

Lesson 10

Doctrine and Covenants 121–123

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 assignment 3 and any two of the other assignments:

1. Doctrine and Covenants 121–122. Those Who Righteously Endure Trials Will Be Exalted

- a. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:1–6 and the institute student manual “Historical Background” for section 121 (pages 295–96). Then write answers for the following questions:
 - Which words or phrases in these verses help you understand the intensity and sincerity of the Prophet’s prayer?
 - How do the experiences of your life, good and bad, cause you to evaluate your belief in God and improve the way you pray?
- b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:7–10; 122:1–9; and the student manual commentary “D&C 121:7: How Does Adversity Fit in the Divine Plan?” (pages 296–97). Then write responses to the following questions:
 - What do you think is the difference between simply enduring and enduring *well*? (see D&C 121:8).
 - What purpose is there for trials and adversity as identified in Doctrine and Covenants 122:7?
 - What blessings are promised to those who endure well as the Lord has instructed?

- c. Write a paragraph that explains how sections 121 and 122 of the Doctrine and Covenants can bring peace, comfort, and strength to you or to someone you know while enduring trials.

2. Doctrine and Covenants 121:11–33. Judgments upon the Wicked and Blessings for the Faithful

- a. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:11–25 and the student manual commentary “D&C 121:15–16: Do Enemies of the Church Prosper?” (page 297). Then write answers for the following questions:
 - Who will suffer the consequences described in Doctrine and Covenants 121:11–25? (see verses 11, 16–18, 23).
 - What can you learn from verses 13 and 20 about those who would destroy the work of God?
 - How might you use verses 24–25 to help someone understand God’s perfect justice?
- b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:26–33 as well as the latter half of Doctrine and Covenants 128:18 and the student manual commentaries “D&C 121:26: In What Context Was the Prophet Speaking When He Promised the ‘Unspeakable Gift of the Holy Ghost?’” “D&C 121:26–32: Do Latter-day Saints Enjoy Gifts of the Holy Ghost That Have Never Been Enjoyed Before?” and “D&C 121:33: Will More Knowledge Be Poured Out on the Heads of the Latter-day Saints?” (pages 297–98). Then, including information that you have learned in your reading, write a paragraph that explains how revelation through the Holy Ghost is one of the greatest blessings available to us. Include in your paragraph an explanation of what you must do to be worthy of revelation through the Holy Ghost.

3. Doctrine and Covenants 121:34–46. Increasing the Power and Blessings of the Priesthood

- a. Make three columns on a sheet of paper and label them like the sample shown below. Read Doctrine and Covenants 121:34–46 and fill in the columns with information you find.

Strengthens Priesthood Power	Weakens Priesthood Power	Blessings That Come from Honoring the Priesthood

further develop some of these characteristics in your own life.

4. Doctrine and Covenants 123. Helping Others Find the Truth

- a. Search Doctrine and Covenants 123:1–10 and list at least four reasons you find for “gathering up” facts, sufferings, and abuses endured by the Latter-day Saints in Missouri.
- b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 123:11–17 and the student manual commentary “D&C 123:11–14: Who Would Benefit by Learning of the Injustices Done to the Saints?” (page 303). Then write answers to the following questions:

- How does the Church today continue to follow the instructions given by the Prophet Joseph Smith in Doctrine and Covenants 123:11–14?
- How should you apply President Spencer W. Kimball’s counsel as you defend the Church from its enemies?
- How can Doctrine and Covenants 123:15–17 inspire you when your efforts to defend the Church seem small in comparison to the forces that oppose it?
- In what ways have you benefitted from someone who defended the teachings or practices of the Church?

- b. Read the student manual commentaries “D&C 121:34: Who Are Those Who Are Called?” “D&C 121:34–40: ‘Why Are They Not Chosen?’” “D&C 121:41–46: A Guide to Increased Priesthood Power and Influence,” and “D&C 121:45: ‘Let Virtue Garnish Thy Thoughts Unceasingly’” (pages 298–300). Add any additional information from these readings to your columns in the preceding assignment.
- c. Think of an individual who you feel exemplifies the qualities you listed in the “Strengthens Priesthood Power” column above. Write a paragraph describing one or several of their actions that have influenced you personally, and include how you might