

Temple Quotes

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Blessings of Temple attendance

- Gordon B Hinckley:
"Those who come to the temples to do work for the dead generally know very little of those in whose service they labor. They expect no thanks for that service. They come out of a sense of love and duty. There is an absence of selfishness, except as they desire to refine and enhance their own spirituality in the process. If there were more temple work done in the Church, there would be less of selfishness, less of contention, less of demeaning others. The whole Church would increasingly be lifted to greater heights of spirituality, love for one another, and obedience to the commandments of God." (Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley, 622)
- Gordon B Hinckley:
"If we are a temple-going people, we will be a better people, we will be better fathers and husbands, we will be better wives and mothers. I know your lives are busy. I know that you have much to do. But I make you a promise that if you will go to the House of the Lord, you will be blessed; life will be better for you. Now, please, please, my beloved brethren and sisters, avail yourselves of the great opportunity to go to the Lord's house and thereby partake of all of the marvelous blessings that are yours to be received there" (Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley, 624)
- Howard W Hunter:
" Let us truly be a temple-attending and a temple-loving people. We should hasten to the temple as frequently, yet prudently, as our personal circumstances allow. We should go not only for our kindred dead but also for the personal blessing of temple worship, for the sanctity and safety that are within those hallowed and consecrated walls. As we attend the temple, we learn more richly and deeply the purpose of life and the significance of the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make the temple, with temple worship and temple covenants and

temple marriage, our ultimate earthly goal and the supreme mortal experience" ("A Temple-Motivated People," Ensign, Feb. 1995, pg 2)

Covenants

- David E Sorensen:
"One reason for the power of covenants may be due to the capability they have for effecting changes in our lives, especially sacred covenants. This capacity comes in part because when we make a covenant with God, we are making a promise to our Heavenly Father who knows us best, who knows exactly what we feel and think and intend in our heart of hearts—and this provides unique motivation to keep our promises. Additionally, sacred covenants are even more powerful than regular covenants or promises because by entering a covenant that is sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise (the Holy Ghost), we gain special access to the grace of God to help us keep the promises we have made." (The Doctrine of Temple Work," Liahona, Aug. 2002, pg 30)
- David E Sorensen:
" The purpose of temple work is to make more effective the Atonement of Jesus Christ, and since covenants can be such an effective tool for change, covenants feature prominently in the temple and particularly are a key component of the endowment. Consider how the covenants of baptism, the sacrament, and the laying on of hands are all centered upon the Savior and His atoning sacrifice and how they lead us to change our lives. In a similar way, the covenants we make when we receive the endowment can propel us to even greater changes and greater Christ-like behavior. Put another way, we might ask, "How do we gain access to the fulness of the Atonement, this additional dispensation of grace?" Only by covenants, which are entered into only through ordinances, which can be performed only through priesthood keys. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught, "Being born again, comes by the Spirit of God through ordinances.(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected by Joseph Fielding Smith (1976), 162.)." (The Doctrine of Temple Work," Liahona, Aug. 2002, pg 30)
- Brigham Young to the men at Winter Quarters on rescuing those leaving Nauvoo
"The poor brethren and sisters, widows and orphans, sick and destitute, are now lying on the west bank of the Mississippi, waiting for teams and wagons and means to remove them. Now is the time for labor. *Let the fire of the covenant, which you made in the house of the Lord burn in your*

hearts like flame unquenchable." (Journal History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 28 Sept. 1846, 5)

Service

- Gordon B Hinckley:
"This is a sanctuary of service. Most of the work done in this sacred house is performed vicariously in behalf of those who have passed beyond the veil of death. I know of no other work to compare with it. It more nearly approaches the vicarious sacrifice of the Son of God in behalf of all mankind than any other work of which I am aware. Thanks is not expected from those who in the world beyond become the beneficiaries of this consecrated service. It is a service of the living in behalf of the dead. It is a service which is of the very essence of selflessness." (The Salt Lake Temple," Ensign, March 1993, p. 5)
- Gordon B Hinckley:
"That which goes on in the House of the Lord, and which must be preceded by research, comes nearer the spirit of the sacrifice of the Lord than any other activity of which I know. Why? Because it is done by those who give freely of time and substance to do for others that which they cannot do for themselves, and for which they who perform this service expect no thanks or recompense" (The Salt Lake Temple," Ensign, March 1993, p. 5)

Revelation

- Gordon B Hinckley:
"[The temple] is a place of revelation. Here almost weekly the First Presidency of the Church and the Council of the Twelve Apostles have met since the time of dedication. Here there is earnest prayer with supplication for enlightenment and understanding. Here in these hallowed precincts there is discussion, quiet and restrained. And here is felt that inspiration which comes when men who are endowed with the highest authority of the eternal priesthood counsel together and seek the will of the Lord.
The temple is also a place of personal inspiration and revelation. Legion are those who in times of stress, when difficult decisions must be made and perplexing problems must be handled, have come to the temple in a spirit of fasting and prayer to seek divine direction. Many have testified that while voices of revelation were not heard, impressions concerning a course to follow were experienced at that time or later which became answers to their prayers." (The Salt Lake Temple," Ensign, March 1993, p. 6)

Recommends

- Gordon B Hinckley:
" I would hope that every Latter-day Saint who is old enough would have a temple recommend. It says something. It is a priceless, priceless thing to have a temple recommend. It says that we are faithful, that we are doing what we ought to be doing, that we are living the gospel, that we are sustaining our authorities, that we are observing the Word of Wisdom, that we are paying our tithing, that we are treating our families properly, that we are treating our neighbors properly, that we are the kind of people we ought to be. Perhaps you cannot get to the temple very often. But even if you cannot get to the temple, I would like to suggest that you go to your bishops and get a temple recommend and carry it with you and regard it as a precious and true thing. It is a credit card, if you please, with the Lord. " (Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley, pg 631)

Sacredness of Temples

- Gordon B Hinckley:
" I remind you of the absolute obligation to not discuss outside the temple that which occurs within the temple. Sacred matters deserve sacred consideration. We are under obligation, binding and serious, to not use temple language or speak of temple matters outside. I first went to the temple fifty-seven years ago. It was different from any other experience I had had in the Church. A young man of my association went about the same time. Thereafter, he was wont to use phrases from the language of the temple in a frivolous way. It was offensive. It was a betrayal of a sacred trust. I have watched him through the years. Once faithful, he has drifted from all Church activity and forsaken the faith of his fathers. I think that much of what has happened to him began with that small irreverential thing that he did in trivializing language which is not trivial. . . ." (Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley, pg 631)