

The Endowment

Read the following information found at temples.ChurchofJesusChrist.org, looking for answers to the following question:

- How am I blessed by the Lord as I receive my endowment?

When you join the Church, you receive two ordinances: baptism and confirmation. Likewise, the temple endowment is received in two parts.

In the first part, you will privately and individually receive what are called the “initiatory” ordinances. These ordinances include special blessings regarding your divine heritage and potential. As part of these ordinances, you will also be authorized to wear the sacred temple garment.

In the second part, you will receive the rest of your endowment in a group setting. This takes place in an instruction room with others who are attending the temple. Events that are part of the plan of salvation are presented. They include the Creation, the Fall of Adam and Eve, the Atonement of Jesus Christ, the Apostasy, and the Restoration. You will also learn more about the way all people can return to the presence of the Lord. Some of the endowment is presented through video and some by temple officiators.

During the endowment ordinance, you will be invited to make certain covenants with God. These covenants include the following:

- Law of obedience, which includes striving to keep God’s commandments
- Law of sacrifice, which involves doing all we can to support the Lord’s work and repenting with a broken heart and contrite spirit
- Law of the gospel, which is the higher law that Jesus taught while He was on the earth
- Law of chastity, which involves having sexual relations only with the person to whom we are legally and lawfully wedded according to God’s law
- Law of consecration, which involves dedicating our time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed us to building up Jesus Christ’s Church on the earth

When you keep your covenants, you come closer to the Savior and your relationship with Him grows more powerful. God promises that those who keep their covenants will receive blessings in this life and the opportunity to return to live with Him forever.

At the end of the endowment, participants symbolically return to the Lord’s presence as they enter the celestial room. There you can take time to ponder, pray, read the scriptures, or quietly share your thoughts with family and friends. It is a place of peace, where you can also find comfort and divine guidance. (See “About the Temple Endowment,” temples.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.)