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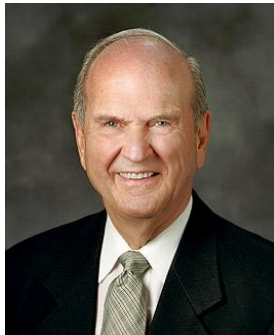
Sunday Afternoon Session!

Conducting: President Henry B Eyring

Opening Hymn: ♪♪♪ Arise O God, and Shine ♪♪♪ ♪♪

Invocation: F. Michael Watson

Hymn: ♪♪♪ I Feel My Saviors Love ♪♪♪

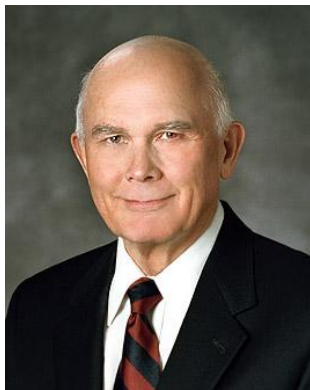


Talk: [Russell M Nelson](#) - Quorum of the Twelve

- One of the most important concepts of revealed religion is sacred covenants.
- Covenant - is a **sacred** promise with God (each accepts the terms)
- When one accepts a covenant and fulfills their part they receive the blessings.
- Through the ages, God has made covenants with his children.
- To Abraham:
 - "In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. " [3 Nephi 20:25](#)
- Elements of the covenants would only be fulfilled in the latter days.
 - (What does this mean for those of us here today?)
- God's greatest blessing: Eternal Life
- No distinction between literal seed of Abraham and those gathered by adoption
- Patriarchal Blessings - Provide each a vision of their future and a connection to the past (via their lineage)
- Faithfulness to Priesthood = sanctified to renewing of bodies; signifies you receive the Savior, Father, and therefore all He has
- Ours is the duty to fulfill this responsibility
- Priesthood duty includes missionary work
- After more than 4000 years, this is the appointed day when the gospel is to be taken to all the kindreds of the earth--the time of the gathering of Israel, we get to participate
- The Lord is counting on us.
- He is profoundly grateful for our daughters who serve as missionaries
- The Book of Mormon states as one of its purposes: "That ye may know that the

covenant which was made with the children of Israel is already beginning to be fulfilled”

- The Lord has NOT forgotten!
- Purposes of Book of Mormon:
 - Convincing the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ
- Children of the covenant have the right to receive his doctrine, and to know the plan of salvation
- All Latter-day Saints enter the New & Everlasting Covenant
 - Enter: To sustain
 - Keep: By obeying His commandments
 - Renew: By partaking of the sacrament
 - Inherit: All that He hath (Celestial Marriage) is a covenant of exaltation?
 - When we understand this doctrine the (missed this part, anyone?) and the sting of death is removed
- Greatest compliment in this life is to be known as a covenant keeper
 - Blessed in all things, if faithful to end: received into a state of never-ending happiness



Talk: [Dallin H. Oaks](#) - Quorum of the Twelve

- **Three Questions About Jesus Christ:**
- “What think ye of Christ?” [Matthew 22:42](#)
- What do you really believe about Christ?
 - Perspective 1: Teacher, but not divine?
 - Perspective 2: Only Begotten Son
- What are you doing because of that belief?

- **Truths the Scriptures Teach us About Jesus:**
 - Heavenly Father affirms Jesus’ divinity
 - If ye know me, ye know my Father
 - Jesus is in the express image of God the Father’s person
 - Jesus Christ was the creator of all things

- Jesus Christ testified that he was Jehovah
- Jesus Christ is the life and light of the world
 - Life - Because He is the creator
 - Way & Light - Because his teachings show us the way back to the Father; He is our creator and through his resurrection we will all live again.
- Who will enter the kingdom of Heaven?
 - “Only He that doeth the will of my Father”
 - Those that “hear His voice”
 - Role of Priesthood Power (Keys)
 - Keys to seal and bind on earth and in heaven
 - Even the devils are subject to mortals through Jesus’s name
- People Praise Jesus as a great teacher but disrespect his divinity.
- We must return to what Jesus has said, who he was, and what he did.
- He was the only begotten son, and that we must believe in him to be saved. [John 3:16-17](#)
- This is my beloved son, hear him
- I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly”
 - (?What does it mean to have life more abundantly?)
- He lights our mortal path and lead back to him.
- The Savior’s path was about doing the father’s will. And we return to the Father through doing the Father’s will.
- I never knew you... depart from me oh ye that do iniquity.
- Jesus showed us how to do the will of the Father, and he invited us to “follow him.”
- Keys were given to the Twelve & the Seventy.
 - The keys to seal and bind on earth and in heaven.
- He guides us through his commandments.
- Contention is not the doctrine of Christ.
 - (Makes us wonder how we can influence the world for good if we have unpleasant relations with other religions.)
- Focus on Christ, not the things of the world
- Contrast between mortal versus eternal nourishment
- Jesus Christ’s Resurrection & Atonement
 - Takes away the sin of the world
 - The Son of Man came to minister and give His life as a ransom for many
 - His blood of the New Testament, shed for the remission of sins
 - That we may know He is the God of Israel and of the whole earth
 - What do WE have to do?
 - Overcome the spiritual death that results from sin
 - Make and keep sacred covenants (= washing our garments in His blood)
 - “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith”
 - Where are our loyalties?
 - How is our behavior?
 - Do we honor His name?

- Do we keep His commandments?
- Do we seek not to
- “Living bread” that they might not hunger.
- (What other scriptural parallels can we associate with bread?)
 - Woman who gave her last bit of meal to make a cake for Elijah, ended up with oil
 - and meal that didn’t fail until the heavens were opened again
- Seek and ye shall find.
- Jesus taught further precious truth about his Atonement. “my father sent me that I might be lifted up on the cross that I might draw all men unto me.” [3 Nephi 27:14](#)-
- Where is our ultimate loyalty?
 - There is no middle ground.
- Don’t use a Visa to visit Babylon. Live in Zion.
- The most important knowledge on earth is that He is ?
- We may know, thorough the Holy Ghost for ourselves, and we can gain this knowledge for ourselves via desire and obedience
 - **Desire** - “Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you” [Matthew 7:7](#)
 - **Obedience** - If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself [John 7:17](#)



Talk: [Matthew O Richardson](#) - Second Counselor Sunday School Presidency

- “My mission was the best two years *for* my life.” *notice the emphasis*
- “Real” missionaries, priesthood holders, fathers . . . look, think, act, and teach in a way that doesn’t inhibit learning
- “Real life requires real learning, which depends on real teaching”
- The responsibility to teach effectively is not limited to those who have formal callings as teachers
- It is the Holy Ghost who is the real teacher and witness of truth.
 - Those who don’t understand this:
 - Try to do the teaching all by themselves

- Invite the Spirit to be with them, but only in a supporting role
 - Wing it
- Don't teach in front of the spirit or behind the Spirit, but BY the Spirit.
- To conduct ourselves after the manner of the Holy Ghost means we may need to change our manner of teaching to align ourselves with the Holy Ghost.
- The Holy Ghost is the real teacher.
- We may need to modify our way of teaching to emulate the holy ghost.
- Put your foot in place
- They made it to the top of the mountain
- She hiked better after copying her dad
- Holy Ghost teaches in an individual way
 - The Holy Ghost does not teach all at once The Holy Ghost does NOT teach all truth ALL at the same time. Line upon line, precept upon precept.
 - Teaching people, not lessons
 - Teaches by inviting, prompting and encouraging
 - The Holy Ghost teaches what we must know and do so that we can become what we must be
- The Holy Ghost cannot act for us, but only facilitate making correct and righteous decisions.
- Good teachers:
 - Ask themselves: How do I help them to learn by themselves?
- don't think "how far -do I have to go" but "look how far I have gone"

Intermediate Hymn : Now Let us Rejoice



Talk: [Kazuhiko Yamashita](#) - (山下和彦)- Of the Seventy

- Story of wearing the father's coat. Serving in the same country the father served also.
- How beautiful upon the mountains...
- When was 17 I didn't understand the message, but I had a special feeling about the missionaries and I wanted to be like them.
- May not understand the message, but like how they feel when around the missionaries (Implication: example is powerful and understanding will come over them as testimony matures?)
- Your message is of love, a message of hope, and a message of faith
- Was enveloped in the Holy Spirit from the experience
- even though I didn't immediately understand the message, I felt the missionary's love for me
- Missionaries are called by the Lord
- Three things a future missionary should have:
 - 1. A desire to preach the gospel
 - Know how hard people are striving to know the gospel
 - 2. To develop your testimony
 - 3. Love others
- The Lord requires a willing heart and an open mind
- We are our Father Heaven's Children
- The Lord loves us and will always love us.



Talk: [Randall K. Bennett](#) - Of the Seventy

- Flags on the beach warning of strong under tides.
- Ignored the warning and relied on his own strength and confidence
- Poor choice creating serious consequences for him and his family
- “I can’t stress too much that decisions create destiny” - Pres. Monson
- When we make a choice, we also choose its consequences
- Choose wisely- choose eternal life
- We can’t choose ice cream, not going to bed and playing without choosing malnutrition and exhaustion
- Today’s currents of worldliness seek to drag us away and eternally separate us from our families and our Heavenly Father
- Small errors and minor drifts away from the doctrine of Jesus Christ can bring sorrowful consequences into our lives . . . make early corrections . . . the longer we delay corrective action, the larger the needed corrective changes become, and the . . . ?
- Repentance is one of the critical correct choices we must make
- We must make quick, correcting decisions without hoping the wrong choices with correct themselves before it becomes too late- Uchtdorf plane analogy
- When we sincerely repent, we can be forgiven of our mistakes and the Savior will remember them no more
- Your eternal destiny will not be the result of chance, but of choice.
 - It is never too late to choose eternal life.



Talk: [J. Devn Cornish](#) - Of the Seventy

- You can learn the language of the Spirit
- Prayer is the provider of spiritual strength
- Miracles are wrought through prayer
- Asked for a quarter, and found one to buy the chicken from the Lord.

- Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that what is important to us becomes important to him.
 - So how much more important are the big things to him?
- Heavenly Father wants to bless us, but because he will not infringe on our agency, we must ask for help.
- The object of prayer is not to change the mind of God, but to secure the blessing he already wants to give us (see Bible Dictionary on Prayer)
- Honesty is essential when asking things of God.
- An essential part of personal prayer is sincere, individual repentance
- It is contrary to the economy of heaven for God to do something for us that we can do for ourselves...
- One of the secrets to a joyful life is to understand that doing things the lord's way will make me happier than doing things my way
- Like medicine, prayer only works when used as directed. Like a foreign language, it takes practice and effort to learn the language of the Spirit.
- It takes faith to remember that the Lord answers in His time, not our own.
- we can learn language of the spirit, and when you do you will experience sweet joy.
- "Prayer is the passport to peace"- Pres. Monson
- we must not only say our prayers, we must live them



Talk: [Quentin L. Cook](#) - Of the Quorum of the Twelve

- We see tragedy all around the world
- Fundamental truths that help us cope with tragedy:
 - 1. We have a father in heaven
 - 2. Jesus Christ is our savior and redeemer
 - 3. The Father's plan of happiness includes not only a premortal and mortal life, but eternal life as well
- Three act play - ("[The Play and the Plan](#)" Boyd K. Packer, May 1995)
 - 1st act
 - No one can remember

- Premortal world
- 2nd act
 - Only those with a knowledge of the plan know the point of this act
- 3rd act
 - Living with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ- the point of the 2nd act
- During the trial, it can be hard to see the 'resolution' or final act of life. But we must remember that it will end.
- Almost 100 years since the tragic sinking of Titanic. Promoters of Titanic made preposterous claims in advertising this great ship. With respect to the ship lessons were learned from this tragedy.
- There are 2 relationships between the titanic and the gospel
 - 1. being appreciative of the blessings we receive, and the challenges we avoid
 - 2. Trials are not indication of a lack of faith or imperfections in the Father's plan.

The *refiner's fire* prepares us to meet God
- Fear not, for God shall be with you forever, and ever
- The lord suffereth ...??? (scripture)
- Righteousness and faith don't always lead to happiness in life.
- There were not enough lifeboats on the Titanic for everyone, but the atonement of Christ provides lifeboats for all in the form of remission of sins for EVERYONE
- The Atonement covers all the unfairness of life.
- "Let your hearts be comforted. Be still, and know that I am God." (Doctrine & Covenants 101:16)



Talk: President Thomas S. Monson- President of the Church

- We are all here because we LOVE the Lord.
- Deep appreciation to those brethren who have been released
- Thanks to my counselors and quorum of twelve and other general authority officers
- Heavenly Father is mindful of us and the challenges we face.
- We are so blessed to have the restored gospel
- We are God's hands here on the earth
- Gratitude for serving in our callings
- Conference is now over.

- May we show increased kindness to one another (also a main theme of President Hinckley's addresses)
- Nourish our testimonies so they will be a protection against the adversary
- Take the Spirit we felt here with us as we go about in our daily activities.
- May your homes be filled with harmony.
- He loves us and prays for us.
- May we understand and realize how close He is to us and how much He cares for us
- We are all in this together.
- We are all important in this great plan. Let us all play our part well.
- This work is true. Our Heavenly Father is always there to lead us, and love us, may he bless you.

Amen

Hymn 🎵 🎵 🎵: Lord We Ask Thee Ere We Part

Benediction: Elder Gregory A Schwitzer

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