

Lesson 5

Doctrine and Covenants 22–28

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

Complete three of the following five assignments:

1. Doctrine and Covenants 22. Baptism by Proper Authority

Read Doctrine and Covenants 22 and the institute student manual commentary “D&C 22:1–4: How Important Is It to Have Priesthood Authority in Performing a Sacred Ordinance?” (page 46; see also D&C 20:37, 72–74; Articles of Faith 1:5). Then write answers to the following questions:

- What does the Lord mean when He refers to “dead works”? (verses 2–3).
- To whom is the Lord referring when he says, “seek not to counsel”? (verse 4).

2. Doctrine and Covenants 23–24. “Magnify Thine Office”

a. Review Doctrine and Covenants 23. Of the five men addressed in this revelation, only Joseph Knight Sr. had not yet been baptized. With this in mind, write answers for the following questions:

- What did the Lord say to Joseph Knight Sr. that he did not say to the others?
- What did the Lord say to the others that He did not say to Joseph Knight Sr.?
- What do you learn from the difference in the instructions given?

b. The section heading for Doctrine and Covenants 24 indicates that this revelation was one of three given during July 1830 to “strengthen, encourage, and instruct” the

leaders of the Church. Identify in writing three items of counsel the Lord gave to these brethren that you think would have encouraged or strengthened them. Then write answers to the following questions:

- What blessings were promised to each of the brethren if they faithfully carried out their responsibilities?
- Which of the instructions given to Oliver indicate that he needed to be careful of pride?
- Select one of these verses that strengthens, encourages, or instructs you. What does this verse teach you? How can you apply it to your life?

c. Read Doctrine and Covenants 24:13–14 and the first two paragraphs of the entry in the Bible Dictionary for “Miracles” (pages 732–33). Write two or three sentences that summarize what the Lord taught Joseph and Oliver about the working of miracles and how you can apply this teaching today.

3. Doctrine and Covenants 25. Revelation to “an Elect Lady”

a. The Lord gave much counsel to Emma Smith in Doctrine and Covenants 25. Write a paragraph that answers the following questions. Give verse numbers to support your answers.

- What were some of Emma’s strengths identified in this revelation?
- What counsel was she given about her relationship with her husband?
- How was she called to assist in the work?
- In what ways does the counsel given to Emma Smith apply to you?

b. Read the student manual commentary “D&C 25:3: In What Sense Was Emma ‘an Elect Lady?’” (page 51). Write what *elect* means.

c. Read Doctrine and Covenants 25:12, 16 and answer the following questions:

- When can music be like a prayer?
- Describe one time in your life when you were blessed by performing or listening to sacred music.

- How can sacred music strengthen your testimony and your resolve to keep the commandments?

4. Doctrine and Covenants 26–27. Instructions on Common Consent and the Sacrament

- a. From your reading of Doctrine and Covenants 26 and the student manual commentaries “D&C 26:2: The Law of Common Consent” and “D&C 26:2: Responsibilities of Those Who Sustain Others” (page 54), write a brief explanation of the law of common consent. Then write answers to the following questions:

- How are members of the Church blessed by the law of common consent?
- What is your responsibility when you raise your arm in a sustaining vote?

- b. Read the section heading to Doctrine and Covenants 27 and read verses 1–4 in the same section. Write answers to the following questions:

- What matters to the Savior when we partake of the sacrament?
- What would you suggest that a person do to prepare to properly partake of the sacrament each week? (see also 3 Nephi 18:1–12, 28–30; D&C 20:75–79).

- c. Doctrine and Covenants 27:5–14 describes a great sacrament meeting that will take place just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Search these verses and respond in writing to the following:

- List the names of those who will be in attendance. According to verse 11, who is Michael?

- Which verse indicates that many others, including yourself if you are faithful, will also be there?
- Read Daniel 7:9–14; Matthew 26:29; and Doctrine and Covenants 116:1. Briefly explain additional insights you gained about the gathering at Adam-ondi-Ahman.

- d. Read Doctrine and Covenants 27:15–18 and the student manual commentary “D&C 27:15–18: ‘Take upon You My Whole Armour’” (page 56). Write a paragraph explaining how wearing each piece of armor could help us be protected and better prepared to attend the gathering described in verses 5–14.

5. Doctrine and Covenants 28. “Thou Shalt Not Command Him Who Is at . . . the Head of the Church”

Read Doctrine and Covenants 28 and the student manual “Historical Background” for this section (page 57). Then write answers to the following questions:

- What did the Lord say in section 28 concerning the matter of Hiram Page’s “revelations”? (see D&C 28:1–7).
- What responsibility was given to Oliver Cowdery to help correct the problem?
- According to verse 11, how are such problems to be settled in the Church? In what ways might this instruction apply to family life?
- How does the law of common consent help Church members know which revelations they should follow?
- What can you do to keep yourself and others from being deceived by false claims of revelation?