

September 27–October 3

Doctrine and Covenants 109–110

"It is Thy House, a Place of Thy Holiness"



Overview

Kirtland temple dedication prayer:

- A place where we can enjoy the presence of the Lord
- We will learn the ways of God
- We receive the power needed to help build His kingdom
- Our testimonies will grow
- Help us to withstand persecutions and trials
- Help His kingdom to fill the whole earth

Priesthood keys are restored in the Kirtland temple:

“The three heavenly messengers who then appeared, one after another, laid the foundation for the latter-day establishment of eternal families.”

The Temple: Enjoy the Presence of the Lord

D&C 109:10-13

What is Joseph Smith asking “may be continually” in the Lord's House?

As a result, what will those who enter the temple be blessed with?

Howard W. Hunter

“Let us go not only for our kindred dead, but let us also go for the personal blessing of temple worship, for the sanctity and safety which is provided within those hallowed and consecrated walls. The temple is a place of beauty, it is a place of revelation, it is a place of peace. It is the house of the Lord. It is holy unto the Lord. It should be holy unto us.” (CR, Oct. 1944)

The Temple: A Place of Learning

D&C 109:14-15

In verse 14, what do we receive as we worship in the temple?

In verse 15, what does the temple prepare us for?

John A. Widtsoe

“Temple work ... gives a wonderful opportunity for keeping alive our spiritual knowledge and strength. ... The mighty perspective of eternity is unraveled before us in the holy temples; we see time from its infinite beginning to its endless end; and the drama of eternal life is unfolded before us. *Then I see more clearly my place amidst the things of the universe, my place among the purposes of God; I am better able to place myself where I belong, and I am better able to value and to weigh, to separate and to organize the common, ordinary duties of my life, so that the little things shall not oppress me or take away my vision of the greater things that God has given us*” (CR, Apr. 1922)

Ezra Taft Benson

"In the peace of these lovely temples, sometimes we find solutions to the serious problems of life. Under the influence of the Spirit, sometimes pure knowledge flows to us there. Temples are places of personal revelation. When I have been weighted down by a problem or a difficulty, I have gone to the house of the Lord with a prayer in my heart for answers. These answers have come in clear and unmistakable ways" ("What I Hope You Will Teach Your Children about the Temple," Ensign, August 1985)

The Temple: Receive What's Needful to Help Build His Kingdom

D&C 109:22-23

What does Joseph ask to be given to those who faithfully “go forth from this house”?

After receiving these temple blessing, what are we better able to do?

The Temple: Receive What's Needful to Help Build His Kingdom

1 Nephi 14:14

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.

The Temple: Withstand Persecution and Trials

D&C 109:24-26

How can the temple help us through times of persecutions and trials?

Sarah Rich

“Many were the blessings we had received in the House of the Lord which has caused us joy and comfort in the midst of all our sorrows and enabled us to have faith in God knowing he would guide us and sustain us in the unknown journey that lay before us, for if it had not been for the faith and knowledge that was bestowed upon us in [the Nauvoo] temple by the influence and help of the Spirit of the Lord our journey would have been like one taking a leap in the dark.”

(Journey to Zion, Carol Cornwall Madsen, pg. 177)

The Temple: Withstand Persecution and Trials

D&C 109:46

How do the temples protect against the calamities of the last days?

Sharon G. Larsen

"Two and a half years after the Church was organized, the Lord warned Joseph Smith of wars and famines and plagues that would come because of wickedness. Then He told us how to be safe in such a world: 'Stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come' (D&C 87:8)." (CR, April 2002)

The Temple: Kingdom to Fill the Whole Earth

D&C 109:72-74

How do temples help the Kingdom to role forward and file the whole earth?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“Each temple built by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands as an expression of the testimony of this people that God our Eternal Father lives, that He has a plan for the blessing of His sons and daughters of all generations, that His Beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, who was born in Bethlehem of Judea and crucified on the cross of Golgotha, is the Savior and Redeemer of the world, whose atoning sacrifice makes possible the fulfillment of that plan in the eternal life of each who accepts and lives the gospel. Every temple, be it large or small, old or new, is an expression of our testimony that life beyond the grave is as real and certain as is mortality. There would be no need for temples if the human spirit and soul were not eternal. Every ordinance performed in these sacred houses is everlasting in its consequences.” (CR, April 1993)

The Temple: The Kingdom to Fill the Whole Earth

Blessings received from temple:

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Brigham Young recorded, “Such has been the anxiety manifested by the saints to receive the ordinances [of the Temple], and such the anxiety on our part to administer to them, that I have given myself up entirely to the work of the Lord in the Temple night and day, not taking more than four hours sleep, upon an average, per day, and going home but once a week.”

On 3 February the Brethren planned to stop the ordinance work, and Brigham Young left the temple to make final preparation to leave the next day for the West. But seeing a large crowd gathered to receive their endowments, he compassionately returned to serve them. This delayed his departure for another two weeks. According to temple records, 5,615 Saints were endowed before going west, thus fulfilling one of Joseph Smith’s fondest desires. (Church History in the Fullness of Times, pg. 302-304)

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110: 1-4

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110: 7-10

What does the Lord prophesy will come about because to the dedication of the temple?

George Q. Cannon

“Every foundation stone that is laid for a temple, and every temple completed according to the order the Lord has revealed for His holy priesthood, lessens the power of Satan on the earth, and increases the power of God and Godliness, moves the heavens in mighty power in our behalf, invokes and calls down upon us the blessings of the eternal Gods, and those who reside in their presence.” (“The Logan Temple,” Millennial Star, Nov. 12, 1877)

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110: 11

What priesthood key was restored by Moses?

Harold B. Lee

The spirit of gathering has been with the Church from the days of that restoration. Those who are of the blood of Israel, have a righteous desire after they are baptized, to gather together with the body of the Saints at the designated place. This, we have come to recognize, is but the breath of God upon those who are converted turning them to the promises made to their fathers. (CR, April 1948)

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110: 12

What priesthood key was restored by Elias?

Bruce R. McConkie

“Elias [brought] back ‘the gospel of Abraham,’ the great Abrahamic covenant whereby the faithful receive promises of eternal increase, promises that through celestial marriage their eternal posterity shall be as numerous as the sands upon the seashore or as the stars in heaven for multitude” (CR, May 1983)

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110: 13-15

What priesthood key was restored by Elijah?

Joseph Fielding Smith

“This sealing power bestowed upon Elijah, is the power which binds husbands and wives, and children to parents for time and eternity. It is the binding power existing in every Gospel ordinance. ... It was the mission of Elijah to come, and restore it so that the curse of confusion and disorder would not exist in the kingdom of God.” (Elijah the Prophet and His Mission, pg. 5)

Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

D&C 110:16

David B. Haight

The divine keys, power, and authority have been committed by heavenly messengers to Joseph Smith in this, the dispensation of the fulness of times. Those keys—the same that were delivered to Peter, James, and John on the mountain—authorize us to carry the true gospel to all nations to declare the power, glory, and majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ and to warn that the day of his coming is near. A prophet of God holds these keys of authority today. We invite people everywhere to inquire further into this divine message we have to offer to all mankind. (A Light unto the World, pg. 13)

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October 4–10

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"I Will Order All Things For Your Good"

