

*Principles
With
Promise*



**The Doctrine and Covenants
of
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of Latter-day Saints**

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Author's Note

The *Principles with Promise* series catalogs gospel principles found in scriptures with some measure of order. Unlike many undertakings in my life, this adventure did not start with an end in mind. What began as the answer to a simple question, “*What are the commandments that I might keep them?*” matured into this lifelong labor of love and has extended to the study of other religions.

During this journey I have often felt a personal guidance regarding its development. Everything from its contents to layout to cross referencing and key word selection has been guided by the quiet assurance to go in that direction. I have also felt what I believe to have been the loving intimations of those who originally scribed these words, encouraging me to press on during endless hours of quiet retreat in my studies and as this manuscript went through its rigorous development. It is their words, not mine that make *Principles with Promise* another beacon, a promise that God loves us and governs our lives according to laws *irrevocably decreed before the foundation of the world*. D&C 130:20

Collectively, these principles seem to have a natural organization or order, and though each principle is independently declared at times, they are all interrelated in some way. I have often described that order as being analogous to a rainbow with its many colors blending one into another – only this rainbow begins with a white light emanating outward from the center to the magnificent colors representing the principles that govern our world and our relationships with God, our fellowman, ourselves, our governments, the building of God’s kingdom, and the priesthood.


While *Principles with Promise* has captured thousands of principles cataloged under more than nineteen hundred key words, the work is not finished when this book is published – rather, it is like the rainbow with its endless array of colors and whose end you can never quite see. The Lord willing, I will continue working on its next edition, a multi-hued version filled with all of the feedback received from you, the reader, on how to make it better, more complete, more correct.

This volume in the series includes principles found in *The Doctrine and Covenants, Joseph Smith – History* (catalogued as part of the *Pearl of Great Price*) and the *Articles of Faith* (also part of the *Pearl of Great Price*). The three publications used as the source of principles for this volume have in common the voice of a modern day prophet and modern day revelation from God to man.

So here it is, another publication in the series, a new kind of concordance to help you navigate your own sweet journey through the scriptures to understand the principles that govern life – God given principles that are unchanging, universal and eternal. It is my own personal experience that each opportunity taken to review, study or search these principles is another step towards learning, and more especially knowing for yourself *what portion of them belongs to you*. TPJS.

May god bless you with rich experience and testimony.

Sincerely, Vinny DiGirolamo



*All scripture is given by
inspiration of God,
and is profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for correction,
for instruction in righteousness:
That the man of God may be
perfect, thoroughly furnished
unto all good works.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Introduction

What is Principles with Promise?

Principles with Promise is a new kind of scriptural concordance – a principle based topical guide. It is a compilation of action-based principles and their associated promises found in all five scriptural volumes (commonly referred to as the standard works) used by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Principles of all kinds have been extracted and catalogued from the laws, ordinances, commandments, and doctrines regarding our personal journey here on the earth and also the life to come.

Principles with Promise is something quite different from most concordances, but familiar at the same time. *Principles with Promise* primarily catalogs principles of action – the things we should do or should not do – all according to the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by His disciples, the prophets of God, and God himself.

What are principles and how were they selected?

Principles are unchanging, universal, God given laws that govern human behavior and growth, both spiritual and temporal. They are fundamental truths that characterize our relationships with God and our fellowman, the world we live in, and the heavens above. They consist of everything from the physical laws of nature to all of the laws, ordinances, commandments, and guidance intended by God for the welfare, happiness, perfection, and salvation of the human spirit.

Principles exist as simple statements of truth or as self-evident statements of fact. They are found as directives like commandments that require action or as guidelines that follow the *cause and effect* construct, the *if-then* principle, or simply, the *principle with promise*. Many of the principles catalogued in *Principles with Promise* include these *if-then* principles. *If* you do something (the principle), *then* you will realize some benefit or consequence for your action (the promise).

Principles with Promise personifies this eternal, yet restored principle; “*There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated – and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.*” D&C 130:20.

We are guided by the scriptures and counseled by our leaders and teachers to live gospel principles more fully. This is often said in summary about the topic being presented or declared as more general, overarching guidance. However, at times we may have wondered which principles they are referring to, and of course, what are they that we might live them more fully?

With this in mind, Dr. Steven R. Covey has said, “*When we value correct principles, we have truth - a knowledge of things as they are.*” Therefore, I am certain that I am not alone in listing these principles to know them better – seeking a knowledge of things as they truly are.

Each principle was extracted from the scriptures with the greatest of care – one verse at a time, and cataloged under one or more key words using the conventions found in typical scriptural concordances or topical guides. If a particular verse appeared to be an action statement, a statement that described something we should be doing, it was catalogued under the primary topic it addressed.

For example, if an action statement was referring to *faith*, it was filed under a collection of verses that also spoke to some aspect of *faith* – what it is, how to obtain it, exercise it, experiment with it, grow it, etc. Later, having accumulated more than four thousand principles under nineteen hundred key words, similar principles and references were grouped together as seemed appropriate. Very rarely did a single verse address only one topic area or one action, and therefore, more often than not, principles are catalogued and cross referenced under several of the key topic areas they address (nouns) as well as the associated actions required (verbs). Promises are then found as part of the verse or more often in the supporting references listed.

Principles cataloged in this publication include the statements of action along with their associated promises, while others are simple facts about a topic. Some principles are explained in lengthy dissertations about different aspects of that topic, and that same dissertation may also include several related principles as well. Other principles are represented as commandments, simple declarations of truth, or are worded as corollary statements of the actual principle – statements of what not to do rather than statements of what to do.

Often times, the scriptures describe the principles that are being practiced by the people of that day and they are presented here as examples of the principle in action. Some principles are presented in the form of a question – prompting introspection, or they are found in a story, parable or in songs; all designed to teach us these precious truths. Other principles are more hidden and harder to find, scattered throughout the scriptures, and must be pieced together to make sense and sometimes are the treasures we find for ourselves. Lastly, several principles are fragmented beyond recognition and leave room for debate – which in my mind beckons the need for clarification by God’s servants, the prophets – even latter-day prophets.

How do I use Principles with Promise?

These principles are not new. They have been set forth throughout the dispensations of time by God and His servants, all for our benefit if we but choose to follow them. Some of the best talks I have heard have addressed specific principles and are accompanied by that noticeable Spirit of testimony. To me, these kind of talks, lessons or discussions about principles are further witnesses that these principles are indeed true and worthy of our consideration.

Principles with Promise can be used in several different ways. We often seek out specific principles when we are asked to prepare a talk on a particular subject or give a lesson in church. We use our familiar resources, such as the Latter-day Saint Topical Guide and Bible Dictionary, and scores of good references to search for the scriptures that support our topic, and we locate the desired scriptures via an index of key words. There are also very capable computer programs that do the same thing, find the scriptures related to the topic – then the rest is up to us, to develop the message we are inspired to deliver.

This book can also be used like any other topical guide or concordance in this manner. If you want to research a particular topic, you similarly enter *Principles with Promise* under that topical word, like *charity*, *grace*, or *hope*, and identify the principle or set of principles you wish to understand or include in your research, whether it be for personal edification or in preparation for a talk on Sunday or other teaching assignment.

At one baptism I was asked to speak on the gift of the *Holy Ghost*, so I listed out all sixty plus principles on that topic and determined which three or four principles I would present that day. This simplified my research by having the principles sorted out for me already, and the rest was relatively easy as the topic focused on those principles as the message was delivered.

During a missionary discussion with my friends, I once listed all forty plus principles on the subject of *Teach, Teacher, Teaching* to illustrate the '*much, much, more*' available through the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. I stripped away the scriptural reference information so you could not tell what volume or chapter of scripture the principles came from. I made a short quiz out of the list and asked which principles they agreed with or recognized from the Bible.

Surprisingly, my investigator friends agreed with most or all of them, considering them as being Biblical in nature regardless of where they came from (nine of the forty principles were from the Old and New Testaments). I have also given the same test to our local missionaries and found that even the most seasoned missionary was challenged as to which volume they belonged to. Be creative and have some fun with friends and family to better learn the principles themselves.

The most important way to use *Principles with Promise*, or the way in which I have benefited the most in my studies, is by listing the principles on a particular topic beforehand and having them collectively in front of me at one time, I am better able to ponder that subject area in a more focused manner. As I review and ponder each principle, then move from one cross-referenced subject to another, a new level of understanding evolves as ideas and thoughts come to light that may not have been previously known – even new meanings.

This method of studying gospel principles is where I have found that the promises of searching, pondering and praying yields its sweetest fruit. And, I have often said to my friends, that when this book is published, I will finally have the time to study it in this manner of prayerful consideration. Much of this research cataloging is already done and the opportunity to focus on your selected topic area is here. And as a friend of mine once said, "*Some of us may think we know what the principles means, but isn't it more important to know what the Lord means about the principle?*"

Principles with Promise gathers them together in one place and provides an easier way to research, learn and understand these eternal truths. It is like peeling back the layers of an onion; as we sincerely seek to know things as they truly are, we will find new understandings and truths according to the laws that govern our lives, even eternal life.

Finally, if you desire to get the most benefit using *Principles with Promise*, as well as with the scriptures themselves, an ancient prophet once counseled: "*And now, if ye believe all of these things, see that ye do them.*" Mosiah 4:10.

That's where the adventure really begins...

Foreword

Navigating Principles with Promise

Principles with Promise serves as a ready reference book to assist you in your study of the principles, prepare talks and lessons, and contribute to your knowledge and testimony of the gospel. Principles are grouped alphabetically by *key words* found in each principle. While most principles are action oriented, there are many principles included in these lists that are statements of fact or simply stated eternal truths. There are several illustrations following this discussion to help you navigate this book.

- The sample page illustrates how the principles and the supporting reference verses are arranged. The *Principles with Promise* pages include the principles found in the scriptures along with the supporting reference verses and Latter-day Saint hymns for each principle listed.
- Following the sample page is an example of a principle layout with an illustration of the types of supporting references that are associated with each principle. Supporting references include the principle itself, dissertations on that topic, examples of the principle in action and other related material on the topic.

Principles with Promise also includes material the author felt might be of interest to you. Following this Foreword is a description of what it means to *liken the scriptures* – how you apply them to yourself, and includes suggestions on how to achieve this. Finally, as with most concordances, a Topical Index is provided at the end to help you more quickly locate principles by a key word search and page numbers. Principles are all interrelated in some way – remember the analogous rainbow described in the preceding Author’s Note.

The selection of key words for each principle was based on the topic that the principle and its references primarily addressed. You may find a principle listed under several key words because of the rich associations with multiple topics, but to save space, the principle’s supporting references are only listed under one of the more dominant key words. In cases where the principle contains several key topics, you will find them repeated under the other key words listed in the parenthesis that follow the principle. For example, a principle found under the topic of *Faith* may be followed by (*see also* Hope, Charity) indicating this principle is also found under the topics of *Hope* and *Charity*.

Key words themselves are related to other key words. For example, the key word *Charity* is also related topically to other words like *Alms*, *Benevolence*, *Compassion*, *Generosity*, *Love*, *Mercy*, and *Welfare*. If the key word is followed instead by (*see* Hope, Charity) and there are no principles following that key word, it is simply redirecting you, suggesting other similar or related key words that may have principles and references listed under them.

Cataloging principles under multiple key words was one of the greatest challenges for this compilation and you are encouraged to search the related topic areas to get a more complete picture for better understanding. Having cataloged the principles under multiple topics gives you the option to pursue their information in multiple ways – both with key word topics and additional principle related topics.

Principles have been extracted directly from the scriptures in their many forms. In some cases the promises are mentioned as part of the principle itself. In other cases, the promises will be found in the supporting references. The abbreviated, concordance styled supporting references are meant to serve only as a pointer, indicating where you will find the more complete text, and you are encouraged to refer to those scriptures to learn more about the meaning and setting of the selected verses.

Another convention to save space and avoid repetition without losing meaning is to abbreviate key words and italicize them within the supporting references. For example, the supporting references to principles under the topic of *Faith, Faithful, Faithfulness* will have these words abbreviated and italicized as *f.* in all of the supporting references.

If there is a series of words that are repeated often in the references, they will be similarly abbreviated. For example, under the key word *Commandments*, the phrase *keep my commandments* is abbreviated as *k.m.c.* because the number of times the phrase is repeated in the references.

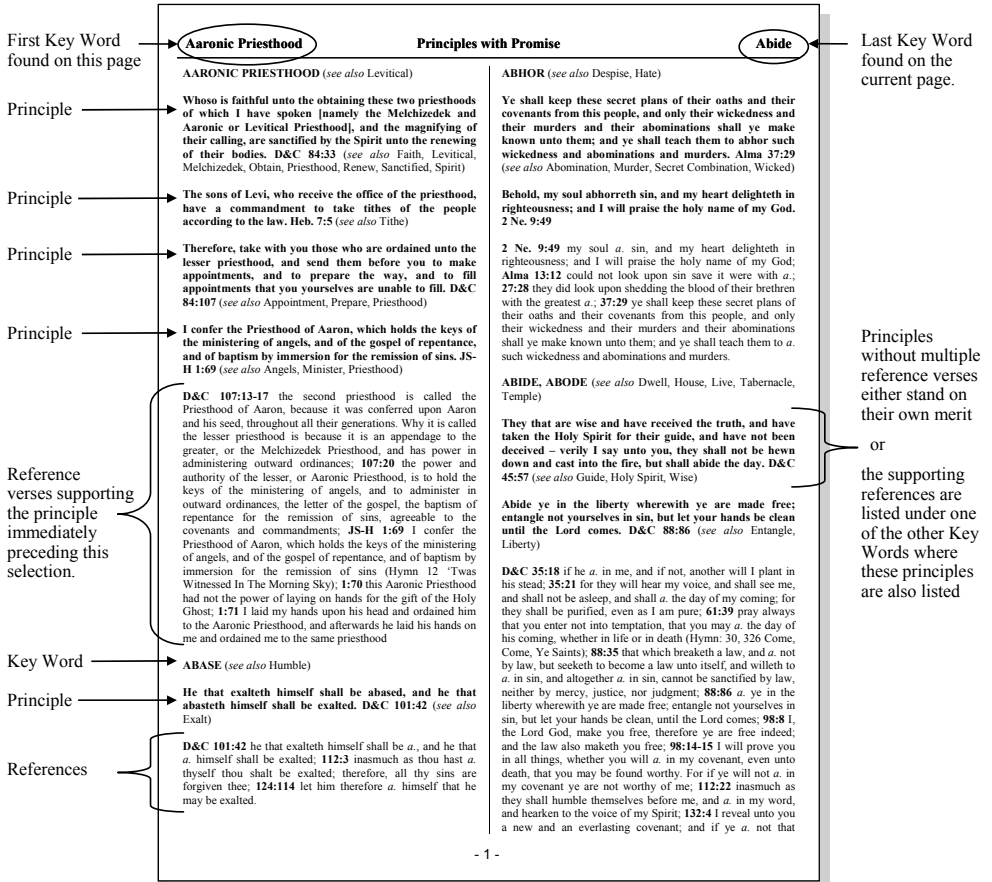
Finally, blank pages are provided at the end of the book so that you might add other principles and references you will discover in your own personal study of the scriptures, during General, Stake and Ward Conferences, and from other good books and publications that you feel are worth remembering.

Feedback

The author assumes all editorial responsibilities and apologizes beforehand for any errors in spelling, text, formatting or scripture references – they are there. Most publishers would not have taken on this project due to the enormous amount of editorial resources needed to insure its accuracy. Therefore, you are further encouraged to provide feedback regarding recommended corrections and changes for future editions. To do this, feel free to send your comments to Celestine Publishing, LLC at 9660 Falls of Neuse Rd, STE 138, #146, Raleigh, NC 27615 or by logging on to www.celestinepublishing.com.

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Sample Page



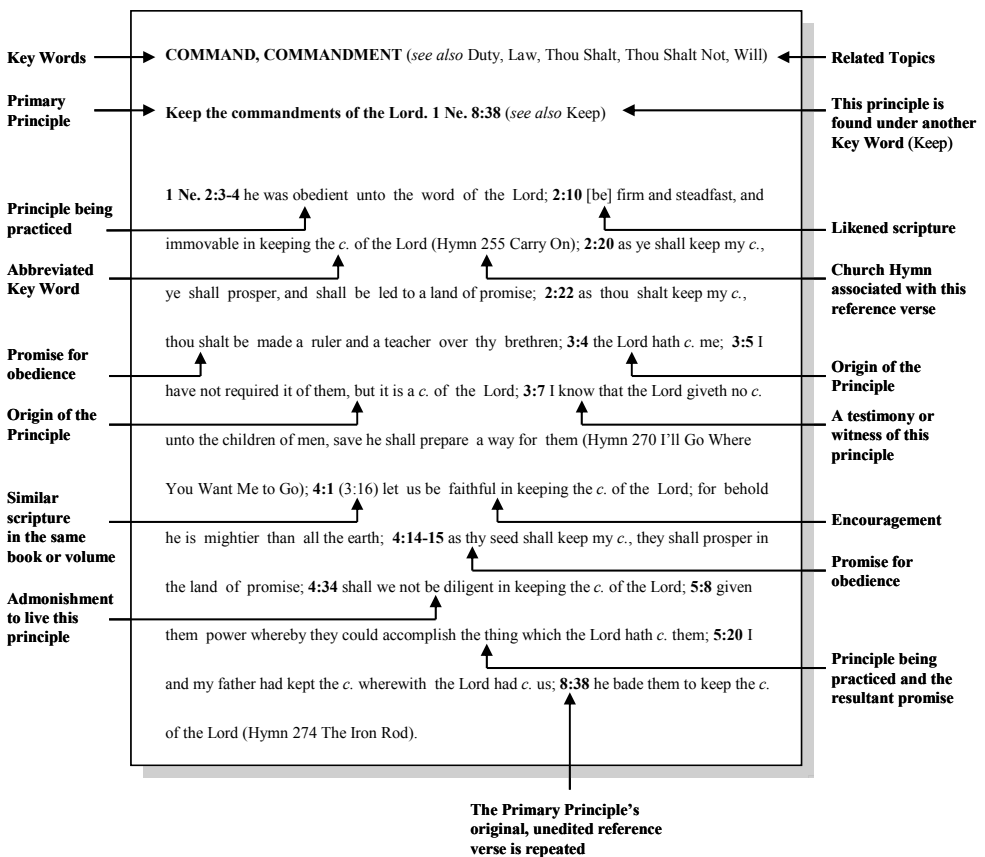
Note: Key words are listed in alphabetical order and grouped according to different spellings or variations of the word.

The following diagram represents a typical principle layout using concordance conventions, and the types of information that support the selected or primary principle. The primary principle illustrated below is “*Keep the commandments of the Lord*” was extracted from 1 Ne. 8:38. It is used as an example to illustrate what type of information you may find related to the principle as listed in its supporting references. The supporting references will include a reiteration of the principle and examples of the principle being practiced, some amplifying facts or dissertation about the principle, testimonies or witnesses of the principle, admonitions and encouragements to live the principle, hymns related to the principle, and the promises or consequences for obedience or disobedience to the principle.

Even though a principle may be listed under several different key words, the supporting references generally appear only once under the most appropriate key word, or the first time the principle is listed alphabetically (mostly to limit the size of this concordance). If there are no related reference verses, a particular principle may simply stand on its own merit, or the references are listed with that principle under another key word.

The following diagram is an example of a principle found in the Book of Mormon that will help you understand the types of references supporting the primary scripture to “*Keep the commandments of the Lord.*” This example however, does not include all of the possible supporting references related to this particular principle; they number in the hundreds.

Sample Principle



Abbreviations

The following standard scriptural abbreviation conventions apply.


**THE DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

**CONTAINING REVELATIONS GIVEN TO JOSEPH SMITH, THE PROPHET
WITH SOME ADDITIONS BY HIS SUCCESSORS IN THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE CHURCH**

Doctrine and Covenants	D&C
Official Declaration 1	OD1
Official Declaration 2	OD2


Other Principles included in this publication

Articles of Faith	A of F	Found in the Pearl of Great Price
Joseph Smith - History	JS-H	Found in the Pearl of Great Price



*“There is a law irrevocably
decreed in heaven before the
foundations of this world,
upon which all blessings are
predicated, and when we obtain
any blessing from God, it is by
obedience to that law upon
which it is predicated.”*

D&C 130:20



AARONIC PRIESTHOOD (*see also* Levitical, Priesthood)

Whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two priesthoods of which I have spoken [namely the Melchizedek and Aaronic or Levitical Priesthood], and the magnifying of their calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies. D&C 84:33 (*see also* Faith, Levitical, Melchizedek, Obtain, Priesthood, Renew, Sanctified, Spirit)

Therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser priesthood, and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that you yourselves are unable to fill. D&C 84:107 (*see also* Appointment, Prepare, Priesthood)

I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. JS-H 1:69 (*see also* Angels, Minister, Priesthood)

D&C 107:13-17 the second priesthood is called the Priesthood of Aaron, because it was conferred upon Aaron and his seed, throughout all their generations. Why it is called the lesser priesthood is because it is an appendage to the greater, or the Melchizedek Priesthood, and has power in administering outward ordinances; **107:20** the power and authority of the lesser, or *A.P.*, is to hold the keys of the ministering of angels, and to administer in outward ordinances, the letter of the gospel, the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, agreeable to the covenants and commandments; **JS-H 1:69** I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins (Hymn 12 ‘Twas Witnessed In The Morning Sky); **1:70** this *A.P.* had not the power of laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost; **1:71** I laid my hands upon his head and ordained him to the *A.P.*, and afterwards he laid his hands on me and ordained me to the same priesthood.

ABASE (*see also* Humble)

He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that abasteth himself shall be exalted. D&C 101:42 (*see also* Exalt)

D&C 101:42 he that exalteth himself shall be *a.*, and he that *a.* himself shall be exalted; **112:3** inasmuch as thou hast *a.* thyself thou shalt be exalted; therefore, all thy sins are forgiven thee; **124:114** let him therefore *a.* himself that he may be exalted.

ABIDE, ABODE (*see also* Dwell, House, Live, Tabernacle, Temple)

They that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived – verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day. D&C 45:57 (*see also* Guide, Holy Spirit, Wise)

Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean until the Lord comes. D&C 88:86 (*see also* Entangle, Liberty)

D&C 35:18 if he *a.* in me, and if not, another will I plant in his stead; **35:21** for they will hear my voice, and shall see me, and shall not be asleep, and shall *a.* the day of my coming; for they shall be purified, even as I am pure; **61:39** pray always that you enter not into temptation, that you may *a.* the day of his coming, whether in life or in death (Hymn: 30, 326 Come, Come, Ye Saints); **88:35** that which breaketh a law, and *a.* not by law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willet to *a.* in sin, and altogether *a.* in sin, cannot be sanctified by law, neither by mercy, justice, nor judgment; **88:86** *a.* ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes; **98:8** I, the Lord God, make you free, therefore ye are free indeed; and the law also maketh you free; **98:14-15** I will prove you in all things, whether you will *a.* in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy. For if ye will not *a.* in my covenant ye are not worthy of me; **112:22** inasmuch as they shall humble themselves before me, and *a.* in my word, and hearken to the voice of my Spirit; **132:4** I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye *a.* not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to enter into my glory; **132:5-6** all who will have a blessing at my hands shall *a.* the law which was appointed for that blessing, and the conditions thereof, as were instituted from before the foundation of the world... he that receiveth a fullness thereof must and shall *a.* the law; **132:17** these angels did not *a.* my law; therefore, they

cannot be enlarged, but remain separately and singly, without exaltation, in their saved condition, to all eternity; **132:21** I say unto you, except ye *a.* my law ye cannot attain to this glory; **132:25** broad is the gate, and wide the way that leadeth to the deaths; and many there are that go in thereat, because they receive me not, neither do they *a.* in my law; **132: 37** Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and he *a.* in my law; **132:64** [Once you learn the law you must *a.* or be destroyed]; **134:2** we believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.

ABOMINABLE, ABOMINATION (*see also* Defile, Wicked)

And verily I say unto you, the rest of my servants, go ye forth as your circumstances shall permit, in your several callings, unto the great and notable cities and villages, reproving the world in righteousness of all their unrighteous and ungodly deeds, setting forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days. **D&C 84:117** (*see also* Clear, Deeds, Reprove)

ABOUND (*see also* Abundant, Bless, Prosper)

It is the duty of the Twelve, also, to ordain and set in order all the other officers of the church. **D&C 107:58** (*see also* Apostle, Business, Fruit, Order)

ABRAHAM

Go ye therefore, and do the works of Abraham. **D&C 132:32** (*see also* Do, Work)

ABSTAIN, ABSTINENCE (*see also* Word of Wisdom)

And whoso forbiddeth to abstain from meats, that man should not eat the same, is not ordained of God; For, behold, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance. **D&C 49:18-19** (*see also* Forbid, Ordained)

ABUNDANCE, ABUNDANT (*see also* Fulness)

For, behold, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance. **D&C 49:19** (*see also* Ordained)

There is even now already in store sufficient, yea, even an abundance, to redeem Zion, and establish her waste places, no more to be thrown down, were the churches, who call themselves after my name, willing to hearken to my voice. **D&C 101:75** (*see also* Establish, Redeem, Zion)

Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment. **D&C 104:18** (*see also* Impart, Poor, Wicked)

ACCOUNT, ACCOUNTABLE, ACCOUNTABILITY (*see also* Record, Steward)

When he shall prove himself faithful in all things that shall be entrusted unto his care, yea, even a few things, he shall be made ruler over many; let him therefore abase himself that he may be exalted. **D&C 124:113** (*see also* Faith)

We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; and that he holds men accountable for their acts in relation to them, both in making laws and administering them, for the good and safety of society. **D&C 134:1** (*see also* Government)

For all men must repent and be baptized, and not only men, but women, and children who have arrived at the years of accountability. **D&C 18:42** (*see also* Baptized, Women)

Abraham was commanded to offer his son Isaac; nevertheless, it was written: Thou shalt not kill. Abraham, however, did not refuse, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness. **D&C 132:36** (*see also* Kill, Righteousness, Thou Shalt Not)

It is wisdom in me; therefore a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall organize yourselves and appoint every man his stewardship; that every man may give an account unto me of the stewardship which is appointed unto him. D&C 104:11-12 (*see also* Steward)

D&C 42:32 every man shall be made *a.* unto me, a steward over his own property, or that which he has received by consecration, as much as is sufficient for himself and family; **42:53** thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship; **42:70** the priests and teachers shall have their stewardship, even as the members; **42:72** they are to receive a just remuneration for all their services, either a steward or otherwise, as may be thought best or decided by the counselors and bishop; **69:5** my servants who are abroad in the earth should send forth the *a.* of their stewardship to the land of Zion; **70:4** an *a.* of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment; **70:9-12** this is what the Lord requires of every man in his stewardship, even as I, the Lord, have appointed or shall hereafter appoint unto any man; **72:3-4** he who is faithful and wise in time is *a.* worthy to inherit the mansions prepared for him of my Father. And verily in this thing ye have done wisely, for it is required of the Lord, at the hand of every steward, to render an *a.* of his stewardship, both in time and in eternity; **72:5** the elders of the church in this part of my vineyard shall render an *a.* of their stewardship unto the bishop, who shall be appointed of me in this part of my vineyard; **72:16** every elder in this part of the vineyard must give an *a.* of his stewardship unto the bishop in this part of the vineyard; **72:19** let every elder who shall give an *a.* unto the bishop of the church in this part of the vineyard be recommended by the church or churches, in which he labors, that he may render himself and his *a.* approved in all things; **72:22** that they also may render themselves approved in all things, and be *a.* as wise steward; **104:11** a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall organize yourselves and appoint every man his stewardship; **104:12-13** every man may give an *a.* unto me of the stewardship which is appointed unto him. For it is expedient that I, the Lord, should make every man *a.*, as a steward over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures; **104:63** make use of the stewardship which I have appointed unto you; **124:14** let him remember that his stewardship will I require at his hands.

ACCUSATION, ACCUSE (*see also* Charge, Judge)

After the evidences are heard, the councilors, accuser and accused have spoken, the president shall give a decision according to the understanding which he shall have of the case, and call upon the twelve councilors to sanction the same by their vote. **D&C 102:19** (*see also* Judge, Vote)

ACT (*see also* Agency, Free Agency)

According to the laws and constitution of the people, which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles; That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity, according to the moral agency which I have given unto him, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment. D&C 101:77-78 (*see also* Constitution, Free Agency, Principles)

ADMINISTER, ADMINISTRATION (*see also* Ordinance, Serve)

This greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God. Therefore, in the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. D&C 84:19-20 (*see also* Gospel, Know, Melchizedek Priesthood, Mysteries, Ordinance)

The Melchizedek Priesthood holds the right of presidency, and has power and authority over all the offices in the church in all ages of the world, to administer in spiritual things. D&C 107:8

(*see also* Authority, Melchizedek Priesthood, Presidency)

These are three grand keys whereby you may know whether any administration is from God. D&C 129:9 (*see also* Keys)

Ye must visit the poor and the needy and administer to their relief, that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my law which ye have received. D&C 44:6 (*see also* Needy, Relief, Visit)

D&C 38:35 they shall look to the poor and the needy, and *a.* to their relief that they shall not suffer; and send them forth to the place which I

shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught. For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will - yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man. **D&C 76:5-10** (*see also* Mysteries, Serve, Spirit, Will)

ENOCH, CITY OF ENOCH (*see also* Millennium, New Jerusalem, Second Coming, Zion)

Wherefore, hearken ye together and let me show unto you even my wisdom - the wisdom of him whom ye say is the God of Enoch, and his brethren, Who were separated from the earth, and were received unto myself - a city reserved until a day of righteousness shall come - a day which was sought for by all holy men, and they found it not because of wickedness and abominations. **D&C 45:12** (*see also* Millennium, Reserved, Second Coming)

ENSIGN (*see also* Example, Standard)

Lift up an ensign of peace, and make a proclamation of peace unto the ends of the earth; And make proposals for peace unto those who have smitten you, according to the voice of the Spirit which is in you, and all things shall work together for your good. **D&C 105:39** (*see also* Peace, Proclaim)

D&C 98:16 renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers to the children; **98:34-35** if any nation, tongue, or people should proclaim war against them, they should first lift a standard of peace unto that people, nation, or tongue; And if that people did not accept the offering of peace, neither the second nor the third time, they should bring these testimonies before the Lord; **105:38-40** sue for peace, not only to the people that have smitten you, but also to all people; And lift up an *e.* of peace, and make a proclamation of peace unto the ends of the earth; And make proposals for peace unto those who have smitten you, according to the voice of the Spirit which is in you, and all things shall work together for your good.

ENTANGLE (*see also* Ensnare)

Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes. **D&C 88:86** (*see also* Liberty, Vain, Vanity)

ENTER, ENTRANCE (*see also* Baptism, Gate, Way)

Whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life. **D&C 51:19** (*see also* Faithful, Just, Steward, Wise)

Wherefore, enter ye in at the gate, as I have commanded, and seek not to counsel your God. Amen. **D&C 22:4** (*see also* Counsel, Gate)

In the celestial glory there are three heavens or degrees; And in order to obtain the highest, a man must enter into this order of the priesthood [meaning the new and everlasting covenant of marriage]. **D&C 131:1-2** (*see also* Celestial, Marriage)

ENTICE (*see also* Tempt)

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. **Prov. 1:10** (*see also* Consent)

EQUAL, EQUALITY, EQUITY (*see also* Consecrate, Judge, Justice, One, Righteous, United)

And the councilors appointed to speak before the council are to present the case, after the evidence is examined, in its true light before the council; and every man is to speak according to equity and justice. **D&C 102:16** (*see also* Examine, Justice)

You are to be equal, or in other words, you are to have equal claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just. **D&C 82:17** (*see also* Stewardship)

D&C 51:3 appoint unto this people their portions, every man *e.* according to his family, according to his circumstances and his wants and needs; **70:14** in your temporal things you shall be *e.*, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld; **78:5-6** that you may be *e.* in the bonds of heavenly things, yea, and earthly

things also, for the obtaining of heavenly things. For if ye are not *e.* in earthly things ye cannot be *e.* in obtaining heavenly things; **82:17-18** you are to be *e.*, or in other words, you are to have *e.* claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just - And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church; **134:2** we believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life. **136:8** let each company bear an *e.* proportion, according to the dividend of their property, in taking the poor, the widows, the fatherless, and the families of those who have gone into the army.

ERR, ERROR (*see also* False, Sin, Transgress)

Bring many to the knowledge of the truth, yea, convince them of the error of their ways. D&C 6:11 (*see also* Convince, Declare, True)

ESTABLISH, ESTABLISHED (*see also* Begin, Build, Foundation)

There is even now already in store sufficient, yea, even an abundance, to redeem Zion, and establish her waste places, no more to be thrown down, were the churches, who call themselves after my name, willing to hearken to my voice. D&C 101:75 (*see also* Abundance, Redeem, Zion)

Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God; That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord; that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord; that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with uplifted hands unto the Most High. D&C 88:119-120 (*see also* Glory, House, Name, Order, Organize, Salutation, Prepare)

Seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. D&C 6:6 (*see also* Zion)

D&C 1:30 those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth; **5:14** to none else will I grant this power, to receive this same testimony among this generation, in this the beginning of the rising up and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness clear as the moon, and fair as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners; **6:6** keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and *e.* the cause of Zion; **6:9** assist to bring forth my work, according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed; **10:53-54** If this generation harden not their hearts, I will *e.* my church among them; **10:63** this I do that I may *e.* my gospel, that there may not be so much contention; **11:6** (12:6) keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and *e.* the cause of Zion; **11:9** assist to bring forth my work, according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed; **14:6** seek to bring forth and *e.* my Zion; **14:10** I must bring forth the fulness of my gospel from the Gentiles unto the house of Israel; **20:1** the rise of the Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and *e.* agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April; **21:2-3** being inspired of the Holy Ghost to lay the foundation thereof, and to build it up unto the most holy faith. Which church was organized and *e.* in the year of your Lord eighteen hundred and thirty, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April (Hymn 19 We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet); **21:7-9** him have I inspired to move the cause of Zion in mighty power for good, and his diligence I know, and his prayers I have heard (Hymn 21 Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice); **22:3** it is because of your dead works that I have caused this last covenant and this church to be built up unto me, even as in days of old; **23:2-5** thy calling is to exhortation, and to strengthen the church continually. Wherefore thy duty is unto the church forever; **23:7** it is your duty to unite with the true church, and give your language to exhortation continually, that you may receive the reward of the laborer; **24:7** thou shalt devote all thy service in Zion; and in this thou shalt have strength; **24:9-10** attend to thy calling and thou shalt have wherewith to magnify thine office, and to expound all scriptures, and continue in laying on

of the hands and confirming the churches; **28:8** I say unto you that you shall go unto the Lamanites and preach my gospel unto them; and inasmuch as they receive thy teachings thou shalt cause my church to be *e.* among them; **45:64-65** gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church; go ye forth into the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me. And with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you; **69:5-6** the land of Zion shall be a seat and a place to receive and do all these things; **69:8** the rising generations that shall grow up on the land of Zion, to possess it from generation to generation; **84:104** let all those who have not families, who receive money, send it up unto the bishop in Zion, or unto the bishop in Ohio, that it may be consecrated for the bringing forth of the revelations and the printing thereof, and for *e.* Zion; **101:70-74** purchase all the lands with money, which can be purchased for money, in the region round about the land which I have appointed to be the land of Zion, for the beginning of the gathering of my saints... if they will hearken unto this counsel they may buy lands and gather together upon them; and in this way they may *e.* Zion. **101:75** there is even now already in store sufficient, yea, even an abundance, to redeem Zion, and *e.* her waste places; **103:13** this is the blessing which I have promised after your tribulations, and the tribulations of your brethren - your redemption, and the redemption of your brethren, even their restoration to the land of Zion, to be *e.*, no more to be thrown down.

ESTEEM (*see also* Love, Regard, Respect)

Let every man esteem his brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me. D&C 38:24 (*see also* Holiness, Virtue)

D&C 38:24-26 let every man *e.* his brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me; **42:27** thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighbor, nor do him any harm; **59:6** thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt not steal; neither commit adultery, nor kill, nor do anything like unto it; **82:19** every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. **121:43** reproof betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him

whom thou hast reprov'd, lest he *e.* thee to be his enemy (Hymn 320 The Priesthood of Our Lord).

ETERNAL, ETERNAL LIFE, ETERNALLY, ETERNITY (*see also* Everlasting Life, Exalt, Salvation, Save)

This is eternal lives - to know the only wise and true God, and Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent. I am he. D&C 132:24 (*see also* Know)

And those who receive [the Book of Mormon] in faith, and work righteousness, shall receive a crown of eternal life. D&C 20:14 (*see also* Book of Mormon, Crown)

By these things we know that there is a God in heaven, who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same unchangeable God, the framer of heaven and earth, and all things which are in them. D&C 20:17 (*see also* All Things, Everlasting, Infinite, Same)

I came unto mine own, and mine own received me not; but unto as many as received me gave I power to do many miracles, and to become the sons of God; and even unto them that believed on my name gave I power to obtain eternal life. D&C 45:8 (*see also* Miracles, Sons and Daughters of God)

Observe the words of wisdom and eternal life which I have given unto them. D&C 98:20 (*see also* Observe, Word of Wisdom)

Whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life. D&C 51:19 (*see also* Faithful, Just, Steward, Wise)

Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations. D&C 76:8 (*see also* Wonders)

And now I give unto a commandment to beware concerning yourselves, to give diligent heed to the words of eternal life. D&C 84:43 (*see also* Diligence)

Whoso layeth down his life in my cause, for my name's sake, shall find it again, even life eternal. D&C 98:13 (*see also* Life)

Receive the oracles of God. D&C 90:5

D&C 90:5 and all they who receive the *o.* of God, let them beware how they hold them lest they are accounted as a light thing, and are brought under condemnation thereby, and stumble and fall when the storms descend, and the winds blow, and the rains descend, and beat upon their house; **124:39** your anointings, and your washings, and your baptisms for the dead, and your solemn assemblies, and your memorials for your sacrifices by the sons of Levi, and for your *o.* in your most holy places wherein you receive conversations, and your statutes and judgments, for the beginning of the revelations and foundation of Zion, and for the glory, honor, and endowment of all her municipalities, are ordained by the ordinance of my holy house, which my people are always commanded to build unto my holy name; **124:126** to receive the *o.* for the whole church.

ORDAIN, ORDAINED, ORDINATION (*see also* Appoint, Call, Laying on of Hands, Priesthood)

Whoso forbiddeth to marry is not ordained of God, for marriage is ordained of God unto man. D&C 49:15 (*see also* Marriage, Forbid)

For, behold, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance. D&C 49:19 (*see also* Abundance)

And whoso forbiddeth to abstain from meats, that man should not eat the same, is not ordained of God; For, behold, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance. D&C 49:18-19 (*see also* Abstain, Forbid)

No person is to be ordained to any office in this church, where there is a regularly organized branch of the same, without the vote of that church; D&C 20:65 (*see also* Church, Vote)

[Go] from place to place, and from city to city, in the power of the ordination wherewith he has been ordained, proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, even the everlasting gospel. D&C 79:1 (*see also* Gospel, Joy, Proclaim)

Every president of the high priesthood (or presiding elder), bishop, high councilor, and high priest, is to be ordained by the direction of a high council or general conference. D&C 20:67 (*see also* High Council, President)

Take upon you mine ordination, even that of an elder, to preach faith and repentance and remission of sins, according to my word, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. D&C 53:3 (*see also* Elder, Preach)

And as for the perils which I am called to pass through, they seem but a small thing to me, as the envy and wrath of man have been my common lot all the days of my life; and for what cause it seems mysterious, unless I was ordained from before the foundation of the world for some good end, or bad, as you may choose to call it. Judge ye for yourselves. God knoweth all these things, whether it be good or bad. But nevertheless, deep water is what I am wont to swim in. It all has become a second nature to me; and I feel, like Paul, to glory in tribulation; for to this day has the God of my fathers delivered me out of them all, and will deliver me from henceforth; for behold, and lo, I shall triumph over all my enemies, for the Lord God hath spoken it. D&C 127:2 (*see also* Bad, End, Lot, Purpose, Triumph)

Ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons. D&C 20:39 (*see also* Priesthood)

D&C 18:32 you are they who are *o.* of me to *o.* priests and teachers; to declare my gospel, according to the power of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and according to the callings and gifts of God unto men; **20:3** Oliver Cowdery, who was also called of God, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to be the second elder of this church, and *o.* under his hand; **20:39** *o.* other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons; **20:48** he may also *o.* other priests, teachers, and deacons; **20:60** every, elder, priest, teacher, or deacon is to be *o.* according to the gifts and callings of God unto him; and he is to be *o.* by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is in the one who *o.* him; **27:8** to *o.* you unto the first priesthood which you have received, that you might be called and *o.* even as Aaron; **21:11** this being an ordinance unto you, that you are an elder under his hand, he being the first unto you, that you might be an elder unto this church of Christ, bearing my name; **25:7** thou shalt be *o.* under his hand to expound scriptures, and to exhort the church, according as

it shall be given thee by my Spirit; **52:38** let Jared Carter be *o.* a priest, and also George James be *o.* a priest. **55:2** thou shalt be *o.* by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun. to be an elder unto the church; **68:19** a high priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood has authority to officiate in all the lesser offices he may officiate in the office of bishop when no literal descendant of Aaron can be found, provided he is called and set apart and *o.* unto this power, under the hands of the First Presidency of the Melchizedek Priesthood; **84:6-12** the sons of Moses, according to the Holy Priesthood which he received under the hand of his father-in-law, Jethro; And Jethro received it under the hand of Caleb; And Caleb received it under the hand of Elihu; And Elihu under the hand of Jeremy; And Jeremy under the hand of Gad; And Gad under the hand of Esaias; And Esaias received it under the hand of God; **107:47-52** Jared was two hundred years old when he was *o.* under the hand of Adam, who also blessed him. Enoch was twenty-five years old when he was *o.* under the hand of Adam; and he was sixty-five and Adam blessed him. And he saw the Lord, and he walked with him, and was before his face continually; and he walked with God three hundred and sixty-five years, making him four hundred and thirty years old when he was translated. Methuselah was one hundred years old when he was *o.* under the hand of Adam. Lamech was thirty-two years old when he was *o.* under the hand of Seth. Noah was ten years old when he was *o.* under the hand of Methuselah.

Ordain priests and teachers; to declare my gospel. D&C 18:32 (*see also* Declare)

D&C 5:6 for hereafter you shall be *o.* and go forth and deliver my words unto the children of men; **5:11** the testimony of three of my servants, whom I shall call and *o.*, unto whom I will show these things, and they shall go forth with my words that are given through you; **18:32** you are they who are *o.* of me to ordain priests and teachers; to declare my gospel, according to the power of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and according to the callings and gifts of God unto men; **24:19** for thou art called to prune my vineyard with a mighty pruning, yea, even for the last time; yea, and also all those whom thou hast *o.*, and they shall do even according to this pattern; **25:7** thou shalt be *o.* under his hand to expound scriptures, and to exhort the church, according as it shall be given thee by my Spirit; **36:5** as many as shall come before my servants Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith, Jun.,

embracing this calling and commandment, shall be *o.* and sent forth to preach the everlasting gospel among the nations; **36:7** this commandment shall be given unto the elders of my church, that every man which will embrace it with singleness of heart may be *o.* and sent forth, even as I have spoken; **42:11** it shall not be given to any one to go forth to preach my gospel, or to build up my church, except he be *o.* by some one who has authority, and it is known to the church that he has authority and has been regularly *o.* by the heads of the church; **43:7** he that is *o.* of me shall come in at the gate and be *o.* as I have told you before, to teach those revelations which you have received and shall receive through him whom I have appointed; **50:38** as many of my servants as are *o.* unto this office, and let them labor in the vineyard; and let no man hinder them doing that which I have appointed unto them; **55:2** thou shalt be *o.* by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun, to be an elder unto this church, to preach repentance and remission of sins by way of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God; **63:57** those who desire in their hearts, in meekness, to warn sinners to repentance, let them be *o.* unto this power; **79:1** go again into the eastern countries, from place to place, and from city to city, in the power of the *o.* wherewith he has been *o.*, proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, even the everlasting gospel; **90:11** it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fullness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are *o.* unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Unto what were ye ordained? D&C 50:13 (*see also* Comforter, Preach, Spirit, Truth)

D&C 50:13-22 wherefore, I the Lord ask you this question – unto what were ye ordained? To preach my gospel by the Spirit, even the Comforter which was sent forth to teach the truth. And then received ye spirits which ye could not understand, and received them to be of God; and in this are ye justified? Behold ye shall answer this question yourselves; nevertheless, I will be merciful unto you; he that is weak among you hereafter shall be made strong. Verily I say unto you, he that is ordained of me and sent forth to preach the word of truth by the Comforter, in the Spirit of truth, doth he preach it by the Spirit of truth or some other way? And if it be by some other way it is not of God. And again, he that receiveth the word of truth, doth he receive it by

the Spirit of truth or some other way? If it be some other way it is not of God. Therefore, why is it that ye cannot understand and know, that he that receiveth the word by the Spirit of truth receiveth it as it is preached by the Spirit of truth? Wherefore, he that preacheth and he that receiveth, understand one another, and both are edified and rejoice together. D&C 50:13-22

ORDER (*see also* Govern, Law, Organize, Peace, Priesthood, Statue, Unity, Zion)

Set in order thy houses; keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you. D&C 90:18 (*see also* House)

None shall be exempted from the justice and the laws of God, that all things may be done in order and in solemnity before him, according to truth and righteousness. D&C 107:84 (*see also* Exempt, Justice, Law)

Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God; That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord; that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord; that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with uplifted hands unto the Most High. D&C 88:119-120 (*see also* Glory, House, Name, Organize, Salutation, Prepare)

It is the duty of the Twelve, also, to ordain and set in order all the other officers of the church. D&C 107:58 (*see also* Abound, Apostle, Business, Fruit)

The duty of the members after they are received by baptism.—The elders or priests are to have a sufficient time to expound all things concerning the church of Christ to their understanding, previous to their partaking of the sacrament and being confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the elders, so that all things may be done in order. D&C 20:68 (*see also* All Things, Church, Confirmed, Expound, Sacrament)

All things must be done in order, and by common consent in the church, by the prayer of faith. D&C 28:13 (*see also* Common Consent)

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ORDINANCE (*see also* Administer, Baptism, Covenant, Law, Laying on of Hands, Marriage, Priesthood, Sacrament, Statute)

We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. A of F-3 (*see also* Atone, Gospel, Law, Obey)

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. A of F-4 (*see also* Baptism, Faith, Holy Ghost, Immersion, Principle, Repent)

This greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God. Therefore, in the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. D&C 84:19-20 (*see also* Administer, Gospel, Key, Know, Melchizedek Priesthood, Mysteries)

109:20 no unclean thing shall be permitted to come into thy house to *p.* it (Hymn 287 Rise, Ye Saints, and Temples Enter, Hymn 290 Rejoice, Ye Saints of Latter Days); **110:8** if my people will keep my commandments, and do not *p.* this holy house (Hymn 2 The Spirit of God); **124:46** they shall not be blest, because they *p.* mine holy grounds, and mine holy ordinances, and charters, and my holy words which I give unto them.

PONDER (*see also* Consider, Meditate, Think)

You are left to inquire for yourself at my hand, and ponder upon the things which you have received. D&C 30:3 (*see also* Inquire)

As I pondered over these things which are written, the eyes of my understanding were opened, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I saw the hosts of the dead, both small and great. D&C 138:11 (*see also* Scripture, Vision)

POOR (*see also* Afflict, Alms, Charity, Meek, Needy, Welfare)

And behold, thou wilt remember the poor, and consecrate of thy properties for their support that which thou hast to impart unto them, with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken. D&C 42:30 (*see also* Broken, Impart, Remember)

Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment. D&C 104:18 (*see also* Abundance, Impart, Wicked)

Ye must visit the poor and the needy and administer to their relief, that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my law which ye have received. D&C 44:6 (*see also* Needy, Relief)

D&C 38:35 they shall look to the *p.* and the needy, and administer to their relief that they shall not suffer; and send them forth to the place which I have commanded them; **42:30-31** thou wilt remember the *p.*, and consecrate of thy properties for their support that which thou hast to impart unto them, with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken. And inasmuch as ye impart of your substance unto the *p.*, ye will do it unto me; **42:34** therefore, the residue shall be

kept in my storehouse, to administer to the *p.* and the needy, as shall be appointed by the high council of the church, and the bishop and his council; **44:6** I say unto you, that ye must visit the *p.* and the needy and administer to their relief, that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my law which ye have received; **52:40** remember in all things the *p.* and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, for he that doeth not these things, the same is not my disciple; **56:16** wo unto you rich men, that will not give your substance to the *p.*, for your riches will canker your souls; and this shall be your lamentation in the day of visitation, and of judgment, and of indignation: The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved; **72:10-12** to keep the Lord's storehouse; to receive the funds of the church in this part of the vineyard;...that this also may be consecrated to the good of the church, to the *p.* and needy; **83:6** the storehouse shall be kept by the consecrations of the church; and widows and orphans shall be provided for, as also the *p.*; **84:105** if any man shall give unto any of you a coat, or a suit, take the old and cast it unto the *p.*, and go on your way rejoicing; **84:112** Newel K. Whitney, also should travel round about and among all the churches, searching after the *p.* to administer to their wants by humbling the rich and the proud; **104:18** if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the *p.* and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment.

PORTION (*see also* Alloted)

They who are not found written in the book of remembrance shall find none inheritance in that day, but they shall be cut asunder, and their portion shall be appointed them among unbelievers, where are wailing and gnashing of teeth. D&C 85:9 (*see also* Inheritance)

POSTERITY (*see also* Seed)

Hyrum Smith was forty-four years old in February, 1844, and Joseph Smith was thirty-eight in December, 1843; and henceforward their names will be classed among the martyrs of religion; and the reader in every nation will be reminded that the Book of Mormon, and this book of Doctrine and Covenants of the church, cost the best blood of the nineteenth century to bring them forth for the salvation of a ruined world; and that if the fire can

scathe a green tree for the glory of God, how easy it will burn up the dry trees to purify the vineyard of corruption. They lived for glory; they died for glory; and glory is their eternal reward. From age to age shall their names go down to posterity as gems for the sanctified. **D&C 135:6** (see also Best, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Glory, Joseph Smith, Martyr, Salvation)

POWER, POWERFUL (see also Authority, Force, Holy Ghost, Priesthood, Strength)

And the Book of Mormon and the holy scriptures are given of me for your instruction; and the power of my Spirit quickeneth all things. D&C 33:16 (see also All Things, Book of Mormon, Quicken, Spirit)

That your enemies may not have power over you; that you may be preserved in all things; that you may be enabled to keep my laws; that every bond may be broken wherewith the enemy seeketh to destroy my people. D&C 44:5 (see also Broken, All Things, Preserved)

For I, the Lord, rule in the heavens above, and among the armies of the earth; and in the day when I shall make up my jewels, all men shall know what it is that bespeaketh the power of God. D&C 60:4 (see also Heaven, Rule)

Exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction - not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvelous power as I had never before felt in any being - just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me. JS-H 1:16 (see also Despair, Satan)

And to none else will I grant this power, to receive this same testimony among this generation, in this the beginning of the rising up and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness - clear as the moon, and fair as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. D&C 5:14 (see also Church, Clear, Testimony)

They are they who received the testimony of Jesus, and believed on his name and were baptized after the manner of his burial, being buried in the water in his name, and this according to the commandment which he has given - That by keeping the commandments they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins, and receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power; And who overcome by faith, and are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true. D&C 76:51-53 (see also Commandments, Holy Spirit, Sealed, Testimony)

But verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me, to them will I give power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on my name. Amen. D&C 11:30 (see also Become, Receive, Sons and Daughters of God)

And that all people who shall enter upon the threshold of the Lord's house may feel thy power, and feel constrained to acknowledge that thou hast sanctified it, and that it is thy house, a place of thy holiness. D&C 109:13 (see also Holiness, House, Sanctify)

The kingdom is given you of the Father, and power to overcome all things which are not ordained of him. D&C 50:35 (see also Kingdom, Overcome)

Be subject to the powers that be, until he reigns whose right it is to reign, and subdues all enemies under his feet. D&C 58:22 (see also Subject)

And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I, the Lord, am well pleased, speaking unto the church collectively and not individually D&C 1:30 (see also Church, Foundation, Obscurity, True)

Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men. D&C 11:21 (see also Convince, Declare, Desire, Obtain, Seek)

turneth therefrom, shall not have forgiveness of sins in this world nor the world to come. And wo unto all those who come not unto this priesthood which ye have received, which I now confirm upon you who are present this day by mine own voice out of the heavens; and even I have given the heavenly hosts and mine angels charge concerning you.

Every faithful, worthy man in the Church may receive the holy priesthood, with power to exercise its divine authority, and enjoy with his loved ones every blessing that flows there from, including the blessings of the temple. D&C OD2 (see also Authority, Man, Temple, Worthy)

D&C OD2 all worthy male members of the Church may be ordained to the *p.* without regard for race or color. *p.* leaders are instructed to follow the policy of carefully interviewing all candidates for ordination to either the Aaronic or the Melchizedek *p.* to insure that they meet the established standards for worthiness.

Therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser priesthood, and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that you yourselves are unable to fill. D&C 84:107 (see also Aaronic, Appointment, Prepare)

D&C 84:107-108 therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser *p.*, and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that you yourselves are not able to fill. Behold, this is the way that mine apostles, in ancient days, built up my church unto me.

We received under his hand the Holy Priesthood as he said, 'Upon you my fellow-servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer this priesthood and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the Sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness. ' JS-H Note 6 (see also Authority, Levi, Offering)

JS-H 1:38 I will reveal unto you the *p.*, by the hand of Elijah the prophet; **1:69** in the name of Messiah, I confer the *p.* of Aaron; **1:70** this Aaronic *p.* had not the power of laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost (Hymn 12 'Twas Witnessed In The Morning Sky); **1:71** I laid my hands upon his head and ordained him to the Aaronic *p.*, and afterwards he laid his hands on

me and ordained me to the same *p.*; **1:72** the messenger who visited us on this occasion and conferred this *p.* upon us, said that his name was John; **1:74** we were forced to keep secret the circumstances of having received the *p.* and our having been baptized; **JS-H Note: 6** when we received under his hand the Holy *p.* as he said, 'Upon you my fellow-servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer this *p.* and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the Sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness; **A of F-5** we believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

PRINCIPLE (see also Commandment, Doctrine, Exhort, Preach, Publish)

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. A of F-4 (see also Baptism, Faith, Holy Ghost, Immersion, Ordinance, Repent)

Though his atonement and by obedience to the principles of the gospel, mankind might be saved. D&C 138:4 (see also Atonement, Saved)

Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself. D&C 105:5 (see also Zion)

And again, the elders, priests and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel, which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel. D&C 42:12 (see also Bible, Book of Mormon, Elder, Priest, Teach)

Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand. D&C 88:78 (see also All Things, Grace, Temple)

Unto every kingdom is given a law; and unto every law there are certain bounds also and conditions. D&C 88:38 (see also Kingdom, Law)

Though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led to say in my heart: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision; and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? JS-H 1:25 (see also Deny, Persecute, Prophet, True, Vision)

Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen? Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honors of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected to the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness. D&C 121:34-36 (see also Heart, Power, Principle, Righteous)

Now here is wisdom, and the mind of the Lord - Let the house be built, not after the manner of the world, for I give not unto you that ye shall live after the manner of the world. D&C 95:13 (see also House, Temple)

WORSHIP (see also Church, Idolatry, Meet, Praise, Serve)

We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may. A of F-11 (see also Agency, Conscience, Privilege)

All they who call on my name, and worship me according to mine everlasting gospel, should gather together, and stand in holy places. D&C 101:22 (see also Gather, Holy)

All men must repent and believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and worship the Father in his name, and endure in faith on his name to the end, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. D&C 20:29 (see also Name)

Let them labor with their own hands that there be no idolatry nor wickedness practised. D&C 52:39 (see also Idol)

WORTH (see also Value)

Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. D&C 18:10 (see also Great, Remember, Souls)

And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. D&C 15:6 (see also Declare, Repentance)

WORTHINESS, WORTHY (see also Clean, Dependable, Faithful, Honorable, Priesthood, Pure, Repentance)

Every faithful, worthy man in the Church may receive the holy priesthood, with power to exercise its divine authority, and enjoy with his loved ones every blessing that flows there from, including the blessings of the temple. D&C OD2 (see also Authority, Man, Priesthood, Temple)

WRATH (see Anger, Hate, Revenge, Smite, Vengeance)

HEarken, O ye people who profess my name, saith the Lord your God; for behold, mine anger is kindled against the rebellious, and they shall know mine arm and mine indignation, in the day of visitation and of wrath upon the nations. D&C 56:1 (see also Anger, Profess, Name, Visitation)

WRITE, WRITTEN (see also Language, Record, Scripture, Word)

And a commandment I give unto thee – that thou shalt write for him; and the scriptures shall be given, even as they are in mine own bosom, to the salvation of mine own elect. D&C 35:20 (see also Elect, Scripture)

They shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written. D&C 84:57 (see also Book of Mormon, New Covenant, Remember)

Rely upon the things which are written; For in them are all things written concerning the foundation of my church, my gospel, and my rock. D&C 18:3-4 (see also Rely)

Ye shall do according to that which is written. D&C 24:14 (see also Do)

D&C 18:29-30 you have that which is *w.* before you; wherefore, you must perform it according to the words which are *w.*; **24:14** these things ye shall not do, except it be required of you by them who desire it, that the scriptures might be fulfilled; for ye shall do according to that which is *w.*; **84:57** they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have *w.*; **102:13** whenever this council convenes to act upon any case, the twelve councilors shall consider whether it is a difficult one or not; if it is not, two only of the councilors shall speak upon it, according to the form above written.

WRONG (see also Evil, False, Injustice, Lie, Wicked)

Let thine anger be kindled against our enemies; and, in the fury of thine heart, with thy sword avenge us of our wrongs. D&C 121:5 (see also Anger, Avenge, Enemies)

But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me. D&C 9:9 (see also Sacred, Stupor, Thought)

We believe that men should appeal to the civil law for redress of all wrongs and grievances, where personal abuse is inflicted or the right of property or character infringed, where such laws exist as will protect the same; but we believe that all men are justified in defending themselves, their friends, and property, and the government, from the unlawful assaults and encroachments of all persons in times of exigency, where immediate appeal cannot be made to the laws, and relief afforded. D&C 134:11 (see also Defend, Redress, Rights)

YIELD (see also Humble, Meek, Submit)

Yield to no temptation. D&C 9:13 (see also Temptation)

Yield to the persuasions of men no more. D&C 5:21 (see also Persuade)

Wherefore, it came to pass that the devil tempted Adam, and he partook of the forbidden fruit and transgressed the commandment, wherein he became subject to the will of the devil, because he yielded unto temptation. D&C 29:40 (see also Tempted, Transgress)

YOKE (see also Bind, Bondage, Debt, Owe, Slavery)

It is an imperative duty that we owe to God, to angels, with whom we shall be brought to stand, and also to ourselves, to our wives and children, who have been made to bow down with grief, sorrow, and care, under the most damning hand of murder, tyranny, and oppression, supported and urged on and upheld by the influence of that spirit which hath so strongly riveted the creeds of the fathers, who have inherited lies, upon the hearts of the children, and filled the world with confusion, and has been growing stronger and stronger, and is now the very mainspring of all corruption, and the whole earth groans under the weight of its iniquity. It is an iron yoke, it is a strong band; they are the very handcuffs, and chains, and shackles, and fetters of hell. D&C 123:7-8 (see all verses of D&C 123 regarding addressing the persecutions of the Saints)

YOUNG (see also Child, Youth)

Call upon the nations to repent, both old and young, both bond and free, saying: Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord. D&C 43:20 (see also Bond, Call, Free, Nation, Old, Prepare)

ZION (see also Consecrate, Jerusalem, Kingdom, New Jerusalem, Pure)

Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself. D&C 105:5 (see also Principle)

Seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. D&C 6:6 (see also Establish)

There is even now already in store sufficient, yea, even an abundance, to redeem Zion, and establish her waste places, no more to be thrown down, were the churches, who call themselves after my name, willing to hearken to my voice. D&C 101:75 (see also Abundance, Establish, Redeem)

The land of Jerusalem and the land of Zion shall be turned back into their own place, and the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided. D&C 133:24 (see also Earth, Jerusalem)

For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments. D&C 82:14 (see also Beautiful, Cornerstone, Garments, Stakes)

I am the same which have taken the Zion of Enoch into mine own bosom; and verily, I say, even as many as have believed in my name, for I am Christ, and in mine own name, by the virtue of the blood which I have spilt, have I pleaded before the Father for them. D&C 38:4 (see also Name, Plead)

Whatsoever city thy servants shall enter, and the people of that city receive their testimony, let thy peace and thy salvation be upon that city; that they may gather out of that city the righteous, that they may come forth to Zion, or to her stakes, the places of thine appointment, with songs of everlasting joy. D&C 109:39 (see also Gather, Serve, Testify)

And, now, behold, if Zion do these things she shall prosper, and spread herself and become very glorious, very great, and very terrible. D&C 97:18 (see also Do, Prosper)

Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days. D&C 64:34 (see also Heart, Mind, Willing)

Gather yourselves together unto the land of Zion, upon the land which I have bought with money that has been consecrated unto me. D&C 103:22 (see also Gather)

The graves of the saints shall be opened; and they shall come forth and stand on the right hand of the Lamb, when he shall stand upon Mount Zion, and upon the holy city, the New Jerusalem; and they shall sing the song of the Lamb, day and night forever and ever. D&C 133:56 (see also Grave, New Jerusalem, Night, Second Coming)

It must needs be that there be an organization of my people, in regulating and establishing the affairs of the storehouse for the poor of my people, both in this place and in the land of Zion. D&C 78:3 (see also Organize, Regulate, Storehouse, Temporal)

And, verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should hasten to translate my scriptures, and to obtain a knowledge of history, and of countries, and of kingdoms, of laws of God and man, and all this for the salvation of Zion. Amen. D&C 93:53 (see also Hasten, Knowledge, Obtain, Salvation)

Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments. D&C 82:14 (see also Beautiful, Garments)

Organize my kingdom upon the consecrated land, and establish the children of Zion upon the laws and commandments which have been and which shall be given unto you. D&C: 103:35 (see also Kingdom, Organize)

Hearken unto the counsel of my servants Joseph, and Hyrum, and William Law, and unto the authorities which I have called to lay the foundation of Zion; and it shall be well with him forever and ever. D&C 124:118 (see also Authority, Servant)

Seek to bring forth and establish my Zion. D&C 14:6 (see also Establish, Seek)

Hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the saints. Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion. D&C 57:1-2 (see also Gather, Land, Purchase)

Gather out of that city the righteous, that they may come forth to Zion, or to her stakes, the places of thine appointment, with songs of everlasting joy. D&C 109:39 (*see also* Gather, Righteous)

We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory. A of F-10 (*see also* Gathering, Paradise, Restoration)

It is expedient that every man who goes forth to proclaim mine everlasting gospel, that inasmuch as they have families, and receive money by gift, that they should send it unto them or make use of it for their benefit, as the Lord shall direct them, for thus it seemeth me good. D&C 84:103 (*see also* Proclaim)

D&C 48:4 obtain all that ye can in righteousness, that in time ye may be enabled to purchase land for an inheritance, even the city; **51:8** let there be an agent appointed unto this people, to take the money to provide food and raiment, according to the wants of this people; **63:43** let him impart all the money which he can impart, to be sent up unto the land of Z.; **84:103-104** it is expedient that every man who goes forth to proclaim mine everlasting gospel, that inasmuch as they have families, and receive money by gift, that they should send it unto them or make use of it for their benefit, as the Lord shall direct them, for thus it seemeth me good. And let all those who have not families, who receive money, send it up unto the bishop in Z., or unto the bishop in Ohio, that it may be consecrated for the bringing forth of the revelations and the printing thereof, and for establishing Z.

[Consider]
*the great and wonderful love
made manifest by the Father
and the Son in the coming of the
Redeemer into the world;
That through his atonement,
and by obedience to
the principles of the gospel,
mankind might be saved.*

D&C 138:3-4

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