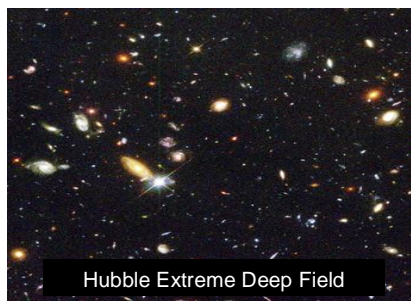


Psalms 8:1-4 O Lord...how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! Who has set Thy Glory above the heavens...when I consider Thy Heavens, the Work of Thy Fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained...what is man, that Thou art mindful of him?

How can we stay humble? Contemplate the Majesty and Glory of God! Consider the Heavens and declare--there is no end to His Work!

Recent images from the Hubble telescope into an area in the solar system that mankind considered empty, thinking they might have reached an end, discovered otherwise. After eleven days of the Hubble absorbing light, they found galaxy upon galaxy! (Each light pictured below is a galaxy.)

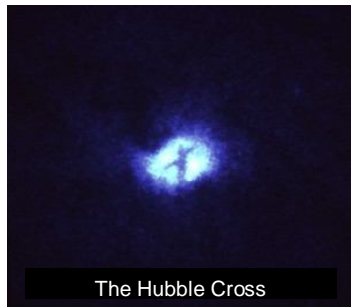
We are a blessed generation to have such proofs of God's creative power. Oh, how humble we should be!



Hubble Extreme Deep Field



The Spiral Galaxy



The Hubble Cross

They have discovered the "whirlpool" galaxy. In its center they found a beautiful testimony of our God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

The Hubble Cross: It is as if God has placed His "Maker's Stamp" upon the universe.

Humility is the right understanding of who we are before God. We are truly humbled as we consider the Glory, Majesty and all-encompassing Power of God and ALL of His Creation. In all this Majesty He created each one of us--His children--and He loves each one of us so much that He came and died for us; then He rose again that we, too, will have life everlasting. There is no greater love than this! Let us come before Him always in humility and praise!

May you each be inspired to re-read the full devotionals from 2015 (www.ogrb.org Resource Page). Let us put the actions the Patriarchs recommended into our lives--for the cause of Zion!

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Stepping Stones for Spiritual Growth



Jesus Christ Set the Example for Us

Preparation Guide for March Women's Devotionals:

We must become humble and repentant, for we are all sinners--every one. Do not listen to the great lie that Satan often whispers in a Christian's ears: "You should be proud of yourself, you're really 'pretty good folks' unlike the other sinners in the world!" Humility and repentance are vital to our spiritual well-being, as outlined in the "core" --important ingredient-- in each one of these Scriptures:

3 Nephi 5:49-50 Steps to Salvation

D&C 11:4-5 Involved in Kingdom-building

Alma 10:6-7 Dwell in God's Kingdom and Enter into His rest

D&C 28:1-2 Great promises to those who humble themselves

Sixth thing listed in the guide prepared by the Patriarchs of the church: "Am I willing to truly enter into the depths of humility?"

Action = "Begin to keep a diary, by writing down the blessings we have received and how God's hand has always been in our lives. Thank God every day for the manner in which He has blessed us. Share these testimonies with others."

Read D&C 5:5b

Week #1 March

We desire in our hearts to be humble. Lord, help us to do this with eagerness and with no degree of hesitation.

Alma 16:151 ...if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon My words, and exercise a particle of faith, Yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, Even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of My words.

By immersing “self” in His Word, we grow! **Humility IS:**

Wisdom, joy, righteousness, lowly in heart, broken heart and contrite spirit, meek, submitting our will to God’s will, thankful for blessings, repentant, prayerful, fasting, lifting our voices in praises!

Helaman 2:31 Nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, ...purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, ...which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God.

Let us rejoice in God’s many blessings and ask Him to reveal to us specific ways to humble ourselves!

Also read Alma 16:136

Week #2 March

Words to a classic hymn:

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee. I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk--let me walk close to Thee.”

Ether 5:28 I give unto men weakness that they may be humble...then will I make weak things become strong unto them.

Recognizing in our lives what **humility IS NOT** can lead us to repentance, humbling ourselves, and receiving the Lord’s help in removing these obstacles:

Mosiah 1:118 danger to soul

Alma 3:50 unprepared

Alma 4:3-4 names blotted out

Mormon 2:54 divine justice

2 Nephi 8:25 not forgiven

Other attributes stubborn, puffed-up, do not visit the sick nor impart substance, stony heart, perish

Let us begin to identify all areas in our lives lacking humility, even in our afflictions and weaknesses.

Expect great joy when we embark on this transforming journey of humility--yielding our hearts to God!

Also read Alma 16:127

Week #3 March

Read Hymn #101 (Tan):

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”

1 John 3:2-3; Moroni 7:53 ...when He shall appear we shall be like Him, ...that we may be purified even as he is pure.

Jesus Christ is our EXAMPLE. He is meek and lowly, submitted fully to the Father, suffered for joy set before Him, joy when He comes for His church, learn by things suffered, obedient, no reputation, a servant.

2 Nephi 13:6; Hebrews 12:2 He humbleth Himself before the Father.

2 Nephi 13:9; Ether 5:40 If we are His, we must be like Him.

Matthew 16:25-26; Mark 8:36, Luke 9:23 Take up your cross (spiritual) and deny self.

Read Hymn #32 (Blue):Come learn of the meek and lowly, come sit at the Master’s feet; No place in the world so holy, no place in the world so sweet. His lessons are plain and simple, a balm to the wounded breast; He maketh our burdens lighter, and giveth His children rest.”

Rejoice! He will appear and we can be like Him!

Also read Philippians 2:7-10

Week #4 March

Read Hymn #84 (Tan):

All to Jesus I surrender; All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow... I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.”

Hebrews 12:2 For the joy that was set before Him [HE] endured the cross, despising the same....

What is my **RESPONSE?** Will I surrender all to Him?

Acknowledge His blessings; salvation/transformation; He makes weak things strong; humbled by Word of God.

No doubts; no wavering; breath of life--blessed in spite of ourselves!

Righteous judgment; submissive to all things inflicted; bear burdens with much patience; learn humility through suffering.

He will lift us up! Praise and worship Him! Trust Him through our sincere fasting and prayers.

Again, count it all joy!

Also read James 1:2