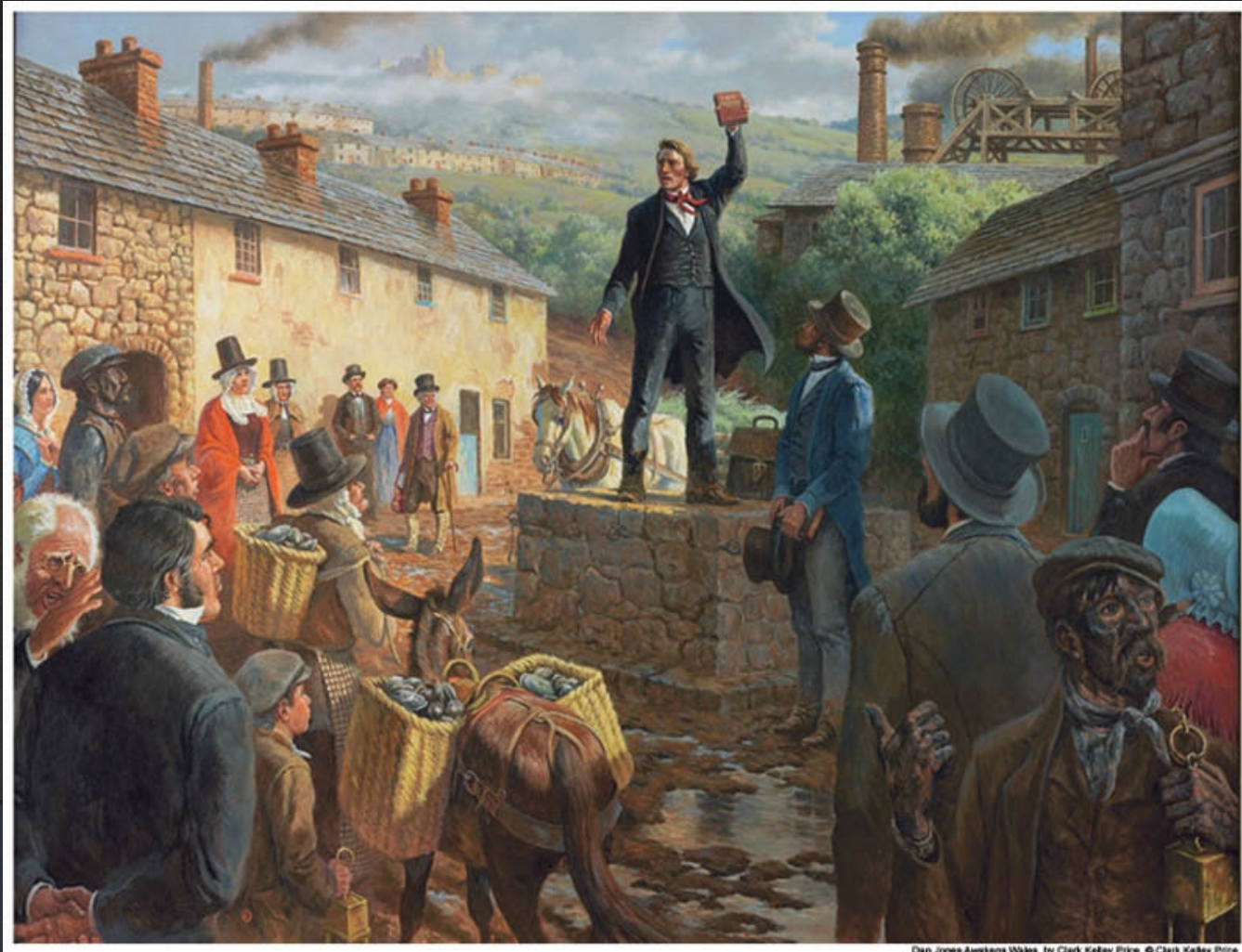


October 4–10
Doctrine and Covenants 111–114
"I Will Order All Things For Your Good"



Poverty in Kirtland

D&C 111: 5,11

Why do you think the Church struggled financially for many years until the Saints “[were] able to receive them”?

Wilford Woodruff

“[David Whitmer] warned us to humble ourselves before God lest his hand rest upon us in anger for our pride and many sins that we were running into in our days of prosperity, as the ancient Nephites did, and it does now appear evident that a scourge awaits this stake of Zion, even Kirtland, if there is not great repentance immediately; and almost every countenance indicates the above expectation, especially the heads of the Church.” (Wilford Woodruff Journals, 17 Jan. 1837)

The Kirtland Safety Society

Warren Cowdery

“[not a few members are] guilty of wild speculation and visionary dreams of wealth and worldly grandeur, as if gold and silver were their gods, and houses, farms and merchandize their only bliss or their passport to it.”
(Messenger and Advocate, June 1837, pg. 509)

The Kirtland Safety Society

Eliza R. Snow

“[A number of members felt that] prosperity was dawning upon them..., and many who had been humble and faithful... were getting haughty in their spirits, and lifted up in the pride of their hearts. As the Saints drank in the love and spirit of the world, the Spirit of the Lord withdrew from their hearts, and they were filled with pride and hatred toward those who maintained their integrity.” (Biography and Family Record of Lorenzo Snow, 1884, pg. 20)

The Kirtland Safety Society

Heber C. Kimball

"At this time many had faltered in their faith, even some of Twelve were in rebellion against the Prophet of God. John F. Boynton [8th ordained apostle] said to me, if I was such a... fool as to go at the call of the fallen Prophet, Joseph Smith, he would not help me a dime."
(Millennial Star, 26, 1846)

Brigham Young

“On a certain occasion several of the Twelve, the witnesses to the Book of Mormon, and others of the Authorities of the Church, held a council in the upper room of the Temple. The question before them was to ascertain how the Prophet Joseph could be deposed, and David Whitmer appointed President of the Church.... I rose up, and in a plain and forcible manner told them that Joseph was a Prophet, and I knew it, and that they might rail and slander him as much as they pleased, [but] they could not destroy the appointment of the Prophet of God; they could only destroy their own authority, cut the thread that bound them to the Prophet and to God, and sink themselves to hell” (Manuscript History of Brigham Young, 1801–1844, pg. 15–16)

The Kirtland Safety Society

Milton Vaughn Backman (historian)

“Between November 1837 and June 1838, possibly two or three hundred Kirtland Saints withdrew from the Church, representing from 10 to 15 percent of the membership there.” (Heavens Resound, pg. 328)

Mission to England

Joseph Smith

“In this state of things..., God revealed to me that *something new must be done for the salvation of His Church*. And on or about the first of June, 1837, Heber C. Kimball... was set apart... to preside over a mission to England, to be the first foreign mission of the Church of Christ in the last days.” (HC, 2:489)

Mission to England

On Sunday, 4 June 1837, the Prophet approached Heber C. Kimball in the temple and whispered to him, “Brother Heber, the Spirit of the Lord has whispered to me: ‘Let my servant Heber go to England and proclaim my Gospel, and open the door of salvation to that nation.’” Heber was overwhelmed by his call to England because he lacked education and refinement. He prayed almost daily in an upper room of the temple for protection and power that he might fulfill an honorable mission. His family was near poverty, yet he was determined to serve. (Church History in the Fulness of Times - Student Manual religion 341-343, pg. 174)

Mission to England

Quentin L. Cook

"The humility that undergirded this incredible missionary effort allowed the Lord to establish His Church in a remarkable way." (CR, Oct. 2017)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

Quentin L. Cook

"On July 23, 1837, the Prophet Joseph met with Elder Thomas B. Marsh, President of the Quorum of the Twelve. Elder Marsh was apparently frustrated that the Prophet had called two members of his quorum to go to England without consulting him. As Joseph met with Elder Marsh, any hurt feelings were put aside, and the Prophet received a remarkable revelation.... It gives incredible direction from heaven with respect to humility and missionary work."

"This revelation occurred the exact same day that Elders Kimball, Hyde, and John Goodson, full of humility, were declaring the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Vauxhall Chapel in Preston, England." (CR, Oct. 2017)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

D&C 112:10-15

During this time of apostasy, what was the Lord's message to President Marsh and the Twelve?

In verse 13, what does the Lord promise them if they remain humble during 'their temptations, and much tribulation'?

What was the Lord's clear message about Joseph Smith?

Henry B. Eyring

"Having listening ears requires humility. You remember the Lord's warning to Thomas B. Marsh. He was then the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. The Lord knew that President Marsh and his brethren of the Twelve would be tested. He gave counsel about taking counsel. The Lord said, 'Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.'

"The Lord added a warning that is applicable to any who follow a living prophet: 'Exalt not yourselves; rebel not against my servant Joseph'" (CR, April 1997)

D. Todd Christofferson

"I believe the principles expressed in these verses apply to all of us. The temptations and tribulations we experience, plus any testing that the Lord sees fit to impose, can lead to our full conversion and healing. But this happens if, and only if, we do not harden our hearts or stiffen our necks against Him. If we remain firm and steadfast, come what may, we achieve the conversion the Savior intended.... The promised healing is the cleansing and sanctification of our sin-wounded souls, making us holy." (CR, Oct. 2018)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

D&C 112:21-22

What does the Lord promise to missionaries who are called by the Twelve?

What must these missionaries do to be successfully?

Randy D. Funk

"How did a young man who had never seen a missionary become one with such spiritual strength? How will you receive spiritual power as a missionary to open the doors, in-boxes, and hearts of those in the mission where you will serve? As usual, the answers are found in the scriptures and the words of living prophets and apostles.

"When the gospel was first preached in England in July 1837, the Lord revealed, 'Whosoever ye shall send in my name, by the voice of your brethren, the Twelve, duly recommended and authorized by you, shall have power to open the door of my kingdom unto any nation whithersoever ye shall send them.'

"Wherever you are sent, to whichever mission you are assigned, know that a member of the Twelve duly recommended that assignment and you are called by the Lord's prophet. You are called by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands.'" (CR, Oct. 2013)

Randy D. Funk

"The Lord then gave the conditions for this promise to be fulfilled. He said, 'Inasmuch as they shall [1] humble themselves before me, and [2] abide in my word, and [3] hearken to the voice of my Spirit.'

"The Lord's promises are clear. In order to have the spiritual power necessary to open the door of the kingdom of God in the nation to which you are sent, you must be humble and obedient and have the ability to hear and follow the Spirit.

"These three attributes are closely interrelated. If you are humble, you will want to be obedient. If you are obedient, you will feel the Spirit." (CR, Oct. 2013)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

D&C 112:23-26

What does the Lord mean by 'my house'?

Neal A. Maxwell

"The Lord has clearly indicated that His purifying and sifting judgment would begin first at the house of God and then proceed outward to the world. Just what this sifting will consist of is not now clear, what special pressures—combined with the ongoing and demanding rigors of 'taking up the cross daily'—we know not. We do know that the tempter's triad of tools, identified by Jesus as temptation, persecution, and tribulation, will be relentlessly used.

Ezra Taft Benson

"All is not well in Zion. As Moroni counseled, we must cleanse the inner vessel, beginning first with ourselves, then with our families, and finally with the Church....

"As we cleanse the inner vessel, there will have to be changes made in our own personal lives, in our families, and in the Church... Repentance means change, and it takes a humble person to change. But we can do it." (CR, April 1986)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

D&C 112:27-29

What does the Lord command the Twelve to do?

Boyd K. Packer

"[The] Twelve and the Seventy and the Bishopric with whom I have served for these 47 years when I tell you that the records show I have been in Mexico and Central and South America more than 75 times, in Europe over 50 times, Canada 25 times, the islands of the Pacific 10 times, Asia 10 times, and Africa 4 times; also China twice; to Israel, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the Dominican Republic, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Indonesia, and many, many other places around the globe. Others have traveled even more than that." (CR, April 2008)

Revelation About the Twelve and Missionary Work

D&C 112:30-34

Boyd K. Packer

"We know that we hold the power of the priesthood 'in connection with all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation.' We think of those who have preceded us in these sacred offices, and at times we feel their presence.

"We are overcome with what the Lord said of those who hold these sacred callings: 'Whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost shall be scripture, shall be the will of the Lord, shall be the mind of the Lord, shall be the word of the Lord, shall be the voice of the Lord, and the power of God unto salvation.' (D&C 68:4)." (CR, Oct. 1996)

Next Week:

October 11–17

Doctrine and Covenants 115–120

"His Sacrifice Shall Be More Sacred Unto Me Than His Increase"

