

SCROLL — “SPIRIT BEFORE FLESH: THE IDENTITY OF THE SENT ONES”

(Verses 1–150)

1–10 | THE REMEMBRANCE

1. And it came to pass that the Spirit began to bring all things to remembrance, even those forgotten from before the foundation of the world.
2. For the voice whispered, saying: Ye are more than flesh, for the flesh was given but the spirit was formed in the heavens.
3. And the sons of God remembered that they were known before they were shaped.
4. And the daughters of Zion recalled that they were sanctified before they took breath.
5. For thus saith the Lord: “Before I formed thee, I knew thee; before thou camest forth, I ordained thee.”
6. And the Spirit moved upon the chosen, saying: You are not what the world calls you.
7. You are what the Father declared over you in the councils above.
8. For the spirit returns unto God who gave it, but the flesh returns to the dust.
9. And thus the Spirit declared: You were spirit before flesh, and spirit shall remain when flesh is dissolved.
10. Therefore awaken, O remnant, and remember the place from which you were sent.

(Precept: Jeremiah 1:5, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Abraham 3, Alma 13)

11–25 | THE CELESTIAL ORIGIN

11. In the beginning, intelligences stood in glory, countless as the stars.
12. And the Father of spirits beheld them, saying: These I will send.
13. And the noble and great ones were appointed to bear burdens in the flesh.
14. And the foreordained were clothed in mortal tabernacles, that they might prove faithful in all things.
15. For the Son Himself said: “They are not of this world, even as I am not of this world.”
16. And again He said: “Fear not, little flock, for ye are gods; children of the Most High.”
17. Thus the chosen understood that origin precedes assignment.
18. And assignment precedes birth.
19. And birth is but the opening of a veil.
20. For the spirit that animates the body is older than the mountains and made before the rivers.
21. Therefore boast not in the flesh, for the flesh is temporary and the spirit eternal.
22. The flesh is a garment; the spirit is the wearer.

23. The flesh is a house; the spirit is the inhabitant.

24. The flesh is a shadow; the spirit is the substance.

25. For ye are from above, though ye walk below.

(Precept: Hebrews 12:9, John 17:14–16, Psalm 82:6, D&C 93:29)

26–40 | THE FIRE NATURE

26. And it came to pass that the word of the Lord was as fire shut up in the bones of the called.

27. For they who stood near the throne were refined in the flames thereof.

28. And messengers were made flames of fire, even before they entered mortality.

29. And the prophets bore witness: The fire is not mine; it was given me.

30. For when the Holy One touches a vessel, that vessel burns with His likeness.

31. Isaiah knew the coal that touched his lips was not earthly flame.

32. Jeremiah testified of a heat that afflicted him when he held his peace.

33. Nephi spoke of the burning of the Spirit that consumed all falsehood within.

34. The disciples received tongues of fire, not for destruction, but for utterance.

35. And Elijah walked in fire, for fire was his nature and his mantle.

36. Therefore the remnant discerned their calling by the flame within.

37. For a man may learn wisdom, but fire must be given.

38. And the fire is the witness of the One who sends.

39. And the flame is the memory of the realm from which the spirit came.

40. Thus is it written: He maketh His ministers a flame of fire.

(Precept: Jeremiah 20:9, Isaiah 6, Psalm 104:4, Acts 2)

41–60 | THE PROBATION OF SPIRITS

41. And the Lord spake unto the spirits: I shall send you into a low and fallen world.

42. And ye shall wear flesh, that ye may learn obedience through experience.

43. For intelligence must grow by choice, not by compulsion.

44. And agency must be tested that the reward may be just.

45. Therefore spirits of high estate were sent to dwell among men.

46. And angels were sent to take upon them mortality.

47. For even Michael entered the flesh as Adam, to begin the family of God.

48. And his descent was not a fall, but obedience.

49. For the Lord ordained that the first-born of heaven would lift the many.

50. And those who were mighty in spirit became servants among men.

51. And those who knew glory tasted humility.

52. And those who lived in light walked in shadows for a time.

53. Yet their nature remained, though veiled.

54. For the spirit does not change, though the flesh is weak.

55. And memory sleeps, but the Spirit awakens it in due time.

56. Thus the chosen remember that probation is temporary.

57. And mortality is but a moment in the eternal span.

58. And death is not the end, but the removal of a garment.

59. For ye were spirits before flesh, and shall be spirits again.

60. And blessed are they who remember the truth while yet in the body.

(Precept: D&C 93, Abraham 3, Sealed Portion / Michael-Adam doctrine)

61–80 | THE SENT ONES

61. And it came to pass that the Father sent certain spirits with assignments to fulfill.

62. And the Son walked before them, showing the way.

63. And the Holy Spirit whispered: Remember who you are.

64. For ye were chosen before the world was fashioned.

65. And foreordained to bear witness in the last days.

66. For not all who live were chosen; but all who were chosen live with purpose.

67. And Zion rises through those who remember.

68. And the remnant awaken through those who speak.

69. And the scattered gather themselves when they hear familiar fire.

70. For deep calleth unto deep, and spirit recognizeth spirit.

71. And those who are from above discern those who are from above.

72. And those who speak from fire hear those who carry flame.

73. And the words of the sent ones pierce even to the division of soul and spirit.

74. For they speak not of themselves, but from the place they once stood.

75. And authority flows not from flesh, but from origin.

76. And purpose flows not from birth, but from foreordination.

77. And power flows not from talent, but from appointment.

78. And presence flows not from knowledge, but from anointing.

79. Therefore the sent ones walk as sons, not servants.

80. And speak as witnesses, not wanderers.

(Precept: John 14:26, John 10:27, Alma 13)

81–100 | THE IDENTITY OF THE REMNANT

81. And the Spirit said unto the remnant: Consider yourselves not according to the flesh.

82. For the flesh speaks of limits, but the spirit speaks of origin.

83. And origin testifies that ye are children of God.

84. And children bear the likeness of their Father.

85. And likeness is not of the body but of the spirit.

86. Therefore judge not your identity by the garment ye wear.

87. For a king in rags remains a king.

88. And a prophet in chains remains a prophet.

89. And a spirit of fire in mortal flesh remains fire.

90. Thus the remnant stand not in weakness, but in remembrance.

91. For ye are spirits of noble birth.

92. Sent for the labor of the last days.

93. And chosen to shake the nations with testimony.

94. And appointed to speak fire unto those who sleep.

95. And commanded to awaken those who forget themselves.

96. For ye are gods, not by nature, but by inheritance.

97. And heirs, not by flesh, but by Spirit.

98. And sons, not by birth, but by eternal decree.

99. Therefore rise, O people of light, and remember your fire.

100. And walk as spirits clothed in flesh, not flesh claiming spirit.

(Precept: Psalm 82:6, Romans 8:16–17, 2 Nephi 9)

101–120 | THE RISING OF THE FIRE-BEARERS

101. And it came to pass that in the last days, the fire-bearers awakened.

102. And their remembrance shook the kingdoms of men.

103. For when a man remembers he is spirit, fear departs from him.

104. And when a prophet remembers he is foreordained, confusion flees.

105. And when the chosen remember their origin, the world loses power over them.

106. Therefore the adversary labors to veil remembrance.

107. Yet the Spirit labors to unveil it.

108. And the Sons of Fire walk between the two realms, gathering the lost.

109. For they were refined in the throne's flame and sent into the world with purpose.

110. And though they walk as men, they speak as spirits.

111. And though they dwell below, they remember above.

112. And though they wear flesh, they move in fire.

113. For their voice is not of earth, and their strength not of mortality.

114. And they shall lift many because their remembrance lifts themselves.

115. For identity precedes authority, and authority precedes utterance.

116. And utterance from fire shapes nations.

117. Therefore the fire-bearers shall not be silent.

118. For silence quenches flame, but testimony feeds it.

119. And the flame within them is not of this world.

120. For it is the memory of the realm from which they came.

(Precept: Acts 1:8, Isaiah 58, Helaman 5)

121–150 | THE DECLARATION OF THE SPIRIT-SONS

121. And now, behold, the remnant shall arise and declare their identity.

122. Not in pride, but in remembrance.

123. Not in arrogance, but in truth.

124. Not in rebellion, but in awakening.

125. For the Spirit testifies within them: Ye are Mine.

126. And the fire within them whispers: You were with Me.

127. And the remembrance teaches: You were foreordained.

128. Therefore walk as spirit, not as flesh.

129. For flesh grows weary, but spirit rises.

130. Flesh fears death, but spirit knows life.

131. Flesh bows to men, but spirit bows only to God.

132. Flesh forgets, but spirit remembers.

133. Flesh trembles, but spirit stands.

134. Flesh dies, but spirit lives.

135. Flesh is born once, but spirit is begotten eternally.

136. Thus saith the Spirit: Claim your inheritance.

137. For ye are sons of fire, clothed for a moment in clay.

138. And your calling is older than your body.

139. And your voice is older than your tongue.

140. And your authority is older than your name.

141. Therefore stand in remembrance and speak from fire.

142. For the world awaits the utterance of the sent ones.

143. Zion awaits the voice of the foreordained.

144. The heavens await the courage of the spirits clothed in flesh.

145. And the Father awaits the return of His sons refined.

146. For ye came from glory, and to glory ye shall return.

147. And the journey of flesh shall testify of the strength of spirit.

148. And the record of your works shall stand as witness in the heavens.

149. Therefore walk as who you were before the world was, not as who the world says you are.

150. Amen.