



**“GATHER TOGETHER AS ONE”**

“We are not who we think we are and we become the person we spend our time believing we can become.”

“Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...I am called by his Holy Spirit...And a portion of that spirit dwelleth in me, which giveth me knowledge and also power according to my faith and desires which are in God”

3 Nephi 5:13 and Alma 18:34-35

Let's use the the Keys of the Priesthood bestowed  
upon me as Stake President, combined with my love  
for you and your love for me,  
which equally yokes us together,  
and do this sacred work the Lord has called us to do.

*President Johnson - Stake Conference - September 2018*

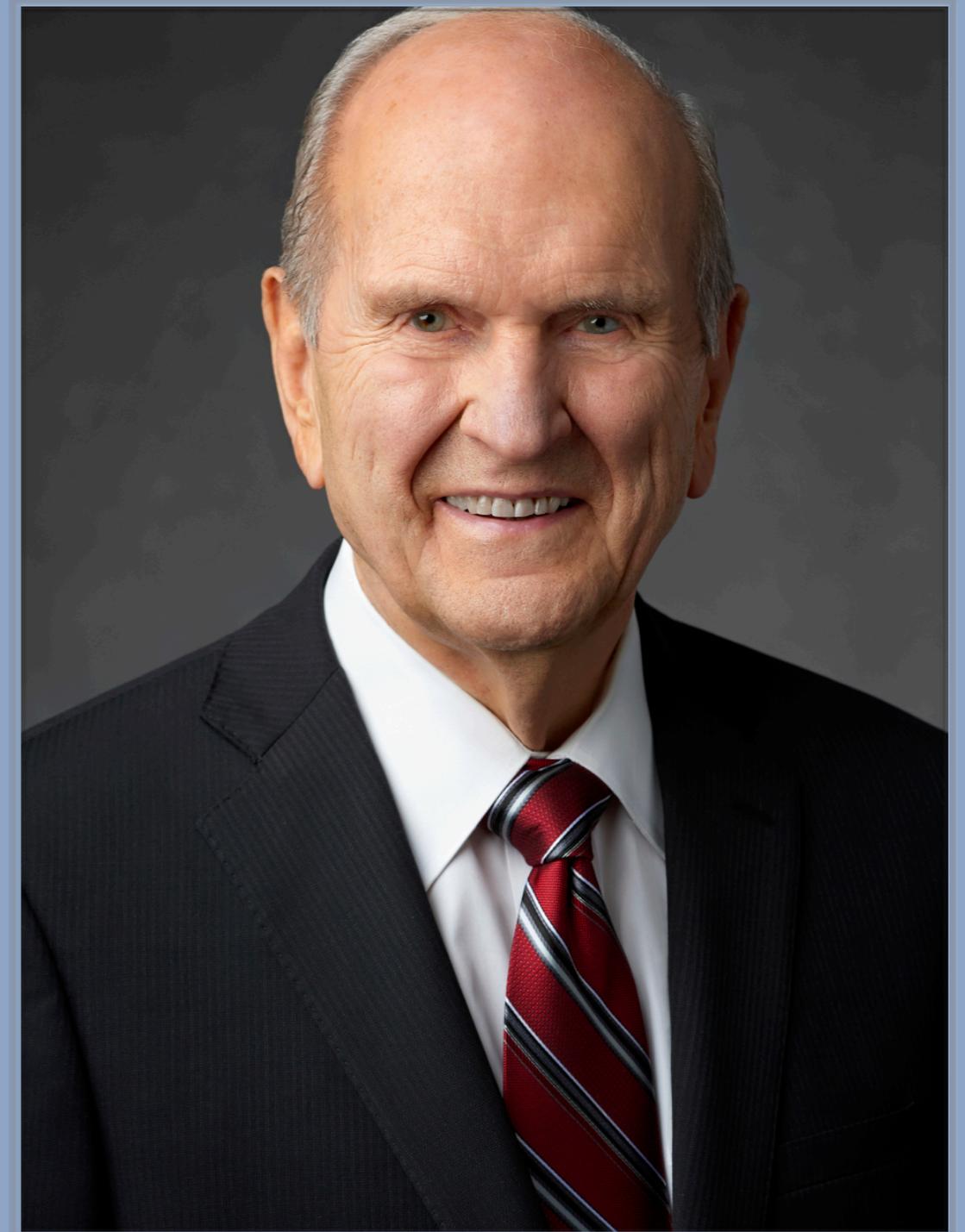
“Though the Lord’s people may sometimes be asked to gather to a particular place, people today generally are ‘gathered when they accept the gospel, receive ordinances, and make covenants’”.

*What is the Gathering of Israel? David A. Edwards*

**President Nelson in August 2018 spoke these words to the youth:**

**“...The gathering is...**

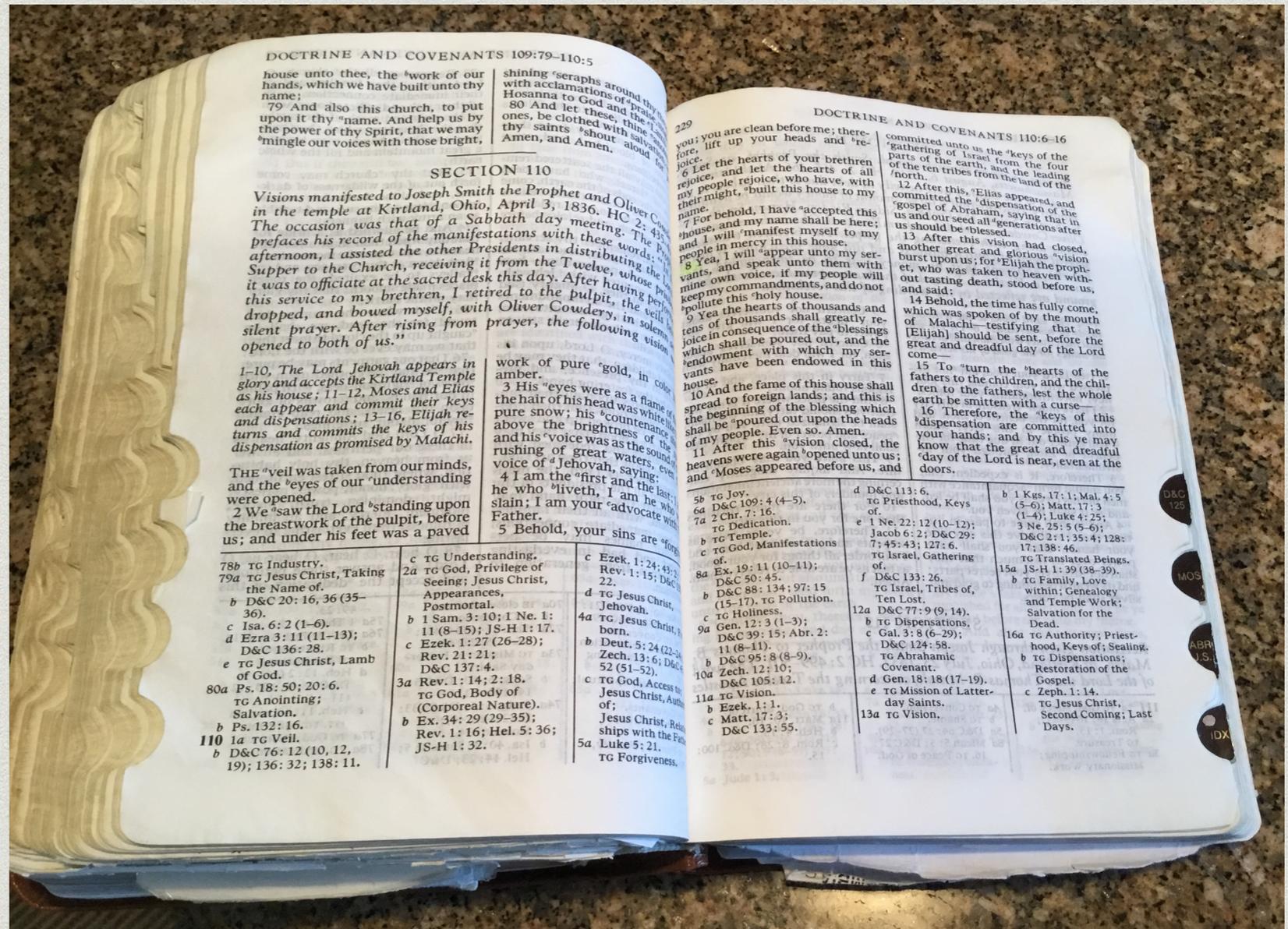
- \* ...the greatest challenge,**
- \* ...the greatest cause,**
- \* ...and the greatest work on earth today.**
- \* Nothing else compares in magnitude,**
- \* nothing else compares in importance,**
- \* nothing else compares in majesty.”**



Hope of Israel, President Russell M. Nelson and Sister Wendy W. Nelson, Worldwide Youth Devotional, June 3, 2018

# Doctrine and Covenants

*D&C 110:11 After this vision closed, the heavens were again opened unto us; and Moses appeared before us, and committed unto us the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth, ...*





**ELDER HOLLAND, BE WITH THEM AND  
STRENGTHEN THEM, APRIL 2018 GENERAL  
CONFERENCE**

...we have a heaven-sent opportunity as an entire Church to demonstrate “pure religion ... undefiled before God” - “to bear one another’s burdens, that they may be light” and to “comfort those that stand in need of comfort.”





# BLESSINGS OF FASTING AND PRAYER

**ISAIAH 58:6**

**IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT  
I HAVE CHOSEN? TO LOOSE  
THE BANDS OF  
WICKEDNESS, TO UNDO THE  
HEAVY BURDENS, AND TO  
LET THE OPPRESSED GO  
FREE...**

*Gather Together in One  
All Things in Christ.*

*Elder David A. Bednar  
Oct 2018 General  
Conference*



*“...all of these interrelated actions are part of a unified effort to better align the focus, resources, and work of the Savior’s restored Church with its fundamental mission: to assist God in His work to bring to pass the salvation and exaltation of His children”.*

# PRESIDENT EYRING TAUGHT:

THE FAST ALSO HELPS US TO FEEL HUMBLE AND MEEK SO THAT THE HOLY GHOST MAY MORE EASILY BE OUR COMPANION. BY OUR FAST, WE BOTH KEEP OUR COVENANT TO CARE FOR OTHERS AND WE PREPARE TO KEEP OUR COVENANT TO BEAR TESTIMONY.



# 5 PURPOSES OF OUR FAST

***1. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will increase.***

*We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. (A of F 1:4)*

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***2. In behalf of the welfare of the souls of those that know not God.***

*Nevertheless the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft, and join in fasting and mighty prayer in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who knew not God. (Alma 6:6)*

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*3. Strength to Continue Ministering to those who were once in our midst that they will return and the Savior shall heal them.*

*Nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out of your synagogues, or your places of worship, for unto such shall ye continue to minister; for ye know not but what they will return and repent, and come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I shall heal them; and ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.  
(3 Nephi 18:32)*

*For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (Hebrews 6:10)*

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4. *Deepen our testimony of the Atonement of Jesus Christ and a greater understanding of His doctrine, through reading and studying the Book of Mormon.*
  - a. *This will aid us in convincing “Both Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ”. (Title Page Book of Mormon)*
  
  - b. *“A principal purpose” Elder Bowen taught, “of the Book of Mormon is to gather scattered Israel”. At the beginning of the Book of Mormon, Nephi taught, “For the fulness of mine intent is that I may persuade men to come unto the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and be saved.”*

*The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is Jesus Christ, the God of the Old Testament.*

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*And this is the blessing which hath been bestowed upon us, that we have been made instruments in the hands of God to bring about this great work.  
(Alma 26:3)*

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*We MUST BE DELIBERATE in exercising our faith. But remember, “faith without works is dead”. It is not enough to have faith alone. We must do as the Lord has taught us in working to “bring to pass”. Our glory will then be found with the Savior Jesus Christ, in “the eternal life of man”, woman and child.*



## ***PROMISED BLESSINGS OF THE FAST***

- 1. WE will SEE opportunities to share the gospel and minister with love, in a natural way.*
- 2. WE will find the strength and the faith necessary, to TRY His works to do.*
- 3. MANY we associate with will have a desire to COME INTO the fold of God and be baptized.*
- 4. INCREASE of desire in our children to SERVE a full time mission.*
- 5. PERSONAL revelation for individual needs will flow freely through the Spirit to those who SEEK to do God’s will.*
- 6. MIRACLES of God’s power will be MANIFESTED. Wards will grow to fill and overflow the capacity of our chapels.*