

Fathers house, even so. Amen.
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A blessing given by John Smith, patriarch,
upon the head of Hyrum Belnap, son of
Gilbert and Adaline Belnap, born in
Ogden, Utah, March 24th, 1858.

Brother Hyrum Belnap:

According to thy desire I place my
hands upon thy head to confer and seal
a blessing upon thee, which shall be a
guide and a comfort unto thee in time to come,
and I ask God the Eternal Father for his
spirit to indite thy blessing, for thou art
numbered among the sons of Zion who were
chosen at their birth to be messengers of life
and salvation among the people at home and abroad,
and from early youth you were true to thy trust,
obedient to thy parents and in honor to the
priesthood did labor among the people, did
teach and exhort the younger, and in thy
journeys abroad did learn much of the ways
of the world, for the Lord through thy guardian

angel did often guide thy course, direct thy mind and give thee strength of memory, to counsel in righteousness among the people, and I say unto thee in thy reflections thou shalt gain knowledge through the experience of the past and thereby counsel in righteousness among the people. By reflection thou shalt realize that thy mission is not yet finished neither thy race run, therefore look forward to the future with a prayerful heart, and an enquiring mind and thou shalt see things as they are, for the vision of thine understanding shall be opened and when necessary thou shalt have the gift of discernment, for it is thy province to detect error and also evil. It is thy duty to defend the oppressed, to protect the innocent and as a common judge in Israel it is thy duty to pass sentence upon the guilty. Thy decisions shall be in justice and equity, for when doubts may cross thy mind, thou shalt ask the Father in humility for wisdom, and thy petitions shall be heard and answered, thou shalt be prospered in thy labors temporal, shall complete thy mission and with thy posterity, thy name shall be handed down in honorable remembrance from generation to generation, as it is now written in the Lamb's Book of Life, for the Lord is pleased with thine integrity, has accepted thine offerings thus far, and for thy sacrifice thou shalt verily receive thy reward, and with all thy Father's house thou shalt receive thine inheritance and among those who have fought the good fight, kept the faith, finished their course and won the prize, therefore be comforted for it shall be well with thee both here

and hereafter. This with thy former blessings
I seal upon thee by the authority of the priest-
hood I bear, and in the name of Jesus
Christ. Even so. Amen.