



# The Gospel Doctrine Class



Doctrine & Covenants - Lesson 6

I Will Tell You in Your Mind and in Your Heart

*“But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right.” (D&C 9:8)*

D&C 6, 8, 9, 11

*A study of this lesson will help us learn to recognize personal revelation through the Holy Ghost and to encourage us to seek this blessing in our lives.*

Elder Boyd K. Packer: "These delicate, refined spiritual communications are not seen with our eyes nor heard with our ears. And even though it is described as a voice, it is a voice that one feels more than one hears" (That All May Be Edified, p335).

Elder Dallin H. Oaks: "Visions do happen. Voices are heard from beyond the veil. I know this. But these experiences are exceptional. ...Most of the revelation that comes to leaders and members of the Church comes by the still, small voice or by a feeling rather than by a vision or a voice that speaks specific words we can hear. I testify to the reality of that kind of revelation, which I have come to know as a familiar, even daily, experience to guide me in the work of the Lord." (Ensign, Mar 1997, p14)

President Spencer W. Kimball: "I have often told the story of a young man who was promised safe return from World War II but who found himself in a terrifying and hazardous situation on the beach-heads of Italy. After three strong impressions came to him, he moved from the spot where he was looking at his map to deploy his soldiers, and immediately after his moving, a bomb came from the skies and blew up everything in the area where he had stood." (Faith Precedes the Miracle, p29).

Joseph Smith: "The Spirit of Revelation is in connection with these blessings. A person may profit by noticing the first intimation of the spirit of revelation; for instance, when you feel pure intelligence flowing unto you, it may give you sudden strokes of ideas, so that by noticing it, you may find it fulfilled the same day or soon; (i.e.) those things that were presented into your minds by the Spirit of God [Sec. 85:6; Enos 10], will come to pass; and thus by learning the Spirit of God and understanding it, you may grow into the principle of revelation, until you become perfect in Christ Jesus." (History of the Church, 3:381)

President Joseph Fielding Smith: "It seems probable that Oliver Cowdery desired to translate out of curiosity, and the Lord taught him his place by showing him that translating was not the easy

thing he had thought it to be. In a subsequent revelation (Sec. 9), the explanation was made that Oliver's failure came because he did not continue as he commenced, and the task being a difficult one, his faith deserted him. The lesson he learned was very necessary, for he was shown that his place was to act as scribe for Joseph Smith and that it was the latter who was called and appointed by command of the Lord to do the translating. There must have been some impatience in having to sit and act as scribe, but when he failed to master the gift of translating, he was then willing to accept the will of the Lord....

"A similar privilege is given to any member of the Church who seeks knowledge of the spirit of prayer and faith. The Lord will cause the feeling of security and truth to take hold of the individual and burn within the bosom, and there will be overwhelming feeling that the thing is right. . . ." (Church History and Modern Revelation, 1:47-48)

President Boyd K. Packer: "This burning in the bosom is not purely a physical sensation. It is more like a warm light shining within your being." (Ensign, Nov 1994, p60)

Elder Dallin H. Oaks: "I have met persons who told me they have never had a witness from the Holy Ghost because they have never felt their bosom 'burn within' them. What does a 'burning in the bosom' mean? Does it need to be a feeling of caloric heat, like the burning produced by combustion? If that is the meaning, I have never had a burning in the bosom. Surely, the word 'burning' in this scripture signifies a feeling of comfort and serenity." (Ensign, Mar 1997, p13)

Elder Richard G. Scott: "When we seek inspiration to help make decisions, the Lord gives gentle promptings. These require us to think, to exercise faith, to work, to struggle at times, and to act. Seldom does the whole answer to a decisively important matter or complex problem come all at once. More often, it comes a piece at a time, without the end in sight." (Ensign, Nov 1989, p32)

Joseph Smith: "It is contrary to the economy of God for any member of the Church, or any one, to receive instruction for those in authority, higher than themselves." (Teachings, p21).

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