

The Three Kingdoms of Glory

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The extent of our obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel determines the glory we will receive after we are resurrected. Encourage class members to have as their goal exaltation in the highest kingdom, the celestial kingdom, where we can experience a fulness of happiness.

True or False

1) After we have been resurrected and judged, each of us will dwell in one of three kingdoms of glory.	TRUE John 14:2
2) God has already determined which kingdom each of us will inherit, no matter what we do.	FALSE D&C 58:27-2
3) All you have to do to get to the celestial kingdom is say that you believe in Jesus Christ.	FALSE Moroni 10:32 Alma 3:26
4) To be damned is to be stopped or held back from blessings we might have received if we had obeyed God's commandments.	TRUE D&C 82:10
5) Hell is a place of never-ending suffering where sinners go. Most of mankind will be there forever because of their wickedness.	FALSE D&C 138:29-34 D&C 76:81-85, 98-106
6) A great multitude of Heavenly Father's children will dwell in the celestial kingdom.	TRUE Revelation 7:9-10
7) There are three degrees of glory in the celestial kingdom. In order to receive the highest of these degrees, a person must be sealed to his or her spouse in the temple.	TRUE D&C 131:1-4 D&C 76:56, 94; D&C 131; 132:19-20
8) God loves all his children and will give them the greatest reward that they have prepared for through their obedience and their faith in Jesus Christ.	TRUE D&C 76:89

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Class members may ask questions that you are unable to answer. If this happens, tell them that you do not know the answer to the question but will try to find an answer (see Teaching—No Greater Call, 85). Then follow up on your promise, and be sure to tell class members the answer to the question when you have found it. If in your study you find that an answer to the question has not been revealed, avoid speculation. In such a circumstance, follow up on your promise by telling class members that the answer has not been revealed.

GROUP ACTIVITY

- Divide class members into three groups. Have the **first group read about the telestial kingdom** (see [Doctrine and Covenants 76:81–83, 98–103](#)).
- Have the **second group read about the terrestrial kingdom** (see [Doctrine and Covenants 76:71–80](#)).
- Have the **third group read about the celestial kingdom** (see [Doctrine and Covenants 76:50–70; 137:7–10](#)).

Ask the group members to work together to find information about the people who will dwell in each of the kingdoms of glory. Encourage them to mark words or phrases that they think are important. **Give them four or five minutes to work together.** Then list on the chalkboard the qualifications they have found.

3 Degrees of Glory

WHO WILL INHERIT TELESTIAL GLORY?

- **(D&C 76:81–83, 98–103)**
 - A. Reject the gospel (D&C 76:82, 101).
 - B. Reject the testimony of Jesus (D&C 76:82–83, 101).
 - C. Are liars, sorcerers, adulterers, and whoremongers (D&C 76:103).

WHO WILL INHERIT TERRESTRIAL GLORY?

- **(D&C 76:71–80)**
 - A. Reject the gospel in this life but receive it in the spirit world (D&C 76:71–74).
 - B. Are honorable but are blinded by the craftiness of men (D&C 76:75).
 - C. Are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus (D&C 76:79).

HOW CAN WE INHERIT CELESTIAL GLORY?

- **(D&C 76:50–70)**
 - A. Receive the testimony of Jesus (D&C 76:51).
 - B. Be baptized by one with priesthood authority (D&C 76:51).
 - C. Keep the commandments (D&C 76:52).
 - D. Receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (D&C 76:52–53)
 - E. Overcome the world by faith (D&C 76:53).
 - F. Be made perfect through the Atonement of Jesus Christ (D&C 76:69).

WHO ELSE WILL INHERIT CELESTIAL GLORY?

- **(D&C 137:7–10)**
 - G. Die without a knowledge of the gospel but “would have received it with all their hearts” (D&C 137:7–9).
 - H. “Die before they arrive at the years of accountability” (D&C 137:10).

Testimony: A Perfect Life?

D&C
76:69-70

2 NE 25:23
AOF 1:3

- No one but Jesus Christ will ever lead a perfect life
- Since we cannot be perfect ourselves, we must be “made perfect”

