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Title: Emma’s Role in the Restoration

Question of JS / Emma that prompted this revelation: What can I do to help the church if I don’t have the priesthood or get to see the plates?

Every woman and every man who makes covenants with God and keeps those covenants, and who participates worthily in priesthood ordinances, has direct access to the power of God…What I *can* tell you is that accessing the power of God in your life requires the same things that the Lord instructed Emma and each of you to do…So, I invite you to study prayerfully section 25 of the Doctrine and Covenants and discover what the Holy Ghost will teach *you.* (*President Nelson, Spiritual Treasures, CR Oct 2019*)

What do you discover in section 25 about “accessing the power of God in your life”? Reference, cite & explain you answers below.

1. Verse 10 says to “lay aside the [things](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note10a) of this [world](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note10b), and [seek](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note10c) for the things of a [better](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note10d).” It seems that in order to access the power of god in our lives, that it’s important to not focus on worldly things and to spend more of our time on building ourselves up spiritually. Putting more of a focus on God in our lives is a good way to access his power.

2.  Verse 15 says “Keep my commandments continually, and a [crown](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note15a) of [righteousness](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note15b) thou shalt receive.” Keeping the commandments is a good way to allow God to send us blessings and to help us however he can. If sinning makes it so we can’t receive blessings from God, then keeping the commandments would be a good way to access his power.

3.  Verse 8 says “For he shall lay his [hands](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note8a) upon thee, and thou shalt receive the Holy Ghost,” Having the holy ghost to be with us is a great way to get help or power from god, so having the gift of the holy Ghost would be vital to accessing his power in our lives. Living in a way that lets the spirit be with you is a good way to make sure you are living in a way that allows God to bless you as well.

4. **Verse 4 says “**[Murmur](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note4a) not because of the [things](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note4b) which thou hast not seen, for they are [withheld](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note4c) from thee and from the world, which is wisdom in me in a time to come.” I think that this is a good reminder to not worry about things that don’t matter in the long run. If we do what God has asked of us and then not worry about the things we don’t know yet, then we can focus on what is important.

5. Verse 14 says “Continue in the spirit of meekness, and beware of [pride](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/25?lang=eng#note14a).” This verse seems like that pride makes it hard for us to access the power of God. If we stop focusing on ourselves, then we can focus on doing the lords work, which lets us access his power.

What do you know about Emma’s life that matches well with the admonitions given to her in this revelation?

It seems like she was probably musically gifted, since she was asked to work on the church’s hymns. I could also see that she might be the kind of person that likes to be doing things, since she wanted to help the church and get revelation from god as well.

What in this revelation would be difficult for women, or the world for that matter, to understand or accept?

Especially since there were so few members at the time of this revelation, it would probably seem like that only the priesthood holders were getting revelation from god, and they got to do all the important stuff. I could see how at the time Emma might have felt like she was less important to the lord than someone like Jospeh or Oliver were.

Questions (2):

What was Emma’s reaction to this revelation?

Why didn’t the lord let Emma be a witness to the Book of Mormon? Did you have to be a priesthood holder to be a witness?