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## Importance of Reading the Book of Mormon

## • D&C 84:54-57

"they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon "

<u>Marion G Romney</u>

"I feel certain that if, in our homes, parents will read from the Book of Mormon prayerfully and regularly, both by themselves and with their children, the spirit of that great book will come to permeate our homes and all who dwell therein. The spirit of reverence will increase; mutual respect and consideration for each other will grow. The spirit of contention will depart. Parents will counsel their children in greater love and wisdom. Children will be more responsive and submissive to the counsel of their parents. Righteousness will increase. Faith, hope, and charity—the pure love of Christ—will abound in our homes and lives, bringing in their wake peace, joy, and happiness" ("The Book of Mormon," Ensign, May 1980, 65)

# Pondering

• 1 Nephi 11:1

"For it came to pass after I had desired to know the things that my father had seen, and believing that the Lord was able to make them known unto me, *as I sat pondering in mine heart* I was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord, yea, into an exceedingly high mountain, which I never had before seen, and upon which I never had before set my foot"

• D&C 138:1-11

"On the third of October, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, *I sat in my room pondering over the scriptures*;.... As I pondered over these things which are written, the eyes of my understanding were opened, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I saw the hosts of the dead, both small and great."

• <u>Henry B Eyring</u> "Pondering the scriptures will lead you to ask the right questions in prayer. And just as surely as the heavens were opened to Joseph Smith after he pondered the scriptures in faith, God will answer your prayers and He will lead you by the hand." ("The Book of Mormon," Ensign, May 1980, 65)

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