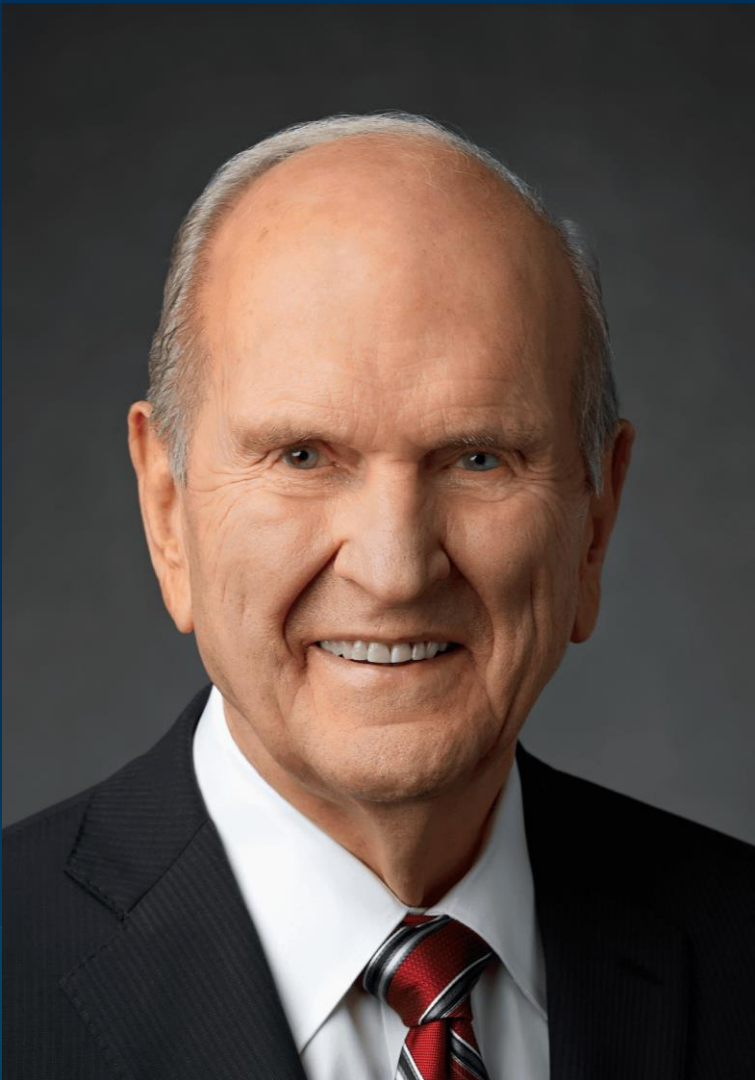


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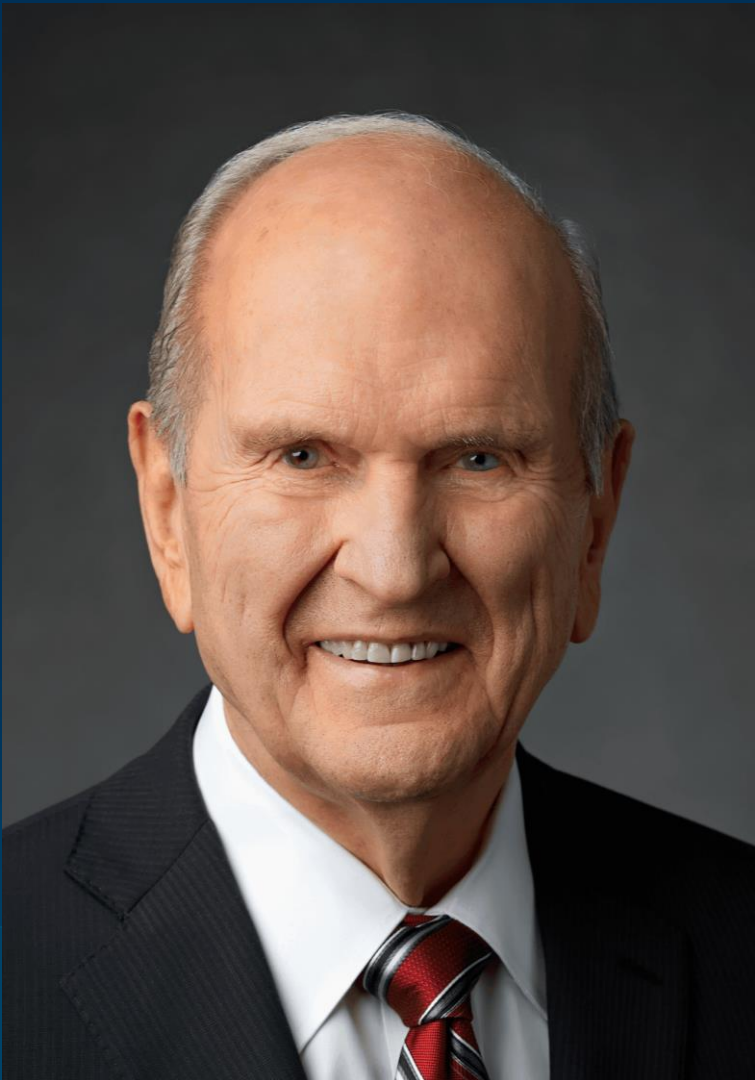
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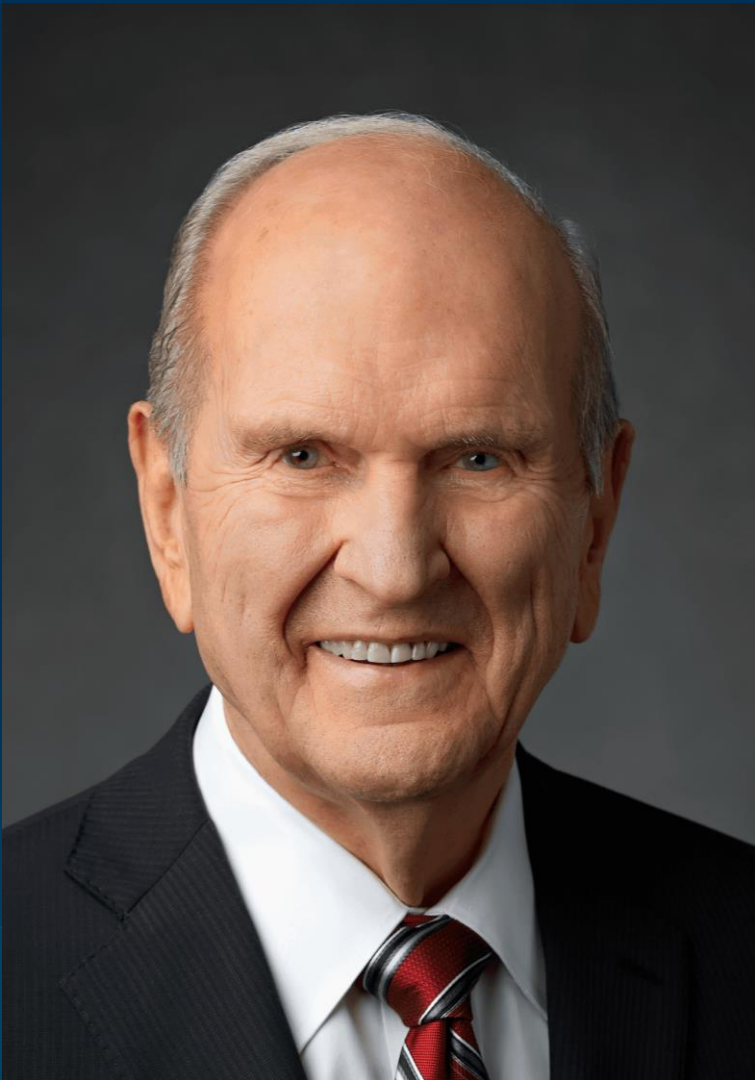
“Adam and Eve accepted the ordinance of baptism and began the process of being one with God. They had entered the covenant path.

*(continued)*



“When you and I also enter that path, we have a new way of life. We thereby create a relationship with God that allows Him to bless and change us. The covenant path leads us back to Him. If we let God prevail in our lives, that covenant will lead us closer and closer to Him. All covenants are intended to be binding. They create a relationship with everlasting ties.”

Russell M. Nelson, “The Everlasting Covenant,” *Liahona*, Oct. 2022



“Making a covenant with God changes our relationship with Him forever. It blesses us with an extra measure of love and mercy. It affects who we are and how God will help us become what we can become.”

Russell M. Nelson, “The Everlasting Covenant,” *Liahona*, Oct. 2022

“Do you see the significance of this? Those who keep their covenants with God will become a strain of sin-resistant souls! Those who keep their covenants will have the strength to resist the constant influence of the world.”

Russell M. Nelson, “The Everlasting Covenant,” Liahona, Oct. 2022





“But many were the blessings we had received in the house of the Lord, which has caused us joy and comfort in the midst of all our sorrows, and enabled us to have faith in God, knowing he would guide us and sustain us. ... For if it had not been for the faith and knowledge that was bestowed upon us in that temple by the influence and help of the Spirit of the Lord, our journey would have been like one taking a leap in the dark, ...

Sarah DeArmon Pea Rich  
autobiography, 1885–1893



“... it would seem like walking into the jaws of death. But we had faith in our Heavenly Father, and we put our trust in Him, feeling that we were His chosen people and had embraced His gospel; and instead of sorrow we felt to rejoice that the day of our deliverance had come.”

Sarah DeArmon Pea Rich  
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Elder Kevin W. Pearson

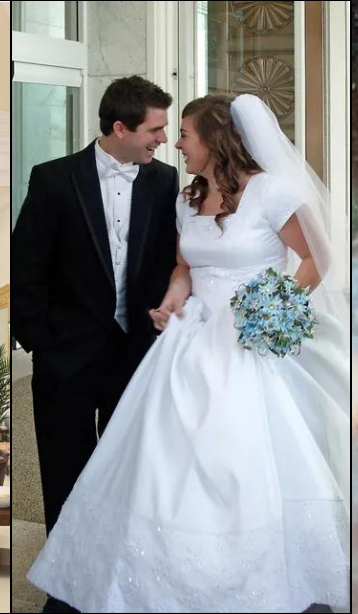
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“The moral and spiritual power that our people need right now and for the days ahead is the power of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. We gain access to their power by making and keeping covenants with them. “Be more intentional in teaching members about the power of making and keeping covenants.”

(Pres. Russell M. Nelson, 2024)

# The New and Everlasting Covenant Includes:



The covenant of  
baptism

The gift of the Holy  
Ghost

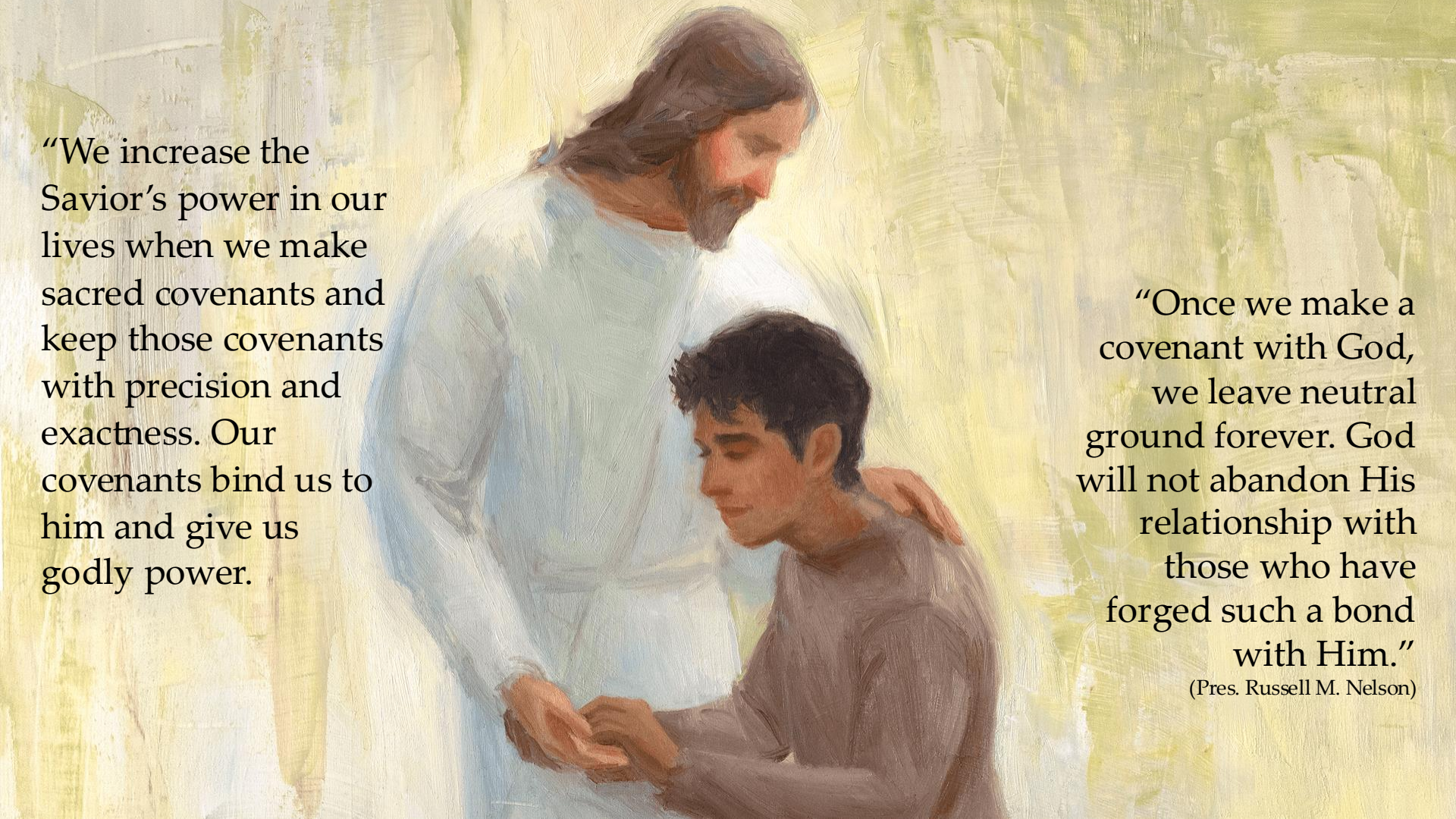
The Oath and  
Covenant of the  
Priesthood

The endowment

The temple sealing



“Learning to keep covenants begins with helping our children, youth, and adults understand how important it is to keep promises.”



“We increase the Savior’s power in our lives when we make sacred covenants and keep those covenants with precision and exactness. Our covenants bind us to him and give us godly power.

“Once we make a covenant with God, we leave neutral ground forever. God will not abandon His relationship with those who have forged such a bond with Him.”

(Pres. Russell M. Nelson)



Keeping the covenant of baptism is the first step in binding ourselves to God so the Holy Ghost can cleanse, strengthen and change our nature for the better. Experiencing this sanctifying influence is called spiritual rebirth.

Preach My Gospel p. 28



*“In coming days, it will not be possible to survive spiritually without the guiding, directing, comforting and constant influence of the Holy Ghost.”*

*(Pres. Russell M. Nelson)*

What can we do to teach the power of the incomparable gift of the Holy Ghost so that our members will plead daily for its influence in their lives?

# INVITATION

Brothers and sisters, we call upon you as leaders and parents to be more intentional and effective in teaching the power of making and keeping sacred covenants. Prayerfully studying recent messages from President Russell M. Nelson and other members of the First Presidency and the Twelve is a good place to start.







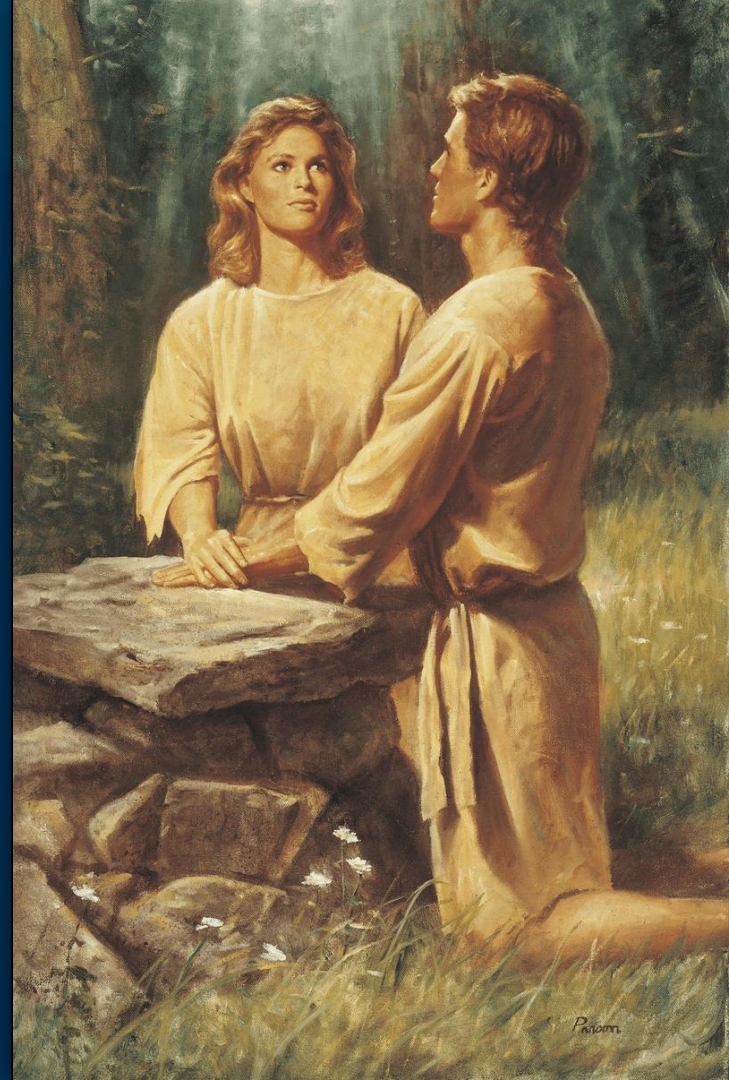
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Elder Hugo E. Martinez

Nov. 20, 2024

“President Russell M. Nelson  
...promised, ‘Each person who  
makes covenants in baptismal  
fonts and in temples—and  
keeps them—has increased  
access to the power of Jesus  
Christ ...

[to lift] us above the pull of this  
fallen world.’





“A covenant is a pledge that we should prepare for, clearly understand, and absolutely honor. Making a covenant with God is different than casually making a promise. First, priesthood authority is required. Second, a feeble promise does not have the connecting strength to lift us .... We make a covenant only when we intend to commit ourselves quite exceptionally to fulfilling it. We become covenant children of God and inheritors of His kingdom, especially when we identify ourselves completely with the covenant.”



The endowment is God's gift of sacred covenants that connect us more fully to Him.

We covenant:

- To keep the commandments of God
- To repent with broken heart and contrite spirit
- To live the gospel of Jesus Christ
- To keep the law of chastity
- To dedicate ourselves and everything the Lord blesses us with to build up His Church

“Persons who have been endowed in a temple are responsible to wear a temple garment, an article of clothing not visible because it is worn beneath outer clothing. It reminds endowed members of the sacred covenants they have made and the blessings they have been promised in the holy temple...we are instructed to wear temple garments continuously...



... Because covenants do not 'take a day off,' to remove one's garments can be understood as a disclaimer of the covenant responsibilities and blessings to which they relate."

(Elder Dale G. Renlund)



“During the initiatory, the member is instructed to wear the temple garment. The garment is a sacred symbol of Jesus Christ. It is also a reminder of temple covenants.

When members keep their covenants, including the sacred privilege to wear the garment as instructed, they will have greater access to the Savior’s mercy, protection, strength, and power.”

*General Handbook:*

*Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 27.2*





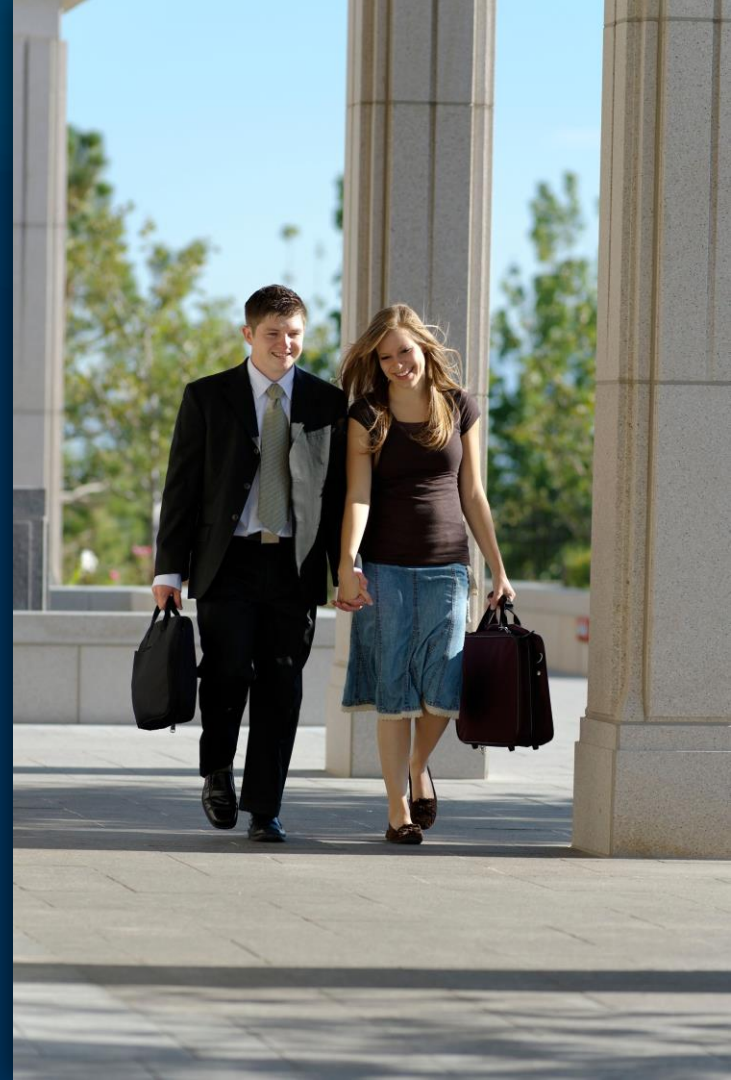


“By making and keeping temple covenants, we learn more about the Lord’s purposes and receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost. We receive direction for our lives. We mature in our discipleship so that we do not remain perpetual, unknowing children. Rather, we live with an eternal perspective and are more motivated to serve God and others.

(Elder Dale G. Renlund)

# INVITATION

Brothers and sisters, will you be more intentional in preparing individuals to understand the temple endowment and teaching the importance of keeping those temple covenants including the wearing of the temple garments?





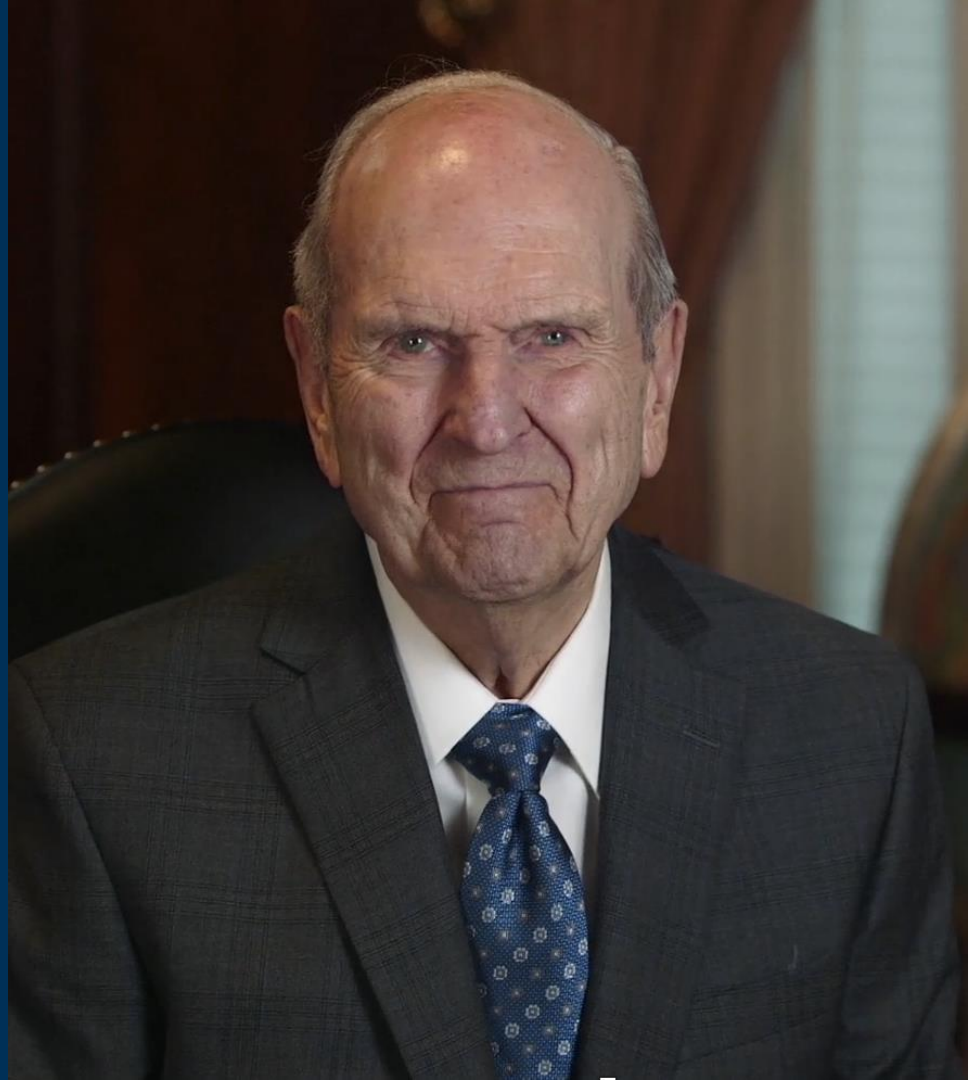
# UTAH AREA BROADCAST

Elder Brian K. Taylor

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“The temple lies at the center of strengthening our faith and spiritual fortitude because **the Savior and His doctrine are the very heart of the temple**. Everything taught in the temple through instruction and through the Spirit, increases our understanding of Jesus Christ.”

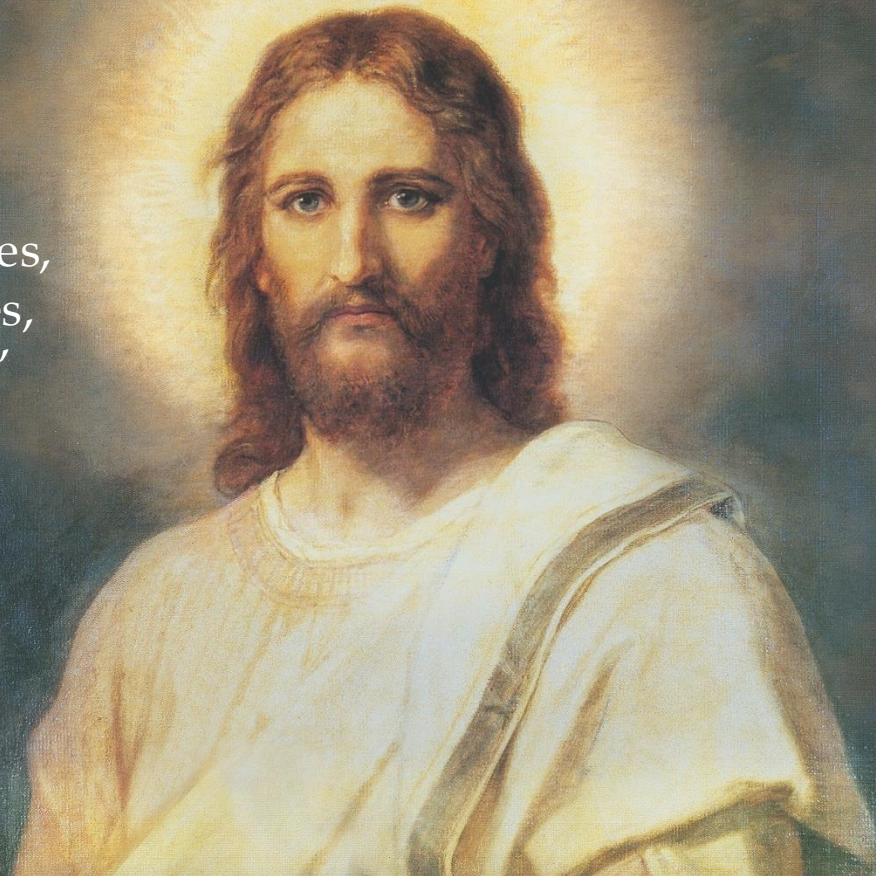
Russell M. Nelson, The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation, Oct. 2021, GC.





“Ye shall inherit...thrones,  
kingdoms, principalities,  
powers, dominions...”

D&C 132:19



## INVITATION:

Our invitation to you as parents and leaders is to teach more intentionally and powerfully through word and example of the extraordinary love and godly power we experience through making and keeping sacred covenants, including in the crowning sealing covenant.





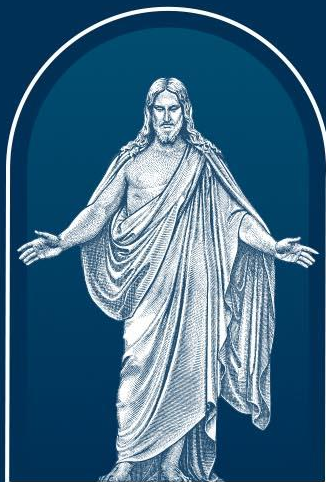


“Every sincere seeker  
of Jesus Christ will find  
Him in the temple.”

PLEASE PREPARE TO HOLD A DISCUSSION WITH ADULTS AND YOUTH ON THE FOLLOWING  
AFTER THE BROADCAST IS VIEWED:

- 1) What does covenant-keeping look like in our daily lives?
- 2) What more can we do to help individuals make and keep sacred covenants?





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