



The Appearance of the Savior—Keys Restored



DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS SECTION 110

IMPORTANT GOSPEL PRINCIPLES:

- The Lord manifests Himself to His people in temples if they obey His commandments, have pure hearts, and do not pollute His holy house (1-8).
- In the Kirtland Temple, Joseph Smith was endowed with “power from on high” and received priesthood keys for gathering Israel and sealing families (9-16).
- Millions of the Lord’s children, living and dead, will receive the ordinances of salvation because of the restoration of priesthood keys in the Kirtland Temple (11-16).

THE SAVIOR APPEARED:

We saw the Lord standing upon the breastwork of the pulpit, before us; and under his feet was paved work of pure gold, in color like amber (110:2).



- What makes it possible to see the Lord? (D&C 76:12).

For behold, I have accepted this house, and my name shall be here; and I will manifest myself unto my people in mercy in this house. Yea, I will appear unto my servants, and speak unto them with mine own voice... (D&C 110:7-8).

THE KEYS RESTORED:



GATHERING - MOSES

The Prophet Joseph Smith received the keys of gathering, the Church’s missionaries have authority to proclaim the gospel and gather Israel in every land. And because of this gathering, we are able to build temples and provide saving ordinances for Heavenly Father’s children.



GOSPEL OF ABRAHAM - ELIAS

The gospel of Abraham is a divine promise that both in the world and out of the world Abraham’s seed should continue ‘as innumerable as the stars’. The gospel of Abraham was one of celestial marriage. Accepting and living the gospel organizes or unites God’s family.



SEALING POWER - ELIJAH

The prophecy of Malachi fulfilled. Hearts of the children to the fathers. Elijah restored the authority to seal priesthood ordinances for time and all eternity. Because this authority allows us to be sealed to our parents, and they to their parents, and so on, the sealing authority has the power to organize and bind together the family of God.