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These are your days to more fully turn your hearts to your ancestors and bring saving ordinances to millions within your families.

God is the Supreme and Absolute Being in whom we believe and whom we worship.

From an address, “Find Our Cousins,” given at the RootsTech 2014 Family History Conference, Feb. 8, 2014.

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There Is a God (15 minutes)

Alma, a Book of Mormon prophet, wrote, “All things denote there is a God;[[1]](#endnote-1) yea, even the earth, and all things that are 3 Corinthians 1:2 upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator.”5

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve[[2]](#endnote-2) was the concluding speaker, and there was nearly an hour of time remainingtextinput:200. He leaned over to the stake president to suggest that others be called extemporaneously, but then pulled back with the comment that he would do it himself.textarea:4

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For prayer to work in our lives, the rules are simple. We must ask to know what is true by praying to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ.[[3]](#endnote-3) We must ask with a sincere heart, which means we must have an honest intent to do whatever God’s answer requires of us. And our real intent must spring from our faith in Jesus Christ.

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Because we are made in His image (see Moses 2:26; 6:9), we know that our bodies are like His body. His eternal spirit is housed in a tangible body of flesh and bones (see D&C 130:22). God’s body, however, is perfected and glorified, with a glory beyond all description.

The Nature of God

God is perfect. He is a God of righteousness, with attributes such as love, mercy, charity, truth, power, faith, knowledge, and judgment. He has all power. He knows all things. He is full of goodness.

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* Why is it important for us to understand the nature of God?
* What are some things that testify to you that there is a God?

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We Are Children of Our Heavenly Father

Every person who was ever born on earth is our spirit brother or sister. Because we are the spirit children of God, we have inherited the potential to develop His divine qualities. Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, we can become like our Heavenly Father and receive a fullness of joy.

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| 1. As you read the anecdotes in “From the Life of Joseph Fielding Smith,” consider how President Smith’s example can be a guide in your life. Think about ways you can personally improve to strengthen family relationships. |
| 1. Contemplate the importance of the family as outlined in section 1. What are you doing to fortify your family against the negative influences of the world? |
| 1. President Smith spoke of “the hope of eternal life, including the reuniting of the members of the family when the resurrection comes” (section 2). How does this hope influence your interaction with family members? |

A veil covers our memories of our premortal life, but our Father in Heaven knows who we are and what we did before we came here. He has chosen the time and place for each of us to be born so we can learn the lessons we personally need and do the most good with our individual talents and personalities.

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Our Heavenly Father called a Grand Council to present His plan for our progression (see Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith, 209, 511). We learned that if we followed His plan, we would become like Him. We would be resurrected; we would have all power in heaven and on earth; we would become heavenly parents and have spirit children just as He does (see D&C 132:19–20).

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Savior, may I learn to love thee,

Walk the path that thou hast shown,

Pause to help and lift another,

Finding strength beyond my own.

Even more difficult for young Spencer was the news he received two years later, when he and his brothers and sisters were called home from school one morning. They ran home and were met by their bishop, who gathered them around him and told them that their mother had died the day before.

The manner of His coming was so humble few gave heed.

Tho’ lights and marvels blazoned,

Their glad tidings few received.

The manner of His coming

Back to earth is with acclaim:

All men will kneel and worship;

Ev’ry tongue confess His name.

The manner of His coming to the seeking soul who prays

Is personal, a witness,

Thru’ the Spirit, of His grace

The manner of His coming

To our heart brings joy and peace,

In private lights and marvels,

As our faith and love increase.

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President Kimball later recalled: “It came as a thunderbolt. I ran from the house out in the backyard to be alone in my deluge of tears. Out of sight and sound, away from everybody, I sobbed and sobbed. Each time I said the word ‘Ma’ fresh floods of tears gushed forth until I was drained dry. Ma—dead! But she couldn’t be! Life couldn’t go on for us. … My eleven-year-old heart seemed to burst.”

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| The Title to a Song   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Image ID | 1242377 | | Image Alt Text | young man | | Data Display | web | | Data Scale | 200 |   The manner of His coming was so humble few gave heed.  Tho’ lights and marvels blazoned,  Their glad tidings few received.  The manner of His coming  Back to earth is with acclaim:  All men will kneel and worship;  Ev’ry tongue confess His name.  The manner of His coming to the seeking soul who prays  Is personal, a witness,  Thru’ the Spirit, of His grace  The manner of His coming  To our heart brings joy and peace,  In private lights and marvels,  As our faith and love increase. |

We are conscious of our strengths, but we do not exalt ourselves and become prideful, for we know that all good things ultimately come from God. We are conscious of our weaknesses, but we know the Lord can use those very weaknesses to bless our lives and that through Him, as we learn from the book of Ether, our weaknesses can become strengths.

1. Why did your parents warn you of the danger?

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* 1. Following the activity, invite students to silently scan 1 Nephi 1:15, looking for Lehi’s feelings after this vision.

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* + - Invite a student to read verse 4^1 Nephi 1:4^. Ask the class to look for the way the Lord warned the people in Jerusalem.
    - What was Lehi’s response to the things he had seen?
  1. Explain that the first account in the Book of Mormon begins at a time when many people in Jerusalem were wicked.

1. In what ways does Heavenly Father warn His children?
2. How would you feel if you saw in vision that your city would be destroyed?

It seems to me that any member of this Church would never be satisfied until he or she had read the Book of Mormon time and time again, and thoroughly considered it so that he or she could bear witness that it is in very deed a record with the inspiration of the Almighty upon it, and that its history is true.

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Indeed, studying the Book of Mormon invites the Spirit, and the Spirit is the medium of revelation. This suggests that we study in a thoughtful, meditative fashion—pondering, praying, and perhaps making notes as we read. This puts us in a condition to receive added light and understanding, both about what we are studying and about other matters.

Alma taught that God “will fulfill all his promises which he shall make unto [us], for he has fulfilled his promises which he has made unto our fathers” (Alma 37:17). Knowing this, we will be inspired by the pioneers to likewise act in faith and be anchored by hope.

Write the following question on the board:

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| Who is Jesus Christ, and why do you believe in Him? |

What drove to seek baptism in a frozen-over river rather than wait until summer? What motivated Ira to travel from New York to Ohio and then to donate money for a temple to be built by a church of which he was not yet a member? What enabled Isaac to abandon his homeland, sail the Atlantic Ocean, cross the plains, and then add chewing tobacco to the list of things he had given up?

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President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008) observed: “The power that moved our gospel forebears was the power of faith in God. It was the same power which made possible the exodus from Egypt, the passage through the Red Sea, the long journey through the wilderness, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land.”

This is the anchor we seek in our morally, spiritually, and temporally tumultuous world: living, moving faith in Christ and the hope that anchors us in His ways.

1. Why did your parents warn you of the danger?

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| What they saw: | What they heard: | What they learned: |

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He also taught them how to receive the blessings of His gospel and instructed them to influence others for good. The Savior declared that He had fulfilled the law of Moses, and He gave the people a higher law to prepare them to become like Him and our Father in Heaven.

Embark—to begin or start. The origin of this word means to get on a ship and set sail. This involves a certain amount of commitment, because once you’re at sea you can’t just get off and go back. You also must rely on the wind to help you. What does the use of this word teach you about committing to serve God? How does His power, like the wind, help you once you’ve embarked?

Have students read Matthew 11:1–5, and ask: What did John ask his followers to do, as recorded in these verses? Explain that even when in prison, John continued to testify and to send his disciples to Jesus Christ. Have students silently study Matthew 11:7–19. As they study, have them think about why the Savior would teach that John the Baptist is among the greatest prophets ever to live. Conduct a follow-up discussion with the students about the greatness of John the Baptist.

Atonement

The event that enables us to be reconciled to God. To atone is to suffer the penalty for sin, thereby removing the effects of sin from repentant sinners. Jesus Christ was the only one capable of making a perfect Atonement for all mankind.

His Atonement included His suffering for our sins, the shedding of His blood, and His death and Resurrection. Because of the Atonement, everyone who has lived will be resurrected. The Atonement also provides us with a way to be forgiven of our sins and to live forever with God.

Baptism

An essential step in receiving forgiveness of sins. Through baptism and confirmation by priesthood authority, we become members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Baptism is by immersion, meaning that the person being baptized is briefly submerged in water. Baptism shows our willingness to follow Christ’s example and to make covenants with God.

Confirmation

The way a person receives the Holy Ghost. In this ordinance, which usually takes place in sacrament meeting soon after baptism, the person is confirmed, or made, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Covenant

An agreement between God and His children. God gives the conditions for the covenant, and we agree to obey Him. God promise certain blessings for our obedience.

Grace

Divine help and strength given through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ. Through His grace, made possible by His Atonement, all mankind will be resurrected. Through His grace, those who continually repent and live according to His gospel will feel an enduring closeness to their Heavenly Father in this life and live in His presence after this life.

October 6, 1890

Salt Lake City, Utah

To Whom It May Concern:

Press dispatches having been sent for political purposes, from Salt Lake City, which have been widely published, to the effect that the Utah Commission, in their recent report to the Secretary of the Interior, allege that plural marriages are still being solemnized and that forty or more such marriages have been contracted in Utah since last June or during the past year, also that in public discourses the leaders of the Church have taught, encouraged and urged the continuance of the practice of polygamy—

Sincerely,

Wilford Woodruff

President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 6, 1890.

Tell students that although it is important to know that Jesus performed miracles as He walked the roads of Palestine, it is perhaps more important to know that He continues to perform miracles today. Ask students to read Ether 12:12, 18 silently and then to write down a gospel principle they learn from these verses. Invite several students to share with the class what they wrote. (Answers should include the following truth: As we exercise faith in Jesus Christ, we may witness Jesus Christ’s miraculous power in our lives.)

A Record of the  
Organization, and Proceedings of  
The Female Relief Society of Nauvoo.

Nauvoo Lodge Room

March 17th 1842.

Present—President Joseph Smith, John Taylor, Willard Richards, Emma Smith and others.

When it was mov’d by Prest. Smith and seconded by Mrs. [Sarah] Cleveland, that a vote be taken to know if all are satisfied with each female present; and are willing to acknowledge them in full fellowship, and admit them to the privileges of the Institution about to be formed.

Examples of Character Styles Needed for Relief Society History:

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“to prepare a Petition to lay before the Governor of this State, praying that he will protect Lieut Genl. Joseph Smith from arrest under any Writ from Missouri, and the Inhabitants of this City and its vicinity from the intrigues of evil designing Men.”

Superscript italic (a footnote):

A few sources make reference to scattered gatherings of women, although these meetings are not recorded in the Nauvoo Relief Society minutes. For example, when Joseph Smith returned from a May 1844 trial where he was found not guilty, he went to the home of Hezekiah Peck, “where a number of Mormon women had assembled . . . for the purpose of praying for the deliverance of the prophet.” Peck’s wife, Martha, was an early member of the Relief Society.a Zina Huntington Jacobs recorded that she “went to the Masonic hall with the sisters” on June 18, 1844.b Hosea Stout wrote that on March 13, 1845, he organized women into an association to promote home industry and manufacture, based on “the order which was instituted in Nauvoo.”c (a. “Some of the Remarks of John S. Reed,” Times and Seasons, June 1, 1844, 5:551; Document 1.2, entry for Apr. 14, 1842. b. Zina D. H. Young, Diary, 1844–1845, CHL, June 18, 1844. c. Juanita Brooks, ed., On the Mormon Frontier: The Diary of Hosea Stout, 1844–1889, 2 vols., reprint [Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2009], 1:27.)

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“Sister [1 illegible word] Widow Meecum will spin 50 lb Wool for the society and thake her pay in provisions of th[e] Society”

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“Upon Motion of Councillor Cleveland, the meeting adjourn’d to thursday, 15th 14th of April 2. o.clock.”

Editors’ note: This page is not meant to be a comprehensive explanation of the selected scripture verse, only a starting point for your own study.

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2. In Edward L. Kimball and Andrew E. Kimball Jr., Spencer W. Kimball (1977), 43. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, ed. Edward L. Kimball (1982), 40–41.

   This is a second paragraph to the numbered endnote three. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)