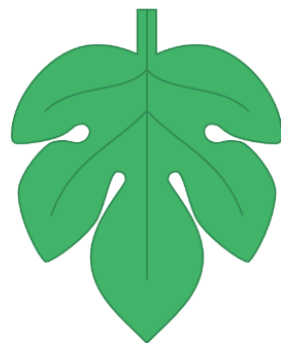


THE
ENDOWMENT



Transcriber's foreword

This version of the Endowment was implemented on February 7th, 2023, and made some significant changes to the phrasing of the last iteration, which itself was implemented on January 1st, 2019.

The version of this Endowment was nearly entirely presented as snapshots of the Endowment film which stars [Jeffrey Hale Dickamore](#) as Adam, [Aurora Florence](#) as Eve, and [Casey Elliott](#) as Lucifer. At the time of transcription, it is unknown if there are alternate videos which also employ snapshots from the other versions of the previous Endowment video.

The snapshots were superimposed with captions of the updated script and voice overs which read them. At times there are also images which display how to put on the robes or how to perform the tokens.

A youtube channel entitled "[Adam n Eve Don't Believe](#)" filmed this new endowment, and [published their hour and a half long recording to youtube](#) on March 21st, 2023. Intellectual Reserve, Inc filed a copyright claim on the recording on March 23rd, and it was removed from youtube. Since then others have tried uploading it to youtube, only to have Intellectual Reserve again file copyright claims and have them removed. These copyright claims are being fought while the recording is being circulated through back-channels and published on other social media outlets. However, there is a chance that the video may never be very accessible moving forward.

This recording was then downloaded and transcribed by me, [Gileriodekel](#), on March 23rd-24th, 2023. I created and now present this transcript to bring clarity and insight to all. You are encouraged to download it and share it with others as is appropriate.

All content in this transcription is true to what is presented in the ritual and presented without commentary. That being said, there are a few notes I'd like to make regarding this transcription:

- I have organized the endowment based on the different parts of the narrative, both in sections and in individual paragraphs.
- I have retained nearly all spelling and grammatical choices which were given in the subtitles, but have made a few punctuation adjustments to make it easier to read in a script format.

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Preface

Narrator: Before beginning the endowment session, we share the following statement from the First Presidency of the Church:

Brothers and sisters, since the temple endowment was first administered in this dispensation, occasional adjustments have been made by the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, acting unitedly in their capacity as prophets, seers, and revelators.

You will notice that additional adjustments have been made in the presentation of the endowment, all of which are in harmony with the doctrine of the Savior's restored gospel. The temple covenants and ordinances remain the same.

May you be blessed as you serve and worship in the House of the Lord today.

Introduction

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, we welcome you to the temple and hope you will find joy serving and worshipping in the house of the Lord today.

Those of you who are here to receive your own endowment should have been washed, anointed, and clothed in the garment of the holy priesthood. For those who are representing deceased persons, the ordinances of washing, anointing, and clothing in the garment of the holy priesthood, together with the ordaining of deceased brothers, were performed previously. Each of you should have received a new name in connection with this session. If any of you have forgotten the new name or have not received these ordinances as explained, please stand.

Please be attentive and reverent during the presentation of the endowment.

As you are asked to proceed to the veil, please do so in an orderly manner, row by row, as directed. After passing through the veil into the celestial room, and in other areas in the temple, if you need to communicate, please whisper, thus helping us maintain the quiet reverence that should prevail in the house of the Lord.

Brothers, you have been washed and pronounced clean, or that through your faithfulness you may become clean from the blood and sins of this generation. You have been anointed to become hereafter kings and priests unto the Most High God, to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever.

Sisters, you have been washed and pronounced clean, and anointed to become hereafter queens and priestesses in the new and everlasting covenant.

Brothers and sisters, your endowment in the house of the Lord includes all those ordinances necessary for you to return to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the tokens, names, and signs pertaining to the holy priesthood, and gain your eternal exaltation.

The endowment is a gift from your Heavenly Father. It is a symbolic representation of the plan of salvation, from your premortal life to your potential future exaltation in the celestial kingdom. The endowment is given by revelation. Thus, it is best understood by revelation, prayerfully sought with a sincere heart. As with other ordinances, during the endowment you will participate in sacred symbolic acts that teach about the Atonement of Jesus Christ. If you proceed and receive your full endowment, you will be invited to enter into sacred covenants or agreements with God established by Him in his Love and mercy. As you make and keep these covenants you bind yourself to God the father and His son Jesus Christ. By exercising your agency to keep covenants throughout your life, you become more like Them and progress spiritually to return to Their presence. If you enter into a covenant with God and obey His laws, you will receive the blessings associated with that covenant. Those who violate covenants will bring upon themselves the judgment of God; for God will not be mocked.

Today you will be invited to covenant to keep five laws:

1. The law of obedience
2. The law of sacrifice
3. The law of the gospel of Jesus Christ
4. The law of chastity
5. The law of consecration

You will also receive tokens of the holy priesthood with their accompanying names and signs. You will covenant never to reveal them, except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you.

During the endowment, you will dress in the robes of the holy priesthood, symbolic of being clothed with righteousness, power, and glory as you honor your covenants with God.

Brothers and sisters, if you are true and faithful, the day will come when you will be chosen, called up, and anointed kings and queens, priests and priestesses through the holy order of matrimony in the new and everlasting covenant, hereafter to rule and reign in the house of Israel forever, whereas you are now anointed only to become such. The realization of these blessings depends upon your faithfulness.

Each of you has had the garment placed upon you, which is called the garment of the holy priesthood. It is a symbol of taking upon yourself the name of Jesus Christ and as a reminder of your temple covenants. You were instructed to wear the garment throughout your life and were informed that it will be a shield and a protection to you inasmuch as you are true and faithful to your covenants.

You have had a new name given unto you, which you were told never to reveal nor forget. This new name is a key word, which you will be required to give at a certain place in the temple today.

If any of you desire to withdraw rather than enter into these covenants of your own free will and choice, you may now make it known by raising your hand.

Brothers and sisters, you will now hear the voices of four persons who represent Elohim, Jehovah, Michael, and Lucifer. Since the premortal realm, God the Eternal Father has also been known as Elohim, and the Savior Jesus Christ has also been known as Jehovah. Adam was known as Michael before he received a physical body. Satan was known as Lucifer before he was cast down.

As the presentation of the endowment begins, Elohim will preside over a council of His spirit children. He will present his plan for His children, and Jehovah will be chosen as the Savior and Redeemer. Lucifer will rebel against Elohim, and he and those who follow him will be cast down. Elohim will then command Jehovah and Michael to go down and organize a world. The work of the six creative periods will be represented. They will also organize man in their own likeness and image, male and female.

The Rebellion of Lucifer

Elohim: Worlds without number have I created, and I also created them for mine own purpose. For behold, this is my work and my glory: to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

We will make an earth whereon these may dwell; and we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. If they yield to temptation, we will give unto them the law of sacrifice and we will provide a Savior for them, that they may be brought forth by the power of the Redemption and the Resurrection and come again into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

Whom shall I send?

Jehovah: Father, here am I, send me. Thy will be done, and the glory be Thine forever.

Lucifer: Here am I, send me. I will be Thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it. Wherefore give me Thine honor.

Elohim: I will send Jehovah, who is my Beloved Son.

Lucifer, because thou hast rebelled against me and sought to destroy the agency of man, thou shalt be cast down.

The Creation

The First Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, see, there is matter unorganized. Go down and organize it into a world like unto the other worlds that we have formed. Divide the light from the darkness. Call the light “day” and the darkness “night”. Call your labors “The First Day” and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, see, here is matter unorganized. We will organize it into a world like unto the other worlds that we have formed. We will divide the light from the darkness and call the light “day” and the darkness “night”. We will call our labors “The First Day” and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The First Day”.

Elohim: It is good.

The Second Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, go down again. Place a firmament to divide the waters which are in the heavens from the waters which are below the heavens. Call your labors “The Second Day” and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will place a firmament to divide the waters which are in the heavens from the waters which are below the heavens. We will call our labors “The Second Day”, and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Second Day”.

Elohim: It is good.

The Third Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, return again to the earth that you have organized. Gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters call ye “seas”, and the dry land call ye “earth”. Form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. Place seeds of all kinds in the earth, that they may spring forth as grass,

flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself after its own kind. Call your labors “The Third Day” and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

Michael: We will return, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will gather the waters together and cause the dry land to appear. The great waters we will call “seas”, and the dry land we will call “earth”. We will form mountains and hills, great rivers and small streams to beautify and give variety to the face of the earth. We will place seeds of all kinds in the earth, that they may spring forth as grass, flowers, shrubbery, trees, and all manner of vegetation, each bearing seed in itself after its own kind. We will call our labors “The Third Day” and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Third Day”.

Elohim: It is good.

The Fourth Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, return and cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. Cause the stars to appear and give light to the earth, the same as with other worlds created. Call your labors “The Fourth Day” and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will cause the lights in the firmament to appear, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. We will cause the stars also to appear and give light to the earth, the same as the other worlds created. We will call our labors “The Fourth Day”, and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Fourth Day”.

Elohim: It is good.

The Fifth Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided, and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, return and place fishes of all kinds in the waters and fowls in the air in all their varieties. Command the fishes and the fowls to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. Call your labors “The Fifth Day” and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us go down.

Michael: We will go down, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, now that the earth is formed, divided, and beautified, and vegetation is growing thereon, we will place fishes of all kinds in the waters and fowls in the air in all their varieties. We will command the fishes and the fowls to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. We will call our labors “The Fifth Day”, and return and report.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded and have called our labors “The Fifth Day”.

Elohim: It is good.

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, return again and place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all manner of life upon the earth. Command the beasts, the insects, all creeping things, and every form of life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. Also command the earth and everything thereon to fill the measure of their creation and have joy therein. Then return and report.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim. Come, Michael, let us return again to the earth that we have organized.

Michael: We will return, Jehovah.

Jehovah: Michael, we will place beasts upon the land: the elephant, the lion, the tiger, the bear, the horse, and all manner of life upon the earth. We will command the beasts, the insects, all creeping things, and every form of life to multiply in their respective elements, each after its kind. We will also command the earth and everything thereon to fill the measure of their creation and have joy therein. We will then return and report.

Michael: It is good, Jehovah. Now that the earth is formed, with vegetation growing thereon and provided with all manner of life, it is glorious and beautiful.

Jehovah: It is, Michael.

Elohim, we have done as Thou hast commanded.

Elohim: It is good.

The Sixth Day

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, is man found on the earth?

Jehovah: Man is not found on the earth, Elohim.

Elohim: Jehovah, Michael, then let us go down and form man in our own likeness and in our own image, male and female, and put into them their spirits; and let us give them dominion over all things on the face of the earth. We will plant for them a garden eastward in Eden and place them in it to tend and cultivate it, that they may be happy and have joy therein. We will command them to multiply and replenish the earth, that they may have joy in their posterity.

We will place before them the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and we will allow Lucifer, our common enemy, whom we have cast down, to tempt them and try them, that they may know by their own experience the good from the evil. If they yield to temptation, we will give unto them the law of sacrifice and we will provide a Savior for them, as we counseled in the beginning, that they may be brought forth by the power of the Redemption and the Resurrection and come again into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

We will call this the Sixth day, and we will rest from our labors for a season. Come, let us go down.

Jehovah: We will go down, Elohim.

Elohim: Jehovah, see the earth that we have formed; there is no man to till and take care of it. We are here to form man in our own likeness and in our own image.

Jehovah: We will do so, Elohim.

Elohim: Jehovah, man is now organized, and we will put into him his spirit, the breath of life, that he may become a living soul.

Jehovah, is it good for man to be alone?

Jehovah: It is not good for man to be alone, Elohim.

Elohim: We will cause a deep sleep to come upon this man whom we have formed, and we will take from his side a rib, from which we will form a woman, that they may be companions and helpmeets for one another, and they shall cleave unto one another.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, this is Michael, who helped form the earth. When he awakens from the sleep which Elohim and Jehovah have caused to come upon him, he will be known as "Adam", and having forgotten all, will have become like a little child. The priesthood was first given to Adam, and he holds the keys of it from generation to generation.

Brothers, close your eyes as if you were asleep.

Elohim: Adam, awake and arise!

Narrator: All the brothers will please arise.

Elohim: Adam, here is a woman whom we have formed that you may be companions and helpmeets for one another, and you shall cleave unto one another. What will you call her?

Adam: She will be called "Eve", because she is the mother of all living.

Elohim: That is right, Adam, because she is the mother of all living she will be called "Eve"; for thus have I, the Lord God, called the first of all women.

Adam, Eve, we have organized for you this earth and have planted a garden eastward in Eden. We will place you in the garden and will there command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

Jehovah, introduce Adam and Even into the garden which we have prepared for them.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Garden of Eden

Introduction to the Garden of Eden

Narrator: We now go with Adam and Eve into the garden. The brothers will please be seated.

Elohim: Adam, Eve, we have created this earth and have placed upon it all kinds of vegetation and animal life. We have commanded all these to multiply in their own sphere and element. We give you dominion over all these things. We now command you to multiply and replenish the earth, that you may have joy and rejoicing in your posterity.

We have also planted for you this garden, wherein we have placed all manner of fruits, flowers, and vegetation. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil thou shalt not eat. Nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Remember these commandments which we have given unto you.

Now, go to, take good care of this garden, be happy and have joy therein. We shall go away, but we shall visit you again and give you further instructions.

The Fall of Man

Temptation of Adam

Lucifer: Well, Adam, you have a new world here!

Adam: A new world?

Lucifer: Yes, a new world, patterned after the old one where we used to live.

Adam: I know nothing about any other world.

Lucifer: Oh, I see, your eyes are not yet opened. You have forgotten everything. You must eat some of the fruit of that tree.

Adam, here is some of the fruit of this tree. It will make you wise.

Adam: I will not partake of that fruit. Father told me that in the day I should partake of it I should surely die.

Lucifer: You shall not surely die, but shall be as the Gods, knowing good and evil.

Adam: I will not partake of it.

Lucifer: Oh, you will not! Well, we shall see.

Temptation of Eve

Lucifer: Eve, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It will make you wise. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

Eve: Who are you?

Lucifer: I am your brother.

Eve: You, my brother, and come here to persuade me to disobey Father?

Lucifer: I have said nothing about Father. I want you to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that your eyes may be opened, for that is the way Father gained His knowledge. You must eat of this fruit so as to comprehend that everything has its opposite: Good and evil, virtue and vice, light and darkness, health and sickness, pleasure and pain. Thus your eyes will be opened and you will have knowledge.

Eve: Is there no other way?

Lucifer: There is no other way.

Eve: Then I will partake.

Lucifer: There! Now go and get Adam to partake.

Eve: Adam, here is some of the fruit of that tree. It is delicious to the taste and very desirable.

Adam: Eve, do you know what fruit that is?

Eve: Yes, it is the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Adam: I cannot partake of it. Do you remember that Father commanded us not to partake of the fruit of that tree?

Eve: Do you intend to obey all of Father's commandments?

Adam: Yes, all of them.

Eve: Do you remember that Father commanded us to multiply and replenish the earth? I have partaken of this fruit, and by so doing shall be cast out, and you will be left a lone man in the Garden of Eden.

Adam: Eve, I see that this must be. I will partake that man may be.

Lucifer: That is right.

Eve: It is better for us to pass through sorrow that we may know the good from the evil.

I know thee now. Thou art Lucifer, he who was cast out of Father's presence for rebellion.

Lucifer: Yes. You are beginning to see already.

Adam: We are looking for Father to come down to give us further instructions.

Lucifer: Oh! You are looking for Father to come down, are you?

Aprons Adorned

Elohim: Jehovah, we promised Adam and Eve that we would visit them and give them further instructions. Come, let us go down.

Jehovah: We will go down, Elohim.

Adam: I hear Their voices. They are coming.

Lucifer: See, you are naked! Father will see your nakedness. Quick! Hide!

Adam: Come, let us hide!

Narrator: The eyes of Adam and Eve were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

Brothers and sisters, please put on your aprons.

Elohim and Jehovah Return

Elohim: Adam! Adam! Adam! Where art thou?

Adam: I heard Thy voice and hid myself because I was naked.

Elohim: Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou partaken of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil of which we commanded thee not to partake?

Adam: Eve gave me of the fruit of the tree, and I did eat.

Elohim: Eve, what is this thou hast done?

Eve: The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Expulsion of Lucifer

Elohim: Lucifer! What hast thou been doing here?

Lucifer: I have been doing that which has been done in other worlds.

Elohim: What is that?

Lucifer: I have been giving some of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil to them.

Elohim: Lucifer, because thou hast done this, thou shalt be cursed above all the beasts of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life.

Lucifer: If Thou cursest me for doing the same thing which has been done in other worlds, I will take the spirits that follow me, and they shall possess the bodies Thou createst for Adam and Eve.

Elohim: I will place enmity between thee and the seed of the woman. Thou mayest have power to bruise His heel, but He shall have power to crush thy head.

Lucifer: Then with that enmity, I will take the treasures of the earth, and with gold and silver, I will buy up armies and navies, false priests who oppress, and tyrants who destroy, and I will reign with blood and horror on this earth.

Elohim: Depart!

Jehovah, let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof and live forever in their sins.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

Let cherubim and a flaming sword be placed to guard the way of the Tree of Life, lest Adam and Eve put forth their hands and partake of the fruit thereof and live forever in their sins.

It is done, Elohim.

Elohim: Adam, because thou hast partaken of the forbidden fruit, the earth shall be cursed for thy sake. Instead of producing fruits and flowers spontaneously, it shall bring forth thorns, thistles, briars, and noxious weeds to afflict and torment man. And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread all the days of thy life, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Law of Obedience

Elohim: Adam, Eve, inasmuch as you have eaten of the forbidden fruit, if you will covenant that from this time forth you will keep the law of obedience, we will give unto you the law of sacrifice, and we will provide a Savior for you, whereby you may come back into our presence and with us partake of eternal life and exaltation.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

Elohim: Adam, Eve, we will now put you under covenant to keep the law of obedience, which is to obey my commandments.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

Elohim: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will keep the law of obedience as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say “yes”.

Adam and Eve: Yes.

Elohim: Thank you.

Law of Sacrifice

Elohim: Jehovah, inasmuch as Adam and Eve have discovered their nakedness, make coats of skins as a covering for them.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, the garment which has been placed upon you is to cover your nakedness and represent the coat of skins spoken of.

Elohim: Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

Elohim: We will now put you under covenant to keep the law of sacrifice as contained in the holy scriptures.

The law of sacrifice was given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, who, when they were driven out of the garden, built an altar on which Adam offered sacrifices.

And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared, saying, “Why doest thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?” Adam said, “I know not save the Lord commanded me.” And then the angel spake, saying, “This is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of grace and truth. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son; and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.”

The posterity of Adam down to Moses, and from Moses to Jesus Christ, offered up the first fruits of the field and the firstlings of the flock, which continued until the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which ended sacrifice by the shedding of blood.

And as Jesus Christ has laid down His life for the Redemption of mankind, so you should covenant to keep the law of sacrifice, which is that you will offer a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and sacrifice all else that I, the Lord God, require of you so that you can become holy, without spot, through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

Elohim: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you solemnly covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will keep the law of sacrifice as contained in the holy scriptures as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say “yes”.

Adam and Eve: Yes.

Elohim: Thank you.

First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

Elohim: We will now give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.

Before doing this, we desire to impress upon your minds the sacred character of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign, as well as that of all other tokens of the holy priesthood with their names and signs, which you will receive in the temple today. They are most sacred and are guarded by solemn covenants made in the presence of God, angels, and these witnesses to hold them sacred, and under no condition will you ever reveal them except at a certain place in the temple that will be shown you.

The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood is given by clasping the right hands and placing the joint of the thumb directly over the first knuckle of the hand, in this manner.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Elohim: Adam, Eve, we give unto you the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

The name of this token is the new name that you received in the temple today. If any of you have forgotten the new name, please stand.

The sign is made by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant associated with this token, its name, and its sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were receiving my own endowment today and had been given the name of “John” as my new name, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

“I, John, covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.”

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Elohim, please make the sign as instructed:

Elohim: Each of you make the Sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood by bringing your right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

“I” - think of the new name - “covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.”

Thank you.

The Expulsion

Elohim: Jehovah, see that Adam and Eve are driven out of this beautiful garden into the lone and dreary world, where they may learn from their own experience to distinguish good from evil.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Telestial World

Narrator: We go now with Adam and Eve into the lone and dreary world.

Lucifer Offers Religion

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, this represents the Telestial Kingdom, or the world in which we now live. Adam and Eve, on finding themselves in the lone and dreary world, built an altar and offered prayer. And these are the words Adam uttered:

“O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth.”

Satan: I hear you. What is it you want?

Adam: Who are you?

Satan: I am the god of this world.

Adam: You, the god of this world?

Satan: Yes. What do you want?

Adam: We are looking for messengers.

Satan: Oh, you want someone to preach to you? You want religion, do you? There will be many willing to preach to you the philosophies of men mingled with scripture.

Adam: But we are looking for messengers from our Father.

The Messengers' First Visit

Elohim: Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John to visit Adam and Eve in the Telestial world without disclosing their identity. Have them observe conditions generally, see if Satan is there, and learn whether Adam and Eve have been true to the covenants they made in the Garden of Eden. Then have Peter, James, and John return, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, through the ages Heavenly Father has sent messengers to communicate with His children. In the endowment, Peter, James, and John symbolically represent such messengers.

Peter: Good morning.

Satan: Good morning, gentlemen.

Peter: What are you doing here?

Satan: I am teaching the philosophies of men mingled with scripture.

Peter: How is this teaching received?

Satan: Many receive it very well, but these people do not seem to believe what is being taught.

Peter: Good morning. What do you think of this teaching?

Adam: We are looking for messengers from our Father to teach us.

Peter: That is good. Have you been true to the covenants you made in the Garden of Eden?

Satan: Have you any money?

Peter: We have sufficient for our needs.

Satan: You can buy anything in this world with money.

Peter: Have you been true to your covenants?

Adam: We have been true to our covenants and are looking for the further light and knowledge Father promised to send us.

Peter: That is right. We commend you for your integrity. Good day. We shall probably visit you again.

Satan: Now is the great day of my power. I reign from the rivers to the ends of the earth. No one dares to oppose me.

The Messengers' First Report

Peter: Jehovah, we have visited Adam and Eve in the Telestial world, as Thou didst command us. We found Satan there striving to lead Adam and Eve and their posterity astray with all manner of false doctrine. But they have been true and faithful to the covenants they made in the Garden of Eden, and they are waiting for the further light and knowledge You promised to send them. This is our report.

Jehovah: It is good, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim: Peter James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve in the Telestial world and have done all that they were commanded to do.

Elohim: It is good.

Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to go down in their true character as Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial world and to cast Satan out of their midst. Instruct Peter, James, and John to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ as contained in the holy scriptures. It is that they will exercise faith unto repentance, come unto Jesus Christ, be baptized in His name, be sanctified by the Holy ghost, receive my ordinances, obey my commandments, and endure to the end, that they might become perfected through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

To help them live this law, give unto them a charge to love the Lord their God and their neighbor and to avoid all light-mindedness, unworthy thoughts and actions, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice, and cause these to be received by covenant.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to give unto them the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign. Then, have Peter, James, and John return, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Messengers' Second Visit

Peter: I am peter.

James: I am James.

John: I am John.

Satan: Yes! I thought I knew you. What are you going to do now?

Peter: We will dismiss you without further argument.

Satan: Ah! You have looked over my kingdom and my greatness and glory. Now you want to take possession of the whole of it.

I have a word to say concerning these people: If they do not keep every covenant they make in this temple today, they will be in my power.

Peter: Satan, we command you to depart.

Satan: By what authority?

Peter: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Master.

When you repent with real intent and seek forgiveness, you may be cleansed and forgiven through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. By exercising faith in Him, you will be given strength to overcome trials and be enabled to do all that God asks of you, for it is by His grace that you are saved, after all you can do.

Adam, Eve, we are true messengers from the Father and have come to give you the further light and knowledge He promised to send you.

Adam: How shall we know that you are true messengers?

Peter: By our giving unto you the token and sign you received in the Garden of Eden.

Adam: What is that?

Peter: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Adam: Has it a name?

Peter: It has.

Adam: Will you give it to me?

Peter: I cannot, for it is the new name, and I have made a covenant not to reveal it. But this is the sign.

Adam: Now we know that you are true messengers sent down from Father.

These are true messengers. We urge you to give strict heed to their counsel and teachings, and they will lead you in the way of life and salvation.

Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God.

Eve: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.

Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Peter: Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

We are required to give unto you the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ as contained in the holy scriptures. It is that you will exercise faith unto repentance, come unto Jesus Christ, be baptized in His name, be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, receive God's ordinances, obey His commandments, and endure to the end, that you might become perfected through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

To help you live this law, we are also instructed to give unto you a charge to love the Lord your God and your neighbor; and to avoid all light-mindedness, unworthy thoughts and actions, evil speaking of the Lord's anointed, the taking of the name of God in vain, and every other unholy and impure practice; and to cause you to receive these by covenants.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

Peter: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will keep the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ and this charge as they have been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes".

Adam and Eve: Yes.

Peter: Thank you.

Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood

Peter: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign.

This token is given by clasping the right hand and placing the joint of the thumb between the first and second knuckles of the hand in this manner.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Adam, Eve, we give unto you the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. The name of this token is your own first name if you are going through the temple for your own endowment, or if you are going through for the dead, it is the first name of the person for whom you are officiating.

The sign is made by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant associated with this token, its name, and its sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves.

If I were receiving my own endowment today and my first name were "David", I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

"I, David, solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign."

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, As invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

Peter: Each of you make the Sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

"I" - think of the first name - "solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses that I will never reveal the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood with its accompanying name and sign."

Thank you.

We will return and report.

The Messengers' Second Report

Peter: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial world and have done all that we were commanded to do.

Jehovah: It is good, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim: Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Telestial world, have cast Satan out of their midst, and have done all else that they were commanded to do.

Elohim: It is good.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John again to the Telestial world. Instruct them to clothe Adam and Eve and their posterity in the robes of the holy priesthood with the robe on the right shoulder, preparatory to participating in the ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and introduce them into the Terrestrial world.

Instruct Peter, James, and John further to give unto them the law of chastity and put them under covenant to obey this law, which is that my sons and daughters shall have sexual relations only with those to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to my law.

Give unto them the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.

Then have Peter, James, and John return, and bring me word.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Terrestrial World

The Messengers' Third Visit

First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

Peter: We are instructed to clothe you in the robes of the holy priesthood and introduce you into the Terrestrial world.

Remove the apron. Place the robe on your right shoulder. Replace the apron. Tie the girdle with the bow on the left side. Sisters, place the veil on your head. Brothers, place the cap on your head with the bow over your left ear.

You may now proceed to clothe.

Narrator: We now enter the Terrestrial world.

Peter: Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

We are instructed to give unto you the law of chastity, which is that God's sons and God's daughters shall have sexual relations only with those to whom they are legally and lawfully wedded according to His law.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

Peter: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you will keep the law of chastity as it has been explained to you.

Each of you bow your head and say “Yes”.

Adam and Eve: Yes.

Peter: Thank you.

We will now give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.

This token is received by bringing the right hand into this position: the hand vertical, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. The person giving the token places the tip of the forefinger of his right hand in the center of the palm and the thumb opposite on the back of the hand of the one receiving it, in this manner.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Adam, Eve, we give unto you the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail. The name of this token is “the Son”, meaning “The Son of God”. The sign is made by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

I will now explain the covenant associated with this token, its name, and its sign, which you will be required to take upon yourselves. If I were receiving the endowment today, either for myself or for the dead, I would repeat in my mind these words after making the sign:

“I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.”

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

Peter: Each of you make the Sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together, with the thumb extended. This is the sign.

Now repeat in your mind after me the words of the covenant:

“I solemnly covenant before God, angels, and these witnesses, in the name of the Son, that I will never reveal the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail with its accompanying name and sign.”

We will return and report.

The Messengers' Third Report

Peter: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that we were commanded to do.

Jehovah: It is good, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim: Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity and have done all that they were commanded to do.

Elohim: It is good.

Jehovah, send down Peter, James, and John and instruct them to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world the law of consecration, in connection with the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the law of sacrifice. Cause them to receive it by covenant.

Instruct Peter, James, and John to give unto Adam and Eve and their posterity the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, with tis accompanying sign; and to teach them the order of prayer, and to prepare them in all things to receive further instructions at the veil.

Then have Peter, James, and John report at the veil.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

The Messengers' Fourth Visit

Law of Consecration

Peter: Adam and Eve, please come to the altar.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve.

We are instructed to give unto you the law of consecration as contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, in connection with the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the law of sacrifice, which you have already received.

It is that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which He may bless you, to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, and for the establishment of Zion.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please raise your arm to the square as instructed:

Peter: Each of you bring your right arm to the square.

Each of you covenant and promise before God, angels, and these witnesses that you do accept the law of consecration as contained in the Doctrine and Covenants - in that you do consecrate yourselves, your time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed you, or with which He may bless you, to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, and for the establishment of Zion.

Each of you bow your head and say "yes".

Adam and Eve: Yes.

Peter: Thank you.

Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood

Peter: We will now give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, with its accompanying sign.

This token has reference to the Crucifixion of the Savior. When He was placed upon the cross, the crucifiers drove nails through the palms of His hands. Then, fearing that the weight of His body would cause the nails to tear through the flesh of the hands, they drove nails through His wrists. Therefore, in the palm is the Sign of the Nail and in the wrist is the Sure Sign of the Nail, or the Nail in the Sure Place.

This token is given by clasping the right hands, interlocking the little fingers, and placing the tip of the forefinger upon the center of the wrist, in this manner.

Brothers and sisters, please consider yourselves as if you were respectively Adam and Eve receiving this token either for yourself or for the dead.

Adam, Eve, we give unto you the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail. This token has a name and a sign. You will be under the same sacred obligation never to reveal this token with its accompanying name and sign as you are with the other tokens and signs of the holy priesthood which you have received in the temple today.

The name of this token will not be given to you at this stage of the endowment, but it will be given later on.

The sign is made by raising both hands high above the head and, while lowering the hands, repeating aloud the words, "O God, hear the words of my mouth," repeated three times.

When Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden, they built an altar and offered prayer, and these are the words that Adam uttered: "O God, what the words of my mouth," repeated three times.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, as invited by Peter, please make the sign as instructed:

Peter: Each of you make the Sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, by raising both hands high above the head and, while lowering the hands, repeating three times the words:

Peter, Adam, and Eve: “O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth.”

Peter: Thank you.

True Order of Prayer

Peter: Brothers and sisters, dressed in the robes of the holy priesthood, you are prepared to be taught the true order of prayer and to be introduced at the veil.

Individuals and couples who desire to participate in the prayer circle will please come forward and form a circle around the altar.

Only the best of feelings should exist in the prayer circle. If any of you have unkind feelings towards any member of this circle, you are invited to withdraw so that the Spirit of the Lord may be unrestrained.

In the prayer circle we make the signs of all the tokens of the holy priesthood received in the temple today.

We will begin by making the Sign of the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This is done by bringing the right arm to the square, the palm of the hand to the front, the fingers close together, and the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this token is the new name that you received in the temple today.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood. This is done by bringing the right hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the right arm forming a square, and the left arm being raised to the square. This is the sign. The name of this token is your first name if you're going through the temple for your own endowment, or if you are going through for the dead it is the first name of the person for whom you are officiating.

We will now make the Sign of the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, or sign of the nail. This is done by bringing the left hand in front of you with the hand in cupping shape, the left arm forming a square. The right hand is also brought forward, the palm down, the fingers close together with the thumb extended. This is the sign. The name of this token is “The Son”, meaning “The Son of God”.

We will now make the Sign of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip, or Sure Sign of the Nail. This is done by raising both hands high above the head, and while lowering the hands, repeating three times the words “O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth. O God, hear the words of my mouth”.

We have here a list of names of persons who are sick or otherwise afflicted whom we are requested to remember in our prayer. We will place this list upon the altar, and request the faith of those present in behalf of these persons.

Each brother in the circle will take the sister at his left by the right hand in the Patriarchal Grip. Each of you bring your left arm to the square and rest it upon the shoulder or arm of the person at your left. Those in the circle will repeat the words of the prayer spoken by the officiator.

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The brothers and sisters in the circle will return to their seats.

Explanation of the Marks on the Veil

Peter: We will now uncover the veil.

Brothers and sisters, this is the veil of the temple. The Book of Hebrews teaches that the veil of the temple symbolically represents the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Mediator with the Father. It is only through Him that we can return to the holy presence of God the Father.

I will now explain the marks on the veil.

These four marks are the marks of the holy priesthood, and corresponding marks are found in your individual garment.

On the right is the mark of the square. It is placed in the garment over the right breast, suggesting to the mind exactness and honor in keeping the covenants entered into today.

On the left is the mark of the compass. It is placed in the garment over the left breast, suggesting to the mind an undeviating course leading to eternal life - a constant reminder that desires, appetites, and passions are to be kept within the bounds the Lord has set and that all truth may be circumscribed into one great whole.

This is the navel mark. It is placed in the garment over the navel, suggesting to the mind the need of constant nourishment to body and spirit.

This is the knee mark. It is placed in the right leg of the garment so as to be over the knee, suggesting that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ.

Rehearsal of the Introduction at the Veil

Peter: All of you will be invited to pass through the veil. As you pass through the veil, each brother should consider himself as if he were Adam, and each sister should consider herself as if she were Eve.

We will show you how this is to be done from the perspective of Adam.

The person is brought to this point and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet, whereupon Elohim parts the veil and asks:

Elohim: What is wanted?

Male Ordinance Worker: Adam, having been true and faithful in all things, desires further light and knowledge by conversing with the Lord through the veil.

Elohim: Present him at the veil and his request shall be granted.

Peter: The person is then brought to this point, whereupon Elohim puts forth His right hand, gives the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, and asks:

Elohim: What is that?

Adam: The First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Elohim: Has it a name?

Adam: It has.

Elohim: Will you give it to me?

Adam: I will through the veil.

Peter: The person then gives through the veil the name of this token, which is the new name received in the temple today.

Elohim then gives the Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood and asks:

Elohim: What is that?

Adam: The Second Token of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Elohim: Has it a name?

Adam: It has.

Elohim: Will you give it to me?

Adam: I will through the veil.

Peter: The person then gives the name of this token, which is his first name if he is going through the temple for his own endowment, or if he is going through for the dead, it is the first name of the person for whom he is officiating.

Elohim then gives the First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail, and asks:

Elohim: What is that?

Adam: The First Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood or Sign of the Nail.

Elohim: Has it a name?

Adam: It has.

Elohim: Will you give it to me?

Adam: I will through the veil.

Peter: The person then gives the name of this token, which is “The Son” meaning “The Son of God”.

Elohim then gives the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, and asks:

Elohim: What is that?

Adam: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail.

Elohim: Has it a name?

Adam: It has.

Elohim: Will you give it to me?

Adam: I cannot. I have not yet received it. For this purpose I have come to converse with the Lord through the veil.

Elohim: You shall receive it through the veil.

Peter: It is received as left hands are placed upon right shoulders through the veil. Elohim then gives the name of this token and asks:

Elohim: What is that?

Adam: The Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail.

Elohim: Has it a name?

Adam: It has.

Elohim: Will you give it to me?

Adam: I will through the veil.

Peter: The person then repeats back to Elohim the name of this token as he received it, whereupon elohim says:

Elohim: That is correct.

Peter: The person is again brought to this point, and the worker gives three distinct taps with the mallet. Elohim parts the veil and asks:

Elohim: What is wanted?

Male Ordinance Worker: Adam, having conversed with the Lord through the veil, desires now to enter His presence.

Peter: Elohim puts forth His right hand, takes the person by the right hand, and says:

Elohim: Let him enter.

Peter: He is admitted into the holy presence of God the Father and his son Jesus Christ.

We will now report.

The Messengers' Fourth Report

Peter: Jehovah, we have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world and have done all that we were commanded to do.

Jehovah: It is good, Peter, James, and John.

Elohim: Peter, James, and John have been down to Adam and Eve and their posterity in the Terrestrial world and have done all that they were commanded to do.

Elohim: It is good.

Jehovah, instruct Peter, James, and John to introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

Jehovah: It shall be done, Elohim.

Peter, James, and John, you will introduce Adam and Eve and their posterity at the veil, where we will give unto them the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign of the Nail, preparatory to their entering into our presence.

Peter: It shall be done, Jehovah.

Come, James and John, we will introduce them at the veil.

Introduction at the Veil

Peter: Brothers and sisters, we are instructed to introduce you at the veil, where you will receive the name of the Second Token of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Patriarchal Grip or Sure Sign

of the Nail, preparatory to your entering into the holy presence of God the Father and His son Jesus Christ.

Narrator: Brothers and sisters, thank you for your attendance in the temple today.

Temple workers will now assist you as you are presented at the veil.