

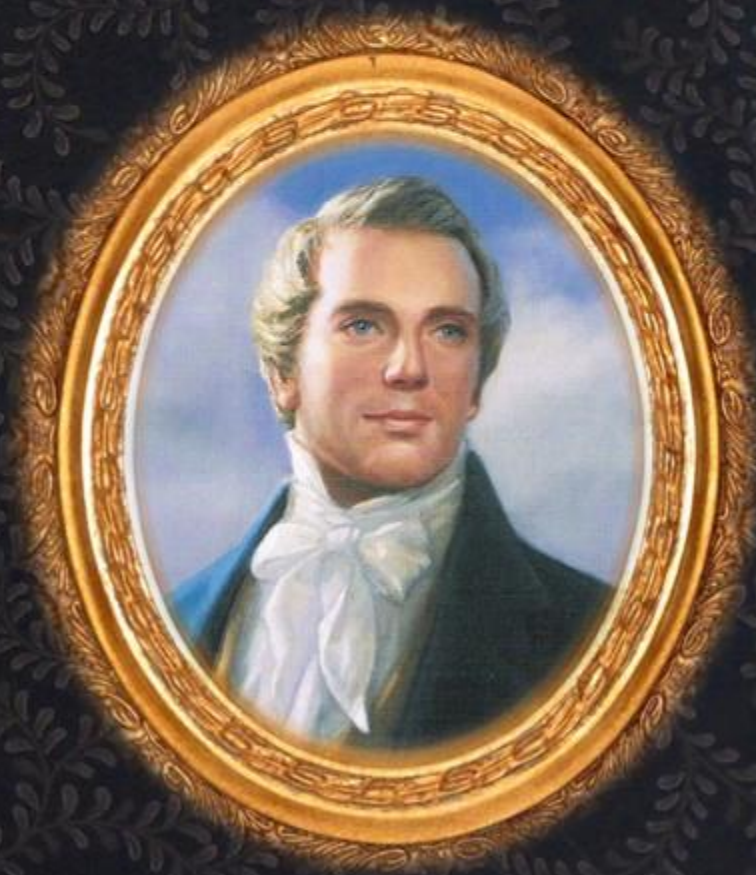
# Praise To The Man

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Part 2

"We worship God our Eternal Father and the risen Lord  
Jesus Christ. But we acknowledge the Prophet..."

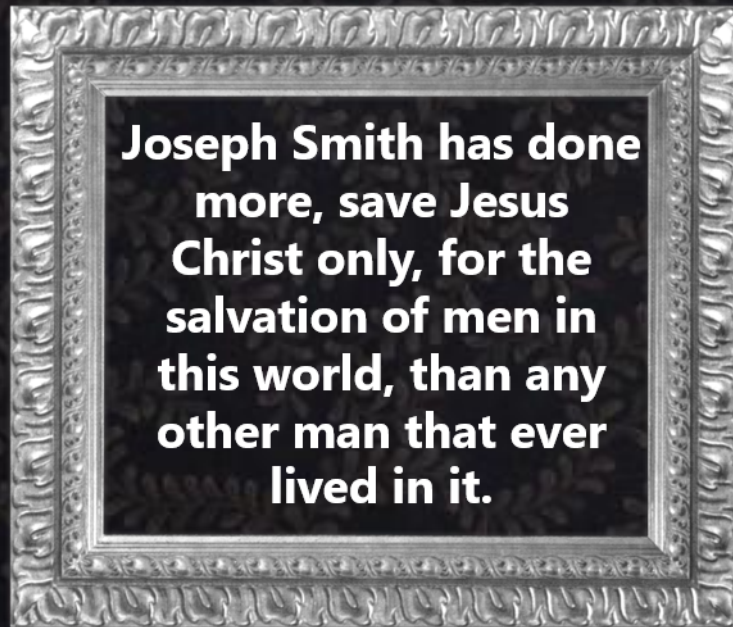
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# In Memory of Joseph Smith



W. W. Phelps wrote the words of the hymn, *Praise to the Man*, in memory of the Prophet Joseph Smith shortly after the martyrdom.



# In Short 20 Years

Joseph Smith  
has brought  
forth the Book  
of Mormon

He translated  
it by the gift  
and power of  
God

He had it  
published on  
two  
continents

He has sent the  
fulness of the  
everlasting  
gospel

He has received  
revelations and  
commandments



He gathered  
many  
thousands of  
Latter-day  
Saints

He founded a  
great city,  
Nauvoo,  
which left a  
legacy

He lived a great  
life and died  
great in the eyes  
of God and his  
people

It has given  
instruction for  
the benefit of  
everyone

He sealed his  
mission and  
works with his  
blood

# Doctrinal Mastery

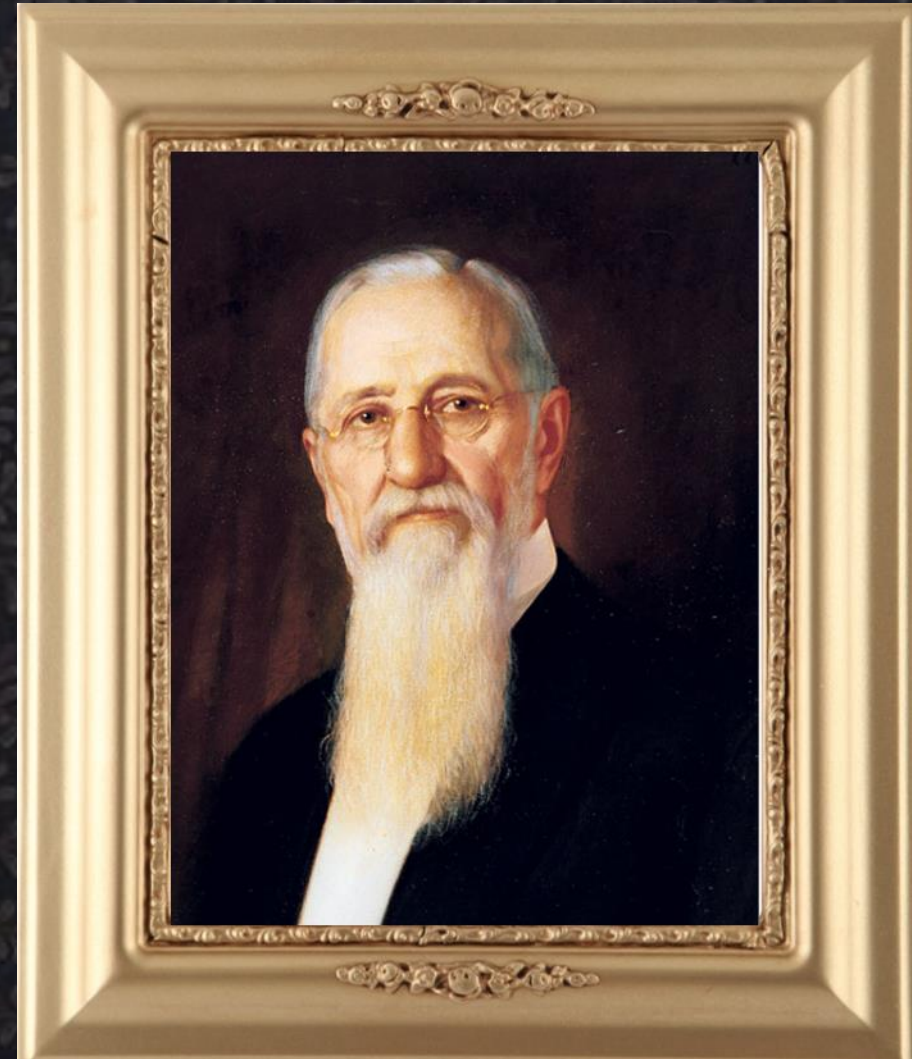
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Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God, and has been the means of publishing it on two continents; has sent the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants, and many other wise documents and instructions for the benefit of the children of men; gathered many thousands of the Latter-day Saints, founded a great city, and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood; and so has his brother Hyrum. In life they were not divided, and in death they were not separated!

**“The work in which Joseph Smith was engaged was not confined to this life alone, but it pertains as well to the life to come, and to the life that has been. In other words, it relates to those who have lived upon the earth, to those who are living and to those who shall come after us. It is not something which relates to man only while he tabernacles in the flesh, but to the whole human family from eternity to eternity.”**

President Joseph F. Smith



# Why Was the Book of Mormon Brought Forth?

**The Book of Mormon  
and the Doctrine and  
Covenants were  
brought forth for the  
salvation of the world**



# Blessings of the Atonement



**Restored scripture, true doctrine,  
priesthood authority and keys,  
ordinances for the living and the  
dead, and organization of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints all help God's children gain  
full access to the blessings of the  
Atonement.**

"We do not worship the Prophet. We worship God our Eternal Father and the risen Lord Jesus Christ. But we acknowledge the Prophet; we proclaim him; we respect him; we reverence him as an instrument in the hands of the Almighty in restoring to the earth the ancient truths of the divine gospel, together with the priesthood through which the authority of God is exercised in the affairs of His Church and for the blessing of His people."

President Gordon B. Hinckley







“[The Prophet Joseph Smith] left behind a legacy that enables [millions of] followers today on every continent to proclaim him as a prophet of God. May we, each of us, strive to continue the Prophet Joseph’s vision for this work and to magnify his legacy through our works and testimonies to others, that they may know him as we do and that they may experience the peace and joy of the gospel he restored.”

President Thomas S. Monson

*"Jesus has had no  
greater witness nor  
more devoted friend  
than  
Joseph Smith"*

Elder D. Todd Christofferson



In the spring of 1844, Josiah Quincy, former mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, and then president of Harvard University, along with his cousin Charles Francis Adams, son of former United States President John Quincy Adams, visited Nauvoo. They spent a day with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Years later, Josiah Quincy wrote of his experience:



*Charles Francis Adams*



*Josiah Quincy*

"It is by no means improbable that some future text-book, for the use of generations yet unborn, will contain a question something like this: What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his countrymen? And it is by no means impossible that the answer to that interrogatory may be thus written."

*Josiah Quincy*

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