



The Priesthood

“Priesthood power blesses all of us,” said Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in his talk, “The Keys and Authority of the Priesthood.” “Priesthood keys direct women as well as men, and priesthood ordinances and priesthood authority pertain to women

as well as men.” Because we all need to understand the priesthood better, Elder Oaks clarified key principles in his conference talk regarding the power, keys, and authority of the priesthood. The following questions can help you study his message.

Questions to consider:

- What are priesthood keys, and why are they necessary?
- What is the relationship between priesthood keys and priesthood authority?
- Are the blessings of the priesthood restricted by gender?

What this means for me:

- What authority is delegated to me when I receive assignments

or callings from one who holds priesthood keys?

- What responsibilities do I have in my current assignment or calling that I need to fulfill?
- What can I learn about God’s love for me from this talk, and how would I share it with someone who has questions?

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ANSWERS FOR YOU

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- What is the relationship between obedience and agency? Find out at [lds.org/go/hales814](https://www.lds.org/go/hales814) or see Robert D. Hales, “If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments,” 35.
- What blessings do we receive as we make and keep sacred covenants? Find out at [lds.org/go/wixom814](https://www.lds.org/go/wixom814) or see Rosemary M. Wixom, “Keeping Covenants Protects Us, Prepares Us, and Empowers Us,” 116.