



# The Gospel Doctrine Class



Doctrine & Covenants - Lesson 10

This Is My Voice Unto All

*"A revelation I give unto you concerning my will; and if thou art faithful and walk in the paths of virtue before me, I will preserve thy life, and thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion." (D&C 25:2)*

## D&C 25

*A study of this lesson will help us learn to apply in our own lives the instructions the Lord has revealed to other individuals in the scriptures.*

Joseph Smith taught that wives should treat their husbands "with mildness and affection. When a man is borne down with trouble, when he is perplexed with care and difficulty, if he can meet a smile instead of an argument or a murmur—if he can meet with mildness, it will calm down his soul and soothe his feelings; when the mind is going to despair, it needs a solace of affection and kindness." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p228)

Joseph Smith: "It is the duty of a husband to love, cherish, and nourish his wife, and cleave unto her and none else; he ought to honor her as himself, and he ought to regard her feelings with tenderness." (Elders' Journal, Aug 1838, p62)

LaMar C. Berrett: "When Emma was ill, Joseph took personal care of her. Perhaps he could have hired nurse Jane Johnson to take care of Emma. Or perhaps his mother could have taken care of her; but Joseph's journal entries indicate that he played the role of nurse himself, and this at a time when he was, as usual, extremely busy. Joseph's writings further attest to his love and care for Emma: 'Emma began to be sick with fever; consequently I kept in the house with her all day.' 'Emma is no better. I was with her all day.' 'Emma was a little better. I was with her all day.' The entries go on and on. He spent much time with Emma when she was ill, caring for his wife tenderly and lovingly. Mercy Thompson said, 'I saw him [Joseph] by the bed-side of Emma, his wife, in sickness, exhibiting all the solicitude and sympathy possible for the tenderest of hearts and the most affectionate of natures to feel.'" (The Prophet Joseph Smith: Essays on the Life and Mission of Joseph Smith, p43)

President Ezra Taft Benson: "Pride is a very misunderstood sin, and many are sinning in ignorance. . . . Most of us think of pride as self-centeredness, conceit, boastfulness, arrogance, or haughtiness. All of these are elements of the sin, but the heart, or core, is still missing.

"The central feature of pride is enmity-enmity toward God and enmity toward our fellowmen. Enmity means 'hatred toward, hostility to, or a state of opposition.' . . .

"Pride is essentially competitive in nature. We pit our will against God's. . . . The proud cannot accept the authority of God giving direction to their lives. (See Hel. 12:6.) They pit their perceptions

of truth against God's great knowledge, their abilities versus God's priesthood power, their accomplishments against His mighty works.

"Our enmity toward God takes on many labels, such as rebellion, hardheartedness, stiffneckedness, un-repentant, puffed up, easily offended, and sign seekers. The proud wish God would agree with them. They aren't interested in changing their opinions to agree with God's.

"Another major portion of this very prevalent sin of pride is enmity toward our fellowmen. . . . It is manifest in so many ways, such as fault-finding, gossiping, backbiting, murmuring, living beyond our means, envying, coveting, withholding gratitude and praise that might lift another, and being unforgiving and jealous. . . .

"Selfishness is one of the more common faces of pride.

". . . Another face of pride is contention. Arguments, fights, un-righteous dominion, generation gaps, divorces, spouse abuse, riots, and disturbances all fall into this category of pride. . . ." (Ensign, May 1989, pp4-6)

Joseph Smith: "If there are any among you who aspire after their own aggrandizement, and seek their own opulence, while their brethren are groaning in poverty, and are under sore trials and temptations, they cannot be benefited by the intercession of the Holy Spirit, which maketh intercession for us day and night with groanings that cannot be uttered." (History of the Church, 3:299)

President Ezra Taft Benson: "The antidote for pride is humility—meekness, submissiveness (see Alma 7:23). It is the broken heart and contrite spirit. . . . We can choose to humble ourselves by loving God, submitting our will to His, and putting Him first in our lives." (Ensign, May 1989, pp6-7)

Elder Marvin J. Ashton: "None of us will escape tragedy and suffering. Each of us will probably react differently. However, if we can recall the Lord's promise, 'for I the Lord am with you,' we will be able to face our problems with dignity and courage. We will find the strength to be of good cheer instead of becoming resentful, critical, or defeated. We will be able to meet life's unpleasant happenings with clear vision, strength, and power. . . .

"What a joy it is to see someone of good cheer, who, when others because of an unpleasant happening or development live in angry silence or vocal disgust, meets the situation with cheerful endurance and good spirits." (Ensign, May 1986, p66)

Next Week's Reading Assignment  
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