

BLESSING OF TEMPLE NARRATION

President Russell M. Nelson taught, 'The temple lies at the center of strengthening our faith and spiritual fortitude. Our seeking to regularly attend the temple is a manifestation of our desire to know Jesus Christ and to become more like Him. The temple enhances our faith and spiritual determination in ways that are only found in the house of the Lord.

'The great plan of happiness is symbolically portrayed both visually and audibly in the temple and with detail not found anywhere else. The temple is a place of higher and holier learning. Here we see ourselves in our eternal context. We are taught what our mortal stay is all about. And over time with frequent visits to the temple, our comprehension of vital eternal truths that affect every aspect of our lives increases. we remember our divine heritage and potential.

Attending the temple regularly helps us partake consistently of the spirit and power of Elijah. That spirit is the witness of our divine nature and our divine destiny. It is what existence is all about. And the spirit of Elijah will continuously plant into our hearts the promises made to the fathers as we make the temple an integral part of our lives. And we will teach our children and be unified in extraordinary ways with our ancestors as we link ourselves together so that we will be empowered to become who we are destined to become.

And in so many ways the temple blesses our everyday lives. President Monson said, quote, 'The temple is a place where we can consistently find peace. There can come to us a dimension of the true meaning of the words of the Savior. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Everyone who comes into the temple can feel less depression and despair President D Todd Christofferson said quote when we enter the temple we lay our problems and challenges at the door and when we leave the problems and challenges are still there we have to pick them up again and take them with us they haven't changed but we have changed in that interval. End quote. In the temple we are reminded to view our challenges in their eternal context, to see that they are temporary and have no impact on our eternal well-being. Rather, they are opportunities to learn and to become more like Jesus Christ. With that perspective, The burden they were to us before is relieved.

President Nelson said, quote, More regular time in the temple will allow the Lord to teach you how to draw upon His priesthood power with which you have been endowed in His temple. Nothing will help you more to hold fast to your covenants than worshiping in the temple. End quote.

President Nelson also promised that those who serve and worship in temples can, quote, expect to receive answers to prayer, personal revelation, increased knowledge, and power. Regular temple worship will enhance the way you see yourself and how you fit into God's magnificent plan, end quote. In the temple we can receive inspiration to guide our lives and to understand more fully our eternality and potential.

I say unto you, shall receive grace for grace. This promise of Jesus Christ is for all of us. We will receive His grace as we help and assist others to come unto Him through our vicarious work in the temple. We literally are being saviors as we assist those who have passed on to become one with Jesus Christ by performing the enabling ordinances of exaltation on their behalf. We are giving grace just like Him, and we are entitled to receive His grace as a result. And that grace will include our ability to come to know Him on a level that is impossible to obtain in any other way, because we are doing what He does.

In the revealed dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple, the first temple in this dispensation, the Lord clearly states the purpose and eternal necessity of the temple. That they may grow up in thee and receive a fullness of the Holy Ghost and be prepared to obtain every needful thing.

President Christofferson has counseled us that, quote, while perfection is not required to enter the temple, it would be a wonderful thing if we individually worked hard to be at least a little better, a little holier each time we entered the doors of the Holy Temple. We should examine our lives from time to time and ask ourselves, is there something unworthy I should put out of my life? Or, on the other hand, Is there a Christ-like attribute I should more fully cultivate in myself? End quote.

In other words, let the temple help us grow up in Jesus Christ. Let the temple help us know Him. To make the temple a vital part of our lives is both our realization of, and witness that, we desire to grow up in Jesus Christ, to become as He is. and that it will do. For the temple is all about Jesus Christ, about becoming one with Him.