



# The Gospel Doctrine Class



Doctrine & Covenants - Lesson 42

Continuing Revelation

*“What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.” (D&C 1:38)*

D&C 1:38; 68:1–4; 84:109–10; 107:25, 34,  
93–98; 132:8; Official Declaration 2

*A study of this lesson will show us that the Lord continues to guide the Church through revelation to latter-day prophets, seers, and revelators.*

President Spencer W. Kimball: "We testify to the world that revelation continues and that the vaults and files of the Church contain these revelations which come month to month and day to day. We testify also that there is, since 1830 when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized, and will continue to be, so long as time shall last, a prophet, recognized of God and his people, who will continue to interpret the mind and will of the Lord.

"Expecting the spectacular, one may not be fully alerted to the constant flow of revealed communication. I say, in the deepest of humility, but also by the power and force of a burning testimony in my soul, that from the prophet of the Restoration to the prophet of our own year, the communication line is unbroken, the authority is continuous, a light, brilliant and penetrating, continues to shine. The sound of the voice of the Lord is a continuous melody and a thunderous appeal. For nearly a century and a half there has been no interruption." (Ensign, May 1977, p78)

President Ezra Taft Benson: "God's revelations to Adam did not instruct Noah how to build the ark. Noah needed his own revelation. Therefore, the most important prophet, so far as you and I are concerned, is the one living in our day and age to whom the Lord is currently revealing His will for us." (The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, 335)

Church Handbook of Instructions: "The most important place for gospel teaching and leadership is in the family and the home (see Mosiah 4:14–15; D&C 68:25–28). ... Quorums, auxiliaries, programs, and activities in the Church should strengthen and support the family. They should enhance gospel-centered family activities, not compete with them."

(Book 2: Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders [1998], 299).

Elder Bruce R. McConkie described the revelation regarding extension of the priesthood to all worthy males: "It was during this prayer that the revelation came. The Spirit of the Lord rested mightily upon us all; we felt something akin to what happened on the day of Pentecost and at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple. From the midst of eternity, the voice of God, conveyed by the power of the Spirit, spoke to his prophet .... And we all heard the same voice, received the same message, and became personal witnesses that the word received was the mind and will and voice of the Lord." (quoted in The Church in the Twentieth Century, p391)

President Spencer W. Kimball spoke of the new edition of the Bible at the time of its publication: "At a time when the Church of the Jesus Christ is rapidly extending its message of salvation to all the world, there is a greater need for these new edition of the scriptures than ever before because the teachings contained within them are fundamental to all the activities of the Church. These scriptures are now ready for use as we stand at the threshold of the greatest worldwide expansion of the kingdom of God in the history of mankind." (Conference Report , Apr 1979)

In 1976, when the Assistants to the Twelve were placed in the First Quorum of Seventy, President Spencer W. Kimball made the following statement: President Kimball continued: "With this move, the three governing quorums of the Church defined by the revelations—the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and the First Quorum of the Seventy—have been set in their places as revealed by the Lord. This will make it possible to handle efficiently the present heavy workload and to prepare for the increasing expansion and acceleration of the work, anticipating the day when the Lord will return to take direct charge of His church and kingdom." (CR, Oct 1976)

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