

# Endowed from on High

## Lesson 3



# Objective

Those who attend the temple worthily will receive great blessings from the Lord.

# God Dwells in a Temple in Heaven

- Psalm 11:4 - The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven...
- Psalm 102:19 - He looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven...
- Rev. 16:17 - There came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne...
- Isaiah 6 - I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne...lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
- 1 Nephi 1:8 - He thought he saw God sitting upon his throne...
- 1 Kings 22:19 - I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and the host of heaven standing by him
- Ezekiel 1, 10

# Temples have always existed

- Temple worship is based on eternal ordinances that never change.
- God and Jesus Christ are the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

(Hebrews 13:8; Mormon 9:9)

# Temples worship has always existed

- The past teaches us about the present.
- God has always commanded His people to build temples and has revealed what is to be done in temples.
- Temples and tabernacles are mentioned in the scriptures.
- Because of apostasy, these temples lost their true purpose and were destroyed.

<u>Dispensation</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	
1- Adam - <b>Garden of Eden</b>	4,000 B.C.	
2- Enoch	3,300 B.C.	
3- Noah	2,900 B.C.	
4- Abraham	2,000 B.C.	
5- Moses	1,500 B.C.	
<b>Tabernacle of Moses</b>	1,400 B.C.	(Exodus 40:1–2, 34–38)
<b>Solomon's Temple</b>	1,050 B.C.	(2 Chron. 3:1–2; 5:1)
<b>Nephi's Temple</b>	588 B.C.	(2 Nephi 5:16 – Nephi)
<b>Zerubbabel's Temple</b>	516 B.C.	(Ezra chapters 2 to 4)
<b>Zarahemla</b>	130 B.C.	(Mos. 1:18 – King Benjamin)
6- Jesus (Law of the Gospel)	0 B.C.	
<b>Land of Bountiful</b>	34 A.D.	(1 N 11:1 – Jesus in America)
<b>Herod's Temple</b>	17 BC to 64 A.D.	(Matthew 21, 27)
7- Joseph Smith	1830 A.D.	

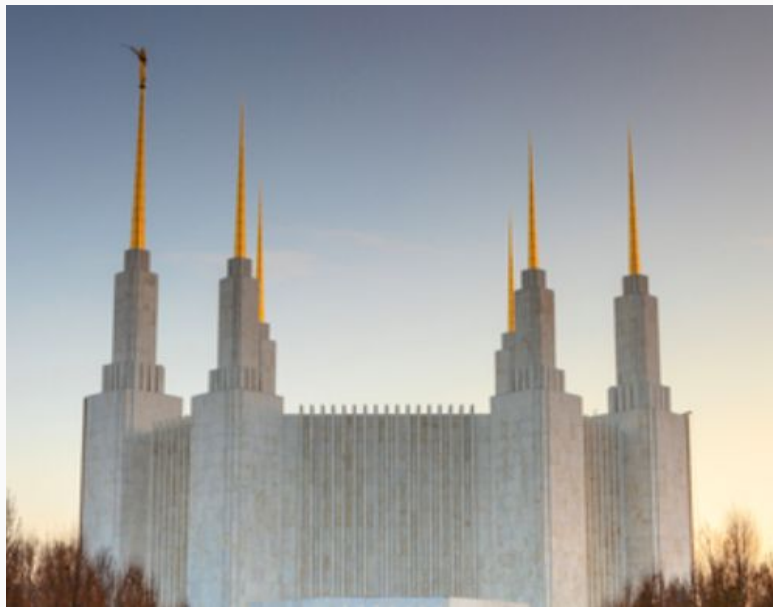
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The building and proper use of  
“...temples is one of the great evidences  
of the divinity of the Lord’s work. ...  
Where there are temples, with the spirit  
of revelation resting upon those who  
administer therein, there the Lord’s  
people will be found; where these are  
not, the Church and kingdom and the  
truth of heaven are not.”

Mormon Doctrine, p. 781



# D&C 97:16



“Yea, and my presence shall be [in my house], for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it shall see God.”



# Some Promised Blessings - D&C 109

1. The Lord's glory will be upon His people.
2. The Lord's servants will leave the temple with power, His name and glory.
3. Angels will have charge over the Lord's servants.
4. The Lord's servants will take the gospel from the temple to all of the earth.
5. Stakes will be organized so that the Lord's people may be gathered.
6. Scattered Israel will learn the truth and rejoice.
7. The Saints and their sick and afflicted will be remembered before the Lord.
8. The Lord's kingdom will fill the whole earth.
9. The Lord's servants will be caught up to meet the Lord and dwell with Him.

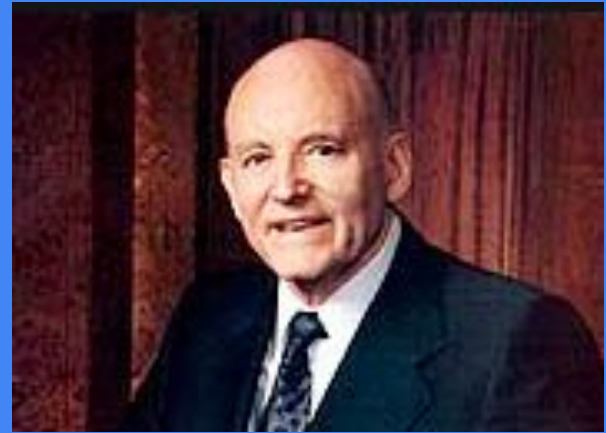
# Blessings of the Temple

1. Greater knowledge of the Lord's purposes and teachings.
2. Power to do all that God wants us to do.
3. Divine direction when serving the Lord, their families, and others.
4. Increased hope, comfort, and peace.

Source: (Handbook of Instructions)

This prayer “continues to be answered upon us individually, upon us as families, and upon us as a people because of the priesthood power the Lord has given us to use in His holy temples.”

“Has there ever been a people with such stirring and wonderful promises! No wonder the Lord desires that His followers point themselves toward His example and toward His temples.”

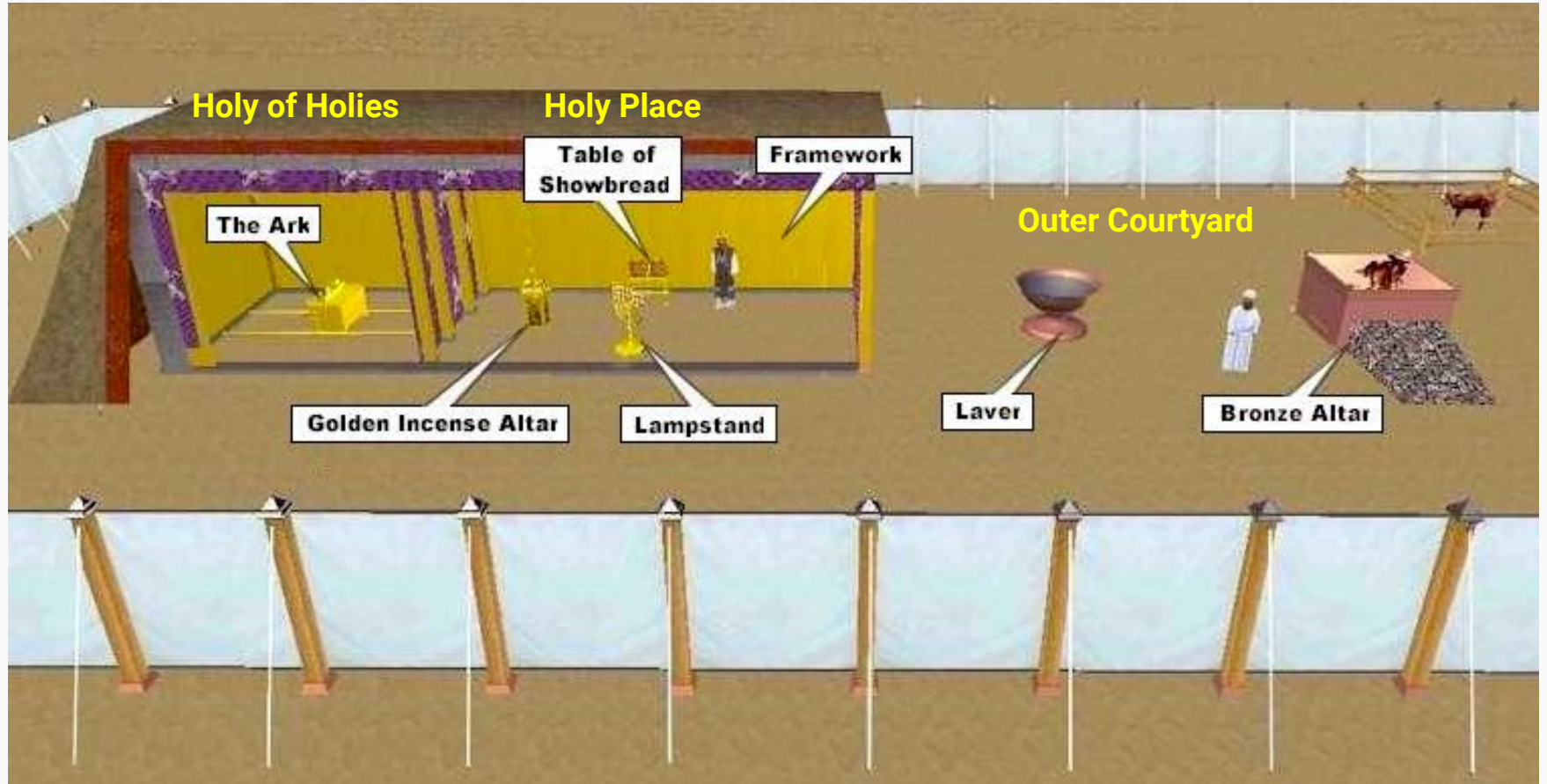


## D&C 124:38

For, for this cause I commanded Moses that he should build a tabernacle, that they should bear it with them in the wilderness, and to build a house in the land of promise, that those ordinances might be revealed which had been hid from before the world was.



# Tabernacle of Moses



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Ark of the Covenant  
Holy of Holies



Golden Lampstand / Candlestick  
Holy Place



# Temple of Solomon



## Other Promises - D&C 97:15–21

1. To qualify for the Lord's blessings in His temples, we must be pure in heart and not allow any unclean thing to come into the temples.
2. A city named Zion existed in ancient times that was built by Enoch and his people. It was taken to heaven because of the righteousness of its people. (D&C 38:4; Moses 7:18–21, 69)
3. Zion will exist in the latter days. 10th Article of faith: Zion will be built on the American continent.
4. Scattered Israel will gather to this great city. (D&C 103:11–13)



Those who make and keep temple covenants and work to become pure in heart are those who can help to build Zion.

Those that worthily attend the temple receive great blessings from the Lord, including the blessing of being a Zion people.

We must do all that we can to become worthy of these blessings and to become pure in heart.

“There are few, even temple workers, who comprehend the full meaning and power of the temple endowment.”

