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(*"The Long Line of the Lonely," Ensign, Feb. 1992, 4.*)

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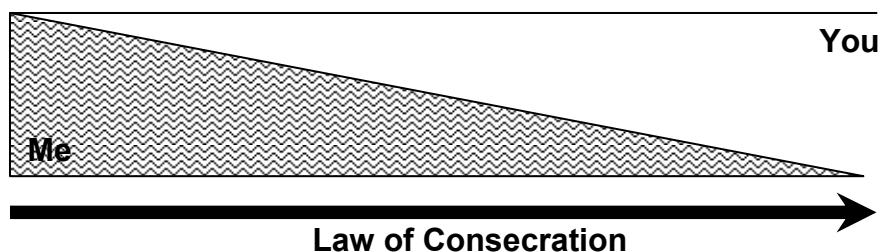
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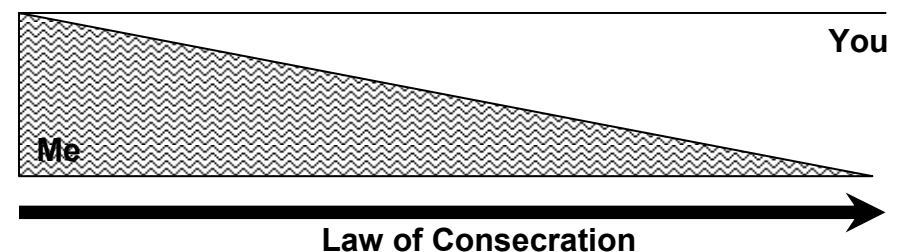
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There have been three Zions. What blessings did they have in common? 1- No poor, 2- all in common, 3- had in abundance

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- a. Realize that everything we have belongs to the Lord How should this knowledge affect our attitudes towards our possessions?
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- c. Develop Christ like love for others Why is this necessary if we are to live the law of consecration?
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