### Silver Lake Stake Adult Institute Class

"Repentance and Forgiveness"

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## The Fall of All

 When was the last time in your personal or family prayers you thanked Heavenly Father for the Fall and your fallen state?

 Why did God want us to come to a fallen, telestial world, full of sin?



Three Pillars

of
The Plan

of
Redemption

# Scriptural Examples of The Fall:

Ether 3:2

Mosiah 4:2-3,5,11

Alma 38:14

2 Nephi 4:17-18

# The Follof All

A Scripture Chain

1 Nephi 10: 5-6

Mosiah 16: 3-4

Mosiah 27: 25

Alma 12: 22

Alma 34: 9

Alma 42: 6, 9-10, 14

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Because this doctrine [of the Fall] is so basic to the plan of salvation and also because it is so susceptible to misunderstanding, we must note that these references to "natural" evil emphatically do not mean that men and women are "inherently" evil. There is a crucial difference. As spirit sons and daughters of God, all mortal men and women are divine in origin and divine in their potential destiny. . . . But it is also true that as a result of the Fall they are now in a "natural" (fallen) world where the devil "taketh away light" and where some elements of nature—including temporal human nature—need discipline, restraint, and refinement.

Christ and the New Covenant, p.207

[There are] people in the Church who beat themselves up for having fallen natures, who take it as a sign that they are not worthy of the kingdom. For these spiritual masochists it isn't enough to control their carnal nature or to begin diminishing its influence by developing habitual obedience to God – they don't even want to have a carnal nature. . . . In mortality, resisting the urges of our carnal thoughts and putting them out of our minds is a reasonable goal and expectation. But not ever having a carnal thought is an unreasonable goal and expectation.

Stephen Robinson, Following Christ, p. 62

It is true that "wickedness never was happiness," but for some members of the Church unrealistic expectations of righteousness lead to unhappiness.

#### <u>President Brignam Young</u>

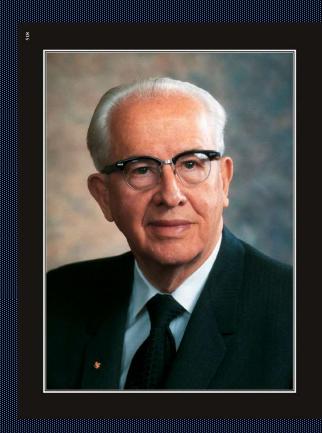
Do not suppose that we shall ever in the flesh be free from temptations to sin. Some suppose that they can in the flesh be sanctified body and spirit and become so pure that they will never again feel the effects of the power of the adversary of truth. Were it possible for a person to attain to this degree of perfection in the flesh, he could not die neither remain in a world where sin predominates. . . . I think we should more or less feel the effects of sin so long as we live, and finally have to pass the ordeals of death.

Journal of Discourses 10:173

'God is not merely mending, not simply restoring a status quo. Redeemed humanity is to be something more glorious than unfallen humanity would have ever been.'

(C.S. Lewis, Miracles, p. 162)

How so ???



President Ezra Taft Benson 1985—1994

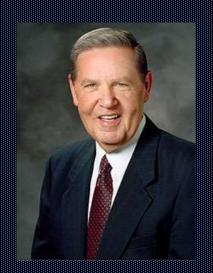
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(Teachings of President Benson, 28)



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...The simple truth is that we *cannot* fully comprehend the Atonement and Resurrection of Christ and we *will* not adequately appreciate the unique purpose of His birth or His death—in other words, there is no way to truly celebrate Christmas or Easter—without understanding that there was an actual Adam and Eve who fell from an actual Eden, with all the consequences that fall carried with it.



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I know we are His spiritual sons and daughters with divine potential to become as He is. I also know that, as children of God, we should not demean or vilify ourselves, as if beating up on ourselves is somehow going to make us the person God wants us to become. . . That is *not* what the Lord wants for Primary children or anyone else who honestly sings, "I'm trying to be like Jesus."

To put this issue in context, may I remind all of us that we live in a fallen world and for now we are a fallen people. We are in the *telestial* kingdom; that is spelled with a *t*, not a *c*. As President Russell M. Nelson has taught, here in mortality perfection is still "pending."

I'm trying to be like Jesus;
I'm following in his ways.
I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.
At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,
But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,

[Cnorus]

"Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught."

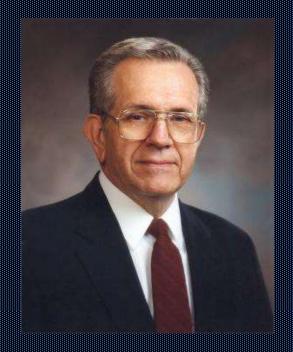
Janice Kapp Perry

"I'm trying to be like Jesus;
But falling along the way
I struggle to live as He did, in all that I do and say.
But though I may falter and make a wrong choice,
I find hope in forgiveness as the still small voice whispers,

#### [Chorus]

"Trust in the Savior, and know this is true,
His grace is sufficient for mortals like you
His love is still constant, repent and fear not,
For these are the things Jesus taught."

Tucker Boyle

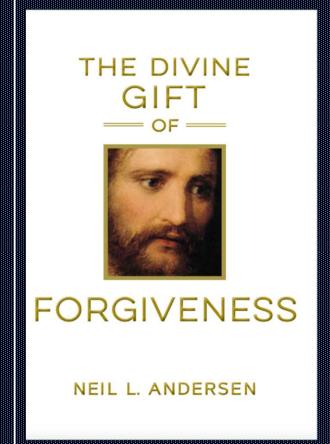


President Boyd K. Packer, October 2012 Conference

it was understood from the beginning that in mortality we would fall short . . . It was not expected that we would live without transgressing one law oranother



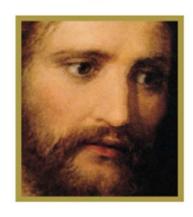
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You are now on earth, a glorious son or daughter of God. You have entered a mortal world with all the deficiencies, temptations, and enticements of a secondary existence where Satan and his followers are allowed to tempt you, to seduce you, and to ensnare you. While you have made mistakes, these sins do not describe who you are. Your identity is not defined by the sins of this world, but by the righteousness of another.

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# THE DIVINE GIFT — of —



**FORGIVENESS** 

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The Fall does not define you; it helps to refine you.

We live in a world of sin, and no matter how good we desire to be, sin enters into each of our lives.

We cannot completely escape the world that surrounds us. If we are wise, it leads us first to humbly realize our mortal difficulties and to turn to our Savior with full purpose of heart.

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### The Fall and the Temple

A friend once asked me, "If Christ is at the center of the gospel and the temple, why doesn't the temple endowment teach the story of Christ's life? What's all this about Adam and Eve?"

I have come to feel that the life of Christ is the story of *giving* the Atonement. The story of Adam and Eve is the story of *receiving* the Atonement, amid the sometimes-formidable oppositions of mortality.

Adam and Eve were the first people to receive the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

Elder Bruce C. Hafen, Ensign, Sept. 2015

