

Guardian Angels in P Blessings, for Mark LeGrand Baker

Mark,

The following are extracts from patriarchal blessings of two men who eventually became apostles. Elder Wirthlin's is a part of the collection in the library. Elder Callis's was given to me by his daughter.

From the Patriarchal Blessing given by Charles Evans to (apostle to be) Joseph L. Wirthlin
This is difficult to read. Its a bad xerox copy of an indistinct handwriting. The words I can make out are: "Thy angel shall not forsake thee. If thou will listen to his whisperings and the ... of the holy Spirit ..."

The blessing of Patriarch John Smith to (apostle to be) Charles A. Callis, 4 May 1865, reads:

"You were also true to thy trust, and when the Gospel reached thee thou didst yield obedience thereunto. For this the Lord was well pleased and gave thine angel charge concerning thee, who has watched over thee thus far; preserved thee from the evils of the world, and brought thee out from Babylon to complete the work of thy father; to become a saviour among thy kindred and that you shall secure unto thyself a name and place among the saints with the blessings of eternal life. And I say unto thee, be of good cheer; for the eye of the Lord is upon thee. Thy pathway is marked out, and thy duty shall be made known unto thee, from time to time, as thou shall need, through the prophetic visions of thy mind. It is therefore necessary that you learn to listen to the whispering of the Spirit. For through this source thy guardian angel shall often converse with thee: warn thee of events to come: open the eyes of thy understanding, and remove doubts from thy mind; and give thee power over evil and unclean spirits, and enable thee to hold the adversary at bay."