



Eternal Marriage



300 Families Can Be Together Forever

Brightly

1. I have a fam'ly here on earth.
They are so good to me.
I want to share my life with them through all eternity.

*Fam'lies can be together forever
Through Heav'nly Father's plan.
I always want to be with my own family,
And the Lord has shown me how I can.
The Lord has shown me how I can.*

2. While I am in my early years,
I'll prepare most carefully,
So I can marry in God's temple for eternity.

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Announcements

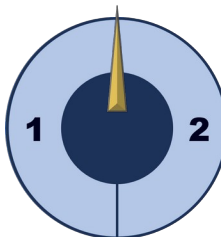
Week	Date	Exams	Seek Learning Journal	"Before-Class Preparation" and "Attendance and Effort" Quizzes	Lifelong Learning Activities	Other
1	Jan 8-11					Get to know
2	Jan 12-18		Seek Learning Journal 1	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 1-2 Attendance and Effort Quiz 2-3		
3	Jan 19-25		Seek Learning Journal 2	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 3 Attendance and Effort Quiz 4		
4	Jan 26-Feb 1		Seek Learning Journal 3	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 4-5 Attendance and Effort Quiz 5-6		
5	Feb 2-8		Seek Learning Journal 4	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 6-7 Attendance and Effort Quiz 7-8	Small and Simple	
6	Feb 9-15	Exam 1	Seek Learning Journal 5	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 8-9 Attendance and Effort Quiz 9-10		
7	Feb 16-22		Seek Learning Journal 6	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 10-11 Attendance and Effort Quiz 11-12		
8	Feb 23-Mar 1		Seek Learning Journal 7	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 12-13 Attendance and Effort Quiz 13-14		
9	Mar 2-Mar 8		Seek Learning Journal 8	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 14-15 Attendance and Effort Quiz 15-16		
10	Mar 9-Mar 15		Seek Learning Journal 9	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 16-17 Attendance and Effort Quiz 17-18	Find Answers	
11	Mar 16-Mar 22	Exam 2	Seek Learning Journal 10	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 18-19 Attendance and Effort Quiz 19-20		
12	Mar 23-Mar 29		Seek Learning Journal 11	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 20-21 Attendance and Effort Quiz 21-22		
13	Mar 30-Apr 5		Seek Learning Journal 12	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 22-23 Attendance and Effort Quiz 23-24		
14	Apr 6-Apr 12		Seek Learning Journal 13	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 24-25 Attendance and Effort Quiz 25-26		
15	Apr 13-Apr 16	Exam 3	Seek Learning Journal 14	Before-Class Preparation Quiz 26-27 Attendance and Effort Quiz 27-28		Course Evaluation

Warmup—
Review





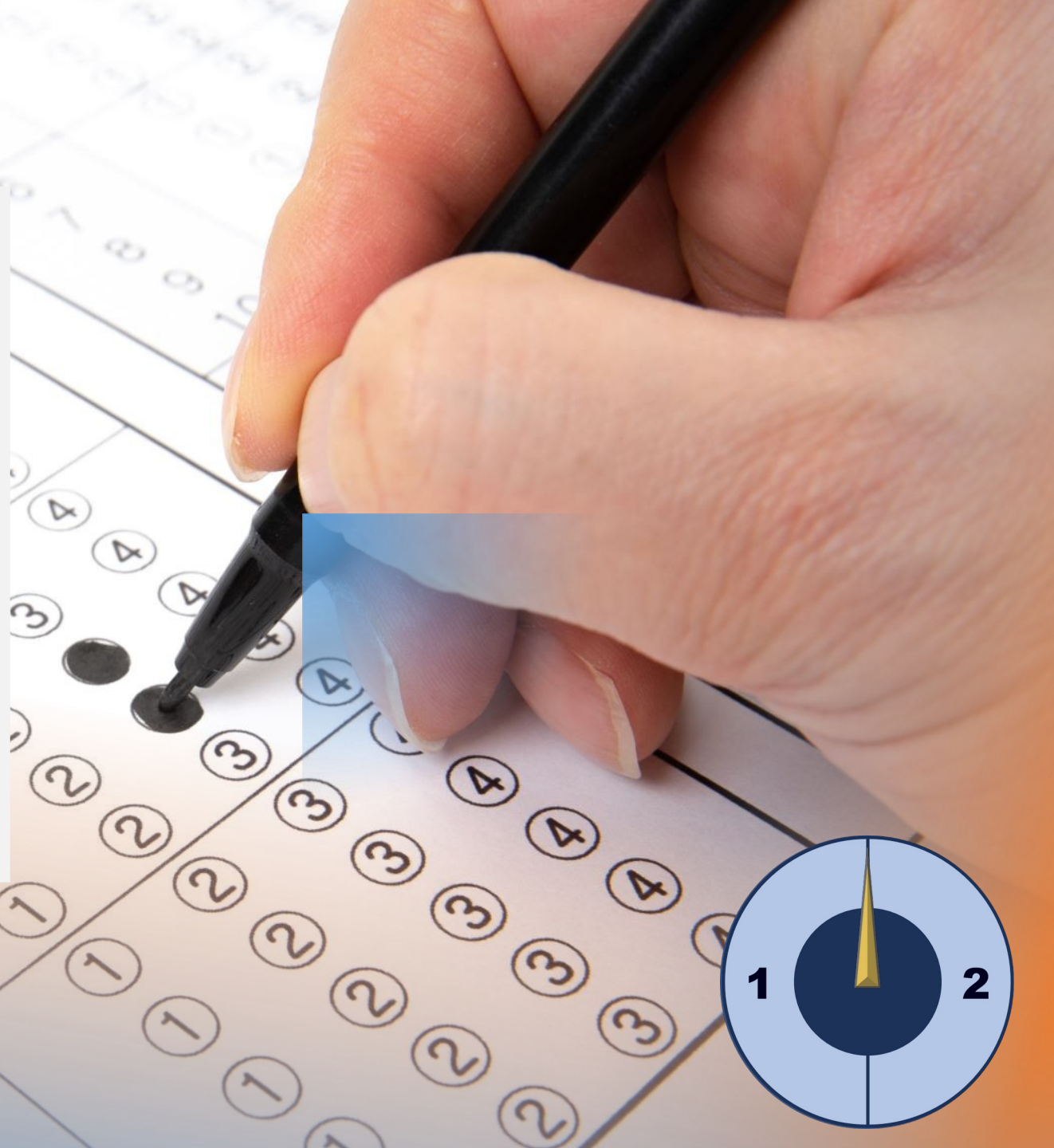
1. What is the historical context of D&C 132?
2. What truths did the Lord teach Joseph before He answered his question on plural marriage?
3. How was the sealing ordinance developed?
4. What truths did Joseph teach about divine growth in the King Follett discourse?



Quiz

Title: “Attendance and Effort Quiz 20”

Password:



Part 1:

What is the historical context of
D&C 132?



RECORDING SECTION 132

“On the morning of the 12th of July, 1843; Joseph and Hyrum Smith came into the office in the upper story of the brick store, on the bank of the Mississippi river. They were talking on the subject of plural marriage. Hyrum said to Joseph, **‘If you will write the revelation on celestial marriage, I will take it and read it to Emma, and I believe I can convince her of its truth, and you will hereafter have peace.’** Joseph smiled and remarked, **‘You do not know Emma as well as I do.’** (cont.)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“Hyrum repeated his opinion, and further remarked, **‘The doctrine is so plain, I can convince any reasonable man or woman of its truth, purity and heavenly origin,’ or words to that effect.** Joseph then said, ‘Well, I will write the revelation and we will see.’ He then requested me to get paper and prepare to write. Hyrum very urgently requested Joseph to write the revelation by means of the Urim and Thummim, but **Joseph in reply, said he did not need to, for he knew the revelation perfectly from beginning to end.** (cont.)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“Joseph and Hyrum then sat down and Joseph commenced to dictate the revelation on celestial marriage, and I wrote it, sentence by sentence, as he dictated. After the whole was written, Joseph asked me to read it through, slowly and carefully, which I did, and he pronounced it correct. He then remarked that there was much more that he could write on the same subject, but what was written was sufficient for the present. (cont)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“Hyrum then took the revelation to read to Emma. Joseph remained with me in the office until Hyrum returned. When he came back, Joseph asked him how he had succeeded. Hyrum replied that he had never received a more severe talking to in his life, that **Emma was very bitter and full of resentment and anger.**

“Joseph quietly remarked, ‘I told you you did not know Emma as well as I did.’ Joseph then put the revelation in his pocket, and they both left the office. (cont.)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“The revelation was read to several of the authorities during the day. Towards evening Bishop Newel K. Whitney asked Joseph if he had any objections to his taking a copy of the revelation; Joseph replied that he had not, and handed it to him. It was carefully copied the following day by Joseph C. Kingsbury. (cont.)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“Two or three days after the revelation was written Joseph related to me and several others that Emma had so teased, and urgently entreated him for the privilege of destroying it, that he became so weary of her teasing, and to get rid of her annoyance, he told her she might destroy it and she had done so, but he had consented to her wish in this matter to pacify her, realizing that he knew the revelation perfectly, and could rewrite it at any time if necessary. (cont.)

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RECORDING SECTION 132

“The copy made by Joseph C. Kingsbury is a true and correct copy of the original in every respect. The copy was carefully preserved by Bishop Whitney, and but few knew of its existence until the temporary location of the Camps of Israel at Winter Quarters, on the Missouri River, in 1846. * * * * * (signed) WM. CLAYTON. ‘Salt Lake City, Feb. 16th, 1874.’”

History of the Church, 5:xxxii-xxxiii

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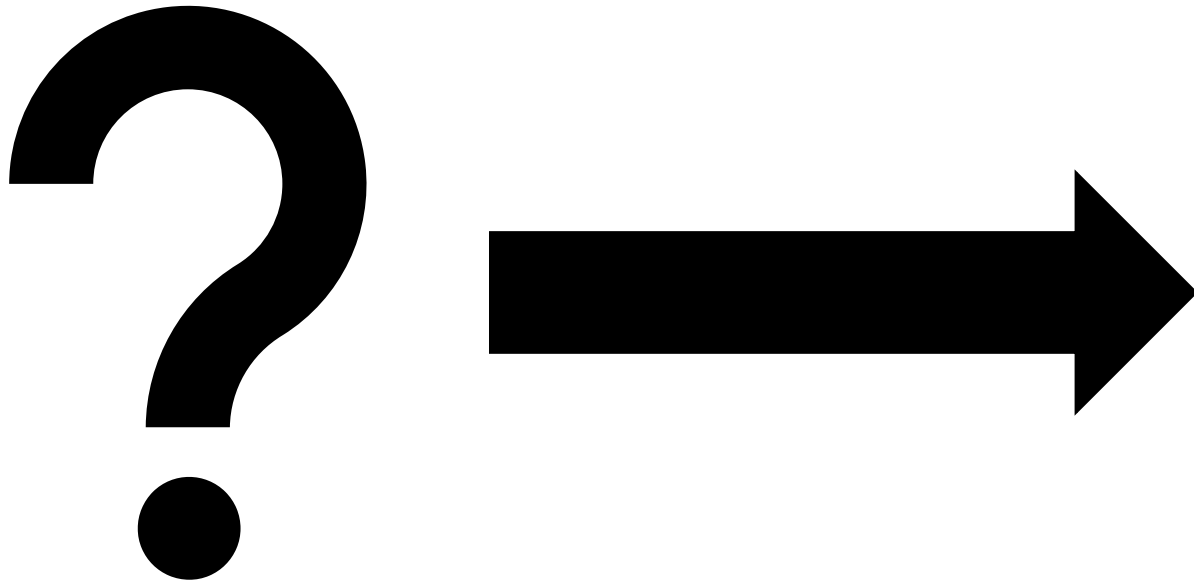


Part 2:

What truths did the Lord teach Joseph before He answered his question on plural marriage?



**What do you have to be able to do before
you can do this?**



What might be a prerequisite principle Joseph would need to know before he could answer his question?



Why were Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as also Moses, David, and Solomon justified in having many wives and concubines? (vs. 1)

What might be a prerequisite principle Joseph would need to know before he could answer his question?

D&C 132: 1-33

The new and
everlasting covenant
of marriage (vs. 4)



D&C 132: 34-66

The principle of plural
marriage

Inaccurately read D&C 132:4

“Some people, including some Church members, inaccurately read Doctrine and Covenants 132:4 to mean that plural marriage is necessary for exaltation, leading them to believe that plural marriage is a prerequisite for exaltation in the eternal realm. This, however, is not supported in the revelations. **As recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 131 and 132, the Lord introduced the law of eternal marriage by expressly referring to the sealing of one man and one woman (See D&C 132: 4-7, 15-25).** By setting forth the law of eternal marriage in the context of a monogamous marriage, the Lord makes plain that the blessings of exaltation, extended to each man and each woman who worthily enters into the covenant of eternal marriage performed by proper priesthood authority, are independent of whether that marriage is plural or monogamous. (Elder Marcus B. Nash, “[The New and Everlasting Covenant](#),” December 2015)

What truths
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D&C 132: 4

D&C 132: 5-6

D&C 132: 7

D&C 132: 8-14

D&C 132: 19-20

D&C 132: 21-25

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D&C 132: 4--I must keep the new and everlasting covenant of marriage to enter into God's glory.

D&C 132: 5-6--To receive a blessing, I must abide by the law appointed for that blessing.

D&C 132: 7--When a covenant is made through proper priesthood authority and is sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise it will last forever.

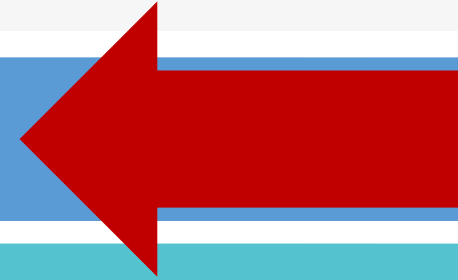
D&C 132: 8-14--God's house is a house of order.

D&C 132: 19-20--If a husband and a wife abide in the new and everlasting covenant of marriage, then . . .

D&C 132: 21-25--Eternal life is to know Jesus Christ and receive His law.

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D&C 132: 4



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D&C 132: 21-25

“The new and everlasting covenant and the Abrahamic covenant are essentially the same—two ways of phrasing the covenant God made with mortal men and women at different times.” (Nelson, “[The Everlasting Covenant](#),” October 2022, *Liahona*)

(The New and Everlasting Covenant)

Refers to the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which includes all ordinances and covenants essential to salvation and exaltation. (See D&C 66:2)

Revealed once again through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

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It spans all eternity.

“All those who have made a covenant with God have access to a special kind of love and mercy. . . our relationship with Him becomes much closer than before our covenant. . . . He will never tire in His efforts to help us, and we will never exhaust His merciful patience with us. Each of us has a special place in God’s heart. He has high hopes for us. (Nelson, “[The Everlasting Covenant](#),” October 2022, *Liahona*)

“In the temple a couple is introduced to all the blessings reserved for the faithful posterity of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” (Nelson, “[The Everlasting Covenant](#),” October 2022, *Liahona*)

A New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage

When He speaks of ‘a’ new and everlasting covenant, He is speaking of one of the many covenants encompassed by His gospel.

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“*Hesed* is a unique term describing a covenant relationship in which both parties are bound to be loyal and faithful to each other. A celestial marriage is such a covenant relationship. A husband and wife make a covenant with God and with each other to be loyal and faithful to each other. (Nelson, “[The Everlasting Covenant](#),” October 2022, *Liahona*)

Principle 1:

I must keep the new and everlasting covenant of marriage to enter into God's glory.

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D&C 132: 4

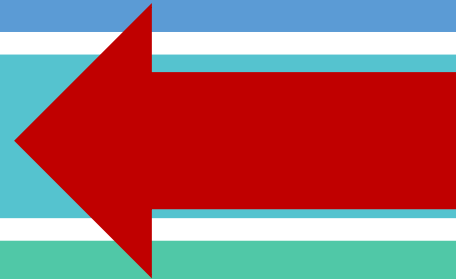
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D&C 132: 19-20

D&C 132: 21-25



George Q. Cannon

“The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph in an early day, some points connected with the doctrine of celestial marriage. He was told that it was to **obey God’s will** that His ancient servants had taken more wives than one; and he probably learned, also, that His servants in those days would be commanded to carry out this principle. The Prophet Joseph, however, took no license from this. **He was content to await the pleasure and command of the Lord, knowing that it was... sinful to enter upon the practice of a principle like this before being commanded to do so.**”

(Cited in *Joseph Smith’s Polygamy: History*, Vol. 1, p. 90-91)



The love of God

“The love of God does not supersede His laws and His commandments, and the effect of God’s laws and commandments does not diminish the purpose and effect of His love.”

(President Oaks, “[Love and Law](#),”
General Conference, October 2009)

Principle 2:

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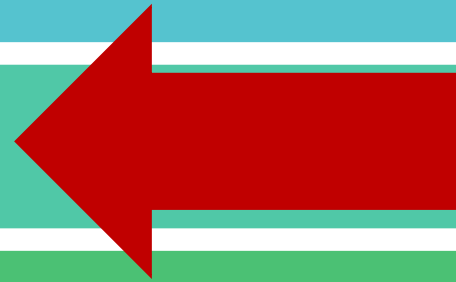
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Covenants

Covenants are
Eternally Binding

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Under the
direction of
priesthood keys

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Sealed by the
Holy Spirit of
Promise

Together throughout the eternities

“The Lord has clearly taught that only men and women who are sealed as husband and wife in the temple, and who keep their covenants, will be together throughout the eternities. He said, ‘All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations, that are not made and entered into and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise. . . have an end when men are dead.

“Thus, if we unwisely choose to live telestial laws now, we are choosing to be resurrected with a telestial body. We are choosing not to live with our families forever.” (“[Think Celestial!](#)” October 2023, General Conference)

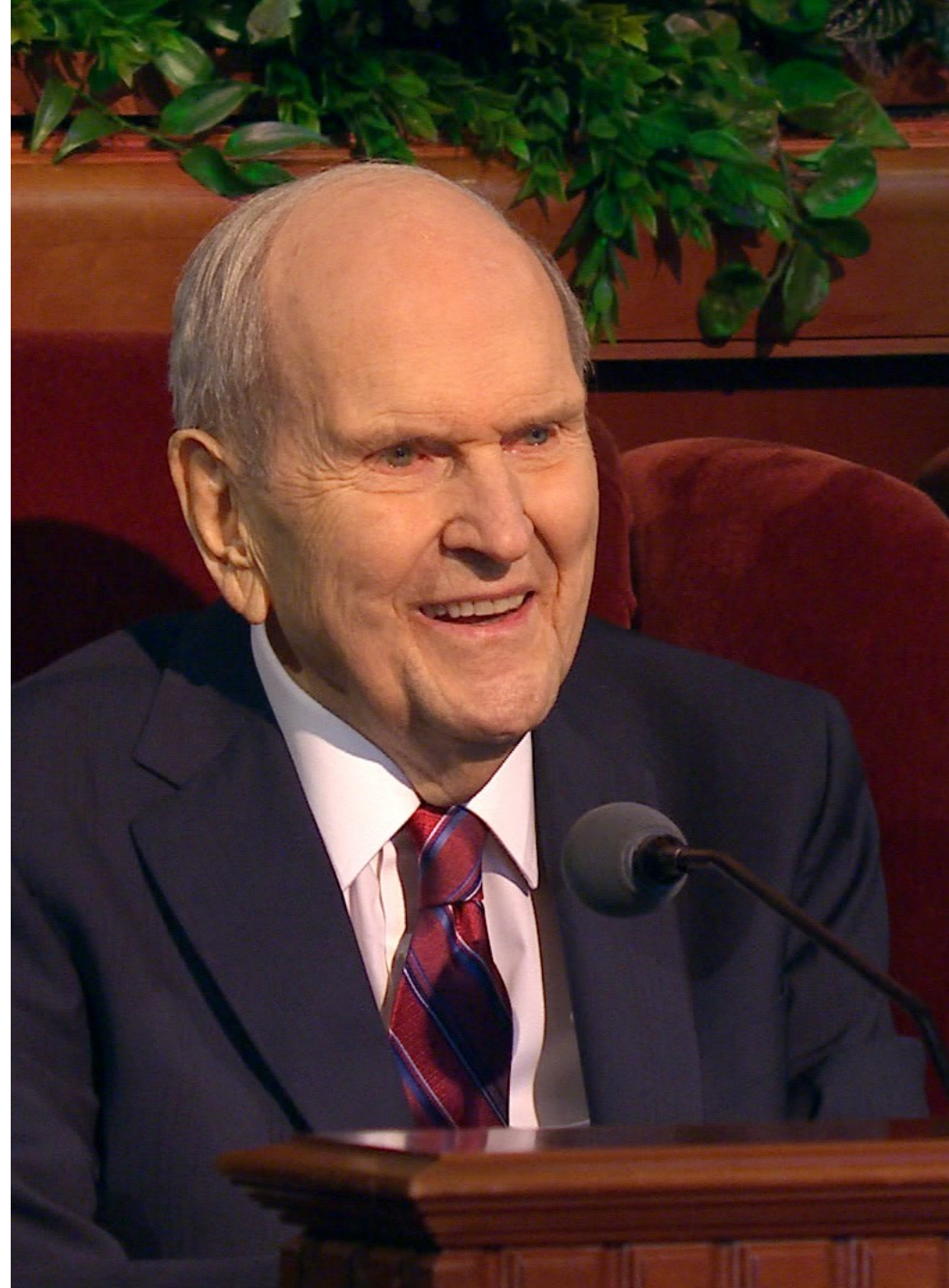


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Example 1 (132: 15-17)						
Example 2 (132: 18)						
Example 3 (132: 19-20)						
Example 4 (132: 26)						

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Example 1 (132: 15-17)	Man and woman	This world	No	No	No	Not of force No marriage Remain separate Not Gods Angels of Gods forever
Example 2 (132: 18)	Man and woman	This world and eternity	No	No	No	Not valid or of force Cannot pass angels Cannot inherit my glory
Example 3 (132: 19-20)	Man and woman	This world and eternity	Yes	Yes	Yes	First Resurrection Full force Exaltation Continuation of seed Be Gods
Example 4 (132: 26)	Man and woman	This world and eternity	Yes	Yes	Yes	First Resurrection Exaltation *Repentance is implied

Principle 3:

When a covenant is made through proper priesthood authority and is sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise it will last forever.

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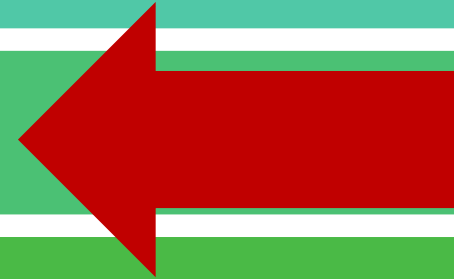
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Principle 4:

God's house is a house of order.

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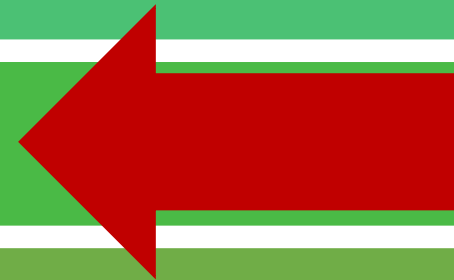
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Principle 5:

If a husband and a wife abide in the new and everlasting covenant of marriage, then . . .

...they will inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, powers, and dominions

...their marriage will be of full force when they are out of the world

...they will receive exaltation and glory in all things

...they will be gods

...their family and their posterity can continue throughout eternity

Repentance is implied

“Verse 26, in section 132, is **the most abused passage** in any scripture. The Lord has never promised any soul that he may be taken into exaltation without the spirit of repentance. While repentance is not stated in this passage, yet it is, and must be, implied.

“...So we must conclude that those spoken of in verse 26 are those who, having sinned, have fully repented and are willing to pay the price of their sinning, else the blessings of exaltation will not follow. Repentance is absolutely necessary for the forgiveness, and the person having sinned must be cleansed.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, Volume 2, p. 95-96)

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Dreadful Penalty for Certain Sins

“Here is something which those who contend that the Lord has granted immunity from their sins to some, if they have **received certain sealings by the Holy Spirit of promise**, have overlooked in this passage. I call attention to these two things. If covenants are broken and enormous sins are committed, but not unto death, there are certain punishments to be inflicted. The mere confession is not enough; the sinners are: 1—to ‘be destroyed in the flesh’; and 2—to ‘be delivered unto the buffetings of Satan unto the day of redemption.

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“Who in the world is so foolish as to wish to sin with the hope of forgiveness, if such a penalty is to be inflicted? No one but a fool! To be ‘destroyed in the flesh’ means exactly that. We cannot destroy men in the flesh, because we do not control the lives of men and do not have power to pass sentences upon them which involve capital punishment. In the days when there was a theocracy on the earth, then this decree was enforced. What the Lord will do in lieu of this, because we cannot destroy in the flesh, I am unable to say, but it will have to be made up in some other way.

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“Then to be turned over to the buffetings of Satan unto the day of redemption, which is the resurrection, must be something horrible in its nature. Who wishes to endure such torment? No one but a fool! **I have seen their anguish. I have heard their pleadings for relief and their pitful cries that they cannot endure the torment. This was in this life. Add to that, the torment in the spirit world before the redemption comes—all of this, mark you, coming after severe and humble repentance.**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of

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What does it mean for those who will be in the celestial resurrection to come forth in the next resurrection?

“It cannot refer to the second resurrection, but it could be referring to individuals coming forth **at a later time in the first resurrection**. The resurrection of Christ and of those who came forth with him in the meridian of time would be classified in this verse as those coming forth in the first resurrection. All others who are subsequently resurrected into the celestial kingdom would be classified as coming forth in the next resurrection. Another possibility could be that those who live on the earth during the millennial reign, when a person will die and be resurrected in a twinkling of an eye, are part of the first resurrection.” (see D&C 63: 49-51; 101: 25-31).” (Robinson and Garrett, *A Commentary on the Doctrine and Covenants*, Volume 4, p. 250)

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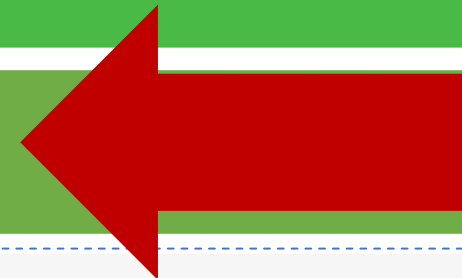
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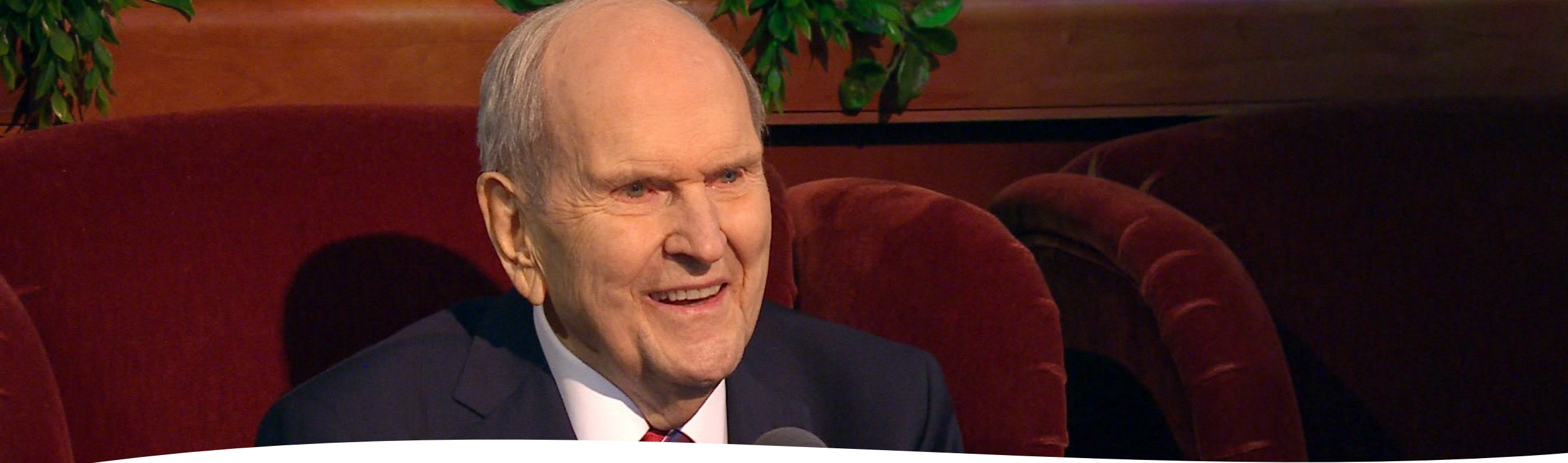
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Jesus Christ first

“Put Jesus Christ first because your eternal life is dependent upon your faith in Him and His Atonement.” (“[Think Celestial!](#)” October 2023, General Conference)

Principle 6:

Eternal life is to know Jesus Christ and receive His law.