



Dear John,

I love you! I just got done reading your Message #29 again. It is perfect! I love you so much, and I mean it every time too! I didn't respond to all the doctrinal points right away, because I figured that I had made it clear lately that I also disagree with those points of concern in "Abraham 11." I agree with what you said 100%. I read all of 1842, and much of 1843 in "the Journal of Joseph Smith lately. I have been utterly impressed with his character, and sentiments. We are all imperfect and I have been much harsher and strict than Joseph was. On Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1843, Joseph said, "I replied, if I raised you to be my equal, and then attempted to oppress you, would you not be indignant and try to rise above me, as did Oliver Cowdery, Peter Whitmer, and many others, who said I was a fallen Prophet, and they were capable of leading the people, although I never attempted to oppress them, but had always been lifting them up? After reading that I wondered if I would have been like that if I were there. I prayed and was sad, but then the still small voice said, "You can be misguided by the words of others in your search, and love of the truth, when you weren't there, or acquainted with the circumstances; but inasmuch as you have been faithful unto John, is how much you would have been faithful unto Joseph. Would you always believe John's council?" "Yes." I said, "Would you give up every temporal thing for him?" "Yes." I said. "In your folly caused by fear, and in all your floundering, did you run back and feel even to die to make it right?" "Yes!" "Did you want to rule and not give up authority on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017?" "No! Heh, anything but! I would have him rule over me in all Eternity!" -And I have had a hard time convincing him that, that is my true desire." "In that case, thou art no David Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery, John Whitmer, Peter Whitmer, John C. Bennett, etc.. Thou art Abraham! Even so, Amen." "But am I anything like William Law?" "Under the uninspired leadership and corruption of Leland, you are able to act similarly to William Law, but under John or Joseph, you would never be anything like William Law; your love would tether you to them, and prevent any such action."

Oh fewww... Father in heaven, I thank thee so much for the Grace and peace of Benbanuh; please give Dinah and I, and John and Alina, and the rest of us, Charity, humility, diligence, patience, and Grace! I Love thee! In the name of Benbanuh our savior, Amen.

John, I love you so much! Oh yeah, also I guess I didn't have to throw out the picture of me throwing papers - you liked it after all! I am glad you laughed! I love you so much! Remember, He is refining our love like He made the mountains! I love you!

LOVE Abraham-

