

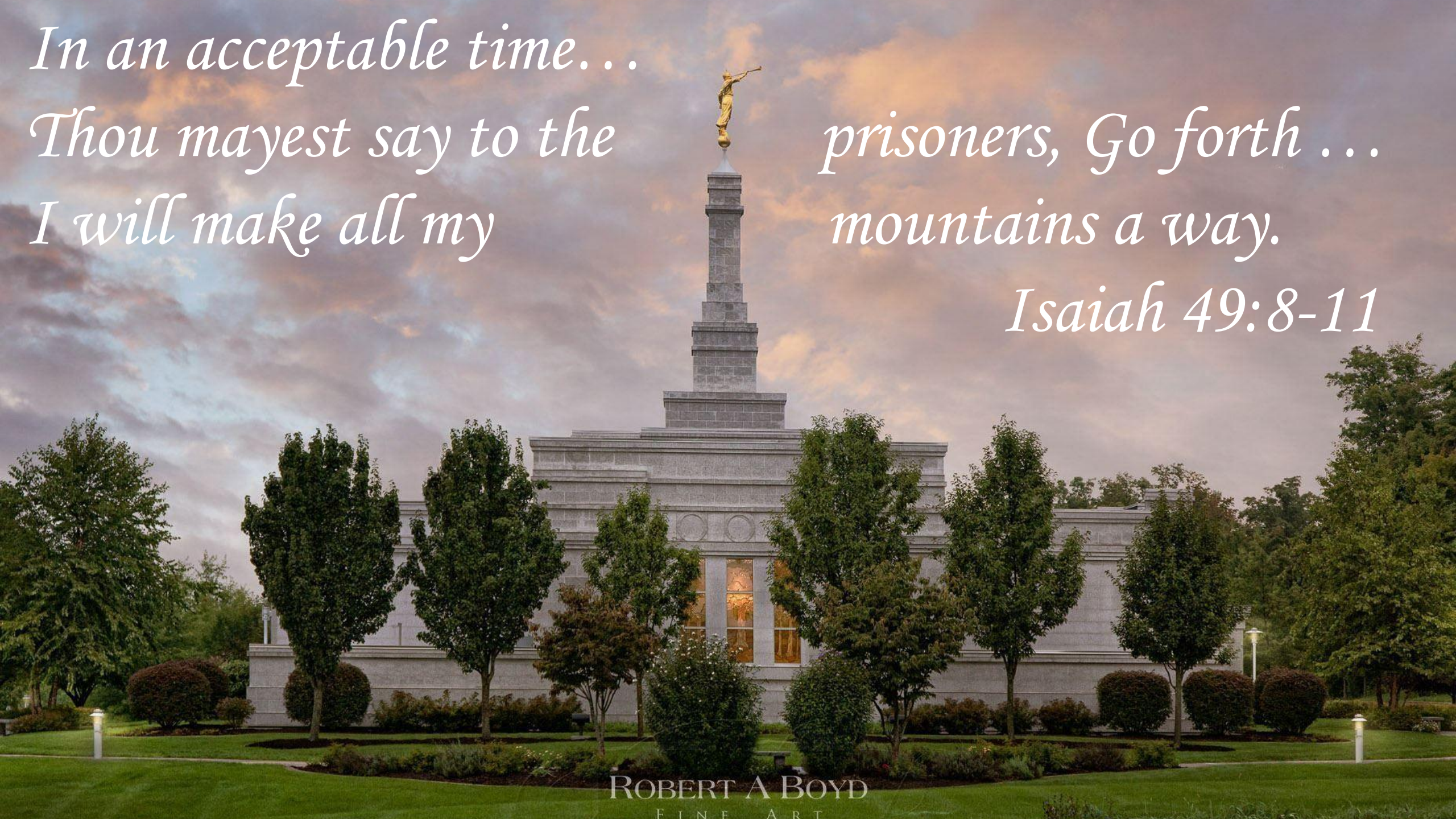
*Tabernacles and Temples –
Templates for the Journey Home*



*In an acceptable time...
Thou mayest say to the
I will make all my*

*prisoners, Go forth ...
mountains a way.*

Isaiah 49:8-11





It is sufficient for us to remember that temple work for the living and for the dead was the burden of the thought and labors of the Prophet Joseph Smith from the day when the Angel Moroni first stood before him and told him of the things that were to be up to the last day of the Prophet's life.

John A. Widtsoe,
Fundamentals of Temple Doctrine, p 129

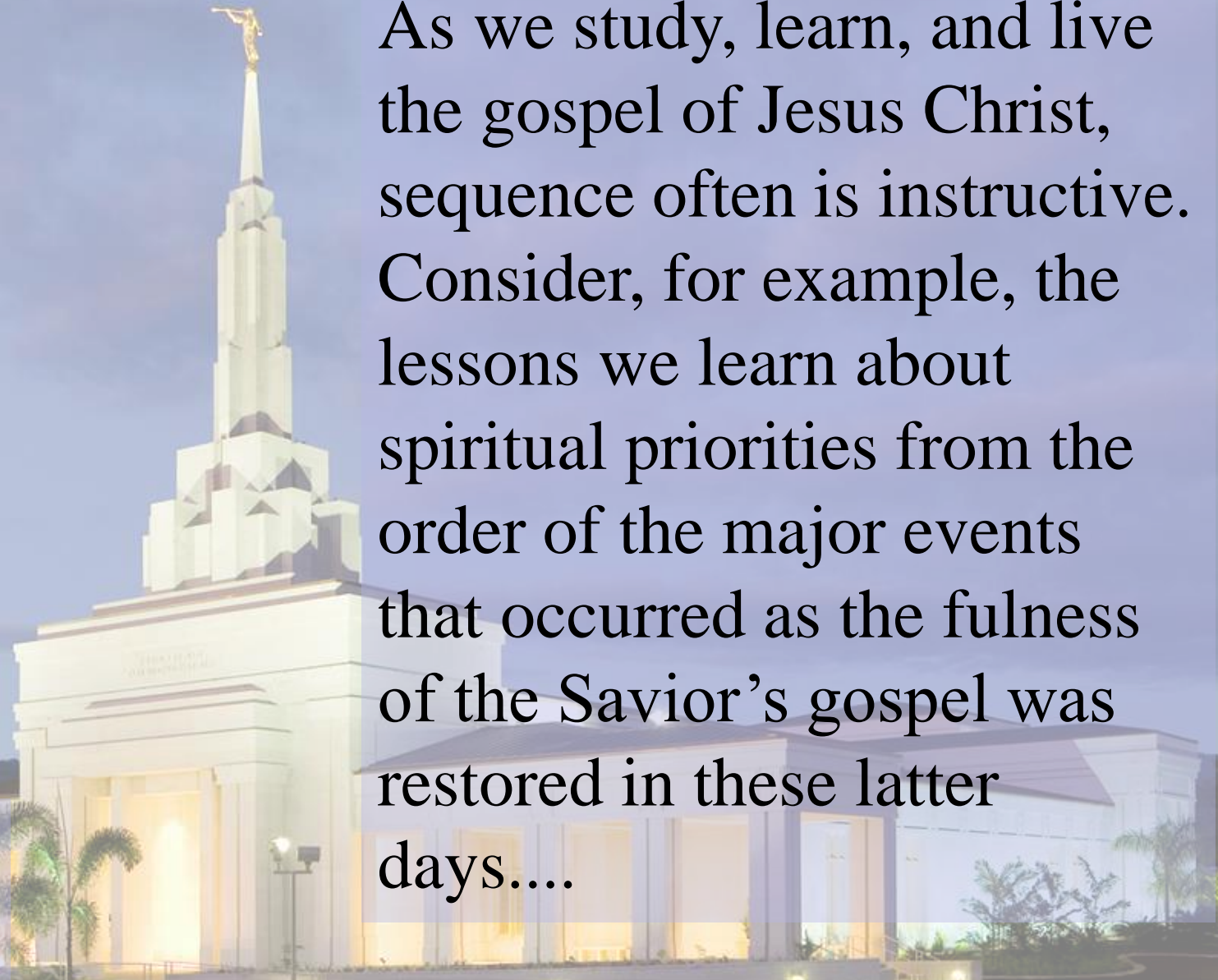


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General Conference, October 2011

As we study, learn, and live the gospel of Jesus Christ, sequence often is instructive. Consider, for example, the lessons we learn about spiritual priorities from the order of the major events that occurred as the fulness of the Savior’s gospel was restored in these latter days....





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the introductory events of the Restoration revealed a correct understanding of the Godhead, emphasized the importance of the Book of Mormon, and anticipated the work of salvation and exaltation for both the living and the dead. This inspiring sequence is instructive about the spiritual matters of highest priority to Deity.

D&C 13:1

“... until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.”

- D&C 84:31~32
- D&C 124:39
- D&C 128:24



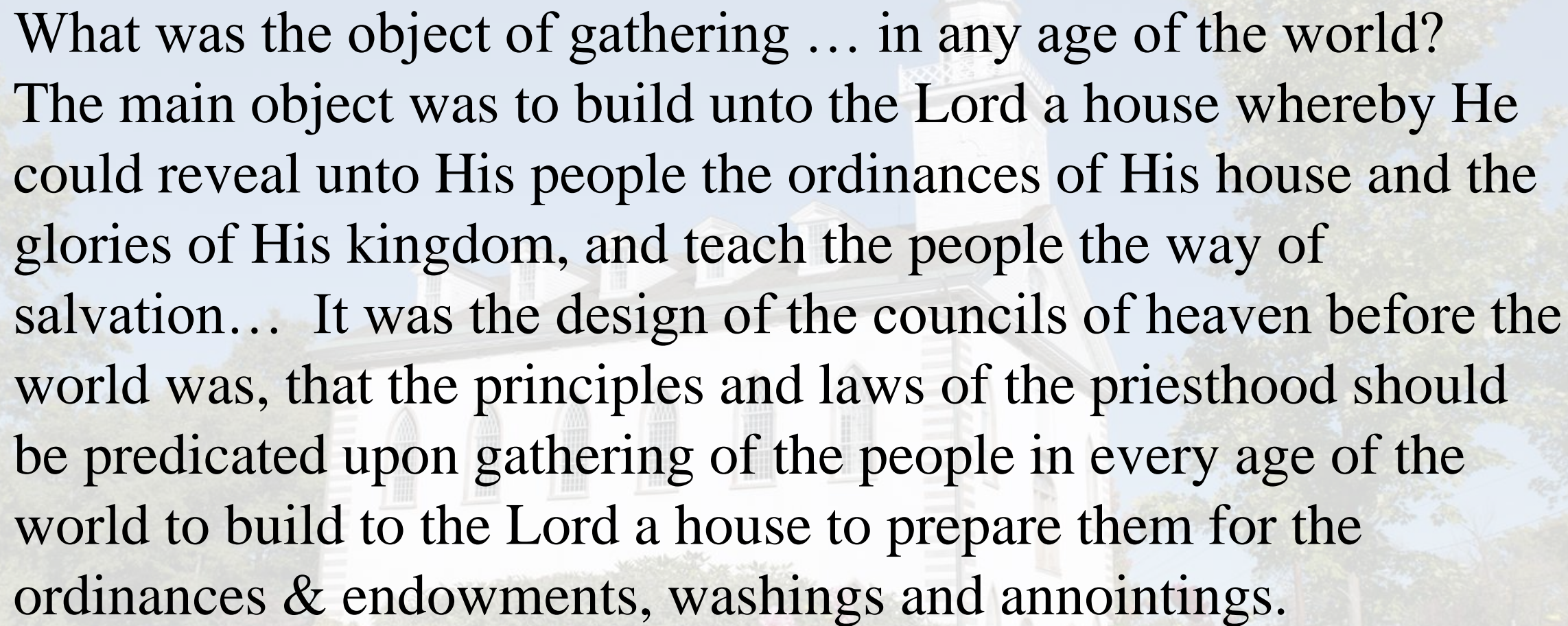
The call to Gather

D&C 29:7-8; 84:2-6, 31-32

Endowed with Power

D&C 38:31-33

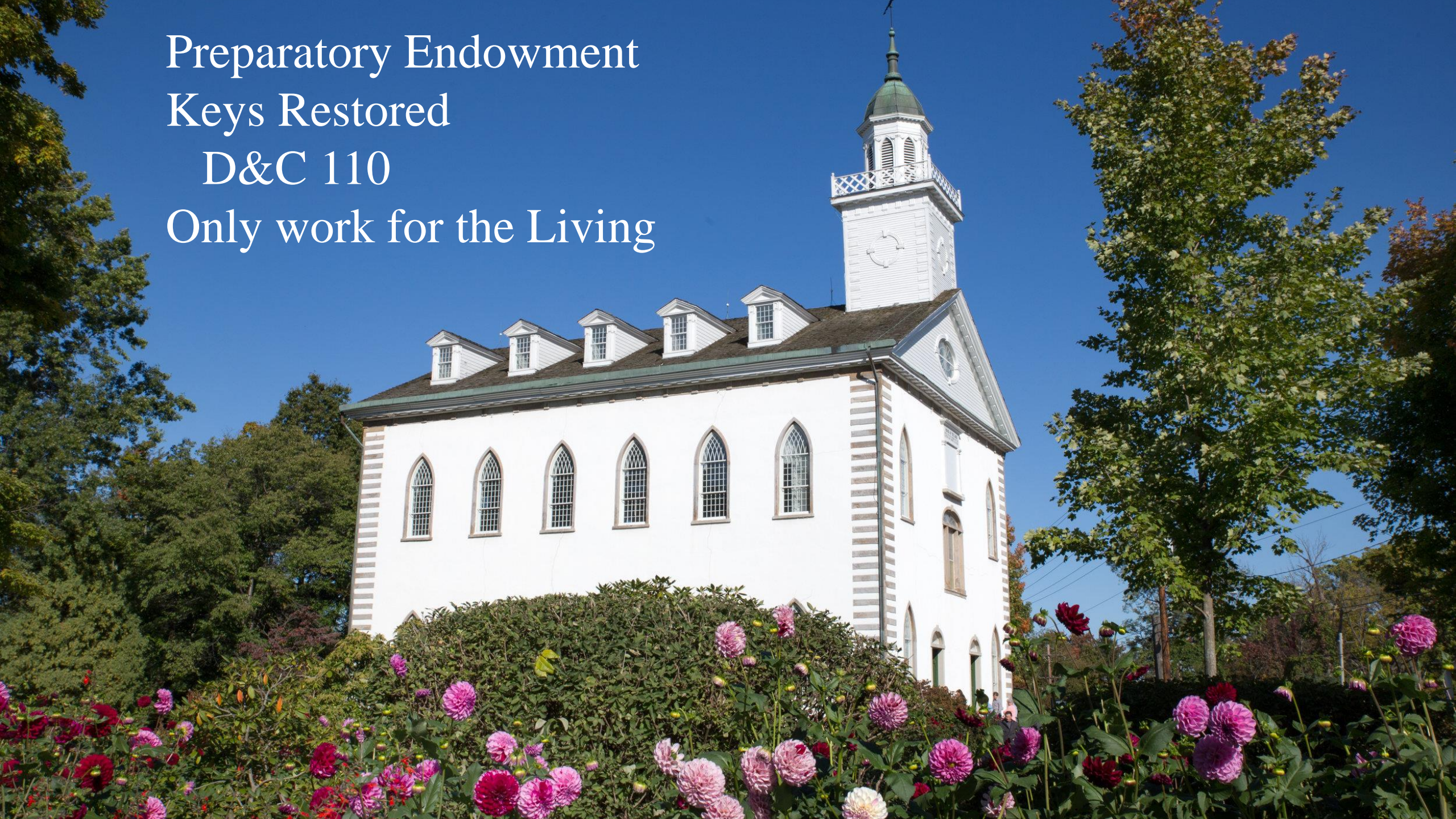


The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of a church with a prominent steeple and a field of colorful flowers, likely dahlias, in the foreground. The church is a large, light-colored building with multiple windows and a tall, pointed tower. The flowers are in various shades of pink, purple, and red. The overall scene is bright and serene, with a clear blue sky.

What was the object of gathering ... in any age of the world?
The main object was to build unto the Lord a house whereby He could reveal unto His people the ordinances of His house and the glories of His kingdom, and teach the people the way of salvation... It was the design of the councils of heaven before the world was, that the principles and laws of the priesthood should be predicated upon gathering of the people in every age of the world to build to the Lord a house to prepare them for the ordinances & endowments, washings and annointings.

History of the Church, 5:423-24

Preparatory Endowment
Keys Restored
D&C 110
Only work for the Living





We saw the Lord standing on the breastwork of the pulpit...

After this vision closed, the heavens were again opened unto us; and Moses appeared...

After this Elias appeared, and committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham...

After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us; for Elijah the prophet ...stood before us

D&C 110:2~13

Not Acceptable

D&C 124:28-33

The Acceptable Day

Isaiah 49:8-9

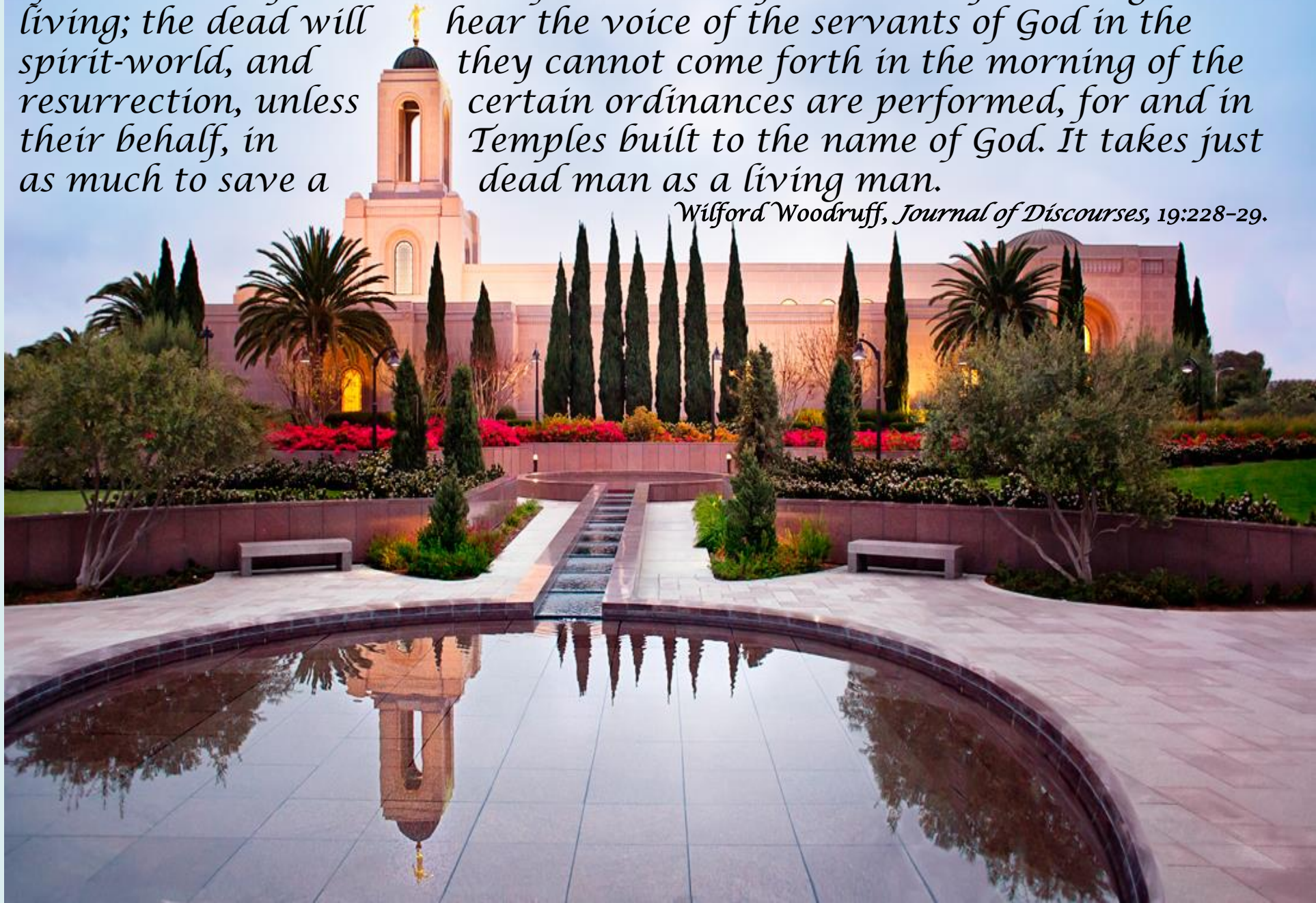
61:2-3, 6, 10;

52:1-2, 7-10



“It is our duty to rise up and build these Temples. I look upon this portion of our ministry as a mission of as much importance as preaching to the living; the dead will hear the voice of the servants of God in the spirit-world, and they cannot come forth in the morning of the resurrection, unless certain ordinances are performed, for and in their behalf, in Temples built to the name of God. It takes just as much to save a dead man as a living man.

Wilford Woodruff, Journal of Discourses, 19:228-29.



The Great and Grand Secret
D&C 128:11-24
Summum bonum



“All of these exquisite holy edifices are a testimony of our belief that the Savior broke the bonds of death and opened up the way for us to enter into covenants which will be binding in another world.”

James E. Faust, *General Conference*, October 2000



Mountain of the Lord's House *Isaiah 2:2-3*

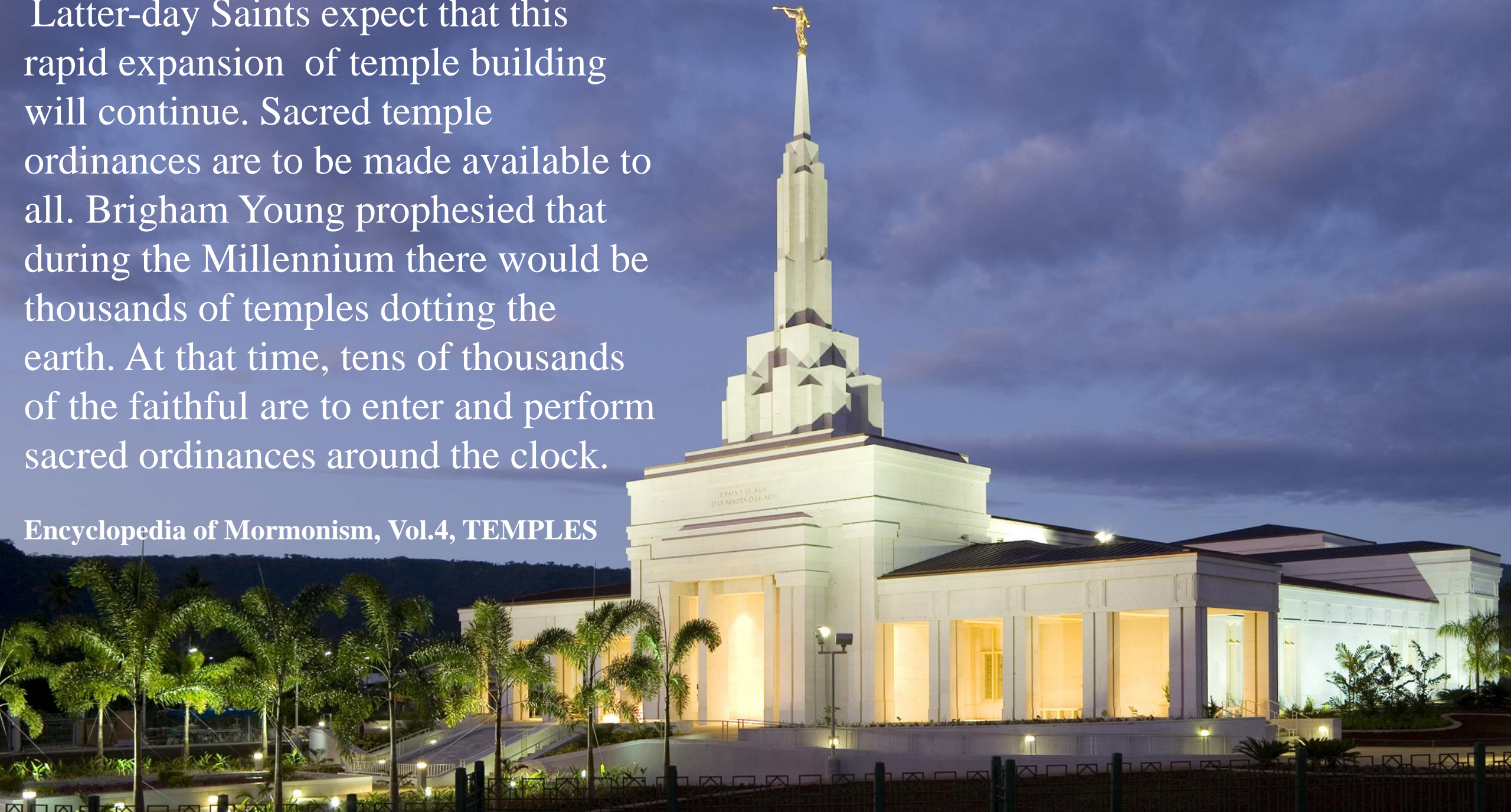
When we dedicate a house to the Lord, what we really do is dedicate ourselves to the Lord's service, with a covenant that we will use the house in the way he intends that it shall be used.

Joseph Fielding Smith,
Ensign, February 1972



Latter-day Saints expect that this rapid expansion of temple building will continue. Sacred temple ordinances are to be made available to all. Brigham Young prophesied that during the Millennium there would be thousands of temples dotting the earth. At that time, tens of thousands of the faithful are to enter and perform sacred ordinances around the clock.

Encyclopedia of Mormonism, Vol.4, TEMPLES



**I promise you that every time
you go to the temple you will
leave there a better person
than you were when you went.
A little of the stardust of
eternity will be sprinkled upon
your brow in that experience.**

**Gordon B. Hinckley,
Salt Lake Parleys Stake RS,
March 20, 2002**





“I also invite the members of the Church to establish the temple of the Lord as the great symbol of their membership and the supernal setting for their most sacred covenants Let us be a temple-attending and a temple-loving people. Let us hasten to the temple as frequently as time and means and personal circumstances allow. Let us go not only for our kindred dead but let us also go for the personal blessing of the temple worship, for the sanctity and safety which is provided within those hallowed and consecrated walls. The temple is a place of beauty, it is a place of revelation, it is a place of peace. It is holy unto the Lord. It should be holy unto us.

*Howard W. Hunter
Ensign, July 1994, 5*

*A Place of Awe
and Reverence*

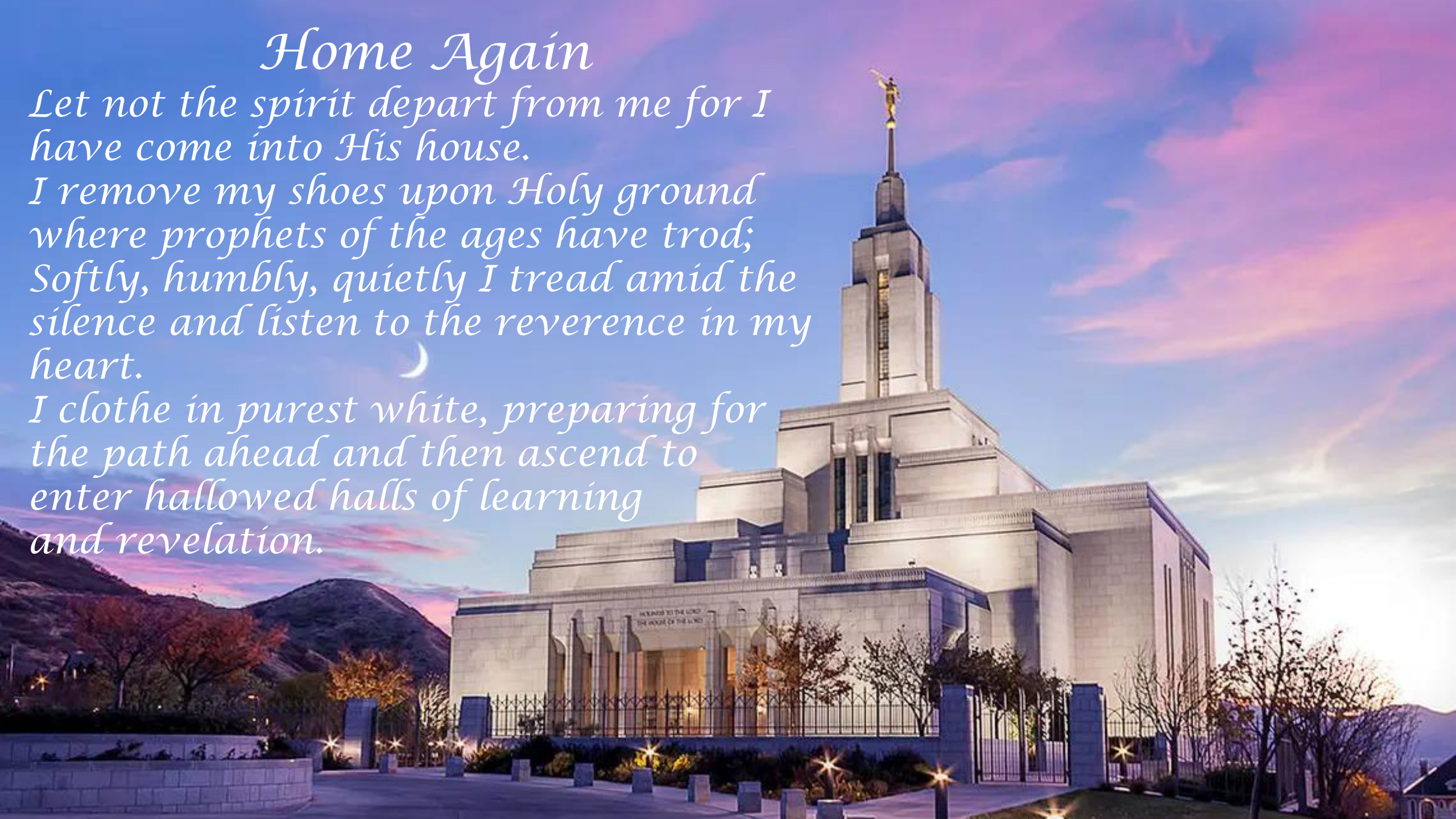


Home Again

*Let not the spirit depart from me for I
have come into His house.*

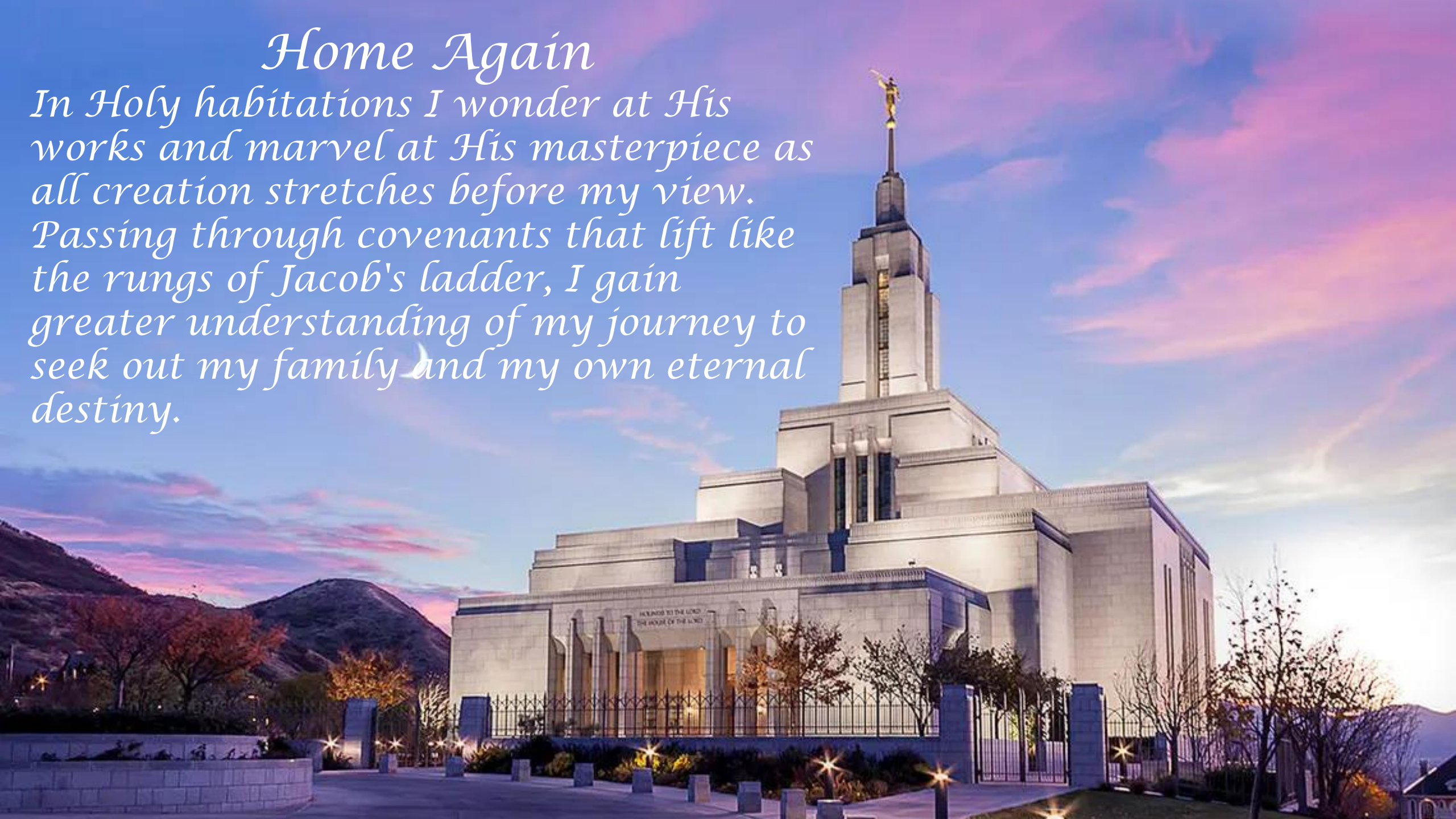
*I remove my shoes upon Holy ground
where prophets of the ages have trod;
Softly, humbly, quietly I tread amid the
silence and listen to the reverence in my
heart.*

*I clothe in purest white, preparing for
the path ahead and then ascend to
enter hallowed halls of learning
and revelation.*



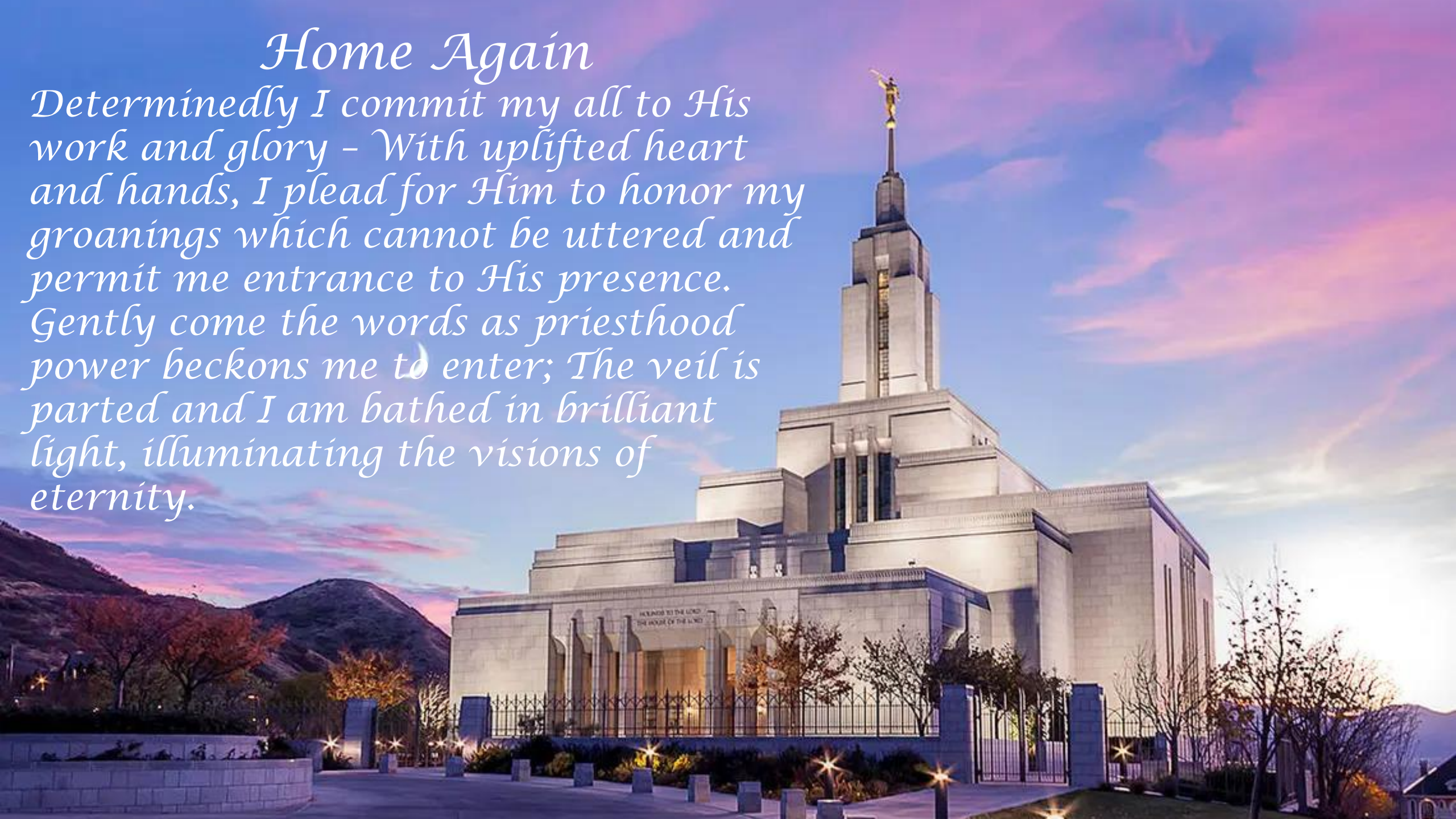
Home Again

In Holy habitations I wonder at His works and marvel at His masterpiece as all creation stretches before my view. Passing through covenants that lift like the rungs of Jacob's ladder, I gain greater understanding of my journey to seek out my family and my own eternal destiny.



Home Again

Determinedly I commit my all to His work and glory - With uplifted heart and hands, I plead for Him to honor my groanings which cannot be uttered and permit me entrance to His presence. Gently come the words as priesthood power beckons me to enter; The veil is parted and I am bathed in brilliant light, illuminating the visions of eternity.



Home Again

*With an open and humble heart my
spiritual eyes behold that which I have
longed to comprehend since my
departure. Within His holy house His
spirit remains –
and I am home.*

