

Harold B. Lee

President of the Church, 1972–73

“The greatest miracles I see today,” expressed President Lee, “are not necessarily the healing of sick bodies, but the greatest miracles I see are the healing of sick souls, those who are sick in soul and spirit and are downhearted and distraught. . . . We are reaching out to all such, because they are precious in the sight of the Lord, and we want no one to feel that they are forgotten” (“Stand Ye in Holy Places,” *Ensign*, July 1973, 123).

“I know that there are powers divine that reach out when all other help is not available” (“Stand Ye in Holy Places,” 123).

“Take time for family home evening. Draw your children around about you. Teach them, guide them, and guard them. There was never a time when we needed so much the strength and the solidarity of the home” (“Follow the Leadership of the Church,” *Ensign*, July 1973, 98).

To the Saints in Mexico and Central America, he told a sacred experience following his call as President of the Church: “On the early morning thereafter with my wife I kneeled in humble prayer, and suddenly it seemed as though my mind and heart went out to over three million people in all the world. I seemed to have a love for every one of them no matter where they lived nor what their color was, whether they were rich or poor, whether they were humble or great, or educated or not. Suddenly I felt

as though they all belonged to me, as though they were all my own brothers and sisters” (in Conference Report, Mexico and Central America Area Conference 1972, 151).

1899 Born on March 28 to Samuel Marion Lee and Louisa Emeline Bingham Lee in Clifton, Idaho

1907 Age 8, baptized on Sunday, June 9, in Bybee Pond, an old lime kiln

1920–22 Ages 21–23, serves a mission to the western United States

1923 Age 24, marries Fern Lucinda Tanner on November 14; she dies in 1962

1935 Age 36, called to organize a Church-wide program to help the needy

1941 Age 42, ordained an Apostle on April 10 by President Heber J. Grant

1963 Age 64, marries Freda Joan Jensen on June 17; she dies in 1981

1970 Age 70, called as a counselor to President Joseph Fielding Smith

1972 Age 73, sustained as President of the Church on October 6, with N. Eldon Tanner and Marion G. Romney as counselors

1973 Age 74, dies on December 26 in Salt Lake City after nearly a year and a half as President of the Church

Summary

Harold B. Lee, 11th President of the Church, had a great love for the members of the Church. He told the Saints to hold family home evening,

teach their children, and protect them from the temptations of our world.

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