

Priesthood Keys Restored in the Kirtland Temple

Study Activity A

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 110:11

Moses restored the keys to the “gathering of Israel” (Doctrine and Covenants 110:11). The keys of gathering authorize those servants holding this authority to preach the restored gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth.

President Russell M. Nelson declared:



When we speak of gathering Israel on both sides of the veil, we are referring, of course, to missionary, temple, and family history work. We are also referring to building faith and testimony in the hearts of those with whom we live, work, and serve. (Russell M. Nelson, “Let God Prevail,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2020, 92)

- How might you help to build faith and testimony in the hearts of those you associate with each day?
- How has your life or the life of someone you know been influenced by the Lord reaching out to us through missionary work?

Study Activity B

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 110:12

Elias committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham (see Doctrine and Covenants 110:12). This includes the restoration of the Abrahamic covenant.

President Russell M. Nelson explained:



The covenant God made with Abraham . . . contained several promises, including . . . all nations of the earth would be blessed by his seed. . . .

. . . We have received, as did they of old, the holy priesthood and the everlasting gospel. We have the right to receive the fulness of the gospel, enjoy the blessings of the priesthood, and qualify for God’s greatest blessing—that of eternal life. (Russell M. Nelson, “Covenants,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2011, 87–88)

- What are some ways the Lord is blessing individuals, families, and nations through His gospel and His priesthood?
- What blessings from the Lord are you experiencing through His gospel and His priesthood?

Study Activity C

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 110:13-16

Elijah restored the sealing keys, which include the authority to seal families together in the temple.

Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained:



Sealing keys, restored by the Old Testament prophet Elijah, enable ordinances to take place in holy temples. Ordinances performed in these temples enable individuals and families to return to the presence of our heavenly parents. (Gary E. Stevenson, "Where Are the Keys and Authority of the Priesthood?," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2016, 31)

- What are some ways the Lord blesses us through temple work and sealings?
- How has the Lord blessed, or how can He bless, you and your family through ordinances of the temple?