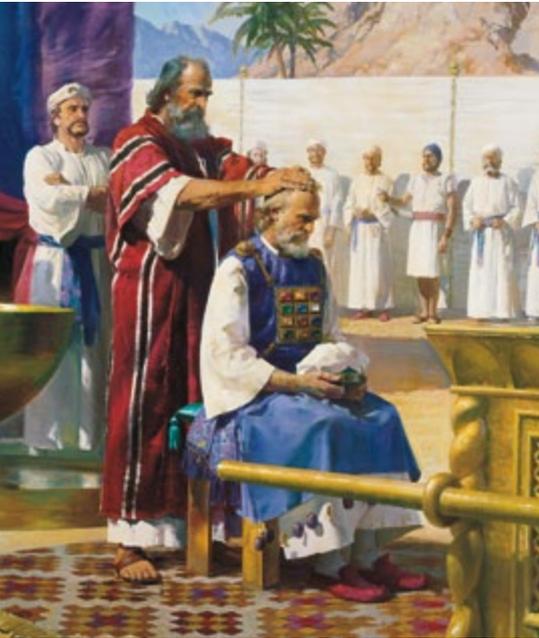


Exodus 19:5–6

What are the blessings promised to the Lord’s people if we keep His covenant?



Keep My Covenant

Every saving ordinance is accompanied by a covenant, including baptism and temple ordinances. Here are some of the promises we make through the covenant of baptism, which we renew when we take the sacrament (see Mosiah 18:8–10; D&C 20:37, 77, 79):

- Take upon us the name of Christ.
- Always remember Him.
- Serve Him and keep His commandments.
- Bear one another’s burdens.
- Mourn with those that mourn, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort.
- Stand as witnesses of God at all times, in all things, and in all places.

An Holy Nation

“According to the [Old Testament] things or places were holy that were set apart for a sacred purpose. . . . The Israelites were a holy people because they stood in a special relationship to Jehovah. . . . The word *holy* . . . came to refer to moral character. . . . Israel must be holy in character because the God of Israel was holy.”

Bible Dictionary, “Holiness”

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on ‘eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will ‘obey my voice indeed, and keep my ‘covenant, then ye shall be a ‘peculiar ‘treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a ‘kingdom of ‘priests, and an ‘holy ‘nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord ‘commanded him.

8 And all the people answered to

A Kingdom of Priests

The Church is referred to as “a royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9), and those who will inherit the celestial kingdom are referred to as “priests and kings” (D&C 76:56). This means that individuals and families who keep covenants can receive all of the ordinances and blessings of the priesthood and be exalted in the celestial kingdom with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

Peculiar Treasure



“In the Old Testament, the Hebrew term from which *peculiar* was translated is *cgullah*, which means ‘valued property,’ or ‘treasure.’ . . .

“With that understanding, we can see that the scriptural term *peculiar* does not mean ‘queer’ or ‘odd’ at all. It signifies ‘valued treasure,’ ‘made’ or ‘selected by God.’ Thus, for us to be identified by servants of the Lord as his *peculiar* people is a compliment of the highest order. . . .

“. . . These are [the] latter days. . . . We are the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We are, in fact, the hope of Israel. We are God’s treasure, reserved for our particular place and time.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “A More Excellent Hope,” *Ensign*, Feb. 1997, 62–63.

Obey My Voice

“What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, . . . whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.”

D&C 1:38

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