

2021 Restoration Branch Family Reunion & Conference of Restoration Elders by Vim Horn

The Pastors of Zion (POZ) and the Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) invite all restoration branch saints and priesthood to participate in the 2021 Restoration Branch Family Reunion and Conference of Restoration Elders. The combined reunion and elder's conference will be held at the Center Place Restoration School (CPRS)/Waldo Ave Restoration Branch from June 20 thru 26, 2021. **Please note**—the Reunion is ending this year on Saturday, June 26 at Noon, instead of Friday. **Also this year**, participation in worship services, classes and meetings we will be available virtually. For registration information, go to the CRE website at www.eldersconference.org. Or to register directly, use the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021Reunion-CRE>.

The week will provide opportunity for worship, classes and fellowship for all, as well as the Elders to meet in conference. The theme for the week is:

Standing on the Promises of God—It Is Yet Day When All Can Work *Doctrine and Covenants 140:5c and 142:5a*

In these times, as in all times, we must never lose sight that ***His word and promises will not fail, for the foundation of the Lord standeth sure***. Our hope, is grounded on our trust in the Lord and His promises. Our response must be to address our individual and collective spiritual condition. We must allow His Holy Spirit to prepare and perfect us that the cause of Zion might be realized, being *a people of one heart and one mind*, His mind.

Saints, the hastening of time is upon us. While our hopes may be shaken, and the realization of goals of the Church seem distant, the promise that the accomplishment of them is closer than we recognize is reassuring and should encourage us to respond. ***It is yet day when all can work***.

Below are the daily themes for the week. Each day will focus on a promise from God and our corresponding response or reaction to that promise. The bold non-italicized portions in the scriptures represent God's promises, the italicized portions reflect our response. For expanded versions of the Reunion/Conference themes, please visit the CRE website.

SUNDAY: I Will Be With You – *Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed—Let nothing separate you from each other and the work— Go ye... proclaim my name...that they may receive my word;*

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? ***Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.***

D&C 122:17b *Let nothing separate you from each other and the work* whereunto you have been called; and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power unto the end.

D&C 105:7c ...*go ye, and I will be with you, and in whatsoever place ye shall proclaim my name, an effectual door shall be opened unto you, that they may receive my word;*

MONDAY: I Will Deliver You – *The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit—the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods—great was their faith and their patience— Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them—Call on the name of...God for protection—turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, and put your trust in him, and serve him with all diligence of mind;*

Psalm 34:17-19 *The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.*

2 Kings 37-39 *The statutes...ordinances...law...and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do forevermore;...And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. But the Lord your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.*

Mosiah 11:65 ...so *great was their faith and their patience*, that the voice of the Lord came unto them again, saying, **Be of good comfort, for on the morrow I will deliver you out of bondage.**

Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

3 Nephi 2:77-78 *May the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, protect this people in righteousness, so long as they shall call on the name of their God for protection.*

Mosiah 5:52 *If ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart...put your trust in him, and serve him with all diligence of mind; if ye do this, he will, according to his own will and pleasure, deliver you out of bondage.*

TUESDAY: I Will Be Your Strength – *We did pour out our souls in prayer to God— did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord—I am nothing; as to my strength, I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself but I will boast of my God— my heart trusted in him, and I am helped;*

Alma 26:131-132 *Therefore we did pour out our souls in prayer to God, that he would strengthen us and deliver us out of the hands of our enemies; yea, and also give us strength, that we might retain our cities, and our lands, and our possessions, for the support of our people. Yea, and it came to pass that the Lord our God did visit us with assurances, that he would deliver us; yea, insomuch that he did speak peace to our souls, and did grant unto us great faith, and did cause us that we should hope for our deliverance in him;*

Mosiah 11:64 *Yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.*

Alma 14:92 *Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength, I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God; for in his strength I can do all things; yea, behold, many mighty miracles we have wrought in this land, for which we will praise his name for ever.*

Psalms 28:7-8 *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.*

WEDNESDAY: I Will Answer You – *If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways—Be thou humble— he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry—if two of you shall agree...[and] ask not amiss— Ask of God, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you...*

2 Chronicles 7:12-15 *If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven...*

D&C 105:5a *Be thou humble, and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers. I know thy heart, and have heard thy prayers concerning thy brethren.*

Isaiah 30:19 *For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; thou shalt weep no more; he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.*

Matthew 18:19 *Again, I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, that they may not ask amiss, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 7:12-13 Say unto them, *Ask of God; ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*

THURSDAY: I Will Provide for You – *Take no thought for your life—For all things are mine; but it must needs be done in mine own way...this is the way...that the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low;—Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver—if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God— Seek ye to bring forth the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Luke 12:24-34 *Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on...why take ye thought for the rest?...If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast in the oven; how much more will he provide for you, if ye are not of little faith?...*
D&C 101:2b-g I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and builded the earth as a very handy work; and all things therein are mine; and it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine; but it must needs be done in mine own way; and, behold, *this is the way, that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my saints; that the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low; for the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves...*

Corinthians 9:6-8 *He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;*
1 Nephi 5:50-63 ...great were the blessings of the Lord upon us...And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. *And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them...*

Luke 12:33-34 And ye are sent unto them to be their ministers...*Therefore seek ye to bring forth the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. (See also Matthew 6:26-28, 36-39)*

FRIDAY: I Will Give You Peace – *Rejoice in the Lord always...The Lord is at hand. Be afflicted for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God—Put on therefore, as the elect...bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another...as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness—let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him—Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace...*

Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always... The Lord is at hand. Be afflicted for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 3:12-17 *Put on therefore, as the elect...bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another...as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Psalms 85:7-10 Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but *let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him;*

Romans 14:17-19 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For *he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace...*

SATURDAY: I will always love you – *Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them—He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me—now are we the sons of God—if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another...If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us—he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him...We love him, because he first loved us.*

Deuteronomy 7:6-13 The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people; **But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers...Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them. Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers; And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee;**

John 14:20-21 *...He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

1 John 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...*Beloved, now are we the sons of God...*when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 4:7-12 *Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.* He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

1 John 4:16-19 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and *he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him...We love him, because he first loved us.*