

President Howard W. Hunter: Inaugural Invitation

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A Come now, let us put it to the test, says the Lord:
though your sins are as scarlet,
they can be made white as snow;
though they have reddened as crimson,
they may become white as wool.

I will restore my hand over you
and smelt away your dross as in a crucible,
and remove all your alloy. [Also Ezk 22:18-22]
I will restore you judges as at the first,
and your counsellors as in the beginning....
(† *Gil.-Isaiah* 1:18,25,26,28)

B They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea,
the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you
will think that he doeth God service. (*John* 16:2;
see also *Matt.* 10:17.)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are
not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him
which is able to destroy both soul and body in
hell. (*Matt.* 10:28.)

Her prophets are light and treacherous person:
her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they
have done violence to the law. (**Zeph.* 3:4 = *Ezk.*
22:25-28.)

C Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word;
your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my
name's sake...shall be ashamed. (**Isaiah* 66:5.)

I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn
assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was
a burden. (**Zeph.* 3:18)

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people
in whose heart I have written my law, fear ye not the
reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. (**2*
Ne. 8:7 = *Isa.* 51:7)

D My Lord the Lord will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
he will remove the reproach of his people
from throughout the earth.
The Lord has spoken it. (*Gil.-Isa.* 25:8.)

E And if it so be that they will not believe these
things, then shall the greater things be
withheld from them, unto their
condemnation. (**3 Ne.* 26:10; See also *D&C* 84:55.)
...And where there is no *condemnation* the
mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim
upon them.... (**2 Ne.* 9:25,27; See also **Isa.* 66:5;
contrast *D&C* 45:57)

F Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations:
for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall
know that I am the Lord. (*Ezk.* 13:23; See also **14:3*; **D&C* 112:25,26)

What are we to understand by Zion loosing herself from the
bands of her neck...? We are to understand that the scattered
remnants are exhorted to return to the Lord from whence they
have fallen; which if they do, the promise of the Lord is that he
will speak to them, or give them **revelation**.... (*D&C* 113:9,10)

A To those who have **transgressed**
B or been *offended*, we say, come back.
C To those who are *hurt and struggling and afraid*,
D we say, let us stand with you and **dry your tears**. **G**
E To those who are *confused*
E and *assailed by error on every side*,
F we say, *come to the God of all truth*
F and the Church of continuing **revelation**. **H**
G Come back. Stand with us.

G But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (*Matt.* 23:13; See also *Ezk.* 13:21-22; **JST-Mark* 9:46,48)

...The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her, or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles. (*D&C* 113:10)

H "In response to a question about his possible main focus, President Hinckley said: '**Carry On!**'" (*ENSIGN*, Apr. 1995, p. 6; Contrast *Gil.-Isa.* 57:3-13)

***2 Ne. 28:25,24**
Wo be unto him that crieth All is well!

H Carry on. **I** Therefore, let every man stand or fall, by himself, and not for another; or not trusting another. Seek unto my Father, and it shall be done in that very moment what ye shall ask, if ye ask in faith, believing that ye shall receive. (**JST-Mark* 9:44,45; See also **Ezk.* 14:20; See also *Rev.* 14:12)
I Be believing.
J All is well, They have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace. (*Ezk.* 13:10,16; *Luke*:22:34,35)

Therefore, we be
unto him that is at
ease in Zion!

J and all will be well.

For tomorrow will be like today, only far better! (*Gil.-Isa.* 56:12; See also 10,11)

I Feast

If you are willing and obey, you shall *eat* the good of the land. But if you are unwilling and disobey, you *shall be eaten* by the sword. (*Gil.-Isa.* 1:19,20; Compare *Gil.-Isa.* 25:6; 49:26) All you wild beasts,..., **come** and *devour*! (*Gil.-Isa.* 56:9; **Isa.* 66:24)

H at the table laid before you **H**

...Priests and prophets... err as seers, they blunder in their decision. For all **tables** are filled with vomit; no spot is without excrement. (**Gil.-Isa.* 28:7,8; Also 1 Cor. 10:21; 65:11-12)

G in The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints **G**

...People of my Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, scattered abroad in all the world.... Verily I say unto you all: Arise and shine forth, that thy light may be a standard for the nations; and that the gathering together upon the land of Zion, and upon her stakes, may be for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth. (D&C 115:3)

F and strive to *follow the Good Shepherd*

E who has provided it.

D Have hope,

C exert faith,

B receive -- and give -- charity,

E

A the *pure love of Christ*. [See Moroni 7:47,48]

D

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28-30)
As one who is comforted by his mother I will comfort you.... (**Gil.-Isa.* 66:13)
But behold, for none of these can I **hope** except they shall be reconciled unto Christ, and enter into the narrow gate, and walk in the straight path which leads to life, and continue in the path until the end of the day of probation. (*2 Ne. 33:9)

I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. (**Isaiah* 66:4; Also *Ezk.* 14:4,5; **Dan.* 7:21)

And for this cause *God shall send* them strong *delusion*, that they should **believe** a lie; that they all might be damned who **believed** not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (**JST-II Thes.* 2:11)

F

And now I say unto you, all you that are desirous to **follow** the voice of the **good shepherd**, **come** ye out from the wicked, and be ye separate, and touch not their unclean things.... (**Alma* 5:57)

And another also said, Lord, I will **follow** thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:61,62)

Therefore, if a man bringeth forth good works he hearkeneth unto the voice of the **good shepherd**, and he doth **follow** him; but whosoever bringeth forth evil works, the same becometh a child of the devil, for he hearkeneth unto his voice, and doth **follow** him. (**Alma* 5:41)

A

He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world; for he **loveth** the world, even that he layeth down his own life that he may draw all men unto him. Wherefore, he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his salvation. Behold, doth he cry unto any, saying: Depart from me? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but he saith: **come** unto me all ye ends of the earth, buy milk and honey, without money and without price. Behold, hath he commanded any that they should depart out of the synagogues, or out of the houses of worship? Behold, I say unto you, Nay. (*2 Ne. 26:24-26)

Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may **come** unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved. (**Ether* 8:26)

B

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. (Matt. 5:44)

I have **charity** for my people, and great faith in Christ that I shall meet many souls spotless at his judgment-seat. (*2 Ne. 33:7,8,9)

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all who **love** her; join in her celebration, all who mourn for her. (**Gil.-Isa.* 66:10)

C

That ye be not soon *shaken* in mind, or be *troubled* by letter, except ye receive it from us.... (**JST 2 Thes.* 2:2)
But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and contrite spirit, and *trembleth* at my word. (**Isaiah* 66:2)
...This... did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions, and to wade through much affliction. Nevertheless they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the **faith** of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God. (Hel. 3:34,35)

†*Gil.-Isa.* = Avraham Gileadi's translation of *Isaiah*

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