

Podcase 004 Mighty Prayer and Personal Revelation

By Mike Stroud

Mike: well, it's good to be here tonight. And I've been thinking about what we can be talking about. First of all before we dive in I need to make a little correction. A Friend of mine, last week, wrote me and said that I had called 'enduring to the end' false doctrine. And that's not exactly what I want to say. It's the way we use it when we say 'enduring to the end'... it's not complete doctrine. So instead of false doctrine, I want to change that to and incomplete doctrine. And the complete concept of 'enduring to the end' is to 'endure to the end in righteousness'. Not just endure. And so I appreciate <person>, who is an associate of mine, contacted me on that. And so, with that in mind I had a feeling we might want to talk a little bit tonight about Prayer and personal Revelation. As I read in Matthew chapter 24, the Joseph Smith Matthew 24, the word it comes up over and over that the Savior uses is 'deceive'. And we... I think we all agree that we are living in an age of the world where deception is rampant. So the question comes up, how do you avoid deception? How can you discern right from wrong? How can you tell light from darkness? Etc. etc. Especially when it comes to receiving revelation. How do we know that the revelation that we are receiving is coming from the right source? How can we discern that our thoughts, since the Lord in section 8 of the Doctrine and Covenants comes out and says, *"...I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart. Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation;"*. So the Lord says in section 8 2 and 3, that when he speaks to us, he speaks to our mind in the form of thoughts and to our heart in the form of feelings. And yet, how can you tell if those are coming from the Holy Ghost or if they're coming from a deceptive source... an angel of light for example.

I want to start out tonight by reciting a statement from the prophet Joseph Smith. This is the Doctrinal History of the Church, volume 4, page 587. And at the time... the time this was given, was in the Kirtland Temple era, there was a lot of confusion about various spirits and spiritual phenomenon that was deceiving the Saints. I think the one were most familiar with is the one of Hiram Page where he had a stone. And was receiving revelation through the stone for the church and the prophet Joseph Smith had to correct him personally. And that happened several different times throughout the early history of the church. And at this time... this is about the same time with section 50 of the Doctrine and Covenants was given, in the first part of section 50, talks about false spirits that have gone abroad in the earth. So the prophet Joseph Smith ask a couple questions. *"Who can describe an angel of light? If Satan should appear as one in glory, who can tell his color, his signs, his appearance, his glory, or what is the manner of his manifestation?"* So if you were to have an angel of the devil appear to you as an angel of light. For example, like Korahor did in Alma 30, so what happened to Korahor, and he was led astray and led a good portion of the Zormites astray and others astray. Going on with the prophet Joseph Smith he says, *"who can drag into daylight and develop the hidden mysteries of the false spirits that so frequently are made manifest among the latter-day Saints?"* Now right there's a warning for us. Now even though this occurred in the Kirtland temple period. I submit that deception has not decreased since the Kirtland temple period. If anything, it's become more refined and increased to where latter-day Saints now must be ever, ever so more diligent in trying to decide if this is coming from the right source or from the wrong source. And the prophet goes on says, this he says, *"we answer that no man can do this without the priesthood and having a knowledge of the laws by which spirits are governed."* Isn't that interesting? So right now if you're going to be able to detect Satan appearing as an angel of light, you have to have a knowledge of the laws that govern the priesthood and the spirits that are abroad on the earth. He goes on to say, he says, *"for no man knows the things of God but by the spirit of God, so no man knows the spirit of the devil and his power influence but by possessing intelligence, which is more than human, and having unfolded through the medium of the priesthood, the mysteries and operations of his, Satan's, devices."* Without knowing...

Student: is this?

Mike: go ahead

student: are you quoting page 587? Page 587?

Mike: page 587, yes, Doctrinal History of the Church. It's also the Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Now look at this, if I were to read to you these eight things. There are eight things here. I'm going to read these to you. And if I were to ask you, Are these things godly or ungodly?...

These eight things. Think about that question: Are these eight things, that Joseph talks about next in this quote, godly or ungodly. Are they light or are they dark? So he goes on it says, without knowing: (1) angelic form; (2) the sanctified look; (3) and gesture, the sanctified gesture; (4) and the zeal, which is frequently manifested by him for the glory of God; together with a (5) prophetic spirit, (6) the gracious influence; (7) the godly appearance; and (8) the holy garb; which are characteristics of his proceedings and his mysterious windings. Now if you look at those eight things and ask yourself the question, Are they godly or ungodly? Most of us would say, They are godly. And Yet, the prophet is using these eight things to describe an angel from the Darkside appearing as an angel of light. Isn't that interesting? So again those eight things are: angelic form, sanctified look, sanctified gesture, zeal, gracious influence, prophetic spirit, godly appearance and holy garb... Clothing.

student: what's number seven?

Mike: see that

student: what's number seven?

Mike: angelic form, sanctified look, sanctified gesture, zeal, prophetic spirit, gracious influence, godly appearance and holy garb. Now he goes on, and he says this. And this I've have double underlined. *"A man must have the discerning of spirits before he can drag into daylight this hellish influence and unfolded into the world in all of its soul destroying, diabolical, and horrid colors."* You see what novices we are, if we don't have divine help. [9:33] The thing the points me out in this telestial school room, with the opposition we have here, in the form of dark spirits, Devils, unclean spirits... were helpless by ourselves.

student: we are oblivious.

Mike: and, we are oblivious.

student: we are, we are oblivious. We don't talk about it. We just think it's it's okay for what's going around us that were really being attacked and I have to go back when you talked to me in July last year... A year ago and I had a definite impression was that we need to learn more about this.

Mike: and so did I.

Student: yeah, you taught me that.

Mike: so notice the key words here priesthood, knowledge of laws, which govern these spirits. Now that right there is an interesting statement. Let me finish this little quote, the prophet Joseph Smith says, *"nothing is a greater injury to the children of men than to be under the influence of a false spirit when they think they have the spirit of the Lord."* Can you think of anything more damning than that?

Student: We've probably been there, Mike, you and I have probably been there

Mike: probably.

Student: probably we think are doing right thing. We're amiss

Mike: one of the gifts of the spirit is the gift of the discerning of spirits. There are two gifts. That I think there one in the same, one is the gift of discernment and the other is a separate gift, the discerning of spirits. And to me, in our day, if the Savior warns us about great deception, both in and out of the church, it would behoove us to make it a matter of prayer to pray for this great gift of the discerning of spirits. So that we can know for surety that revelations that were seeking for, because isn't it interesting, that the Lord gives us commandment to seek his face continuously, and to strive to have... to live in a state of personal Revelation. Yet at the same time here we have the adversary that can so closely counterfeit and copy the real thing, that by ourselves, without this knowledge, of priesthood keys in the keys that govern the spirits we don't stand a chance. We don't stand a chance. So with that in mind, I've been looking for some keys on how you can tell when you're receiving revelation; how you

can tell if it's coming from the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit; or is coming from an alternate source. And we won't even talk about your own voice or the voice of your mind tonight.

Will talk about the two voices, the voices of light and the voices of darkness, let's go over to section 50 of the Doctrine and Covenants and look at a couple of things there. Section 50, the Lord gives us some keys... in section 15 in the heading, it states that the prophet states, *"that some of the elders did not understand the manifestations of different spirits abroad in the earth"*. Further on in the heading, *"so-called spiritual phenomena are not uncommon among the members, some of whom claimed to be receiving visions and revelations."* And I have no doubt in my mind that that they were. So the question comes up, what is the source? That's the question, how can you tell the source? Well I can tell you one reason you can find, if you go to section 50, and if you go to verse 23. We can get one key, *"that which doth not edify is not of God, and is darkness."* So there's a key, right there the Lord gives us in the Scriptures. When I looked up in the 1828 dictionary, the Mirriam dictionary, which is the dictionary that Joseph would've had, The word edify means to build, to edify, to illuminate, to enlighten, to instruct, specially in spiritual things.. The other thing...

Student: today's?

Mike: pardon

student: what's the definition in today's?

Mike: I didn't look up today's I always look up the 1828. I always keep that icon on my app so what I'm reading the Scriptures I always go to the dictionary that Joseph had access to. Another thing is....

student: where you find that?

Mike: pardon

student: where you find that at?

Mike: you just go to 1828 dictionary in your iTunes Store and click on it. It's a free dictionary. Doesn't cost you anything, 1828. The other thing is that edification also moves you toward improvement. So we start to get some little feelings here. Always of a spiritual nature, moves you toward improvement, and is built upon... its built with the same word as edifice... edifice which is a sacred building, I.e. a temple. So it's tied in junction with construction or building something that moves you, illuminates you, enlightens you, and moves you toward spiritual improvement. That's good word to look at... edify. That's a good one. Okay, any comments on that?

Student: yeah, I think <?????>

Mike: <student>I can't hear you. I can't hear you so good when you're so far away. So you'll have to come a little closer to pick up.

student: right here?

Mike: yeah, right there

Student: can you hear me?

Mike: yes

student: okay I think that when we feel the Holy Spirit process with us... we are receiving revelation that is the principle <????>[16:37]

Mike: lost you there... I'm losing your voice there somewhere.

student: is this better?

Mike: yeah, that's much better

student: what was I saying... It was about when we receiving Revelation<????>

Mike: only getting about half of what you're saying. And your picture is frozen up on your Skype. I can still hear you but I'm hearing about every other word.

Student:<????> I don't know why you're not

Mike: can you hear me okay?

Student: you hear me?

Mike: yes.

student:<???\>

Mike: your picture is all messed up there. There you go to your coming through. They are coming back I don't know what happened, but there you go. Now Go ahead and try again please say a more.

Student: just making a comment about receiving Revelation... Just making a comment that...<???\>

Mike: voice is bad, sorry but I don't know why it's not coming through.

student: well, go ahead and talk because we could hear you.

Mike: I have another quote here by the prophet Joseph Smith that I thought was really good. Several years after the prophet Joseph Smith was killed, he appeared to president Brigham Young, and he said this, *"tell the people that keep the spirit of the Lord and it will lead them right, the still small voice, will teach you what to do and where to go. Tell the brethren to keep their hearts open so that when the Holy Ghost comes to their hearts, they will be able to receive it."* Now here's a key. *"They can tell the spirit of the Lord from all other spirits,"* and when I heard this, now that perks me up, that's what I wanted to know, see, he says, *"it will whisper peace and joy to their souls"*. So here's to more words now. We've got peace and joy. We got edification. And here's the fourth part the Joseph Smith said to Brigham, *"their whole desire will be to do good, if they follow the spirit of the Lord they will go right."* So what have we got thus far? We've got words like edification; we've got words like peace and joy; and your whole desire will be to do good. Now this last week I was reading, finishing up the Scriptures I started about a year ago, on all the Scriptures... I was finishing up. I was reading in the very back of Joseph Smith's history is the account written by Oliver Cowdrey about the day that John the Baptist appeared to Joseph and Oliver; and conferred the Aaronic priesthood. And I saw some things that were amazing. [20:16] I want to read this to you, he says, *"I shall not attempt to paint to you the feelings in this heart, nor the majestic beauty and glory which surrounded us on this occasion;"* if you want to look at this this is the last paragraph on Oliver Cowdrey's account at the very end of the Joseph Smith's history, the last paragraph. *"but you will believe me when I say, that earth, nor man, with the eloquence of time, cannot begin to clothe language in as interesting and sublime a manner as this holy personage."* This is John the Baptist. *"No; nor has this earth power to give the joy, to bestow the piece, to comprehend the wisdom which was contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit! Man may deceive his fellow man,"* see this is what were talking about. *"Deception may follow deception, and the children of the wicked one may have power to seduce the foolish and untaught, till not that fiction feeds the many, and the fruit of falsehood carries in its current the giddy to the grave;"* now watch... this next thing *"but one touch with the finger of his love, yes, one ray of glory from the upper world, or one word from the mouth of the Savior, from the bosom of eternity, strikes it all into insignificance, and blots it out forever from my mind."* Now he says this, he said this. Think about the part said Joseph just said, [22:04]

"no nor, has this earth contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power the Holy Spirit..." I just read that, here we go. "Power the Holy Spirit" excuse me, *"earth, nor man, with the eloquence of time, cannot begin to clothe language in as interesting and sublime a manner as this holy personage. No; nor has this earth power to",* right here, *"to give the joy, bestow the piece, or comprehend the wisdom which was contained in each sentence as they were delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit!"* so here we go again. *"And we have a joy, peace, and wisdom in each sentence as delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

student: question. When you read about Brigham Young... when Joseph Smith appeared to Brigham Young, where was that found?

Mike: that's in Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith on page 98. So here we have some keys from Joseph Smith, from Oliver Cowdrey, and from the Lord that there are some things that apparently the devil cannot counterfeit or duplicate. (1) whenever he speaks there is no edification because the Lord bluntly comes out and says that if there's no edification to come from the Darkside...To be edified (2) there is joy, there is (3) there's peace, and there's (4) or there's wisdom that comes as a result of the Holy Spirit whispering to us.

student: can you hear me?

Mike: yes, I can now if you'll stay up close

student: okay when we are led by the spirit, we also, will feel corrected by the spirit, and you can forgive. Jesus forgives them and repent... in my mind, the evil one would never be up... See what I am saying? I don't think he would give us forgiveness and repentance of those types of things.

Mike: I agree with that. Now those of this who have been endowed in the temple have additional tools at our disposal to discern a false messenger from the true messenger. In the garden of Eden, Adam received the token and the sign that he uses in the lone and dreary world, in the telestial world, to detect true from false messengers. [25:11]

To go over to section 129 in the doctrine and covenants... What's given to us in 129 is not complete enough to do the job. Because this was given before the endowment session's with that token & sign were revealed by the prophet Joseph Smith in May 1842. So if you look at the date of section 129, is February 9, 1843, the temple's not completed. And we don't have the endowment given as we have it this far, but it has been given, as we have it in the temple, but has been given in the Joseph Smith brick store and other places. And there's some record that it was delivered in the mansion house in other places. How do you detect an Angel of darkness from the Angel of light? To go to verse 8, if you have a person to appear to you, and if it be the devil as an Angel of light, that's what we've been talking about here, if you asked them to shake hands with you he will offer you his hand and you will not feel anything, you may therefore detect Him. Okay? Now, what we've received in the temple more completely feels that out. All right? And I don't know if we could talk anymore about it. That what you're taught the temple, if you've been there, gives you a more completed way of discerning darkness from light. And if I were in a place where I had a person standing in my room wrapped in light, 3 feet off the ground, telling me he was an angel sent from the presence of God, I would rehearse to him and do exactly what I've been taught as a part of the temple endowment. In other words, this would not be enough in 129. I would want to do everything that I've been taught, use every word, use every motion, use everything to discern him and detect him and send him on his way. Questions or comments on that? Okay?

Student:<????.> is that comes in we could do it [27:59]

Mike: yup. It would behoove those of us who are temple attenders to go ahead and memorize certain parts of the temple ceremony and commit those things to memory. I think, this is my opinion, I think that we move down from the quarters of time closer to the coming of the Lord, that this deception will become so profound, so profound, that if you don't have what Joseph was talking about... the priesthood, and a knowledge of the laws that govern these spirits; I just don't know how we will make it successfully on our journey.

student: don't you think that when we receive something like that, we would... would have peace and joy; we would not have peace and joy... if it wasn't from the Lord. We would get a feeling of peace and joy that when we get something....do everything to try and good what you're talking about earlier.

Mike: and I agree with that. That's why I think it's necessary. One of the things Joseph keeps mentioning, over and over, to keep from being deceived is to have knowledge. Knowledge is the key that we need to have possession of. Let's go over to section 11, for example, look at what the Lord says. One of those things that he said was... to have wisdom is beyond your own is something else when the Lord sends a true messenger. Section 11 in the Doctrine and Covenants.

student: so the peace enjoy your talking about, we need more than peace and joy.

Mike: peace, and enjoy, and desire to good, your whole desire to good to your fellow man. Wisdom and edification are the words that we kind of zoned in the tonight. Verse 7 section 11 says, "*seek for riches but for wisdom; and behold,*"... so look what follows now after wisdom. "*And behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you,...*" you see that follows obtaining wisdom from the Lord. And then after you have the mysteries unfolded unto you, "*and then you shall be made rich. Behold, he*

that hath eternal life is rich." it's a sequence there. So that wisdom is that something else. That... and I think that when we were married with our wives, we have a built in source for wisdom, because that's in the Scripture, wisdom is always female. And I believe that's the core central virtue of women is that there is wisdom. Men seek after knowledge and women have the ability to dispense wisdom, that comes as a part of their core values. So man with a good woman, if he relies on her and treats her the way he should, has access to some godly wisdom within the marriage relationship.

Student:[31: 08] <??> and under additional <??> the priesthood, the temple and this is exactly just what you said, that women have that wisdom, have that knowledge, and that expertise and the tying all that information; the wife becomes a better source for our exultation while we work together; rather than if we were separate.

Mike: good comment. If you look into the Scriptures and if you were to pick a story that illustrates wisdom, from the Scriptures, what would be.

student: Adam and Eve

Mike: Adam and Eve is one. I was thinking of another one. Go to the Old Testament wisdom. Wisdom of who? Solomon, right? Remember Solomon... ever stop the think while he was so wise. He had 300 wives and 700 concubines.

Student: ha ha

Mike: ha, ha,HA[32:50]

student:<??>

Mike: let's talk for a few min about prayer for just a second. And we will kind of Wrap it up. This last week I had a chance to teach the high priest group in our ward. And we were talking about prayer revelation. And we were chatting about that I told them that there are, it's like there is everything in the gospel, there different layers and different steps involved in every principle of the gospel. Everything the gospel is moving us from where we were at the lower place and strivers to move stair step-by-stair step two something higher, everything. You take any concept, any principle of the gospel and you'll find if you look for it, moves upward by degrees. And I believe is the same in prayer. And I really tapped in to this when I was on my mission. <wife> and I were on a mission in New Jersey; is where this started formulating our minds little bit, where we even started to practice some of the things that we were learning. And I felt for some time that the prayer that we vocalize in the church is a prayer is a prayer, a basic elementary fundamental form of prayer. And we know that from the missionaries when we teaching investigator at the end of the first discussion, or somewhere there, they're going to teach the investigator somewhere there how to pray because most people don't have an understanding even of this fundamental foundational method of prayer. When you fold your arms, you close your eyes, and you bow your head, and you address your heavenly father; you thank him for the things that you enjoy; you ask him for the things you need; and you close your prayer in the name of Jesus Christ; that's foundational. And that's appropriate and it has its place. But there's something else in the Scriptures and if you go with me over to 2 Nephi chapter 4. This is where started to see these things and as I focused on this, I found it everywhere, everywhere. Is like one of those things that when you open the door all of a sudden you see and say, 'my gosh how about missed all of this, you know.' 2 Nephi chapter 4, I want to show you that... Here is some of the blessings that Nephi says, "*He hath filled me with his love, even to the consuming of my flesh. He hath confounded my enemies, unto the causing of them to quake before me. Behold, he hath heard my cry by day, and he has given me knowledge by visions in the night-time.*" And this is the next verse, verse 24. "*And by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him; yea, my voice have I sent up on high; and Angels came down and ministered to me.*" I want you to notice the blessings that come to is. Now talking about is... talking about an order of prayer that is above that most of us is tapping into. He calls it mighty prayer, mighty prayer. And look what comes as a result of mighty prayer: knowledge by visions in the nighttime; Angels come down and minister to me; verse 25, "*upon the wings of his spirit has my body been carried upon exceeding high mountains.*" I take that literally; I don't think that symbolically. I believe he was physically moved by the spirit of

the Lord from one place to another. *"Mine eyes have been held great things, yea, even too great for man; therefore I was bidden that I should not write them."* See all these things that have happened as a result... and right in the middle of all these tremendous things... that we say, wow... right in the middle is this concept, *"by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him."* That your key. What is this mighty prayer? What is the difference between the prayer that we speak at foundational level and his concept of a higher order which literally brings down the powers of heaven? Thoughts on that?

Student: isn't it the power of the Holy Ghost that helps us to ask, what to say, where we get the spirit of where we can connect?

Mike: here's a key and we miss it. And I agree with that you <student>, it's tied in with the Holy Ghost and we're to look at that just a second. Verse 24 he says, *"he hath given me knowledge by visions in the night time. And by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer..."* Notice the time when these doing that. During the day. So the mighty prayer is a concept during the day. Now let's go on over to, again, to let's go to 3 Nephi chapter 19, get some feelings for this. So if you're looking for prayer that rents the veil, and that calls down the powers of heaven, you're not going to do it with foundational beginning prayer. We have got to come up to a higher order of things. You could really see this order in 3 Nephi 19. This is the second day that the Savior appears to these Nephites. The first day there were 2500 people and they all stayed up all night long noisy abroad that he was going to come the next day, so there's no telling how many thousands of people are here at bountiful at the temple place on the second day. The disciples take the congregation and divide them into 12 groups; each one of them presides over this group. They kneel down and they pray. Verse 6, *"and the twelve did teach the multitude; and behold, they did cause that the multitude should deal down upon the face of the earth, and should pray unto the father in the name of Jesus. And the disciples did pray unto the father also in the name of Jesus. And when they had ministered those same words which Jesus had spoken – nothing very from the words which Jesus had spoken – behold, they knelt again and pray to the father in the name of Jesus."* Now here we go. This ties into what you're saying, <student>. If I had spent a day with the Savior and was now a witness of his physical bodily resurrection as were those 2500 were that day, the day before, and I had been in his presence and I had touched his hands and witnessed that, heard him teach; and I knew he was coming back the next day; and I knelt down and prayed; what would I be praying for?

Student: to hear him. To see him.

Mike: okay well here's the interesting thing. I look at verse 9, here's a key. *"And they did pray for that which they most desired; and they desired that the Holy Ghost should be given unto them."* Now, all of these peoples are members of the church. You had to be you had to be among the more righteous part of the people to even survived the Holocaust that took place over there 8, 9, 10 & 11 Nephi. So these people are all members of the church. They are baptized members of the church.

student: wasn't it you said last week you said that you said.... I was trying to get it verbalized... how you said that mother Earth, the atmosphere of mother Earth when Jesus, you know comes, destruction.... something to that effect.

Mike: whenever you have a glorified, resurrected and exalted being come into the telestial sphere, natures going to react to that. Natures going to react to that. I don't know if it's going to be rejoicing or mourning, I don't know. But when this whole thing started to take place in 3 Nephi there were people who said the God of nature suffers. See when there's earthquakes, volcanoes and tidal waves is going on the first thing they said was God of nature suffers. So that concept of the earth reacting to the presence of an exalted glorified creator being that comes into a telestial sphere is bound cause some kind of reaction. A Reaction see, so here there praying for... the desire of the most is the Holy Ghost. And these people of already been baptized, they already have the Holy Ghost. And if you read about these 12, they were raising the dead. They have priesthood power. Timothy was raised from the dead. Nephi raised his brother. These are people who... and yet they're praying for is the beginning of the

second day ... The thing that they desire most was the Holy Ghost. I asked my question, 'what is it that they know about this topic that I don't; [44:10] because that's probably not the think I would been praying for... But they were? And see over in section 121, we won't go there, but in section 121 the Lord refers to the unspeakable gift, the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost. So somehow the Holy Ghost is tied in with this higher order of mighty prayer.

Okay? Now for go to the page there's a couple of clues here it says this, "*and it came to pass that when Jesus thus prayed*" this verse 24, 3 Nephi 19 verse 24, "*when he [Jesus] came unto his disciples... They did still continue, without ceasing, to pray and to him;*" there's 1 key; they did not multiply many words, there's another key; there's the heart of it, for it was given unto them but they should pray; and they were filled with desire. So now we start to tap into this... We start to see that this mighty prayer is prayer that is dictated, guided, or the very words of your prayer come through revelation. What we say with your mouth while you are involved in this; it's all involved, in the spirit, that the Lord tells you what to say, what to pray for, you don't multiply many words, there is no vein sentences going on, you don't consuming upon your lusts, you don't ask amiss. And this is prayer pure revelation. Now if it goes on it says it is a result of that that they were turned... the very next verse... they were white in their countenance and their garments as was of Jesus. There could be nothing on earth that was so light as these people were, that were caught up in this. And then verse 25-28 the Lord comes out and says, "*Father, I thank thee that thou hast purified those whom I have chosen, because of their faith, and I have prayed for them, and also for them to shall believe on their words, that they may be purified in me, through faith on their words, even as they are purified in me.*" So, this whole process of mighty prayer is the sanctification, purification, cleansing type prayer . When you find yourself in this type of the prayer order; that's what I call it, a prayer order, your literally changed. It changes your very nature . Your sanctified, cleansed, and purified, and transformed. Now we would need to do? Let's look at Enos for example. Couple of examples, you can start to see. This go to Enos, Jacobs boy.

student: that was a Zion... People of Zion

Mike: was what

student: they were a Zion people

Mike: they were. They had come up to that level and listened what Enos says

student: I have a question before you go there

Mike: okay go ahead

student: of all these people on the day here.... he appeared I don't remember seeing any were translated, or somewhere taking up... any idea about that?

Mike: anything about what say that again

student: if these people were translated?

Mike: you know, I don't know. I don't know that they were. I know that three of them are going to be. I don't know if others were. But it's possible for you to have the powers of translation without having undergone that change. It's possible for you to have some of those powers without the actual change, temporary type thing.

student: have the power... what does that mean

Mike: the power over the elements of the earth; power over time and space; power to be transported from one place to another; to not to be restricted by the physical body in the telestial world; the kind of rise above that.

student: these people lived in harmony and love for 200 years, right?

Mike: right

student: and if they did unspeakable things... they did talk about it is how they were able to overcome these things; and maybe it's none of our business how they were translated. It's more of a gift that they were so valiant it was 200 years before they started falling away. What really took place that 200 years.

Mike: yes, that's a great question. I really don't know. The only ones that we know of about that whole

congregation of the 3 disciples that were actually caught up into heaven and underwent some kind of physical change. When they come back there not they're not telestial mortal anymore.

student: <??>

Mike: yeah, so here in Enos is one more example, Enos says, the brother the son of Jacob, says that he went out *"to hunt beasts in the forest;"* you know that. *" And the words which I had often heard my father speak concerning eternal life, and the joy of the Saints, sunk deep into my heart. "* , here we go *"and my soul hungered; and I kneel down before my maker, and I cried and to him in mighty prayer and supplication for mine own soul; and all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came I did still raise my voice, that it reached the heavens."*[50:39] see that's mighty prayer. I don't think it has to do so much with the amount of time that was spent there as much as it was he was able to tap into... by using some keys and knowledge, he is able to tap into a higher order of prayer.

student: we just talked about it. It was given unto him what to say. You think maybe that's what was happening... was given to him what to pray for additional things to pray for... because, here he is, his dad's was a prophet, in those days his dad's brother was a prophet in those days, and then he comes along has some of these things... had some unbelief and he was going into this grove to ask and because of his father. I think he was given utterance about what to say and what to do... to find himself in overcome the natural man. Does that make sense?

Mike: it does. A couple other things that we want to look into as we end up discussion tonight is to go and your Bible dictionary and look under prayer. There is some great information under prayer on how to tap into this mighty prayer. First of all, let me just say there's a difference when the Scripture talk about praying unto the Lord versus cry unto the Lord. See, that every time you hear mighty prayer, the word cry is there. And that's something to ponder, what does it mean to cry unto the Lord versus pray into the Lord? I think there's a secret there; I think there's a little Mistry there that we can uncover. In the Bible dictionary it also talks about posture. So they asked yourself a question, is posture an important part of your prayers? If you want to move into a higher order prayer is posture or does posture have anything to do with that. If you read under prayer in the Bible dictionary you'll find some very interesting things. For example: anciently they prayed in three different posture positions; standing; kneeling; and prostrate upon the ground. Always with outstretched arms and hands, always! Now, if you look at us in our form, if body language means anything, you have to decide if that does, that when we do, we folder arms, and folding arms is a close position versus open arms. But your wanted to do is you wanted to close out you want to receive. So the key word there is to receive. Your wanting to stretch out and come into something higher, something different. Remember the old saying, that if you always do what you've always done, you always get what you've always got. So unless we are willing to experiment and try something different, even if we don't know what were doing, we may tap into something significant.

student: prostrate was ...they totally lay out on their stomach on the ground

Mike: face in the ground .

student: yes facedown

Mike: stretched out, with her arms opened up like that. Now if you look... if you read that the accounts interestingly... If you read counts in Gethsemane... you'll see that the Savior went into Gethsemane 3 times. He goes in comes out goes in and comes out, he goes into comes out. The First, goes in first time it says that he knelt down. You have to read all the accounts. And then you go see that he goes in there to see if the last on the goes in there the last time it says he was on his face; Right down on his face. So it's interesting... interesting thing there. Here Is something else also to remember...

student: what about this true order prayer?

Mike: pardon

student: what about the true order of prayer?

Mike: well, that's even a higher order of prayer than were talking about. So really talking about... I guess you're talking about telestial, terrestrial, or celestial; so I guess we would have our foundational

fundamental type prayer, that every person was taught that when they come out go into the church; than the Scriptures seem to teach us something higher cry unto the Lord and be involved in mighty prayer; and then there's a higher order prayers than that, that can do things that help us do things in our devotion that we can talk about here. But those of who have been in the temple know of their higher forms. I guess the point is this that there are ways that step up and obtain something more significant.

Now, I just want to tell you that if you're waiting for somebody to do these things are going to be waiting a long time. What you do is to gain knowledge of this information, and then if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth liberally and upbraideth not. See. I think that formula that Joseph had applies for us as we seek to improve our devotion. You're going to have revealed to you, if you start to move into mighty prayer area, you'll have revealed to you by the Holy Ghost, what it is that you specifically need to be involved in to draw nearer unto the Lord and obtain the blessings that he has been reserved for us. It's such a personal intimate thing. Right now, when I say my prayers my prayers, I prayed with my folder arms bowed head in church, but that's only place I pray that way, for the meals, and in public. Other than that I prayed with outstretched arms and if I'm during the day, I will face the sun if I can. Because I feel that is a symbolic representation of facing the SON coming up out of the East. I've had some wonderful experiences of standing in the sunlight with my face turned up, eyes closed, my arms outstretched, and just talking to my Father name of Christ. Had some great experiences with that. So just some things to think about. Mighty prayer.

student: that takes... that takes an act of trust having faith and trust in him as you do that. To do that you have to have faith and trust in him.

Mike: you do. And here's something else that I've learned and it literally is true and he does not abrade. I can testify to you that he does not upbraid. I looked up that in the 1828 edition of the dictionary to see what upbraid mean. And it's interesting he will not castize you, reprimand you, rebuke you, he will not withdraw his spirit, he will not curse you, he will not send curses and plagues upon you, If your hearts right.

Student: right

Mike: and if you will step out, lacking wisdom, trusting in him, that giveth liberally and abradeth is not in it will be given him. I found out that when I stepped out and done things without being asked to do them. Then I follow brother Bednar's admonition when he says this, this was given in a Brigham Young Idaho University devotional January 6, 2004, here's what brother Bednar says, *"it's one thing to perform the outward a actions of obedience; it's quite a different thing to become inwardly what the commandments are intended for to us to become"* so he's talking about commandments and actions that are outward and inward. Two sets. "It's one thing to obey the institutional", these are the outward, now; he's describing the outward actions of obedience, *"to obey the institutional public and this shared commandments associated with the Lord's kingdom on earth, commandments as the law of chastity, the law of tithing, the word wisdom,"* he says those those are your outward actions of obedience that are tied to the institutional church, public and shared commandments. Now, look, *"it's even a greater thing to receive and respond to the individual, private, and personally revealed commandments that result from continual and faithful obedience such instructions"*, this part right here, *"these things that are individual private and personally revealed; typically are proactive and anticipatory in nature."* proactive means your stepping out and you're doing without being told what to do. Your acting instead of being acted upon, which is the course message of Bednar's ministry, I feel, one the core message. So what I say is, if we want to do or have things happen to us differently than we have in the past, we're going to have to do some things differently, you just don't continue to do the same things over and over hoping for different results. You don't do that. So as the spirit process helps us through our study and acquisition of knowledge and Revelation to step out and do something, you need to trust in the Lord and have the courage to do it. Knowing that he will not upbraid you. Now I've done that. And here's what I found out. I found out that heaven smiles, when you do that. You may get it wrong, but you

know what happens you sense you sense a smiling heavenly presence. If you were to put a word to what, in my case, 'ata boy. Mike'.

Student: Ha,ha,ha

Mike: now in the temple... in the temple, you will see a process where angels and messages are sent down from the gods to observe man in the fallen world. They're told to go down to observe conditions generally and bring back information. And so they return and report, back and forth, back and forth. When you do something like this... that is out of the mold, you got a be inspired to do It, you're going to attract the attention of both heaven and hell. And you're going to have messengers who are going to go back and say, to the powers that be, 'you need to come and look at this. You need to come and take it because this this is something worth your notice'. And if you haven't got it right, what the powers of heaven will do is gently and lovely and correct you in such a quiet, subtle manner that if you need to stop doing what you're doing you will lose all desire for and it won't even enter your mind. If you need to simply correct it a little bit, tweak it, then the Holy Ghost will teach exactly what to do. So those some ideas in prayer. Some the things maybe want to do. So if you listen to this lesson today, about revelation and mighty prayer, if the spirit touches you to try something, then have the courage to try it and don't be afraid because he does not upbraid.

And were out of time. It's been fun to talk to you tonight. Do you have any comments or questions on that before we close?

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