

Worthy of Our Promised Blessings

The Atonement, which can reclaim each one of us, bears no scars. That means that no matter what we have done or where we have been or how something happened, if we truly repent, He has promised that He would atone. And when He atoned, that settled that. There are so many of us who are thrashing around ... with feelings of guilt, not knowing quite how to escape. You escape by accepting the Atonement of Christ, and all that was heartache can turn to beauty and love and eternity.

Besides repentance, what helps or tools have we been given to help us stay clean and virtuous? Our Primary children all know and sing the song “Scripture Power.” Can we expand it to “Prayer Power,” “Temple Power,” “Covenants Power,” “Sabbath Day Power,” “Prophet Power,” and “Virtue Power”?

Understandably, many have expressed that our Father’s promised blessings are just “way too far away,” particularly when our lives are overflowing with challenges. But Amulek taught that “this life is the time ... to prepare to meet God.” It is not the time to receive all of our blessings. President Packer explained: “‘And they all lived happily ever after’ is never written into the second act. That line belongs in the third act, when the mysteries are solved and everything is put right.” However, a vision of our Father’s incredible promised blessings must be the central focus before our eyes every day—as well as an awareness “of the multitude of his tender mercies” that we experience on a daily basis.

I do not know why we have the many trials that we have, but it is my personal feeling that the reward is so great, so eternal and everlasting, so joyful and beyond our understanding that in that day of reward, we may feel to say to our merciful, loving Father, “Was that all that was required?” I believe that if we could daily remember and recognize the depth of that love our Heavenly Father and our Savior have for us, we would be willing to do anything to be back in Their presence again, surrounded by Their love eternally. What will it matter what we suffered here if, in the end, those trials are the very things which qualify us for eternal life and exaltation in the kingdom of God with our Father and Savior?

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

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The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:16-18

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

Christian Music Worship Event – Take Time to be Holy
With Choir, Instrumental, and the Spoken Word
Sparks: Sunday, August 27th, 2995 Rock Blvd at 7:00PM
Reno: Sunday, September 10th, 4751 Neil Rd at 7:00 PM

The Reno Stake is sponsoring classes to assist with Emotional Resilience. How to C.A.R.E. for Yourself and Others.

Emotional Resilience Group Meetings for adults and youth starting Sunday, August 20, 3:30-5:00 PM, Golconda Building. Adults will meet in the Golconda Relief Society Room and youth will meet in the Golconda Young Women Room. The Golconda Building is located at 1095 Golconda Way, Reno, NV.

Please note, these classes are designed as a resource for individuals who want to improve emotional resilience in their lives.

No person, family, or leader should feel obligated to attend. Anyone interested in these events can join us. We hope to see you there.

Do you have a family member or friend who suffers from addictive behavior? Join us to learn ways you can help. All meetings are confidential.
Family Support Group Meeting-Sundays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Addiction Recovery Group Meeting – Tuesdays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Questions? Call Jon Hiatt, High Council at 775-772-3540

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Welcome and Announcements

- Presiding:* Bishop Beau Keenan
- Conducting:* Brother Craig Andresen
- Organist:* Sister Melissa McMurray
- Director:* Brother Jay Chamberlain
- Opening Hymn:* #221 Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd
- Invocation:* T.B.A.
- Ward Business:* T.B.A.
- Sacrament Hymn:* #190 In Memory of the Crucified

Passing of The Sacrament

- Speaker:* Sister McKenna Morris
- Intermediate:* #100 Let Us All Press On
- Speaker:* Brother Janice Rock
- Closing Hymn:* #228 You Can Make the Pathway Bright
- Benediction:* T.B.A.