

In the Temple We Gain an Education for Eternity



Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Quorum of the Twelve taught: *"The temple is a place of instruction. Here the principles of the gospel are reviewed and profound truths of the kingdom of God are unfolded. If we enter the temple in the right spirit and are attentive, we go out enriched in gospel knowledge and wisdom"*

("Looking toward the Temple," Ensign, Jan. 1972, 56-57).

Elder Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve said: *"The temple is a great school. It is a house of learning. In the temples the atmosphere is maintained so that it is ideal for instruction in matters that are deeply spiritual...."*

"The temple ceremony will not be fully understood at first experience. It will only be partly understood. Return again and again and again. Return to learn. Things that have troubled you or things that have been puzzling or things that have been mysterious will become known to you. Many of them will be the quiet, personal things that you really cannot explain to anyone else. But to you they are things known...."



"So look toward the temple. Point your children toward the temple. From the days of their infancy, direct their attention to it, and begin their preparation for the day when they may enter the holy temple. In the meantime, be teachable yourself, be reverent. Drink deeply from the teachings-the symbolic, deeply spiritual teachings-available only in the temple"
(The Holy Temple [pamphlet, 1982], 6-8).

President Ezra Taft Benson asked: *"Do we return to the temple often to receive the personal blessings that come from regular temple worship? Prayers are answered, revelation occurs, and instruction by the Spirit takes place in the holy temples of the Lord"*

(in Conference Report, Apr. 1988, 98; or Ensign, May 1988, 85).

