that knowledge alone does not transform a life.

Understanding produces wisdom.

Wisdom produces obedience.

Obedience produces fruit.

Philip bore this witness in the East.

Mathoniah bore this witness in the West.

Together they testify that the Kingdom advances when the records are opened and the people are taught the ways of God.

East Witness — Philip

The Lord often places Teachers beside those who are searching.

Philip was led into the wilderness where he found an Ethiopian reading the prophet Isaiah.

The man possessed the Scriptures, but he did not yet understand them.

Acts 8:30–31

"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."

The Teacher begins where the learner is.

He does not shame sincere questions.

He patiently opens the Word.

Philip then revealed the Messiah through the Scriptures.

Acts 8:35

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

Notice where Philip began.

He did not begin with his own opinions.

He began with the records.

Every true Teacher points people back to the Word of God.

West Witness — Mathonihah

After the resurrected Messiah ministered among the Nephites, His disciples continued teaching the covenant to the people.

Mathonihah stood among those entrusted with preserving that work.

3 Nephi 23:1

"And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things.

Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah."

The Savior did not tell His disciples merely to read the Scriptures.

He commanded them to search them diligently.

The Teacher invites people to become students of the records.

The disciples faithfully continued teaching throughout the land.

4 Nephi 1:12

"And they taught, and did minister one to another; and they had all things common among them, every man dealing justly, one with another."

Teaching was not separated from daily life.

The truth they learned became the way they lived.

That is the goal of every Teacher.

One Testimony

Philip opened the Scriptures.

Mathonihah encouraged the people to search them.

Different lands.

Different records.

One Teacher.

One truth.

One testimony.

The Kingdom grows wherever people are taught to understand the Word for themselves.

The Fruit

Patience

Understanding develops over time.

The Teacher walks beside the learner.

He answers questions.

He encourages growth.

He trusts the Father to bring the increase.

James 1:5

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

The Teacher points every student back to the Father, the source of all wisdom.

The Armor

Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

The Teacher's weapon is not clever speech.

It is the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit cuts away confusion, exposes error, and reveals truth.

When handled with humility and love, it equips the saints for every good work.

Kingdom Reflection

Ask yourself:

Do I study the records before I teach others?

Am I pointing people to Christ or to my own opinions?

Do I welcome sincere questions with patience?

Is my life teaching the truth as clearly as my words?

Search the Records

Study these passages together and watch how they reveal the heart of the Teacher:

Acts 8:30–35

Matthew 28:19–20

3 Nephi 23:1–5

4 Nephi 1:12–18

James 1:5

Ephesians 6:17

Isaiah 54:13

Ask the Father to increase your understanding as you search His Word and to make you a faithful teacher of His ways.

Kingdom Declaration

The Teacher does not seek applause.

He seeks understanding.

Philip bore this witness in the East.

Mathonihah bore this witness in the West.

Together they testify that when the records are opened with patience, humility, and truth, the people grow in wisdom, the covenant is preserved, and the Living House is strengthened.

One King. One House. One Testimony.