

[Lesson 1](#): “This Is My Work and My Glory” (See L1 [Study Guide](#))

**Purpose:** To help us understand that (1) we are children of God, (2) we can resist Satan’s temptations, and (3) God’s work and glory is to bring to pass our immortality and eternal life.

†Ted1. Ted L. Gibbons

†Ted2. Ted L. Gibbons

- Read Moses 1:6, 20-22, 39 and identify important truths that are revealed.

### 1. God teaches that Moses is a son of God.

- [Moses 1:1-7](#). What did Moses learn about himself?
- Moses 1:6. What does it mean that Moses was created “in the similitude” of the Savior? What difference can it make in our lives to know that we are children of God, in the similitude of his Son?

†1. Elder Dallin H. Oaks

“By repeatedly calling Moses ‘my son’ and by saying that he was created ‘in the similitude of mine Only Begotten,’ God gave Moses confidence and an understanding of his worth.” (*Lesson Manual*)

How can following this principle help us as parents, husbands and wives, and friends?

In “a world where criticism and negative, demeaning comments seem to dominate, we should follow the Lord’s example and say things that help others see themselves as children of God”. (*Lesson Manual*)

- [Moses 1:10](#). “Now for this cause I know that man is nothing”. †2. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf †3. Ezra Taft Benson

### 2. Satan confronts Moses; Moses casts him out.

- [Moses 1:12](#). “Satan came tempting him, saying: Moses, son of man, worship me.”

Why do you think Satan called Moses “son of man”?

Why does Satan want us to doubt or disregard that we are children of God?

How does he try to do this?

- [Moses 1:13](#). How did Moses respond when Satan called him “son of man”?

How can a strong testimony that we are sons and daughters of God help us resist temptation?

- [Moses 1:16, 18, 20, 21](#). How many times did Moses tell Satan to depart?

What does this teach us about resisting Satan’s efforts?

- [Moses 1:18, 20-21](#). How did Moses receive strength to resist the temptations of Satan?

How did Moses get Satan to leave? How can prayer strengthen us to resist temptation?

What else can we do to gain this strength?

### 3. God appears again and teaches of his work and glory.

- [Moses 1:24-28](#). “And he beheld also the inhabitants thereof, and there was not a soul which he beheld not”.

- [Moses 1:35](#). “And there are many ... and innumerable are they unto man, but all things ... are mine and I know them.”

How have you come to feel that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ know you individually and love you?

- [Moses 1:39](#). “For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.”

†4. Elder James E. Faust

†5. President David O. McKay

†6. Elder James E. Faust

Why is it important for us to know and remember the nature of God’s work and glory?

What are some specific ways we can assist him in this great work?

†7. President Gordon B. Hinckley

Next Week: L2: “Thou Wast Chosen Before Thou Wast Born;” [Class Member Study Guide](#).

(You can download a free LDS Institute manual at: [Old Testament Manual: Religion 301 and 302](#).) † •

†1. **Elder Dallin H. Oaks:** “Consider the power of the idea taught in our beloved song ‘I Am a Child of God.’ ... Here is the answer to one of life’s great questions, ‘Who am I?’ I am a child of God with a spirit lineage to heavenly parents. That parentage defines our eternal potential. That powerful idea is a potent antidepressant. It can strengthen each of us to make righteous choices and to seek the best that is within us. Establish in the mind of a ... person the powerful idea that he or she is a child of God, and you have given self-respect and motivation to move against the problems of life” (“[Powerful Ideas](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 25).

†2. **President Dieter F. Uchtdorf:** “But even though man is nothing, it fills me with wonder and awe to think that “the worth of souls is great in the sight of God.

“And while we may look at the vast expanse of the universe and say, “What is man in comparison to the glory of creation?” God Himself said we are the reason He created the universe! His work and glory—the purpose for this magnificent universe—is to save and exalt mankind (Moses 1:38-39). In other words, the vast expanse of eternity, the glories and mysteries of infinite space and time are all built for the benefit of ordinary mortals like you and me. Our Heavenly Father created the universe that we might reach our potential as His sons and daughters.

“This is a paradox of man: compared to God, man is nothing; yet we are everything to God. While against the backdrop of infinite creation we may appear to be nothing, we have a spark of eternal fire burning within our breast. We have the incomprehensible promise of exaltation—worlds without end—within our grasp. And it is God’s great desire to help us reach it.” (“[You Matter to Him](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 2011)

†3. **Ezra Taft Benson:** “The Lord has made it very clear that no man can assist with this work unless he is humble and full of love. Humility does not mean timidity. Humility does not mean fear. Humility does mean weakness. You can be humble and still be courageous. You can be humble and still be vigorous and strong and fearless... Humility is an acknowledged recognition of our dependence on a higher power.” (*Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, pp. 119, 369)

†4. **Elder James E. Faust:** “There is a distinction between immortality, or eternal existence, and eternal life, which is to have a place in the presence of God. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, immortality comes to all ... , just or unjust, righteous or wicked. However, eternal life is ‘the greatest of all the gifts of God’ ([D&C 14:7](#)). We obtain this great gift, according to the Lord, ‘if you keep my commandments and

endure to the end.’ If we so endure, the promise is, ‘you shall have eternal life’ ([D&C 14:7](#))” (“[The Supernal Gift of the Atonement](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1988, 12).

†5. **President David O. McKay:** “The world would never have been stirred by men with such wavering, doubting, despairing minds as the apostles possessed on the day of the crucifixion.

“What was it that suddenly changed these disciples to confident, fearless, heroic preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ? It was the revelation that Christ had risen from the grave. His promises had been kept, his Messianic mission fulfilled. In the words of an eminent writer, ‘The final and absolute seal of genuineness has been put on all his claims and the indelible stamp of divine authority upon all his teachings. The gloom of death had been banished by the glorious light of the presence of their Risen, Glorified Lord and Savior.’

“On the evidence of these unprejudiced, unexpectant, incredulous witnesses, faith in the resurrection has its impregnable foundation.” (*Treasures of Life*, comp. Clare Middlemiss, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1962, pp. 15–16 in “[The Supernal Gift of the Atonement](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1988.)

†6. **Elder James E. Faust:** “Like the Apostles of old, this knowledge and belief should transform all of us to be confident, settled, unafraid, and at peace in our lives as followers of the divine Christ. It should help us carry all burdens, bear any sorrows, and also fully savor all joys and happiness that can be found in this life. The disciples who walked with the Savior on the road to Emmaus said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?’ ([Luke 24:32](#).) No wonder they entreated him, ‘Abide with us: for it is toward evening,’ and he ‘sat at meat with them.’ ([Luke 24:29–30](#).) They sought to savor those precious moments and feelings.” (“[The Supernal Gift of the Atonement](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1988)

#### Recommended reading:

1. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “[You Matter to Him](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 2011.
2. Elder James E. Faust, “[The Supernal Gift of the Atonement](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1988, 12.

#### Recommended Media:

1. Video: [Many Plain and Precious Things](#) (4:32)
2. Video: “[This Is My Work and Glory](#)” (1:05)
3. Video: [I Am a Son of God](#) (6:30)
4. Video: [God Is Our Father](#) (3:05)

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**†7. President Gordon B. Hinckley:** “We are here to assist our Father in His work and His glory, ‘to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man’ (Moses 1:39). Your obligation is as serious in your sphere of responsibility as is my obligation in my sphere. No calling in this church is small or of little consequence. All of us in the pursuit of our duty touch the lives of others. To each of us in our respective responsibilities the Lord has said: ... ‘In doing these things thou wilt do the greatest good unto thy fellow beings, and wilt promote the glory of him who is your Lord’ ([D&C 81:4](#))” (“[This Is the Work of the Master](#),” *Ensign*, May 1995, 71; see also [D&C 81:5–6](#)).

**†Ted1. Ted L. Gibbons:** “The Old Testament is a volume for the ages. For more than 4000 years, the books that it contains comprised the only scriptural witness of Christ, the atonement, and the work and glory of the Father and the Son.

“It is filled and bursting with lessons for life, showing us from the beginning to the end both the folly and the decency of men, and the undeviating goodness of God. In the book we see the children of God at their very best and at their very worst, we see prophets and prodigals, watchmen and witnesses, infidels and apostates, spectacular kings and fallen kings, children of promise and power, and women of unsurpassed grace and holiness.

“I am aware (in part because of the hundreds of emails that have come to me in the past two weeks) that many of you feel some trepidation about teaching this book. Of all the scriptural texts, it is the least studied, and perhaps the least appreciated. But let me assure you that that very condition will be a blessing to you. There are, truthfully, hundreds of stories and lessons in this great book that nearly everyone will find unfamiliar. It’s very obscurity provides a wonderful opportunity for teachers and for students to learn lessons in unexpected places and ways.

“You will have at least four sources for understanding this book this year. The first and most important will be the book itself. Decide now, whether or not you have ever done it before, to read it this year—all of it: every page, every chapter, every verse. The second will be the whisperings of the Holy Spirit as you study. If you can find a way to combine the first (the scriptures) with the second (the Spirit), you will have experiences with the Old Testament that will enrich your life a thousand times. The third is the Sunday School class taught in your ward or branch. The lessons given there will be drawn from a manual prepared by church members called and set apart to that work, a manual reviewed, corrected, and approved by members of the correlation committee, the Quorum of the Twelve, and other General Authorities. The fourth will be extraneous sources, including these cyberspace Sunday School lessons.

“Do not get the sequence wrong! If you must choose between these lessons and the ones taught in your Sunday School, turn off your computer and go to Church! And for heaven’s sake do not let these lessons take the place of your personal study of the scriptures! I intend to immerse the paragraphs of these lessons in scriptural fountains, but they will not take the place of the pure and undiluted words of the prophets. As David wrote, ‘The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.’” (Psalm 12:6) I could never make a claim like that. ([O.T. Lesson #1](#) “THIS IS MY WORK AND MY GLORY”)

**†Ted2. Ted L. Gibbons:** “I always commence teaching the Old Testament in the same way. I bring in a box of odds and ends and place them on my desk. I ask for two volunteers, and when they come to the front, I show them the box, tell them they have two minutes, and sit down. The responses vary. Nearly all ask what they are supposed to do. I never respond. Some then stand and wait, others begin to remove items from the box and make an attempt to build something—anything—with the materials that are there.

“After two minutes, I invite the builders to sit and then ask them to describe their experience. Without exception they speak of the difficulty of proceeding effectively without knowing precisely what they are to do.

“Sometimes, at this point, I show on overhead transparencies the rules for various parlor games. Near the beginning of almost every set of rules can be found a section called something like **Object of the Game**, wherein the manufacturer and designer of the game tell the players what they are trying to accomplish.

“And then, finally this question: ‘What is missing from the Old Testament?’ By now the answer is obvious. Without Moses 1, participants in mortality begin to study and participate in the work of God without knowing what they are trying to accomplish. How grateful we should be for the Joseph Smith Translation, and particularly for the wonderful work done by that translation in the early chapters of Genesis.” ([O.T. Lesson #1](#) “THIS IS MY WORK AND MY GLORY”)

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