

God Wants a Powerful People  
Woman's Classes Spring 2022  
April 19 Week #3

**I Nephi 3:187 And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost**



**Helaman 4:57-64**

**57 O how great is the nothingness of the children of men; yea, even they are less than the dust of the earth.**

**58 For behold, the dust of the earth moveth hither and thither, to the dividing asunder, at the command of our great and everlasting God;**

**59 Yea, behold, at his voice doth the hills and the mountains tremble and quake; and by the power of his voice they are broken up, and become smooth, yea, even like unto a valley;**

**60 Yea, by the power of his voice doth the whole earth shake; yea, by the power of his voice, doth the foundations rock, even to the very center;**

**61 Yea, and if he say unto the earth, Move, it is moved; yea, if he say unto the earth, Thou shalt go back, that it lengthen out the day for many hours, it is done:**

**62 And thus according to his word, the earth goeth back, and it appeareth unto man that the sun standeth still: yea, and behold, this is so; for sure it is the earth that moveth, and not the sun.**

**63 And behold, also, if he say unto the waters of the great deep, Be thou dried up, it is done.**

**64 Behold, if he say unto this mountain, Be thou raised up, and come over and fall upon that city, that it be buried up, behold it is done.**

## We Worship a Powerful God

- Gen. 7:42 Behold, I am God; Man of Holiness is my name; Man of Counsel is my name; and Endless and Eternal is my name also. Wherefore I can stretch forth my hands and hold all the creations which I have made, and mine eye can pierce them also.

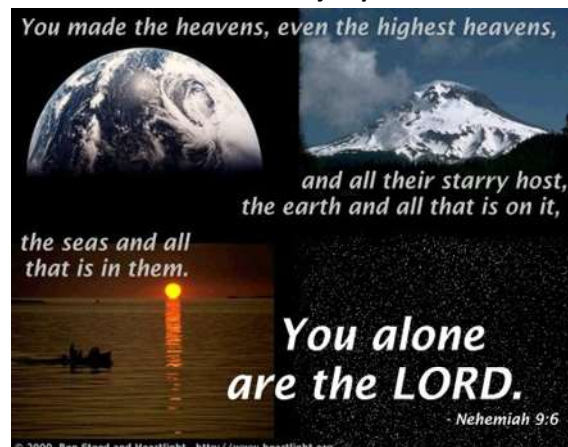


### All Things Denote There is a God

- Alma 16:54 The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion;
- 55 Yea, and also all
- the planets which
- move in their
- regular form, doth
- witness
- that there is a
- Supreme Creator:



### Nehemiah Declared the Majesty and Power of God



**1 Nephi 2:101** Therefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men; for behold he hath all power unto the fulfilling of all his words.

### God Has Revealed Himself to Man

- Lectures on Faith, Joseph Smith = 2nd Lecture: God began to converse with man immediately after he "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," and that he did not cease to manifest himself to him, even after his fall....thus man began to have faith in God
- Gen. 4:4 And Adam called upon the name of the Lord, and Eve also, his wife; and they heard the voice of the Lord, from the way towards the garden of Eden, speaking unto them, and they saw him not; for they were shut out from his presence.

### God Not Only Reveled Himself but Instructed Adam

- Gen. 4:6 And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord. And after many days, an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying, Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him, I know not, save the Lord commanded me.
- Gen. 4:9 And in that day, the Holy Ghost fell upon Adam, which beareth record of the Father and the Son,

## God invites us to share in His power

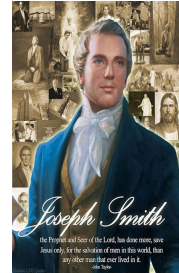


Sec. 65:1a Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

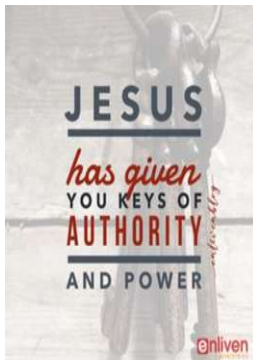
- 1b The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth;
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Joseph Smith Given Responsibility to Initiating a "Dispensation of the Gospel For The Last Time"

- Zinser says: "Spiritual resources were provided to assist him in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Latter-Day-Dispensation.
- These spiritual resources
- were the keys transmitted
- to him in his role of
- prophet-seer-revelator
- of the church.



## Keys of Authority and Power Have Been Placed In This Church



## Our Church Has a Unique Calling

- DC 6:3a Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, Keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion:
- ARE YOU READY TO RESPOND



### D&C 104:9a

The power and authority of the higher, or Melchisedec priesthood, is to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church; to have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven; to have the heavens opened unto them.

### D&C 104:10

The power and authority of the lesser, or Aaronic priesthood, is to hold the keys of the ministering of angels, and to administer in outward ordinances—the letter of the gospel—the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, agreeably to the covenants and commandments.

### **Ray Zinser = The Keys of the Kingdom**

The Word of Christ, p.169

- 1. Keys of Ephraim
- 2. Keys of Ministering of Angels
- 3. Key of Bringing to Pass the Restoration
- 4. Key of Turning the Hearts of the Children to the Fathers
- 5. Keys of the Kingdom and Dispensation of the Gospel
- 6. Keys of the Mysteries and Revelations
- 7. Keys of the Kingdom Unto the Presidency

### **Keys Continued**

- 8. Keys of the Knowledge of God
- 9. Keys of the School of the Prophets
- 10. Key of the Gathering of Israel



### **D&C 105:12a-13b**

**12a** The power of this priesthood given, for the last days and for the last time, in the which is the dispensation of the fullness of times,

**12b** which power you hold in connection with all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation;

**12c** for verily I say unto you, The keys of the dispensation which ye have received, have come down from the fathers; and last of all, being sent down from heaven unto you.

**13a** Verily I say unto you, Behold how great is your calling. Cleanse your hearts and your garments, lest the blood of this generation be required at your hands.

**13b** Be faithful until I come, for I come quickly, and my reward is with me to recompense every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega. Amen.

## The Power of God is Demonstrated in Many Different Ways

Zinser, in his book "The Word of Christ," Chapter 33, talks about the power of God and how it is expressed in different ways.

### The Power of Direction = Christ is the Standard

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.

2 Nephi 12:17-18 17 Nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men. 18 O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who preach false doctrines, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord; wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell.

2 Nephi 14:44 Feast upon the words of Christ for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do. (See D&C 45:2c-d)

### The Power of Affection/Love

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

Ray Zinser, in "The Word of Christ" says: Only spiritual man can comprehend the power of God's affection for His created. This love is celestial in nature. The love experienced of "natural man" does not give adequate guidelines for the power of God's affection. God created people so that he could lavish his love upon them. He created people so they could experience celestial love by voluntarily choosing God their creator. Love is an element of the universe in a capacity similar to the elements of hydrogen, oxygen and nuclear fission. Splitting the atom created consequences far beyond the immediate dreams and objectives of the scientist involved . . . . Even more powerful is the element of love.

### The Power of Protection

3 Nephi 2:77 And they did rejoice and cry again with one voice, saying, May the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, protect this people in righteousness, so long as they shall call on the name of their God for protection.

D&C 135:3a 3a The promise has been given that no power shall stay the hand of God in the accomplishment of his purposes among his people; 3b and as the church shall move forward in its great work, the fulfillment of prophecy may cause the Saints to tremble at the exhibition of divine power, yet they shall rejoice in the protection of his grace.

### The Power of Correction

D&C 102:2d And my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer. (See D&C 64:2, 102:2, 1:5c, 98:5m)

### The Power of Resurrection

Matthew 27:55-57 55 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 56 And the graves were opened; and the bodies of the saints which slept, arose, who were many. 57 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, went unto the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Revelation 1:17-18 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last; 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.



# God Wants a Powerful People—He is Willing to Empower Us

## The Decision is Up to Us!

### Day Of Choosing



- Given Power to Accomplish Zion

DC 102:10b and let those commandments which I have given concerning Zion and her law, be executed and fulfilled, after her redemption.

10c There has been a day of calling, but the time has come for a day of choosing; and let those be chosen that are worthy; and it shall be manifest unto my servant, by the voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen, and they shall be sanctified;

10d and inasmuch as they follow the counsel which they receive, they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion.

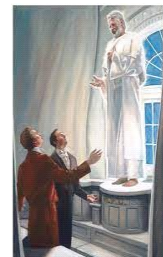
### Look at This Promise of Power

- Sec. 83:9b Blessed are ye inasmuch as you receive these things; for I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment, that you remain steadfast in your minds in solemnity, and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world..... 11a In my name they shall do many wonderful works;
- 11b in my name they shall cast out devils:
- 11c in my name they shall heal the sick:
- 11d in my name they shall open the eyes of the blind, and unstop the ears of the deaf:
- 11e and the tongue of the dumb shall speak;
- 11f and if any man shall administer poison unto them, it shall not hurt them: and the poison of a serpent shall not have power to harm them.
- 11g But a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not boast themselves of these things, neither speak them before the world:

### Moses Appeared to Joseph & Oliver Cowdery

- .....Heavens were again opened to us, and Moses appeared before us, and committed unto us the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth, and the leading the Ten Tribes from the land of the north.

- Church History
- Vol. 2 p.47



**Jeremiah 23:6-8** 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Zinser, in "The Words of Christ," Chapter 12, said: "It was completely consistent with Moses' role as keeper of the keys of the gathering of the Ten Tribes from the land of the north to transmit these keys to Joseph Smith Jr. All the promises and blessing of the Israelites are extended through Joseph . . . in preparing to build Zion and in calling for the gathering of the Ten Tribes from the land of the north "Mount Zion," (See D&C 108) New Jerusalem, in Independence, Missouri. While the other two tribes were called to gather to "Mount Olivet" or "Old Jerusalem."

**D&C 108:6a-d** 6a And they who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord, and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves, and they shall smite the rocks, and the ice shall flow down at their presence. 6b And an highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep. Their enemies shall become a prey unto them, and in the barren deserts there shall come forth pools of living water; and the parched ground shall no longer be a thirsty land. 6c And they shall bring forth their rich treasures unto the children of Ephraim my servants. And the boundaries of the everlasting hills shall tremble at their presence. 6d And then shall they fall down and be crowned with glory, even in Zion, by the hands of the servants of the Lord, even the children of Ephraim; and they shall be filled with songs of everlasting joy.

**D&C 100:3d-f** 3d Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come by power; therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham; 3e and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched out arm; and as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be. 3f Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers, Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence; but I say unto you, Mine angels shall go before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.

**Genesis 7:77** And Enoch and all his people walked with God, and he dwelt in the midst of Zion.



### Key to Having Power and the Spirit of Revelation

- 1. Searched the Scriptures Diligently = Knowledge of God
- 2. Have Great Humility = Humble Yourself and Be
- Meek and Lowly of Heart
- 3. Much Prayer
- 4. Much Fasting



Alma 12:4-5 4 For they were men of a sound understanding, and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God. 5 But this is not all: they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting, therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God.

D&C 8:1c-2a 1c Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you, and which shall dwell in your heart. 2a Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation; behold, this is the Spirit by which Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground.

### Purified and Cleansed From Sin = Power

Thelona Stevens, in her book "Bible Studies"  
Says: "God can grant his servants as much power as they can be trusted with. In the latter days God has offered unlimited power on conditions of his servants being purified and cleansed from all sin." p.77

Sec. 50:6e but no man is possessor of all things, except he be purified and cleansed from all sin; **and if ye are purified and cleansed from all sin, ye shall ask whatsoever you will in the name of Jesus, and it shall be done:**





## Helaman 3:115-120

**115** Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word which I have given unto thee, unto this people.

**116** And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but have sought my will, and to keep my commandments.

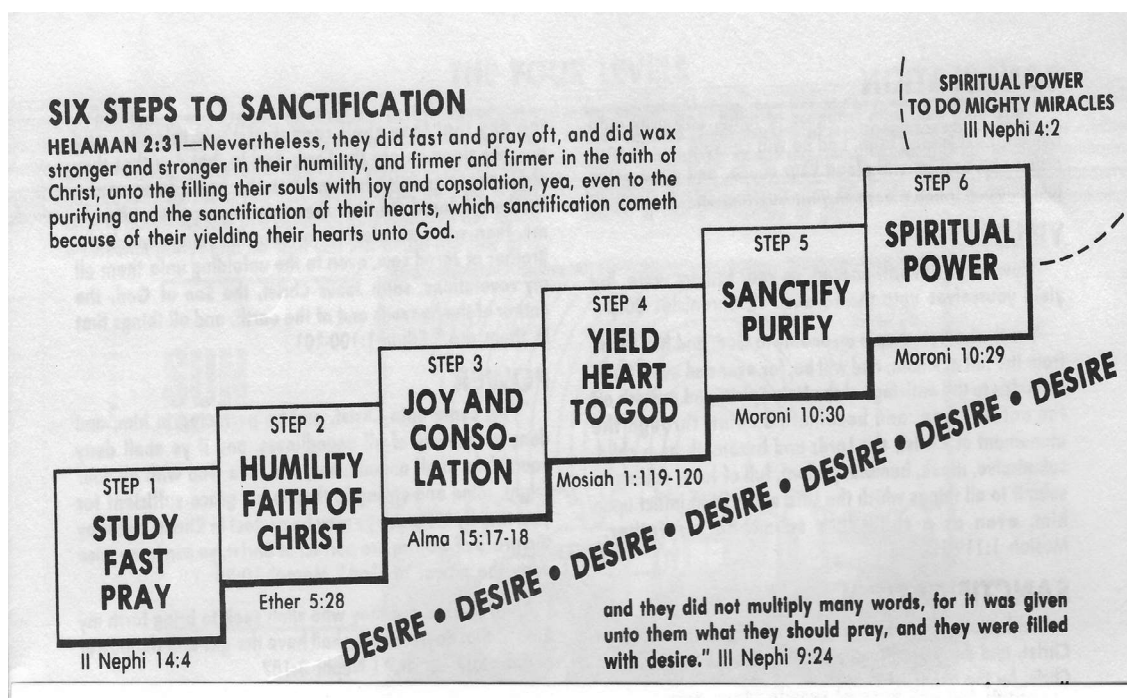
**117** And now because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness, behold, I will bless thee for ever; and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.

**118** Behold, thou art Nephi, and I am God.

**119** Behold, I declare it unto thee in the presence of mine angels, that ye shall have power over this people, and shall smite the earth with famine, and with pestilence, and destruction, according to the wickedness of this people.

**120** Behold, I give unto you power, that whatsoever ye shall seal on earth, shall be sealed in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven; and thus shall ye have power among this people.

## **6 Steps to Sanctification = Wax Stronger and stronger in Humility**



## Great Endowment To Be Poured Out

- D.C. 102: 5 for, behold, I have prepared a great endowment and blessing to be poured out upon them, inasmuch as they are faithful, and continue in humility before me;



### 1 Nephi 3:230

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; And they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.

## Endowment for the Whole Church



## Windows of Heaven Are Opening

- Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- Jesus repeated this in III Nephi 11:13



## Victory is Ours If We Will Do As Commanded

- Sec. 100:6g establish the children of Zion, upon the laws and commandments which have been, and which shall be given, unto you. 7a All victory and glory is brought to pass unto you through your diligence, faithfulness, and prayers of faith.



## Let's Power Up and March Onward to Zion

