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Today's Word: conduit

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Lesson 30: "Come to the House of the Lord"

Are You:

- Making Every Effort to Attend the Temple?
- Being Faithful in Scripture Reading and Prayers?

Today's Scriptures

2 Chronicles 29-30
2 Chronicles 32

Lesson 31:

"Happy is the Man
That Findeth Wisdom"

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

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Questions to Ponder

- How do we open a conduit to the Lord so that living water can flow in our lives?
- How can we show the value we place on the scriptures?
- Why do we sometimes have difficulty studying the scriptures? How can we overcome those obstacles?

Hezekiah and Josiah:

How are They Relevant Today?

I can't help feeling the continuing and even more urgent relevance of these Old Testament scriptures for us today, especially with the current crisis in the Middle East occurring right where all these stories are taking place. CNN's top stories on August 2 were "Israel pounded by rockets," and "Lebanon estimates \$2 billion in damage from Israeli attacks"—while we study that Assyrians invaded the kingdom of Judah and an angel of the Lord destroyed much of the Assyrian army. How can we NOT feel the resonance of the past in these connections?!

Yet, despite how close or not close we are to the end times, we know we are in the latter days. And still God tells us the age-old commandments:

- Read and Know Your Scriptures
- Have Faith in the Lord and Do Not Fear
- Trust in the Lord, and Act Accordingly
- Come and Worship at the Temple
- Renew Your Covenants with the Lord
- Do Not Idolize the Things of the World.
- Do these things NOW; we are Forewarned.

Ultimately, this should ignite joy in our hearts, for we recognize these timeless truths and glory in the Atonement of Jesus Christ —W.W.A.

A Temple-Attending People

"Let us be a temple-attending people. Attend the temple as frequently as personal circumstances allow. Keep a picture of a temple in your home that your children may see it. Teach them about the purposes of the house of the Lord. Have them plan from their earliest years to go there and remain worthy of that blessing.

"If proximity to a temple does not allow frequent attendance, gather in the history of your family and prepare the names for the sacred ordinances performed only in the temple. This family research is essential to the work of the temples and blessings surely will come to those who do that work." (President Howard W. Hunter, *Ensign*, Nov. 1994, 8.)



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Pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's Tunnel