

### **Patriarchal Blessing of John Adams**

Given Tooele City, July 29, 1861. G John Young Patriarch, on the head of John Adams, son of Thomas and Margaret Adams, born Shropshire England, June 4, 1830.

Brother John, I lay my hands upon your head to bless you with a father's blessing and I pray that the Holy Spirit which rested upon John the Evangelist upon the Island of Patmos may rest upon you that you may be a prophet of God. Have power to discern things, past, present, and in the future.

You have embraced the gospel and desire to do good and you shall be blessed according to the good you do. You are a lawful heir to the priesthood which you shall fold a fulness of. Become a mighty man and a swift messenger to the nations.

You are a literal descendent of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and the blessings of Abraham shall rest upon you and that is to have wives and children and a numerous posterity together with houses and lands, flocks and herds and you shall be blest with all things necessary for your present and eternal salvation. Have power to govern and control yourself and honor the holy priesthood which is conferred upon you. Your name shall be honorable among the elders in Israel. The spirit of council and wisdom shall rest upon you.

You may be called upon by the voice of the spirit through his servants to go forth and bare words of eternal life to the inhabitants of the earth. If you live faithful you shall be qualified for all duties which you may be called upon to perform and become a mighty man and become a bright and shining light. Have power to war skillfully against the powers of darkness and assist in building up the kingdom and gathering home the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

In as much as you will do right all you put your hand to do shall prosper. No evil nor accident shall befall you but you shall be blest with life and health and prosperity all the days of your pilgrimage which shall be many upon the earth. You shall see the mighty work of the Lord and see iniquity swept off and to see Israel gathered and Zion built up upon a sure foundation never to be overthrown.

The gifts of the gospel shall rest upon you. Have power to administer in the holy ordinances, and to the sick, and to do much good in your day and generation, and fill up the measure of your creation with usefulness. Be prepared to receive your inheritance. Have power to gather your posterity round you and be associated with the great and the good.

I seal upon you a holy resurrection and say you shall become a savior upon mount Zion and administer in holy things for the benefit of your forefathers. All these blessings are yours upon conditions of your faithfulness and endurance and diligence to the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. I seal you up to the day of redemption and say you shall live forever in the mansions prepared for you for this is according to the holy order and sealing power which is committed to his servants to bind on earth and bind in heaven in the name of Jesus, Amen.