

Teaching Without Preaching

Here are some talks, quotes, and scriptures that were used in our powerpoint presentation, *WE HAVE A WORK TO DO*. We hope they will not only remind you of what has been said, but also give you an opportunity to study more on your own.

If you have any questions, or would like to share this powerpoint in a class or ward gathering, you can contact us: Sheri Spencer talktosheri@msn.com, Nola Serra nolars@gmail.com, or Katie Lamm kclam1@msn.com.

Scriptures:

D&C 128: 11-18, 22, 24 Work for the dead (actually the whole section is on the subject.)

D&C 84:19-22 The mysteries of the kingdom have been referred several times as those things taught in our Temples...not secret, but sacred.

D&C 86:8-11 D&C 138:47-48 Priesthood lineage

Ephesians 1:3-4, 9-11 All will obtain an inheritance

3 Nephi 29:3 Covenant of Israel

D&C 2:1-2 Hearts of the Children

D&C 18:11 All men

1 Nephi 15:34 No unclean thing

Moses 1:39 Eternal life of man

Obadiah 21 Savors on Mount Zion

D&C 78:7 a place in the Celestial World

D&C 138:25, 30, 35, 47-48 Preach the gospel to the dead

3 Nephi 20:26 Children of the covenant

D&C 121:45 Charity

Quotes:

"God dwells in eternity, and does not view things as we do. When his commandments teach us, it is in view of eternity, for we are looked upon by God as though we were in eternity. The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead."
~Joseph Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p 356

"If a man gets the fullness of the priesthood of God, he has to get it in the same way Jesus obtained it, by obeying all the ordinances of the House of the Lord." ~Joseph Smith

"The myriads of dead that have slept in the silent tomb without a knowledge of the gospel have their eyes upon us, and they are expecting us to fulfill the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon us to attend to, in which they are interested. All the holy priesthood---the ancient patriarchs, prophets and apostles and men of God who have lived in the different generations are looking upon us and expecting us to fulfill the great and important requirements of Jehovah in regard to the welfare and the redemption of the world: the salvation of the living and dead. God, our Heavenly Father, and his son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, are also looking down upon us, and expect us to be faithful to our covenants."
~*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: John Taylor*, p. 189

"We are a covenant people, and that is a very serious matter" ~*Gordon B. Hinckley*

"The Creation required the Fall. The Fall required the Atonement. The Atonement enabled the purpose of the Creation to be accomplished. Eternal life, made possible by the Atonement, is the supreme purpose of the Creation. To phrase that statement in its negative form, if families were not sealed in holy temples, the whole earth would be utterly wasted.

The purposes of the Creation, the Fall, and the Atonement all converge on the sacred work done in temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The earth was created and the Church was restored to make possible the sealing of wife to husband, children to parents, families to progenitors, worlds without end.

This is the great latter-day work of which we are a part. That is why we have missionaries; that is why we have temples—to bring the fullest blessings of the Atonement to faithful children of God. That is why we respond to our own calls from the Lord. When we comprehend His voluntary Atonement, any sense of sacrifice on our part becomes completely overshadowed by a profound sense of gratitude for the privilege of serving Him." ~*Russell M. Nelson*

"Will not a man who keeps the commandments of the Lord, who is faithful and true receive perfection? Yes, provided his worthy dead also receive the same privileges..." ~*Joseph Fielding Smith*

"It is a sanctuary of service. 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 men than any other work of which I am aware." ~*President Gordon B. Hinckley*

"Barriers in due time evaporate... when one has performed the work, experienced that test of faith, and qualified for the desired blessings. 'For thus saith the Lord, I...delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and truth unto the end'..." ~*Pres. Thomas S. Monson*

"Your ancestors...rejoiced to see one of their descendants make a covenant to find them and to offer them freedom. Their hearts are bound to you." ~Henry B. Eyring

Our forefathers are looking to us to attend to this work. They are watching over us with great anxiety, and are desirous that we should finish these temples...so that in the morning of the first resurrection they can come forth and enjoy the same blessings that we enjoy. The eyes of the heavens are over us." ~Wilford Woodruff

"I wish you to understand this...for it is important...And here we want the power of Elijah to seal those who dwell on earth to those who dwell in heaven. This is the power of Elijah and the keys of the kingdom of Jehovah." ~Joseph Smith

"Our Father's house is a house of order. We go to His house to enter into that order of priesthood which will entitle us to all that the Father hath, if we are faithful." ~President Ezra Taft Benson

All are to be linked, sealed, and edified together, that the system may be kept perfect." ~Russell M. Nelson

"Each family unit is to be linked to the generation before, until all who have proved their title to family membership..., shall be joined in one grand family...and shall find place in the celestial kingdom of God. In this way all who receive exaltation become heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ..." ~Joseph Fielding Smith

"He opens their eyes to see beyond the veil. He takes them to a future existence, described in the great plan of salvation, where we may yet be. He tells us of wonderful associations, worth giving our all to enjoy." ~Elder Henry B. Eyring

"Now this is our duty as men holding the priesthood: To teach them and make them understand the importance of this. We will go to them as missionaries, we will labor with them, we will try to convince them, we will try to persuade them, to go to the temple for their own salvation and for the salvation of their dead; and when we have done that, we have done our duty. ~Joseph Fielding Smith

"We want you as men holding the priesthood, and sisters laboring with you, ...to do everything in your power by persuasion and by teaching...to get them to the temple to do the thing that will bring them the fullness of the glory of God." ~*Joseph Fielding Smith*

"There has to be a purpose for this tremendous expenditure of time and money. That purpose of which we bare solemn witness is to identify the generations of the dead so that ordinances may be performed in their behalf for their eternal and everlasting blessing and progress." ~*Gordon B. Hinckley*

Talks:

The Key of Faith, President Thomas S. Monson, Liahona, May 1994

Family History Consultants Fireside address, Elder L. Whitney Clayton, Nov. 2007

Theodore M. Burton, April Conference Priesthood Session, 1975

What I Hope You Would Teach your Children about the Temple, Ezra Taft Benson, August 1985

Ensign

A Century of Family History Service, Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Mar 1995, 61-63

The Power of Teaching Doctrine, Henry B. Eyring, April conference, 1999

Hearts Bound Together, Henry B. Eyring, April Conference, 2005

The Atonement, Russell M. Nelson, October Conference, 1996

All Quotes from Joseph Fielding Smith came from Doctrines of Salvation

Quotes from Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pgs 308-309, 337-338, and 356

We also found a very useful website for finding quotes from Conference that align with a scripture we are using: <http://scriptures.byu.edu/help.php>. This web site indexes the conference talks according to the scripture that is being quoted. It is not as user-friendly as we would like it to be, but if you just find the information and then look up the corresponding talk on LDS.org, it works great!