

LESSON 31 *by Dennis Roberts*

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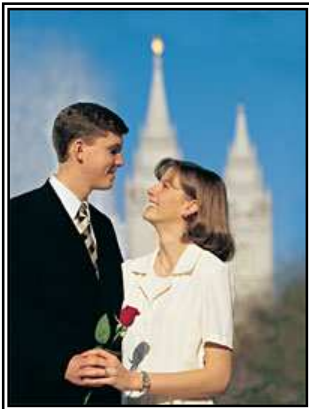
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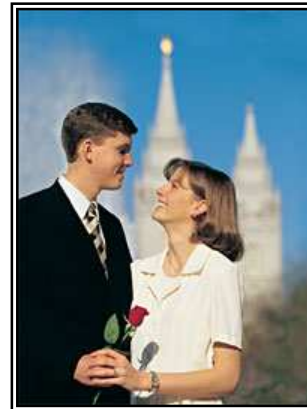
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SUPPLEMENT #2 **Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin**

“The sweet companionship of eternal marriage is one of the greatest blessings God has granted to His children. Certainly, the many years I have shared with my beautiful companion have brought me the deepest joys of my life. From the beginning of time, marital companionship of husband and wife has been fundamental to our Heavenly Father’s great plan of happiness. Our lives are touched for good, and we are both edified and ennobled as we savor the sweet blessings of association with dear members of the family”

(in Conference Report, Oct. 1997, 42).

SUPPLEMENT #3 **President Boyd K. Packer**

“The ultimate purpose of all we teach is to unite parents and children in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they are happy at home, sealed in an eternal marriage, linked to their generations, and assured of exaltation in the presence of our Heavenly Father”

(Conference, Apr. 1995).

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“If you are single and haven’t identified a solid prospect for celestial marriage, live for it. Pray for it. Expect it in the timetable of the Lord. Do not compromise your standards in any way that would rule out that blessing on this or the other side of the veil. The Lord knows the intent of your heart. His prophets have stated that you will have that blessing as you consistently live to qualify for it. We do not know whether it will be on this or the other side of the veil. But live for it. Pray for it”

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How many buy something thinking its going to break? But things do break.

The Family: Proclamation to the World: “marriage is essential to God’s eternal plan”

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What extended warranty comes with a marriage?----- Does marriage come with an extended warranty? We do fixing.

1- Eternal marriage is essential to Heavenly Father’s plan

- a. D&C 131:1-4 What is the Lord teaching Joseph Smith? ----- Marriage essential for highest degree (procreating and creating worlds)
- b. D&C 132 header How long had JS known about this doctrine? ----- 12 years... Did he know acceptance would be difficult?
- c. Supplement #1 Elder Parley P. Pratt ----- *BINGO! Final piece of puzzle falls into place!*
- d. Supplement #2 Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin ----- *Some worry will not be, some worry they will be/ some are wondering if*
- e. Supplement #3 President Boyd K. Packer ----- *What is purpose of all we teach? (unite parents and children)*
- f. D&C 132:7,15 Can non-temple married couple bury spouse? ----- At death, marriage vows are null & void (just when we need them most)
- g. D&C 131,132 What makes a temple marriage so special? ----- Has the Lord ever given a commandment without a blessing attached?
 - 1. D&C 131:1-3 exalted in highest degree ----- real estate & insurance sales best of the best / why are goals different?
 - 2. D&C 131:4 continue to have children -----
 - 3. D&C 132:19 family sealed together ----- “continuation of the seeds” = family unit sealed
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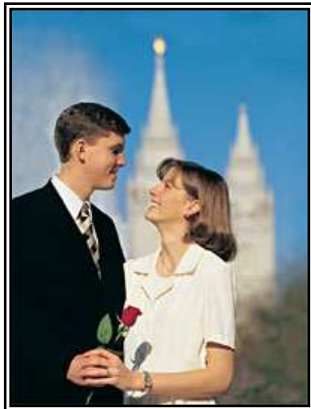
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OPTIONAL - Show video and then discuss these questions

3- Faithful Saints will not be denied eternal blessings

- a. Will unmarried members be able to enjoy marriage blessings? ----- Address concerns of unmarried or non-temple married class members
- b. Supplement #4 Elder Richard G. Scott



How does this apply to me?

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Need: 1 bottle of sealed peaches, one bottled of unsealed peaches, one peach, one empty bottle. Marriage is the bottle we fill. The Lord seals our marriage after we fill the bottle with love, forgiveness, patience, prayer, kindness, etc.

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