

Doctrine and Covenants 97 (DC35.2)

Zion—The Pure in Heart

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.

While experiencing severe persecution, the Saints in the land of Zion (Jackson County, Missouri) wanted to know the Lord's will for them. The Lord taught them about the blessings of being pure in heart. This lesson can help you make a plan to become more pure in heart.

Study the Scriptures

Imagine being offered dirty or impure water to drink.

- What are some benefits to having clean and pure water?
- When water is impure, what are some ways to purify it?
- How might pure water be compared to a pure heart?

One characteristic of Jesus Christ is that He is pure in heart. He wants us to be pure in heart also.

A group of elders in "Zion," a name that at that time was used when referring to Jackson County, Missouri, wanted to know the Lord's will for them, so they wrote a letter to Joseph Smith to seek answers. In response, the Lord described great plans for the Church and even the temple in the land of Zion. Joseph Smith's inspired response is now [Doctrine and Covenants 97](#).

Read [Doctrine and Covenants 97:21](#), looking for how the Lord described Zion. You may want to mark the Lord's explanation of Zion.

Complete the table below using the verses from [Doctrine and Covenants 97](#).

The Lord's instructions to His people (verses 10–15)	Blessings available for those who follow (verses 16–19; 23–25)

Circle three of the blessings on your chart that you feel you would most like to have in your life right now.

Complete the following activities.

What it means to be "pure in heart"

Imagine you have been given the topic of "pure in heart" for an upcoming lesson at home. Prepare a lesson outline that could help you share what it means to be pure in heart. The following resources may help you prepare.

President Russell M. Nelson taught about what we can do to be pure:

