

Plan of Salvation

A Saint, who is one in deed and in truth, does not look for an immaterial heaven but he expects a heaven with **lands, houses, cities, vegetation, rivers, and animals; with thrones, temples, palaces, kings, princes, priests, and angels; with food, raiment, musical instruments, etc.**; all of which are material. Indeed the Saints' heaven is a redeemed, glorified, celestial material creation, inhabited by glorified material beings, male and female, organized into families, embracing all the relationships of husbands and wives, parents and children, where sorrow, crying, pain, and death will be known no more. Or to speak still more definitely, this earth, when glorified, is the Saints' eternal heaven. On it they expect to live, with body parts, and holy passions: on it they expect to move and have their being; to eat, drink, converse, worship, sing, play on musical instruments, engage in joyful, innocent, social amusements, visit neighboring towns and neighboring worlds: indeed, matter and its qualities and properties are the only being or things with which they expect to associate. If they embrace the Father, they expect to embrace a glorified, immortal, spiritual, material Personage; if they embrace the Son of God, they expect to embrace a spiritual Being of material flesh and bones, whose image is in the likeness of the Father; if they enjoy the society of the Holy Ghost, they expect to behold a glorious spiritual Personage, a material body of spirit; if they associate with the spirits of men or angels, they expect to find them material.

Elder Orson Pratt, *Millennial Star*, Vol. 28, p. 722, November 17, 1866

Learning

The world might fool you into believing there is insufficient time to engage in both spiritual and secular learning. I warn you not to be deceived by these philosophies of men. Your learning about sacred things will facilitate even accelerate, your secular learning.

Elder L. Tom Perry, CES Fireside for Young Adults, March 5, 1995, 3

Attonement / Change

As we progress in the journey of mortality from bad to good to better, as we put off the natural man or woman in each of us, and as we strive to become saints and have our very natures changed, then the attributes detailed in this verse increasingly describe the type of person you and I are becoming. We will become more childlike, more submissive, more patient, and more willing to submit.

Elder David A. Bednar, *In the Strength of the Lord*, BYU-Idaho Devotional, January 8, 2002

Covenants

If we will keep our covenants, our covenants will keep us spiritually safe.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell, *Ensign*, May 1987, p.71

Satan

A man traveling through the country came to a large city, very rich and splendid; he looked at it and said to his guide, 'This must be a very righteous people, for I can only see but one little devil in this great city.'

The guide replied, 'You do not understand, sir. This city is so perfectly given up to wickedness, corruption, degradation, and abomination of every kind, that it requires but one devil to keep them all in subjection.'

Traveling on a little further, he came to a rugged path and saw an old man trying to get up the hillside, surrounded by seven great, big, coarse-looking devils.

'Why,' says the traveler, 'this must be a tremendously wicked old man! Only see how many devils there are around him!'

'This,' replied the guide, 'is the only righteous man in the country; and there are seven of the biggest devils trying to turn him out of his path, and they all cannot do it'

(George A. Smith, in *Journal of Discourses*, 5:363-64).



Book of Mormon

There is a power in the book which will begin to flow into your lives the moment you begin a serious study of the book. You will find greater power to resist temptation. You will find power to avoid deception. You will find the power to stay on the straight and narrow path.

President Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, Nov 1986, 7

Charity

The world today speaks a great deal about love, and it is sought for by many. But the pure love of Christ differs greatly from what the world thinks of love. Charity never seeks selfish gratification. The pure love of Christ seeks only the eternal growth and joy of others.

President Ezra Taft Benson