

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

June 27, 2021



For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

Matthew 18: 11-12

Welcome and Announcements

<i>Presiding:</i>	<i>Bishop Beau Keenan</i>
<i>Conducting:</i>	<i>Brother Jacob Hansen</i>
<i>Organist:</i>	<i>Sister Megan Goode</i>
<i>Director:</i>	<i>Sister Lynne Grove</i>
<i>Opening Hymn:</i>	<i>#20 “God of Power, God of Right”</i>
<i>Invocation:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Ward Business:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>
<i>Sacrament Hymn:</i>	<i>#191 “Behold the Great Redeemer Die”</i>

Passing of the Sacrament

<i>Speakers:</i>	<i>Brother Geoff Norby</i> <i>Sister Kathryn Miles “Sug”</i>
<i>Closing Hymn:</i>	<i>#298 “Home can be a Heaven on Earth”</i>
<i>Benediction:</i>	<i>T.B.A.</i>

The zoom meetings for the year are:

SS 2nd at Sunday 2pm

RS 3rd Sunday at 2 pm

EQ 4th Sunday at 2 pm.

Church Broadcast link: Sundays at 11am.

<http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/renonevadastake>

Be sure to use the ward website for the latest announcements:

<https://renonvstakeinfo.org/>

Robert L. Simpson, April 1978

Speaking of investments: While walking down Main Street the other day, I was impressed with the number of signs encouraging people to invest their money. Each bank offered a return on that investment of 6 to 8 percent, depending upon the conditions of investment.

Just about four months ago a missionary was released from one of our Australia-New Zealand missions and in the following report talks about the Lord's interest payments or dividends received following an investment of two years in His service. The missionary writes:

"First and foremost, I learned the importance and power of prayer—I learned to communicate with the Lord, and how to recognize His answers—even when He says no. I learned about having implicit faith and trust in the Lord, something I never had before. I learned to heed the promptings of the Holy Ghost. I also developed the gift of discernment. I had this to a degree before, but in the mission field I learned how to use it properly. Most important of all, I learned about myself, what I could really do.

"I found an ability to communicate with other people," he continues, "and that has been a major milestone in my life. Since finishing my mission, I can walk across campus with my head held high, and look others in the eye. I am now at ease with people; I can face situations. I am not afraid to speak my piece—and I can do it appropriately. I find myself more organized and tidy—Mom can't believe it's me! I can work harder and accomplish more. I have always cared for others, but now I know how to show my concern. I don't fall apart as easily as I used to; so you could say without question, I have changed significantly, thanks to my mission."

Now listen to this part: "As I awaited my hour of release, I received a witness that the Lord was pleased with my effort. It was thrilling when I talked to the mission president, especially when he looked me in the eye and said, 'I am proud of you.' That was reward enough for me. What a great feeling to look back and know that I gave the Lord the best that was in me! It brings a satisfaction and a peace that can come in no other way."

Here's another choice bit: "I was very nervous about my homecoming talk in sacrament meeting. I wanted to say the right things. Since that special Sunday evening, my bishop writes me down here at the "Y" [Brigham Young University] and tells me that there are three young people in the ward beginning to plan for missions as a direct result of my talk!"

And finally: "Not once have I ever regretted accepting the call to go on a mission. It is the most worthwhile thing I ever did. I am even thankful for the hard times, for they strengthened my character and helped me to at least begin to be the person my Heavenly Father would have me be. I learned so much more than I could have learned if I had stayed home. The Church is true without a doubt, and I am so thankful just to be a member. I am so thankful for the relationship which I have developed with the Savior, for it is an outgrowth of my mission and nothing else."

Yes, that's a great letter, and we can say without reservation that the Lord is the greatest paymaster in the world—not 6 percent, not 8 percent, but would you believe something like a thousand percent interest? And not only immediate interest, but it goes on forever. What a tremendous dividend.