

## 02 Accessing the Fullness of the Atonement of Jesus Christ through Personal Revelation

Well, brothers and sisters, I'm very happy to be here today and Thor and Chad and Mike, Jason - gosh this has been amazing. I've never been to one of these before and I'm just so glad that I was here. Margie and I looked at each other and said, "Boy, we're just enjoying this so much today. This has been great."

Thank you for coming. I know that many of you have come a long way and I'm here to share with you some things today - a little different. I've learned some things in the last year or so. I want to share those things with you. When we gave the podcasts you will remember that we taught many different things, deep doctrines, doctrines of the kingdom, what the scriptures call 'the mysteries' and I shared with you when we taught those podcasts that all off the things that we're not personally experienced, do you remember hearing that? That was true. I wasn't doing the best I could from my own life's experiences, from my knowledge, my understanding of the scriptures, what the Lord had revealed to me, and what came through prophetic utterance and doing the best I could to interpret that. My style in the podcast was: step one, step two. I even drew diagrams showing stair steps like this. You don't get to step two by bypassing one, and you don't get to four by skipping over two and three. That's kind of the way that went.

Well I want you to know that our Father and his Son can do whatever they want - any way they want. That's the first thing I've learned. In my thinking and my own expectations were that these things had to happen this way, this way, one thing following another thing. I've since found out that we don't limit them; they can do it anyway they want. They can take four things that I would list in a sequence one, two, three, four. And they can do them not only in any other sequence but they can do them all at once if they want. That was a great revelation for me.

So I'm here to talk to you today about '*the mysteries*'. I want to share with you mysteries. And I think this is a good time to do this. Perhaps at an earlier time we may have been a little iffy about this, the mysteries. I'm so grateful that we are at a time where we don't hear these words anymore, "Stay away from the mysteries." I've heard that all my life and I've always felt like an outlaw because those have always attracted me. There has been something inside me that has said, "There is this that's on the surface, but Boy, there's a whole lot more." When I've gone that way, it's always been in the face of ridicule and persecution. Or somebody would come up and say something like this, "well that's not important for your salvation." Has anybody heard these things before? I am so grateful, I think we are past that day. I hear a prophet of God getting up and teaching things that are mysterious.

Let's go over to section 42 in the Doctrine and Covenants, if you've got your scriptures there, or your digital things. Section 42 was quoted by Pres. Nelson and I think I even saw that in some of your literature, Mike and Nancy, where he says this: If thou shalt ask (this is for 61, section 42 verse 61) –

### **D&C 42:61**

**61 If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, (which is what we want) knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know (here we go) the mysteries and peaceable things—**

Don't you find that interesting that the Lord puts 'mysteries' in the same category as 'the peaceable things?' How about that in a world of chaos. In a world that's spiraling downward when everybody's looking for peace and according to the Lord is the one place that the devil

want to keep you away from was the mysteries. Because that's where what is? The peaceable things. Then he goes on:

**D&C 42:61**  
*that which bringeth joy, that which bringeth life eternal.*

Now, look at that Scripture, brothers and sisters. It's the mysteries of the gospel of Jesus Christ that bring the peaceable things and bestow joy and eternal life. Well that's a whole different view of looking at things, isn't it?

Now, let's go over to 1 Nephi chapter 1. I'll bet you've never heard this verse.

**1 Nephi 1:1**  
*1 I, Nephi, having been born...*

We quote this one endlessly, but we don't get to the second half of verse one which to me is the best part.

*1 Nephi 1:1*  
*1 I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, (here we go, watch, we get that far but we don't go to the second half) having been highly favored of the Lord...*

That's a whole section of study and fascinating information. How is it that you are highly favored of the Lord? Look.

**1 Nephi 1:1**  
*1 ... having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore I make a record of my proceedings in my day.*

The very first verse of the first book in the *Book of Mormon* tells you what to look for. Do you want to be highly favored of the Lord, whatever that means, and if you do, then you've got to make a study of what the scriptures call *the mysteries of God*. You got to go there. And not be afraid. Don't be afraid of this. I hear people all the time mentioned that they're so worried about being deceived. Deception among Latter-day Saints is a big deal. Why would you want to be afraid of being something you already are? We already are.

This, brothers and sisters, is the Telestial world. You think we've got it straight here? When everything in this world is designed to be delusional and deceptional? Even though we interpret things, we interpret things through the physical body which has weaknesses. So don't be afraid. This is one of the great tools that the opposition uses to keep you away from, what? The mysteries. He wants to shut that door on you, why? Because he knows that's where joy, and eternal life and the peaceable things of the kingdom of God are found. We need to go there. Don't be afraid. Put aside the fear of deception. You are already deceived.

Go over to section 123 in the Doctrine and Covenants, let me show you something here. Section 123, verse 7. This is a description of the world that we're in. The prophet Joseph Smith said this:

### **D&C 123:7**

*7 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 , (watch this right here) which hath so strongly riveted the creeds of the fathers, who have inherited lies, (So the creeds of the fathers are what? Inherited lies. Then look what the next thing it says.) 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.*

What is this? So look at the mainspring of all corruption we've got in this world and the prophet here is telling as the cause of that are the traditions of the fathers and the lies they inherited from their fathers and pass them on to who, their children, the next generation, the next generation. This is a generational deception that we inherit just by being in this world.

What we're trying to do is get out of this. It's not a fear of falling into it, you're already in it. What we're trying to do is get out. And the scripture's telling us the key to getting out is to understand the mysteries of godliness. So we've got this backwards, so don't be afraid, don't look for handbooks about how to do this, there is no handbook written on the things that we call the mysteries of God. There is only one way for you to find out what these are, access these and have them work in your life and that is through exactly what Pres. Nelson is telling us to do right now. What? Seek for personal revelation. Then he takes it a step further and says if you don't get it, what? You're not going to survive what's coming.

So, one of the great mysteries of godliness is something that all of Adam's posterity have been striving to do for the last 6000 years with limited success. That is to, while in the flesh, come up and behold the face of God. This is what it is all about. So the greatest mystery of all, brothers and sisters, is how do we come up while in this life, in the flesh, see God face to face? That's what it's all about. When that happens you are then redeemed from the fall that's what that means. I show myself unto you therefore thou art redeemed from the fall, Ether chapter 3.

### **Ether 3:13**

*... therefore thou art redeemed from the fall... I show myself unto you.*

So the mystery is: How do we do this?

Here's another one. I talked to men the other day and he said, "I've been a member of the church all my life, 70+ years old, and he said, "Brother Stroud, I don't know how to receive revelation. I don't know that I have ever had significant personal revelation." There's another mystery. How do we do this? We know we should do it, how do we do it?

We're really good as members of the church at understanding what we should do and why we should do it --but the how is the trick. We're not really good at that. We all know what we should be doing, and where we should be, and what blessings we should be enjoying and all this. But how do you do it?

I would like to share with you some things that I've learned. I've learned that we look at things in a skewed, perverted way. We think that we've got this all nailed down. But I found out this. You need to be prepared to be taught from on high. And in order for that to happen, you have to have a mindset that you're allowed to take anything, and maybe everything, you ever understood or thought you understood and be prepared to turn it loose. That's not to say that you will be required to. The Heavenly hosts want to know if you're willing to do that, because as long as we're holding onto any false expectations or beliefs, twisted truths, traditions of the fathers, false concepts, false precepts than it makes it difficult if not downright impossible for the truth from God to come into us and become a part of us. You need to be prepared to be taught.

One of the definitions of humility and meekness and loneliness of heart is that you are willing to be taught, you're willing to turn some things loose. If it's not correct, you let the Lord know I'm willing to take things in a pure way. And then don't be afraid of that. You need to turn loose the fear of being wrong. Don't worry about that. All we're doing here, brothers and sisters, for the time that were here on the earth, is that we are practicing. Just listen to what Jason said, "it's practice makes perfect". We're practicing. So everything that we're doing, we're experimenting, its sacred practice to move us towards a place where our experience can gain something called wisdom and understanding, which is highly prized by the heavenly hosts – wisdom and understanding – there's only one way to get that, that's just dive in.

I had a man call me up a while ago that was concerned about somebody he knew that was dealing with some dark spirits and he'd listened to the podcast on devils and unclean spirits and he was real concerned. He was writing out a whole script. He was taking several podcasts and he was putting this script down and I got the feeling that once he got the script down when he got into the actual incident that he was going to stand there and have somebody hold it in front of him while he put his hands on their head and read the script. He just felt that he needed to have every 'T' crossed and every 'I' dotted and cover that. And I said you don't need to do that. Just dive in. And the Lord knows what your heart is; He knows what your intent is. It's love, and service, deliverance and liberty, and whether you say everything that's necessary or not doesn't matter because He'll reward you as if you had said that. How else do we learn? Just dive in. And your action in behalf of that person will bring down the powers of heaven in a greater flow than your inadequate words otherwise would have. Just do it.

And how do we learn? We learned by just diving in. Just do it. Don't be afraid. Don't go into the paralysis of analysis. Don't go there. I mean what if I should do this? I don't know if this is right. What if I don't say this - On and on - until eventually your analysis turns the whole situation into unbelief and the door's shut. You've been called to minister, don't worry about exactly what you do. Just dive in. The Lord will bless you; He will back you up. And He will bestow the blessings upon the blessing you are ministering to you regardless of how little or how much you say because He's not measuring your words. What's he measuring? He's measuring right here (touches his heart). Some of the sweetest ministrations I heard are not eloquent. I've heard husbands and fathers bless their children and their wives – it wasn't the words – it was just they dove in. They had courage. Laid their hands on the heads, after saying a little prayer, father I've never done this before. Brother Stroud tells me I need to do this and cast out devils. Jesus did that I've never done this how do you do it? And you do it by just saying, "By the authority of the Priesthood, in the name of Jesus Christ" and just let the words come and the miracle will occur.

You heard in a podcast that years ago I had an experience when I was on a mission, Margie and I were on a mission in Mongolia, I had an experience there in a vision. I have not

been a visionary. This was really exciting to me because this was the first honest-to-goodness vision. I mean, I'd taught everybody to have them, but boy this was something else.

And what I saw was a man's arm from the shoulder down to the end of his finger and there was a nail right in the palm, a nail in the wrist, and the hand was clawed like this. I can still see it as I think about it. I knew it was the Savior's arm. Just from here down. I could tell that the pressure on that nail from his body weight was causing that hand to claw – I knew that.

I got so excited about that and immediately went out and shared that two or three people and then I got to worrying and I thought, "Oh my gosh, I shouldn't have done that." And God cut me off for five years. Do you remember hearing that in the podcast. I tell that; he cut me off for five years and I never had another experience like that. And I thought, "Boy, I learned that lesson. You just be careful who you share with, right?" That's what I had been taught.

Well come down to the Fourth of July this year, so I'm sitting in the front room with my son, a couple other people, I told them about an experience I had seeing and talking with an angel. I was sharing that with him and my wife is kneeling me. Now some of you that elbowed; I get kneed. She was just kneeling me and bruising up my knee like mad and I kept looking over and she was shaking her head and I just kept right on going. I just sheared this and that... And I got the feeling that the story was going right over the head of my son.

So we went for a little ride, got in the car, and she said, "Mike why did you do that?" I said, "Oh, I don't know, I shouldn't have done that." She said to me. "Really, You shouldn't have done that." And we were both just wailing on me. And I could see myself now sent to my room for five more years. Go to your room, sit in the corner, and don't come out until I tell you.

So we went down to Safeway, and this was weighing heavy on my mind. Went into the store, and came around and opened the truck door and put my wife in, shut the door, as I walked around to the back of the truck, around to the other door, in that time, before I got to the door, the voice of the Lord said this: "Mike, I love you. Take what happened and let's learn from it. Then lets us move forward together from here." And that took place from that door to this door. This quick.

I opened the door and I said. "Margie." She said, "Yes." I said. "Do you remember that story I used to tell about God cutting me off for five years?" And she said, "Yes Mike, He couldn't cut you off, you cut you off." And I went, "Whoa, where did that come from?" She said, "I don't know, it just came into my mind." And I said, "Exactly. Exactly!" And I said, "Do you know why I cut me off for five years?" She said, "No." And I said, "It's because I have a twisted view of how they, Mom and Dad, and the Lord, and others, how they view us in this world. And because of my twisted view I cut me off for five years. Effectively, sent myself to my own room to sit in the corner. And saying Mike don't you come out for five years." The truth of this is revealed from heaven was this, as soon as He could get my attention, His first comment was, "I love you Mike. Learn from what's happened and lets us go forward together from here." And that's, my friends, that's our Lord.

You want to know what else I've learned in the last year? Why I learned this one; write this one down. If you don't hear anything else I want you to remember this one. This is a mystery. They, Mother and Father, and the Savior, never criticize us. They never accuse us. And they never ever condemn us. This has been, I can't tell you what this has done for me. This

puts them in a position to always love and support - quickly, immediately and completely forgive. Because they're looking at us in this world and they see us as practicing.

And the next thought that came to my mind was, 'what about the punishment? Because I know the word punishment is in the scriptures, I know it's there. What about that?' Are you ready for this one? If they don't punish. You are going to say, "oh boy, he's gone off the deep side now." But let me show you because when I was taught that they took me through the scriptures. Let's go to Alma chapter 42. This was so wonderful. Now, brothers and sisters, I know some are not going to agree with this and that's good. That's good. I don't have any problem with that. Let's go to Alma 42 and I want to take you over to verse 15. Alma 42 verse 15, I'm going to show you a sequence here. Now watch remember I just made a statement that they don't punish. They don't have to. Is there punishment, Oh yeah. Oh yeah, there's punishment but it isn't meted out by them. Here's a mystery. Verse 15.

### **Alma 42:15-18**

15 [And Now], *the plan of mercy could not be brought about except an atonement should be made; therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world, to bring about the plan of mercy, (catch that, kind of hold that) to appease the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.* (Now here we go, verse 16.)

16 *Now, repentance could not come unto men except there were a punishment, (I knew there was a punishment because I've felt it. I have been punished in this world.) which also was eternal as the life of the soul... (Catch that? In the Telestial world there is punishment always and it is eternally so in every Telestial world. And we'll see why in just a minute.) was eternal as the life of the soul should be, affixed opposite to the plan of happiness which was as eternal also as the life of the soul.*

17 [Now,] *how could a man repent except he should sin? How could he sin if there was no law? How could there be a law save there was a punishment?* (This is Amulek's rational reasoning. Now this verse right here.

18 *Now, there was a punishment (here's your keyword) **affixed**, (that's what you want to underline) and a just law given, which brought remorse of conscience unto man.*

So here's the sequence. You violate eternal law and there's a **punishment affixed to the law**. Let's go a bit further. Go down to verse 22.

### **Alma 42:22**

22 *But there is a law given, and a punishment affixed, and a repentance granted; which repentance, mercy claimeth; otherwise, justice claimeth the creature and executeth the law, and the law (here we go) inflicteth the punishment;*

What is the punishment come from? It's affixed to eternal law. So if you violate eternal law there is a punishment affixed which brings you to, what? Go back over to verse 18, *remorse of conscience and man*. Here's your sequence. Verse 23.

### **Alma 42: 23**

23 *But God ceaseth not to be God, and mercy claimeth the penitent, and mercy cometh because of the atonement; and the atonement bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead;*

Now you read this closely and here's the sequence: Violate an eternal law and there's a punishment affixed to that. Just as the opposite is if you keep eternal law there is a blessing also attached. This is affixed to the law. This punishment brings a man or woman to remorse of

conscience; remorse of conscience brings about the condition of repentance; and repentance brings about the plan of mercy.

I'd never seen that until the Lord showed me that day walking around my truck when he said, 'I love you Mike.' I'm looking for punishment and I got love. I'd punished myself enough by the time I left my house until the time I got to Safeway. I mean I was just beatin' myself up, visualizing being in that room again for five years. This is a mystery of godliness.

Your father doesn't need to punish you. There's eternal law that has punishment affixed. He is always in a condition of open arms, come to me, I love you, learn from the experience and let's move forward together. If we could grab ahold of that concept and that our Father and his Son never criticize you. They never accuse you. And they never condemn you. That comes from the opposition.

What happens is, in the cycle of breaking the law, as you break the law and you find yourself at 6 o'clock in the circle where the punishment is being inflicted, Satan and his people hijack the concept right there. They step in and hijack that. And what they do, as you've heard earlier today, the point upwards and say, 'How can you worship a God who would put you through this?' And so they hijack the whole concept and put the blame on him to cause you to lose your faith and confidence in your Father. Instead of looking at Him as a mentor, friend, supporter, you now feel no love there. And you want to distance yourself further from Him. So would you remember those things? They never criticize, they never accuse, and they never condemn. Ever!

Let me share with you something about conversing with the Lord through the veil. They have a great sense of humor. Oh my gosh. They have a great sense of humor. I know one man I talked to, and he will hear this and recognize the story, he said, 'Mike', he says, 'when I started to practice conversing with the Lord that I decided that I had to speak very slowly to him.' And I said, 'well, whatever.' This is good we're all doing that the best we could. And so he said, 'I was speaking very slowly to him; a voice came to me and said, why are you speaking so slowly?' Isn't that great? It's who they are. I don't know how you pictured them but I always pictured them pretty straight-laced and that if we need to make an attempt to access them it's going to take formality, ceremony, and pomp and circumstance after all this is the King and the Queen so we have to be very, very-- When I first started to make the attempt to see what was on the other side of that wall, that we call the veil, man, I wrote some of the greatest psalms you've ever seen in your life. My psalms would rival anything David wrote. Set them up against anybody. They were beautiful. They were inspired the Lord gave it to me, but I have to hunch as they watched me growing through these motions I almost consider them chuckle and just having fun watching this. I would sing songs, you know this was my preparations to approach the Lord and pierce the veil. What do I know, nobody's given me a book on this stuff. So guess what I have a few mentors, like we all have somebody, you've heard a bunch of them up here today that are mentoring. That are sharing their experiences, for that reason? So that you can come up and obtain these things. That's the whole idea. We need these.

One time I asked the Lord, 'Lord am I traveling at night?' Because some time ago Margie and I came to the realization that the time that our body sleeps is a waste of time. Right? My spirit doesn't need it. So we in our prayers would kneel down and say, 'Father, if we can be of help or assistance to anybody while our body's regenerating you have our permission and we say we would love to do that, and by the way we don't need to not to consume it upon our lusts.'

And so we'd start saying that prayer; started having some experiences that made me wonder so I went to the Lord and I asked him after I did learn to converse with the Lord through the veil – I'm going to share some things there. And I said, 'have I been traveling at night?' And he said, 'yes.' And I said, 'I don't know it.' He said, 'I know.' That was it. There's that little humor again – 'I know.'

We had a sister who is here in this room tonight, come to our house, she sat down and she was sitting under her favorite place on the mountain where we live sitting under a sacred pine tree and had had an angel come and had revealed to her, her eternal name and her title. She was sharing that with us and while this was happening the Lord said, 'ask what you will and I'll grant it.' So she said, 'Lord, what about the tribulation?' And the Lord came back and said, 'it's always about the tribulation.' And she said, 'I didn't know you were sarcastic.' And he said, 'I speak all languages.' Isn't that beautiful? That's who they are. Let's lighten up a little bit. Should we have some fun in this? I've found out they are just the most congenial, fun, happy people that you will ever, ever meet. Beautiful.

And they look upon us, understanding us in this world, so much better and with a different view than you and I do. They look at us and what we're doing here different than you and I look at each other. Is this a serious place, you bet, is a deadly - yes. Does that mean that you have to go around with long faces like the ancient Pharisees and carry this burden? They want you to be happy. How do we be happy in a world that is spiraling downward? How do we do that? Well, you do it by coming to *know* them. Not, *know about them*; you come to *know them*.

You see our prophet is moving us towards this. So I'm so thrilled about where we're at right now in the history of the church. I listened to Pres. Nelson when he was the president of the Quorum of the Twelve in April 2016, on his great talk on Power and the Priesthood and I remember clearly when I heard him say, 'seek to be taught by the Lord himself.' I about fell off the chair on that one. Three people sitting in the room and I said, 'Did you hear that? Did you hear that? Did you hear what he just said?' Because it was a big, I think a historic shift.

Now, I was interested to hear that lesson taught in priesthood lessons and spoken of in sacrament meeting for the next six months. And more often than not I got the feeling that they didn't interpret what I thought I heard way I did because I took that literally. I did not attach any symbolism to that. My whole heart went to there. I want to be taught by Him and his emissaries-true messengers. I don't want any more of the mainspring of all corruption. I want to get it from them. And to me that talk open the door and shortly thereafter we hear Henry B. Eyring give this talk called, *Walk With Me*.

Go over to the Joseph Smith translation (JST) and Brother Eyring quoted JST, Genesis 14:25-40. Now, brothers and sisters, this is where we are heading. This is where we're going. You are all members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. You've all been initiated, you've been baptized and brought into the church out of the world.

Within a year the church has all of its resources. To get you with in a year, after your baptism, into the temple because into the temple you are being initiated into something higher, something more profound, something that's talked about in these verses when it talks about Melchizedek and that is to come into something called The Church of the Firstborn. Let me share with you some of the privileges associated with this membership. By the way, there are people in this room that have full membership in The Church of the Firstborn. You won't know it

because there are no earthly records of the ordinances to that church. There are records kept but they are not kept in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And at the entrance and pathway into this church is through personal revelation and ministrations of heavenly beings.

I want you to know that I hear a lot of criticism against the church. It's all wrong. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is doing *exactly* what it should be doing right now. There is a reason for controversy, paradox, contradiction, there's a reason, because the Lord's sifting out the hearts of men. That's what he's doing. So here are some of these great privileges. If you go down to verse 31 it says:

**Genesis 14:31**

*31 To put at defiance the armies of nations,* (Think about what Jason just talked about. These are the powers that belong to this area here, The Church of the Firstborn; the General Congregation; the Church of Enoch. It says.) *to divide the earth, to break every band, to stand in the presence of God; to do all things according to his will, according to his command, subdue principalities and powers; and this by the will of the Son of God which was from before the foundation of the world.*

So that's where the Lord wants us to go. This group and others like this have been prepared for these very things. There are translated beings among us on the earth. They look like us. They come down from the city of Enoch. There are true messengers and with all that there is darkness, counterfeit, subterfuge, and all kinds of other stuff to confuse, to destroy and make afraid. It's all there; so how are you going to determine this? You going to ask for their bona fides by testing them with a priesthood sign?

The ultimate way for you to find out something that you come up against us if from our Father and His Son and from the heavenly hosts or is a clever very close camouflaged counterfeit is this: *by their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather figs of thistles and grapes of thorns? By their fruits ye shall know them.* If the fruits are not there then you can now that's not from our Father. This is the great way that you do that. That may take a little bit of time. You may have to set things on the shelf for a while and come back to it but that is the way to know.

Our Father and Mother in heaven possess something called a divine nature. Now the only place you can read about this is in second Peter chapter 1. In all of our literature, religious literature, the only place where *the divine nature* is mentioned is in second Peter chapter 1. Now it is used a lot in the church but scripturally it's only there. Interestingly enough it's in the same chapter where the only place that *calling and election made sure* is mentioned is in the same chapter. How interesting.

What is the divine nature? Here's what it is. It is all of the characteristics and attributes of divine male and divine female in their perfected fullness. Think about that for a minute. And our Mother and Father in Heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ possess this nature in them in its perfected fullness. They want us to have that nature in us, now watch, in this life. That's the kicker. Everybody says sure down the road. NO – NOW!. They want us to have it now. It can only come into us through the Lord Jesus Christ. His position as Mediator, Savior, Redeemer, Anointed One, gives Him the right to take the nature of our Mother and Father and to bestow that and instill it in us, but it has to come through Him.

The opposite of that divine nature is all of what I call the D's; the D's of Telesstial life: discouragement, disappointment, disillusionment, disorderly, deception, and death. Okay? Now

watch, they want to replace all of that with their nature in us - now. Because in their nature none of those things exist.

Now how is that done? Well here's the secret. You need to be able to spend sacred, holy time every day with the Lord Jesus Christ. Can I say it, a minimum of an hour a day with Him. Because what He has to give to you requires consistent time with Him every day - Sacred, holy time. So he's asking you to give Him that time in order for Him to bestow their nature in you.

That's the other thing he wants? He wants you to express in that time gratitude, love, adoration and praise to our Mother and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, just praise them. You say, 'that's all?' Well think about it, brothers and sisters, everything in this world is designed to keep you from those two things.

Now, for me at age 75, it's easier for me to find that time than it is for somebody that's younger that has children, that has a job, but let me tell you that if you want to do this He will help you do it. And you won't miss the time. It won't interfere, He will help you do this. But you have to do it. And it can't be a silver bullet approach. You can be hit and miss. It has to be consistent. Because what He's doing requires that time and that consistency in order for it to happen.

I taught this to a man who was about 82 years old and he said, 'you know Mike', he says 'I've never prayed more than 15 minutes in my whole life and you're talking about praying for an hour.' And I said, 'I didn't say anything about praying. I said spending time with him. And you let the Holy Spirit guide you in what that means. What is that?' Oh my gosh, brothers and sisters, never in my life have I experienced what I do when I spend time with Him. And when just one man or one woman commits to that, really commits, the heavens erupt. There is such jubilation to find one man and one woman in the Telestial world in 2018 that will commit to that that all heaven lines up behind you and helps you bring it to pass.

So in doing that, here's what I found, right here in the very center of us (tapping the center of his chest) right behind your solar plexus somewhere, there is a sacred place that I call my personal holy of holies. And the Lord taught me he said, 'Mike it's just like the ancient temples.' I said, 'what do you mean?' and He said, 'well look at this. Take Solomon's Temple. You had the building and then you had a general area around the building that was called the *outer court* or the *court of the gentiles*.' Then he said to me, 'that's the world that you're in. It's the Telestial world--is the *court of the Gentiles*. Then you have a *temple proper* where you to enter the stairs into the door which is called *the holy place*.' He said, 'Mike that your body.' And I remembered quickly a couple of scriptures in 1 Corinthians chapter 3 (:16) and chapter 6 (:19) that says, *know ye not that your body is the temple of God? And that the Spirit of God dwells there in*. And I said, 'literally Lord' and he said, 'literally. Your physical bodies at Temple.' And in the very middle of that is a smaller place called the holy of holies.

Anciently in Solomon's time it was a 12-foot square cube layered with gold. I found it interesting that only one man, once a year, went into that place – very restricted place, very restricted. And so is this. Because for you to get in here and find out what goes on in this place that's right here (pointing to his chest), that's your effort where the Lord says, 'draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you' and I found out to get into that place requires some effort. It requires you to - stop talking. Oh my gosh, we're afraid of that. I know that I was trying.

I slipped into this place by accident a couple of times and I experienced what takes place there. And what takes place there is: He meets you there just like it was anciently. When you enter into this sacred place you enter into His presence, the Lord Jesus Christ. And it's in this place where His work to exchange your fallen nature with their divine nature takes place fully in this place. This is where you fully access the atonement of Jesus Christ to receive the greatest of all of the gifts, what? Your own fallen nature is replaced with their divine nature even to a point where physical death has no claim on you because physical death is a part of the fallen world. If they really are replacing your nature with their nature they don't die. There is no depression, there is no discouragement, there's none of the D's there. If this is true then that's a part of this transition. What you're really doing, my friends, is while you're still walking in the Telesstial realm you have transitioned to Terrestrial sphere while you're still here.

How do we converse with the Lord through the veil? How do we do that? You've been to the temple, most of you have. You know that goes on there. We are supposed to do this. We were supposed to converse with him. You know what the problem is? We don't converse with him. We talk at him, we talk to him, but we don't converse with him. What is a conversation? It's too way. And if you're like me when I started doing this I couldn't stop talking. I don't see anybody, there's nobody in front of me. You know how hard it is to converse with somebody that you don't see your eyes, right. It's a barrier. And it's that way on purpose. You think this is going to be easy to converse with the King. You think this is just going to be given to you with a passive apathetic effort? It's going to require you to desire with all of your heart and if you do he'll take you there.

When you start talking to him, converse. Ask a question or make a statement than what? Be quiet. I had him say to me, "Mike, Be Quiet." Because I was just, what, I just felt I had to continue this on... that he finally... They don't interrupt you. They'll wait until you catch your breath and then they'll say, 'be quiet.' And I would say, 'okay' and I will try to go in to that and pretty soon I find myself going at it again. This is not easy. And I've learned to just be quiet.

Now I'm going to give you a mystery here. You pray about this and see if this is true. I'm here to help us go to the next place by sharing some things. Watch. The first thought that comes into your mind after you have spoken with him – you ask a question or make a statement – you stop, you force yourself to stop, you stop, the first thing that comes into your mind is them.

You're going to say no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. That's me. That's me. That's my own thoughts. That's my own desire that's not me. No, it's on purpose to sound like you. There's a reason for this. You need to trust that the very first things that you hear after you've stopped your part of the conversation is them. Trust that. Just be a little child and receive it and believe it. Trust them. Do you think, brothers and sisters, that it may take decades for some of us to get to this point where even make this attempt we're so frightened, we're so worried. And then do you think after decades of getting used to this point where you finally make an attempt that they are going to play games with you when there are so many people that will never get to this point. The few that actually decide to make attempt to talk with them through the veil that they are now going to play some little games or throw riddles at you? Just trust them. Take the first thing that comes into your mind and receive it and believe it that it's *them*. And then carry on a conversation. Listen. Listen what comes up here. Write it down. Get in front of a laptop. Say I'm here Lord, are you there? I asked him that once and he said, 'yes Mike I'm here, I have always been here you have never been alone.' How about that one?

I asked him one morning, I thought 'I'm liking this, I'm going to experiment a little bit more', so I said, 'Lord are you having a good day today?' Boy now that stepping out. That stepping out. And you know what he said? "I'm having a Great day, thank you for asking me." I said, 'I'll bet not many people ask you that.' And all there was a smile. I could feel a smile because I'm not seeing him here. This is conversing with the Lord through the veil. After a while, brothers and sisters, if you'll trust on, press on, just press through that, get past that barrier, this is and him this is me. This is my thoughts. I'm fooling myself because I want this so bad. Push through that. Get to the other side and pretty soon the voice starts to change. And subtly he will start to recognize Him.

The Second Comforter - I felt that I needed to do something in closing today and that's to talk to you about the Second Comforter. In the podcast I taught this, and this, and this, and this, okay. I found out that when you receive the Second Comforter and have an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ that it's going to be spiritual first and then the physical. You want to write that one down. Because this is an eternal law that everything physical is preceded by those things spiritually first. Now we kind of know that a little bit, don't we. But I want you to apply it to everything.

So I had a lady call me up a while back and she is up in Utah and she said brother Stroud can I share with you this experience, and I said please do it. She says I saw man and I don't know if I was in a dream or vision, I don't know what it was, but I saw man and he was standing in the distance and he was looking at me. It was just the two of us.

I said, 'Who was it?'

She said, 'Why it was the Lord.'

I said, 'How do you know it was the Lord?'

She said, 'I just knew it was the Lord.'

And I said, 'Congratulations, you've had a Second Comforter experience.'

And she went, 'Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.' And she immediately went down, 'No, he didn't talk to me, he didn't embrace me, he didn't call me by name, we didn't do any of that.'

So I said, 'Let me ask you a question. You say that's the Lord Jesus Christ?'

'Oh yeah.'

'How did you feel after this encounter?'

She said, 'I felt peace, and joy, and happiness, enthusiasm, confidence.'

I said, 'did you feel comforted?'

She said, 'Oh yeah.'

I said, 'He is the Second Comforter.'

'But I thought...'

And I said, 'No. And it's for that reason that I'm here today. Many of us have blocked these marvelous experiences because we have an expectation that they should be a certain way and that expectation blocks the experience.' So, now watch, spiritually before physically. When you encounter Him you are going to encounter him in the spirit.

So I asked the Lord here a while back I said, 'Okay I understand this. I understand it spiritual before physical. I understand that. I've got that. Why?' Wasn't that the question, Why spiritual before physical? Here's a mystery. I would have never ever come to this on my own. But you're going to love this.

Every spiritual encounter that we have, no matter how big nor how small, the consequence of that encounter from the spirit changes your physical being. It's a natural consequence. So that when you encounter these in the spirit what it's doing is not only blessing

you with light and knowledge but it's also changing your physical body so that at some time in the future you can encounter them in the flesh in the world of glory. You can't do that right now.

The other morning I was with the Lord in that *our* time and I felt something happening in this place here (rubbed the center of his chest). I don't know how to describe this. Some of you will know what I'm talking about. Many of you are going to leave here today and are going to go after this. It is highly desirable. Once you get in there the only feeling I can feel is such a powerful feeling of love and light and truth infused into you somehow, there is some work going on in here (rubbed over center of chest) and he's doing it for you. You are accessing the fullness of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ in a holy place that in this world changes you into being like him.

In the middle of that - it's just waves. It just comes for me - I don't know about you. I can't say this is going to happen, I don't know. For me it comes in as waves. And I just sit there and all I can do when I am in it is just say, 'thank you, thank you, oh I love you so much, thank you.' That's all I can say.

I have now learned that the *Book of Mormon* means when it says they weren't allowed to enter these things because they were unspeakable. I've learned that that doesn't so much mean that you can't say it as much as there are no words to describe it. I'm at a loss to do that. But in the middle of this it seemed like somebody turned it up to where I was just having these beautiful experiences like this come and go and then all of a sudden somebody in heaven decided to just increase that and it went up several times and I just... took my breath away. I just found myself saying, oh my, oh, whoa. Oh my! And the Scripture came into my mind, I had to look it up in the *Book of Mormon*, and the Scripture was:

**2 Nephi 4:21**

*21 He hath filled me with his love, even unto the consuming of my flesh.*

That's the only thing I could describe it. And I learned at that point that whatever they're doing here with us has to be carefully metered by divine beings because it too much was given to us I had the feeling it would be destructive. We couldn't take.

So don't be afraid - approach them. The veil was never meant, brothers and sisters, to be a wall. It was meant to be penetrated. Even your very temple endowment experience is to teach you how to go through that veil and come into the presence of God and see Him face to face. That's what it's all about. That's what the Gospel is.

This is where I believe we're being invited to go. What's Pres. Nelson saying? The restoration hasn't ended; if anything it's barely begun. The restoration of that? Well one thing is to restore God's children unto Him and redeem them from the fall, to establish a Zion society, to sanctify and anchor the earth and to prepare it for it to move from a Telestial to a Terrestrial level and for us to make the transition with it.

The 12,000 of Ephraim are being gathered. The 12,000 of Manasseh are being prepared. This is your day. I love them so much. They are so kind and so merciful.

I have a friend, and I'll and I will end this, comes from a very bad background of alcoholism and living in the street, lost his family and finds himself homeless and the Lord redeemed him and brought him back to where now that in spite of that terrible, terrible

experience, he's highly favored of the Lord. He speaks to the Lord regularly, face to face. He was standing before the Lord Jesus Christ and said this, 'Lord, why is someone like me privileged to have experiences like this?' And the Lord called him by name and said this, 'Because you believe it.'

That was a game changer for me. I found out that the only thing that's keeping us from any of this is our own unbelief. We need to become as a little child again, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love. You need to surrender.

I testify to you that this is our day. I love them. I am so grateful for what they've done for me and my family. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen