



Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Today's Word: hosanna

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Lesson 44: "Everything Shall Live Whither the River Cometh"

Are You:

- Earnestly Striving to Do Your Duty in the Church?
- Reading Scriptures and Saying Prayers Every Day?

Today's Scriptures

Ezekiel 43-44

Ezekiel 47

Next Week:

Lesson 45:

"If I Perish, I Perish"

Daniel 1; 3; 6;

Esther 3-5; 7-8



Washington, D.C. temple—Each Christmas season, a ceremony is held to switch on the lights surrounding the temple. In the past ambassadors or diplomats from many countries have attended the ceremony.

Questions to Ponder

- How does the water of life that is available in the temple heal and give life to
 - ◊ Marriages?
 - ◊ Families?
 - ◊ Our Ancestors?
 - ◊ The Church?
- How does the love of God heal and give life?

The Hosanna Shout

The Hosanna Shout is whole-souled, given to the full limit of one's strength. The congregation stands and in unison shouts the words 'Hosanna, Hosann, Hosanna to God and the Lamb. Amen, Amen, and Amen,' repeating them three times. This is usually accompanied by the rhythmic waving of white handkerchiefs with uplifted hands. The epithet 'Lamb' relates to the condescension and atonement of Jesus Christ.'

The Hosanna Shout memorializes the pre-earthly Council in Heaven, as "when... all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). It also recalls the hosannas and the waving of palm branches accorded the Messiah as he entered Jerusalem. And hosannas welcomed him as he appeared to the Nephites. President Lorenzo Snow taught that this shout will herald the Messiah when he comes in the glory of the Father (cf. 1 Thes. 4:16). (in Daniel H. Ludlow, ed., *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, 5 vols. [1992], 2: 659).

"The Great Symbol of [Our] Membership"

President Howard W. Hunter said: "I invite the Latter-day Saints to look to the temple of the Lord as the great symbol of your membership. It is the deepest desire of my heart to have every member of the Church worthy of—and carry—a current temple recommend. The things we must do and not do to be worthy of a temple recommend are the very things that ensure we will be happy as individuals and as families" (*Ensign*, Nov. 1994, 8).

How can we make the temple the "great symbol of [our] membership in the Church? How would looking to the temple in this way affect our outlook on life and our dedication to the Lord's work?