***Study Guide 6***

***Unit 4: Restoration of the Priesthood and the Founding of Christ’s Church***

**JSH 66-75, D&C 13, 27:7-8, 12-13; 128:19-21**

**Article 4.1**

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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)**

* John the Baptist, Peter, James and John, and Oliver Cowdery,

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

**Joseph Smith History (JSH) 66-75 and Oliver Cowdery’s testimony immediately following**

1. What important fact did you learn from Oliver’s firsthand account of John the Baptist’s appearance that was omitted in Joseph Smith’s account in verses 68-75? **(In other words, what preceded the appearance of John the Baptist?)**
   1. Joseph had translated the account of Jesus coming to the Nephites, and the apostasy and darkness that followed. Oliver realized that no one on the earth had the authority to baptize at that time.
2. What pattern for priesthood ordination, and Pattern for the ordinance of Baptism, which had been lost in the Great Apostasy, did John the Baptist restore when he gave the Aaronic Priesthood to Joseph and Oliver **[look carefully at what John did and said, and instructions he gave to Oliver and Joseph]**?
   1. The Pattern of Priesthood Ordination:
      * Ordination is done by the laying on of hands by one who has authority to do so
   2. Pattern of the ordinance of baptism:
      * Baptism must be done by full immersion by one ordained properly with priesthood authority

**D&C 13**

1. According to the heading, the Aaronic Priesthood was restored near [town and state] Harmony Pennsylvania on the date, May 15, 1829.

**D&C 27: 7-8, 12-13**

1. Who is the John spoken of in verses 7-8 who ordained Joseph and Oliver to the Aaronic Priesthood? **(use footnotes/knowledge of Bible)**
   1. John the Baptist
2. The Prophet stated that John was acting under the direction of 3 Ancient Apostles, namely Peter, James, and John and in due time they would confer the Melchizedek Priesthood upon Joseph and Oliver.
3. According to verse 13, what will be gathered together in the “Fulness of Times?”
   1. The Lord will gather all things that are in heaven and earth

**D&C 128: 19-21**

1. Verses 20 and 21 reference events with Adam and Eve as recorded in the Creation accounts and the Endowment ceremony. It then connects them with the events previously discussed in class/on this study guide of the restoration of the Priesthood on the Earth today. Seeing these connections, what new thoughts do you have with regards to the relationship between Michael/Adam, Joseph Smith, the Priesthood of God, etcetera?
   1. The priesthood has been working through these prophets since before the world began, and has continued through each dispensation. Joseph Smith and Adam each had their own dispensation to administer the priesthood ordinances and guide the Lord’s people. Adam was given the first dispensation and Joseph was given the last dispensation.

**4.1 Compilation on Priesthood Authority, Keys, and Power**

It is surprising how many Saints don’t understand the difference between Priesthood, Priesthood Keys, Priesthood Authority, and Priesthood Power. Often in Church on Sundays, members use these words as if they are all synonyms, though they each have special functions that differentiate themselves from each other. So below, after reading these talks, explain in one or two sentences each one ***IN YOUR OWN WORDS.***

1. Priesthood:
   1. The Priesthood is the power of God given to man to act for the salvation of God’s children. It is also the power used in creation and resurrection.
2. Priesthood Keys:
   1. Priesthood keys are the authority God has given to priesthood holders to direct, control, and govern the use of the priesthood on this world.
3. Priesthood Authority:
   1. Priesthood authority is the permission given by God to perform ordinances for His children. Priesthood authority is governed by those with priesthood keys.
4. Priesthood Power:
   1. Priesthood Power is like the electricity that operates the priesthood. If one is unworthy then they will have no power to administer the priesthood, even if they are ordained to the priesthood.
5. How has the Priesthood blessed your life personally? Feel free to reference family members, Sacred Ordinances (Sacrament or Temple), or any specific stories that come to mind.
   1. On my mission I was able to give a priesthood blessing to someone with debilitating health issues. Within a matter of weeks he was able to walk without his cane and do many things that he wasn’t able to do before. This experience strengthened my confidence in the power of the priesthood.
6. Share your favorite thing that you learned/were reminded of from this week’s assignments!
   1. My favorite part was learning about all of the differences between Priesthood power, authority, keys, etc. I had never dug this deep into the differences and now I feel much more educated on the topic.