

# Doctrine and Covenants 11 Chiasm

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- v1 A-1 A **great and marvelous work** is about to come forth  
A-2 among the children of men.
- v2 B-1 Behold,  
B-2 I am *God*:  
B-3 give heed to my word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow;  
B-3 therefore give heed unto my word.
- v3 C-1 Behold,  
C-2 the field is white already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap  
C-3 let him thrust in his sickle with his might,  
C-4 and reap while the day lasts,  
D that he may treasure up for his soul  
(D-2) everlasting salvation in the *kingdom of God*.
- v4 E-1 Yea, whosoever will *thrust* in his sickle and reap,  
E-1 the same is *called* of God.
- v5 E-2 Therefore, if you will ask of me you shall receive;  
E-2 if you will knock it shall be opened unto you.
- v6 F Now, as you have *asked*,  
(G-1) behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments,  
G-2 and seek to bring forth and establish  
G-3 the cause of Zion.
- v7 H-1 *Seek* not for riches but for **wisdom**;  
H-2 and, behold, the **mysteries of God**  
H-3 shall be unfolded unto you,  
I and **then** shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.
- v8 J-1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, even as you desire of me  
J-2 so it shall be done unto you;  
J-1 and, if you desire,  
J-2 you shall be the *means of doing much good*  
J-3 in this *generation*.
- v9 K Say nothing but repentance unto this generation.  
L Keep my commandments,  
M and assist to bring forth my work, according to my commandments,  
N and you shall be *blessed*.
- v10 O Behold, thou hast a **gift**,  
P or thou shalt have a **gift**  
Q-1 if thou wilt desire of me in faith,  
Q-2 with an honest heart,  
R believing in the *power of Jesus Christ*, or in **my power** which speaketh unto thee;
- v11 S-1a For behold, it is I that *speak*; behold, I am the *light* which shineth in darkness,  
S-1b and by my power I give these *words* unto thee.
- v12 S-2a And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust  
S-2b in that Spirit which leadeth to do good--  
S-2b yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.
- v13 T-1 Verily, verily,  
T-2 I say unto you,  
T-3 *I will impart* unto you of my Spirit,  
T-4 which shall enlighten your mind,  
T-4 which shall fill your soul with joy;
- v14 U And then shall ye know,  
U or by this shall you know,  
V-1 **ALL THINGS** [See Isa. 29:11.]  
V-2 whatsoever you desire of me,

## KEY:

- ! Underlined  
word-for-word
- ! Und. Ital.  
synonymous
- ! *Italics*  
similar words
- ! **Bold**  
emphasis

V-1 which are pertaining unto things  
 V-2 of righteousness,  
 U in faith  
 U believing in me that you shall receive.  
 v15 T-1 Behold,  
 T-2 I command you  
 T-3 that you need not suppose  
 T-4 that you are called to preach  
 T-4 until you are called.  
 v16 S-1a Wait a little longer, until you shall have my word, my rock, my church, and my gospel,  
 S-1b that you may know of a surety my doctrine.  
 v17 S-2a And then, behold, according to your desires,  
 S-2a yea, even according to your faith  
 S-2b shall it be done unto you.  
 v18 R Keep my commandments; **hold your peace**; appeal unto my Spirit;  
 v19 Q-1 Yea, cleave unto me  
 Q-2 with all your heart,  
 P that you may assist in **bringing to light** those things of which has been spoken--  
 O yea, the **translation** of my work;  
 N be patient until you shall accomplish it.  
 v20 M Behold, this is your work,  
 L to keep my commandments, yea, with all your might, mind and strength.  
 v21 K Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your  
tongue be loosed;  
 J-1 then, if you desire,  
 J-2 you shall have my Spirit and my word,  
 J-2 yea, the power of God  
 J-3 unto the convincing of men.  
 v22 I But **now** hold your peace;  
 H-1 study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men,  
 H-1 and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which  
 is now translating,  
 H-1 yea, [study] until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this  
 generation,  
 H-2 and then shall **all things**  
 H-3 be added thereto.  
 v23 (G-1) Behold thou art **Hyrum**, my son;  
 G-2 seek  
 G-3 the kingdom of God,  
 F and all things shall be **added** according to that which is just.  
 v24 E-1 Build upon my rock,  
 E-1 which is my gospel;  
 v25 E-2 Deny not the spirit of revelation, nor the spirit of prophecy,  
 E-2 for wo unto him that denieth these things;  
 v26 D Therefore, treasure up in your heart  
 (D-2) until the time which is in my wisdom that you shall go forth.  
 v27 C-1 Behold,  
 C-2 I speak unto all who have good desires,  
 C-3 and have thrust in their sickle  
 C-4 to reap.  
 v28 B-1 Behold,  
 B-2 I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
 B-3 I am the life and the light of the world. [See D&C 45:28-30.]  
 v29 B-3 I am the same who came unto mine own and mine own received me not; [See D&C 133:66,67,63; 3 Nephi  
 21:11.]  
 v30 A-1 But verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me, to them will I give **power**  
 A-2 to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on my name. Amen.

**\*H. Clay Gorton** first discovered and published a variation of this Chiasm in his book, Language of the Lord: New Discoveries of Chiasma in the Doctrine and Covenants (Horizon Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 1993, pp. 28-30, 316-320).

**Note:** With three additional levels implied in **R**, **S** and **U**, this chiasm runs 25 elements deep.