

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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A BLESSING given by Bartlett Davis Dickson Patriarch, upon the head of
Robert Milton Shumate son/daughter of
WRITE NAME IN FULL
Charles Wesley Shumate and Jessie Ann Batts
FATHER'S NAME IN FULL MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
 born 6 April 1921 at Olympia Thurston Wash
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ROBERT MILTON SHUMATE: Brother Shumate; I a servant of the most high God, by authority of the holy Melchizedek Priesthood, place my hands upon your head to give you a Patriarchal Blessing; which I pray will strengthen your faith and give unto you a greater determination to serve the Lord and keep His commandments.

Dear brother, because you are of the blood of Israel, the truths of the everlasting gospel found a place in your heart. The Lord looks with favor upon you because you had the faith and courage to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ in these the last days. You are of Israel through the loins of Ephraim, and are thereby an heir to the gospel with all of it's blessings. Through the holy ordinance of baptism, your sins have been forgiven and you stand wholly approved of the Lord. It is the desire of your Heavenly Father, that you be a chosen son to bear testimony of and teach the gospel, by precept and by example.

You were blessed in being born at a time when the gospel was upon the earth in it's fullness. I counsel you to observe the Word of Wisdom, the Law of Tithing, and strive to obey all the commandments of the Lord. Continue to study the scriptures and all good books, that you may be prepared for your mission here upon the earth; for you shall be called to many positions within the Wards and Stakes of Zion. The holy Spirit will be your companion to guide you into all truth.

I bless you with the power of prophecy, having power to bless and to rebuke, and to excell in righteousness. Be not boastful but walk humbly and prayerfully before the Lord. Your prayers have been answered many times and as long as you will acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all of your blessings, you shall receive comfort, peace of mind, and consolation, in answer to your prayers.

You shall be blessed in your in-comings and out-goings; for the Lord will prosper the labors of your hands. Be honest, true and loyal to your fellow man and you shall have the love of your Heavenly Father and the respect of all who know you. Be generous with your time and your substance, turning not the poor from your door, and you or yours, shall never lack the necessities and comforts of life. The Lord will give unto you discernment, that you may not be deceived, but will know that which is right for you to do upon every occasion.

I beseech you dear brother, to let your mind go out in search of wisdom and knowledge, and from the volts of eternity, shall intelligence flow unto you. Men and women from many walks of life will seek you out for counsel. Your home will be the abode of peace and harmony, for strife and contention shall not reign therein. It will be presided over by the priesthood in righteousness, and your children will be reared under the New and Everlasting Covenant.

Now dear brother, while manhood abounds, make the Lord your friend, through obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. In this course lies your hope and your security. Your mind shall be free of all impediment and your body from paralysis, for you will remain strong both mentally and physically until the last hours of your life.

Dear brother, I seal these blessings upon your head and bless you to come forth on the Morning of the First Resurrection, to be crowned and sanctified in the Celestial Kingdom of our God. All these blessings with others which will be for your good, shall be yours through your faithfulness. I pronounce them upon you in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, Amen.

Approved; Bartlett Davis Dickson