

3 Nephi 30

1 The effect of the Holy Ghost upon a Gentile, is to purge out the old blood, and make him actually of the seed of Abraham. That man that has none of the blood of Abraham (naturally) must have a new creation by the Holy Ghost.
Joseph Smith, *Teachings*, 150

2 Joseph Smith wrote, “For a man to lay down his all, his character and reputation,... his houses, his lands,... his wife and children and even his own life... requires more than mere belief or supposition that he is doing the will of God; but actual knowledge, realizing that, when these sufferings are ended, he will enter into eternal rest, and be a partaker of the glory of God.

“A religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation;... It is through the medium of the sacrifice of all earthly things that men do actually know that they are doing the things that are well pleasing in the sight of God.

Joseph Smith, *Lectures on Faith*, 6:5,7.

3 *Now my brethren and sisters, the time has come for us to stand a little taller,
to lift our eyes and search our minds to a greater comprehension
and understand of the grand millennial mission of this,
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.*

*This is a season to be strong. It is a time to move forward without hesitation,
knowing well the meaning, the breadth, and the importance of our mission.
It is a time to do what is right regardless of the consequences that might follow.*

It is a time to be found keeping the commandments.

*It is a season to reach out with kindness and love to those in distress
and to those who are wandering in darkness and pain.*

*It is a time to be considerate and good, decent and courteous
toward one another in all of our relationships.*

In other words, to become more Christlike.

President Gordon B. Hinckley, “This is the Work of the Master,” *Ensign*, May 1995, p. 71