

3 Nephi 8-11

Marking and Journal Guide

Fact or reality

3 Nephi 8:1 Miracles

- In 3 Nephi 8:1, circle the word **true** and draw a line into the margin and write this definition:

- **Fact or Reality**

- Also in verse 1, circle the word **just** and draw a line into the margin and write:

- **Righteous**

- Circle the word **man** and in the margin write:

- **NEPHI (3 Nephi 23:7)**

- On a sticky note write this:

3 Nephi 8:1 "Miracles":

A beneficial event brought about through divine power that mortals do not understand and of themselves cannot duplicate.

- **TOPICS Journal:** Add this scripture to your "Miracles" page
- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
 - In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this question: *Why is it so important for a Priesthood holder to be continually repenting?*
- To Your Posterity: **To your sons, grandsons etc.... Write about why it is essential for them to remain worthy Priesthood holders. Write about how it will benefit their family. Use examples from your own life.**

3 Nephi 8:2-4 Signs

- At the end of verse 2 put
= A.D. 33
- Circle great earnestness and write in the column:
With deep sincerity and seriousness, of a weighty nature
- **Mark** the sign that they were looking for in verse 3.

- Underline what happened among the people in verse 4.

- **CHAPTERS Journal:**

- Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this question: **What are some of the "notwithstanding the many signs which have been given" in our day?**

- To Your Posterity: **Write about the signs you have seen in your day, how you knew of them, and how they impacted you and your choices.**

- Cut this quote out and tape into your **CHAPTERS journal:**

Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"Signs of the Second Coming are all around us and seem to be increasing in frequency and intensity. For example, the list of major earthquakes in The World Almanac and Book of Facts, 2004 shows twice as many earthquakes in the decades of the 1980s and 1990s as in the two preceding decades (see pages 189–90). It also shows further sharp increases in the first several years of this century. The list of notable floods and tidal waves and the list of hurricanes, typhoons, and blizzards worldwide show similar increases in recent years (see pages 188–89). Increases by comparison with 50 years ago can be dismissed as changes in reporting criteria, but the accelerating pattern of natural disasters in the last few decades is ominous" (May 2004, 7–8).

- In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this question: *What do you think the faithful Nephites were doing to prepare themselves, their homes and their families?*
- Add this quote to your insights from study guides section:

"For the righteous the gospel provides a warning before a calamity, a program for the crises, a refuge for each disaster. " (Benson, 1974)

- Cut out the following quote by President Henry B. Eyring and tape it into your CHAPTERS journal.

President Eyring: Years ago I heard President Ezra Taft Benson speak in a conference like this. He counseled us to do all we could to get out of debt and stay out. He mentioned mortgages on houses. He said that it might not be possible, but it would be best if we could pay off all our mortgage debt.

I turned to my wife after the meeting and asked, "Do you think there is any way we could do that?" At first we couldn't. And then by evening I thought of a property we had acquired in another state. For years we had tried to sell it without success.

But because we trusted God and a few words from the midst of His servant's message, we placed a phone call Monday morning to the man in San Francisco who had our property listed to sell. I had called him a few weeks before, and he had said then, "We haven't had anyone show interest in your property for years."

But on the Monday after conference, I heard an answer that to this day strengthens my trust in God and His servants.

The man on the phone said, "I am surprised by your call. A man came in today inquiring whether he could buy your property." In amazement I asked, "How much did he offer to pay?" It was a few dollars more than the amount of our mortgage.

A person might say that was only a coincidence. But our mortgage was paid off. And our family still listens for any word in a prophet's message that might be sent to tell what we should do to find the security and peace God wants for us. " (Trust in God and then Go and Do, October 2010)

3 Nephi 8:5-19 Destruction

- ✓ Put a check mark next to every terrible thing that happened in verses 5-18.
- Next to verse 5 write this:
Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- CHAPTERS Journal:
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this question:
 - The Righteous at times suffer with the wicked, but how is their suffering different?
 - What would it have been like to experience verse 19 for THREE HOURS?
 - Although everyone is experiencing the destruction, how would this be different for those who had prepared?
 - Why is it important to have faith in the Prophets and their warnings?

3 Nephi 8:19-25 3 days of darkness

- Read verses 19-25 and underline everything they were experiencing and feeling.
- CHAPTERS Journal:
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this:
 - *Imagine what it would be like to have the kind of reality moment in verses 24 & 25.*
 - *How are those verses warnings to us?*
- To Your Posterity: **Write about what they can do to be prepared physically and spiritually for events like these.**

3 Nephi 9:1-22 Christ claims responsibility

- In verse 1, put a box around **a voice**
- Now in verse 15, do the same to **Jesus Christ**

- Now draw a light line across the pages and connect the 2 names
- Now go through the entire chapter and find everytime it says the word **I** and put a box around it and color the box in with yellow.
- Do the same to every name of Christ you find in verses 15 and 18
- Color in “a voice” in verse 1 and “Jesus Christ” in verse 15 with yellow.
- Now go through all of chapter 10 and **underline everything that he caused to happen**

- **CHAPTERS Journal:**

- Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to these questions:
- What names does He use to introduce himself with in verse 15? Why do you think he chose these in this scenario?
- What other names does He use in verse 18? Why would these be significant right then?
- To Your Posterity: **Write about how Christ is always the answer. No matter what we are facing He is the answer. Use examples from your own life.**
- In verse 20, circle they knew it not
- Cut out the quote below and tape it into you scriptures or your CHAPTERS journal.

Knew it not: President Ezra Taft Benson

“Day by day [Latter-day Saints] move closer to the Lord, little realizing they are building a godlike life. They live quiet lives of goodness, service, and commitment. They are like the Lamanites, who the Lord said ‘were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and they knew it not.’ (3 Ne. 9:20; italics added)” (“A Mighty Change of Heart,” Ensign, Oct. 1989, 5).

- *When are some recent times that I may have been taught and witnessed to by the Spirit, but I “knew it not”?*

- **CHAPTERS Journal:**

- In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to these questions:
 - *What can this chapter teach us about Christ always being in charge and in control, even when things may seem desperate?*

- *What can we learn about Christ coming AFTER such a great trial of their faith?*

- To Your Posterity: **Write about having hope, even in the midst of a great trial. Use examples from your own life.**

After answering the above 2 questions, read this story by Elder D. Todd Christofferson, then cut it out and tape it into your journal. Write about how this story can and will relate to your life and what it has to do with chapters 8 and 9.

Elder D. Todd Christofferson:

Some time before I was called as a General Authority, I faced a personal economic challenge that persisted for several years. It did not come about as a consequence of anyone’s wrongdoing or ill will; it was just one of those things that sometimes come into our lives. It ebbed and flowed in seriousness and urgency, but it never went away completely. At times this challenge threatened the welfare of my family and me, and I thought we might be facing financial ruin. I prayed for some miraculous intervention to deliver us. Although I offered that prayer many times with great sincerity and earnest desire, the answer in the end was “No.” Finally I learned to pray as the Savior did: “Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” ([Luke 22:42](#)). I sought the Lord’s help with each tiny step along the way to a final resolution.

There were times when I had exhausted all my resources, when I had nowhere or no one to turn to at that moment, when there was simply no other human being I could call on to help meet the exigency before me. With no other recourse, more than once I fell down before my Heavenly Father begging in tears for His help. And He did help. Sometimes it was nothing more than a sense of peace, a feeling of assurance that things would work out. I might not see how or what the path would be, but He gave me to know that, directly or indirectly, He would open a way. Circumstances might change, a new and helpful idea might come to mind, some unanticipated income or other resource might appear at just the right time. Somehow there was a resolution.

Though I suffered then, as I look back now, I am grateful that there was not a quick solution to my problem. The fact that I was forced to turn to God for help almost daily over an extended period of years taught me truly how to pray and get answers to prayer and taught me in a very practical way to have faith in God. I came to know my Savior and my Heavenly Father in a way and to a degree that might not have happened otherwise or that might have taken me much longer to achieve. I learned that daily bread is a precious commodity. I learned that manna today can be as real as the physical manna of biblical history. I learned to trust in the Lord with all my heart. I learned to walk with Him day by day.

(Elder D. Todd Christofferson, “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread” CES Fireside for Young Adults • January 9, 2011 • Brigham Young Univers

3 Nephi 10: 1-2 Silence

- Next to verses 1 and 2 write: **Silence**
- Circle the words “wo” in verse 2. Next them write:
Deep distress or misery from grief

3 Nephi 10: 3-7 As a Hen Gathereth

- These verses show Christ’s tender mercy and compassion towards us.
- Next to verse 3, put a large **#2** next to that verse for the 2nd time they hear the voice
- Go back to 3 Nephi 9:1 and put a **#1**
- After he has let the Nephites know that He is in charge, he shows them a very gentle and caring image. Read verse 3-6 and **mark** the things that stand out to you.

- In verse 4 circle **have I**
- In verse 5 circle **would I**
- And in verse 6 circle **will I**
- Connect all of those with lines

- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to these questions:
If this was directed to you – what examples would Christ give of when he has gathered you? When he has had you under his wing?
- To Your Posterity: **Write about how Christ will “have”, “would” and “will” take them under His wing. He will protect them, provide for them and guard them. Use examples in your own life.**
- **Mark** the warning in verse 7

3 Nephi 10: 8-19 Results

- Next to verse 9 write: **Light Again!**

- In verses 9 and 10 underline each thing that happened in the land.
- **Mark** who was saved in verse 12
- Mormon will give some prophetic words in verses 14-18. Go through them and **mark**, underline and **circle** the things that stand out to you.
- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to these questions:
 - **Come up with your own questions. Focus on the things that stood out the most to you and write about why those are important to you.**
- To Your Posterity: **Pick something from Mormon’s words in verses 14-18 and write how those will apply to your posterity’s life. Use your own examples and testimony.**

3 Nephi 11: 1-6 Recognizing the Voice

- **3 nephi 11** – this is often the first chapter investigators are invited to read before you mark anything, read through it yourself and mark the things that you think are important for investigators to understand.
- In verses 1 and 2, **mark** who was there, where they were, and what they were doing.
- Next to verse 3 put a **#3** (for the 3rd time they heard a voice)
- In verses 3-5, the voice speaks 3 times. Put a number **1**, **2**, and **3** next to each time.
- In verse 3, **mark** all of the things you learn about the voice.
- In verse 5, underline what the people had to do in order to understand the voice.
- **TOPICS Journal:** Add this scripture to your “Holy Ghost” page and write about what it teaches you.
- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
 - In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to this question:
 - **What do these scriptures teach you hearing the voice of the Spirit?**
 - **How could the people have prepared themselves for this moment?**

- Cut out this scripture and either put it in your CHAPTERS journal or in your TOPICS journal under the “Holy Ghost”.

Boyd K. Packer

“The Spirit does not get our attention by shouting or shaking us with a heavy hand. Rather it whispers. It caresses so gently that if we are preoccupied we may not feel it at all. (No wonder that the Word of Wisdom was revealed to us, for how could the drunkard or the addict feel such a voice?) Occasionally it will press just firmly enough for us to pay heed. But most of the time, if we do not heed the gentle feeling, the Spirit will withdraw” (“The Candle of the Lord,” Ensign, Jan. 1983, 53).

- To Your Posterity: **Write about how you have learned to hear the voice of the Spirit in your own life. Use examples.**
- **11:6-8** There are some very important doctrines taught in these verses. Go through and **mark** ones that stand out to you.
- Some you could go back and find are:
 - Heavenly Father is testifying of His son.
 - Jesus Christ is the Son of Heavenly Father.
 - Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are both there. They are separate beings.
 - Jesus Christ is a Man
- **TOPICS Journal:** Add this scripture to your “Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ” page and write about what it teaches you.
- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
 - In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to this question:
 - *Why do you think people who are just learning about our Church are asked to read this chapter? What is important about these verses?*
 - *Other Christians believe that Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are one being. They don’t believe that Heavenly Father is a man or that Jesus Christ is literally resurrected. Why is this doctrine essential in order to understand the Plan of Salvation?*
- To Your Posterity: **Write about why it is important to have a testimony that Heavenly Father is a literal man and the father to their Spirit. And why it is important to have a**

testimony that Jesus Christ is a literal resurrected man. Write your testimony to them.

- **11:9-11** Put a big box all around verses 9-11. This is how Jesus chose to introduce himself. It sums up his purpose and mission. Mark the things that stand out to you.
- **11:14** Underline what the people were invited to do. Then **mark** why they were invited to do this.
- **Mark** in verses 15-17 what each person did and what the result was.
- **CHAPTERS Journal:**
 - Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
 - In the “Insights” section write your thoughts to this question: *Why do you think it was so important to have every person witness for themselves that He was truly the resurrected Christ?*
 - *What do you imagine that experience being like?*
- Cut out the following quote and add it to your CHAPTERS journal or your TOPICS journal under “Jesus Christ”

Elder Holland: “However dim our days may seem, they have been a lot darker for the Savior of the world. As a reminder of those days, Jesus has chosen, even in a resurrected, otherwise perfected body, to retain for the benefit of His disciples the wounds in His hands and in His feet and in His side—signs, if you will, that painful things happen even to the pure and the perfect; signs, if you will, that pain in this world is not evidence that God doesn’t love you; signs, if you will, that problems pass and happiness can be ours. Remind others that it is the wounded Christ who is the Captain of our souls, He who yet bears the scars of our forgiveness, the lesions of His love and humility, the torn flesh of obedience and sacrifice.

These wounds are the principal way we are to recognize Him when He comes. He may invite us forward, as He has invited others, to see and to feel those marks. If not before, then surely at that time, we will remember with Isaiah that it was for us that a God was ‘despised and rejected . . . ; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,’ that ‘he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed’ (Isa. 53:3, 5)” (“Teaching, Preaching, Healing,” Ensign, Jan 2003, 42).

- Christ will now call up the prophet Nephi and immediately teach a very important doctrine and ordinance – Baptism.
- **Baptism** is mentioned 23 times in this chapter. Go through and circle each time it appears.
- **In verses 23-27** Christ gives specific instructions on how this ordinance should be performed. Put a check mark next to each thing.
- It seems that there had been some disagreements about this ordinance among the Nephites. Apparently those disagreements weren't always friendly. Go through verses 28-31 and **mark** specific ways that Christ handled this.
- In verse 32, circle **Doctrine** and write: **Eternal, unchanging and simple truths**
- In verses 31-38 Christ teaches why Baptism is so important. Underline what he taught.
- **TOPICS Journal:** Add these scriptures to your "Baptism" page and write about you learned.
- 4th Nephi (Zion) is just around the corner for these Nephites. Christ will teach them what they need to know and become in order to have that kind of society. In verses 39-41, Christ

emphasizes the importance of His doctrine. Go through and **mark** what He teaches.

- **CHAPTERS Journal:**

- Fill in the principles and doctrines, cross-references and words you looked up.
- In the "Insights" section write your thoughts to this question:
- *Why is it important for us to understand Christ's doctrine as He would have us understand them?*
- *Why is baptism such an essential doctrine and ordinance to understand? Why would Christ talk about it right when he arrived to the Nephites?*
- To Your Posterity: **Write about why it is important for them to study and understand the doctrine of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Write about how His doctrine has impacted your life, your choices and who you are.**