

## August 25–31: Doctrine and Covenants 93 “Receive of His Fulness”

### The Fulness of the Father

In verse 19 the Lord tells us why He is revealing the important gospel principals in Section 93

D&C 93:19

19 I give unto you these sayings that you may understand and know how to worship, and know what you worship, that you may come unto the Father in my name, and in due time receive of his fulness.

Why is it essential that we “know how to worship, and know what you worship”?

(come unto the Father in my name  
and in due time receive of his fulness)

Dallin H. Oaks

“Because we have the truth about the Godhead and our relationship to Them, the purpose of life, and the nature of our eternal destiny, we have the ultimate road map and assurance for our journey through mortality. We know whom we worship and why we worship. We know who we are and what we can become. We know who makes it all possible, and we know what we must do to enjoy the ultimate blessings that come through God’s plan of salvation.” (CR, April 2017)

We learn about the relationship between the Father and the Son

D&C 93:1-5

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord: It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am;

2 And that I am the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world;

3 And that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one—

4 The Father because he gave me of his fulness, and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men.

5 I was in the world and received of my Father, and the works of him were plainly manifest.

What must we do to qualify to “see [His] face and know [Him]”?

(forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments)

What do we learn from these verses about how and why “the Father and [the Son] are one”?

(The Father because he gave me of his fulness  
I was in the world and received of my Father  
the works of him were plainly manifest)

How do you think that having this understanding helps us to “know how to worship, and know what you worship”?

Spencer W. Kimball

“The most important question one can ask himself is this: Do I really know God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son? And in the answer is the difference between floundering through indecision or having sureness and certainty....

“Men who know God and love him and live his commandments and obey his true ordinances may yet in this life, or the life to come, see his face and know that he lives and will commune with them.” (CR, April 1964)

We learn about the pre-mortal Christ and our relationship with Him

D&C 93:6-10

6 And John saw and bore record of the fulness of my glory, and the fulness of John’s record is hereafter to be revealed.

7 And he bore record, saying: I saw his glory, that he was in the beginning, before the world was;

8 Therefore, in the beginning the Word was, for he was the Word, even the messenger of salvation—

9 The light and the Redeemer of the world; the Spirit of truth, who came into the world, because the world was made by him, and in him was the life of men and the light of men.

10 The worlds were made by him; men were made by him; all things were made by him, and through him, and of him.

What do we learn from these verses about the role of Christ “before the world was”?

(in him was the life of men and the light of men  
The worlds were made by him; men were made by him; all things were made by him, and through him, and of him)

How do you think that having this understanding helps us to “know how to worship, and know what you worship”?

Boyd K. Packer

“The doctrine is simply this: life did not begin with mortal birth. We lived in spirit form before we entered mortality. We are spiritually the children of

God....

“When we comprehend the doctrine of premortal life, we know that we are the children of God, that we lived with him in spirit form before entering mortality.

“We know that this life is a test, that life did not begin with birth, nor will it end with death.” (CR, Oct. 1983)

We learn that receiving the fulness of the Father was a process for Christ

D&C 93:11-17

11 And I, John, bear record that I beheld his glory, as the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, even the Spirit of truth, which came and dwelt in the flesh, and dwelt among us.

12 And I, John, saw that he received not of the fulness at the first, but received grace for grace;

13 And he received not of the fulness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fulness;

14 And thus he was called the Son of God, because he received not of the fulness at the first.

15 And I, John, bear record, and lo, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove, and sat upon him, and there came a voice out of heaven saying: This is my beloved Son.

16 And I, John, bear record that he received a fulness of the glory of the Father;

17 And he received all power, both in heaven and on earth, and the glory of the Father was with him, for he dwelt in him.

How did Christ receive the fulness of the Father?

(he received not of the fulness at the first, but received grace for grace  
he received a fulness of the glory of the Father  
the glory of the Father was with him, for he dwelt in him)

What do you think it means to “[continue] from grace to grace”?

Marion G. Romney

“One cannot fully learn the gospel without living it. A knowledge of the gospel comes by degrees. One learns a little, obeys what he learns; learns a little more, obeys that; and repeats this cycle in an endless round. Such is the pattern by which one can move on to a full knowledge of the gospel.”  
(CR, April 1962)

Next He tells us how it is possible that we too can receive the fulness of the Father

D&C 93:20-22,27-28

20 For if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness, and be glorified in me as I am in the Father; therefore, I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace.

21 And now, verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn;

22 And all those who are begotten through me are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the church of the Firstborn.

27 And no man receiveth a fulness unless he keepeth his commandments.

28 He that keepeth his commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things.

What do we need to do to “receive grace for grace” until we can be “partakers of the glory”?

(if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness  
all those who are begotten through me are partakers of the glory)

The word grace, as used in the scriptures, refers primarily to enabling power and spiritual healing offered through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ.... The grace of God helps us every day. It strengthens us to do good works we could not do on our own. The Lord promised that if we humble ourselves before Him and have faith in Him, His grace will help us overcome all.  
(Gospel Topics: Grace)

Bruce R. McConkie

“Our revelations say that when [Christ] came into this life he received not of the fulness at the first, but that he continued from grace to grace... until he received a fulness of the glory of the Father. Then the revelation recites that if you and I keep the commandments of God and walk in the paths of truth and righteousness, we, too, shall go from grace to grace until we receive of the fulness of the Father and are glorified in Christ as he is in the Father.”  
(CR, Oct. 1948)

Note that in verse 28 it states that it is because of truth that we can know all things and become glorified

D&C 93:24-26

24 And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

25 And whatsoever is more or less than this is the spirit of that wicked one who was a liar from the beginning.

26 The Spirit of truth is of God. I am the Spirit of truth, and John bore record of me, saying: He received a fulness of truth, yea, even of all truth;

Why do you think that it is important to know that truth is “absolute” and not “relative” as many believe?

(truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come  
more or less than this is the spirit of that wicked one)

Russell M. Nelson

“Contrary to the doubts of some, there really is such a thing as right and wrong. There really is absolute truth—eternal truth. One of the plagues of our day is that too few people know where to turn for truth.” (CR, Oct. 2021)

John C. Pingree, Jr.

“The Lord has taught us in scripture that ‘truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come.’ It ‘was not created or made’ and has ‘no end.’ Truth is absolute, fixed, and immutable. In other words, truth is eternal.

“Truth helps us avoid deception, discern good from evil, receive protection, and find comfort and healing. Truth can also guide our actions, make us free, sanctify us, and lead us to eternal life.” (CR, Oct. 2023)

It seems that receiving grace for grace is equivalent to receiving light and truth, also referred to as intelligence

D&C 93:36-37

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth.  
37 Light and truth forsake that evil one.

Joseph Fielding Smith

"We very frequently quote from one of the revelations the words of the Lord to this effect, that “The glory of God is intelligence,” and I wonder if we ourselves really comprehend what it means.... When we have the Spirit of the Lord we have intelligence—light and truth.... It is pure intelligence, if you please, and he who has it has the power to discern between right and wrong, truth and error, and he will follow righteousness." (CR, Oct. 1933)

D&C 93:29-30

29 Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be.

30 All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence.

What do these verses teach us about how we were able to “act for [ourselves]”

when we were “in the beginning with God”?

(Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made otherwise there is no existence)

Hugh B. Brown

“Man's spirit was with his Father in the beginning he was designed to be free, and expected to gain wisdom and intelligence in the exercise of his agency. His freedom is, next to life itself, his most priceless possession. He has freedom to think, to explore, to discover, and to act....

“While we have complete freedom to heed or disregard the promptings of the spirit or the teachings of the prophets, let us always remember that we must abide the consequences of our choice.” (CR, April 1960)

We are warned that we can lose light and truth that we have received

D&C 93: 31-32,39

31 Behold, here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man; because that which was from the beginning is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light.

32 And every man whose spirit receiveth not the light is under condemnation.

39 And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers.

Everyone has been blessed with the Light of Christ which leads us to truth.  
How can we lose light and truth and our ability to gain them?

(is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light  
through disobedience  
because of the tradition of their fathers)

Charles W. Penrose

“The Lord has said to us in substance, ‘I have placed before you truth and error, choose which you will receive....’ He has given us certain principles to govern ourselves by.... If we choose we can lay hold of these principles and be governed thereby, and by doing that we will be improved in our nature in proportion to our reception of light and truth, and exaltation will come to us on this principle and no other.” (JD, 21:351)

John C. Pingree, Jr.

“God expects us to seek, recognize, and act on truth. Our ability to receive and apply truth is dependent on the strength of our relationship with the Father and the Son, our responsiveness to the influence of the Holy Ghost, and our alignment with latter-day prophets.

“We need to remember that Satan works to keep us from truth. He knows that without truth, we cannot gain eternal life. He weaves strands of truth with worldly philosophies to confuse us and distract us from what is communicated by God.” (CR, Oct. 2023)