

Deepen Your Understanding of the Oath and Covenant of the Priesthood

Sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of the body (see verse 33)

In speaking of Heavenly Father's promise, President Henry B. Eyring of the First Presidency explained:



I have seen that promise fulfilled in my own life and in the lives of others. A friend of mine served as a mission president. He told me that at the end of every day while he was serving, he could barely make it upstairs to bed at night wondering if he would have the strength to face another day. Then in the morning, he would find his strength and his courage restored. You have seen it in the lives of aged prophets who seemed to be renewed each time they stood to testify of the Lord Jesus Christ and the restored gospel. That is a promise for those who go forward in faith in their priesthood service. (Henry B. Eyring,

"Faith and the Oath and Covenant of the Priesthood," Ensign or Liahona, May 2008, 62)

Be faithful in obtaining the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods (see verse 33)

To be faithful in "obtaining these two priesthoods" (Doctrine and Covenants 84:33) involves obtaining the power and blessings that come from receiving the ordinances of the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods and faithfully keeping the associated covenants. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that a person obtains the fulness of the priesthood "by keeping all the commandments and obeying all the ordinances of the house of the Lord" (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 419).

For men, this also includes having the priesthood conferred upon them and being ordained to priesthood offices.

Magnify our callings (verse 33)

Doctrine and Covenants 58:27–28; 107:99–100

Opportunities to receive callings and participate in the Lord's work of salvation

President M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles taught:



As we work to magnify our callings, we should seek the inspiration of the Spirit to solve problems in ways that will best help the people we serve. We have handbooks of instruction, and their guidelines should be followed. But within that framework are substantial opportunities to think, to be creative, and to make use of individual talents. The instruction to magnify our callings is not a command to embellish and complicate them. To innovate does not necessarily mean to expand; very often it means to simplify. (M. Russell Ballard, "O Be Wise," *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2006, 19)

All that Heavenly Father has (see verse 38)

Doctrine and Covenants 76:55–60; 81:6

Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles shared:



To know that we have a Father in Heaven and that Jesus Christ is His Only Begotten Son means we are looking farther down the covenant path than just where we are standing today. It means we appreciate we are heirs to all that the Father has; kingdoms without number are His realm and can be ours. The Savior has promised, "If thou art faithful unto the end thou shalt have a crown of immortality, and eternal life in the mansions which I have prepared in the house of my Father." (Ronald A. Rasband, "The Divine Destiny of His Daughters" [BYU Women's Conference, Apr. 30, 2021], broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)