

LESSON 9 *by Dennis N. Roberts*

The Only True and Living Church

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Joseph Smith

"The day was spent in a very agreeable manner, in giving and receiving knowledge with appertained to this kingdom--it being just 1800 years since the Savior laid down His life that men might have everlasting life, and only three years since the Church had come out of the wilderness, preparatory for the last dispensation."

(on the anniversary of the Church in 1833, HC, 1:337)

SUPPLEMENT #2 Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

"This day of organization was, in effect, a day of commencement, the graduation for Joseph from ten years of remarkable schooling. It had begun with the incomparable vision in the grove in the spring of 1820, when the Father and the Son appeared to the fourteen-year-old boy. It had continued with the tutoring from Moroni, with both warnings and instructions given on multiple occasions. Then there was the translation of the ancient record, and the inspiration, the knowledge, the revelation that came from that experience. There was the bestowal of divine authority, the ancient priesthood again conferred upon men by those who were its rightful possessors—John the Baptist in the case of the Aaronic Priesthood, and Peter, James, and John in the case of the Melchizedek. There were revelations, a number of them, in which the voice of God was heard again, and the channel of communication opened between man and the Creator. All of these were preliminary to that historic April 6"

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SUPPLEMENT #3 Joseph Fielding Smith

"The brethren at times called it the Church of Christ and at other times the Church of the Latter-day Saints, and this was becoming a fixed custom throughout the Church. On this occasion the Lord called the attention of all the councils to the fact that he had given the Church its name and by that name it should be called. Since the Lord felt it important to remind the councils of the Church of its correct name and inform them that by that name it should be known in the last days, we should endeavor to carry out this commandment more nearly than it is the custom for many of us to do." (Church History & Modern Revelation, 3:114-15)

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Attended stake baptismal service yesterday in which 5 from the 18th ward were baptized. A great reminder of today's lesson message.

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| b. Supplement #1 | President Harold B. Lee & Joseph Smith | |
| b. What events helped prepare for the organization? | List on WB | |
| c. Supplement #2 | Elder Gordon B. Hinckley | Line upon line... |
| d. How did BofM & Priesthood help prepare the way? | BofM gave capacity / Priesthood gave authority | |
| e. OH page 14 | How many attended the first meeting? | Why only six listed as the first members?(6 had seen gold plates) |
| f. D&C 20:1 | What was the original name of the church? | Church had several names |
| g. D&C 115:4 | When was the church name made official? | April 1838 |
| h. Supplement #3 | Joseph Fielding Smith | Why is it important to use full name of church whenever possible? |

- 1- First Vision
 - 2- Book of Mormon
 - 3- Personal Revelation
 - 4- Priesthood
 - 5- Baptism
 - 5- Church Organization

2- The Lord commands members to follow prophet

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| a. OH page 14 | What happened during the first meeting? | See A1 |
| b. D&C 21:4-5 | How do we regard the words of the prophet? | Do these words apply to all the prophets? |
| c. D&C 21:5 | Does obedience require faith & patience? | Why? Experiences? In all relationships? |
| d. D&C 21:6 | What blessings come with obedience? | See A2 |

- 1> Prayer
 - 2> Sustaining vote
 - 3> Ordinations
 - 4> Sacrament
 - 5> Baptisms
 - 6> Confirmations
 - 6> Prophecy

3- The Lord encourages members to meet together often

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| a. OH page 16 | How does this relate to us today? | Bishops feel great responsibility to give members a positive experience |
| b. D&C 20:75 | Why partake of sacrament often? | Drake's baptism yesterday |
| c. D&C 20:77,79 | Are promises made in sacrament prayers? | What does sacrament mean to you? |
| d. D&C 27:header,2 | What did Joseph learn about sacrament? | What does "eye single to [Christ's} glory" mean? / we now use water |

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