

LESSON 8 *by Dennis N. Roberts*

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“That means, as I interpret it, that if you live worthy of the priesthood, you have the right to receive and enjoy the very power of heavenly beings to guide you, to protect you, to bless you.” *(General Conference, Oct. 1982)*

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“Through the Aaronic Priesthood ordinances of baptism and the sacrament, we are cleansed of our sins and promised that if we keep our covenants we will always have His Spirit to be with us. I believe that promise not only refers to the Holy Ghost but also to the ministering of angels, for ‘angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ’. So it is that those who hold the Aaronic Priesthood open the door for all Church members who worthily partake of the sacrament to enjoy the companionship of the Spirit of the Lord and the ministering of angels” *(General Conf, Oct. 1998)*

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Write on WB first and tell people to think about it. I write "heal the sick" and ask for more.

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Like the police chief presides over police officers

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Deacon, Teacher, & Elder Pres, Bishop / temple pres, mission pres, stake pres, branch & district pres, quorum pres

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Who holds priesthood keys and what are they? ----- **Authorize P holders to preside over jurisdictions within the church**

1- Definition and purpose of the priesthood

- a. What is the priesthood? ----- Eternal power and authority of God / He gives a portion to men
- b. Why is it important to have the priesthood on the earth? ----- Authorizes men to act for God / bless others / help prepare for exaltation
- c. How can priesthood holders act on behalf of God? ----- How has priesthood been a blessing to you?

2- The restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood

- a. D&C 107:14 What is Aaronic Priesthood? ----- Why not just get M Priesthood?
- b. JS-H 1:68-72; OH pg 11-13 How was AP restored? ----- This was the first bestowal of divine authority in this dispensation
- c. Supplement #1 Elder James E. Talmage ----- *How can we teach our deacons this great lesson? (only advisor's job?)*
- d. D&C 13; 84:26;107:20 What keys were restored with AP? -----

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- D&C 13 What do these keys mean? -----
- Supplement #2 Pres. Hinckley & Elder Oaks -----
- To whom is the ministering of angels available? -----

Faith is the electricity and priesthood is the cable

Prepare us for greater MP blessings (HG & temple)

- Supplement #3 Elder Dallin H. Oaks ----- Every church member (Moroni 7:35-37)
- 2- Keys of repentance and baptism ----- What a great privilege and responsibility for AP holders
- How can AP holders preach repentance in our day? ----- **D&C 84:26-27 = Repentance & Baptism also called "preparatory gospel"**
- How is the sacrament related to repentance & baptism? ----- HT, missionary work, bearing testimonies, fellowshipping (prsts can bptz)
- Supplement #4 Elder Jeffrey R. Holland ----- How did you feel when participated in Sacrament for first time?
- **Lord is preparing his warriors against satan**

Associated with MP is all the authority, knowledge, and covenants necessary for exaltation

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- b. What authority and blessings were restored with MP? -----
- 1- Authority to administer the gospel (D&C 84:19) ----- **What does this mean? = Govern the church**
- 2- Keys of all spiritual blessings of church (D&C 107:18) ----- 1-knowledge of mysteries, 2- Power of godliness, 3- Opportunity to commune with God
- 3- The right of presidency (D&C 107:8-9) ----- **Right to preside in church**
- 4- Keys of gathering of Israel (D&C 110:11-16) ----- **keys restored by Moses, Elias, & Elijah / Kirtland Temple 1836 (lesson 18)**

See list above

4- Blessings of the priesthood for all people

- a. How are women blessed by the priesthood? ----- *Latter day Saint Woman*, Part A, Chapters 12 and 13
- b. How can those without home priesthood be blessed? ----- Faithful HT, inspired priesthood leaders, sensitive extended family

How does this apply to me?

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