

# The Sacrifice and the Heart

D&C 64:20-43



*Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in righteousness, even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.*  
*D&C 59:8*



## Recap from lesson 69

# Isaac Morley

He was born on March 11, 1786 in Massachusetts

He was a prosperous farmer in Kirtland, Ohio

He became infused with religious fervor through the preaching of Sidney Rigdon and organized a community group called “the family”

The Missionaries who were sent to preach to the Lamanites also converted him and his wife

Joseph Smith resided at his place for a time, and a conference was held at his home in 1831 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference)

He was ordained a high priest and counselor to Bishop Partridge

He was asked to sell his farm and consecrate the proceeds to the Church, which he did, though at first reluctantly

He and his family moved to Independence, Missouri and his family suffered through mob violence forcing them to leave to Clay County, Missouri and then to Far West where he was ordained a patriarch

He moved close to Nauvoo at a place called Yelrome (Morley spelled backwards) until a mob destroyed his property and he was forced to move to Nauvoo after Joseph Smith’s martyrdom

He joined the pioneer exodus to the West and settled in Manti and died on June 24, 1865 staying strong in the Church



# Frederick G. Williams

He was born on October 28, 1787, at Suffield, Connecticut

He was a self trained medical practitioner

He and his wife found their way to Kirtland, Ohio and were converted by the missionaries and baptized in October 1830

He was ordained an elder and then a high priest in 1832

He owned some land in Ohio and the Prophet in D&C 64 told him to hold that land for 5 years and in 1834 he deeded his farm to the Prophet Joseph Smith

He was paymaster in Zion's Camp

He lost his counsellorship and his membership in 1837

He repented and was rebaptized and joined the saints in Missouri (D&C 90:6)

He passed away in Quincy, Ohio in October 1842 of poor health



# The Sacrifice

## Isaac Morley

## Frederick G. Williams

### Commandment

#### Sell his farm

#### To not sell his farm

Most of the money from the sale of his farm would be used to buy land for other Church members in Independence, Missouri.

He told Joseph Smith that his farm could be used to house and feed Church members in need. Later, Frederick consecrated his entire farm to the Church without receiving any payment in return.

### Response

#### He obeyed

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He was one of the first Saints to settle in Independence, Missouri, where he sought to establish Zion

During these years, the Saints built the Kirtland Temple, which was a source of great blessings to the Saints

### Result

#### He was blessed

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“My beloved brethren and sisters, humbly and gratefully I approach this sacred assignment with a prayer in my heart that what I say will strengthen our resolve to live the principle of sacrifice as a prerequisite to a godly life, for this *is* a day of sacrifice.”

“It is a willingness to forgo personal bad habits such as tobacco, alcohol, profanity, an unruly temper, and immorality—habits which cause us, the children of God, to be less than our destiny.”



“Let us here observe, that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation” (*Lectures on Faith, 6:7*).

*“To sacrifice, be willing to serve a mission.”*

We ask you to make the sacrifice. We call it that because of want for a better name for it. It’s an investment.”





The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.  
Luke 11:34

Perceives light, is used as a symbol of perception of either godly or evil things

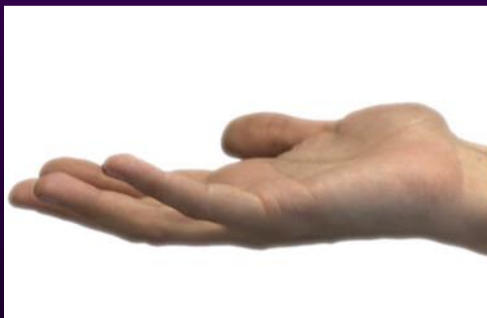


He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.  
Matthew 11:15

By which one hears, becomes a symbol of hearkening or obedience

Throughout the scriptures various parts of the human body are used figuratively, and this imagery is generally derived from the function of the body part.

Hand is used for to act with power of good or evil—right hand covenant



His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.  
Solomon 2:6

Arm symbolizes mercy and power



With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Psalms 136:2

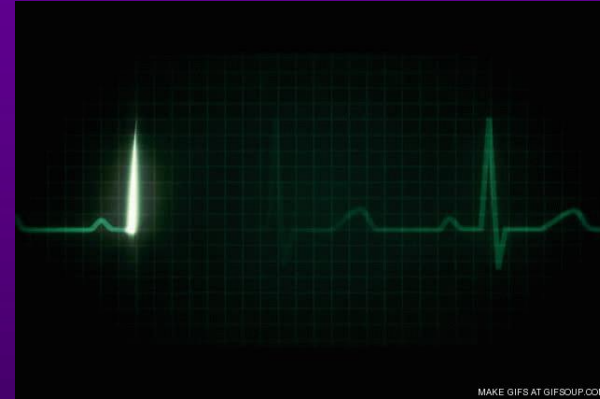
# The Heart

The “innermost center” of man

## 1. Giving life and power



- 3. Moral life
- Spiritual growth
- Dwelling place of either Christ or Satan
- Hard or broken
- Harboring Good or Evil



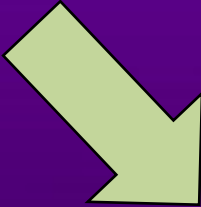
- 2. Rational and emotional nature of man
- Seat of love and hate
- Thought and knowledge
- Feelings and affections





# By Failing to Pay Tithing:

The Spirit of the Lord  
is withdrawn

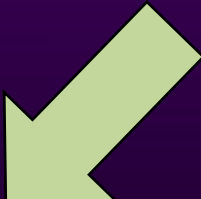
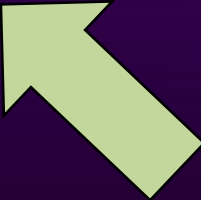


The wicked will be  
destroyed in the end--  
burning

The righteous will be  
preserved—The Lord  
has promised to  
shield and protect

The power of the  
priesthood will withdraw  
(neglecting of duty)

Gradually drift from  
the gospel, until they  
are among the wicked



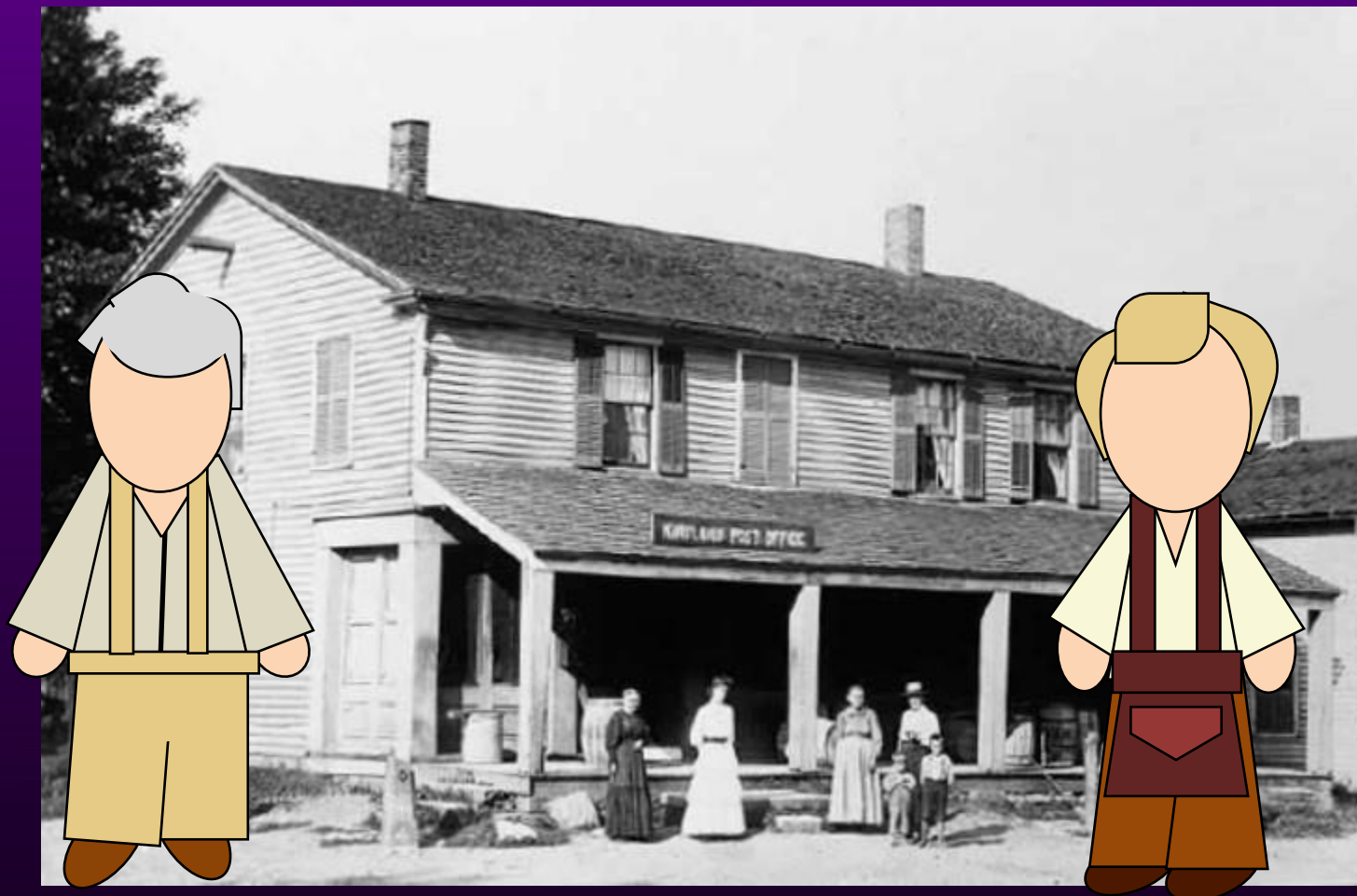
About seven years later, the Lord  
revealed that tithing was to be “one-  
tenth of all [our] interest annually D&C  
119:4

# Provide for Needs of the Saints

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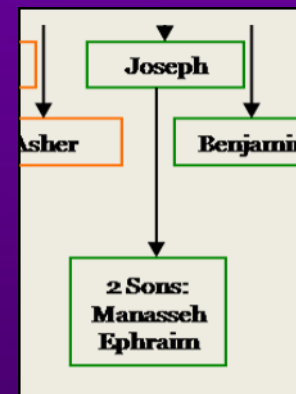
He commanded them to use their store in Kirtland, Ohio, to help provide for the needs of the Saints.

An example of sacrifice and contribute to the building of Zion.



# Provide for Needs of the Saints

It seems strange that the Lord would say that blood, a symbol for descendency, could be influenced by rebelliousness, a spiritual trait.



Isn't one either a descendant of Ephraim or not a descendant of Ephraim? The answer is no, not in the eyes of the Lord, who views His children in terms of their spiritual qualities.

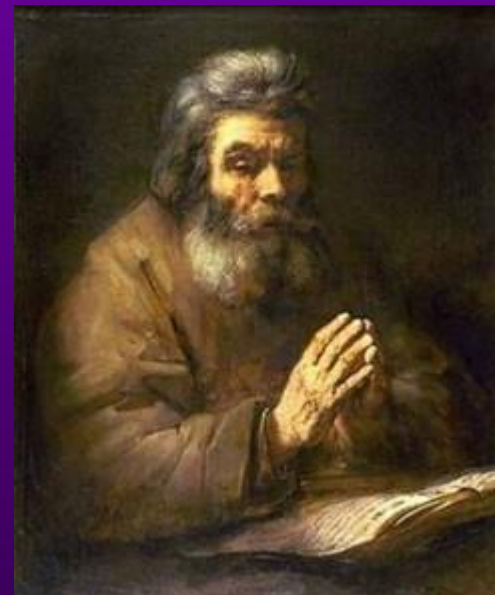
Paul taught this principle to the early Saints. The Jews took great pride in the fact that they were of the circumcision, that is, that they were the covenant people, circumcision being the token of that covenant. But Paul pointed out that if one of the circumcision violated the law, his “circumcision is made uncircumcision” (Romans 2:25).

Joseph Fielding Smith



# Provide for Needs of the Saints

In other words, by transgression one excludes oneself from being a true Israelite. Paul concluded his reasoning with this statement: “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God” (Romans 2:28–29).



“It is Ephraim, today, who holds the priesthood. It is with Ephraim that the Lord has made covenant and has revealed the fulness of the everlasting gospel. It is Ephraim who is building temples and performing the ordinances in them for both the living and for the dead. When the ‘lost tribes’ come—and it will be a most wonderful sight and a marvelous thing when they do come to Zion—in fulfilment of the promises made through Isaiah and Jeremiah, they will have to receive the crowning blessings from their brother Ephraim, the ‘firstborn’ in Israel.”

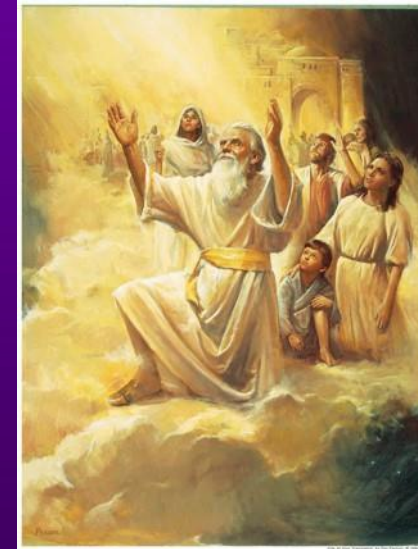
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# Zion

Zion was the name given to the ancient city of Enoch in the days before the Flood. “And it came to pass in his days, that he built a city that was called the City of Holiness, even Zion” (Moses 7:19).

This Zion endured for some 365 years (see Moses 7:68). The scriptural record states, “And Enoch and all his people walked with God, and he dwelt in the midst of Zion; and it came to pass that Zion was not, for God received it up into his own bosom; and from thence went forth the saying, Zion is fled” (Moses 7:69).

Later, Jerusalem and its temple were called Mount Zion, and the scriptures prophesy of a future New Jerusalem where Christ shall reign as “King of Zion,” when “for the space of a thousand years the earth shall rest” (Moses 7:53, 64).



# Our Zion Today

“Today the Lord’s people are gathering “out from among the nations” as they gather into the congregations and stakes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that are scattered throughout the nations.”

Zion is both a place and a people

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Flecks of Gold (3:15)



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**The heart** is frequently used figuratively in the Bible. One scholar indicated that in the Bible the heart is viewed as the “innermost center” of man, and is representative of:

1. The center of bodily life and power. When the heart is strengthened, the whole man is strengthened.
2. The center of the rational and emotional nature of man. It is the seat of love and hate, the center of thought and knowledge—it understands, deliberates, reflects, estimates. It is the center of feelings and affections, experiencing joy, pain, ill will, dissatisfaction, anxiety, despair, fear, and reverence.
3. The center of moral life. Many degrees of spiritual growth are found in the heart. It is the dwelling place of either Christ or Satan; it can be hard or broken; it can be a treasure of either good or evil. “The heart is the laboratory and place of issue of all that is good and evil in thoughts, words, and deeds. ... It is the center of the entire man, the very hearth of life’s impulse.” (Unger, *Bible Dictionary*, “heart,” p. 462; see also Topical Guide, “heart,” 203.)

When one understands the profound imagery of the heart, one can better understand why the Lord requires the heart of man. In Doctrine and Covenants 64:34 the Lord added a willing mind to that basic requirement.

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**Sacrifice:**  
President Kimball has said, “How selfish and thoughtless would it be for a young man to grow to maturity, spend his time preparing for his life’s work and his occupation and be unwilling to serve his Creator in this, the most important service in the world” (Regional Representatives’ seminar, 30 Sept. 1977).

## Something of Interest about the Heart By Evelyn Agekameh

It is true that, the strength of a man/woman lies in their ability to create a good balance between the mind and the heart; without neglecting the power, each one has on their desires and will. But, is there ever really a point of balance between them? Yes, there is. But, the road to getting there, is that of a narrow path.

*The mind is a sea of, both; Good&Evil; Truths&Lies; Strengths&Weaknesses; Fiction&Facts; Will&Discouragement; Positives&Negatives; Glory&Destruction. The mind is like a force, which is responsible for our reactions; and it’s main power is to perceive and envision the motives of an action, even, before it’s being put in motion.*

*The heart, likewise, is a light of, both; Passion&Pain; Faithfulness&Deceit; Love&Hate; Tears&Laughter; Desires&Limitations; Brightness&Darkness; Hope&Death; Faithfulness&Carelessness. The heart, therefore, is like a radiation, solely responsible for illuminating the personality of a person, which is done through, emotions. But, one thing the heart fails to do mostly, is, to guarantee a clear vision.*

**How can these two, important forces, strike a balance?**

Have you ever felt the need to do something so much; and you come real close to achieving it, but, unsure of the possible outcome(s) of that motive? Well, that is the point of balance between the heart and the mind. The heart gives you reason(s) to worry, but, the mind gives you reason(s) to forge ahead.

Ever felt the pain in doing something wrong, but, had no real impact in your life as a whole? This is another point of balance between; your heart feeling sober for the wrong you did, and your mind telling you to move on regardless of your mistakes. When the mind resists and the heart insists; it is only but a second, to the point of balance before, one of the two forces weighs, heavier than the other.

It is good to listen to your heart often, but, do not lose your mind in the process of doing so. Great people don’t just follow their dreams blindly; they envision and work for it, with great passion! Sometimes, the mind will resist, and the heart will insist; or the other way round. In such situation(s), never neglect one for the other, cause no one truly knows the destination ahead of a journey, but the power to see beyond, is the ability to apply wisdom with passion.

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