

September 6–12:
Doctrine and Covenants 98–101
"Be Still and Know That I Am God"



Chastening

D&C 98:19-22

What does the Lord promise those who repent and observe His commandments?

What action does the Lord take towards those who do not forsake their sins?

Chastening

D&C 101:1-5

Why did the Saints need to be chastened and tried?

Chastening

D&C 101:41-42

Brigham Young

“Some may ask why we did not tarry at the Center Stake of Zion when the Lord planted our feet there.... We could not abide what the Lord revealed to us. We had to go from there to gain an experience.... If we could have received the words of life and lived according to them, when we first gathered to the Center Stake of Zion we never would have been removed from that place.” (JD, 11:102)

Chastening

D&C 95:1

What good comes from being chastened?

Hebrews 12:6-7,11-12

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

John Taylor

"We were driven from one place to another in Missouri before we were driven out altogether. Then we were driven from Illinois to this Territory. But what of that? I know some men who thought the work was at an end.... Brigham Young encouraged the people, and Joseph Smith told them to be firm and maintain their integrity, for God would be with His people and deliver them. I never saw a time that the Saints enjoyed themselves better than when they apparently, were wading through their deepest troubles; I never saw them more full of the Holy Ghost." (JD, 11:25-6)

Chastening

D&C 101:6-8

What did it take for the Saints to finally seek after the Lord?

Joseph F. Smith

"The only real danger that I foresee in the path of the Latter-day Saints is in the results which naturally follow the possession of wealth—pride and vanity, self-indulgence and forgetfulness of God, and a disregard of the sacred obligations and duties that we owe to Him and to one another; and this because of the abundance of earthly blessings which He in His goodness has bestowed upon us. It is said that in adversity we are inclined to feel after the Lord, but that in prosperity we remember Him not." (JD, 24:173)

Establishing Zion

D&C 101:16-20

What kind of people will return and build up Zion?

Establishing Zion

D&C 98:3

Spencer W. Kimball

"May I suggest three fundamental things... for which we who labor for Zion must commit ourselves.

"First, we must eliminate the individual tendency to selfishness that snares the soul, shrinks the heart and darkens the mind...

"Second, we must cooperate completely and work in harmony one with the other. There must be unanimity in our decisions and unity in our action....

"Third, we must lay on the altar and sacrifice whatever is required by the Lord. We begin by offering a 'broken heart and a contrite spirit.' We follow this by giving our best effort in our assigned fields of labor and callings. We learn our duty and execute it fully. Finally, we consecrate our time, talents, and means as called upon by our leaders and as prompted by the whisperings of the spirit". (CR, April 1978)

Gathering of Israel

D&C 101:21-22

Where are the Saints commanded to gather?

Dallin H. Oaks

"With the creation of stakes and the construction of temples in most nations with sizeable populations of the faithful, the current commandment is not to gather to one place but to gather in stakes in our own homelands. There the faithful can enjoy the full blessings of eternity in a house of the Lord. There, in their own homelands, they can obey the Lord's command to enlarge the borders of His people and strengthen her stakes. In this way, the stakes of Zion are 'for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth' (D&C 115:6)." (CR, April 2004)

Gathering of Israel

D&C 101:63-68

Why is it important that the Saints gather?

Parable of the Redemption of Zion

D&C 101:43-46

The 'nobleman' represents the Lord

The 'very choice land' represents Jackson Co.

The '12 olive trees' represent the settlements for the gathering in Jackson Co.

The 'tower' represents the temple (The land was dedicated and the cornerstone set)

Parable of the Redemption of Zion

D&C 101:47-50

What had the Lord commanded them to do that they thought was not important?

What did they think was more important than building a tower (temple)?

Mark E. Petersen

"When we regard our work in the Church, let us remember that we are working in the vineyard of the Lord, and that we are his servants, just as the servants who worked in the planting of those olive-trees. And remember, too, that if we esteem lightly the word of the Lord in the day of our prosperity, in the day of our trouble he may be slow to hearken unto our prayers, to answer us and provide for our needs." (CR, Oct. 1944)

Joseph Smith

“We send by this mail, a draft of the city of Zion, with explanations, and a draft of *the house to be built immediately*, in Zion, for the Presidency, as well as all purposes of religion and instruction.” (HC 1:363, June 25, 1833)

Parable of the Redemption of Zion

D&C 101:51-54

If they had built the tower, what could they have done?

Parable of the Redemption of Zion

D&C 101:55-58

When does the Lord say He will 'possess the land'?

Joseph Fielding Smith

"In this instruction the Lord gave them the opportunity to obtain the redemption of Zion and for the exiles to be reinstated in their possessions. Had they remained faithful he would have fulfilled his promise to them. They understood the warnings and that through their continued unfaithfulness the redemption would have to be postponed and they themselves would be thrown down.... The promise is made that they would have to be obedient in all things and keep inviolate their covenants, or these blessings would be indefinitely postponed. The fact that the Lord declared here once again, that the redemption was not to come until after much tribulation indicates that he was fully aware that the time for Zion's redemption had not come, although it could have come if the commandments were fulfilled." (Church History and Modern Revelation, 3:19)

Parable of the Redemption of Zion

D&C 101:59-62

When does the nobleman say that he will again take possession of his vineyard?

What is the Lord's commandment to his servant?

Mark E. Petersen

"May we have the wisdom, to accept the Lord's program as it is given to us. May we be willing to undertake this work of prevention in saving our girls and our boys from the onslaught of the destroyer. May we be willing to be awake to our responsibilities. May we be willing to follow the leadership of the great nobleman who stands at the head of the vineyard."
(CR, Oct. 1953)

Government

D&C 98:4-10

What does the Lord say about the Constitution?

Why is it important that we diligently seek after good and wist men and women to be our political leaders?

J. Reuben Clark, Jr

"The Lord has said about the Constitution and its Framers, that the Constitution should be 'established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh' (D&C 101:77), that it was for the protection of the moral agency, free agency, God gave us, that its 'principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind' (D&C 98:5) all of which point to the destiny of the free government our Constitution provides.... It is a revelation from the Lord. I believe and reverence its God-inspired provisions. My faith, my knowledge, my testimony of the Restored Gospel, based on the divine principle of continuous revelation, compel me so to believe. Thus has the Lord approved of our political system, an approval, so far as I know, such as he has given to no other political system of any other people in the world since the time of Jesus." (CR, April 1957)

Ezra Taft Benson

"Righteousness is an indispensable ingredient to liberty. Virtuous people elect wise and good representatives. Good representatives make good laws and then wisely administer them. This tends to preserve righteousness. An unvirtuous citizenry tend to elect representatives who will pander to their covetous lustings. The burden of self-government is a great responsibility. It calls for restraint, righteousness, responsibility, and reliance upon God. It is a truism from the Lord that 'when the wicked rule the people mourn.'" (CR, April 1976)

Government

D&C 101:76-80

Where does the Lord tell them that they should go to get 'redress and redemption' for the wrongs that they suffered in Jackson County?

Government

D&C 101:81-95

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September 13–19:
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