

UNDER HIS WINGS

SEASON 5

EPISODE 79 - Come Listen To A Prophet's Voice: Invitations and Blessings

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How blessed we feel to feel guided by God in these tumultuous times! Not only to have the scriptures and the words of past prophets but the Lord also speaks to us through a prophet and apostles today!

General conferences of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are held twice a year: first weekend in April and the first weekend in October every year.

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Elder Bednar's conference talk Be Still and Know That I Am God,

Helaman 5:12 "Remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall."

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/21bednar?lang=eng

3 Nephi 11:11 "And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

3 Nephi 12:1 "Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you and unto them I have given power"...he acknowledges the role of his prophet and apostles

Elder Kevin Hamilton at a BYU devotional 1/24/2023

"I have heard some who would try to decouple or disconnect Jesus Christ from His Church and His apostles by saying things like 'I follow Jesus, not the Church' or 'I follow the Savior, not the apostles.' You cannot accept Jesus Christ and reject His Church or His authorized messengers."

https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/kevin-s-hamilton/why-a-church/

Elder Soares: "As we make covenants in holiness before God and commit to follow the Savior, we receive the power to change our hearts, renew our spirits, and deepen our relationship with Him....covenants form a sacred bond with God and Jesus Christ, The result of this sacred journey is that we obtain a holier and higher confidence for our day-to-day lives."



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President Russell M. Nelson, reminds us about these vital principles by saying: "The temple lies at the center of strengthening our faith and spiritual fortitude because the Savior and His doctrine are the very heart of the temple. Everything taught in the temple, through instruction and through the Spirit, increases our understanding of Jesus Christ. His essential ordinances bind us to Him through sacred priesthood covenants. **Then, as we keep our covenants, He endows us with His healing, strengthening power.**And oh, how we will need His power in the days ahead.....In his closing remarks at the October 2019 general conference, our dear prophet reminded us about an important step in achieving covenant confidence, saying: "Individual worthiness to enter the Lord's house requires much individual spiritual preparation." Therefore, if we change our preparation to enter the temple, we will change our experience in the temple, which will transform our lives outside of the temple. "Then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven." As we keep our covenants, God endows us with His healing, strengthening power. And oh, how we will need His power in the days ahead." https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/16soares?lang=eng

Elder Neil L. Anderson: In His house, we are literally endowed with heavenly power. Our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him are confirmed and fortified. We are spiritually assured of our true identity and the purposes of life.

https://www.churchofiesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/55andersen?lang=eng

President Russell M. Nelson: "My dear brothers and sisters, here is my promise. Nothing will help you more to hold fast to the iron rod than worshiping in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit. Nothing will protect you more as you encounter the world's mists of darkness. Nothing will bolster your testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement or help you understand God's magnificent plan more. Nothing will soothe your spirit more during times of pain. Nothing will open the heavens more. Nothing!"

https://www.churchofiesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/57nelson?lang=eng

Elder Kearon, "My friends, my fellow disciples on the road of mortal life, our Father's beautiful plan, even His 'fabulous' plan, is designed to bring you home, not to keep you out. No one has built a roadblock and stationed someone there to turn you around and send you away. In fact, it is the exact opposite. God is in relentless pursuit of you. He "wants all of His children to choose to return to Him," and He employs every possible measure to bring you back.

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/45kearon?lang=eng

<u>Elder Uchdorf</u>: Story of Wilbur and Orville Wright, "Flying was risky in those early days. The brothers knew this. And so did their father, Milton. In fact, he was so terrified of losing both of his sons in a flying accident that they promised him they would never fly together. And they never did—with one exception. Seven years after that historic day at Kitty Hawk, Milton Wright finally gave his consent and watched as Wilbur and Orville flew together for the first time. After landing, Orville convinced his father to take his first and only flight and to see for himself what it was like.



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As the plane lifted from the ground, the 82-year-old Milton got so caught up in the exhilaration of flight that all fear left him. Orville rejoiced as his father shouted with delight, "Higher, Orville, higher!"

However, I have also experienced for myself the glorious dawn that fills the soul with joy so profound that it can scarcely be kept in. I have discovered for myself that this peaceful confidence comes from following the Savior and walking in His Way.

Our Father in Heaven has not hidden the path to happiness. It is not a secret. It is available to all! During the coming days, weeks, and months, may I invite you to:

- Spend time in a sincere, full-hearted effort to draw near to God.
- Seek diligently for everyday moments of hope, peace, and joy.
- Bring joy to others around you.

Worldly happiness, by contrast, does not last. It cannot. It is the nature of all earthly things to grow old, decay, wear out, or become stale. But godly joy is eternal, because God is eternal. Jesus Christ came to lift us out of the temporal and replace corruption with incorruption. Only He has that power, and only His joy is perpetual.

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2024/04/35uchtdorf?lang=eng