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13 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

14 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.

15 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy ^amountain; for the earth shall be full of the ^bknowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

16 Wherefore, the things of ^aall nations shall be made known; yea, all things shall be made ^bknown unto the children of men.

17 There is nothing which is secret save it shall be ^arevealed; there is no work of darkness save it shall be made manifest in the light; and there is nothing which is sealed upon the earth save it shall be loosed.

18 Wherefore, all things which have been revealed unto the children of men shall at that ^aday be revealed; and Satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men ^bno more, for a long time. And now, my beloved brethren, I make an end of my sayings.

CHAPTER 31

Nephi tells why Christ was baptized—Men must follow Christ, be baptized, receive the Holy Ghost, and endure to the end to be saved—Repentance and

2 Ne. 9:15.
c TG Meek.
a Jacob 5:29; 6:2.
TG Last Days.
b D&C 63:54.
c Ps. 73:17 (3–17);
D&C 29:17.

TG Righteousness.
12a Isa. 65:25.
TG Earth, Renewal of.
15a Joel 2:1.
b TG God, Knowledge about.
16a D&C 101:32 (32–35);

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A Few More Words

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Nephi's Commentary

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h 2 Ne. 32:2 (2–3).
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14a Matt. 10:33 (32–33);
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2 Tim. 2:12 (10–15);
Alma 24:30;
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16a Mark 13:13; Alma 38:2;
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(Christ and the New Covenant, 49).

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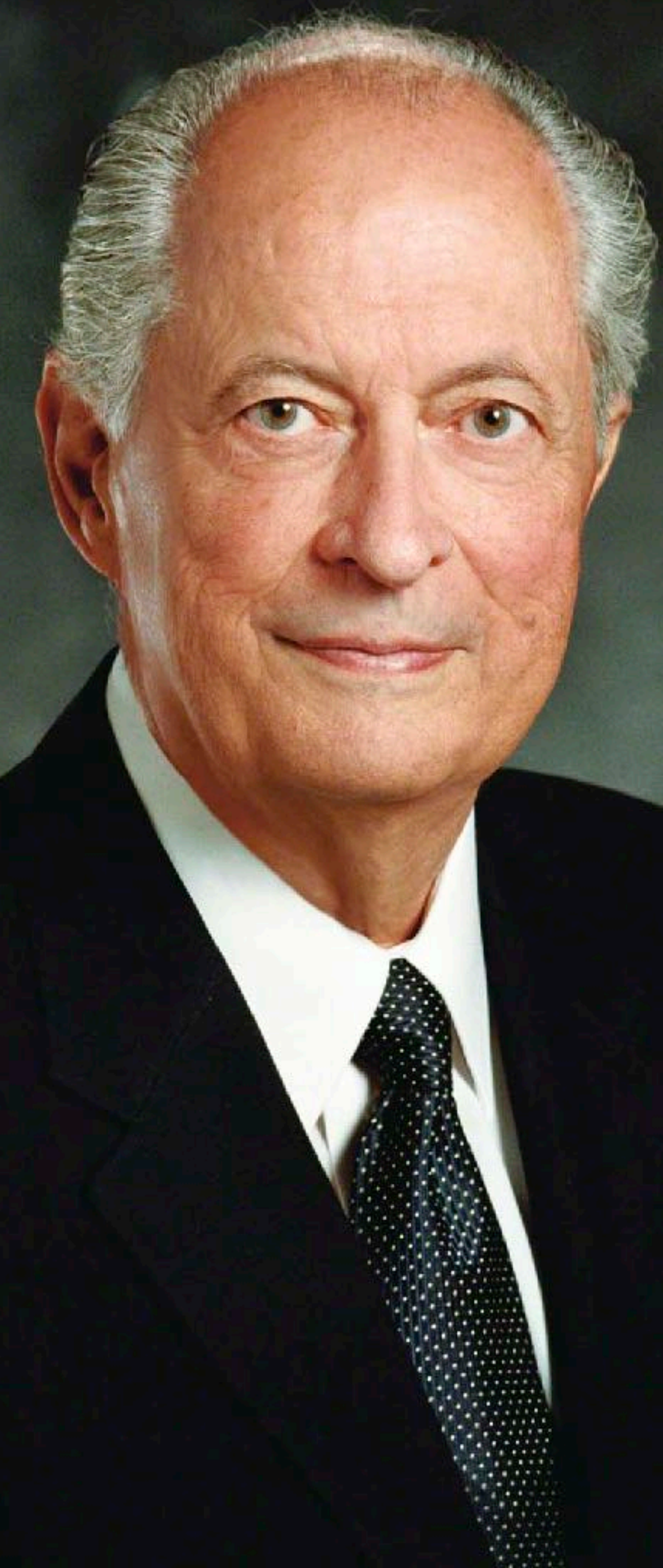
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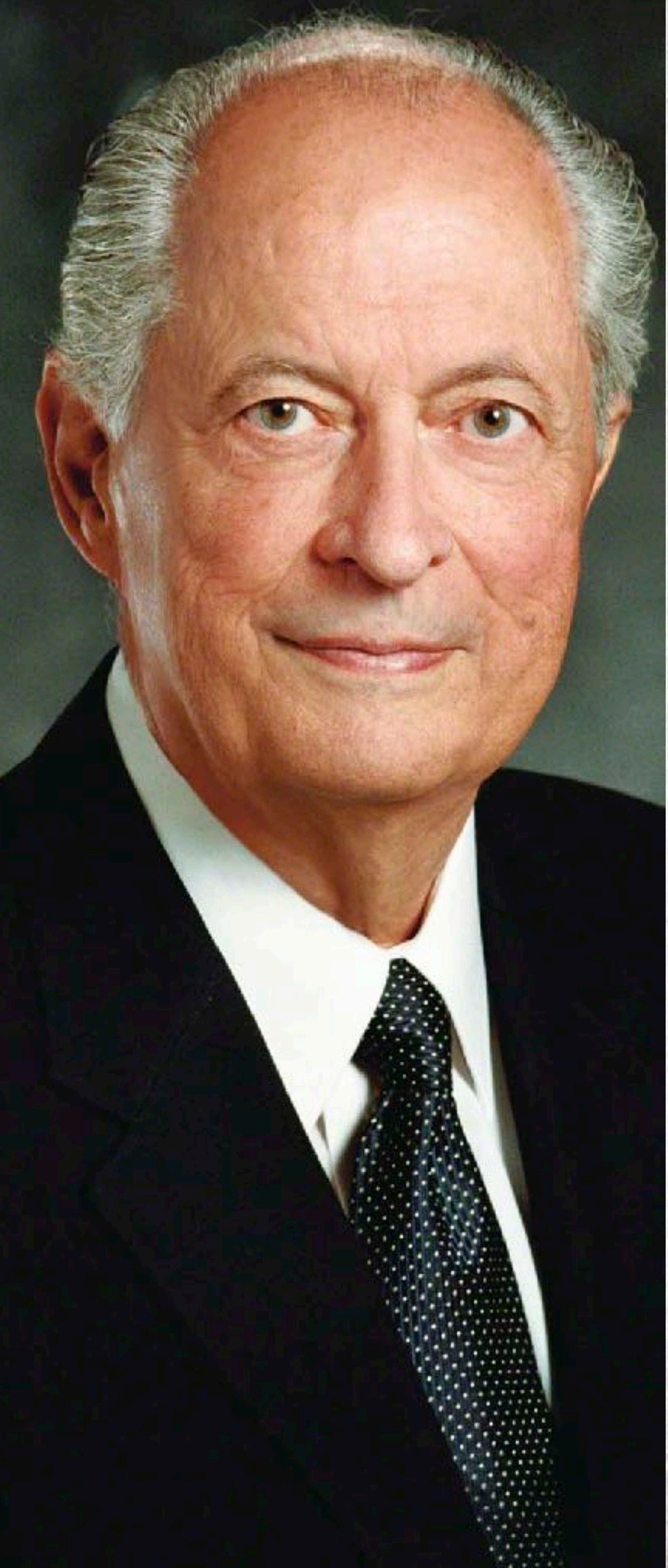
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“Born of a mortal mother, Jesus was baptized to fulfill His Father’s commandment that sons and daughters of God should be baptized. He set the example for all of us to humble ourselves before our Heavenly Father. We are all welcome to come into the waters of baptism. He was baptized to witness to His Father that He would be obedient in keeping His commandments. He was baptized to show us that we should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (see 2 Nephi 31:4–9).



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“As we follow the example of Jesus, we, too, demonstrate that we will repent and be obedient in keeping the commandments of our Father in Heaven. We humble ourselves with a broken heart and a contrite spirit as we recognize our sins and seek forgiveness of our trespasses (see 3 Nephi 9:20). We covenant that we are willing to take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ and always remember Him.”

(Conference Report, Oct. 2000, 5; or Ensign, Nov. 2000, 7–8).

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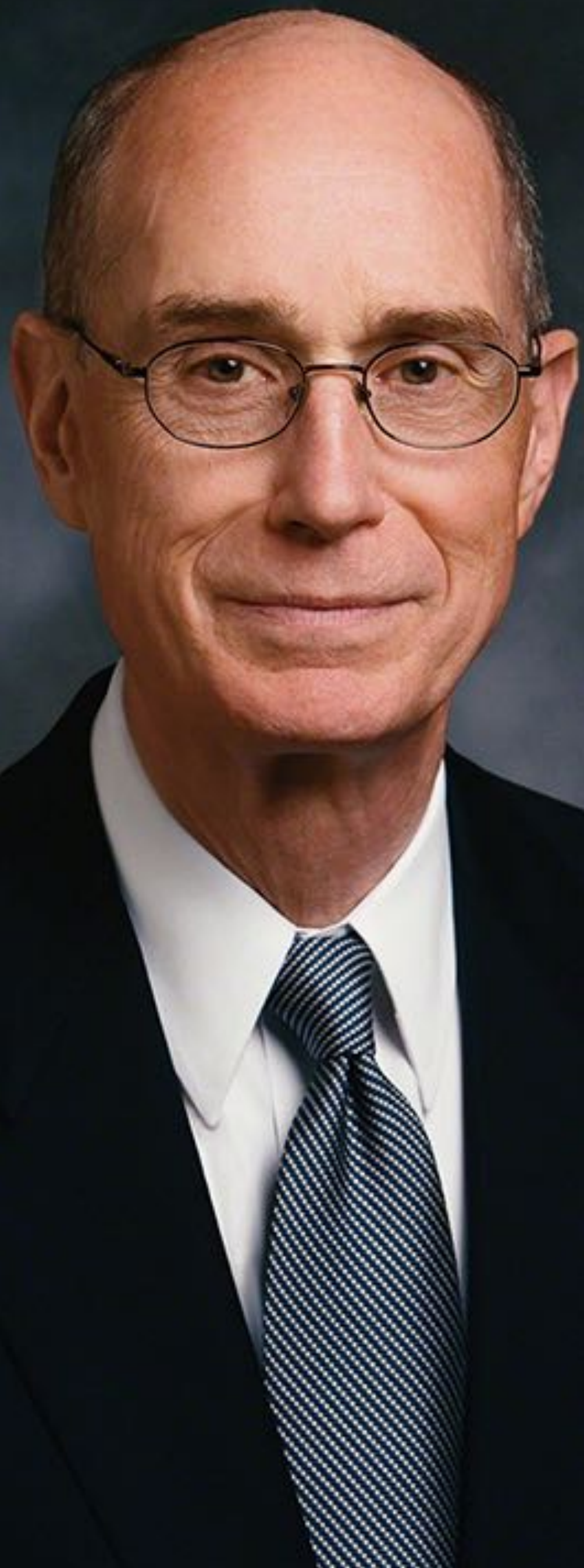
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(A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [1985], 290).



President Henry B. Eyring

“When [the Holy Ghost] is your companion, you can have confidence that the Atonement is working in your life. ...

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(“Come unto Christ” [Brigham Young University devotional, Oct. 29, 1989], speeches.byu.edu).

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e TG Jesus Christ.



Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

“Enduring to the end means that we have planted our lives firmly on gospel soil, staying in the mainstream of the Church, humbly serving our fellowmen, living Christlike lives, and keeping our covenants. Those who endure are balanced, consistent, humble, constantly improving, and without guile. Their testimonies are not based on worldly reasons—they are based on truth, knowledge, experience, and the Spirit.”

(in Conference Report, Oct. 2004, 107; or Ensign, Nov. 2004).



Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Enduring to the end is a process filling every minute of our life, every hour, every day, from sunrise to sunrise. It is accomplished through personal discipline following the commandments of God.

“The restored gospel of Jesus Christ is a way of life. It is not for Sunday only. It is not something we can do only as a habit or a tradition if we expect to harvest all of its promised blessings.”

(“Have We Not Reason to Rejoice?,” Ensign Nov. 2007)

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President Russell M. Nelson

“If you have wandered off, or if there are some things you need to let go of to help your mind and heart be more pure, today is the perfect time to change.

“If you aren’t sure how to repent, talk with your bishop or your parents or both. They will help you understand the Atonement of Jesus Christ. They will help you experience the joy that true repentance always brings.

“Please do not stay off the covenant path one more minute. Please come back through true repentance, now.”

(“Hope of Israel,” Worldwide Youth Devotional, Jun. 2018)

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Elder Takashi Wada

“When I was young, I thought that feasting was simply having a big meal with rice, sushi, and soy sauce. I now know true feasting is more than enjoying a delicious meal. It is an experience of joy, nourishment, celebration, sharing, expressing love to families and loved ones, communicating our thanksgiving to God, and building relationships while enjoying abundant, incredibly delicious food. I believe when we feast upon the words of Christ, we ought to be thinking of the same kind of experience. Feasting upon the scriptures is not just reading them. It should bring us real joy and build our relationship with the Savior.”

(“Feasting upon the Words of Christ,” Ensign May 2019)



President Russell M. Nelson

“To feast means more than to taste. To feast means to savor. We savor the scriptures by studying them in a spirit of delightful discovery and faithful obedience. When we feast upon the words of Christ, they are embedded ‘in fleshy tables of the heart’ [2 Corinthians 3:3]. They become an integral part of our nature.”

(“Living by Scriptural Guidance,” Oct 2000 GC).

Study Methods to Improve Feasting on the Words of Christ

- **Praying for inspiration before you study**
- **Asking questions you have before and during study**
- **Defining words**
- **Pondering**
- **Cross-referencing**
- **Taking notes of inspired thoughts**
- **Looking for truths about Heavenly Father and the Savior**
- **Likening the scriptures to our own lives (1 Nephi 19:23)**



Elder Spencer J. Condie

“You may be facing decisions about a mission, your future career, and, eventually, marriage. As you read the scriptures and pray for direction, you may not actually see the answer in the form of printed words on a page, but as you read you will receive distinct impressions and promptings, and, as promised, the Holy Ghost ‘will show unto you all things what ye should do’ [2 Nephi 32:5].”

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(Quoted by Russell M. Nelson, “Teach Us Tolerance and Love,” GC Apr 1994).

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Elder Boyd K Packer

“For His own reasons, the Lord provides answers... with pieces placed here and there throughout the scriptures. We are to find them; we are to earn them. In that way sacred things are hidden from the insincere.”

(“The Mystery of Life,” GC Oct 1983)

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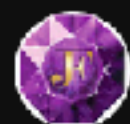
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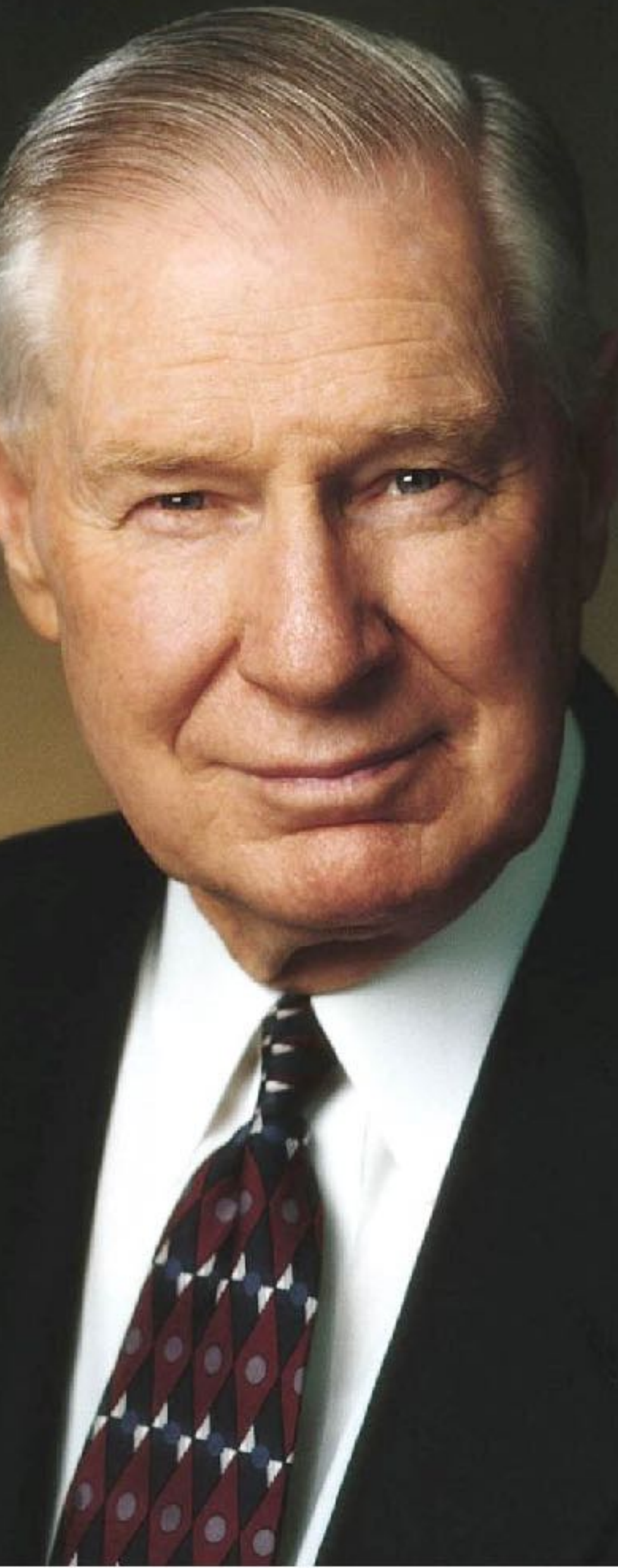


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Nephi taught his people what the gate is to get on the path back to God (repentance and baptism) and how to stay on the path or endure to the end. To stay on the path requires the words of Christ and that we must feast on them. But we **MUST cultivate a personal relationship with God through prayer. That is how we will know truth and how we can dedicate our performance in such a way that it is for the welfare of our souls - it changes us into the divine version of ourselves. Now can we see why Satan wants so badly for us **NOT** to pray?**





President James E. Faust

“When God placed man on the earth, prayer became the lifeline between mankind and God. Thus, in Adam’s generation, men began ‘to call upon the name of the Lord’ [Genesis 4:26]. Through all generations since that time, prayer has filled a very important human need. Each of us has problems that we cannot solve and weaknesses that we cannot conquer without reaching out through prayer to a higher source of strength. That source is the God of heaven, to whom we pray in the name of Jesus Christ [see 2 Nephi 32:9; 3 Nephi 20:31]. As we pray we should think of our Father in Heaven as possessing all knowledge, understanding, love, and compassion.”

(in Conference Report, Apr., 2002, 67; or Ensign, May 2002, 59).



Elder David A. Bednar

“Counsel with Heavenly Father in morning prayer. ...

“During the course of the day, we keep a prayer in our heart for continued assistance and guidance. ...

“At the end of our day, we kneel again and report back to our Father. We review the events of the day and express heartfelt thanks for the blessings and the help we received. We repent and, with the assistance of the Spirit of the Lord, identify ways we can do and become better tomorrow. Thus our evening prayer builds upon and is a continuation of our morning prayer. And our evening prayer also is a preparation for meaningful morning prayer.”

(“Pray Always,” October 2008, GC)

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Nephi's Farewell

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12 And I pray the Father in the name of Christ that many of us, if not all, may be saved in his ^akingdom at that great and last day.

13 And now, my beloved brethren,

all those who are of the house of Israel, and all ye ends of the earth, I speak unto you as the voice of one ^acrying from the dust: Farewell until that great day shall come.

14 And you that will not partake of the goodness of God, and respect the words of the ^aJews, and also my ^bwords, and the words which shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the Lamb of God, behold, I bid you an everlasting farewell, for these words shall ^ccondemn you at the last day.

15 For what I seal on earth, shall be brought against you at the ^ajudgment bar; for thus hath the Lord commanded me, and I must ^bobey. Amen.

THE BOOK OF JACOB

THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

The words of his preaching unto his brethren. He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ. A few words concerning the history of the people of Nephi.

CHAPTER 1

Jacob and Joseph seek to persuade men to believe in Christ and keep His commandments—Nephi dies—Wickedness prevails among the Nephites. About 544–421 B.C.

FOR behold, it came to pass that fifty and five years had passed away from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a ^acom-

mandment concerning the ^bsmall plates, upon which these things are engraven.

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9c Col. 3:17; Moses 5:8.
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c 2 Ne. 9:41.

10c John 8:47.
d TG Book of Mormon.
e Isa. 51:16; Moro. 10:27 (27–29).

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13a Isa. 29:4.

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Elder Dallin H. Oaks

“President Hinckley stated an important corollary to the command to teach by the Spirit when he issued this challenge:

““We must ... get our teachers to speak out of their hearts rather than out of their books, to communicate their love for the Lord and this precious work, and somehow it will catch fire in the hearts of those they teach’ [Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley (1997), 619–20].



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“That is our objective—to have love of God and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ ‘catch fire’ in the hearts of those we teach.”

(in Conference Report, Oct. 1999, 103; or Ensign, Nov. 1999, 80).



Elder David A. Bednar

“Please notice how the power of the Spirit carries the message unto but not necessarily into the heart. A teacher can explain, demonstrate, persuade, and testify, and do so with great spiritual power and effectiveness. Ultimately, however, the content of a message and the witness of the Holy Ghost penetrate into the heart only if a receiver allows them to enter.”

(“Seek Learning by Faith” [an evening with Elder David A. Bednar, Feb. 3, 2006], 1, www.ldsces.org; see also D&C 50:14, 17–20).

Elder Gerald N. Lund

“The heart is a tender place. It is sensitive to many influences, both positive and negative. It can be hurt by others. It can be deadened by sin. It can be softened by love. Early in our lives, we learn to guard our hearts. It is like we erect a fence around our hearts with a gate in it. No one can enter that gate unless we allow him or her to.

“In some cases the fence we erect around our hearts could be likened to a small picket fence with a Welcome sign on the gate. Other hearts have been so hurt or so deadened by sin that they have an eight-foot (2.5-m) chain-link fence topped with razor wire around them. The gate is padlocked and has a large No Trespassing sign on it. ...

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“... The condition of our hearts directly affects our sensitivity to spiritual things. Let us make it a part of our everyday striving to open our hearts to the Spirit. Since we are the guardians of our hearts, we can choose to do so.”

(Gerald N. Lund, “Opening Our Hearts,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2008, 33, 34).

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Nephi's Farewell

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THE BOOK OF JACOB

THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

The words of his preaching unto his brethren. He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ. A few words concerning the history of the people of Nephi.

CHAPTER 1

Jacob and Joseph seek to persuade men to believe in Christ and keep His commandments—Nephi dies—Wickedness prevails among the Nephites. About 544–421 B.C.

FOR behold, it came to pass that fifty and five years had passed away from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a ^acom-

mandment concerning the ^bsmall plates, upon which these things are engraven.

2 And he gave me, Jacob, a commandment that I should ^awrite upon ^bthese plates a few of the things which I considered to be most precious; that I should not touch, save it were lightly, concerning the history of this people which are called the people of Nephi.

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9c Col. 3:17; Moses 5:8.
d Micah 4:13; 2 Ne. 2:2.
e Alma 34:27.
33 1a Ether 12:23 (23–27).
b Rom. 10:17 (13–17); D&C 100:8 (7–8).
TG Holy Ghost, Gifts of.
2a Num. 15:31 (30–31); 1 Ne. 10:7.

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c Ps. 6:6; Jer. 13:17; Acts 20:19.
4a Ether 8:26; Moro. 7:13 (12–17).
TG Motivations.
b TG Eternal Life.

b 2 Ne. 31:3.
c Enos 1:27.
7a TG Charity.
8a TG Israel, Judah, People of.
BD Judah, Kingdom of.
9a Eph. 3:6 (1–7); 2 Ne. 10:18; 3 Ne. 21:14.
b TG Reconciliation.
c 2 Ne. 9:41.

10c John 8:47.
d TG Book of Mormon.
e Isa. 51:16; Moro. 10:27 (27–29).

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13a Isa. 29:4.

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President Ezra Taft Benson

“Our main task is to declare the gospel and do it effectively. We are not obligated to answer every objection. Every man eventually is backed up to the wall of faith, and there he must make his stand. ‘And if they are not the words of Christ, judge ye,’ said Nephi, ‘for Christ will show unto you, with power and great glory, that they are his words, at the last day; and you and I shall stand face to face before his bar; and ye shall know that I have been commanded of him to write these things.’ (2 Ne. 33:11.) Every man must judge for himself, knowing God will hold him accountable.”

(in Conference Report, Apr. 1975, 95–96; or Ensign, May 1975, 65).