

1. Watch chapter 5 from The Modern Prophets *God Makes a Giant Among Men; The Life of Gordon B. Hinckley* DVD.

2. What is the answer to the question “If a man die, shall he live again?” (Job 14:14)?

With the passing of our beloved prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley, we can rejoice in the answer to this question. President Hinckley often testified of life after death. During the April 2007 conference he said, “Now, the next thing of which I am certain, and of which I bear witness, is the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. ... It affirms that we lived before we were born in mortality. Mortality is but a stepping-stone to a more glorious existence in the future. The sorrow of death is softened with the promise of the Resurrection.” *Gordon B. Hinckley © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

3. How does our knowledge of life after death affect the way we live? (Discuss ideas.)

“I believe that through [Jesus Christ’s] atoning sacrifice, the offering of His life on Calvary’s Hill, He expiated the sins of mankind, relieving us from the burden of sin if we will forsake evil and follow Him. ... I believe in the grace of God made manifest through His sacrifice and redemption, and I believe that through His Atonement, without any price on our part, each of us is offered the gift of resurrection from the dead. I believe further that through that sacrifice there is extended to every man and woman, every son and daughter of God, the opportunity for eternal life and exaltation in our Father’s kingdom, as we hearken to and obey His commandments.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Jul 2006 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

4. What is the difference between immortality and eternal life? (Immortality is to live forever as a resurrected being.)

Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, everyone will receive this gift. Eternal life is to live in God’s presence as families. This is also a gift from Jesus Christ given after “all we can do” (2 Nephi 25:23) to obey the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

5. Where are the ordinances that seal families together for eternity performed? (In the temple.)

“‘And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven’ (see Matt. 16:13–19). In that marvelous bestowal of authority, the Lord gave to His Apostles the keys of the holy priesthood, whose power reaches beyond life and death into eternity. ...those same keys of the holy priesthood will be exercised in behalf of the men and women who come into this sacred house [temple] to solemnize their marriage. They will be joined in a union which death cannot dissolve and time cannot destroy.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Jul 2003 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

6. In 1998 President Hinckley was inspired to build more temples. Over the following nine years the Church has gone from having 51 temples to 125 temples and there are 9 more under construction. “President Hinckley has labored unceasingly to bring sacred blessings to members of the Church worldwide by providing temples that are within the reach of all.” *Thomas S. Monson, Ensign, Oct 2007 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

7. What things does our family need to work towards doing better so that we can be an eternal family? (Discuss ideas.)

8. Sing Together: Children’s Songbook #153, “The Lord Gave Me a Temple.”

9. Although we will miss President Hinckley, we can be grateful for the many things that he taught us. We can rejoice in knowing that he has been united with his wife Marjorie and is happy. President Hinckley assured us of this when he said: “I know as surely as anything in this world that someday I shall die as to the life of this world. But I have an absolute certainty in my heart that I shall go on living and doing good and having the association of my beloved companion and my children.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ecuador, 31 July 1999 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*