

Paul stated that he was a prisoner at the time he wrote the Epistle to the Ephesians (see Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; 6:20). Ephesians may have been written during Paul's first imprisonment in Rome, around A.D. 60–62 (see Guide to the Scriptures, "Pauline Epistles,"). During this time Paul was being held under house arrest, but he had the freedom to receive visitors and teach the gospel (see Acts 28:16–31).

In the King James Version of the Bible, Ephesians 1:1 states that the Epistle to the Ephesians is addressed "to the saints which are at Ephesus." However, the earliest manuscripts of Ephesians do not contain the words "which are at Ephesus." This suggests the possibility that Paul may not have written the epistle specifically to the Ephesians but to several congregations of Saints, including those in Ephesus. Ephesus served as Paul's headquarters during his third missionary journey (see Acts 19:9-10; 20:31), and he had great affection for these people (see Acts 20:17, 34-38).

In this letter, Paul addressed Gentile members of the Church (see Ephesians 2:11) who were perhaps recent converts (see Ephesians 1:15). He wrote to help develop the spirituality and testimonies of those who were already members. His main purposes were to help these converts grow in their spiritual knowledge of God and the Church (see Ephesians 1:15-18; 3:14-19); to promote unity, particularly between Gentile and Jewish Saints (see Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-16; 5:19-6:9); and to encourage the Saints to withstand the powers of evil (see Ephesians 4:17-5:18; 6:10-18). Many Saints in Ephesus were living righteously enough to be sealed up to eternal life (see Ephesians 1:13; Bruce R. McConkie, Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 2:493-94).

Elder Bruce R. McConkie

"Ephesians is an epistle for all the world, for Jew and Gentile, for husband and wife, for parent and child, for master and servant. It was the mind and will of God in Paul's day; it is the voice of inspiration in our day; it is an epistle of universal appeal and application.

"... It contains some of Paul's best writing, and is a document that deals with fundamentals, with the gospel of God in all its saving glory."

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Bible Dictionary ("Ephesus")

"Capital of the Roman province of Asia and a great commercial center. Ephesus was three miles from the sea, on the banks of the navigable river Cayster. It was an important business center, much of the commerce between east and west passing along the great highway that connected Ephesus with the Euphrates. It thus became a natural center for the Christian Church in Asia Minor."



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15 For in Christ Jesus neither ^acircumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

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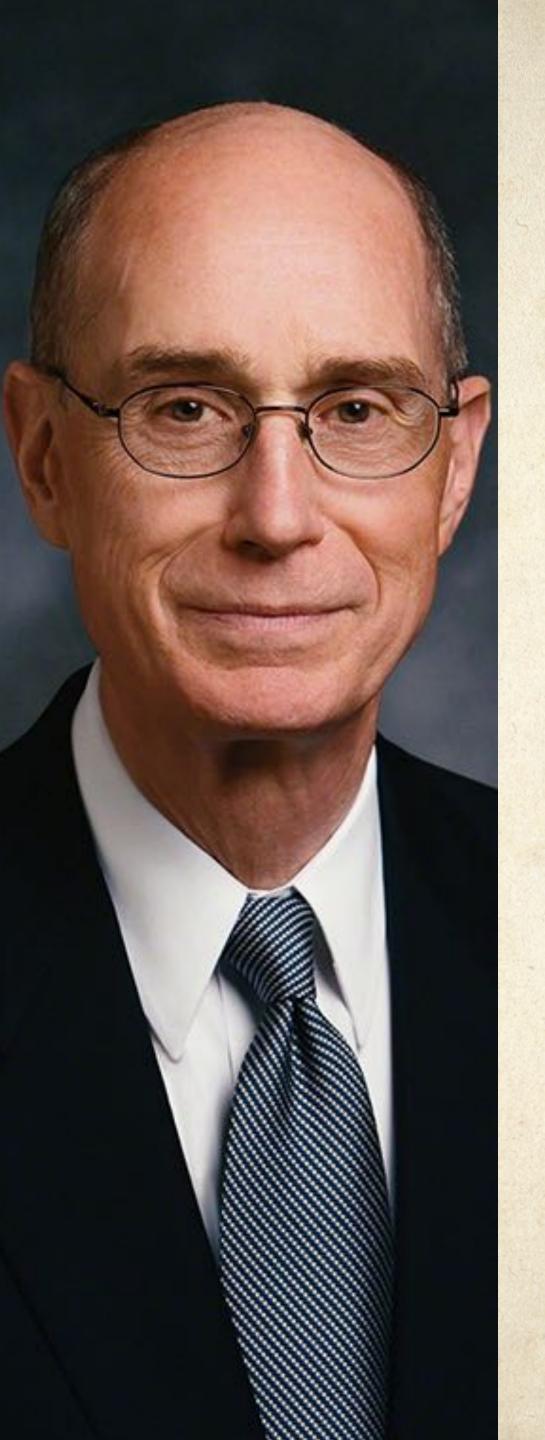
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Topics and Questions, "Foreordination"

In the premortal spirit world, God appointed certain spirits to fulfill specific missions during their mortal lives. This is called foreordination. Foreordination does not guarantee that individuals will receive certain callings or responsibilities. Such opportunities come in this life as a result of the righteous exercise of agency, just as foreordination came as a result of righteousness in the premortal existence.

The doctrine of foreordination applies to all members of the Church, not just to the Savior and His prophets. Before the creation of the earth, faithful women were given certain responsibilities and faithful men were foreordained to certain priesthood duties. As people prove themselves worthy, they will be given opportunities to fulfill the assignments they then received.



President Henry B. Eyring

"[Predestination] does not mean "that God must have determined in advance which of His children He would save and made the gospel available to them, while those who never heard the gospel simply were not 'chosen.' ... God's plan is much more loving and just than that. Our Heavenly Father is anxious to gather and bless all of His family."

("Gathering the Family of God," Apr 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 20–21).

BibleHub (for comparing different translations of a given verse) https://biblehub.com/

BYU New Rendition of the Epistle to the Ephesians by Philip Abbott (this can be read for free online, and we'll include a link; it's also available to download for free in various other formats):

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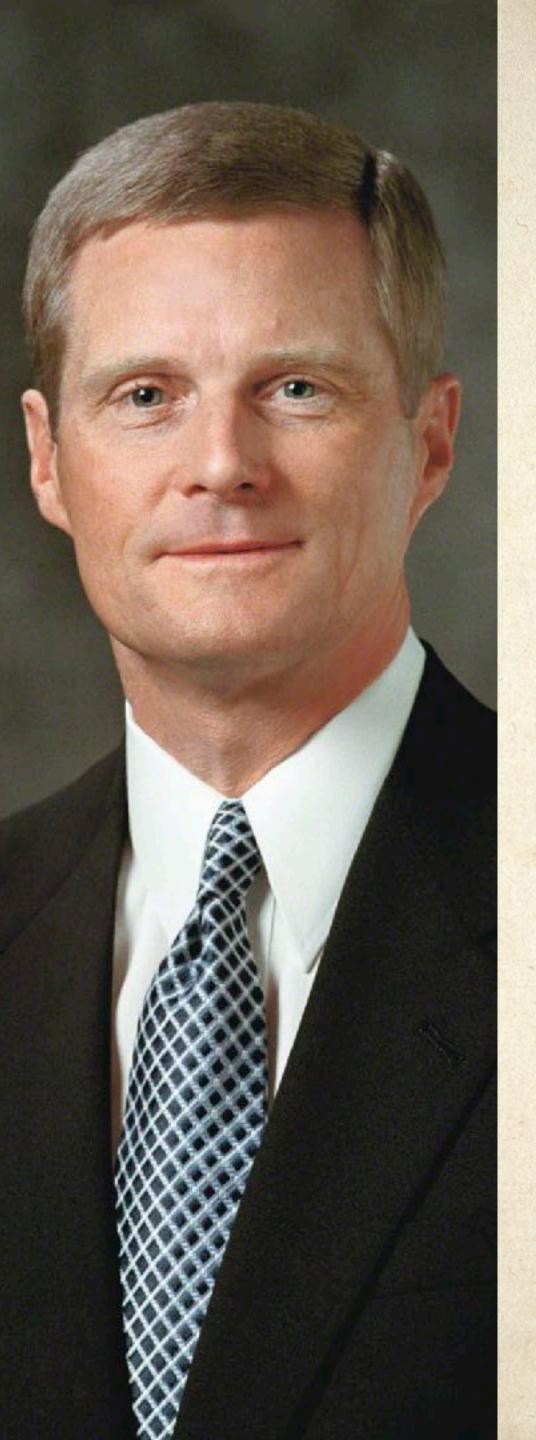
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Elder B. H. Roberts

This is the dispensation of the fullness of times, and we see running into it, as mighty streams rush into the ocean, all the former dispensations, putting us in touch with them, putting them in touch with us; and we see that God has had but one great purpose in view from the beginning, and that has been the salvation of His children. And now has come the final day, the final dispensation, when truth and light and righteousness must flood the earth."

(in Conference Report, Oct. 1904, 73; see also D&C 27:13; 121:26–27; 124:41; 128:18–21).



Elder David A. Bednar

"My beloved brothers and sisters, what has been accomplished thus far in this dispensation communicating gospel messages through social media channels is a good beginning—but only a small trickle. I now extend to you the invitation to help transform the trickle into a flood. ... I exhort you to sweep the earth with messages filled with righteousness and truth messages that are authentic, edifying, and praiseworthy —and literally to sweep the earth as with a flood."

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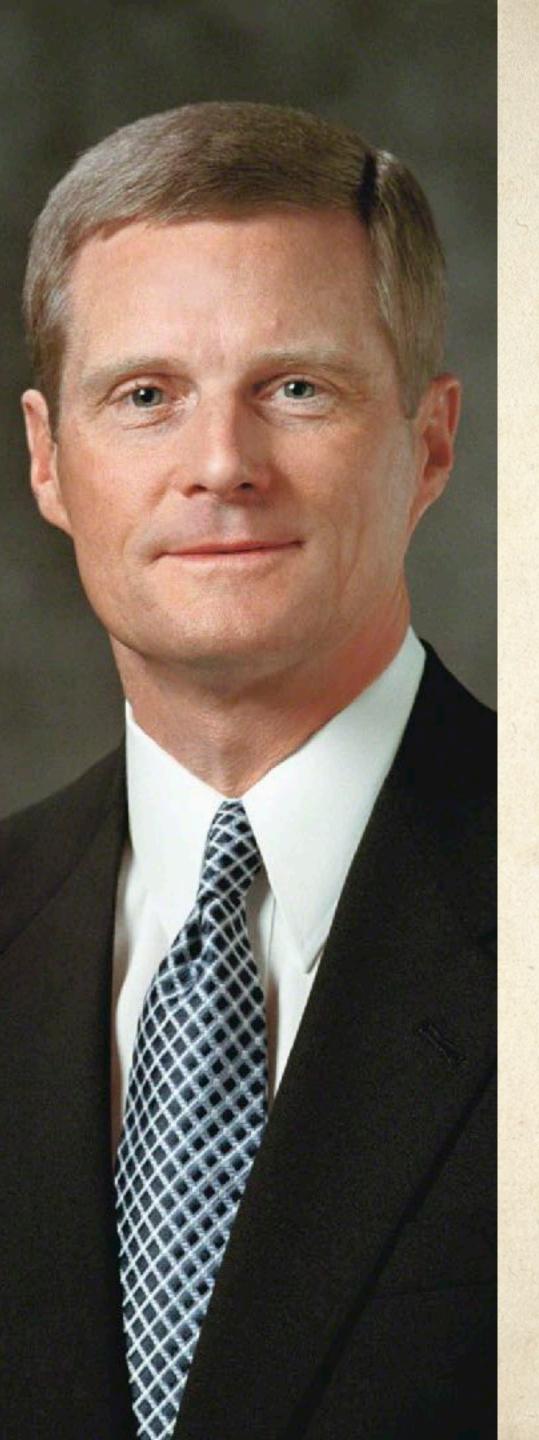
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"Revelation is communication from God to His children on the earth and one of the great blessings associated with the gift and constant companionship of the Holy Ghost. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught, 'The Holy Ghost is a revelator,' and 'no man can receive the Holy Ghost without receiving revelations' (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 132).

"The spirit of revelation is available to every person who receives by proper priesthood authority the saving ordinances of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost—and who is acting in faith to fulfill the priesthood injunction to 'receive the Holy Ghost" ("The Spirit of Revelation," Apr 2011 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2011, 87).

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2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this ^aworld, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of ^bdisobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the alusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by bnature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in ^amercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath aquickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding ariches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by ^agrace are ye ^bsaved through cfaith; and that not of yourselves: it is the ^dgift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should ^aboast.

10 For we are his aworkmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good bworks, which God hath before ordained that we should ^cwalk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called ^aUncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and ^astrangers from the ^bcovenants of promise, having no chope, and dwithout God in the world:

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16 And that he might ^areconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

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2 1 *a* Col. 1:21; Rev. 3:1. 2a TG Worldliness.

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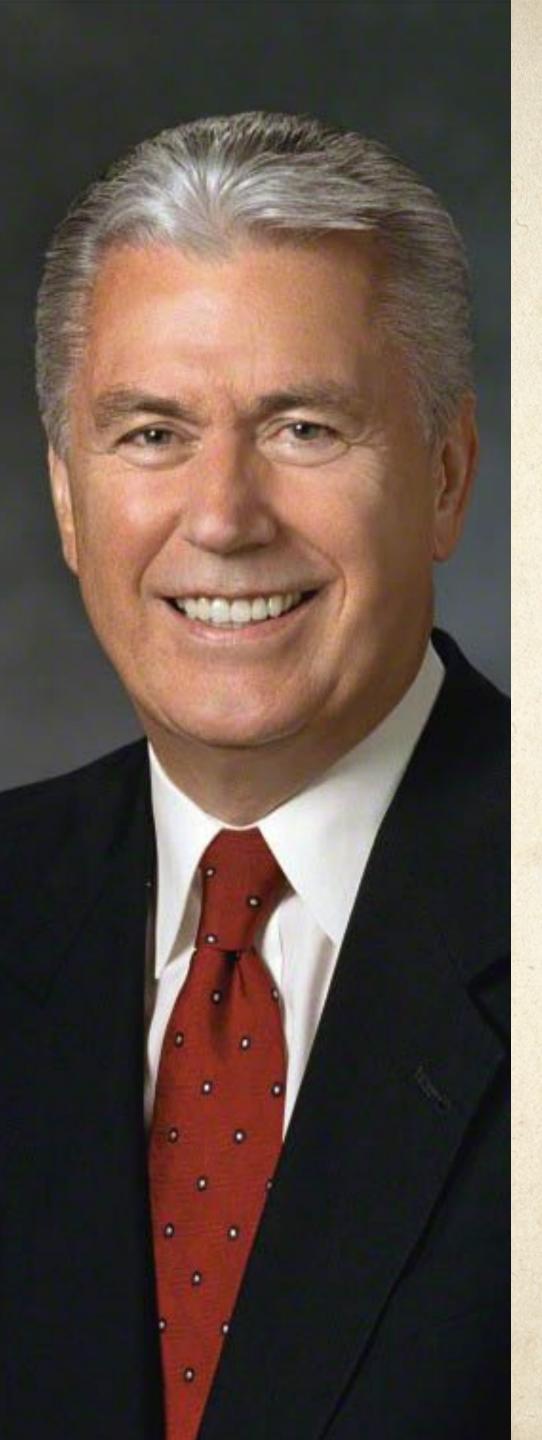
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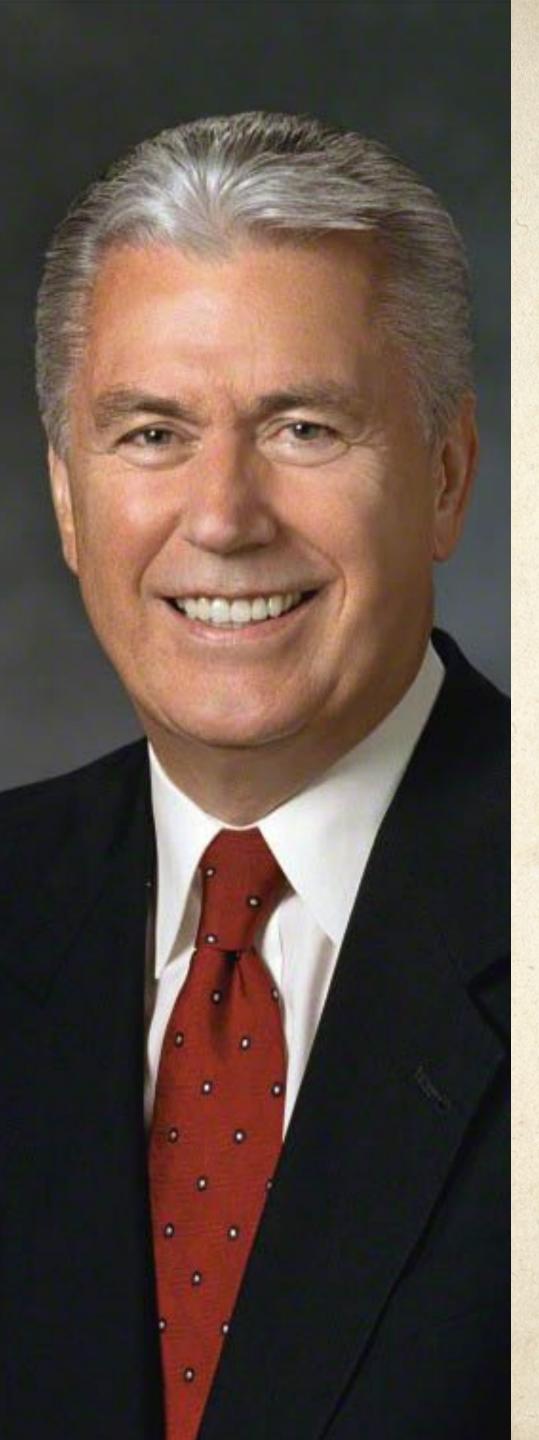
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"Because we have all 'sinned, and come short of the glory of God' [Romans 3:23] and because 'there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of God' [1 Nephi 15:34], every one of us is unworthy to return to God's presence. ...

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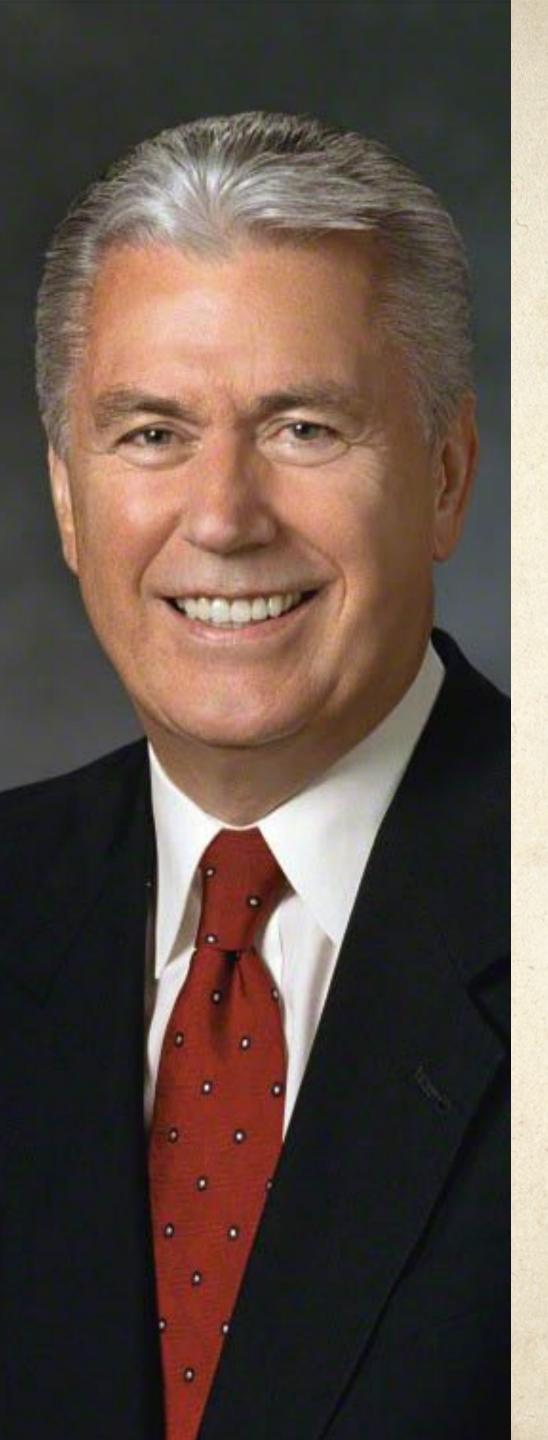


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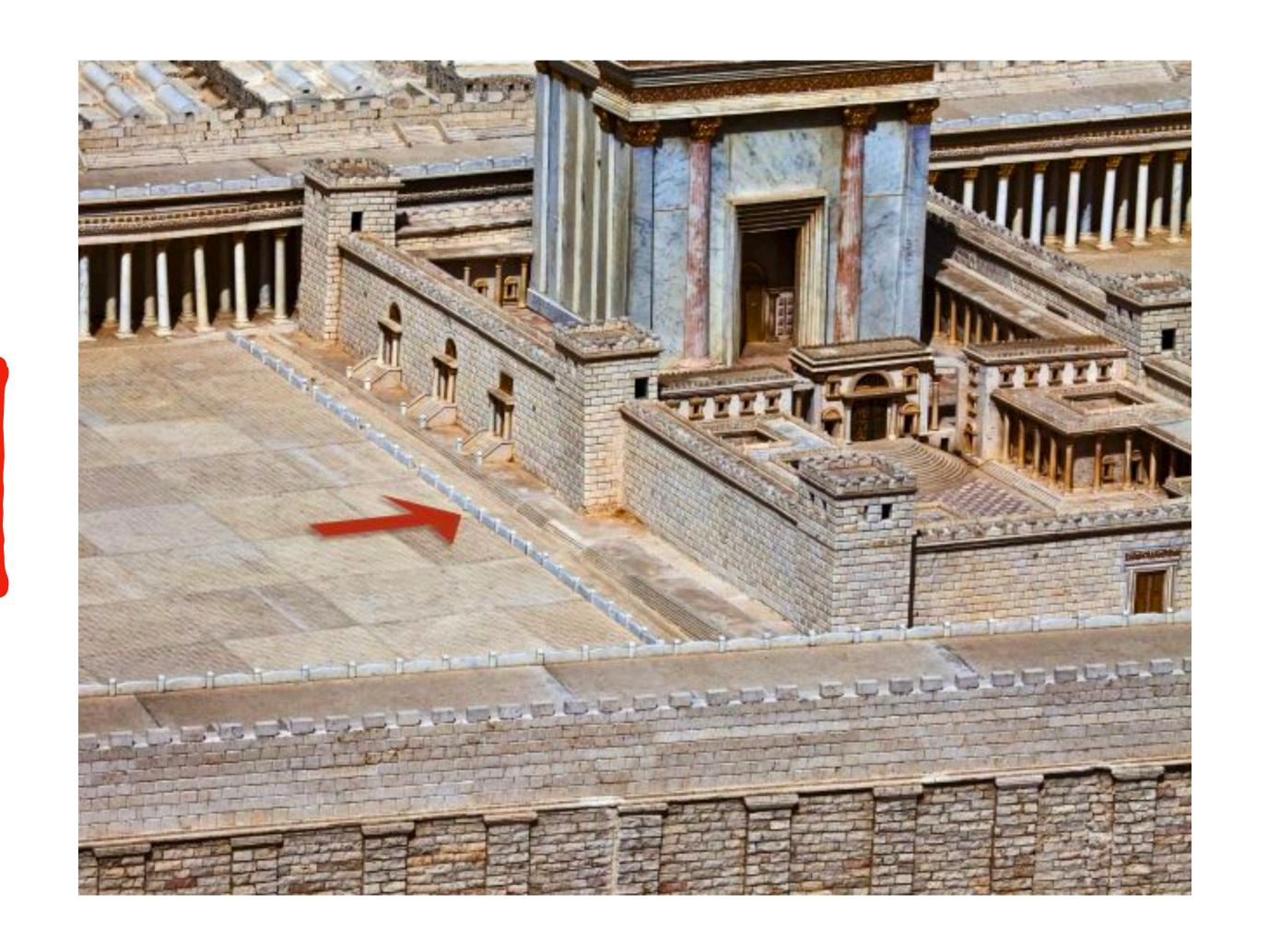
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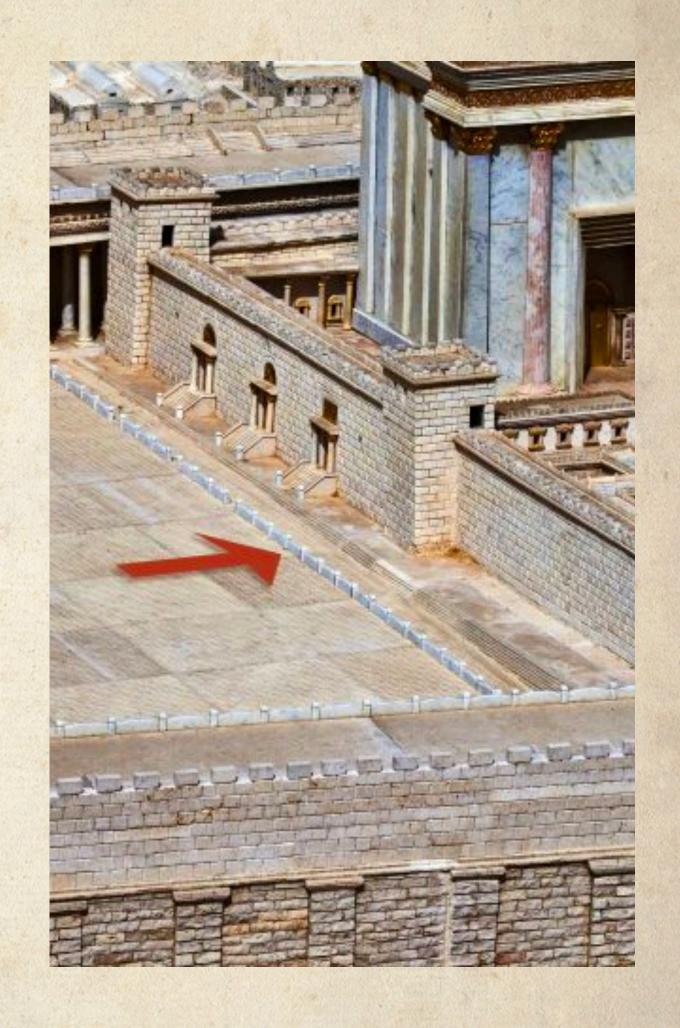
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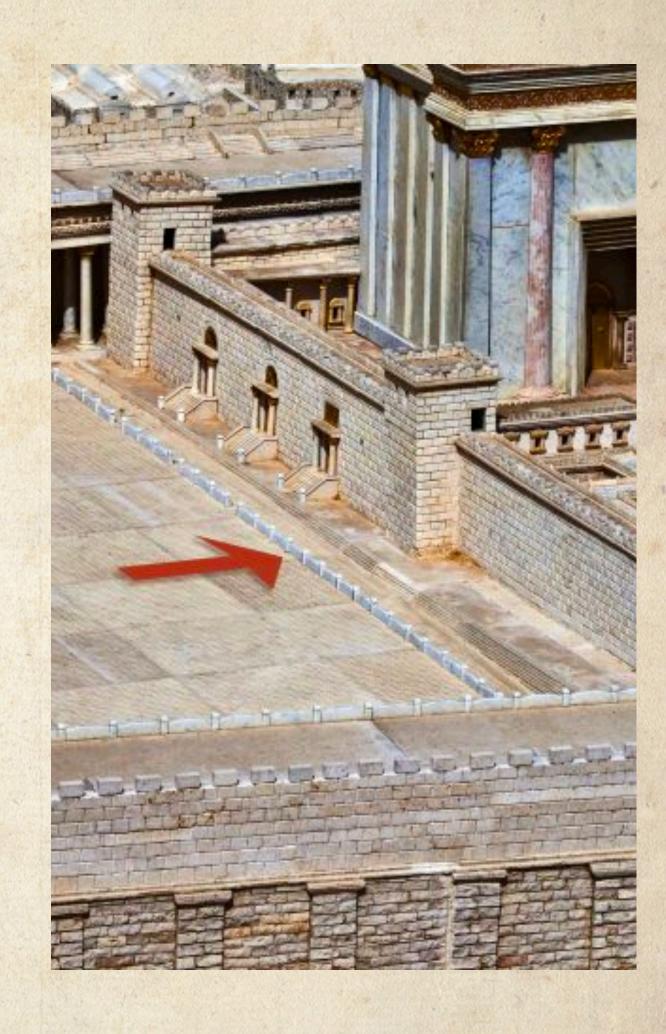


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"The temple in Jerusalem contained several courts or areas, and only certain types of people could enter each court. Gentiles were permitted to ascend the temple mount and enter the outer court, called the court of the Gentiles. The inner courts of the temple, however, were shielded from Gentile access by a special partition or wall that stood about one meter high. If a Gentile passed beyond this wall, he could be put to death. Archaeologists have discovered two of the marble blocks that made up this barrier, and they contain inscriptions in Greek and Latin that read: "No foreigner is to pass beyond the barriers surrounding the sanctuary. Whoever is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his death which will follow" (Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, Eric D. Huntsman, Thomas A. Wayment, Jesus Christ and the World of the New Testament [2006], 160).



During the time of Paul the Apostle, non-Jewish converts to Christianity (or those who formerly were Gentiles) may have felt like they did not fit in with the rest of the Church and may have felt more like "strangers and foreigners" (Ephesians 2:19). For example, at the temple in Jerusalem, they would not have been allowed past the "wall of partition" (Ephesians 2:14) to the more sacred areas of the temple where only Jews, including Jewish Christians, would have been able to go. In addition, Gentiles had previously not been offered the blessings of the gospel until Heavenly Father's revelation to Peter (see Acts 10).



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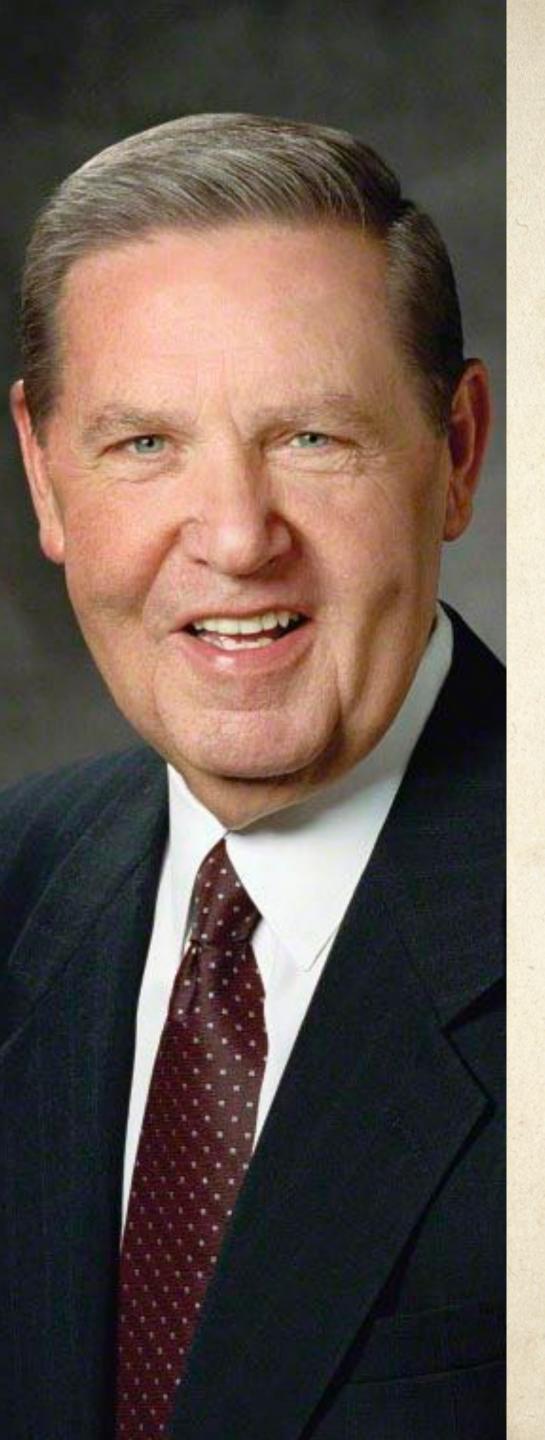
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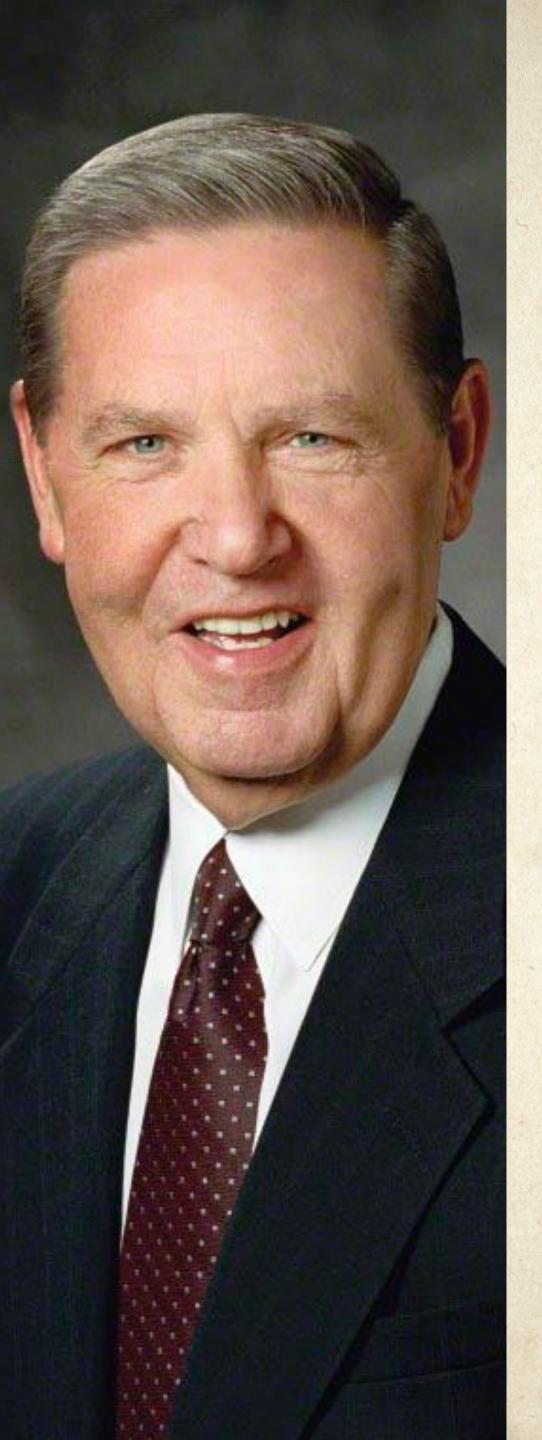
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A cornerstone is a massive stone that is laid at the corner of a foundation to give strength and stability to the entire structure. A cornerstone can also be used to connect two adjoining walls to form a corner [But to align the foundations of the walls the corner stone must be perfectly square. Then one can trust that everything aligned with it will be perfect]. Paul used this imagery to explain that Jesus Christ provides strength and stability to the whole Church and that through Jesus Christ, Jewish and Gentile members of the Church are bound together (see Jacob 4:15-16; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 28:16). All members become united, "fitly framed together [growing] unto an holy temple in the Lord." All of this is made possible through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, who is the "chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20–21).



Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

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Paul listed the offices of evangelist and pastor as part of the organizational structure of the Church (see Ephesians 4:11). An evangelist is "one who bears or proclaims the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ" (Guide to the Scriptures, "Evangelist"; scriptures.lds.org). In latter-day revelation, patriarchs are described as being "evangelical ministers" (D&C 107:39-41). The Prophet Joseph Smith (1805–44) taught, "An evangelist is a Patriarch. ... Wherever the Church of Christ is established in the earth, there should be a Patriarch for the benefit of the posterity of the Saints, as it was with Jacob in giving his patriarchal blessing unto his sons" (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 140). A pastor is a shepherd or one who leads a flock—a fitting description of modern-day bishops, branch presidents, and stake and district presidents (see 1 Peter 5:2-4).

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Paul recognized that a "unity of the faith" cannot be reached without the presiding leadership of living Apostles and others. President Russell M. Nelson quoted Paul's teachings on the unity of the faith and then explained: "The ministry of the Apostles—the First Presidency and the Twelve—is to bring about that unity of the faith and to proclaim our knowledge of the Master. Our ministry is to bless the lives of all who will learn and follow the 'more excellent way' of the Lord [1 Corinthians 12:31; Ether 12:11]. And we are to help people prepare for their potential salvation and exaltation" ("Salvation and Exaltation," Apr 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2008, 7-8).

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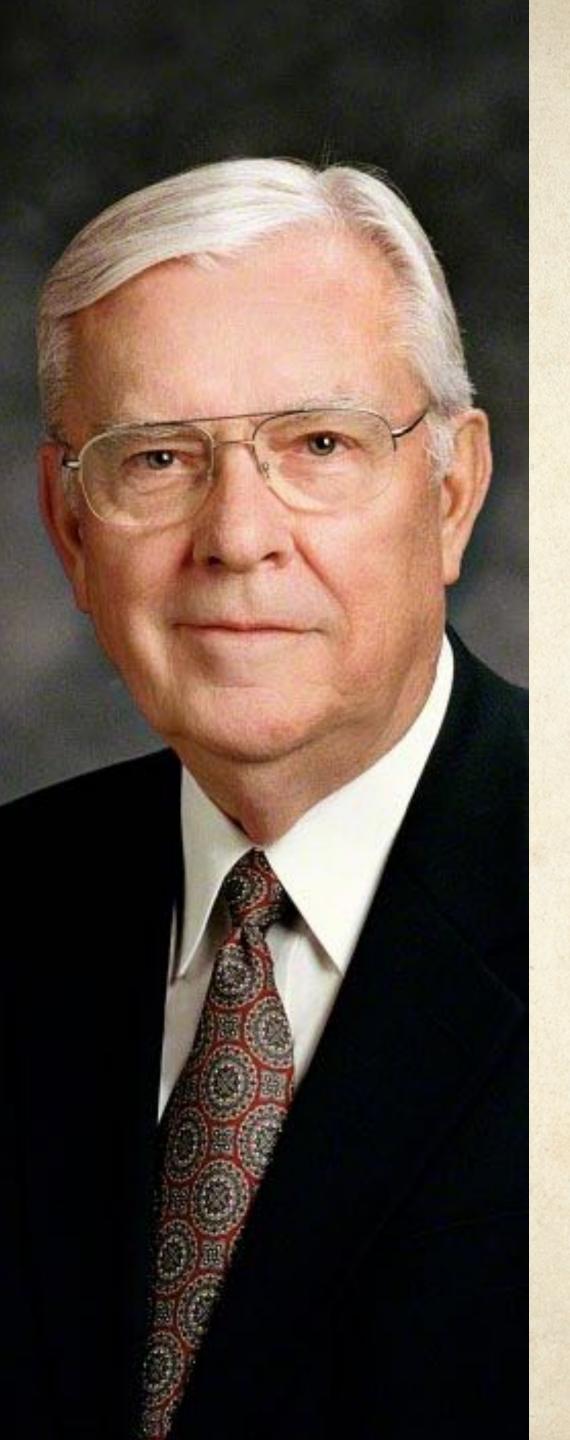
The Joseph Smith Translation of Ephesians 4:26 changes the confusing instruction "Be ye angry, and sin not" to the question "Can ye be angry, and not sin?" (in Ephesians 4:26, footnote a). This change brings this verse into harmony with Paul's other teachings about anger, such as his counsel to "let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger ... be put away from you" (Ephesians 4:31).

When Paul wrote, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (Ephesians 4:26), he was teaching the Saints that they should not retire for the evening until they had overcome their angry thoughts. The Savior similarly taught about anger, as recorded in Matthew 5:22 and 3 Nephi 12:22.

Elder Lynn G. Robbins

"A cunning part of [Satan's] strategy is to dissociate anger from agency, making us believe that we are victims of an emotion that we cannot control. We hear, 'I lost my temper.' Losing one's temper is an interesting choice of words that has become a widely used idiom. To 'lose something' implies 'not meaning to,' 'accidental,' 'involuntary,' 'not responsible'—careless perhaps but 'not responsible.'

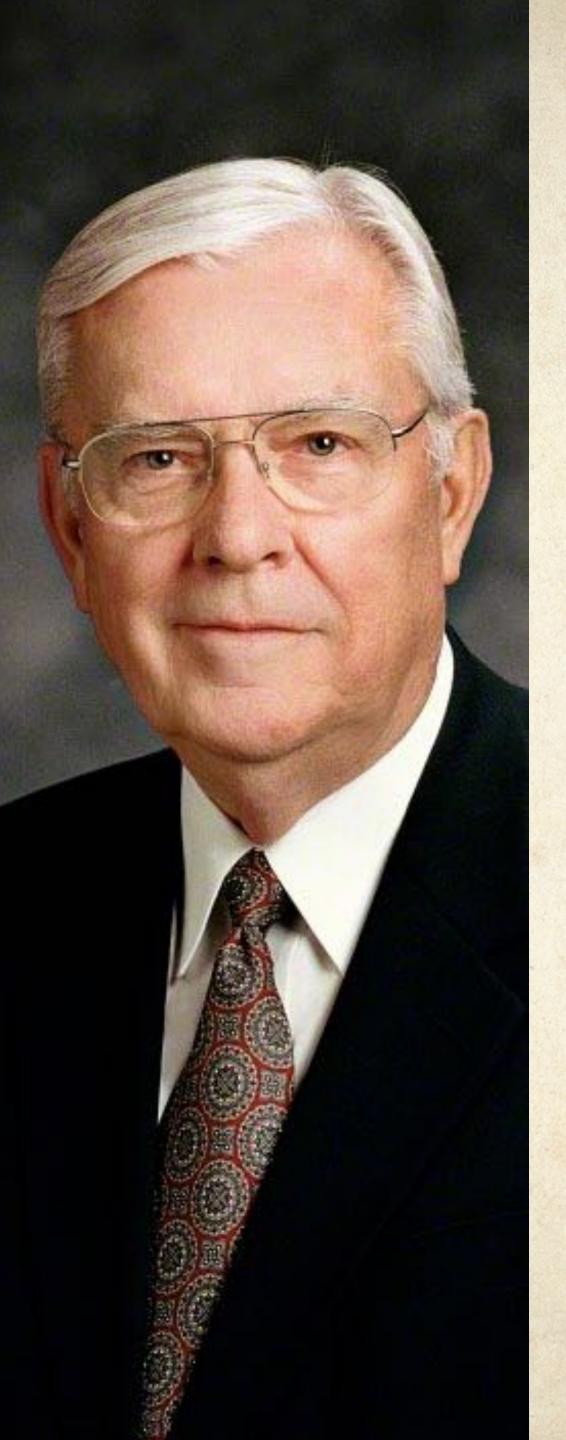
"He made me mad.' This is another phrase we hear, also implying lack of control or agency. This is a myth that must be debunked. No one makes us mad. Others don't make us angry. There is no force involved. Becoming angry is a conscious choice, a decision; therefore, we can make the choice not to become angry. We choose!" ("Agency and Anger," Apr. 1998 GC, Ensign, May 1998, 80).



Elder M. Russell Ballard

"Oftentimes we are like the young merchant from Boston, who in 1849, as the story goes, was caught up in the fervor of the California gold rush. He sold all of his possessions to seek his fortune in the California rivers, which he was told were filled with gold nuggets so big that one could hardly carry them.

Day after endless day, the young man dipped his pan into the river and came up empty. His only reward was a growing pile of rocks. Discouraged and broke, he was ready to quit until one day an old, experienced prospector said to him, "That's quite a pile of rocks you are getting there, my boy."

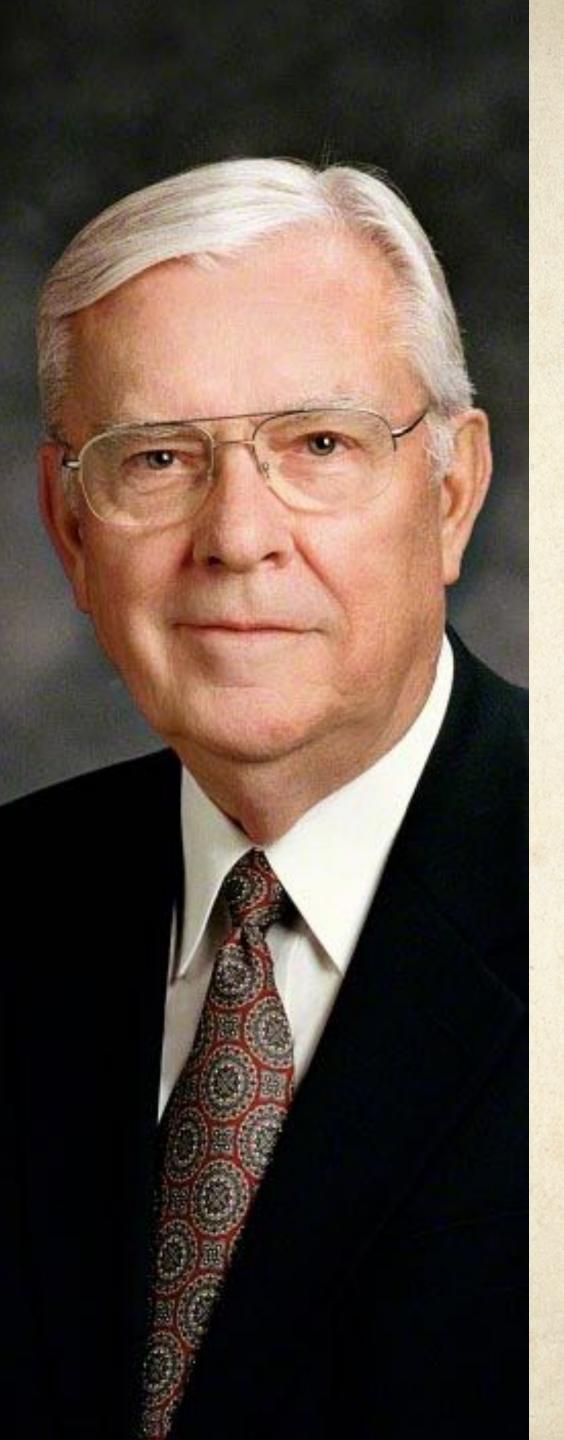


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The young man replied, "There's no gold here. I'm going back home."

Walking over to the pile of rocks, the old prospector said, "Oh, there is gold all right. You just have to know where to find it." He picked two rocks up in his hands and crashed them together. One of the rocks split open, revealing several flecks of gold sparkling in the sunlight.

Noticing a bulging leather pouch fastened to the prospector's waist, the young man said, "I'm looking for nuggets like the ones in your pouch, not just tiny flecks."



Elder M. Russell Ballard

The old prospector extended his pouch toward the young man, who looked inside, expecting to see several large nuggets. He was stunned to see that the pouch was filled with thousands of flecks of gold.

The old prospector said, "Son, it seems to me you are so busy looking for large nuggets that you're missing filling your pouch with these precious flecks of gold. The patient accumulation of these little flecks has brought me great wealth."

(M. Russell Ballard, "Finding Joy through Loving Service," Apr 2011 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2011, 46)

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b TG Uncleanness.

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26 That he might asanctify and bcleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his ^awife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet ^ahated his own ^bflesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are amembers of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be aone flesh.

32 This is a great ^amystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the awife see that she breverence her husband.

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Children should honor their parents— Servants and masters are judged by the same law—Saints should put on the whole armor of God.

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2 ^aHonour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

24a TG Man, New, Spiritually Reborn; Mission of Early Saints.

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16 Redeeming the time, because

17 Wherefore be ye not aunwise,

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18 And be not ^adrunk with wine,

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19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms

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singing and making bmelody in your

20 Giving athanks always for all

things unto God and the Father in

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21 ^aSubmitting yourselves one to

22 ^aWives, ^bsubmit yourselves unto

23 For the ^ahusband is the head of

your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

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of the church: and he is the saviour

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ject unto Christ, so let the wives be to

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25 ^aHusbands, ^blove your ^cwives,

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TG Submissiveness.

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10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

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> Fornication; Sexual Immorality.

b TG Saints.

4a TG Filthiness.

b TG Levity.

c Eccl. 5:2; Matt. 12:36.

5*a* TG Chastity; Whore.

b TG Uncleanness. c TG Inheritance;

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25a TG Lying.

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27 a Mosiah 2:32 (32–33); 3 Ne. 11:29.

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> 32*a* TG Benevolence; Courtesy; Family, Love within; Kindness.

b TG Forgive.

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President Gordon B. Hinckley

"Happiness in marriage is not so much a matter of romance as it is an anxious concern for the comfort and well-being of one's companion. Any man who will make his wife's comfort his first concern will stay in love with her throughout their lives and through the eternity yet to come' (Anchorage, Alaska, regional conference, 18 June 1995)."

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22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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NT Institute Manual

In New Testament times, slavery was a very common institution throughout the Roman Empire. Undoubtedly many Church members were either servants or had servants as part of their households. People became slaves by being captured in war, being sold to pay debts, or being kidnapped. Paul's counsel about how servants should act (see Ephesians 6:5-8) does not imply that he approved of the institution of slavery, but it teaches members of the Church living in a culture with servants and masters how those relationships should be guided by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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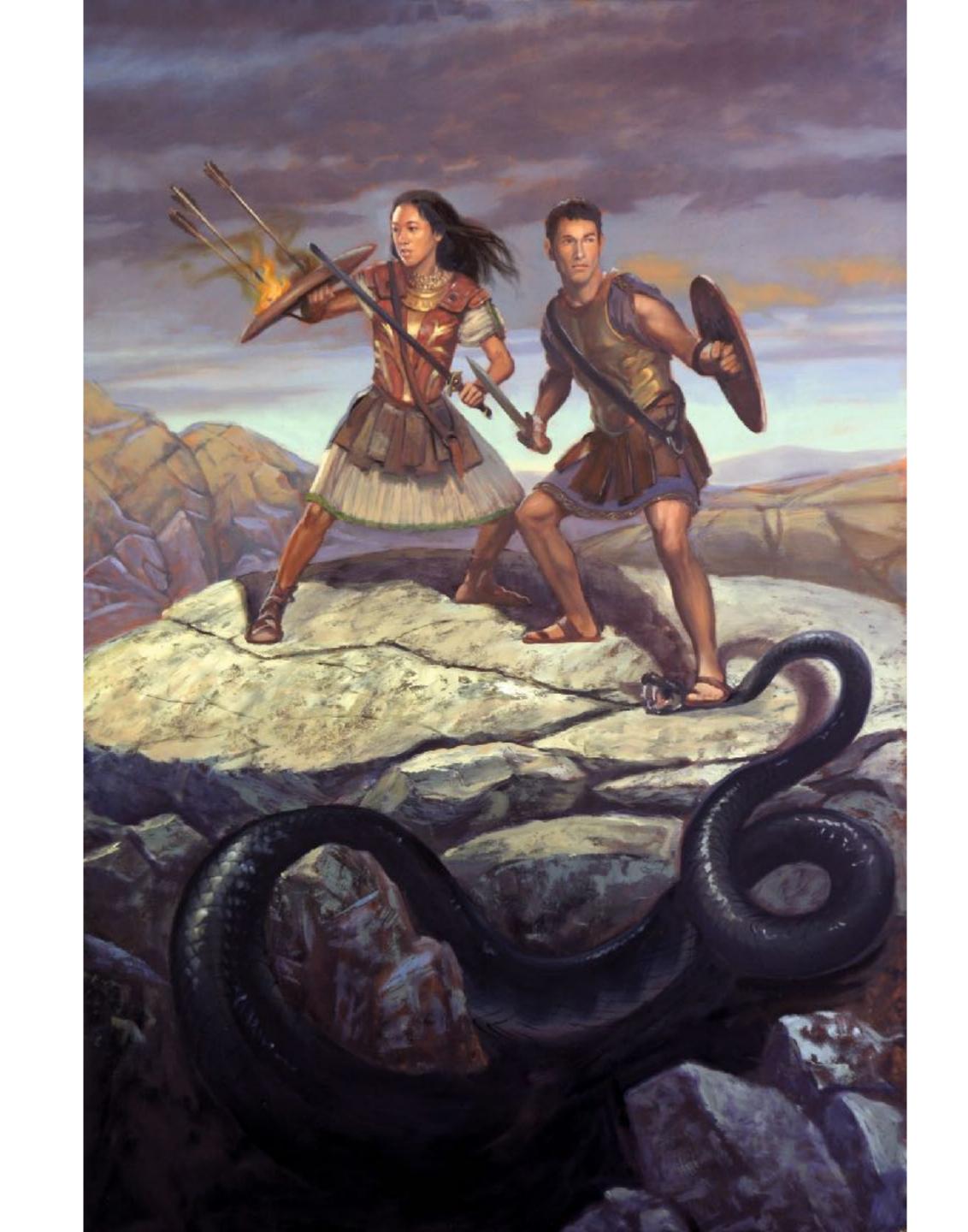
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President Harold B. Lee

"We have the four parts of the body that the Apostle Paul said or saw to be the most vulnerable to the powers of darkness. The loins, typifying virtue, chastity. The heart typifying our conduct. Our feet, our goals or objectives in life and finally our head, our thoughts"

(Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace, Brigham Young University Speeches of the Year [Nov. 9, 1954], 2).



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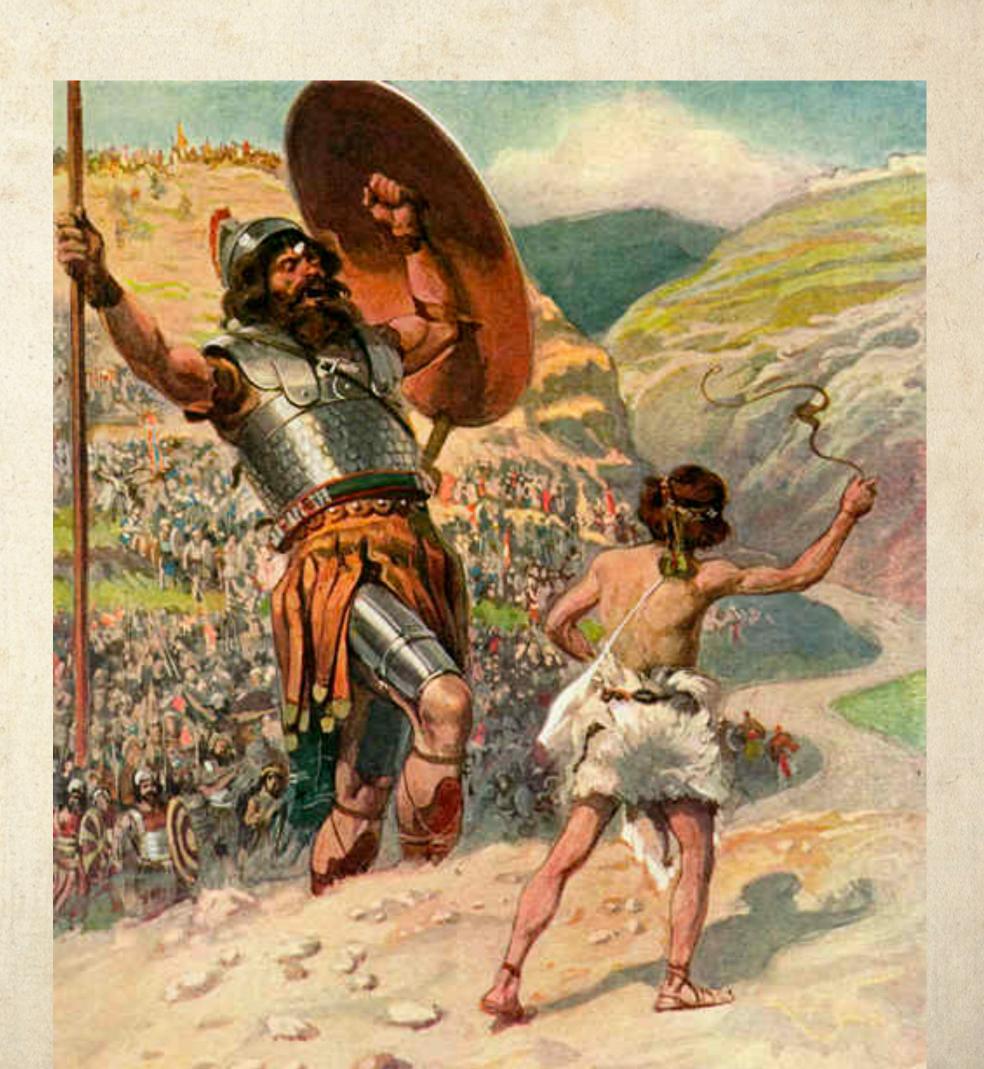
"I like to think of this spiritual armor not as a solid piece of metal molded to fit the body but more like chain mail. Chain mail consists of dozens of tiny pieces of steel fastened together to allow the user greater flexibility without losing protection. I say that because it has been my experience that there is not one great and grand thing we can do to arm ourselves spiritually. True spiritual power lies in numerous smaller acts woven together in a fabric of spiritual fortification that protects and shields from all evil."

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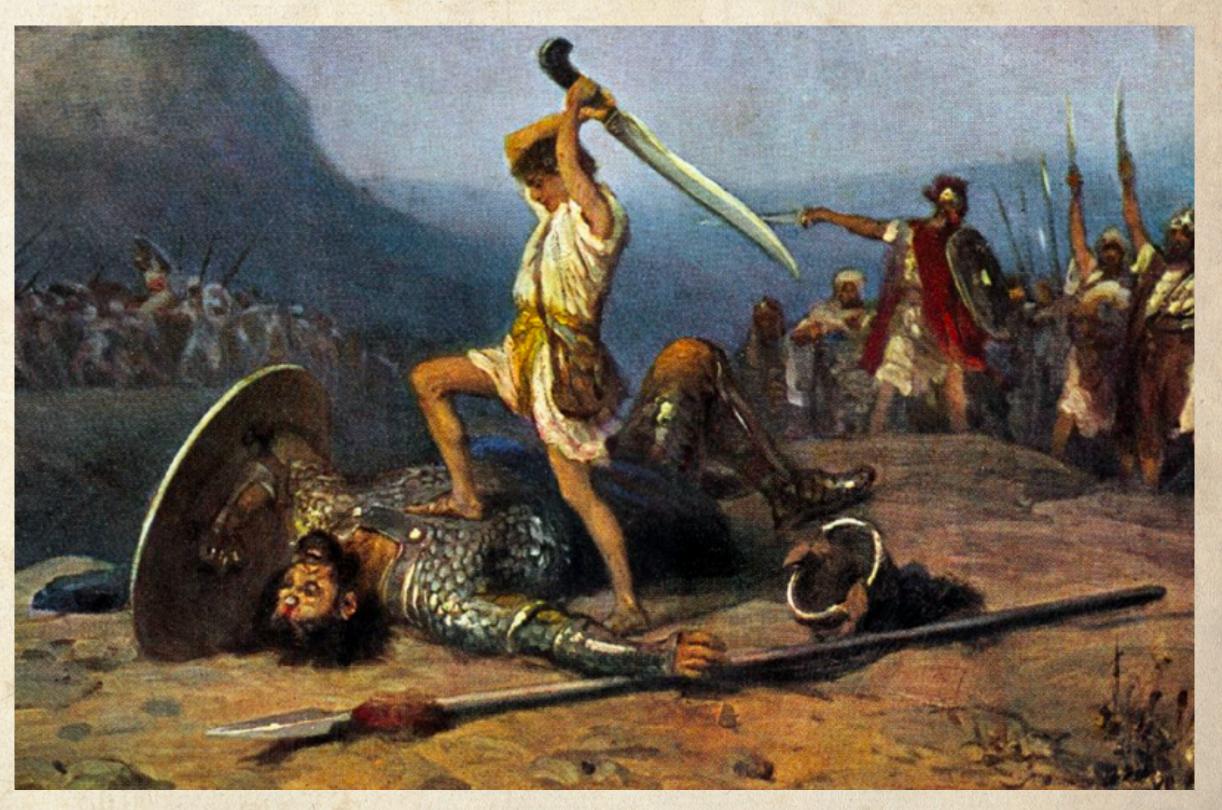
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("Put on the Whole Armor of God," Apr. 1979 GC)



Elder Robert C. Oaks

"The weapons of eternal worth reflecting the whole armor of God are truth, righteousness, faith, prayer, and the word of God (see Eph. 6:13–18). These weapons are wielded in our minds, mouths, and movements. Every righteous thought, word, and deed is a victory for the Lord. ...

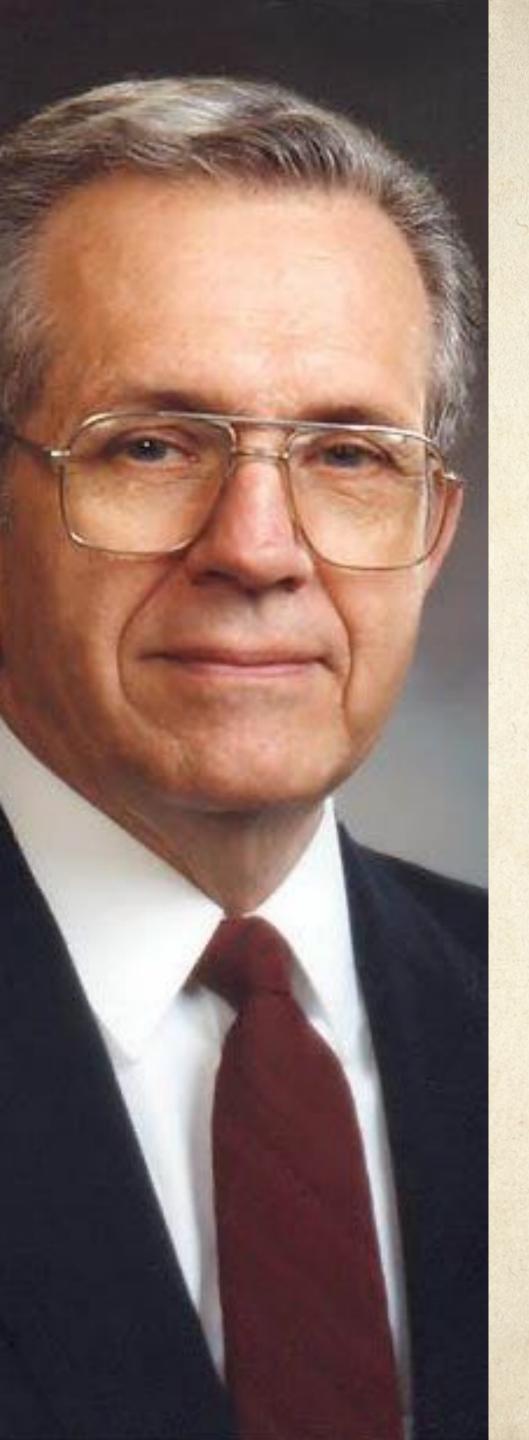
"The stakes are extremely high. The prizes are the very souls of the sons and daughters of God, their eternal salvation. And these souls will be won or lost on the basis of virtue and cleanliness, on the basis of charity and service, and on the basis of faith and hope" ("Who's on the Lord's Side? Who?" Apr 2005 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2005, 49–50).

Questions to ask as you study the Armor of God:

- What spiritual concept did Paul relate to this piece of armor?
- What could the body part being protected by the armor represent spiritually?
- How do we put on this piece of the Lord's armor to receive His protection against evil?

Seeing Christ in the Armor of God

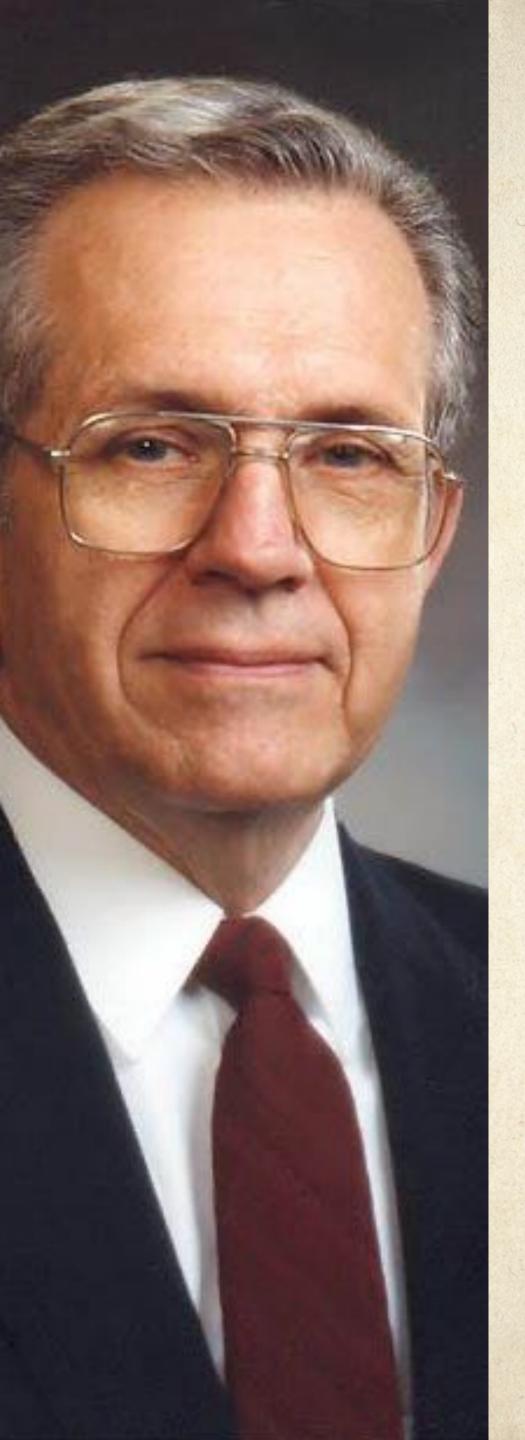
- "loins girt about with truth" (see Isaiah 11:5; John 14:6)
- "breastplate of righteousness" (see Isaiah 59:17; Philippians 3:9)
- "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (see Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 5:9)
- "shield of faith" (see Moroni 7:33; Genesis 15:1)
- "helmet of salvation" (see Psalm 27:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Mosiah 3:17; Doctrine and Covenants 93:8; Hebrews 5:9)
- "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (see Doctrine and Covenants 6:2; 1 Nephi 15:23–24; Helaman 3:29–30)



President Boyd K. Packer

"The shield of faith is to be made and fitted in the family. No two can be exactly alike. Each must be handcrafted to individual specifications.

"The plan designed by the Father contemplates that man and woman, husband and wife, working together, fit each child individually with a shield of faith made to buckle on so firmly that it can neither be pulled off nor penetrated by those fiery darts.



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"It takes the steady strength of a father to hammer out the metal of it and the tender hands of a mother to polish and fit it on. Sometimes one parent is left to do it alone. It is difficult, but it can be done.

"In the Church we can teach about the materials from which a shield of faith is made: reverence, courage, chastity, repentance, forgiveness, compassion. In church we can learn how to assemble and fit them together. But the actual making of and fitting on of the shield of faith belongs in the family circle."

("The Shield of Faith," Apr 1995 GC, Ensign, May 1995, 8).

- them in secret.
- 13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
- 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee ^alight.
- 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- 17 Wherefore be ye not aunwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- 18 And be not ^adrunk with wine, wherein is bexcess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and ahymns and spiritual songs, singing and making bmelody in your heart to the Lord;
- 20 Giving athanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 ^aSubmitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- 22 ^aWives, ^bsubmit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- 23 For the ^ahusband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the bhead of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
- 25 ^aHusbands, ^blove your ^cwives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might asanctify and bcleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his ^awife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet ^ahated his own bflesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are amembers of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be aone flesh.

32 This is a great ^amystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the awife see that she breverence her husband.

CHAPTER 6

Children should honor their parents— Servants and masters are judged by the same law—Saints should put on the whole armor of God.

^aCHILDREN, ^bobey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 ^aHonour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

31 a TG Marriage, Celestial; Unity.

32a TG Mysteries of Godliness.

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4 And, ye afathers, bprovoke not your ^cchildren to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5 ^aServants, be obedient to them that are your bmasters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the aservants of Christ, doing the ^bwill of God from the heart;

7 With good will doing a service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he areceive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And, ye amasters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your ^bMaster also is in heaven; neither is there ^crespect of persons with him.

10 Finally, my brethren, be astrong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole ^aarmour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we awrestle not bagainst ^cflesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the ^drulers of the ^edarkness of this world, against spiritual fwickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your

loins ^agirt about with ^btruth, and having on the ^cbreastplate of ^drighteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of ^apeace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of ^afaith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery bdarts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of asalvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 ^aPraying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all bperseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the amystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak ^aboldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, a Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in ^asincerity. Amen.

Written from Rome unto the Ephesians by Tychicus.

12a TG Shame.

14a TG Jesus Christ, Light of the World;

Light [noun]. 17a TG Wisdom.

18 a TC Drunkannacco

TG Submissiveness.

23 a TG Marriage, Husbands. b TG Jesus Christ, Head of the Church.

c TG Church. 25 d TC Family Datriarchal 30*a* 1 Cor. 6:15.

33 a TC Marriage Wives

4a TG Family, Love within; Family, Patriarchal; Marriage, Fatherhood.

5*a* Titus 2:9.

b TG Provoking. c TG Family, Children, Responsibilities toward. 10a TG Strength. 11a Ps. 91:4; Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 10:4 (3–6); 1 Thes. 5:8; D&C 27:15 (15-18).

TG Chastity: Protection.

14*a* Isa. 11:5. b TG Truth. c Isa. 59:17; 61:10.

d TG Righteousness. 15a TG Peace of God.

16a TG Faith. b 1 Ne. 15:24: