

Blanding, Utah
March 30th, 1934

Mrs Marie Black. Darling child, your letter touched me so that I just have to write, it will take me two or three, days, so if it is disconnected just make it out the best you can and go on. Dear Ree I wish you could know how much we love you, and how important your life is. I am going to write you a letter that I want you to keep and study occasionally for it is a message of truth to you. And don't take it as a preaching. No person who has received the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, has a right to be unhappy. I know you have tried to overcome it tho, which is very much to your credit, and will be the means of your success, if you never tire. I can't explain how my feelings have gone out to you the last year or so, I can't tell you why either. but I have felt like I wanted to keep you right in my sight, every minute, not in a way of mistrust, far from it. for I have always had a very great deal of confidence in you. when I first moved to Blanding it seemed like my sorrows just begun, so I feel a little responsible for your make-up. Maby that is one reason my feelings are so tender toward you. but now. everyone who is born. has some weakness or other and it is their buisness to over come it here. remember this. it is the greatest blessing to have the privilige to have a body. if you could see into the spirit world one minute, you would be satisfied, and happy, ever after for being here with a body and thankful that there were people who were willing to suffer in order that you might come and have a body. the greatest gift that can be given to man is mortality and eternal life. you could not gain it with out having experience in mortal life. then it is the buisness of every soul to spend every effort of his or her life to gain it, and prepare for it, one could not step into a place of perfection of any sort with out first having schooling and preparation. you must keep in mind that souls are precious in the sight of the Lord, they werent put on earth by chance, and you must wake up and make your self worthy by being happy and preparing.

One leaf a little off the subject. A little joking, advice, and infermation. first, dont concern your self much about the Lyman boy. from all I can see and learn his head has swollen a little. he feels like he had put one over. felt that way all the time since he come home. but this is a fact if you are my girl. he has nothing over you, either in Birth or Station, or repitition wealth, or not one single thing. And if you did flurt a little, in the out come you acted the most white. now forget the past and live for the future. learn to labor and to wait, be patient. And be prayerful. ask the Lord to forgive you of your sins. I think you displeased the

Lord by refusing to pray and in some other ways to. Dee Allon is around here now and I guess has never been away, some people think he hasnt got ambition enough to come to the dances. And you know their family is not looked up to. now the joke. the Clayton grand-son is a very nice fellow, hop to it. and capture him. its al right with me. but dont fret about any of it. mr right will come along in due time. I hope you will find one who you really and truly love. and one whom you can look up to and respect. but when you think you not as good as any one I dont care who it is, or what it is. that is the very best holt failure can get on you.

I know you didnt mean for me to pay any attention to what you said, or fret about it. I am not going to either, but I want to help my children to see the beauties of life, instead of always seeing the other side, tho I havent set a very good example in that one thing but I can see my mistake so plain now. you are in the flower time of life. the Lord says so much about while you are in your youth. gives out the idea that, that is the beautiful time to start to be beautiful. and says to be sober minded. And pure, and says seek me and be diligent while in your youth. youth is grand and wonderful you have a great future before you, grand if you live for it. And make it that way if you live near to the Lord he will always gide you right. It is a weakness in our blood handed down from quite a ways back. to be on the dark side of things. we must over come it. study things out. youll find there is two sides, and if you will think it out very carefully you will find you need to appreciate conditions instead of feeling down the mouth.

I don't feel to senture. I symphise with you in this, but you must help to bring about a better condition. you might help to bring about, and enjoy things I have longer for in the meleneum. You are very apt to have that privilige if you keep yourself pure and worthy. people will have to live for the grand blessing that will come to them at that time, of course. We will have to live for it if we regain our health or any other blessing we want, if we do not sense and appreciate the privilige of coming here and partake a body, it could be nothing less than sinful. It is the least desirabl sphere of life of course, but it is as a preliminary, programme. the testing grade, but he gives us the incouragement of great things in the future if we will but be patient and prove faithful to the end. it is nothing more than right that we have a little testing out. And that we have to pay a little for comforts and joys, and fine things we would like to have, but it seems like people want things to easy these days. they are not willing to take hardships or shoulder heavy burdens, they are not willing to sacrifice, and put their shoulder to the wheel, they are not willing to earn what they expect to have. They are not willing to pay the price.

You have a talent of writing you are wasting by using your mind in repining or some other idle way. you have many talents which in the future would prove a great blessing to you. and be the means of your climbing upward. to something more than happiness (eternal joy) but you must develope them or they lay dormant, and are of no value. I believe I would have worked hard to have accomplish a little something in this life but for some cause, that I do not understand I was headed off by having week eyes and other misfortions, but we have to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things and when any thing like that comes to us, we should adjust our selves to it, and say thy will be done.

there msust be some wise purpose it it. and I am trying now to feel that way about it. someday I might see plain as cana be where it was a blessing to me. now Ree, I expect a lot from you so does the Lord, he is a good pay master, it is great to bve in his service. we think Oh if we could have money we would do, well remember this all who have done things and made success have been those with out a dollar those who have money have it to easy and very seldom ever accomplish anything with them-selves. I know you havent had the things that young people naturally think they ought to have to make them happy, nice cloths, and things in the home that your nature called for and all that, I have felt very sad about that my-self but I got hardened to it, to much so I can see now but we don't know, maby it is for the bvest. I pray the Lord to bless you and hlep you to understand and make your heart to rejoice and lead you to the paths of happiness and success in rightenous

I have got some good news for you. I think it is like David said Providence brings justice to us sometimes in spite of the craftiness of people. your father got a letter from head quarters to go out to the road job at the natural bridge road and take charge of every thing he is the big boss. he gets a dollar an hour and 30 hours a week. now Ree, cheer up. if I get a hold of any of it no doubt bvut what I will believe me Ill be sending you some. Dad had a little touch of flue and was home all day sat., and sun. so we had easter all to our selves.

Dotty was around quite a bit they didnt have their easter till night Maes tribe all went to Bluff. Dee Allon was around these stores most of the day seemed like nearly every body went out in their cars and had a good time. Dave and Mae have a lot of little baby chicks. this is monday we have a terrible wind storm, I hope it will settle in a good rain storm. Dad expect his first check next Saturday then I will send your things and some moey. I will have to write to Nec next time Love to kids and Nec and Bob. from Mother

I would like to say one word about De every body has faults and if he is the man you love he is the one to have if he gave you a chance. He just went by with a load at hosts this cloth I was going to send you is very pretty but Dot says

to send you money insteads What do you say

The following song was sung by the Lyman Sister at the wedding dance of Asa and Marie held on November 9, 1936. Sung to the tune "Wedding Bells", composed by A. R. Lyman.

Wedding Bells for Asa and Marie.
May you live in love and harmony.
Though dark times the year will bring
May these bells forever ring.

Wedding Bells for Asa and Marie
Side by side forever to agree.
On the path of love to find
Glorious destiny.

Wedding Bells for Asa and his bride.
May you keep her ever by your side.
By your path may flowers grow,
May the roses ever blow.

Wedding Bells, O, Let them ever ring.
Wedding cheer their tone will ever bring.
Joy and Peace we wish you free.
Asa and Marie