

Doctrine and Covenants 18:1–13

"Remember the Worth of Souls is Great in the Sight of God"

Prepare to study by listening to a hymn or song and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson in your seminary notebook. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.

In response to early Church leaders seeking the Lord's will on how to build up His Church, the Lord gave a revelation to Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer that is recorded in [Doctrine and Covenants 18](#). The Lord taught these men important truths about the worth of our souls. This lesson can help you feel that the worth of your soul is great in the sight of God.

Study the Scriptures

- Have you ever felt pressure to live or act in ways that are not in harmony with the Savior's gospel?

Vaughn J. Featherstone, then the Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, shared an account of a young man who faced immense pressure. Read the [statement from the talk "The King's Son,"](#) looking for what helped the prince remain true to his values.

Like the prince, we will all face times when our feelings of selfworth are tested. Read [Doctrine and Covenants 18:9–13](#) to see what the Lord taught about our value to Him.

1. How does the Savior's suffering and death for us demonstrate our worth to Him?

2. How might it affect us to base our worth on Heavenly Father's and the Savior's love for us instead of on worldly labels?

Doctrine and Covenants 18:10–11 is a doctrinal mastery passage. Mark this passage in a distinctive way. Take a few minutes to memorize the reference and key scripture phrase, "The worth of souls is great in the sight of God." One way to memorize it is to write the first letters of each word of the key phrase like this: TWOSIGITSOG. Go letter by letter saying the full word. Use your scriptures as needed.

In June 1829, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer received a revelation known as [Doctrine and Covenants 18](#). The revelation was about calling twelve Apostles in the last days and building up the Church. In addition to these instructions, the Lord shared with Oliver and David powerful truths about our worth.

Complete the following activities to help you better understand and appreciate your worth to God.

Study to help others struggling with challenges

Choose one of the following common challenges teenagers face that is most relevant to you right now:

