



# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson 42: "I Will Write it in Their Hearts"

### Are You:

- Having Your Family Prayers Every Day?
- Keeping Your Covenants with God
- Reading Scriptures Daily?

### Today's Scriptures

Jeremiah 16, 23, 29, and 31

### Next Week:

Lesson 43:

"The Shepherds of Israel"

Ezekiel 18; 34; 37

### Questions to Ponder

- What does it mean to have God's law written in our hearts?
- What can we do to draw close to God?

Hymn #50

### "Come, Thou Glorious Day of Promise"

Come, thou glorious day of promise; Come and spread thy cheerful ray, When the scattered sheep of Israel Shall no longer go astray, When hosannas, When hosannas with united voice they'll cry.

When we sing hymns, we may not always pay enough attention to the words, but this one, though an unfamiliar tune to me, echoes the words of Jeremiah 31.—wwa

### Elder D. Todd Christofferson:

In ancient times when people wanted to worship the Lord and seek His blessings, they often brought a gift. For example,



when they went to the temple, they brought a sacrifice to place on the altar. After His Atonement and Resurrection, the Savior said He would no longer accept burnt offerings of animals. The gift or sacrifice He

will accept now is "a broken heart and a contrite spirit." As you seek the blessing of conversion, you can offer the Lord the gift of your broken, or repentant, heart and your contrite, or obedient, spirit. In reality, it is the gift of yourself—what you are and what you are becoming.

Is there something in you or in your life that is impure or unworthy? When you get rid of it, that is a gift to the Savior. Is there a good habit or quality that is lacking in your life? When you adopt it and make it part of your character, you are giving a gift to the Lord. Sometimes this is hard to do, but would your gifts of repentance and obedience be worthy gifts if they cost you nothing? Don't be afraid of the effort required. And remember, you don't have to do it alone. Jesus Christ will help you make of yourself a worthy gift. His grace will make you clean, even holy." ("When Thou Art Converted," *Ensign*, May 2004, 11).



### Jeremiah 31: 33

But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

### from the Bible Dictionary "Jeremiah":

"The prophet dwells much on the *inwardness* of the Lord's relationship to the mind of his servants. External service is useless where there is no devotion of heart and life; superficial reforms were of no avail—a complete regeneration in the national life was required. He develops the idea of individual fellowship with the Lord (5:1, 7, 26-28; 9: 1-6; 18); though the Jewish state falls, the Lord remains, and religion remains in the life of the individual" (p. 711)