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Elder Neal A. Maxwell, *Insights to My Life*, p. 199

ATONEMENT

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Bryant S. Hinckley, *Sermons and Missionary Services of Melvin Joseph Ballard*, pp 154-155

Book of Mormon

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We do not have to prove the Book of Mormon is true. The book is its own proof. All we need to do is declare it! The Book of Mormon is not on trial – the people of the world, including the members of the church, are on trial as to what they will do with this second witness of Christ.

President Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, Nov 1984, 8

Sabbath Day

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Elder LeGrand R. Curtis, *Ensign*, November 1990, p.13

God the Father

If any of us could now see the God we are striving to serve – if we could see our Father who dwells in the Heavens, we should learn that we are as well acquainted with him as we are with our earthly father, and he would be as familiar to us in the expression of his countenance and we should be ready to embrace him and fall upon his neck and kiss him, if we had the privilege. And still we, unless the vision of the Spirit is opened to us, know nothing about God. You know much about him, if you but realize it. And there is no other one item that will so astound you, when your eyes are opened in eternity, as to think that you were so stupid in the body.

Brigham Young, *JD* 8:30

Missionary Work

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REVELATION

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