

Understanding the Temple

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8/27 Introduction to the Class

READING:

- Guiding principles for this purpose were taught by Elder David A. Bednar <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/04/54bednar?lang=eng&id=title4-p33-title4>

8/29 The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation

READING:

- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2021/10/47nelson?lang=eng>

9/3 What is a temple?

READING:

- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/temples?lang=eng>
- Genesis 28:10-22 – What are the elements of a temple experience in this account?

9/5 Jesus and the Temple

READING:

- Draw Nearer to Christ <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/nearer-christ-through-temples?lang=eng>
- D&C 124:38 – 42
- Elder Bednar: “Let This House Be Built unto My Name” (April 2020) <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2020/04/44bednar?lang=eng>
- President Nelson: “Closing Remarks” Oct 2019 Preparing for the 2nd Coming <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/10/57nelson?lang=eng>

9/10 The Temple Recommend: Preparation and the Doctrine of Stewardship and Accountability

READING:

- Temple Recommend Questions: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2020/01/aus-eng-local-pages/local-news-002?lang=eng>
- President Nelson “Closing Remarks” (October 2019)

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/10/57nelson?lang=eng>

Elder Rasband, "Recommended unto the Lord"

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2020/10/16rasband?lang=eng>

- D&C 72:3, D&C 107:74-84, D&C 104:11-17, D&C 42:32

9/12 Creation and the Temple

READING:

- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1986/01/four-accounts-of-the-creation?lang=eng>
- Elder Bruce R. McConkie, "Three Pillars of Eternity"
<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/bruce-r-mcconkie/three-pillars-eternity/>
- Isaiah 40:26, John 9:1-3, Moses 4:1-4, D&C 29:36, Isaiah 14:12-14, D&C 29:40, 2 Ne 2:26-27, Alma 13:2-5, Alma 3:3, Abr 3:22-24, D&C 138:56, D&C 93:22-39, Ether 3:6-16, Alma 18:34-36, Alma 22:9-12, Alma 30:40-44, Moses 6:63, Mosiah 4:9, D&C 88:47, Moses 3:4-7

9/17 Lessons from Eden

READING:

- Moses 3-4, 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
- Excerpt from "The Temple and the Natural Order of Marriage"
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2015/09/the-temple-and-the-natural-order-of-marriage.6-18?lang=eng#p6>
- President Russell M Nelson, "Three Pillars of God's Plan"
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2012-08-1340-three-pillars-of-gods-plan?lang=eng>

9/19 Introduction to the "The Laws of Eternal Progress"

READING:

- Endowed with Covenants and Blessings
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1995/02/endowed-with-covenants-and-blessings?lang=eng>
- About the Temple Endowment <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/what-is-temple-endowment?lang=eng>

9/24 Why ordinances and covenants? How Do They Help Us Become Exalted

READING:

- Why Ordinances and Covenants Matter
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/ordinances-and-covenants?lang=eng>
- Elder Dale G Renlund, "Accessing God's Power through Covenants" April 2023,
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2023/04/23renlund?lang=eng>

9/26 A New Name

READING

- Mosiah 1:11-12, Mosiah 5:5-11, D&C 20:77, D&C 109:22-26, Isaiah 62:2,
- The Garden of Eden, the Ancient Temple, and Receiving a New Name
<https://rsc.byu.edu/ascending-mountain-lord/garden-eden-ancient-temple-receiving-new-name>
- Why did Abraham and Sarah receive a new name:
<https://knowwhy.bookofmormoncentral.org/knowwhy/why-did-abraham-and-sarah-receive-new-names-and-tokens>

10/1 Washing and Anointing:

READING

- Exodus 40:12-13,
- Scriptures- Study Helps- Topical Guide - "Wash, Washed, Washings" & "Anointing, Anoint", Guide to the Scriptures "Anointing" and "Wash", Isaiah 59:3, Isaiah 40:31,
- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Truths about the Body
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2017/04/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-and-truths-about-the-body?lang=eng>
- Washing and Anointings
<https://emp.byui.edu/SatterfieldB/Rel327/WashingsAndAnointingsRevised.html>

10/3 Ceremonial Clothing: Garments and Temple Clothes

READING:

- Exodus 29
- Sacred Temple Clothing: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/sacred-temple-clothing?lang=eng>
- What Are Temple Garments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvN4qJRBMO>
- The Temple Garment
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/liahona/1999/09/the-temple-garment-an-outward-expression-of-an-inward-commitment?lang=eng>

10/8 General Conference Review

10/10 The Endowment: Where Does it Occur and What is Endowed.

READING

- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/what-is-temple-endowment?lang=eng>
- What is The Temple Endowment
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fd8tVXN9y6Q&t=25s>
- D&C 84:19-41

10/15 Law of Obedience

READING

- Obedience, a Law of Heaven
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/doctrines-of-the-gospel/chapter-17?lang=eng>
- Prophetic Teachings on the Temple
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prophetic-teachings-on-temples?lang=eng>
- In a State of happiness, Elder Bednar <https://ing.byui.edu/devotionals/president-david-a-bednar-winter-2004>
- 3 Nephi 12:48; Deuteronomy 6:24–25; D&C 25:15; 3 Nephi 12:48; Luke 22:42; 2Nephi 31:7; Hebrews 5:8-9

10/17 Law of Sacrifice

READING

- Sacrifice <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-principles/chapter-26-sacrifice?lang=eng - p32>
- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prophetic-teachings-on-temples?lang=eng>

10/22 Law of the Gospel

READING

- Prophetic Teachings on the Temple
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prophetic-teachings-on-temples?lang=eng>
- 3 Nephi 27:13–14, 20–21; D&C 33:11–12; D&C 38:32-33; D&C 39:6; D&C 42:18-30, 37-45; D&C 88:120-121

10/24 Law of Chastity

READING

- Prophetic Teachings on the Temple
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prophetic-teachings-on-temples?lang=eng>
- Of Souls, Symbols, and Sacraments, Jeffery R. Holland
<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/jeffrey-r-holland/souls-symbols-sacraments/>

10/29 Law of Consecration

READING

- Prophetic Teachings on the Temple
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prophetic-teachings-on-temples?lang=eng>
- D&C 38:16-27, 32-35, 39; D&C 42:30-39
- Our Heartfelt All, GC Elder Uchtdorf
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2022/04/57uchtdorf?lang=eng>

10/31 Temples and the Ongoing Restoration: 1846-1899

READING

- President Nelson “The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation” (October 2021)
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2021/10/47nelson?lang=eng>
- <https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/article/first-presidency-temple-message-july-2020>
- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/history/topics/endowment-house?lang=eng>

11/5 The Origin of the Temple Ceremonies and Free Masonry

READING:

- Temple Endowment
<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/>
- Saints Vol 2, Ch 28, p. 428
- Gospel Library App: Restoration and Church History – Church History Topics-Masonry

11/7 Women are Endowed with Power

READING:

- Excerpt from Nelson, "Spiritual Treasures" Oct 2019
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/10/36nelson?lang=eng&id=7-28 - p7>
- Gospel Topics Essay, Joseph Smith's Teachings about Priesthood, Temple, and Women <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics-essays/joseph-smiths-teachings-about-priesthood-temple-and-women?lang=eng>

11/12 New Testament and the Temple: Gardens and Mounts

READING:

- Matthew 16-17; Mark 7; Psalms 118; Matthew 26; John 17; Matthew 5-7
- Elder Bednar "Put on Thy Strength O Zion" (Oct 2022)
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2022/10/46bednar?lang=eng>

11/14 The Book of Mormon and the Temple

READING:

- Mosiah 2-5; 3 Nephi 11; 4 Nephi; 2 Nephi 5; Jacob 1-6
- What does the Book of Mormon Teach about the Temple:
<https://knowhy.bookofmormoncentral.org/knowhy/what-does-the-book-of-mormon-teach-about-the-temple#:~:text=Within%20the%20text%20of%20the,show%20Himself%20to%20His%20people.>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af6eslB10d4>
- "The Temple in the Book of Mormon: The Temples at the Cities of Nephi, Zarahemla, and Bountiful" John W. Welch PDF download.

11/19 The Great Apostasy and the Loss of Temples

READING:

- Matthew 24:4–5, 9–11; Acts 20:29; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3; 1 Timothy 4:1–3; 2 Timothy 3:1–9; 4:3–4. Dallin H. Oaks, "Apostasy and Restoration," Ensign, May 1995, 84–87. 2 Thessalonians 2:1–15; 1 Corinthians 11:18; Galatians 1:6–7; 1 Timothy 1:5–7; 2 Timothy 1:15; 2 Peter 2.
- Neal A. Maxwell, "From the Beginning," Ensign, Nov. 1993, 18–20.
- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1978/09/seventeen-centuries-of-christianity?lang=eng>

11/21 Temples and the Ongoing Restoration: 1900-2000 Restored Doctrines of Temples

READING:

- President Nelsons' teachings about changes to temple procedures:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2021/10/47nelson?lang=eng&id=19-27 - p19>
- Cardston Temple Dedication and changes to the endowment length and garment pattern: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/history/saints-v3/part-2/15-no-greater-reward.40-49?lang=eng#p40>
- Gordon B. Hinckley announces smaller temples and revelation regarding: <https://www.thechurchnews.com/archives/1998-08-01/inspiration-came-for-smaller-temples-on-trip-to-mexico-126869>
- D&C 2, 76, 84, 88, 93, 97, 109, 110, 124, 128, 132

11/26 Millennium and Post Mortal Temples

READING:

- Revelation 1, 4-5, 7, 11, 20-21; Ezekiel 40-42, 47
- Elder Ballard "Today's Temples Will Be Used In The Millennium" (June 2017)
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/church/news/elder-ballard-todays-temples-will-be-used-in-the-millennium?lang=eng>
- The Millennial Reign
<https://emp.byui.edu/SatterfieldB/Rel250/Articles/Millennial%20Reign%20JFS%20WayToPerf.pdf>

11/28 NO CLASS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

12/3 Temple Marriage, Sealings, and Divorce

READING:

- <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>

12/5 Gathering of Israel to the Temple on Both Sides of the Veil

READING:

- D&C 124, 128, 137, 138, Declaration #2

- President Nelson: "The Gathering of Scattered Israel" (Oct 2006)
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2006/10/the-gathering-of-scattered-israel?lang=eng>
- Everything President Nelson has said about gathering Israel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnskCjpFgkI>

12/5 Personal Reflections on Temple Worship

Extra:

The Restoration of Kirtland and Nauvoo Temples

READING:

- Joseph Smith-History 1:10-17, 33-35, 68-72 D&C 1, 109-110; Matthew 13: 21-22; Ezekiel 47
- Jeffery R. Holland, "A Perfect Brightness of Hope" April General Conference 2020.
- Gordon B. Hinckley, "The Quorum of the First Presidency," Ensign, Dec. 2005, 46–50.
- Boyd K. Packer, "The Twelve," Ensign, May 2008, 83–86.
- Dallin H. Oaks, "The Keys and Authority of the Priesthood," Ensign, May 2014, 49–52.