

057 Familiar Spirits / Calling and Election

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1 Samuel 28:3

1 Samuel 28:5-20

Well good evening Brothers and Sisters. It's good to be back with you again. It's been a couple of months since we have discussed the doctrine of Christ. And I felt for some weeks now that I needed to do this podcast tonight and it's been impressing on my mind, so here we go. I pray that the spirit of the Lord will be with us as we discuss these things. It will be according to His holy mind and will.

Let's turn to some scriptures in the New Testament . I want to take you to a few places and talk to you tonight about what the scriptures call "familiar spirits." Up until three months ago I've never given this this really any thought. But as a result of some of the things I've read and **learned**, I'm going to show you I can see that this is one of those hidden things of darkness that the Doctrine and Covenants talks about that needs to be brought into the light.

I am amazed at just how many people are struggling. Let's go to 1 Samuel 28:3. This talks about Samuel being called up by the witch of Endor, which she really did not call him up because mediums don't call up dead prophets. But nonetheless, there is a spirit there that identified himself with Samuel.

1 Samuel 28:3

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

There's a reference to that "familiar spirits" notice that it is tied to something called wizards. Let's go to Isaiah 19:3. What I want to point out to you is that this is Old Testament term. You don't find this term mentioned at all in the New Testament . You don't find it mentioned at all in the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price. It's mentioned twice in the Book of Mormon but only connection to Old Testament prophecies in the Brass Plates. So this is an Old Testament term.

Isaiah 19:3

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

So you now add another group people, those who seek for idols and to charmers.

Leviticus 20:6

And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Can you see that this term "familiar spirits" is not listed with anything that is godly or is from light sources. It is always ungodly and has to do with dark sources.

2 Kings 23:24. I'm going to take a couple of these. There are more; they are all Old Testament .

2 Kings 23:24

Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

Familiar spirits is now listed in a category of abomination.

Deuteronomy 18:11

9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

If you look up necromancer - it is a person who has the skill to bring forth the dead from their graves and communicate with them; usually about future events. That's your familiar spirits.

I wondered why they are called familiar spirits. I found out they are called that because the word "familiar" is tied to the word "family." So whenever we are dealing with dark familiar spirits, you are dealing with your own family, ancestry. These are men and women in your ancestry who plague and afflict their posterity. That's the key you want to dial in on.

As I was taught this principle, I was also taught some other things by the Spirit. And that's this: these spirits that are your ancestors, who are dark spirits, and they come in every grade that you can imagine. Some of them are murderous and malevolent, and some, degrees less than that.

But they all have one thing in common. They seem to feel a legal right to afflict their posterity. Isn't that interesting? They seem to feel like they have a legal right to do what they do to their posterity. And the legal right is something like this; "you wouldn't be here if it wasn't for me;" "You are on the earth at this time because of me." And so they feel like they have some kind of perverted legal right to do what they do. And they need to be moved on their way.

I've had a couple of experiences. A friend of mine, when we were talking about these spirits that afflict God's children in the flesh, and while I was talking to him the Spirit was testifying to both of us that this is a major problem with these devils and unclean spirits.

By the way- not getting less-on the increase. As we were doing that, I talked to him about

familiar spirits and what I was learning at that time. This was a couple of months ago. And I shared with him my thoughts, and I have since learned much more. And while I was talking to him he asked for a blessing and while we were preparing, I said, "I have a feeling that you have a familiar spirit."

It was just a feeling. It wasn't anything revelatory as far as an angel coming and standing above the ground. And then the feeling went from there and I said, "I have a feeling it's on your mother's side." And he immediately little up and knew exactly who it was. He told me it was his grandmother and that he had a good relationship with her as "grandmother-grandson" but she had died miserably and was negative and some real issues upon her death and he immediately felt that some of the physical problems that he was experiencing were tied to directly to this grandmother.

It wasn't that she hated him, it was just that her misery and her pain translated over into her own posterity only one generation removed - her grandson - and that he was experiencing some affliction and some disease as a result of her influence.

And so, as I laid my hands on his head to give him a blessing, it came to the point to speak about this grandmother, I asked him what her name was, and we addressed that issue. And severed any connections that she had with him.

I'd like to go to a scripture the Lord showed me in connection that we can use with these familiar spirits. Go to D&C 132:7. This is talking about covenants being sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise. We are not going to deal with that particular issue, but here's what the Lord showed me. Look at verse 7.

D&C 132:7

And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this law are these: All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations, that are not made and entered into and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment through the medium of mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power (and I have appointed unto my servant Joseph to hold this power in the last days, and there is never but one on the earth at a time on whom this power and the keys of this priesthood are conferred), are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end have an end when men are dead.

I want you to remember those words covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections and associations. What the Lord taught me was that for every one of those things on the light side has its counterfeit on the dark side.

So there are covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations in the dark side of things. Those same words are used. So as we are dealing with familiar spirits and we are wanting to stop generational cursings, because we are talking about the effect of our ancestors that go back innumerable generations. They can go back 1000 generations. And what we want to do is to sever those connections.

So what I do when I pronounce a blessing, I use the same words that are in verse 7: "I now sever, by the authority of the Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ, all covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections and associations

from the dark side, who seek to afflict this person, and declare them severed, void and nullify them. And do that by the power of the Priesthood. And I use section 132:7 as the pattern to do that.

And I have found the Lord honors that and will stop that. Remember, Brothers and Sisters, that the opposite of blessings is cursings. And so what is a curse? It is simply the opposite of a blessing. So if there is anything going on in your life that is blocking you from receiving the blessings that the Lord has in store for you, in that sense, you are under a curse that needs to be severed.

There is this unique application of justice in heaven. I am not sure I understand it completely. Let me share with you something I do understand. There seems to be a place within heavenly realms where evil can request and obtain a hearing. I am learning this from my own personal experience; personal revelation.

But whenever an accusation is made anywhere in eternity, it has to result in a hearing. This is the legal ramification of the heavenly realm. And since Satan and his followers are known as accusers. One of the names in Revelations that John attached to Lucifer and Satan was the "Accuser of the Brethren."

I gave a lesson on accusation and admonished us to be careful making accusations because there needs to be a hearing. This appears to be eternal law. You can see in the mortal world, the physical world, the phenomenon of the way devils and unclean spirits think, in that they are the perpetual victims. Their main approach to things is to not assume any responsibility for their actions. It's always somebody else's fault for whatever's going on in their life that results in misery.

It's always somebody else's fault. Now that kind of a mindset, sets them up to become accusatory. You can see in the Book of Mormon where Laman and Lemuel taught their posterity that they were wronged. That's the word the Book of Mormon uses. "We were wronged upon the ocean." "We were wronged upon the sea." "We were wronged in Jerusalem." "We were wronged in the land of promise."

It's always somebody else's fault for what's not going right. That is the main thread of thinking that goes through the dark side. And when that happens, in order for God to be just, and not just "just," but perfectly just, he's not only merciful, but he is also just, perfectly so, every accusation needs to be given a hearing.

And these familiar spirits that feel like they have a claim on you must be done in such a way that when everything is said and done and judgment comes, they will be bound to exclaim, "My sins are my own, and thy judgments O Lord are just."

The only way that can happen is for hearings to be given. And it appears that in the heavenly realm, that there are places for that to happen.

I want to share with you a story, an experience that a man shared with me that's just marvelous. I have been given permission to share this with you and we will put it in Dropbox so you can look at it. This is so filled with doctrinal insights. And this man also shared with me a principle called "Revelatory Triggers." And this document is so filled with that. The names have been changed, obviously, because this is taken from his personal journal dated February 20, 2017.

"I want to read this to you and then you can have this to look at because you will want to

look back over this and pull out these great doctrines.

“My wife “Susan” has suffered health issues for many years. For decades after experiencing a head trauma she suffered migraine headaches. I gave her many priesthood blessings, a few helped, most did not. Yet, most blessings I have given others for all kinds of afflictions were effective. I have wondered at this and just assumed that my faith was lacking or that because our relationship was not always the best she lacked trust in me to act as voice to heal her. The point is I just wasn't sure why she still suffered. About 3 years ago I was allowed to give her a powerful blessing which healed her for a couple of years, but I did not understand why that blessing worked. After a couple of years, the migraines gradually returned.

“Last Saturday night she was suffering horribly and asked for a blessing. I prayed, received instruction of the Lord and gave what I thought was a blessing of healing. Sunday, she still had the headache. Last night as she continued to suffer I pled with Father while on my knees as never before to teach me why she was not healed. I think this is the first time I ever conceived of asking that question.

“I received an answer! I have learned in the last few months that if I do not receive an answer to prayer it may be that I am asking the wrong question; or that my question or request is not based in truth. Unless something is right and is true we cannot exercise faith in it and it will not be granted or received.

“This is a witness that until we can conceive of the right question and it is based in truth, Father may not be able or willing to answer our desires. In the past, I had been giving her blessings of healing but did not stop to ask, and ask, and ask what the cause was, or why previous blessings had not been effective –as a way to learn what Father wanted for us and how he works to bless us.”

(Mike: I will just add a little postnote in there that there are some great doctrinal insight in there that you'll want to ponder a few things in how to pray and receive revelation.)

“This time, as soon as I asked the right question, the answer was given. It was revealed that a female, disembodied evil spirit has been plaguing and infesting Susan. This evil spirit caused all kinds of health issues and pain including these headaches. I was then prompted to give Susan another blessing. I expressed concerns to Father that it might be hurtful to father that it might be hurtful to simply announce to her the nature of the problem. He encouraged me to act.

“I went to her and told her I was directed to give her another blessing and asked that we kneel together in prayer to receive instructions. She was very grateful. In that prayer, we were both taught about the plague of this evil spirit and how to cast her out. Susan broke down in deep gratitude as she came to realize what had been plaguing her. She came to know that relief and protection was available to her and it was what Father wanted for her.”

(Mike: Again, let me just say, notice they came to this point because this Brother had learned how to ask questions. Ask! Ask! Ask!)

“I anointed, then sealed. In the sealing and blessing, my heart was filled with empathy and love for this evil spirit as never before. In previous casting-out experiences I had always used a commanding voice and attitude, because of previous experiences with evil spirits

that resulted in significant fears and retaliations. This time was different. I learned in that moment about who this individual was. In love and empathy, I bound and cast out this great, great...grandmother of Susan's, who had suffered such horrible trauma in her life that she became attached to pain and suffering.

"I was shown that down through time she had plagued certain females in her own posterity causing great pain and suffering in them. Susan was not the first. It was puzzling why this spirit would hurt her own posterity this way until we were taught that many dark and miserable ancestors who have died, act as familiar spirits in this way. As family members, they naturally know how to be familiar with their familial victims.

"Then they take up residence with them. This multi-generational great grandmother as a familiar dark spirit indulged in the physical and emotional suffering she caused in Susan as a way of relieving her own pain and suffering.

"Indulging in this mortal pain was actually a distraction for her very deep misery caused by numberless abuses and finally a torturous death in her late 20's. It was a kind of anesthetization by use of lesser pain. As I cast out and bound her to the depths of spirit prison, I felt deep compassion for this individual. I pronounced that she would never again plague Susan and would be bound in spirit prison until she repented or until she received her final judgement of the Lord. I finished the blessing of Susan with pronouncements of healing and comfort.

"As I write this (the morning after the blessing took place) my heart is full and I feel inclined to bless this hopeless spirit with generational healing. I will ask Father about doing that as soon as I finish writing. I do not know if Susan is to be healed immediately although I checked with her when she got up at 6AM and she was feeling well, then she went back to bed.

"I know she is and will be healed by the Lord through application of the light of Christ, and by enlightened medical treatment which will come by Him. I trust Him and His ways. Praise to Him and His glorious Son for their love, mercy and sacrifice for us.

"After I finished writing I then prayed and was given to know of the Lord what to do and what to say in blessing and healing this cast out spirit. As I began with my arm to the square, I was first led to pray that I may travel to where that spirit is now. I was immediately taken there by portal and could barely see her in the darkness, huddled in a corner, slumped and sulking. In great love and empathy, I commanded her to be still and hear the voice of God.

"She winced and then lashed out in great rage and vitriol, in blame and revenge. I have never heard or felt this kind of misery, violence and vulgarity. I again commanded her to be still and hear the voice of God. She was silent but I could feel the rage and evil darkness within her. I commanded her to receive the truth and the love of God. She was taught that she could repent and find relief if she chose, but that her anger, rebellion and resistance might keep her from this truth for a time. She was further taught that as she pondered this possibility while continuing to be stuck in her pain and suffering she would experience a change of heart where she would begin to believe it was possible to be relieved of her horrible pain.

"I blessed her to know now or in the near future that God the Father has provided a Savior, Jesus the Christ, to love her and bless her to access His sacrifice and Atonement for her sins and pain. I blessed her to know that I knew, and that God knew of her suffering and that there is a way to overcome it. I promised her that as she pondered, her mind would take hold of this truth and she would then receive true messengers who would teach her how to be liberated from this place of suffering.

"I again commanded her to be healed, that her pain and suffering would be relieved through the cords of the Light of Christ that now bound her, but would soon penetrate her heart and mind and shed forth truth and hope. The blessing promised her that she would then go to all those who hurt her and through the power given her of Father she would take on the great mission of healing them, and healing those she has hurt.

"I blessed her that she would become a great power in healing her posterity. As I closed this blessing a vision opened up and I saw her being taught and embraced in the arms of angels, then caught up and embraced in the arms of Father and Jesus. I saw her going about and healing thousands of our family members both living and in spirit prison. I saw her embracing us in thanksgiving for hearing her pleas for help. What a marvelous possibility for the future.
for the future!

D&C 128:15

And now, my dearly beloved brethren and sisters, let me assure you that these are principles in relation to the dead and the living that cannot be lightly passed over, as pertaining to our salvation. For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation, as Paul says concerning the fathers—that they without us cannot be made perfect—neither can we without our dead be made perfect.

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"This morning in prayer I was told to go unto "Jane " in spirit prison and minister to her. I asked Father how and what to say. I was told I would be given the words. As I pondered this I was immediately in front of her, in the same place I had visited on Feb 20, 2017. This time I could see her more clearly as it was not so dark. She was in the same corner but did not seem to be bound as tightly as before. She was not emitting hatred, but deep sorrow.

"I said, I am here to speak with you as I have been directed of Jesus Christ. Will you hear me? She said yes,
in a muffled tone of anguish. I raised my arm to the square and professed that she may obtain mercy of Jesus Christ if she would simply believe in Him and His power to save her. She said nothing but I felt her agony and pain. I said, if you will cry unto Him for mercy, you shall be visited with the truth of how to be saved. I felt her heart soften.

"In a moment, the Savior Jesus Himself appeared in front of her. I took a couple of steps back to make way. He went to her, gently spoke something to her that I could not hear, then reached down and lifted her up. Instantly I saw them in a brilliant vast garden filled with all kinds of colorful vegetation and flowers, with many winding paths. I watched them for a time as they were walking and talking. She was dressed in white and was smiling, asking many questions and receiving answers asking questions and receiving answers with many hugs along the way.

"She looked deeply into His eyes often in a believing and grateful way. The vision was then closed and I found myself on my knees thanking the Savior and Father for this glorious

experience. I then prayed that we may find her genealogy so we can do her temple work. We know we will be helped in this.”

Update:

“I have received her name and the year of her birth, 57 AD.”

Brothers and Sisters, when this brother shared this story with me, it had such a profound, deep effect on me, and since I heard this story I have shared it with many and have seen the light and truth of it answer deep questions that many Brothers and Sisters have had concerning why certain things are taking place in their lives.

I give this to you and thank this brother for allowing me to make this public. I believe that this story and this information on familiar spirits will yet bless thousands and thousands of those of us who are in the flesh, and those of our ancestry who died without a knowledge of the redeeming mission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Priesthood and the saving name of our Savior.

I pray that that will be a blessing to you and your family.

The next thing I would like to discuss with you is a little bit more on the doctrine of making your calling and election sure. I've given some podcasts on this and mention of this doctrine, this precious promise is found in several other podcasts. And about a month ago I received a phone call from a good brother who had had this experience. And I asked him if it was permissible for me to post this experience and maybe read a little portion of it to you, and then put his full experience up on the podcast and in Dropbox. He is very careful to remain anonymous and protect his identity - and I respect that.

But after he and I had talked a little bit, and he asked the Lord if it was permissible, he felt that his experience would lead to hundreds and maybe thousands of others obtaining this great blessing.

So I pulled a portion out of that to read to you, but the whole account is marvelous and it will be posted on the Website Dropbox.

This will explain to you what took place to this man on March 22, 2017.

“I came home from a business trip. All afternoon I had been feeling the Spirit. I felt tremendous love for my God. My whole being felt illuminated by the spirit. I had some time with my wife and family that evening. I stayed up after my family went to bed to spend some time with the Lord.

“The Spirit continued to glow all about my entire being during the afternoon and evening. Finally, I got tired and went to my bedside. I knelt down, I wept over the continued false beliefs of rejection. I also praised and thanked my Heavenly Father for all of my blessings.

“I told Him how much I loved Him. I told him how much I loved my wife and how grateful I am for her. Finally, I expressed gratitude from the depths of my soul and with great sorrow I told the Lord how much I loved Him. I explained if I was indeed rejected by Him, I would continue to worship Him and love Him. I told him that even if He hadn't forgiven me for some of my sins and weaknesses, I would always try to repent.

“From the depths of agony I said, “Even if at the final bar of God I had somehow missed my exaltation by one small mistake or weakness, I would ask for a “do over” or another

opportunity. If I was rejected in that moment I would beg and plead for another chance. If rejected in my request, I would still worship and love Him and I would never stop asking for any opportunity to try again.

“I explained that I would never stop trying to repent and work on myself. Further, I would always ask for another opportunity for exaltation, even if I was denied. I wept, but I also praised Him and told Him that I would do this even if He didn’t love me, or if He had somehow rejected me.

“I told Him I would always love Him. The Spirit was so strong in the quiet of that beautiful night while I knelt at my bed. I had not come to this prayer asking once again about my calling and election. I just felt that Heavenly Father needed to know that if He had given up on me I would still repent and love Him. I would still try. I would always try.

“Suddenly, the Spirit seemed to increase in intensity as I expressed my love for God. Something started to happen which I didn’t fully understand. I even questioned what was taking place. Nevertheless, the Spirit burned as I felt Heavenly Father and my Redeemer enter the room. I sensed their hands placed upon my head and a blessing flowed into the depths of my soul from them.

“Here is a part of the message that was given: ‘You are now promised exaltation and eternal life. You will be given all that the Father has. You are ordained to be a King and a Priest unto the Most High God. I was instructed to see myself as a King and a Priest and to see my wife as a Queen and a Priestess. I was given a brief vision about the meaning of the titles King and Priest unto the Most High God. They have little to do with dominion, but much to do with serving and blessing others.

“The concept of a servant king is probably more accurate to describe the nature of this promise. I was given wonderful revelation regarding my wife. I was told how loved she is by God. I was told she already has her calling and election made sure, but that she has not yet personally received this blessing. Nevertheless, she will receive eternal life and exaltation.

“I was told that my wife and I are part of the Church of the Firstborn. I was taught that I am redeemed from the fall and that the veil will be lifted by degree. I was promised many things that cannot be spoken because they are similar to sacred words spoken in the temple.

“I was so surprised and perplexed at what was happening that I asked questions. One of my biggest questions came quickly. To explain my first question I need to share that you are instantly aware of your weakness and unworthiness before God, when you are suddenly outside the veil like I found myself. You are very aware of your own nothingness. I had no idea how unworthy I was until this experience.

“I asked why this experience was happening now, because I felt unworthy. Heavenly Father and the Savior are so warm in their communication. It almost seemed like humor. But humor is the wrong word to describe how I felt. I felt the humor/joy/warmth at my expressions of unworthiness. We communicated what seemed like a question and an answer at the same time. The question seemed to be, “Do you think this is happening because you are worthy?” “This doesn’t happen because you are worthy.”

“The answer seemed to be because I was now ready. The Savior is the only worthy person who has lived in mortality. Because of Him I was worthy. But I have learned not worthy.

Only the Lamb of God is worthy. I was nothing before them. They simply bestow their blessings upon us out of absolute love.”

The whole story; the whole account written by this beloved brother will be found in the Dropbox. What’s the purpose? Why are we doing this? He would be the first one to tell you, as he said in his account, I’m nobody. I’m just a Latter-day Saint trying to do the best I can. He would tell you that. And he has told me that. It has been my privilege to talk to him many times and sense his deep humility and his wonder and awe at why this is happening to me.

Brothers and Sisters, let’s go for just a minute over to the Joseph Smith translation; it’s right after your Bible dictionary (JST). Genesis 14:25-40. Now this last general conference, in Priesthood Session, President Eyring got up and gave a talk called, “Walk With the Lord.”

Brothers and Sisters, you need to go back and look at that because since April 2016, there has been a definite shift in what the Brethren are teaching. They are teaching about things that have not been spoken of before. They are doing it in such a way that it is somewhat veiled. But these talks are open. The first talk was given by President Nelson on “Power in the Priesthood.” And then this one, “Walk With the Lord.”

And President Eyring quoted these scriptures. In it is a direct reference to calling and election made sure. Go with me to verse 25; this is JST Genesis 14:25.

JST Genesis 14:25

25 And Melchizedek lifted up his voice and blessed Abram.

26 Now Melchizedek was a man of faith, who wrought righteousness; and when a child he feared God, and stopped the mouths of lions, and quenched the violence of fire.

(Mike: This part right here)

27 And thus, having been approved of God,...

(Mike: When you read that, that is your marker sentence to your calling and election made sure. After everything is said and done, that sentence more than anything describes the doctrine of making your calling and election sure. Now look what else happens here)

27...he was ordained

(Mike: He was ordained, remember our brother and that he got hands laid upon his head? In this account there was an ordination that took place)

27...an high priest after the order of the covenant which God made with Enoch,

(Mike: The Book of Mormon refers to this ordination. We talked about it in Priesthood. It does not come from mortal institutions nor under the hands of unauthorized messengers. It doesn’t happen. There is no record of this ordination kept on any mortal intuitional record. This is a record that is kept in heaven and is a part of the church of the Firstborn. Look at the next verse.)

28 It (Mike: meaning the covenant that God made with Enoch) being after the order of the Son of God; which order came, not by man, nor the will of man; neither by father nor mother; (Mike: It doesn’t come down through lineage)

28...neither by beginning of days nor end of years; (Mike: Here it is) but of God;

(Mike: The account I just read, here is this brother with hands laid upon his head receiving a blessing from God. I want you to notice also he mentioned that it appeared to him that he did not see them but sensed that they were there. That's important. That's an important part. Look at the next verse.)

29 And it (Mike: meaning this ordination) was delivered unto men by the calling of his own voice,
(Mike: That's calling and election made sure) according to his own will, unto as many as believed on his name.

Mike: There's one of the scriptural reference pertaining to making your calling and election sure. When you have your calling and election made sure you are now a member of the church of the Firstborn. There are rights and privileges and promises that go along with that. One of the things this good brother explained to us was that the veil would now begin to be opened. That's one of the privileges that go along with this. You are now instructed.

Can I tell you my friends, that once you receive these ordinations and these promises, the knowledge of what you do with them isn't automatically bestowed. Whether it's an ordination to that Holy Order or whether it's calling and election made sure, whether it's the more sure word of prophecy, or whether it's the ordination to translation, and to be called to be a member of the 144,000. Once the Ordination is bestowed, instruction just begins.

Once you've obtained these promises and these blessings, that doesn't mean you know what you're going to do with it. People like my friend and others who've obtained these lofty blessings are the first ones to say, "I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do from here." And every one of them have that in common.

So there's a process of instruction and teaching that takes place. You receive the ordination to be translated and to be numbered among the 144,000/laborer/gathers, do you think you understand what's involved in that mission and that ordination and that assignment?

You have to be tutored and instructed. And the problem is that as with everything else that God does, it's here a little and there a little, precept upon precept, line upon line - applies also with the greater portion of the Word and these precious promises and ordinations.

Our friend mentioned the portal. Do you think that just because you are told about one you automatically know how to use it? I testify to you that the instruction on how to use these obtained blessings and promises begins after you obtain them and then continues on line upon line, here a little and there a little.

I'd like to share with you the thought that Brothers and Sisters before you came here, those of you who are obtaining these promises and feel the draw within you is something magnificently obsessive. There is something in you that just drives you forward. When you feel that, as we've mentioned before, that's a call. I've been taught that all covenants with associated privileges and blessings come in three stages.

The first stage of this covenant relationship is the **promise** stage. You obtain a promise from God that you now have access to certain things.

The second phase is an ordination or an ordinance.

The third phase is the sealing of that ordination and ordinance. The sealing part is what we read about earlier in D&C 132:7 that once you obtain the promise/ordinance then you seek to have that sealed upon you, and once it's sealed upon you all of the powers, rights, privileges, blessings, that are tied to that covenant now become operative.

Back to the talk that President Eyring gave this last general conference. He quoted JST Genesis 14 and all the rights, and privileges and blessings that are associated with the church of the Firstborn, with your calling and election made sure, with the second comforter, to stand in the presence of God, the Baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost and even translation - because that section in Genesis 14 talked about people who had come up to this order and exercised this faith were taken into heaven and translated into the City of Enoch.

It's all right there and he quoted that whole section and then asked this question: "How many of you brethren are having these kinds of experiences?" And when he said that I almost fell off my chair. And then he said, "Even figuratively, how many of you, even figuratively, are having these blessings or even giving these blessings?"

What more than the brethren say than that to a worldwide church where every word is scrutinized closely by the enemy and the apostate press to set traps to catch the brethren in their words, as 2 Nephi 28 says, to dig a pit for your neighbor. What more can they say to us and still maintain the direction of the church and its mission without reigning undue ridicule and persecution upon the membership.

And yet, I fear, that all too many, way too many men did not hear the message. Let's refer back again to President Nelson's talk in April 2016. The name of the talk is "The Price of Priesthood Power." Subtitled: Are we willing to pray, fast, study, seek, worship, and serve as men of God so we can have priesthood power?

We've gone over this before. His four fears. I want to point out something to you. He listed the things we need to do and here's one that did not get enough attention. He says this (and you can look it up in that talk),

Are you willing to follow President Thomas S. Monson's example of serving others? For decades he has taken the long way home, following promptings of the Spirit to arrive on someone's doorstep and then hear words such as, "How did you know it was the anniversary of our daughter's death?" or "How did you know it was my birthday?" (Mike: Now this part right here, brethren, if you really want to get the power in the priesthood, listen to what president Nelson says) And if you truly want more priesthood power, you will cherish and care for your wife, embracing both her and her counsel.

"Now, here is a woman whom we have formed to be a companion and an helpmeet."
"What will you call her?"
"Eve."

Notice the helpmeet part? Our wives are designed to help us come up and attain the promises and blessings and power of the two examples of these two brethren who truly are now receiving power IN their Priesthood. And the Lord wants that to happen to us.

I want to share with you something from the other day. My little wife just opens things up to me that are so marvelous and she shared with me as we were talking.

I want you to go to Alma 9:16. I want to show you what she shared with me, hidden in this. We're going to take a different look at this.

Alma 9:16

16 For there are many promises which are extended to the Lamanites (us); for it is because of the traditions of their fathers that caused them (us) to remain in their (our) state of ignorance

17 And at some period of time they will be brought to believe in his word, and to know of the incorrectness of the traditions of their fathers; and many of them will be saved, for the Lord will be merciful unto all who call on his name.

Now, let's skip on down to verse 20. And then the Lord talks about if they remain in that state, he says

This is the List Margie pointed out to me. Think about what we've talked about in verses 20 and 21.

Alma 9:20

20 Yea, after having been such a highly favored people of the Lord; yea, after having been favored above every other nation, kindred, tongue, or people; (Mike: Now here's the list) after having had all things made known unto them, according to their desires, and their faith, and prayers, of that which has been, and which is, and which is to come;

21 Having been visited by the Spirit of God; having conversed with angels, and having been spoken unto by the voice of the Lord; and having the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and also many gifts, the gift of speaking with tongues, and the gift of preaching, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the gift of translation;

Here's the List:

1. Having been highly favored people of the Lord and after having been favored above every other nation, kindred, tongue or people
2. After having had all things made know unto them according to their desires, and their faith, and prayers, of that which has been, and which is, and which is to come (Do you see that? Past, present and future. Which by the way, you receive the keys to receive when you receive your endowment blessings. In your endowment blessings, according to Brigham Young, you have received in your endowment the keys to enquire after and receive information concerning things past, things in the present, and things in the future.)

Mike: all things. I want you to think back to section 121 where it says we live in a day where knowledge that has been kept from the foundation of the world, only to be revealed in our day, is being poured out upon the Latter-day Saints. We have access to information that has been kept from the foundation of the world to be poured out upon us in our day.

3. Having been visited by the Spirit of God. That's your Baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, revelations of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit.
4. Having conversed with angels.
5. Having been spoken unto by the voice of the Lord (do you know what that is? That's your calling and election made sure.

6. Having received the Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation
7. Many gifts; the gifts of speaking with tongues and the gift of preaching
8. The gift of the Holy Ghost
9. The gift of translation

Mike: We are not talking about translating records. We're talking about being caught up, receiving an ordination and having your Telestial flesh exchanged for Terrestrial flesh. Receiving in Section 84 the renewing of your body to fulfill a foreordained mission. The training of which is now under way.

Brothers and Sisters I would like to just conclude by encouraging you to continue to seek to see with the eye of faith, to seek for visions, to become practiced in peeling back the veil flesh; to be carried away in the Spirit into the heavenly realm and see and experience unspeakable things.

As Nephi said, "to see and hear and understand and touch things."

I testify to you this is all available. Angels are visiting us. They are real - male and female. The Savior is visiting people They are seeing Him face to face. He is inviting them to come forth and handle him and see. Translation is taking place. Messengers from the City of Enoch are on the earth. They are being seen. That communication is happening. This is not will, in the future, it is NOW.

Just let me say one more thing. All of you before you came here, knew how to create. You were all creators, male and female. You were instructed in this sacred Priesthood skill and now you find yourself behind the veil; you are still a creator. Use your creativity to peel back the veil and access what's there waiting for you.

Don't be afraid, move forward in faith. Put your trust in Him. And rely on upon our Father and his Beloved Son to bring to pass their marvelous work and a wonder in your individual lives. God bless you.

I testify to these things. I KNOW they are true. I know they are happening.
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ the Holy Messiah, Amen.