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Hugh Nibley Prayer

Devotional Assembly

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Summary:

This prayer given by Hugh Nibley at a devotional assembly is a plea for the Father's spirit and a humble recognition of the great limits of human knowledge, judgment, and faith.

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HUGH NIBLEY PRAYER
DEVOTIONAL ASSEMBLY

Our Father in Heaven, we thank thee for thy many mercies and kindnesses to us. We thank thee, Father in Heaven, that our lives have been spared, that thou hast lengthened out the hand of thy mercy from day to day, that thou hast prolonged the days of our probation. We thank thee for the church and kingdom which thou has put here. We thank thee that we are here, Father, where we can speak of the things of the kingdom. We thank thee for the restoration of the gospel through the prophets and thy servants in these latter days. We ask thee to bless the leaders of the work at this time. May thy spirit be with President McKay and his counselors and the missionaries and all of those who labor for the upbuilding of Zion. Father, help us that we here also may be aware of a sense of our calling in the work.

We recognize, Father in Heaven, that our knowledge is small, and our faith is weak, that our judgment is faulty, and our memories are leaky and unreliable and that none of us have seen anything but a tiny segment of speculative, tentative, and fragmentary knowledge. So help us to be wise, Father, in the day of our probation, let us not teach with our learning and deny the Holy Ghost, nor take honor of one another.

Father, we thank thee for the gospel and all that it means to us. We thank thee for the speaker who is here today. Bless him that he may instruct us in the nature of this latter-day work more fully through the example of thy first elect in this dispensation, the great Prophet Joseph Smith, who brought forth the work out of darkness and obscurity in these last times; that through his life our testimonies may be strengthened, that we may be strongly moved to do all things with an eye single to thy glory. Be with us now throughout this assembly we ask in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

