

September 13–19

Doctrine and Covenants 102–105

"After Much Tribulation... Cometh the Blessing"



The Law of Consecration

D&C 104:1-2

What promises pertain to living the United Order?

The Law of Consecration

D&C 104:31-33

The Law of Consecration

D&C 104:11-18

What must the Saints do to show accountability for their stewardship?

The Law of Consecration

D&C 104:85-86

The Land of Zion

D&C 103:1-4

What reasons does the Lord give for the Saints being smitten?

Brigham Young

“It would have been a delightful task to have walked in obedience to his commands and to have been of one heart and one mind; but through the selfishness of some, which is idolatry, through their covetousness, which is the same, and the lustful desire of their minds, they were cast out and driven from their homes. We have been driven many times; but each time, if they who professed to be the servants of God had served Him with an undivided heart, they would have had the privilege of living in their houses, possessing their lands, attending to their meetings, and spreading abroad on the right and the left, lengthening the cords of Zion, and strengthening her stakes until the land had been dedicated to the Gospel of the Son of God.” (JD 13:1)

The Land of Zion

D&C 103:5-7

What does the Lord promise the Saint if they do harken to His commandments?

Marion G. Romney

“That’s our great promise. We will never cease to prevail until the Lord establishes his Zion in this world. The true discipleship of the priesthood of God will determine how fast we move toward that great consummation as we, through living the gospel, fight the debauchery and the wickedness that’s going on in this world.” (CR, Oct. 1978)

George Q. Cannon

“And thus it has been from that day until the present time. Notwithstanding the many measures that have been taken against us as a people, the many plots that have seemed so promising to those who framed them concerning the destruction of the Latter-day Saints; when it has seemed that destruction was inevitable, that no power could save us, God has interposed by His wonderful power and we have escaped, and today, notwithstanding these many efforts, we are a free people in the mountains, having the privilege, that God said we should have, of worshipping Him, and enjoying peace and prosperity, if we would but continue to put our trust in him and keep His commandments.” (JD 25:148)

The Land of Zion

D&C 103:8-10

Why will the world prevail against the Saint if they do not keep the Lords commandments?

Ezra Taft Benson

"It is easy to despair when we see about us the moorings of society slipping. We must remember, however, that the Lord sent His Saints into the world 'to be a light unto the world, and to be the saviors of men.' This is a time when 'Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments.' (D&C 82:14) The contrast between the Church and the world will be increasingly marked in the future, which contrast, we hope, will cause the Church to be more attractive to those in the world who desire to live according to God's plan for us, His children." (CR, April 1978)

George Q. Cannon

“It is no good sign for us to be beloved by the world, and to be spoken kindly of by the world, however pleasant it may be to us, and however much we may shrink from the opposite condition of affairs...

nevertheless it is one of the worst signs for us as a people to be spoken well of by the world, and to be free from threatenings, from opposition, and from hatred. It is not the true condition for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to be in, to be petted by the world, to be fostered by the world, to be spoken well of by the world, to be welcomed by the world, to have favor showered upon it by the world, because we ought not to be of the world, God having chosen us out of the world.” (JD 24:357)

The Land of Zion

D&C 103:11-14

What are we promised if we are obedient and overcome our tribulations?

Wilford Woodruff

"I say to the Latter-day Saints, we should be faithful to our God... and we are blessed above all other dispensations and generations of men, for the Lord has put into our hands the power to build up his Zion upon the earth, never more to be thrown down, and this is what no other generation has ever been called to do. But although this is the mission of the Latter-day Saints, we have a continual warfare to wage—a warfare with the powers of darkness, and a warfare with ourselves. The ancients had a similar experience to pass through—they had their day of trials, troubles and tribulations. Enoch labored three hundred and sixty-five years in building up Zion, and he had the opposition of the whole world." (JD 18:29)

Zion's Camp

D&C 103:22,31-36

How many men were commanded to go to Missouri to help redeem Zion?

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[On February 1834] Joseph Smith received a revelation concerning the recruitment and size of this army....

They were to recruit a company of five hundred men if possible—but no fewer than one hundred—to march to Missouri to redeem and restore Zion....

[On 5 May 1834] Joseph Smith assumed his role as commander-in-chief of the army. The eighty men [from Kirtland] joined the twenty brethren in New Portage late Tuesday evening, 6 May 1834. There the Prophet organized the camp. (pg. 141)

Brigham Young

"When we arrived in Missouri, the Lord spoke to his servant Joseph and said, 'I have accepted your offering,' and we had the privilege to return again. On my return many friends asked me what profit there was in calling men from their labor to go up to Missouri and then return, without apparently accomplishing anything. 'Who has it benefited?' asked they. 'If the Lord did command it to be done, what object had he in view in doing so?'... I [have since] learned that those persons who asked me such questions were weak in the faith and, like a faulty column in an edifice, could not bear up under the burden designed to rest upon them. This has since proved to be the case. I wish this fact to sink into your hearts, that when men or women have doubts, they also have fear; and when they have fear, they are in danger of what? Of themselves. Want of confidence is the parent of moral imbecility and intellectual weakness." (JD 10:17)

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:3

Why were the Saints unable to establish Zion?

D. Todd Christofferson

“As we pursue the cause of Zion, each of us should prayerfully consider whether we are doing what we should and all that we should in the Lord’s eyes with respect to the poor and the needy.

“We might ask ourselves, living as many of us do in societies that worship possessions and pleasures, whether we are remaining aloof from covetousness and the lust to acquire more and more of this world’s goods. Materialism is just one more manifestation of the idolatry and pride that characterize Babylon. Perhaps we can learn to be content with what is sufficient for our needs.” (CR, Oct. 2008)

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:4-6

Why were the Saints unable to establish Zion?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“This great unity is the hallmark of the true church of Christ. It is felt among our people throughout the world. As we are one, we are his... We pray for our prophet dear, whom we love and honor. We pray for one another that we may go on in unity and strength. If we do so, no power beneath the heavens can stop the onward progress of this great kingdom.” (CR, Oct. 1983)

D. Todd Christofferson

“The law of the celestial kingdom is, of course, the gospel law and covenants, which include our constant remembrance of the Savior and our pledge of obedience, sacrifice, consecration, and fidelity.” (CR, Oct. 2008)

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:9-13

What must the Saints do before they can establish Zion?

Neal A. Maxwell

“The modern Church even today is instructed to ‘wait for a little season’ to build up central Zion. Why? So that we ‘may be prepared... and have experience.’ We gain knowledge through particular experiences. Personal, spiritual symmetry emerges only from the shaping of prolonged obedience.

“Without patient and meek endurance we will learn less, see less, feel less, and hear less. We who are egocentric and impatient shut down so much of our receiving capacity. All the other cardinal virtues-love, patience, humility, mercy, purity, submissiveness, justice-they all require endurance for their full development. (CR, April, 1990)

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:16-19

What does the Lord promise those who hearkened to His words and demonstrated their faith?

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:31,33-36

What does the Lord expect the Saints to do to become ready to establish Zion?

What do you think is meant in verse 35 - “There has been a day of calling, but the time has come for a day of choosing”?

Orson Pratt

"The Lord God has decreed that Zion shall become a strong nation, that the armies of Israel shall become very great, and not only very great, but they will be sanctified before him, and there will be such a power made manifest in their midst, that their banners will be terrible to all the nations of the earth. They will not be terrible because we outnumber the nations, but this terror of Zion which will be among the nations, will be because of the power of the great Jehovah that will be manifested in their midst." (JD 17:289)

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This rugged journey served as a test to determine who was worthy to serve in positions of leadership and trust and to receive an endowment in the Kirtland Temple. The Prophet later explained: “God did not want you to fight. He could not organize his kingdom with twelve men to open the gospel door to the nations of the earth, and with seventy men under their direction to follow in their tracks, *unless he took them from a body of men who had offered their lives, and who had made as great a sacrifice as did Abraham.*” (HC, 2:182) In February 1835 the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the First Quorum of the Seventy were organized. Nine of the original Apostles, all seven presidents of the Seventy’s quorum, and all sixty-three other members of that quorum had served in the army of Israel that marched to western Missouri in 1834. (pg. 151)

Wait to Establish Zion

D&C 105:38-41

John Longden

"Today, in fulfillment of this scripture to establish an ensign, there are seventy-four missions throughout the world, approximately 12,000 missionaries going out to the four corners of the earth, delivering a message which will bring peace to the hearts of men. This will come to all who will listen, study, pray, accept, and live the teachings of the Master." (CR, Oct. 1964)

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"To Have the Heavens Opened"

