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¹¹I saw the hosts of the dead, both small and great. ¹²And there were gathered together in one place an innumerable company of the spirits of the just... ¹⁵I beheld that they were filled with joy and gladness, and were rejoicing together because the day of their deliverance was at hand. ¹⁶They were assembled awaiting the advent of the Son of God into the spirit world, to declare their redemption from the bands of death... ¹⁸While this vast multitude waited and conversed, rejoicing in the hour of their deliverance from the chains of death, the Son of God appeared, declaring liberty to the captives who had been faithful; ¹⁹and there he preached to them the everlasting gospel, the doctrine of the resurrection and the redemption of mankind from the fall, and from individual sins on conditions of repentance.

This is our 46th reading for Lent 2025.

1. We have suggested on several occasions that you spend time during the Lent and Easter Season to follow Jacob's admonition and "view his [Jesus'] death." Today, we suggest that you spend some time using your imagination to view "the advent of the Son of God into the spirit world."
 - ? What does Jesus look like?
 - ? How does his appearance differ from the last time you viewed him on the cross? How is it the same?

2. We also suggest that you imagine the "innumerable company" or "vast multitude" that was "filled with joy and gladness" at Jesus' advent.
 - ? What does this "company" look like?
 - ? What do their conversations and rejoicings look and sound like?
 - ? How do you feel when you view their joy at redemption?
 - ? What can you do to invite a deeper and more intimate appearance, or advent in your life on the part of the Savior?
 - ? What can you do to invite others to experience a deeper and more intimate advent of Jesus into their lives?

3. This revelation speaks of "the hour of their deliverance from the chains of death."
 - ? Why, do you think, is death thought of as having "chains" when one has full self-consciousness?
 - ? What does a "*physical* resurrection" mean to you as opposed to a simple continuation of personality, consciousness, and relationships?
 - ? How disappointed would you be if the resurrection were "only" the continuation of personality, consciousness, and relationships? Why do you answer as you do?