

COME
UNTO
CHRIST

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The Christ Child

(See 2 Nephi 11:14-21)

A babe He was,
the Savior of mankind.
Our God
condescended to be a child.
Like you. Like me.
This Babe of Light is our Way.
His love a spark within us,
so we see our own potential divinity.
To honor His birth,
we humbly,
with unbound love,
take upon us His name.
We are born again.
Holy and pure.
We are one with Him.




The Covenant Path

(See 2 Nephi 31:20; Moses 6:50-68)

**A choice, without exception,
to obey His transcendent laws.
Eternal, unwavering covenants
made before God, angels,
and earthly witnesses,
to follow Him.**

It is who we *want* to be.



Time

(See Matthew 20:1-16)

The workers in the field,
no matter when they came,
received the same.

An allegory of our coming unto Christ.
It is not *when* we choose to do it,
it is *that* we choose to do it.

Time, with its temporary experiences,
reveals to us our desires.

And we will have as long as we need,
to choose who we want to be.

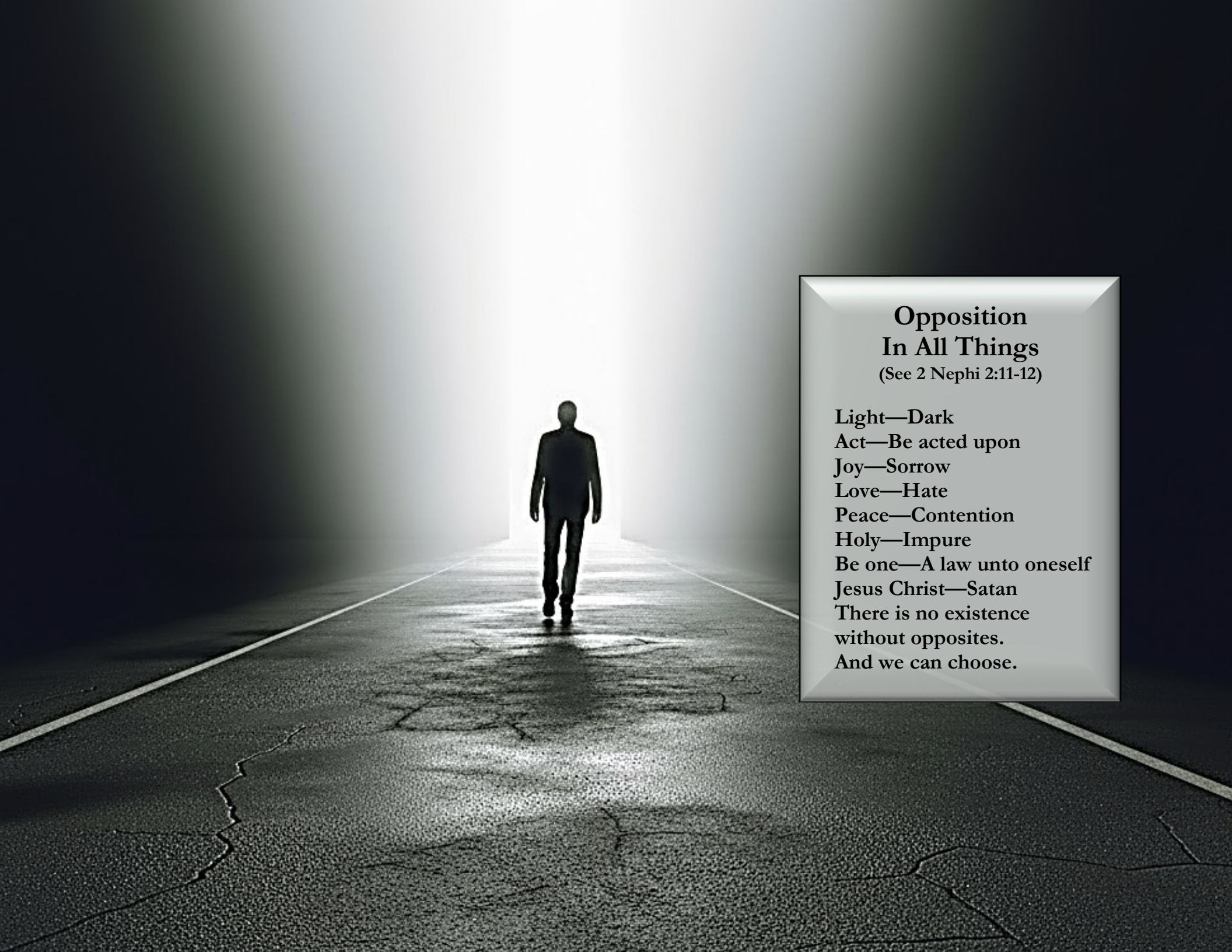
Eternally.



Repentance

(See Mosiah 4:5-12)

Our experiences here
show us who we want to be.
Teach us how to become.
Repentance means
we choose **Light**,
after we know the dark.
Learning, growing, evolving.
Changing is what God's plan
is all about.



**Opposition
In All Things**
(See 2 Nephi 2:11-12)

Light—Dark
Act—Be acted upon
Joy—Sorrow
Love—Hate
Peace—Contention
Holy—Impure
Be one—A law unto oneself
Jesus Christ—Satan
There is no existence
without opposites.
And we can choose.



Choosing

(See 2 Nephi 2:26-27)

Since...
I am eternal,
haven't I always been who I am?
Perhaps.
But not who I *will* become.
When I see all I *can* be,
I choose.
His grace, His love,
makes my possibilities possible.
And...
I *can* become as He is.
If that is my choice.



They Left Everything Behind

(A type of our mortal journey)

The Children of the Light left everything behind
to heed the call of Christ so they might also find,
His patience in their suffering,
His love in selfless offering.
A song of mercy as they learned to sing.

As pioneers, they journeyed to the promised land.
They found that trial and grief led them to understand.
Our opposition on the way
brings us the power to obey.
It gives us strength to overcome the day.

Their hearts and spirits softened with each step they trod.
Their weakness turned to strength when they gave soul to God.
They learned humility through pain,
And self-control in their restraint.
Their journey stripped them of telestial stain.

When the journey ended, their life for them began.
The Zion they were seeking they had found within.
The Light of Christ from their eyes shone.
The Savior was their cornerstone.
The Son of God now claimed them as His own.



Come Sing the Songs of Zion

(See Moses 7:17-21)

Jesus calls us out of darkness,
and we leave the world of sin.
He will break the chains that bind us
and our life of Light begins.
To sing the songs of Zion.
To sing the songs of love.
To sing the songs of Zion
with music from above!

Light of Christ was Joseph's beacon,
and rolled forth as if a flood.
Joseph's death then made it brighter
with the fuel of his own blood.
So sing the songs of Zion,
And sing the songs of love;
Yes, sing the songs of Zion
with music from above!

Christ will never cease His gathering,
Hell itself cannot forestall.
Dam of darkness was now broken.
His elect had heard the call.
They sang the songs of Zion.
They sang the songs of love.
They sang the songs of Zion
with music from above!

Covenant children, come to Zion,
let your faith o'er come your fear!
You are children of the promise
Come and see that Christ is here!
Come sing the songs of Zion.
Come sing the songs of love.
Come sing the songs of Zion
with music from above!



The Sabbath

(See Doctrine & Covenants 59:3-15)

The Sabbath is a special day for me,
for I am trying to be holy.

I strive to think celestial,
so I can enter His Rest.

I partake of the sacrament,
perhaps not fully worthy.

But I want to be.

And my offering is accepted.

I try to remember Him.

My weaknesses too.

I repent, and see more clearly
the temporal is temporary.

I focus on what is real—the eternal.

I pray to see me as He does.

His child growing up in Him.

And I beg for His grace to do so.

My Sabbath keeping
is a solemn witness—

I want to be one with Him.

Chastity

(See Doctrine & Covenants 121:45)

The world shouts
there is no immorality.
Sin is nothing but a hoax—
to keep us from pleasures that await.
But decadent indulgences are temporary.
Gone in a fleeting moment.
Leaving us vacant.
Or worse.
They control us.
Detain us from who we can be.

Keeping passions
within God's bounds,
leads us to Him.
Using sacred procreative powers
to bring about man's
immortality and eternal life,
like Him,
begets for us eternal life.
And we vow to guard our virtue
as we would our lives.

Our children will have
a father, pure and holy.
A mother, sanctified and true.
For virtue garnishing our thoughts,
without ceasing,
brings a Oneness.
A Oneness with Jesus Christ.
And, without compulsory means,
His Light flows in us and from us.
Forever and ever.



A Thankful Heart

(See Doctrine & Covenants 59:7)

As I look around me
at blessings that surround me,
I sorrow
because of my ungrateful heart.
In the past,
my selfish expectation
left no room for contemplation.
Why should I be thankful
when it was mine from the start?

But...
I didn't see.
Everything I have, Thou gavest me.

Bless me with eyes to see
the helping hand that lifts me.
With ears that hear
the silent prayers on my behalf.
And bless my soul to feel
the Savior's tears He's shed for me.
To sense His grace
that keeps me day to day.
Father, bless me with a thankful heart.

So...
I may see.
Everything I have, Thou gavest me.

And gratitude be shown
in the way I treat my brother.
In nurturing another
who has lost his way.
Help me give thanks by serving.
Show gratitude by doing.
And smile encouragement
to those who stray.
Father, help me live a thankful life.

Because...
Now I see.
Everything I have, Thou gavest me.



Christ's Atonement Was for Me

(See 2 Nephi 7,9; Mosiah 3)

Christ's atonement was for me,
and I feel His love's embrace.
Sorrows now lead me to Him,
and my pain reveals His face.

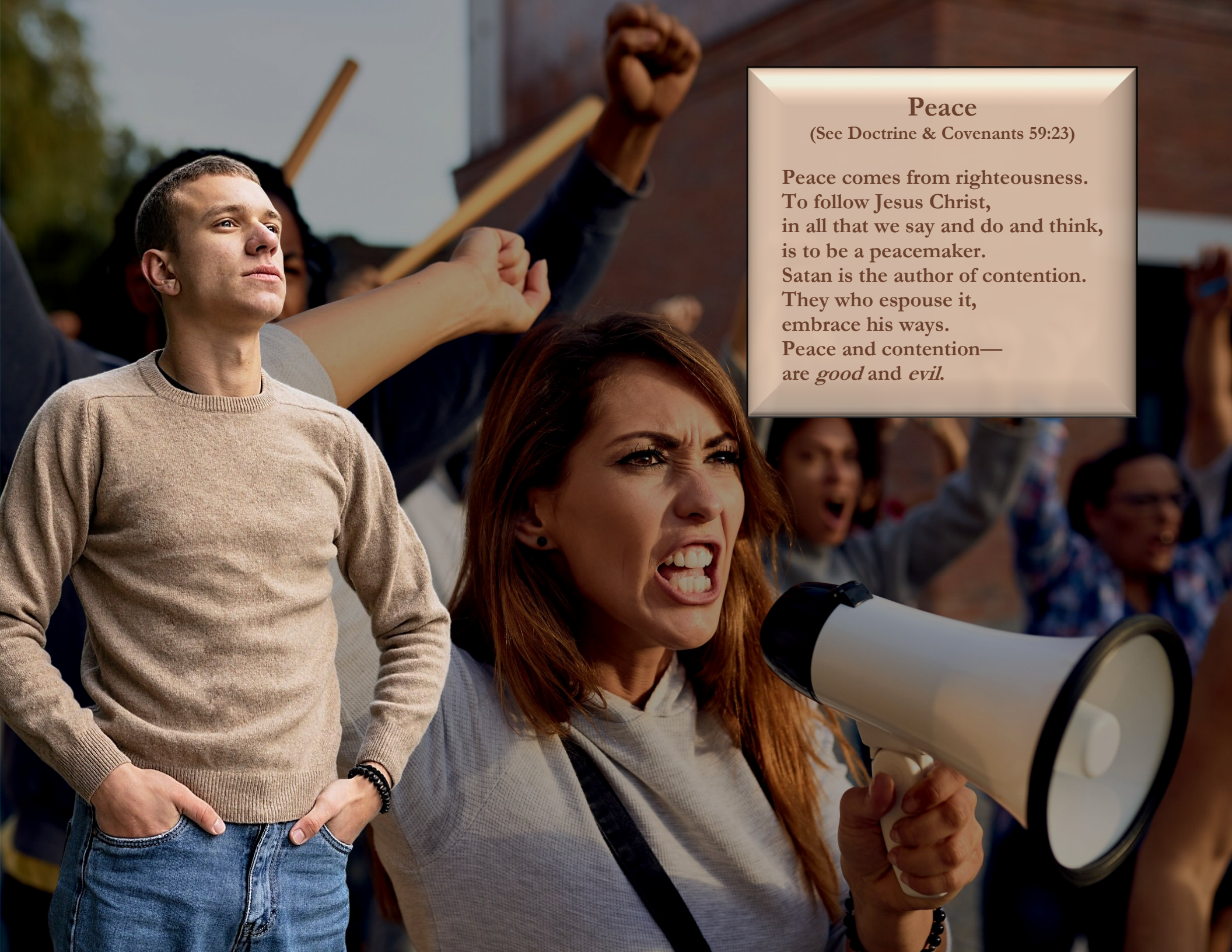
His atonement was for me.
I have laid aside my sins.
Burdens of telestial flesh
are made light because of Him.

Christ's atonement was for me.
My direction will be true.
For my spirit seeks the Light
that His life is pointed to.

Savior, bless my faith this day
when I walk on stormy sea.
Keep me from the angry waves
as I learn to be like Thee.

Weakness now brings me His strength.
Grace lifts me from inward fall.
Pride is dashed upon His Rock,
and His love, it mends my soul.





Peace

(See Doctrine & Covenants 59:23)

Peace comes from righteousness.
To follow Jesus Christ,
in all that we say and do and think,
is to be a peacemaker.
Satan is the author of contention.
They who espouse it,
embrace his ways.
Peace and contention—
are *good* and *evil*.

Come Follow Me

(See Alma 7:9-12)

He suffered
infirmities, challenges,
heartaches, temptations.
All needed for Him
to have a fulness of mercy.
And to succor you and me.
Walk in His paths
the Spirit implores.
Come, follow me,
the Savior invites.
To have experiences,
like His,
is how we become as He is.
There is no other way.





Remembering

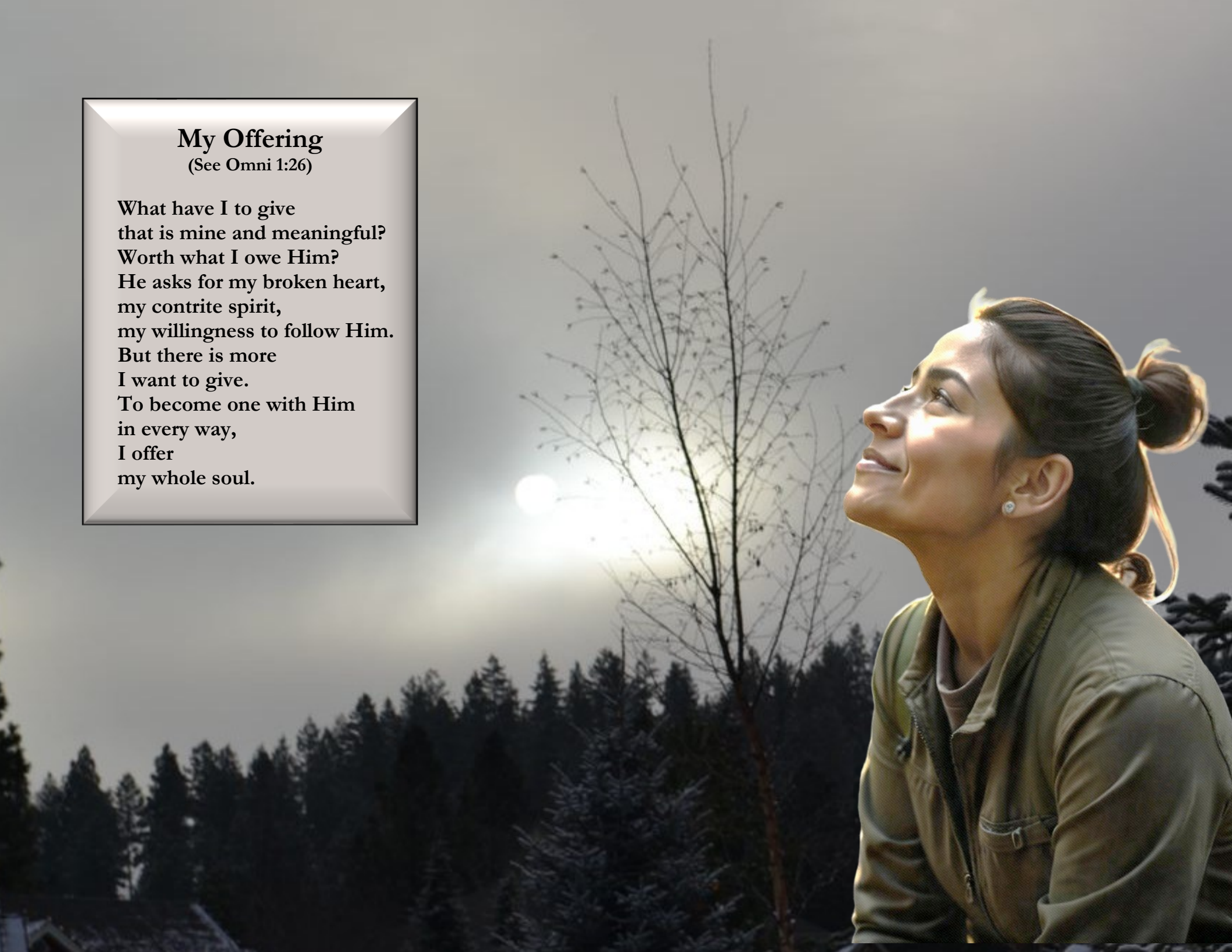
(See Doctrine & Covenants 76:24)

To *want* and
always *try*
to remember
I am God's child,
reflects who I *want* to be
eternally.

My Offering

(See Omni 1:26)

**What have I to give
that is mine and meaningful?
Worth what I owe Him?
He asks for my broken heart,
my contrite spirit,
my willingness to follow Him.
But there is more
I want to give.
To become one with Him
in every way,
I offer
my whole soul.**





Endure to the End

(See 3 Nephi 15:9)

Enduring to the end
might imply defining attributes.
Perseverant, tenacious, steel hearted.
But this bookend tenet
of Christ's Doctrine
is more than a describing trait.
It is a witness of our choice to
look unto Christ and follow Him.
It is who we are.

Jesus Christ

(See Doctrine & Covenants 93:2-13)

The creator
of heaven and earth
and all things.
He is the Light of the world.
Our Savior.
He did not have
a Fulness at first.
He received grace
as He *gave* grace,
and continued
from grace *to* grace
until He had a Fulness.
With His life,
He showed us the way.
By His love and grace,
He *is* our Way.
We become like Him
as we love Him.
As we *come* unto Him.

