

#18: Establish a House of God

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Quotes

- Your future is as bright as your faith. (Pres. Monson).
- Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere. (Albert Einstein)

Intro: 173 years ago today, was the second dedicatory service for the Kirtland temple, the first in our dispensation. Today we will discuss events related to the Kirtland Temple.

Timeline of Key Events Related to Kirtland Temple	
1832 100*	Mar. D&C 79. <i>Jared Carter called on 2nd mission</i> to east. Dec. 27: D&C 88. Build a temple, school of prophets
1833 150	Jan-Mar. School of prophets met. Word of Wisdom and Lectures on Faith. (School 10 days after D&C 88) Mar. 18: First Presidency organized Mar. 23: Agents appointed to buy property for temple, ... May 4: Building committee (Hyrum Smith, <i>Jared Carter</i> , and Reynolds Cahoon) to raise funds and supervise. Jun. 1: D&C 95 explains need and urgency of temple. Jun. 3: First Presidency prayed and <i>saw the temple</i> Fictional Meeting Jun. 5. Land cleared, men start digging trenches Jul. 23, noon. Cornerstone was laid at southeast corner.
1834 400	May 1–June 23. Zion’s camp. 207 men, 11 women, 11 kids <i>Oliver & Sidney stayed for temple. 45 days to travel 1,000 miles. Failure of military objective tried the faith of many. Plague until made covenant to obey commandments.</i> Dec. Joseph and Oliver prayed for help to pay mortgage. John Tanner had a <i>dream</i> that he needed to go to Ohio.
1835 900	Jan. <i>John Tanner loaned</i> Joseph \$2,000 to pay mortgage. Feb. Twelve Apostles and Seventy chosen. 79 of these 82 men were part of Zion’s Camp. March. Apostles sent on missions to Eastern States July. Joseph received Book of Abraham papyrus. Aug.–Sept. Book of Commandments (LF, 1–102) printed
1836 1300	Jan. 18. Hebrew School & School of Elders meet in temple Jan. 21: D&C 137. In the temple, Joseph saw brother Alvin in the celestial kingdom with Adam and Abraham. Jan. 21–Mar. 30: Leaders and other members received washings and anointing in the temple Mar. 27: D&C 109. Solemn Assembly, temple dedication Mar. 28 & 29: Attended Hebrew school in temple. Mar. 30: Washing of feet ordinance, sacrament, blessings Mar. 31: Second temple dedication Apr. 3: D&C 110. Lord, Moses, Elias, and Elijah appear.
1837 1800	US depression. Money problems, lawsuits, mobs, apostasy June 4. Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde sent to England Their future was as bright as their faith.
1838	About 2,000 Saints left Kirtland and 100 stayed.
1842	May 4. First full temple endowments given in Nauvoo
1980	19 operating temples
1997	51 temples. (Oct.) Pres. Hinckley announces small temples
2000	102 temples
2009	May. 129 temples and 17 announced or under construction

* Italicized numbers give LDS population. About 5 per family.

Jared Carter: 2 weeks after returning from 6 month mission, Jared went to Joseph seeking the Lord’s will. Joseph received D&C 79 calling Jared on another mission. “I will send upon him *the Comforter*, which shall teach him the truth and the way whither he shall go.” He will be successful. About 6 weeks later,

Jared and his brother Simeon started a 6 month mission. In Sept. a lame Baptist man attended a meeting to expose the Mormon heresy. He heard Jared preach and took a Book of Mormon home. Jared wrote, “After meeting we baptized. Found while we were here the Lord had mercy upon a lame man ... who ... had been lame for months but we found he was a believer in the Book of Mormon. ... I then took him by the hand and commanded him in the name of Christ to walk.”¹ He rose to his feet, threw down his crutches, and walked ¾ of a mile to a lake where he was baptized by Simeon Carter. (Ivan J. Barrett, 305)

Vision of Temple: “Truman Angell, who was intimately involved with the construction, [quoted **Frederick G. Williams**]: Joseph received the word of the Lord for him to take his two counsellors Williams and Rigdon and come before the Lord and he would show them the plan or model of the House to be built: We went upon our knees, called on the Lord, and the Building appeared within viewing distance: I being the first to discover it. Then all of us view it together. After we had taken a good look at the exterior, the building seem to come right over us, and the Makeup of this Hall seems to coincide with what I there saw to a minutia. Once, while Truman Angell was working on the finishing touches on the first floor of the temple, Frederick G. Williams entered it. When he was asked how it looked to him, ‘he answered that it looked like the model he had seen. He said President Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and himself were called to come before the Lord and the model was shown them. He said the vision of the Temple was thus shown them and he could not see the difference between it and the House as built.’” (Donald W. Parry, ed., *Temples of the Ancient World*, 1994, 160.)

I, Nephi, did not ... build the ship after the manner of men; but I did build it after the manner which the Lord had shown unto me. (1 Ne. 18:2)

Moses saw tabernacle plan. Solomon saw. Ezekiel saw temple plan.

Pres. Hinckley: plan for small temples. Hong Kong temple

John Tanner’s Dream: John was the lame man healed by Jared Carter two years before. In December, 1834, John Tanner “received an impression by dream ... that he was needed and must go immediately to the Church in the West.” He sold his property—several flourishing farms, a hotel, and orchards—loaded his ... family and several neighbors into wagons on Christmas morning, and travelled 500 miles.

John Tanner’s Loan: When he reached Kirtland, about a month later, “he learned that at the time he received the impression that he must move immediately to the body of the Church, the Prophet Joseph Smith and some of the other brethren met in prayer meeting and asked the Lord to send them a brother ... with means to assist them in lifting the mortgage on the farm upon which the temple was then building. On the second day of his arrival in Kirtland, ... he was informed that the mortgage on the temple block was about to be foreclosed. ... He loaned the Prophet \$2,000.00, and took the Prophet’s note at interest. With this amount, the block or farm was redeemed.”² He loaned the temple committee \$13,000 dollars, signed a note for \$30,000 dollars with the Prophet and others for goods purchased in New York, and made “liberal donations” toward the building of the temple. There is no evidence that any of these loans were repaid.

“By 1838 he had sold, loaned, lost, or given to others nearly all of his money and property. ... At the time of the exodus he was so poor that he had to borrow some of the necessities for the journey.” (*Heavens Resound*, 351)

"In 1844, John Tanner was called to take a mission. ... Before starting he went to Nauvoo to see the Prophet, Joseph Smith, whom he met in the street. He held the Prophet's note for \$2,000 loaned in 1835, to redeem the Kirtland Temple farm. ... The Prophet ... asked what he would have him do with it and [he] replied: 'Brother Joseph you are welcome to it.' The Prophet then laid his right hand heavily upon [his] shoulder and said, 'God bless you, ... your children shall never beg for bread.'"³

John Tanner has the largest posterity in the church today. He was baptized by a missionary later apostatized. Five or six general authorities have come from his family.

Fictional meeting (point to 28 year old man in class as Joseph) Imagine that we are in Kirtland for a meeting with Joseph.

Six months ago, the Lord commanded us to build a temple. A few months ago we got a loan to buy the property. Last month we appointed a building committee to raise funds and to supervise construction. A few days ago, I received a revelation the Lord that had some good news and bad news. The good news is that the Lord loves us. The bad news is that he chastened us for a grievous sin. He not pleased with our lack of progress on the temple. He wants "to endow ... [us] with power from on high." (95:8)

Some of you are in favor of building a frame house, but the majority prefers a log house. We are building a house for God not man. I have a plan given by the Lord himself. (refer to plan and compare it to our chapel. Cultural hall plus halls one side and one end.) I know it seems impossible for 30 families to build, but the Lord said, "If you keep my commandments you shall have power to build it." Otherwise, "the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore you shall walk in darkness" (95:12-13).

The temple will cost \$40,000 to \$60,000. We will need tools and skilled workmen. We will send missionaries to request donations from members in the East. We will get loans as needed. Other members will gather here to help us. But for now, we will need your time, money, and skills to get started.

Brothers and young men, we need every wagon to bring stones from the quarry 2 miles away. During the week some will be cutting stone while others are placing the cut stones. I will work in the stone quarry with you. When needed, the wood will be cut from nearby forests, taken to mills, and brought to the temple site. We will need men to guard the temple each night to prevent our enemies from killing us and tearing down the building. As you work on the temple, you will need to have swords and guns with you in case they come during the day. We will often live on hominy and milk with salt when available. Workers may be given some assistance from storehouse.

Sisters and young women, we need you to provide food for the men and to sew clothes for them as needed. Later, we will need your dishes and glassware. They will be pulverized and mixed with the stucco so the walls will glisten in the sun. We will also need you to make the carpets for the floors and large curtains that can be lowered to divide the large rooms into four sections.

We will now pass around a clipboard for you to sign up.

Lord prepared way: Donated labor is not skilled labor.

Hyrum Smith wrote a Canadian convert who was skilled mason and asked him to move to Kirtland (Heavens Resound, 151). On July 13, 1833, Brigham Young returned from a mission to Canada with 20-30 converts. Joseph counseled Brigham, an expert craftsman, to move to Kirtland. The majority of his converts went to Cleveland for work. In 1834 the LDS population was 400 (about 80 families). When Brigham married in 1834, his brother-in-law, Truman O. Angel, an expert craftsman, moved to Kirtland. (Ivan J. Barrett, 229-230)

1. Kirtland, Mar. 27, 1836. Temple dedication

Some people arrived at 7:00 AM. The doors closed at 8:00 when the room was full with about 1000 people. There were about two people per seat. Some were standing. Children were sitting on laps of parents. One man who had donated \$700 got upset because he could not get in and later apostatized. Donations were accepted at the door to help pay the \$13,000 debt and \$963 was collected.

(Playing "Spirit of God" CD)

The hymn, "The Spirit of God Like a fire is burning" was composed by W. W. Phelps for the dedication and has been sung at every dedication since. The fifth verse is no longer sung:

We'll wash and be washed, and with oil be anointed,

Withal not omitting the washing of feet.

For he that receiveth his penny appointed

Must surely be clean at the harvest of wheat. (HC 2:426)

2nd dedication meeting on Thursday for those who couldn't get in.

9:00: Opening hymn. Prayer. Hymn by choir and congregation.

Sermon by Sidney Rigdon (2.5 hours)

Closing hymn: "Now let us rejoice"

Intermission: 20 minutes

Brief address by prophet and sustaining of leaders

Dedicatory prayer (D&C 109) read by the Prophet.

Hymn: "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning"

Vote of priesthood quorums to sustain the dedication.

Sacrament administered to the congregation.

Testimonies: Joseph, Oliver, Fredrick G. Williams, Hyrum Smith.

Closing prayer: Sidney Rigdon

Hosanna (HEB save now) shout and raising of arms

Brigham Young spoke in tongues and David Patten interpreted.

Conclusion: Blessing from Prophet. (Ended at 4:00 PM.)

Eliza R. Snow wrote: "No mortal language can describe the sweet spirit of love and union. No language can describe the heavenly manifestations of that memorable day. A sense of divine presence was realized by all. Each heart was filled with joy inexpressible." (quoted in Studies in Scripture, 1:421-422)

2. As "on the days of Pentecost" (D&C 109:36-37)

Let it be fulfilled upon them, *as upon those on the day of Pentecost*; let the *gift of tongues* be poured out upon thy people, even cloven tongues as of fire, and the *interpretation* thereof. And let thy house be filled, as with a rushing mighty wind, with thy glory. (D&C 109:36-37)

Evening session: Joseph instructed 416 priesthood bearers on the washing of the feet ordinance and on the spirit of prophesy.

"George A. Smith arose and began to prophesy, when a noise was heard like the sound of a rushing mighty wind, which filled the Temple, and all the congregation simultaneously arose, being moved upon by an invisible power; many began to speak in tongues and prophesy; others saw glorious visions; and I beheld the Temple was filled with angels, which fact I declared to the congregation. The people ... came running together (hearing an unusual sound within, and seeing a bright light like a pillar of fire resting upon the Temple), and were astonished at what was taking place. This continued until ... eleven p.m." (HC, 2:428)

"**Lorenzo Snow** ...: 'There we had the gift of prophecy—the gift of tongues—the interpretation of tongues—visions and marvelous dreams were related—the singing of heavenly choirs was heard.. ... The sick were healed—the deaf made to hear—the blind to see and the lame to walk. ... It was plainly manifest that a sacred and divine influence ... pervaded that holy edifice.' The Savior appeared in five different meetings held in the temple.

Visions, including a vision of the Father and Son, were beheld at eight meetings, and the congregation saw heavenly beings or angels in nine meetings. ... Over 1,000 people attended these meetings, many of whom testified to having had sacred experiences and put their observations and feelings in letters and journals.” (Karl Ricks Anderson, *Joseph Smith's Kirtland*, 1989, 170)

3. Kirtland, Apr. 3, 1836. Lord, Moses, Elias, Elijah.

"In the afternoon, I assisted ... in distributing the Lord's Supper to the Church. ... After having performed this service ..., I retired to the pulpit, the veils being dropped, and bowed myself, with Oliver Cowdery, in solemn and silent prayer. After rising from prayer, the following vision was opened to both of us." (110:heading)

1 The veil was taken from our minds, and the eyes of our understanding were opened. We saw the Lord standing ... before us; and ... saying:

4 **I am** the first {creator} and the last {judge};
I am he who liveth {eternal/everlasting; resurrection and life; true and living God},

I am he who was slain {lamb of God};
I am your advocate with the Father. {Redeemer}

Ex. 3:14–15: And God said unto Moses, I AM (‘ehyeh) THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.¹⁵ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD (yēhvāh=nominal form BDB 218b) God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever,

I have accepted this house, and my name shall be here; and I will manifest myself to my people in mercy in this house. Yea, I will appear unto my servants, and speak unto them with mine own voice, if my people will keep my commandments, and do not pollute this holy house.

109:4 ... we ask thee, O Lord, to accept of this house, ... ⁵ and out of our poverty we have given of our substance to build a house to thy name, that the Son of Man might have a place to manifest himself to his people.

Name → his priesthood and power (Abr. 1:18)

Moses in tabernacle

Person	Keys restored
Moses	Gathering of Israel; lead 10 tribes from <i>land of the north</i>
<i>Elias</i>	Dispensation of the gospel of Abraham; <i>eternal increase</i>
Elijah	Sealing power; turn hearts of “children to <i>the fathers</i> ”

GATHERING

We know *where* the 10 tribes are; we just don't know *who* they are. They are scattered among every nation.

From north: (1) scattered predominately in northern countries. (2) Armies came from the north and returned to the north. (3) *north* → evil. Ancients faced east not north to orient themselves on maps. The south was on right hand (source of good) and north was on left hand (source of evil, armies,...). (Robinson)

(Deut. 30:1–6) **Moses** :When all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,² And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;³ That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.⁴ If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence

will he fetch thee:⁵ And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.⁶ And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Ezra Taft Benson: Before Joseph Smith was killed, he dispatched a Jewish apostle by the name of Orson Hyde to dedicate the land of Palestine for the return of the Jews. This concern for a homeless people and the sending of this apostle was done at a time when the Mormons themselves were virtually homeless, having been dispossessed of their lands and possessions in Missouri. Orson Hyde left on his assignment in the fall of 1840. He arrived in Palestine in October 1841. On October 24, 1841, he ascended the Mount of Olives all alone, built an altar to the Lord, and offered a dedicatory prayer. ... This was said at a time when Jewish immigration was but a trickle. Today the gathering has been realized in part with over three million Jews back in the land of their fathers. (*Ensign*, Dec. 1976, 68)

ELIAS

Joseph Fielding Smith: Elias is Noah/Gabriel (Lk 1:11, 19, 26-27; D&C 27:6-7) (*Answers... 3:139–141*)

Bruce R. McConkie: We know not who he was in mortality. There were many prophets who bore that name and title. One was Noah. Apparently this Elias lived in the day of Abraham, and may even have been Abraham himself.

JMcC 892: It could have been Abraham or Melchizedek

Binding families requires

1. Melch. Priesthood
2. Keys or permission
3. Sealing power of Elijah
4. Sealed by Holy Spirit of Promise

4. Dedication week parallels

Mar. 27: Palm Sunday. Temple dedication; Hosanna shouts	Savior's triumphal entry as multitudes shouted Hosanna.
Mar. 30–31: Washing of feet; Second temple dedication	Thurs. Last Supper. Jesus washes feet of apostles.
Apr. 3: Easter Sunday. Jesus comes to temple; keys restored	Priests wave “first fruits.” Jesus resurrected and seen by many.

5. Faith precedes the miracle

Faith cometh not by signs, but signs follow those that believe. Yea, signs come by faith, not by the will of men, nor as they please, but by the will of God. (D&C 63:9–10)

Elder Nelson: SWK asked if he had the time to be stake pres. He said, No. but I have the faith. Many blessings came as a result.

Faith in Christ = hear and obey commandments, keep covenants
 Covenants help us overcome “natural man” temptations: money, power, lusts of flesh, fame (honors of men)

Covenants

Obedience = sign of faith in and love of God. Commandments or promptings contrary to our desires or expectations try our faith.

- Naaman: bathe 7 times in river Jordan.
- Jewish king, Asa, died from a disease because “he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.” (2 Chr. 16:12)
- Lord prepared Elder Nelson for surgery on Pres. Kimball.
- Which would try faith? Prompting to go or not go to doctor
- Fredrick Babel: To get well, ask forgiveness (Susan Heinz talk)
- Christy Rae: many blessings but did not do. Lacked faith
- Tom’s eyes improved after short time loss of eyesight.

Long time to open some gifts of the Spirit.

- Sister LM cried after 3 days ‘cuz she couldn’t speak French. No effort gift of tongues does not last..
- Elder Ellsworth: long not short time recovery. 4 months to return on crutches. MPres challenge to stop using crutches.
- Elder Nelson’s gift to heal required much time and faith to open

Kirtland saints: 2.5 years to build temple in tough times.

One donor apostatized because he couldn’t attend dedication.

Zion’s camp: Military objective failed. Joseph: “God did not want you to fight. He could not organize his kingdom with twelve men to open the gospel door to the nations of the earth, and with seventy men under their direction to follow in their tracks, unless he took them from a body of men who had offered their lives, and who had made as great a sacrifice as did Abraham.” (*Our Heritage*, 29)

Sacrifice: willing to give property and live to sustain and defend

Flip side of obedience coin; Give offerings → sacrifice

- Jewish sacrifices provided food/sustenance for priests and money for temple costs. Willing to fight for kingdom.
- Moroni & army fought, Parents of sons of Helaman sustained.
- Kirtland saints: gave time and money to sustain Church leaders and projects. Worked on wall with weapons, night guards
- Zion’s camp

Gospel: (D&C 42) How we treat and talk about others. Not kill, steal, lie, adultery, speak evil, harm. Love spouse. Help poor, sick, needy. No idleness, pride, contention, fault finding, backbiting.

Obtain money/power legally and morally. Obey law of land (respect life, liberty, property of others).

How do we treat and talk about others especially when they are absent? Do we respect their life, liberty, property, contracts, covenants, and agency? Do we only believe in the agency of others when they say and do what we like? Are we more friendly, courteous, and kind to others than to our family?

Chastity: Bridle or guide desires and passions.

Keep desires and passions within bounds. Lusts of flesh.

Consecration: Use time, money, etc. to build up kingdom (preach gospel, redeem dead), and to establish righteousness (perfect the saints). Accept and magnify callings. Offerings.

6. Quotes

President Howard W. Hunter: Consider the majestic teachings in the great dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple, a prayer the Prophet Joseph Smith said was given to him by revelation. It is a prayer that continues to be answered upon us individually, upon us as families, and upon us as a people because of the priesthood power the Lord has given us to use in His holy temples.

“And now, Holy Father,” pleaded the Prophet Joseph Smith, “we ask thee to assist us, thy people, with thy grace ... that we

may be found worthy, in thy sight, to secure a fulfillment of the promises which thou hast made unto us ... in the revelations given unto us; That thy glory may rest down upon thy people. ...

“We ask thee ... that thy servants may go forth from this house armed with thy power, and that thy name may be upon them, and thy glory be round about them, and thine angels have charge over them; And ... they may bear exceedingly great and glorious tidings ... unto the ends of the earth, that they may know that this is thy work, and that thou hast put forth thy hand, to fulfil that which thou hast spoken ... concerning the last days. ...

“We ask thee to appoint unto Zion other stakes ... that the gathering of thy people may roll on in great power and majesty, that thy work may be cut short in righteousness. ...

“And may all the scattered remnants of Israel, who have been driven to the ends of the earth, come to a knowledge of the truth, believe in the Messiah, and be redeemed from oppression. ...

“Remember all thy church, O Lord, with all their families, and all their immediate connections, with all their sick and afflicted ones, with all the poor and meek of the earth; that the kingdom, which thou hast set up without hands, may become a great mountain and fill the whole earth; ...

“That when the trump shall sound for the dead, we shall be caught up in the cloud to meet thee, that we may ever be with the Lord” (D&C 109:10–12, 22–23, 59, 67, 72, 75).

Has there ever been a people with such stirring and wonderful promises! ... Truly, the Lord desires that His people be a temple-motivated people. It would be the deepest desire of my heart to have every member of the Church be temple worthy. I would hope that every adult member would be worthy of—and carry—a current temple recommend. ...

Let us be a temple-attending and a temple-loving people. Let us hasten to the temple as frequently as time and means and personal circumstances allow. Let us go not only for our kindred dead, but let us also go for the personal blessing of temple worship, for the sanctity and safety which is provided within those hallowed and consecrated walls. The temple is a place of beauty, it is a place of revelation, it is a place of peace. It is the house of the Lord. It is holy unto the Lord. It should be holy unto us. (*Ensign*, Oct 1994, 2)

President Ezra Taft Benson: “When you attend the temple and perform the ordinances that pertain to the House of the Lord, certain blessings will come to you: You will receive the spirit of Elijah, which will turn your hearts to your spouse, to your children, and to your forebears. You will love your family with a deeper love than you have loved before. You will be endowed with power from on high as the Lord has promised. You will receive the key of the knowledge of God. (See D&C 84:19) You will learn how you can be like Him. Even the power of godliness will be manifest to you. (See D&C 84:20) You will be doing a great service to those who have passed to the other side of the veil in order that they might be ‘judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.’ (D&C 138:34) Such are the blessings of the temple and the blessings of frequently attending the temple.” (*Ensign*, Aug 1985, p10)

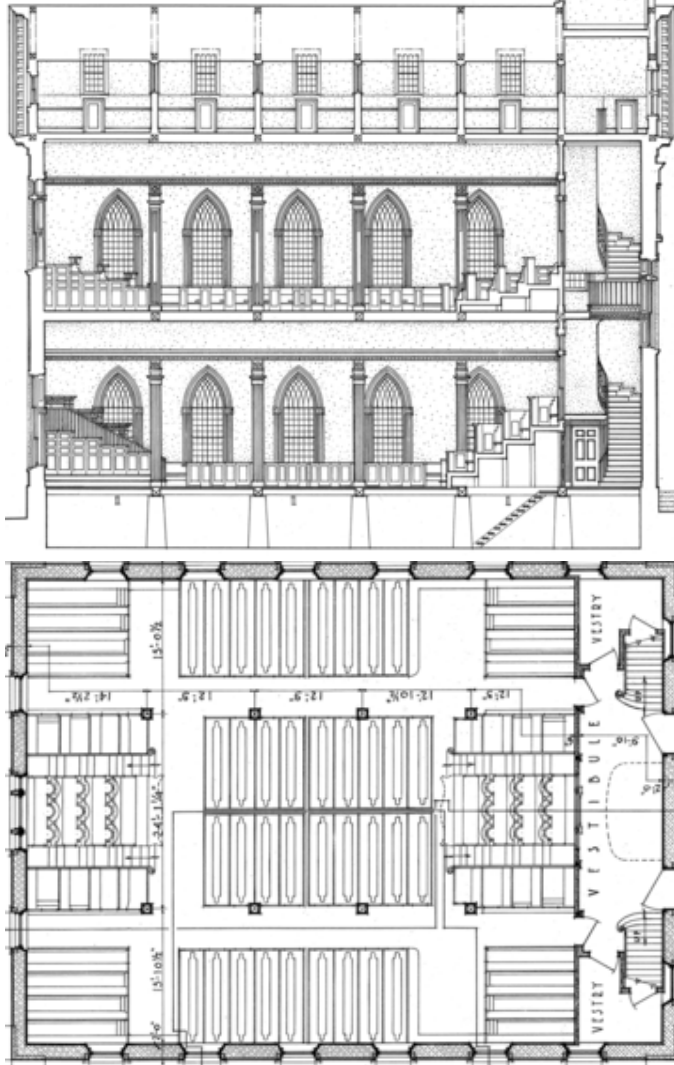
Conclusion

Little Red Hen

Who wants to help me build temple? Who wants to attend 7 hour dedication? Who wants to see visions and witness gifts of spirit? Who wants to attend temple? Who wants blessings of temple attendance?

7. Kirtland Temple Plans and Construction

Two main rooms= 55' by 65' (22' high)
 Exterior= 80' by 59' (60' high)
 Tower = 110' high
 Walls= 2' thick sandstone, stucco, painted lines
 Roof= hand split cedar shale
 Attic has 5 long rooms
 Large curtains could be lowered to divide rooms.
 Bench seats could move to face either direction.



Verse 1

*The Spirit of God like a fire is burning;
 The latter day glory begins to come forth;
 The visions and blessings of old are returning;
 The angels are coming to visit the earth.*

Chorus

*We'll sing and we'll shout with the armies of heaven:
 Hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb!
 Let glory to them in the highest be given,
 Henceforth and forever: amen and amen!*

Verse 2

*The Lord is extending the saints' understanding—
 Restoring their judges and all as at first;
 The knowledge and power of God are expanding
 The vail o'er the earth is beginning to burst.*

Verse 3

*We call in our solemn assemblies, in spirit,
 To spread forth the kingdom of heaven abroad,
 That we through our faith may begin to inherit
 The visions, and blessings, and glories of God.*

Verse 4

*We'll wash and be wash'd, and with oil be anointed
 Withal not omitting the washing of feet:
 For he that receiveth his PENNY appointed,
 Must surely be clean at the harvest of wheat.*

The phrase "PENNY appointed" is a reference to the parable of the laborer in the vineyard (Matt 20:1-16). In this parable, laborers who start working during the eleventh hour receive the same reward of a penny as do the laborers who have been working from the very beginning.

Verse 5

*Old Israel that fled from the world for his freedom,
 Must come with the cloud and the pillar, amain:
 A Moses, and Aaron, and Joshua lead him,
 And feed him on manna from heaven again.*

Verse 6

*How blessed the day when the lamb and the lion
 Shall lie down together without any ire;
 And Ephraim be crown'd with his blessing in Zion,
 As Jesus descends with his chariots of fire!*

¹ Tanner, George Shepherd, *John Tanner and His Family*, p. 53.

² Ibid, p. 74-75.

³ Ibid, p. 103.