

Preparing for the Second Coming

Stand in holy places

Read the following scripture references and statement, looking for ways we can choose to stand in holy places.

Psalm 24:3–4; Isaiah 58:13; Helaman 5:12; 3 Nephi 18:24; Doctrine and Covenants 27:15; 115:5–6

Sister Ann M. Dibb of the Young Women General Presidency explained:



President Ezra Taft Benson counseled, “Holy places include our temples, our chapels, our homes, and the stakes of Zion, which are . . . ‘for a defense, and for a refuge’ [Doctrine and Covenants 115:6] [“Prepare Yourself for the Great Day of the Lord,” *New Era*, May 1982, 50]. In addition to these, I believe we can each find many more places. We might first consider the word *place* as a physical environment or a geographic location. However, a *place* can be “a distinct condition, position, or state of mind” [Merriam-Webster Online, “place,” [merriam-webster.com/dictionary/place](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/place)]. This means holy places can also include *moments in time*—moments when the Holy Ghost testifies to us, moments when we feel Heavenly Father’s love, or moments when we receive an answer to our prayers. Even more, I believe any time you have the courage to stand for what is right, especially in situations where no one else is willing to do so, you are creating a holy place. (Ann M. Dibb, “Your Holy Places,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2013, 115)

Take the Holy Spirit for our guide

Read the following scripture references and statement, looking for ways we can take the Holy Spirit for our guide.

Proverbs 3:5–6; Psalm 118:8–9; 1 Nephi 4:6; 2 Nephi 32:5; Moroni 10:5; Doctrine and Covenants 11:12–14

President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency taught:



How do we take the Holy Spirit for our guide? We must repent of our sins each week and renew our covenants by partaking of the sacrament with clean hands and a pure heart, as we are commanded to do [see Doctrine and Covenants 59:8–9, 12]. Only in this way can we have the divine promise that we will “always have his Spirit to be with [us]” [Doctrine and Covenants 20:77]. . . .

. . . We must always do the things necessary to retain that Spirit. We must keep the commandments, pray for guidance, and attend church and partake of the sacrament each Sunday. And we must never do anything to drive away that Spirit. Specifically, we should avoid pornography, alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and always, always avoid violations of the law of chastity. (Dallin H. Oaks, “Be Not Deceived,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2004, 46)