

# Standing in Holy Places





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Dennis B. Neuenschwander, “Holy Places, Sacred Spaces.”  
John 18 verse 33-36

In answer to Pilate’s question “Art thou the King of the Jews?” the Savior answered, “My kingdom is not of this world.”

With these few words, Jesus declares His kingdom independent and distinct from this world. The Savior’s teachings, doctrine, and personal example lift all who truly believe in Him to a divine standard that requires both eye and mind be single to the glory of God (**D&C 4:5; D&C 88:68**).

“The glory of God encompasses all that is holy and sacred. **Our ability to seek, recognize, and reverence the holy above the profane, and the sacred above the secular, defines our spirituality.** Indeed, without the holy and sacred, we are left with only the profane and secular.”



Elder Lance B. Wickman

“On another day in another place, however, the sun was setting on the mortal ministry of the Messiah as he departed the temple at Jerusalem for the last time. Climbing atop the Mount of Olives with his disciples, the Savior prophesied the cataclysmic events that would precede the destruction of Jerusalem and his second coming. He then issued this portentous admonition to his disciples, ancient and modern.

# What did the Savior tell them?

Read Doctrine and Covenants

- 45:32
- 87:8
- 101:22

Lance B. Wickman

“Then you shall *stand in the **holy** place*; whoso readeth let him understand” Latter-day revelations provide understanding. They teach that in our day, amidst strife and catastrophe and pestilence, there are two kingdoms locked in grim struggle for the souls of men—Zion and Babylon. More than once they repeat the injunction to “stand in **holy places**” for a refuge from these storms of latter-day life

Read Doctrine and Covenants

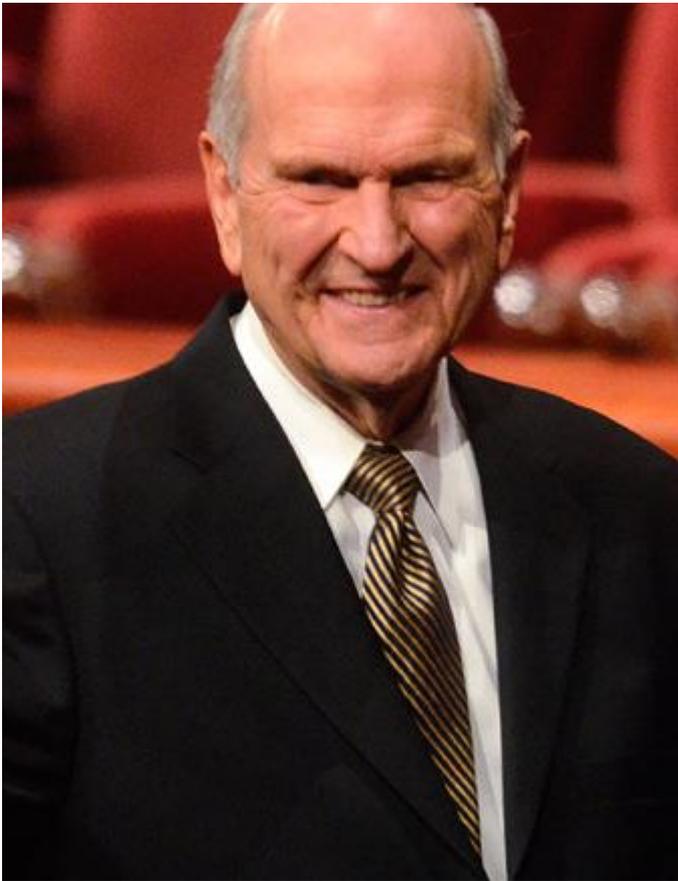
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Elder M. Russell Ballard

We can live in the world, brothers and sisters, without letting the world into us. The Lord does not need a society that hides and isolates itself from the world. Rather, he needs stalwart individuals and families who live exemplary lives *in* the world and demonstrate that joy and fulfillment come not of the world but through the spirit and the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Dennis Neuenschwander

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President Russell M. Nelson:

So, my first invitation to you today is to disengage from a constant reliance on social media by holding a seven-day fast from social media. I acknowledge that there are positives about social media. But if you are paying more attention to feeds from social media than you are to the whisperings of the Spirit, then you are putting yourself at spiritual risk—as well as the risk of experiencing intense loneliness and depression...

With the Holy Ghost as your companion, you can see right through the celebrity culture that has smitten our society. You can be smarter than previous generations have ever been.

Read and Share with your Neighbor

D&C 93 vs.35

What is the tabernacle of God?

Elder Dallin H. Oaks

Spiritual food is necessary for spiritual survival, especially in a world that is moving away from belief in God and the absolutes of right and wrong. In an age dominated by the Internet, which magnifies messages that menace faith, we must increase our exposure to spiritual truth in order to strengthen our faith and stay rooted in the gospel.

Young people, if that teaching seems too general, here is a specific example. If the emblems of the [sacrament](#) are being passed and you are texting or whispering or playing video games or doing anything else to deny yourself essential spiritual food, you are severing your spiritual roots and moving yourself toward stony ground. You are making yourself vulnerable to withering away when you encounter tribulation like isolation, intimidation, or ridicule. And that applies to adults also.

By Cheryl A. Esplin Second Counselor in the Primary  
General Presidency

“Satan knows that in order for us and our families to withstand the pressures of the world, we must be filled with light and gospel truth. So he does everything in his power to dilute, distort, and destroy the truth of the gospel and to keep us separated from that truth.”

## *For The Strength of Youth*

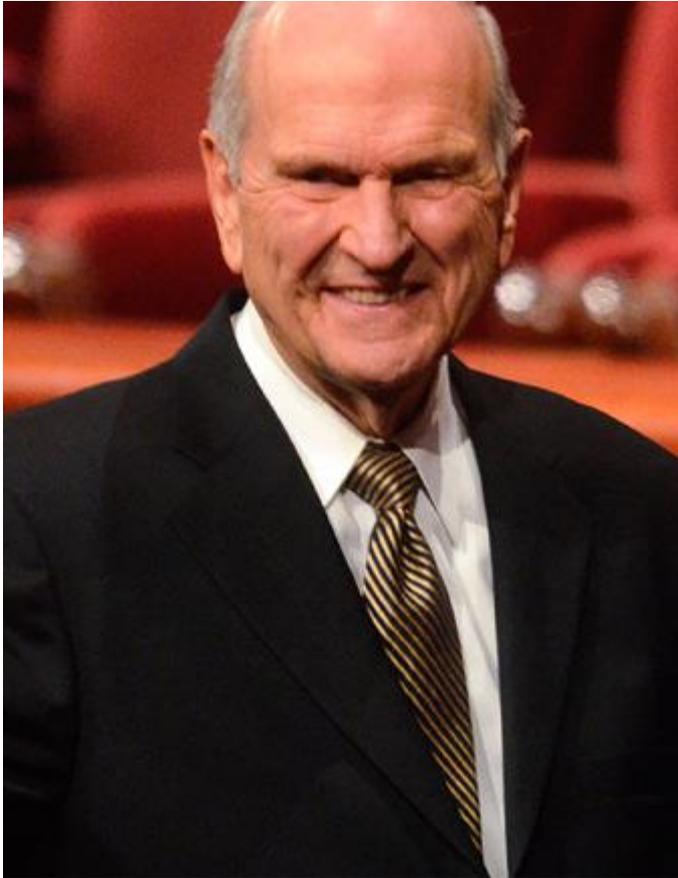
Satan uses media to deceive you by making what is wrong and evil look normal, humorous, or exciting. He tries to mislead you into thinking that breaking God's commandments is acceptable and has no negative consequences for you or others.

Do not attend, view, or participate in anything that is vulgar, immoral, violent, or pornographic in any way. Do not participate in anything that presents immorality or violence as acceptable.

Have the courage to walk out of a movie, change your music, or turn off a computer, television, or mobile device if what you see or hear drives away the Spirit.

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Set a standard for the rest of the world! Embrace being different! The booklet entitled *For the Strength of Youth* should be *your* standard. It is the standard that the Lord expects all His youth to uphold. Now, as His humble servant, I plead with you to study this booklet again. Prayerfully read it like you've never read it before. Mark it up. Talk about it. Discuss the standards with your friends. Decide how you can live these standards, *your* standards, with even more exactness.

Elder Earl C. Tingey May 2004

“The Brethren of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles are disciples who stand in **holy places**. They are not moved or swayed by changing times from what has been established as true in all prior generations. The standards of the Church are firm and true. They are for your safety and eternal security. When you commit to live them, you are measured against time-proven standards that are approved by God.”

## Elder Eyring “Finding Safety in Counsel”

“When we reject the counsel which come from God, we do not choose to be independent of outside influence. We choose another influence. We reject the protection of a perfectly loving, all powerful, all knowing Father in Heaven, whose whole purpose, as that of his Beloved Son, is to give us eternal life, to give us all that He has, and to bring us home again in families to the arms of His love. In rejecting His counsel, we choose the influence of another power, whose purpose is to make us miserable and whose motive is hatred.

We have moral agency as a gift of God. Rather than the right to choose to be free of influence it is the inalienable right to submit ourselves to whichever of those powers we choose.”



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President James E. Faust added that the gift of the Holy Ghost “is the greatest guarantor of inward peace in our unstable world.” <sup>10</sup>

President Gordon B. Hinckley taught, “How great a blessing it is to have the ministering influence of a member of the Godhead.” <sup>11</sup> Think of what this means, the ability and the right to receive the ministrations of a member of the Godhead, to commune with infinite wisdom, infinite knowledge, and infinite power!

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin

I fear that some members of the Lord's Church "live far beneath our privileges" with regard to the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>15</sup> Some are distracted by the things of the world that block out the influence of the Holy Ghost, preventing them from recognizing spiritual promptings. This is a noisy and busy world that we live in. Remember that being busy is not necessarily being spiritual. If we are not careful, the things of this world can crowd out the things of the Spirit.

Dallin H. Oaks

What are those “**holy places**”? Surely they include the temple and its covenants faithfully kept. Surely they include a home where children are treasured and parents are respected. Surely the **holy places** include our posts of duty assigned by priesthood authority, including missions and callings faithfully fulfilled in branches, wards, and stakes.

Read Doctrine and Covenants 93:35

Think of your friends and family members who have chosen to live without faith and without repentance. They don't want to change. They are not trying to abandon sin and become comfortable with God. Rather, they are trying to abandon God and become comfortable with sin. If Jesus did not require covenants and bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost, then there would be no way to change. We would be left forever with only willpower, with no access to His power.

If Jesus did not require endurance to the end, then there would be no internalization of those changes over time. They would forever be surface and cosmetic rather than sinking inside us and becoming part of us—part of who we are. Put simply, if Jesus didn't require practice, then we would never become pianists.

When we understand grace, we understand that God is long-suffering, that change is a process, and that repentance is a pattern in our lives. When we understand grace, we understand that the blessings of Christ's Atonement are continuous and His strength is perfect in our weakness (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). When we understand grace, we can, as it says in the Doctrine and Covenants, "continue in patience until [we] are perfected" (D&C 67:13).

One young man wrote me the following e-mail: "I know God has all power, and I know He will help me if I'm worthy, but I'm just never worthy enough to ask for His help. I want Christ's grace, but I always find myself stuck in the same self-defeating and impossible position: no work, no grace."

I wrote him back and testified with all my heart that Christ is not waiting at the finish line once we have done "all we can do" (2 Nephi 25:23). He is with us every step of the way.

Elder Bruce C. Hafen has written, "The Savior's gift of grace to us is not necessarily limited in time to 'after' all we can do. We may receive his grace before, during and after the time when we expend our own efforts" (*The Broken Heart* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1989], 155). So grace is not a booster engine that kicks in once our fuel supply is exhausted. Rather, it is our constant energy source. It is not the light at the end of the tunnel but the light that moves us through the tunnel. Grace is not achieved somewhere down the road. It is received right here and right now. It is not a finishing touch; it is the Finisher's touch.

Brad Wilcox:

I say, “No, we are not earning heaven. We are *learning* heaven. We are preparing for it (see D&C 78:7). We are practicing for it.”

....The miracle of the Atonement is not just that we can live after we die but that we can live more abundantly (see John 10:10). The miracle of the Atonement is not just that we can be cleansed and consoled but that we can be transformed (see Romans 8). Scriptures make it clear that no unclean thing can dwell with God (see Alma 40:26), but, brothers and sisters, no unchanged thing will even want to.