



# The Gospel Doctrine Class



Doctrine & Covenants - Lesson 26

Go Ye into All the World

*“Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.” (D&C 88:81)*

*A study of this lesson will inspire us to follow the example of the Kirtland Saints who made great sacrifices to share the gospel and remained steadfast during times of adversity.*

"Shortly after joining the Church, Zera Pulsipher commenced missionary work. According to a family record, while working on his farm he felt impressed to leave home and begin preaching. The impulse was so strong that shortly before noon he unyoked his oxen and turned them into the pasture, then walked to the house and asked his wife for a clean shirt and a pair of socks.

"Where on earth are you going?' she asked.

"I don't know, only that I am going to preach the gospel. The Lord will show me where to go. I am going where He guides me.'

"How long will you be gone?' she inquired.

"I don't know. Just long enough to do the work the Lord has for me to do.'" (The Heaven's Resound, p104)

In April 1835, Parley was resting one evening at home in Kirtland with his wife who was ill. Elder Heber C. Kimball and others came in and blessed Parley and prophesied, "Thou shalt go to Upper Canada, even to the city of Toronto, the capital, and there thou shalt find a people prepared for the fulness of the gospel, and they shall receive thee, and thou shalt organize the Church among them, and it shall spread thence into the regions round about, and many shall be brought to the knowledge of the truth and shall be filled with joy; and from the things growing out of this mission, shall the fulness of the gospel spread into England, and cause a great work to be done in that land." (Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt, p110)

Parley needed to cross Lake Ontario, but had no money to pay for steamer fare. "I retired to a secret place in a forest and prayed to the Lord for money to enable me to cross the lake. I then entered Hamilton and commenced to chat with some of the people. I had not tarried many minutes before I was accosted by a stranger, who inquired my name and where I was going. He also asked me if I did not want some money. I

said yes. He then gave me ten dollars and a letter of introduction to John Taylor, of Toronto, where I arrived the same evening." (Ibid., p114)

Heber C. Kimball wrote: "On Sunday, the 4th day of June, 1837, the Prophet Joseph came to me, while I was seated in front of the stand, above the sacrament table, on the Melchizedek side of the Temple, in Kirtland, and whispering to me, said, 'Brother Heber, the Spirit of the Lord has whispered to me: "Let my servant Heber go to England and proclaim my Gospel, and open the door of salvation to that nation".'" (Life of Heber C. Kimball, p103-104)

Though intimidated by such a great call, Heber responded in the positive. "However, all these considerations did not deter me from the path of duty; the moment I understood the will of my Heavenly Father, I felt a determination to go at all hazards, believing that He would support me by His almighty power, and endow me with every qualification that I needed; and although my family was dear to me, and I should have to leave them almost destitute, I felt that the cause of truth, the Gospel of Christ, outweighed every other consideration." (Ibid., p104)



At a meeting at the Kirtland Temple in 1837 Brigham Young stood in defense of the Prophet. "I rose up, and in a plain and forcible manner told them that Joseph was a Prophet, and I knew it, and that they might rail and slander him as much as they pleased; they could not destroy the appointment of the Prophet of God, they could only destroy their own authority, cut the thread that bound them to the Prophet and to God, and sink themselves to hell. Many were highly enraged at my decided opposition to their measures. ... This meeting was broken up without the apostates being able to unite on any decided measures of opposition" (Manuscript History of Brigham Young).

**Next Week's Reading Assignment**

D&C 101; 103; 105;

Our Heritage, pages 27–29, 37–45

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