



Dedicatory Prayer— Kirtland Temple

Important Gospel Principles:

- The Saints fulfilled the Lord's command to build a temple in Kirtland. Like all of God's temples, the Kirtland Temple was dedicated by priesthood authority (1–4).
- Temples are built by the sacrifice of the Saints to provide a place for Jesus Christ "to manifest himself to his people" (5).
- Temples are places where the Saints can feel the Lord's presence and power, seek wisdom, receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost, and be organized according to God's laws (6–16).
- Those who righteously worship in the temple find favor in the Lord's sight, receive protection from their enemies, and are delivered from God's judgments, which will be poured out on the wicked in the last days (20–26, 45–46).
- In the temple, God's servants take upon themselves His name, power, and protection in order to preach the gospel to all His children and prepare them for His Second Coming (15, 22–23, 35–41).

The Dedication:

"A noise was heard like the sound of a rushing mighty wind, which filled the Temple, and all the congregation simultaneously arose, being moved upon by an invisible power; many began to speak in tongues and prophesy; others saw glorious visions; and I beheld the Temple was filled with angels, which fact I declared to the congregation. The people of the neighborhood came running together (hearing an unusual sound within, and seeing a bright light like a pillar of fire resting upon the Temple), and were astonished at what was taking place."

- Joseph Smith

