

Temples: The House of the Lord

Thursday 7:00 PM – Spring 2024

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“**He** is the **One** who wants you to understand with great clarity exactly what you are making covenants to do. **He** is the **One** who wants you to experience fully **His** sacred ordinances. **He** wants you to comprehend your privileges, promises, and responsibilities. **He** wants you to have spiritual insights and awakenings you’ve never had before. This **He** desires for all temple patrons, no matter where they live.

Current adjustments in temple procedures, and others that will follow, are continuing evidence that the **Lord** is actively directing His Church. **He** is providing opportunities

for each of us to bolster our spiritual foundations more effectively by centering our lives on **Him** and on the ordinances and covenants of **His** temple. When you bring your temple recommend, a contrite heart, and a seeking mind to the **Lord’s** house of learning, **He** will teach you.”

(Pres. Russell M. Nelson, *The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation*,” GC Oct 2021)

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS: In order to receive credit toward graduation for this course, you must do the following:

- Minimum of 75% attendance (no more than 7 absences)
- Read 75% of the Student Readings
- Complete the Elevate Learning Experience

ELEVATE LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Complete one of the following:

- *Study Journal.* Utilize a study journal in class—taking notes on each lesson.
- *Personal Learning Project.* Plan and complete a Personal Learning Project that focuses on doctrines and principles from the course, evidence of your learning and application, and a brief summary of how your faith in Jesus Christ has increased.

MAKEUP WORK: You are encouraged to complete makeup assignments immediately following any day you miss class. Makeup assignments will be based upon the assigned readings for the class and should reflect a study of the lesson that was missed on the day absent.

Spring 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE and READINGS:

Date	Lesson Title	Reading
Jan 11 th	Christ Centered Temple Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Worthy Of The Temple President Russell M. Nelson (youtube.com) • Temples The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Jan 18 th	The Role of Christ and Temples in the Plan of Salvation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared to Obtain Every Needful Thing (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Holiness and the Plan of Happiness (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Chapter 10: Covenants, Ordinances, and Temples in the Plan of Salvation (churchofjesuschrist.org)
Jan 25 th	Covenants and Ordinances that Lead to Exaltation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Let This House Be Built unto My Name" (churchofjesuschrist.org) • D&C 84:19-41 • churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/ordinances-and-covenants?lang=eng • Covenants and Ordinances (churchofjesuschrist.org)
Feb 1 st	The Origin of Temple Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temples Through Time (youtube.com) • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/history/topics/temple-endowment?lang=eng • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSNjnkWJgCg • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A13twDiXQC4 • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples?lang=eng • https://churchofjesuschristtemples.org/
Feb 8 th	Temples in the Scriptures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses 5:9-12, Moses 5:58-59, D&C 131:5-6, Moses 6:64-68, Romans 8:14-17, Moses: 4:13, 2 Ne 9:14, Mormon 9:3-4, Moses 4:27, Moses 4:14-17, Moses 4:18-19, Moses 4:26, Moses 3:19-20, D&C 107:40-41, D&C 84:19-22; Ether 2,3,6; Moses 8:13-30; Genesis 6-10; Matthew 16-17; Mark 7; Psalms 118; Matthew 26; John 17; Matthew 5-7, Mosiah 2-5; 3 Nephi 11; 4 Nephi; 2 Nephi 5; Jacob 1-6 • Three Pillars of God's Plan (churchofjesuschrist.org) • The Three Pillars of Eternity: Creation, Fall, Atonement - BYU Speeches • What Does the Book of Mormon Teach about the Temple? Book of Mormon Central
Feb 15 th	The Restoration of Temple Ordinances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 22: Joseph Smith Organizes the Relief Society and Administers the Temple Endowment (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Lesson 22: Joseph Smith Organizes the Relief Society and Administers the Temple Endowment (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Lesson 20 Class Preparation Material: Temple Ordinances and Worship (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Joseph Smith's Teachings about Priesthood, Temple, and Women (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Masonry (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Temples The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Feb 22nd	The Temple Recommend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Church Updates Temple Recommend Interview Questions (churchofjesuschrist.org) • D&C 107:74-84
Feb 29th	Priesthood and Priesthood Keys in the Temple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing God's Power through Covenants (churchofjesuschrist.org) • D&C 110:1-16 • The Everlasting Covenant (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Russell M. Nelson Oct 2019 Women have access to Priesthood Power through their Temple Endowment (youtube.com) • The Oath and Covenant of the Priesthood Is Relevant to Women (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Spiritual Treasures (churchofjesuschrist.org)
Mar 7th	Spring Break – NO CLASS	
Mar 14th	Symbolism, Tokens, & Signs in the Temple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gospel Library App- Books and Lessons- Temple Preparation- Preparing to Enter the Holy Temple - <i>"Taught From On High"</i> • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2007/02/why-symbols?lang=eng • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/new-era/2013/10/symbolism-and-temple-preparation?lang=eng • Topical Guide "Names", "Signs", "Tokens" • Mosiah 1:11-12, Mosiah 5:5-11, D&C 20:77, D&C 109:22-26, Isaiah 62:2, D&C 130:10-11 • https://rsc.byu.edu/ascending-mountain-lord/garden-eden-ancient-temple-receiving-new-name
Mar 21st	Washings, Anointings, and Ceremonial Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 40:12-13, Exodus 29 • Scriptures- Study Helps- Topical Guide - "Wash, Washed, Washings" & "Anointing, Anoint", Guide to the Scriptures "Anointing" and "Wash", Isaiah 59:3, Isaiah 40:31, • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2017/04/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-and-truths-about-the-body?lang=eng • https://emp.byui.edu/SatterfieldB/Rel327/WashingsAndAnointingsRevised.html • Sacred Temple Clothing: https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/sacred-temple-clothing?lang=eng • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvN4qJRBMO • The Temple Garment: 'An Outward Expression of an Inward Commitment' (churchofjesuschrist.org)
Mar 28th	The Endowment – Power from on High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/what-is-temple-endowment?lang=eng • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fd8tVXN9y6Q&t=25s • https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/article/first-presidency-temple-message-july-2020 • D&C 84:19-41 • We Need an Endowment Anthony Sweat BYU Speeches

Apr 4th	Marriage & Temple Sealings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&C 124, 128, 137, 138, Declaration #2 • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples?lang=eng • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/what-happens-in-a-temple-sealing?lang=eng • https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/divorce?lang=eng • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQ1yLFIEVNo • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8o30eOejkLk
Apr 11th	The Gathering of Israel on Both Sides of the Veil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gathering of Scattered Israel (churchofjesuschrist.org) • Everything Russell M. Nelson has said about the Gathering of Israel (LDS General Conference) (youtube.com)
Apr 18th	General Conference Review	