Week 13

Exercise 2; Analogies

Putting on (principle) make up(element) you put(principle) lipstick(element) on lips and then layer (principle) eyeshadow (element) on your eyes.

Exercise 3

The talk by Boyd K Packer is now definitely one of my favorites. I think this could all start back at the beginning of the Plan of Salvation. When we are brought to this Earth we are here for reason. We go through trials and tests and one I think that gets overlooked is gifts. Elder Packer brought up gifts and this was part of his focus. He acknowledged that we all have gifts. We have them and we learn and develop them. Physical gifts like being a good baseball player or being able to play the piano which Elder Packer brought up are only done here on Earth. But if we think about after the veil the knowledge we learn from these gifts and talents are taken up with us.

With the creation of art here on Earth, we are given the chance to do the Lord’s work. People who are non-members create hymns or works of art through paintings or sculptures. Members who have the gift has the chance to do the Lord’s work. As from the study module there are questions given, we can ask ourselves when creating art. There are steps when asking questions and the first one is “Did the Holy Ghost inspire this?” I think when creating art, it is important to take the Holy Ghost into account. Follow on the promptings of its work. We will be blessed for the work we do.

Elder Packer later says how more greats works are to come. People who are given the gift of art need to be generous with our creativity. It is important to remember that when people are given a gift it is not because they are more important than someone else, but because you are now responsible for the gift. Responsible to share it and this is like the story of the people given the talents. The person who had one talent didn’t use his talent to get more, but the ones who were given two or five went out and got more. We need to share our gifts and it blesses not only others, but ourselves. It is also thought that it is not just about the Great Works to come, but how our work brings us back to Christ. Using this we can focus on inviting our spirit and knowing Heavenly Father will approve our art.