Case Study

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# Instructions

The purpose of this assignment is to **apply your knowledge and deepen your learning** from *responding to real life examples that you or others may face in defending the Proclamation and the eternal family****.* You must answer the questions** in the case study (cut and paste them below for reference). *Be sure to connect the references to your thoughts and discuss why/how the reference helps to answer or strengthen your response****.* Responses must show thought, reflection, pondering and depth with college-level writing skills. You must provide at least four citations**from the talks discussed in this unit. Each citation must be from a different talk. **You must also use the Proclamation and at least one scripture**. The passages must be cited properly based on the following criteria:

Question or requirement 1: Comfort

Question or requirement 2: Reassurance of God's love for him and understanding of his feelings

Question or requirement 3: Instruction as to why the temple ordinances are critical for him and for all of God's children, including those who he will be serving as a missionary

Question or requirement 4 (if required): Copy and Paste the question or requirement here for reference

# Case Study Report Case A

In 1-2 page(s), write a response that responds appropriately to the requirements and questions for the case study that you have chosen.

*Jason is in the final stages of preparation to leave for his mission to Argentina. Three days before he is scheduled to receive his endowment, he finally decides to be honest with his parents about how he feels about the temple. One night after family home evening, he decides to open up. He says, "Mom and Dad, even though I have been a member of the Church my whole life, there is still so little that I know about the temple. I have gone to do baptisms for the dead a few times, but I always feel nervous when I go. I don't understand why the temple and the ordinances there are relevant to me. I'm just confused and unsure about taking this next step."*

If you were Jason's parents, what might you share with him that would offer him the following:

#Comfort

I will share with him about the importance of the covenants in our relationship with God, it will be helpful to discuss which are the covenants with the new instructions handbook and go to the details in the doctrine. Elder David A. Bednar taught:

*We do not build or enter holy temples solely to have a memorable individual or family experience. Rather, the covenants received and the ordinances performed in temples are essential to the sanctifying of our hearts and for the ultimate exaltation of God’s sons and daughters. (Let This House Be Built unto My Name.* Elder David A. Bednar, General Conference ,April 2020)

The temples are just more than edifications or places we need to visit as members of the church, is where we can make sacred covenants between God and us, a place to find peace and revelation, to create traditions with our eternal family closer to Christ.

Also, in The Family, a proclamation to the world we learn: *All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents.* As children of God, we have the potential to be like Him, to receive the glory in eternity, and the ordinances that we make in the temples prepare us to follow the path to His presence, to learn to be more like Him and develop His character.

# Reassurance of God's love for him and understanding of his feelings

We are truly loved by our Heavenly Father, He has provided our bodies, a plan of Salvation and a Redeemer, all this and many more just for pure and sincere love. President Russel M. Nelson taught about how Christ help us to return to God’s presence:

*Jesus Christ teaches the way back to our eternal home. He understands our Heavenly Father’s plan of eternal progression better than any of us. After all, He is the keystone of it all. He is our Redeemer, our Healer, and our Savior. (“Come, Follow Me”* President Russell M. Nelson General Conference, April 2019)

We learn that all the plan, the purpose of creation and atonement are related to our eternal existence, our Salvation. Moses received a clear and string revelation about this point: *For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. (Moses 1:39)*

We need to be humble and faithful to recognize how all the plan of salvation is centered in our eternal life. Our Creator love us, He wants to help us to progress, to be happy.

# Instruction as to why the temple ordinances are critical for him and for all of God's children, including those who he will be serving as a missionary

As a missionary, he will teach about Christ, His Gospel and how to come to Him. He will help the people to receive ordinances that he has received before, His testimony based on Christ will increase the power of His declarations. Elder D. Todd Christofferson has taught about the importance of covenants:

*We enter into covenants by priesthood ordinances, sacred rituals that God has ordained for us to manifest our commitment. Our foundational covenant, for example, the one in which we first pledge our willingness to take upon us the name of Christ, is confirmed by the ordinance of baptism. It is done individually, by name. By this ordinance, we become part of the covenant people of the Lord and heirs of the celestial kingdom of God. 13. Other sacred ordinances are performed in temples built for that very purpose. If we are faithful to the covenants made there, we become inheritors not only of the celestial kingdom but of exaltation, the highest glory within the heavenly kingdom, and we obtain all the divine possibilities God can give (see D&C 132:20).*

When he receives the ordinances of the temple, is increasing his knowledge and testimony, his faith will be nurtured and his relationship with God will be deeper. Fears and doubts will be replaced by peace, optimism, faith and a desire to help others.

The priesthood covenants prepare us to make temple covenants, because the purpose is the same and also its relationship with Christ. Elder Dale G. Renlund taught:

*Through the priesthood, the power of godliness is manifest in the lives of all who make and keep gospel covenants and receive the associated ordinances. This is the way each of us comes unto Christ, is purified, and is reconciled to God. Christ’s atoning power is made accessible through the priesthood, which delivers the payload.*

All the blessings are available for us, in the temple we don’t receive any additional charge of things to do, we learn how to become a better disciple of Christ, how to follow the path to happiness and eternal life, for those reasons the priesthood is fundamental to make possible all the ordinances, but also to remember us that all this is possible only by Christ.

References Used (All 6 required):

1. Scripture: *. (Moses 1:39)*
2. Proclamation: *All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents*
3. Talk: *Let This House Be Built unto My Name.* Elder David A. Bednar, General Conference, April 2020
4. Talk: *“Come, Follow Me”* President Russell M. Nelson General Conference, April 2019
5. Talk: The Power of Covenants Elder D. Todd Christofferson Ensign, May 2009, 19-32
6. Talk: The Priesthood and the Savior’s Atoning Power by Elder Dale G. Renlund Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, General Conference, October 2017.