

# D&C 130:20–21

*These verses teach about the eternal significance of obedience.*

## Before the foundations of this world

“All blessings that were ordained for man by the Council of Heaven were on conditions of obedience to the law thereof.”

*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith (2007), 164.*

## Predicated

*Predicated*—based (on)

## When we obtain any blessing

The scriptures contain many instances of specific blessings promised to us when we obey certain commandments. Here are just a few examples. Can you find more?

- Guidance and answers to prayers if we keep the commandment to “be thou humble” (see D&C 112:10).
- Protection against the powers of darkness if we follow the prophet (see D&C 21:4–6).
- Knowing the “mysteries of God” if we repent, exercise faith, bring forth good works, and pray continually (see Alma 26:22).

## Irrevocably decreed

*Irrevocably*—unchangeably or irreversibly; finally; in a way that can’t be taken back

*Decreed*—officially ordered by a recognized authority

20 There is a “law, irrevocably decreed in <sup>h</sup>heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all <sup>b</sup>blessings are predicated—

21 And when we obtain any <sup>b</sup>blessing from God, it is by <sup>o</sup>obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.

22 The <sup>f</sup>father has a <sup>b</sup>body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s; the <sup>s</sup>spirit has



## It is by obedience

“God’s choicest blessings are clearly contingent upon obedience to God’s laws and

commandments. The key teaching is from modern revelation [D&C 130:20–21]. . . .

“ . . . This great principle helps us understand the *why* of many things.”

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “Love and Law,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2009, 27.



## Obedience to that law

“If you really want a certain blessing, you’d better find out what the laws are that govern that blessing and then work on becoming obedient to those laws.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “The Mission and Ministry of the Savior: A Discussion with Elder Russell M. Nelson,” *Ensign*, June 2005, 19.

*Editors’ note: This page is not meant to be a comprehensive explanation of the selected scripture verse, only a starting point for your own study.*