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# Seeing God's Prophet



When I was 11, I helped my ward build a new Church building. The members helped build them in those days—pounding nails, painting walls, and doing all sorts of things.

When I heard that President David O. McKay (1873–1970) would dedicate the building, I really wanted to be there. My parents said that I could go. I went early and sat on the front row.

I remember seeing President McKay up close. I saw the way he stood, how he talked to people, how he treated people. He had bright blue eyes and white hair. He *looked* like a prophet. When I heard him speak and say the dedicatory prayer, I knew in my heart that this was God's prophet.



I had a powerful spiritual impression from Heavenly Father: "This is My prophet." Heavenly Father was telling me through the Holy Ghost that President McKay was *His* prophet.

President David O. McKay was the ninth President of the Church and served from 1951 until 1970.

Once I knew that President McKay was God's prophet, I knew that the Church was true and that Joseph Smith was a prophet. I knew that the Book of Mormon and the Restoration of the gospel were true. I also knew that all the prophets, from Joseph Smith to David O. McKay, were God's prophets too.

Now every time a new prophet is called, I've had that same confirmation come from Heavenly Father: "This is My prophet." It all started when I was a boy. ♦

*From an interview with Breanne Richards*