

THE CHURCH OF
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Patriarchal Blessing

Date of blessing (day, month, year) 8 December 1980		Patriarchal blessing number 183
Recipient (first, middle, surname) John David Nelson		
Birthdate (day, month, year) 21 May 1964	Birthplace (city, county, state/nation) Calgary Alberta Canada	
Father's name (first, middle, surname) George Edgar Nelson	Mother's maiden name (first, middle, surname) Audrey Broadhead	
Patriarch Wayne L. Wilson	Stake Redmond Washington	

Brother John David Nelson, by the power of the Holy Priesthood and in my calling as Patriarch, I lay my hands upon your head to give you your Patriarchal blessing, to declare your lineage and to give you such counsel and blessings as the Holy Ghost may direct my thoughts. You have been reared in a home of love and affection, a home which is spiritually oriented and you have received good counsel from those who love you. This is a great heritage to you and also a great challenge to you for the future to so provide for those who are yet to come. In seeking for additional guidance from the Lord He is well pleased. The sins and follies of life thus far are forgiven you.

You are of the house of Father Abraham descended through Joseph and are of the tribe of Ephraim. This royal lineage is a great heritage to you, one which brings many responsibilities. In your walk through life you will have many opportunities for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. You will be called on a mission to serve the Lord and to witness to those whom you will meet that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ and that His church has been restored in these latter days through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph. Many will listen and will have the truthfulness of your message confirmed through the Holy Spirit and will enter the fold of the Master. Be patient, be humble and teachable, be a willing instrument of the Lord in this area all the days of your life for you will receive much joy from this labor.

You have been given many spiritual gifts. You have been well endowed with a strong body and a quick and intelligent mind. You have a strong will and spirit. You are able to establish priorities of the things of value, to order your time wisely and to exercise self control. These gifts will be augmented in your behalf as you have need in the future as you stay close to the Lord. In addition I bless you with the ability to be patient. You are kind and gentle. I bless you that you will be understanding, that you will be perceptive of others needs and responsive to their needs. I bless you that you will ever be prayerful to the Lord, that you will not be prideful in any way but humble for the great gifts that you have received, that you will be patient when others are not as quick to learn as you or who have faltered and stumbled. Realize that you are the one that can change and you can expect no one else to change.

I bless you with the power of discernment that you will know the promptings of the Spirit, that you will feel clearly and see plainly the path which you should follow, that you will avoid temptations and situations where you could be led astray by the adversary. I bless you that you will have great respect for the power and the temptations which the adversary can place in your path and that you will not take for granted your own strength.

I bless you that in due time you will accept of the Higher Priesthood and make this a lifelong service to others. You will be blessed to meet and fall in love with a young lady who with you will be worthy of entering the house of the Lord there to be sealed together for time and eternity. To this union in righteousness will be brought forth children to rear and to train, to love and to cherish. Be willing to

spend time with them, quality time on the Sabbath day and in Family Home Evening and in your recreation. Prepare that they might have a bulwark made against the evils and the trials of the world. Keep your home clean and pure and a refuge from the world. Treat your wife with tenderness and with deep love having your desire only to her and forsaking all others. Be spiritually oriented in all of your conversations and in your habits which you will cultivate. Return often to the temple to renew your covenants and to provide there the vicarious service for those who in the spirit world have accepted of the gospel and are waiting for this service of love to be performed in their behalf. I bless you that you will continue to prepare a journal and to provide all of the things necessary for a book of remembrance. I bless you that you will fill these with the spiritual experiences which have aided you along life's path. Help to prepare a family history and to be involved in genealogy research.

If you, in company with your wife, will kneel morning and night, expressing your love for each other and your commitment to the Lord, as you do this I bless you that you will not have any serious marital difficulty. I bless you that you will continue to exercise self discipline and control, that you will study the scriptures and the books and those things prepared which will illuminate your mind and your spirit and give you the deep and profound basis which is required to explain your faith and your testimony to others. Keep the Sabbath day holy and abide the Word of Wisdom in spirit as well as in the letter. I bless you that you will accept of calls to service wherever the Lord would have you go. As you do this and are a willing instrument in His hands much good will result from your efforts.

You will be called to high positions of responsibility. Many will come to you for spiritual guidance and counsel and for comfort. You will be a good teacher and you will be able to administer in the Lord's programs. I bless you that you will not weary in well doing but that you will be constant and persistent, that you will seek for the high road in all of your life's endeavors. You will accomplish the training which you desire which will provide the necessities and the comforts of life to your loved ones such that the excess of your bounty will be provided to others who are in need. I bless you that you will be willing to repent when you find that you have strayed from the Lord's path, that you will place your trust in Him and make your commitment total to do all that He would have you do such that you will stay close to the church and to its leaders, that you will be a bulwark for righteousness and an example to the world about you.

You will be able to persevere in spite of the strife and turmoil which will be poured out upon the world in these last days and you will have peace and happiness and joy in your heart as you know that life's problems have been given for your test and that you will be found worthy of all of the Lord's blessings. These things I seal upon you Brother John, as you are faithful and obedient, as you keep yourself clean and pure, such that you will be worthy of coming forth in the first resurrection to a celestial reward and I seal it upon you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Wayne L. Wilson