



Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Today's Word: tent (Latin: tendere)

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Lesson 40: "Enlarge the Place of Thy Tent"

Are You:

- Having Family Home Evening?
- Saying Your Prayers Every Day?
- Listening for the Promptings of the Holy Ghost?

Today's Scriptures

Isaiah 54-56

Isaiah 63-65

Next Week:

Lesson 41:

"I Have Made Thee This Day... an Iron Pillar"

Jeremiah 1-2; 15; 20; 26; 36-38

Questions to Ponder

- What can we do to strengthen the stakes in which we live?
- How does God's word nourish our souls?
- What message of hope and joy is contained within Isaiah 64: 1-4?
- What promise is extended to those who repent?



Key Themes in Today's Lesson

- ◆ Lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes
- ◆ God will gather all, have mercy on all
- ◆ Millenium will be full of joy, Christ's 2nd coming

Boyd K. Packer:

"Now the stakes of Zion number in the thousands and are all over the world. The members number in the millions and growing. Neither of these can be held back, for this is the work of the Lord. Now members live in 160 nations and speak over 200 languages. . . ."

"Each stake is a defense and a refuge and a standard. . . . Those who come out of the world into the Church, keep the commandments, honor the priesthood, and enter into activity have found the refuge." ("A Defense and a Refuge," *General Conference Talks*, Oct. 2006)

Dallin H. Oaks:

"While we are powerless to alter the fact of the Second Coming and unable to know its exact time, we can accelerate our own preparation and try to influence the preparation of those around us. . . ."

"What if the day of His coming were tomorrow? If we knew that we would meet the Lord tomorrow—through our premature death or through His unexpected coming—what would we do today? What confessions would we make? What practices would we discontinue? What accounts would we settle? What forgivenesses would we extend? What testimonies would we bear?"

"If we would do those things then, why not now? Why not seek peace while peace can be obtained? If our lamps of preparation are drawn down, let us start immediately to replenish them." ("Preparation for the Second Coming," *Ensign*, May 2004, 7)

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