

③ JOYS OF THE SAINTS

① *Keeping the commandments of*

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② *Overcoming through*

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There is much to be learned from Enos's experience, but today what stands out in my mind is Enos's memory of his father speaking often of "the joy of the saints" [Enos 1:3]. . . .

Saints are those who have entered into the gospel covenant through baptism and are striving to follow Christ as His disciples. Thus, "the joy of the saints" denotes the joy of becoming Christlike. . . .

We live in a hedonistic age when many question the importance of the Lord's commandments or simply ignore them. . . . Some begin to wonder if the effort and sacrifices are worth it. . . .

. . . The wicked may "have joy in their works for a season," but it is always temporary [3 Nephi 27:11]. The joy of the Saints is enduring. . . .

. . . The Lord's commandments are our guide to better choices and happier outcomes. . . .

Even when we are found faithfully keeping the commandments, there are trials and tragedies that could interrupt our joy. But as we strive to overcome these challenges with the Savior's help, it preserves both the joy we feel now and the joy we anticipate. . . . It is in turning to Him, obeying Him, binding ourselves to Him that trial and sorrow are turned to joy. . . .

. . . The joy "set before us" is the joy of assisting the Savior in His work of redemption. . . .

The fruits of our service to one another in the Church are part of the joy "set before us." Even in times of discouragement or stress, we can minister patiently if we are focused on the joy of pleasing God and bringing light, relief, and happiness to His children, our brothers and sisters. . . .

May your joy be full.

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