



# Knowing How and What We Worship

In Doctrine and Covenants section 93, God reveals certain truths about Jesus Christ so we can “know how to worship, and know what [we] worship” (verse 19). This life presents us with many distractions to our true worship of our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

“Whatever thing a man sets his heart and his trust in most is his god,” wrote President Spencer W. Kimball (1895–1985) to Church members in 1976; “and if his god doesn’t also happen to be the true and living God of Israel, that man is laboring in idolatry.”

Following is a brief excerpt from President Kimball’s still-applicable message:

**NOTE**  
1. *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball* (2006), 146, 151–52.

“One young man, when called on a mission, replied that he didn’t have much talent for that kind of thing. What he was good at was keeping his powerful new automobile in top condition. . . .

“All along, his father had been content with saying, ‘He likes to do things with his hands. That’s good enough for him.’

“Good enough for a son of God? This young man didn’t realize that the power of his automobile is infinitesimally small in comparison with the power of the sea, or of the sun; and there are many suns, all controlled by law and by

priesthood, ultimately—a priesthood power that he could have been developing in the service of the Lord. He settled for a pitiful god, a composite of steel and rubber and shiny chrome. . . .

“Our assignment is affirmative: to forsake the things of the world as ends in themselves; to leave off idolatry and press forward in faith. . . .

“. . . When a person begins to catch a vision of the true work, when he begins to see something of eternity in its true perspective, the blessings begin to far outweigh the cost of leaving ‘the world’ behind.”<sup>1</sup>

