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## Sacred Places

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Hi there, friend.

It's good to be with you again. I know we're not literally together, but I can feel your spirit reading this as I write it, so there is a real connection between us. Don't worry about the fact that other people might be reading this too. I wrote it and you're reading it, and that is one-on-one :) We're in a sacred place together here.

Maybe thinking about it this way might help you think about your connection with your Heavenly Father. If you and I can connect so rudimentarily through time and space with this email, just imagine how much better you can connect with Him because of His omniscient power. His technology is way better. It's true. He is always sending you messages. Make sure you 'reply' :)

During the pandemic, when we've all been isolated, we've learned how to use our worldly modern technologies and systems to connect and 'be with' each other. Well, here on earth, we're also a bit isolated from God, but he has set up some systems and 'technologies' (if you want to call them that) for us to communicate with Him too. We don't have to know how they work for us to use them (do you really know how your cell phone works? ;)

Prayer is of course, the simplest and easiest way to communicate with our Heavenly Father. We don't know how it works exactly, but if we can get any information in the world from a little device in our pocket, I'm sure our infinite spirit can get messages from its divine parent. We just have to figure out how to tune in, listen, and be in that sacred place with Him.

Sacred places are the 'systems' that help us communicate with God. For the Holy Spirit to do his work, he needs a pure, clean, holy space for divine spiritual communication to occur. Whether that's our mind, our spirit, or the actual physical place we're in, we need to be where we can receive holy messages.

What's awesome is that our Heavenly Father has arranged for wonderful, holy places to be built all over the world for us to have sacred experiences. They are called temples. The temple is a special sacred place, set apart, sanctified, and kept holy, for us to do important work for ourselves and others. The 'work' is actually making covenants. We make sacred covenants or promises to our Father in Heaven, and He promises certain things to us. We do those outside the temple too, like at baptism, and during the Sacrament, but the ones in the temple draw us even closer to God and His presence. That's why we only do them in the temple.

Here's a quote from the Bible Dictionary about temples:

"A temple is literally a house of the Lord, a holy sanctuary in which sacred ceremonies and ordinances of the gospel are performed by and for the living and also in behalf of the dead. A place where the Lord may come, it is the most holy of any place of worship on the earth. Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness." ([Bible Dictionary](#))

Due to the pandemic, the temples have been shut down, limiting us from these experiences, but now they are back open, by appointment, for us to have a sacred place for communication with our Father in Heaven. If you haven't been to the temple yet, let me help you get on that path to make it there. It's totally worth it. And if your temple recommend has expired because the pandemic has discouraged you, schedule an interview with myself or my counselors by contacting Brother Spencer Michael at [spmic@icloud.com](mailto:spmic@icloud.com) . We can help you get back to that wonderful sacred place.

My favorite part about that quote above is that your home is a sacred place too. Remember that as you communicate with Him and each other. He has messages for you.

Thanks for reading this message. It feels sacred to me. Glad you're here.

Take care,

Bishop Williams

P.S.

It's Fast Sunday tomorrow, so we look forward to hearing your testimonies, fasting together, and receiving your sacred fast offerings. They directly help those in need in our ward.

During our second hour we will have Primary Sharing Time and Sunday School for the youth. Links will be shared separately.

Sacrament meeting will be in person and at our regular Zoom link here:

<https://zoom.us/j/92685846361>

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