

July 21–27

Doctrine and Covenants 81–83

"Where Much is Given Much is Required"



Service

D&C 81:1,4-7

What can we learn from this admonition that will help us “do the greatest good... and promote the glory... [the] Lord” in our lives?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“Your obligation is as serious in your sphere of responsibility as is my obligation in my sphere. No calling in this church is small or of little consequence. All of us in the pursuit of our duty touch the lives of others. To each of us in our respective responsibilities the Lord has said:

‘Wherefore, be faithful; stand in the office which I have appointed unto you; succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees.’...

“You have as great an opportunity for satisfaction in the performance of your duty as I do in mine. The progress of this work will be determined by our joint efforts. Whatever your calling, it is as fraught with the same kind of opportunity to accomplish good as is mine. What is really important is that this is the work of the Master. Our work is to go about doing good as did He.” (CR, April 1995)

Repentance

D&C 82:3-7

What can we learn about repentance and forgiveness from these verses?

Craig A. Cardon

“He does not excuse us in our sins. He does not condone our return to past sins.... The Lord ‘cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance,’ yet He differentiates the relative gravity of some sins.... He has said that ‘he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation.’ Yet, in His mercy, He allows for improvement over time rather than demanding immediate perfection....

“His compassion and grace do not excuse us when ‘[our] hearts are not satisfied. And [we] obey not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness.’ Rather, after we do all we can do, His compassion and grace are the means whereby ‘in process of time’ we overcome the world through the enabling power of the Atonement....

“The Lord looks upon the light we have received, the desires of our hearts, and our actions, and when we repent and seek His forgiveness, He forgives.” (CR, April 2013)

Law of Consecration

D&C 82:17-22

In what way does the law of consecration
“benefit... the church of the living God”?

D. Todd Christofferson

“Unity with our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ grows as we heed the second commandment—inextricably connected to the first—to love others as ourselves. And I suppose an even more perfect unity would obtain among us if we followed the Savior’s higher and holier expression of this second commandment—to love one another not only as we love ourselves but as He loved us. In sum, it is ‘every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.’” (CR, April 2023)

Marion G. Romney

“As the works of the flesh have universal application, so likewise does the gospel of peace. If one man lives it, he has peace within himself. If two men live it, they each have peace within themselves and with each other. If the citizens live it, the nation has domestic peace. When there are enough nations enjoying the fruit of the Spirit to control world affairs, then, and only then, will the war-drums throb no longer.” (“The Price of Peace,” Ensign, Oct. 1983)

Law of Consecration

D&C 83:4-6

How can we apply this principle in our day?

Joseph F. Merrill

“All children have claim upon their parents for their maintenance until they are of age.

“Thus divine law, as well as civil law, makes the parents responsible for their children. No Latter-day Saint lives a worthy life in the eyes of the Lord who neglects to do everything feasible to bring up his children according to gospel standards. Let every parent take heed of these requirements.” (CR, April 1946)

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“The Power of Godliness”

