

029 Power in the Priesthood

- **McConkie** All tribulation past a foretaste of what's coming
- How to survive Christ coming in Glory
- None of us are prepared for that encounter.
- Must be changed by Gospel and Holy Ghost
- **D&C 45:55** Satan bound- no place hearts of men
- **D&C 45:56** Parable of 10 virgins be fulfilled
- **D&C 45:57** Saved virgins are wise/receive truth & take the Holy Spirit for their guide
- Earth burned renewed paradisiacal glory moves
- Christ came to show truth
- **D&C 123:7** Children inherit lies from parents
- **D&C 93:24** truth - knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;
- Holy Spirit is conduit from Father and Son, Channel of Truth or Light of Christ
- Formula to Survive tribulations and Meet Christ
- **D&C 45:57** they live that are wise/receive truth and have Holy Spirit as guide
- In noisy world hard to hear Message
- **Mother Teresa** "God is a lover of silence."
- Find God in the stillness of the present
- **D&C 101:16** Be still, and know that I am God
- He's inside Look inside Quiet down Slow down
- Church counseled 80-100 yrs on food storage
- Estimated that 5% have it
- Roughly 10% members food for 2-week period
- Food storage not going to save you. Qualifies you to call on the Lord in the extreme -"Here I am".
- **3 Nephi 2:11-12** Gadianton robbers laid waste cities Nephites Lamanites commanded take arms to maintain rights of worship, freedom and liberty
- US 2nd Amendment protects us from government
- Zion society doesn't use weapons
- **2 Nephi 4:34** Trusts the Lord forever - man is cursed who trusts other men
- Put trust in God, not man nor weapons
- In BOM they weren't seeking to establish Zion. In our day, we're commanded to do that.
- New Jerusalem built and inhabited by transformed people before Christ comes.
- **D&C 45:66** Called New Jerusalem, land of peace, refuge and safety for saints of God
- Can't enter New Jerusalem without covenant of baptism.
- Millions non-members will come to New Jerusalem and taught outside the city walls.
- These non-members are honorable and just and kept law of chastity.
- Messengers finding these people trapped in societal/economic collapse and war are 144,000
- 144,000 ordained by angels – have priesthood power to rescue the righteous and bring to safety
- Enemy doesn't have power over 144,000
- 144,000—some on earth in the church being prepared a group from City of Enoch will join
- Mike's opinion- number will be greater than 144,000 will be men and women – Father's name will on their forehead means received fullness of M. Priesthood are Calling, Elected and Made Sure
- Names are written on the Lamb's Book of Life.
- Angels or gods ordain them to a higher priesthood to have power over the elements
- Davidic King is over Jerusalem area
- leader in New Jerusalem is Joseph Smith – Mike's opinion
- **D&C 45:67** Glory of Lord there, Terror of Lord there – wicked won't come – called Zion
- **D&C 45:68** Among the wicked have to use sword against neighbor or flee to Zion for safety
- **D&C 45:69** New Jerusalem - people from all nations and they will be only people not at war
- With wars everywhere it's impossible for people to get to Zion without help from 144,000
- **D&C 45:70** People afraid to battle Zion
- **D&C 45:71** Righteous gathered from all nations come singing songs of joy
- Principle of Power in the Priesthood – put on a shield, a protection by calling on these powers to protect family, property.
- Can't rely own wisdom, strength, man's flesh
- Harder to learn to get power from Priesthood than get weapons – require more of you
- Escape the enemy become invisible by power of the priesthood as Christ did with 2 disciples road to Emmaus "**their eyes were holden**"
- When food was blessed their eyes were opened
- That's the power we need to keep family safe
- **D&C 105:9.** Consequence of transgressions – wait for redemption of Zion
- **D&C 105:10** To be prepared, taught, have experience, and know their duty
- **D&C 105:11** Can't happen until endowed with Power From on High – temple endowment
- **D&C 105:12** Be faithful/humble to receive the great endowment
- **D&C 105:13** Wait for a season to redeem Zion
- **D&C 105:14** God doesn't require us to fight our battles – He will fight our battles for us
- Zion "terrible" can't be defeated
- 144,000 can call down fire to consume enemies
- The remnant specific mission prepare Zion
- **D&C 103:15** Redemption of Zion comes by power
- God's power to redeem Zion called "**power in the Priesthood**"
- **D&C 103:16** Man raised up lead like Moses did
- This is Zion in USA
- **D&C 103:17** Ye are children of Abraham needing freed from bondage by power
- **D&C 103:18** As Egypt was freed from Physical Bondage —Zion will be redeemed (physically)
- Isaiah sees latter-day super-power as was Egypt
- **Isaiah 19** Egypt equals USA

- **Isaiah 18** land overshadowed with wings equals North and South America
- **Isaiah 17** Talks about the doom of Damascus (capital city of Syria) – “a ruinous heap”
- **Isaiah 20** Egypt (USA) attacked by Assyria (China, Russia, NKorea, & Islamic States)
- **D&C 103:17** Today's Israel led out of physical bondage by power as ancient in Egypt
- Mike's opinion – USA suffer occupation – Russian East Coast, China West Coast
- Exception – Rocky Mountain States
- **D&C 103:19** Israelites couldn't have presence of Christ as their guide
- **D&C 103:20** Modern Israel will go to redeem Zion with angels and presence of Christ
- Joseph Smith said this, "Noah came before the flood, I come before the fire."
- April 2016 Gen Conference **Pres Nelson** calls for “Power in the Priesthood”
- Need to develop - 1)Call down powers of heaven 2)shield over property/family 3)pray as never before 4)power over the elements
- 4 Fears Pres. Nelson expressed
- #1 Sin blocking priesthood power
- #2: Lack of effort developing ability to access powers of heaven
- #3: Surrendered agency to adversary by their conduct
- #4 We will regret spending time gaining power over others and work than learning to exercise the power of God
- Phrase “**Power in Priesthood**” not in Scriptures. Only found at the veil in temple.
- Reason why we have Book of Mormon record
- Nephites obtained what is necessary to build NJ
- **Jacob 4:6**. Searched prophets, had revelation/spirit of prophecy/hope and faith was unshaken so they could command the elements
- 500 years before Christ's Birth Nephites had obtained Power in the Priesthood
- This group obtained the fullness of the priesthood. This is why we need their record
- Much is given, Much require – this is why they were made extinct
- **Pres. Nelson's** Talk continues - -
- He pleads us live up to privileges of priesthood
- In future only serious men diligently seeking to be taught by Christ can bless, guide, protect, strengthen and heal others.
- Only man who pays price for priesthood power and miracles keep family safe here and eternity
- How we get this Priesthood Power 1)pray for Lord to teach how to pray for power 2) Learn in the temple straight from God 3) Cherish, care and embrace your wife and her counsel
- Priesthood Power calm seas heal earth fractures calm minds heal heart fractures we be eager pay price to increase power in priesthood
- With the power we can help prepare the world for Christ's coming
- Mike – You may one day be cut off from Church headquarters and will need direct guidance from the Holy Spirit
- Story in **Pres. Monson's** 2016 April Priesthood talk about WWII friend plane shot down on raft Spirit prompts to command boat to pick them up
- Sacrament has purpose to position you to protect and shield you and have safety in danger