**Study Guide 18**

**UNIT 10: Nauvoo: Restoration of Temple Building, Doctrine, Rituals, and Worship**

**D&C 124:22-42, 127, 128:1-18, 129, 130, 25**

**Additional Readings 10.1**

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Instructions: The purpose of the study guide is to direct your course of study of the Foundations of the Restoration, and assist you to focus on important salient points of your reading and study. The study guides are due on Learning Suite each class period by **8:59 am**. Your upload should only include the questions with your answers highlighted in yellow.

**Church History:**

**People (Go to JosephSmithPapers.org and search under Reference and People):**

**Places (Look at the Maps in your Scriptures):**

**D&C 124:22-42**

1. These verses are discussing the two different buildings that are to be established in Nauvoo. What are they? (See section heading and verse summaries for help)
   1. A house for the entertainment of strangers
   2. A temple
2. The Lord discusses here that Baptisms for the Dead belong in His Temple. However, the Temple is not yet built, so in the mean time they are being performed them in the Mississippi River. What does the Lord say about what needs to happen as soon as the Temple is built? In other words, can Baptisms for the Dead still be performed in the Mississippi River at that point?
   1. Baptisms for the Dead were to be performed only in the temple once it was built
3. What is taught in this Section about Temple Washings and Anointings, and when they are/are not acceptable?
   1. Temple Washings and Anointings are only acceptable when done in Holy Temples

**D&C 127**

1. What are **at least two** important instructions given in this inspired epistle from the Prophet regarding baptisms for the dead, **and** give a brief explanation of why you think the two you chose are important.
   1. Have a recorder present to witness the act and document it
   2. Keep all baptismal records in order and store them in temples
   3. These are important because it’s a safeguard to make sure that these sacred ordinances are performed properly. It’s also important to store the records so that we always know who has been baptized and there is no confusion surrounding the topic.

**D&C 128:1-18**

1. Why are temple baptismal fonts to be constructed under the ground level? What does that symbolize?
   1. Baptism is symbolic of burying our old self and rising up as a new person dedicated to Christ. Baptismal fonts are to be under ground level to emphasize this symbolism. Baptism is also symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
2. Why do you think baptism for the dead is referred to as the “most glorious of all subjects belonging to the everlasting gospel?”
   1. It is glorious because it means that even those who dies without the knowledge of the gospel can still participate in saving ordinances. It is evidence of God’s universal love for his children.
3. After these few Sections on Baptisms for the Dead, respond to one of the following:  
   **1) Have you ever participated in Baptisms for the Dead? If so, share a fond memory!** If that does not apply to you,

**2) Have you ever been to a Temple Open House and seen the Baptismal fonts?** **If so, share a fond memory!** If that does not apply to you,

**3) Watch the following 1 minute video clip and summarize it/explain your thoughts.** For example, if you haven’t seen any Baptismal Fonts before, are you planning on going to the next available Temple Open House to get a peek? (<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/2012-06-2320-baptism-for-dead?lang=eng>)

* 1. I have participated in baptisms for the dead. I vividly remember my first time doing baptisms for the dead in the Idaho Falls, Idaho temple. It was my first time ever going inside a temple and I remember feeling the spirit very strong.

**D&C 129**

**Fun section! Because of confusion surrounding the subject of angels, the Prophet Joseph Smith gave instructions to help us understand how to distinguish the nature of ministering angels and normal spirits. Some of these instructions are recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 129.**

1. How are angels different than spirits?
   1. Angels have resurrected bodies of flesh and bone while spirits do not
2. Summarize in your own words the "three grand keys" whereby you can discern whether a messenger is of God or of the devil, and in determining what kind of "angel" is appearing?
   1. Ask the personage to shake hands with you. If its an angel it will shake your hand. If it’s a spirit from God then it will not attempt to shake your hand but will still deliver a message. If it’s a spirit of the devil it will try to shake your hand but you will not feel anything.
3. Some outside of the LDS Faith wonder if the Mormons believe in Angels. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said, ***“From the beginning down through the dispensations, God has used angels as His emissaries in conveying love and concern for His children. … Usually such beings are not seen. Sometimes they are. But seen or unseen they are always near. Sometimes their assignments are very grand and have significance for the whole world. Sometimes the messages are more private. Occasionally the angelic purpose is to warn”*** (“The Ministry of Angels,” Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2008, 29)

One of my favorite scriptures about angels is found in Hebrews 12: 2: ***“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”***

----With this in mind, respond to one of the following:  
**1) How would you explain to someone the LDS view of angels?**

**-** We believe that God has always used angels to fulfill his purposes. We don’t believe it is likely to see an angel throughout ones life, but it is possible, and either way we believe God is using angels to help us whether we see them or not.

2) What is your favorite scripture about angels?

* 1. 2 Nephi 32:3 where it says that angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost

**D&C 130**

**On April 2, 1843, Joseph Smith held a stake conference with Saints in Ramus, Illinois, which was about 20 miles southeast of Nauvoo. A few incorrect things had been preached by Orson Hyde in the morning, and the Prophet had the responsibility of correcting some of the false doctrine taught. Today, presiding leaders such as prophets, stake presidents, and bishops have that same responsibility. After the morning meeting, Joseph Smith and Orson Hyde had lunch. During lunch, the Prophet said he “was going to offer some corrections to [Brother Hyde’s] sermon.” Orson Hyde responded, “They shall be thankfully received” (*History of the Church, 5:323*). There are many things to learn about how Joseph Smith handled the sensitive situation, and more still from how Brother Hyde responded, but for now we’ll focus on the actual doctrine that was cleared up.**

1. What did Joseph Smith teach regarding the nature of our relationships in heaven? **(Vs 2)** How might incorporating this truth in your own life influence your interaction with others?
   1. The same sociality which exists among us now will exist in heaven, only it will be coupled with eternal glory.
   2. Knowing this truth should cause us to try live holy lives now to prepare for the eternal glory our relationships will have in the next life.
2. In your own words, what do we learn in verse 9 about the future of the Earth?
   1. The earth will become celestialized and will be a place for inhabitants to be close to God.
3. Why do you think some members of the Church might have believed that Christ’s Second Coming would occur sometime in 1890?
   1. Because Joseph received a revelation saying that if he lives until he is 85 then he will see the face of Christ.
4. Choose **at least one** important doctrine that is taught in verses 18-23? Why do you personally value this and think it is important to understand?
   1. Whatever intelligence we gain in this life will be carried with us into the next life. This is important to understand because the next life won’t just be a time where all we do is sit idle on clouds. We will still be learning and progressing, and if we learn more in this life it is to our advantage.

**D&C 25**

1. Section 25 contains some really beautiful promises to Emma Smith. List your personal favorite(s) and explain why you chose those specific things.
   1. The Lord tells here that if she is faithful her sins will be forgiven and she will have an inheritance in Zion. I chose these because these are promises that everyone would love to here directly from the Lord, and I’m sure they brought much comfort to her.

**10.1 Emma Smith's Last Dream**

1. With D&C 25 in mind, what are your thoughts concerning Emma Smith's responsibilities on Earth - Was she successful overall? Why or why not?
   1. Overall I think she was successful. She faithfully followed Joseph during the early church’s most trying times, and she was instrumental in the Book of Mormon translation process. Even though she didn’t follow Brigham Young and the Saints to Utah, she still gave a lot to the Lord. It isn’t our place to judge.