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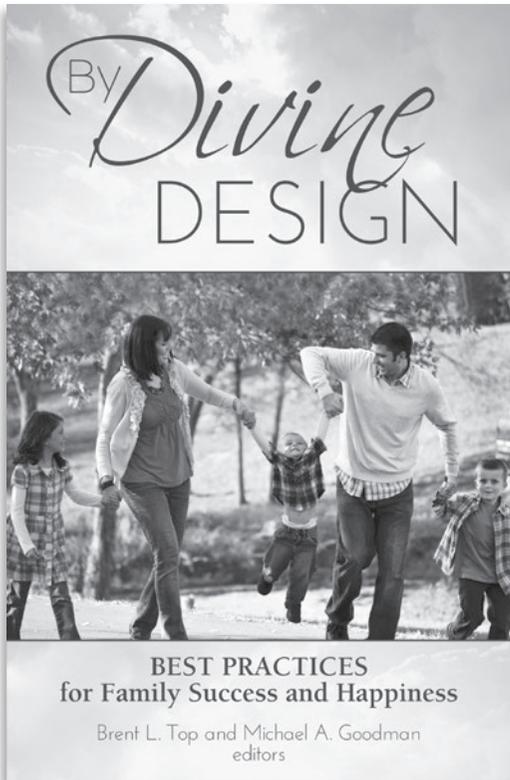
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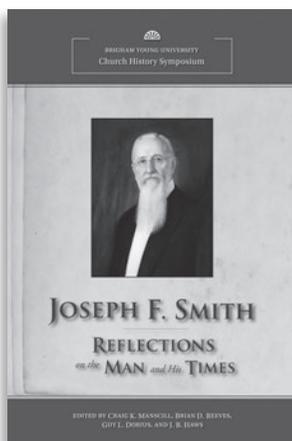


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Edited by Brent L. Top
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The prophets of God continually raise their warning voices and lovingly give counsel to strengthen our families and heighten the spirituality of our children. This is a gospel-centered “best practices” book for husbands and wives, fathers and mothers that is founded on prophetic teachings and substantiated by good science. This book will help readers gain new and important insights about our most important responsibilities in time and eternity—our families.

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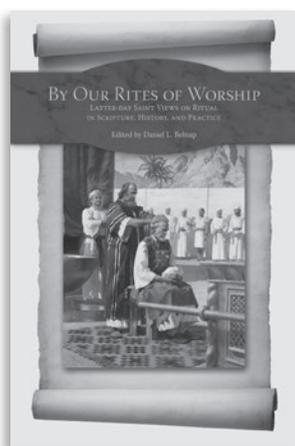
Joseph F. Smith Reflections on the Man and His Times

Edited by Craig K. Manscill, Brian D. Reeves, Guy L. Dorius, and J. B. Haws

This book is a compilation of presentations from a BYU Church History Symposium. It features more than twenty messages about the life of Joseph F. Smith, including chapters by Elder M. Russell Ballard and Joseph Fielding McConkie. This book highlights aspects of President Smith's life, including his boyhood and adolescence, his family and personal relationships, his doctrinal contributions, Church

government, and initiatives taken during his presidency in education, building construction, building the Laie Hawaii Temple, creation of the seminary program, and public outreach. Elder Ballard, a great-grandson of Joseph F. Smith, describes how the Lord prepared President Smith to lead the Church.

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By Our Rites of Worship: Latter-day Saint Views on Ritual in History, Scripture, and Practice

Edited by Daniel L. Belnap

While negative meanings are often attached to the words *rite* and *ritual*, these terms simply mean “with correct religious procedure; in the manner required, properly, duly, correctly, rightly, fittingly.” Thus, the term perfectly describes an array of practices within our church, including baptism, the laying on of hands, and temple ordinances. This book explores the relationship between the performance of priesthood ordinances

(or rituals) and the power of godliness that is mentioned in Doctrine and Covenants 84. The book covers rituals in both the ancient and modern world.

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2014 BYU Religious Education Student Symposium

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BYU Church History Symposium

BYU's Department of Church History and Doctrine and the BYU Religious Studies Center will join with the LDS Church History Department to sponsor the BYU Church History Symposium, Thursday and Friday, **March 6–7, 2014**. This year's theme is *The Global Church*. President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, of the First Presidency, will be the keynote speaker at 9 A.M. Friday morning, March 7, at the LDS Conference Center theater in Salt Lake City. Terryl L. Givens will present the keynote address at BYU campus the day before. For details, visit rsc.byu.edu.

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