

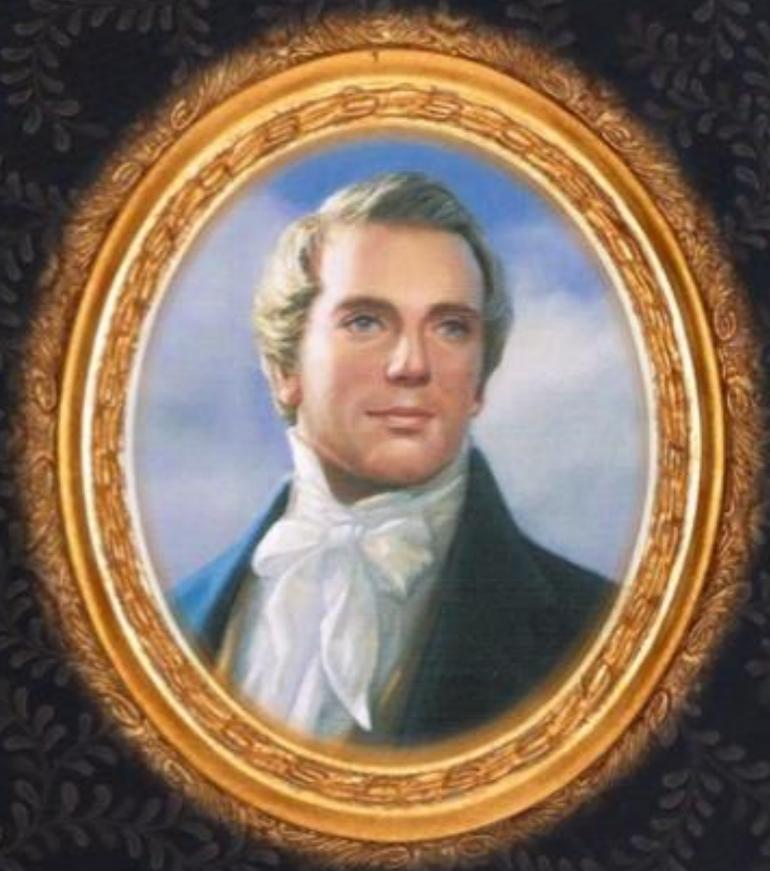
Praise To The Man

D&C 135

Part 2

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

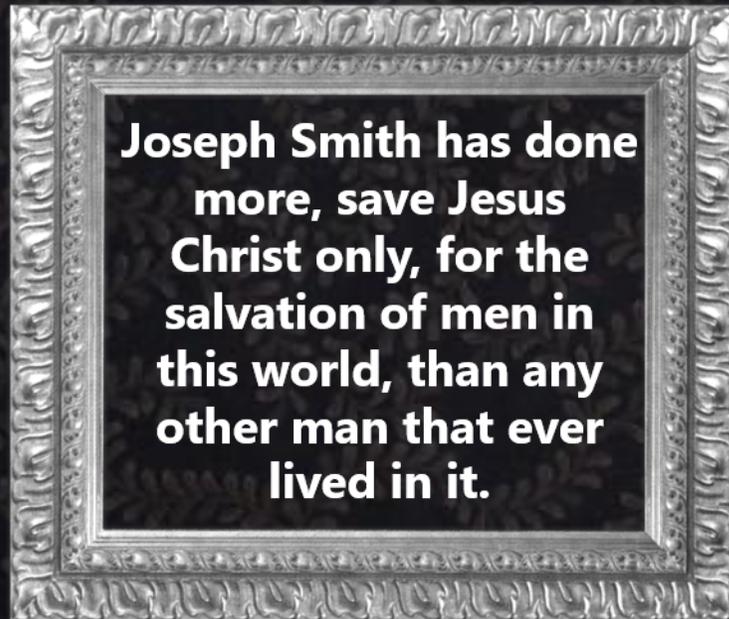
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In Memory of Joseph Smith



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



It has given
instruction for
the benefit of
everyone

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

He sealed his
mission and
works with his
blood

Doctrinal Mastery

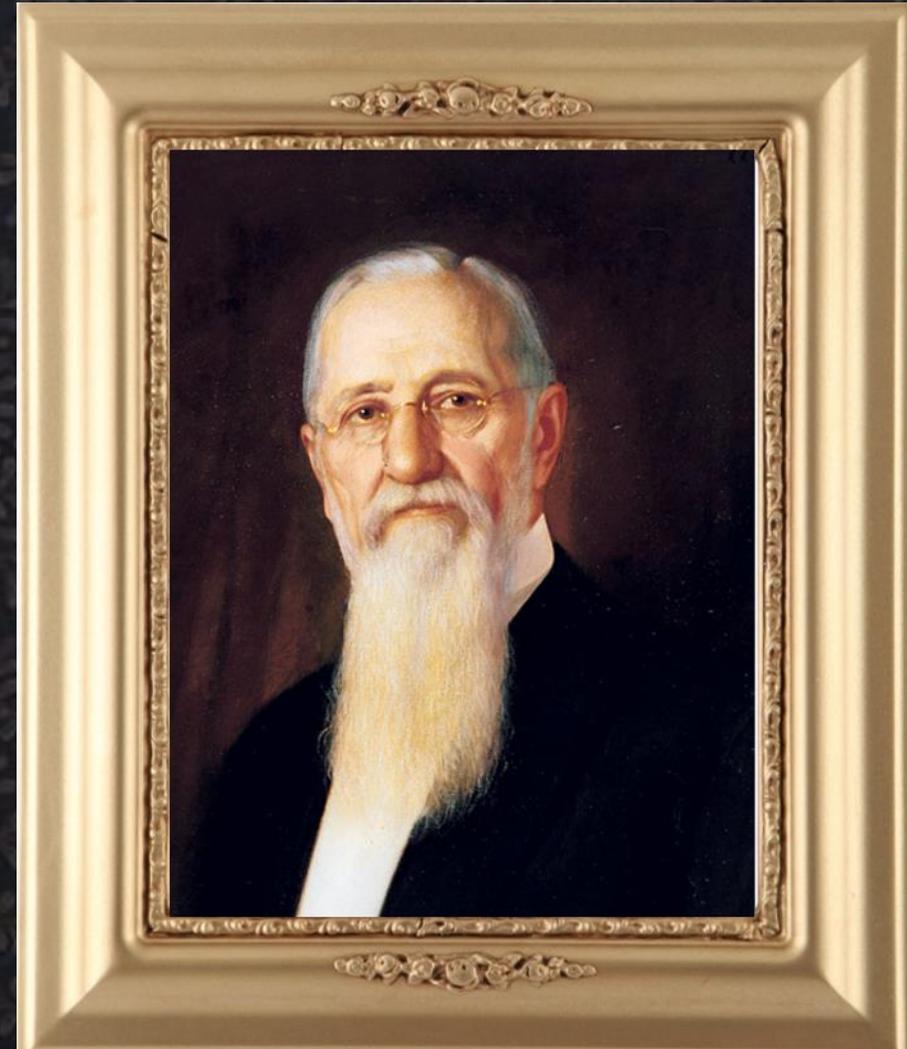
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Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he 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



We should always remember the price Joseph and Hyrum Smith paid, along with so many other faithful men, women, and children, to establish the Church so you and I could enjoy the many blessings and all of these revealed truths we have today. Their faithfulness should never be forgotten!

M. Russell Ballard

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