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Talk: President Henry B Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency

Talk: President Boyd K Packer, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Talk: Sister Linda K. Burton, Relief Society General President

Talk: Elder Walter F. González, Presidency of the Seventy

Talk: Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Talk: President Thomas S. Monson, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

### Music and Spoken Word:

- What a difference our lives take when we take the time to turn to heaven.
- Let us open our eyes and see the wonders of each daily bread.

Opening Hymn: O Say What is Truth - Hymn 272

Conducting: President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

**Hymn: The Morning Breaks - Hymn 1** 

Invocation: Elder Marlin K. Jensen, Quorum of the Seventy, Emeritus status

Talk: President Henry B Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency

#### Where Is the Pavilion?

- Joseph Smith felt depressed and distraught while he was incarcerated in Liberty Jail. He cried out to know where God was hiding, where the pavilion was covering His hiding place.
- God is never hidden, yet sometimes we are hidden from a pavilion... that make him seem distant.
  - o A pavilion doesn't block our horizontal view, just our view from the heavens.
- God is not unable to communicate with us, we may be unwilling to listen/submit to his will
- God is close to us and aware of us, and never hides from his faithful children
- Our feelings of separation to God will diminish as we become more childlike before him
- Hoped to see Jesus not for a confirmation, but be she loved him.
- We do not need to see Jesus Christ to have him know of our lives.
- Being Called to President of Ricks College
  - My careers goals could have been a pavillion shielding me from God.
  - Heavenly Father knew better of my success better than I did.
  - Heard of Voice, "It is MY School"
- Had an opportunity to extend his Professional Success and leave Ricks College.
  - Sister Eyring got revelation on behalf of our family. But she recommended that I get my own revelation.
- For there is a time for man to know when his works shall be.
- We remove the pavillion when we pray, "Thy Will be Done."
- My desire to know and do His will gave me a soul-stretching opportunity
- Sometimes our insistence on acting on our own time table can obscure his will for us
- Opened the "windows of Heaven"

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- Submitting fully to Heaven's will is essential to removing the spiritual pavilions we sometimes put over our head but it does not guarantee immediate answers to our prayers
- The Lords delays sometimes seems long, sometimes a lifetime, but the are CALCULATED
  - Not our time.
- "His time is not always our time. But we can be sure that He keeps His promises"
- We should make God as familiar to us as we are to him.
- When saw Thee naked and clothed Thee... and the King said, when you have done it to the least of these my brethren, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME - Scripture Matt 25:35-40
- IF you do this OFTEN enough and LONG enough you shall see the blessing.
- If you extend love and forgiveness often enough, you feel a change in your very nature. You will feel more and more that you are becoming like Him.
- If we serve with faith and humility, the great Jehovah will be pleased.

### Talk: President Boyd K Packer, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

#### **The Atonement**

- Packer: a message for those burdened down w/weakness, sorrow or despair.
- Traveling under dangerous circumstances. Planes couldn't land, boats had difficulty traversing heaving waters in the middle of a tropical storm. Never remember a place or time so dark. Saw a lower light
- Brightly Beams our Fathers Mercy Hymn 335
- Speaking to those may be lost and looking for the lower light to guide them back.
- The natural man has been an enemy to God...Mosiah 3:19
- No unclean thing can dwell in the kingdom of God.. Scripture 1 Nephi 10:21
- Importance of the Atonement Alma "All Mankind must be saved"
- All of us have made mistakes, whether minor or serious
- Men can stop sinning and do right in the future.
- Who shall repair the wrong they have done to themselves and others? It is impossible for man to do it by himself
  - The Atonement shall make the sins though they be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow
- We don't know how the Savior accomplished the Atonement
- I have suffered all things that those that might repent, but those that don't repent shall suffer even as I.. that made the lord of God suffer and bleed from every pore. Scripture D&C
- It was understood from the beginning that in mortality we would fall short of being perfect
- D&C 19
- Does the Journey Seem Long (<u>Text Below</u>)
  - Let your heart not... though the journey just begun.
  - o Take his hand and he will lead you to new heights
  - o Take his hand and with him enter in.

Hymn: Does the Journey Seem Long - Hymn 127 (Shane Warby - soloist)

1. Does the journey seem long,

The path rugged and steep?

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Are there briars and thorns on the way?

Do sharp stones cut your feet

As you struggle to rise

To the heights thru the heat of the day?

2. Is your heart faint and sad,

Your soul weary within,

As you toil 'neath your burden of care?

Does the load heavy seem

You are forced now to lift?

Is there no one your burden to share?

3. Let your heart be not faint

Now the journey's begun;

There is One who still beckons to you.

So look upward in joy

And take hold of his hand;

He will lead you to heights that are new-

4. A land holy and pure,

Where all trouble doth end,

And your life shall be free from all sin,

Where no tears shall be shed,

For no sorrows remain.

Take his hand and with him enter in.

*Text:* Joseph Fielding Smith, 1876–1972

#### Talk: Sister Linda K. Burton, Relief Society General President

#### First Observe, Then Serve

- One of the greatest evidences of a living Prophet...
- For some serving or ministering one-by-one does not come easily
- First observe, then serve.
- Young Men help people into the chapel on Sundays
  - Even when ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.
- Observing and then serving often requires great effort.
- Learn to first observe and serve in charitable ways
- The Golden Rule
  - Even as those you would have done unto you, do unto others
- If I listen with my heart I hear the Savior speak unto me Primary Program 2011
- I learned we are the Saviors hands when we serve the one.
- Observing then serving is not always convenient and does not always fit our timetable
- What better place to observe then serve than in the home
- Sometimes we are tempted in a way we want to serve not the way that is needed in the moment.
- Am I doing this for the Savior, or am I doing it for me?

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- The Lord is patient and merciful
- Heavenly Father will observe our greatest need
- First observe, then serve.
  - o as we do so we are keeping our covenants
- As we ask ourselves the question: 'Am I doing this for the Savior, or am I doing this for me?' our service will more likely resemble that of the Savior

Hymn: Called to Serve - Hymn 249, Childrens Songbook 174

(fitting after yesterday's announcement!)

Talk: Elder Walter F. González, Presidency of the Seventy

#### **Learning with Our Hearts**

- "Come unto me" (Christ to the Nephites)
  - o this commandment is just as applicable to us in our day as it was in their day
- We can not understand the scriptures unless we apply our hear
- It is only with the heart that one can see rightly;
- What is essential is invisible to the eye
- Matt. 16:16 "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- We might think that navigating millions of pages will tell us all we need to know. Information alone is not
  enough. once we have some experience in navigating this celestial web we can know things we cannot
  learn otherwise
- Heavenly Father will help us navigate the celestial web
  - We will discern the truth of temporal things
- Nephi told his brother they could not FEEL his words because they were swift to do iniquity and slow to remember the Lord their God. - 1 Nephi 17:45
- When we navigate the celestial web, we can discern the truth
- Iniquity hampers our ability to see, feel, and love others
- Teach our children of our conversion
- Revelation from heaven is a better source of information than the internet.
- We can experience joy that words fall short to express--gratitude will strengthen us through hard times
- A foundation in Christ "gives the devil no power over you."
- There is no burden that He cannot ease or remove
- I promise that when all doors seem to be closed, when everything else seems to fail, He will not fail you.
- Christ knows how to succor His people--addiction, depression, whatever else.
  - He rose from the dead with "healing in His wings"

#### Talk: Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

### **The First Great Commandment**

• There is almost no group in history that I feel more sympathy for than the 11 remaining Apostles after the death of the Savior

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Total dependency on the Savior

Repeatedly Jesus had tried to tell them that He would not remain physically with them

- He taught his disciples and said unto them he shall be delivered unto the hands of men and he shall be killed.
  - They understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.
- Their LORD and MASTER was killed and crucified
  - His mortal ministry was done and his worked seemed doomed and...
- They surely must have wondered, "What do we do now?"
  - Turned to Peter--
  - Brethren it has been glorious three years
    - we have walked with Him
    - we have wept with Him
    - but that is over
    - He has been resurrected
    - What do we do now?
      - I intend to go fishing
      - We also go with thee We entered into a ship and went with thee Scripture
         John
- They caught nothing, saw a figure.
  - Children have you caught anything
    - We have caught nothing
  - Cast your net on the right side and you shall find
    - Recognition begins to flood over them
- They had been fishing there before, a fellow Galilean had told them to fish, that their net broke.
- It is the LORD Scripture John
  - Peter Leaped
- Turning point of the apostolic ministry Jesus Said <u>John 21</u>
  - Peter ,do you love me more than you love all this?
    - Yea, Lord Thou knowest that I love Thee
  - Peter, do you love me?
    - Yea, Lord Thou knowest that I love Thee
  - Peter --DO YOU LOVE ME?
    - Did he misunderstand the question
    - Did he seek confirmation of the answer he gave automatically
    - "Lord Thou knowest I love Thee."
- Why are you here? With this same net having this same conversations?
  - o If I wanted fish I can get fish
  - What I need are disciples,
  - I need them for ever
  - I need someone to Feed My Sheep and save my lambs
- Preach my gospel and Defend my faith
- Ours is not a feeble message

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- Go and Teach and Testify
  - Until the day they do to you what they did to me
- Were you as foolhardy as the scribes and the pharisees
- Did you think that this Work could be killed by killing me?
  - What a great question!
- I would be very surprised if God does not ask us what Christ asked Peter
  - Did you love me
- God will want to know if in our mortal/childish grasp of things did we understand one commandment
  - o Thou Shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, strength and mind!
- On the Judgment day, God may ask us "Did you love me?"
- The crowning characteristic of love is always loyalty
- We have neighbors to bless, children to protect, the poor to lift up....a life of total discipleship to give
- A handful of Galilean fishermen, turned again apostles, without a single synagogue of sword went on to shape the history of the world
- Testimony of the fact that Apostolic Keys have been restored and can be found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- To those that are not members, or have wandered.
  - You face a lot of empty nets.
- The call is to come, to stay true, to love God, and to lend a hand
- To those return missionaries whoever stood in a baptismal font and was commissioned to baptize with authority
  - That commission was to change your convert forever
    - It was also to change you forever
- Youth--Love God and remain clean from the blood and sins of this generation
  - You have a monumental work to do underscored by that announcement by President Monson yesterday morning
- The voice of Christ comes ringing down through the halls of time, asking each one of us while there is time, "Do you Love me?"
  - And for every one of us, I answer with my soul, "Yes, Lord. We do love thee." And with our hand to the plow, We will Never look back!

Hymn: If the Savior Stood Beside Me - 2008 Primary Program

#### Talk: President Thomas S. Monson, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

#### **Consider the Blessings**

- 49 years since being called as an Apostle, October 4, 1963 Video of first Talk Text
  - Much has changed since then.
  - We live in a unique time in the world's history
- Rather than dwelling if we take a step back and consider the blessings in our lives, we can find greater happiness.
- Challenge: Take an inventory of your life, and notice the blessings, large and small, you have received.

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- I'd like to share a tiny sampling of instances where prayers were heard and responded to. My daily journal I have kept over the years has kept some of the specifics I would have forgotten otherwise.
- My brothers and sisters, the Lord's purposes are often accomplished when we pay heed to the guidance of the Spirit.
- I believe that the more we act upon the inspirations the more the Lord will entrust us with His errands
- Never postpone a prompting!
- Spiritual inspiration: While swimming at the gym, I was prompted to visit a friend at the university hospital who lost the use of his lower limbs. This friend coincidentally (or not) was found at the hospital pool used for physical therapy.
  - I later learned from friend that he have been despondent and was considering to take his life by going into the deep end of the pool.
- live many more years of happiness, how grateful he could be an instrument!
- Zela had long been blind but recognized voices
  - Asked for a blessing
  - Had prayed for a visit, Pres. Monson confirmed that spiritual guidance
  - Passed away the following day
- The opportunity to be a blessing of the life of another often comes unexpectedly
- The story of a car stop working due to a dead battery.
  - o A young adult finally stopped and gave them a ride back to Midway.
  - He was a Boy Scout and wanted to do a good turn.
  - Encouraged him to serve a mission by sending a letter and book with underlining parts on missionary work
  - The boy's parents often put his name on the prayer roll of the Provo temple
  - After several months of work, Pres. Monson and his wife had the opportunity to attend his farewell.
- Does the lord put people in our path by chance? I believe not!
- The Lord is in the details of our lives.
- This last story occurred at the Kansas City Temple cultural celebration.
  - Interesting how long we can live and still have another unique experience
  - "I believe our meeting was answer to another's heartfelt prayer of a father."
  - o The Lord is in the details of our life
  - There was just one major problem in that day of preparation. There were major recorded segments that provided the framework on which the production depended. And yet, the jumbotron was not working.
  - There was little to no rehearsal time remaining. 3,000 youth on the floor prayed together to inspire those fixing the jumbotron (large tv screen at the venue).
  - The man who eventually fixed the problem attributed the discovery to luck. Yeah, right!
  - The performance was still extremely polished. The Lord had made up the difference.
- I never cease to be amazed by how the Lord can motivate and direct the length and breadth of His Kingdom and yet have time to provide...
- The Lord is in all of our lives
  - wants to bless us

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 As He guides us and directs us, and as He hears and answers our prayers, we will find the happiness here and now that He desires for us

**Hymn:** "If the Way Be Full of Trial, Weary Not," <u>Deseret Sunday School Songs</u> (1909), number 158 **Benediction:**