

GOD REVEALS TRUTH TO HIS PROPHETS AND TO US

A prophet is a special witness for Jesus Christ and testifies of His divinity. God calls a prophet to be His representative on earth. A prophet teaches truth, interprets the word of God, and otherwise follows God's directions in blessing our lives. When a prophet speaks for God, it is as if God is speaking (see D&C 1:38). Prophets are on the earth today just as they were anciently.

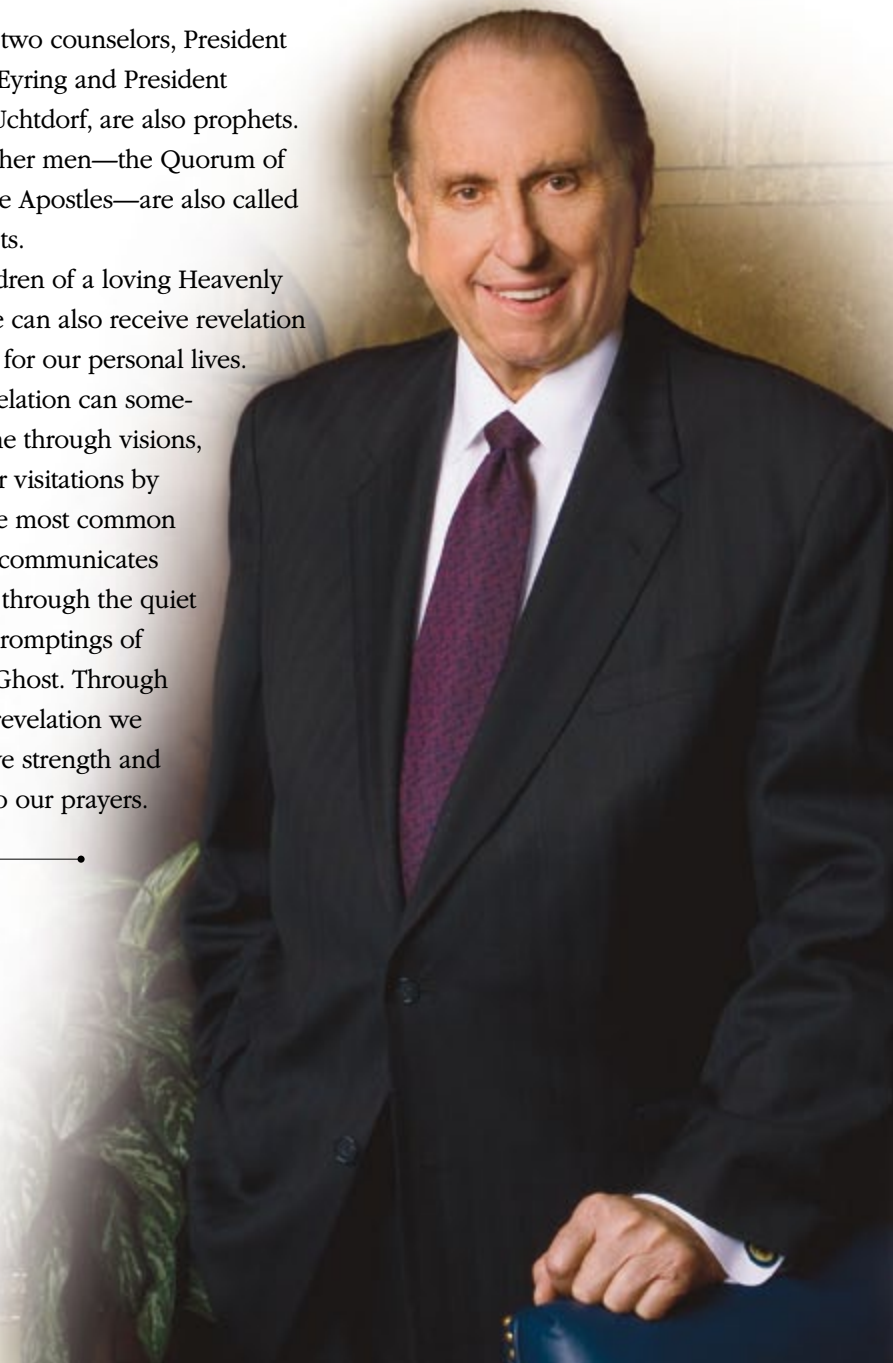
Revelation for the whole Church comes through the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Thomas S. Monson. He is a prophet of God. When members of the Church speak of “the prophet,” they are referring to the President of the Church. However, there are other prophets on the earth today. President

Monson's two counselors, President Henry B. Eyring and President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, are also prophets. Twelve other men—the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—are also called as prophets.

As children of a loving Heavenly Father, we can also receive revelation from Him for our personal lives. While revelation can sometimes come through visions, dreams, or visitations by angels, the most common way God communicates with us is through the quiet spiritual promptings of the Holy Ghost. Through personal revelation we can receive strength and answers to our prayers.

How grateful we are that the heavens are indeed open, that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored, and that the Church is founded on the rock of revelation. We are a blessed people, with apostles and prophets upon the earth today.”

**President Thomas S. Monson, “Closing Remarks,”
Liahona and Ensign, Nov. 2009, 109–10.**



Where can we read inspired teachings from modern prophets?

1. *The Doctrine and Covenants* is a collection of revelations given to modern prophets. It can be found online at www.scriptures.lds.org.



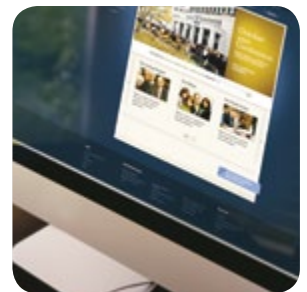
2. A message from the President of the Church or one of his counselors is printed each month in the *Liahona* and *Ensign* magazines (available in some languages at LDS.org).



3. "The Family: A Proclamation to the World" and "The Living Christ: The Testimony of the Apostles" are prophetic declarations of truths about the family and the Savior. Both are on LDS.org.



4. All members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles speak every six months in the Church's general conference. Read the text or see videos of their addresses at www.conference.lds.org.



1. Fast, ponder, and pray for guidance.

How can we receive personal revelation?



2. Read the scriptures. They are a means by which Heavenly Father can answer our prayers and give us guidance as the Holy Ghost helps us understand what we read.



3. Attend church each Sunday and, if possible, attend the temple.



4. Keep the commandments so you can be worthy to receive inspiration from the Holy Ghost. ■

"I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

"Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation" (D&C 8:2–3).

For more information, see Dallin H. Oaks, "Two Lines of Communication," *Liahona* and *Ensign*, Nov. 2010, 83; *Gospel Principles* (2009), "Prophets of God," 39–43; and *True to the Faith* (2004), "Revelation," 140–44.