

**"Only upon the principles of righteousness
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Powers of Heaven

- D&C 121:36
" the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the *powers of heaven*"
 - What is the "powers of heaven"?

Light of Christ – The Spirit

- D&C 88:6-7
"... the light of truth;
Which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ..."

Truth is Light – Light is Spirit

- D&C 84:45-46
"For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ. And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world..."

Power of God – The Spirit

- D&C 88:7-13
"... The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God ..."

Spirit only available "upon the principles of righteousness"

- D&C 121:36-38
 - "36) ... that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.
 - 37) That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man.
 - 38) Behold, ere he is aware, he is left unto himself, to kick against the pricks, to persecute the saints, and to fight against God."

Access to the Spirit through the Holy Ghost

- William Bradford
 - " All access to the Spirit comes through the Holy Ghost " ("The Spirit")

Faith Drives usage of the Spirit

- William Bradford
 - " If time would permit I could talk about how faith relates to this, drives the usage of this great spirit " ("The Spirit")