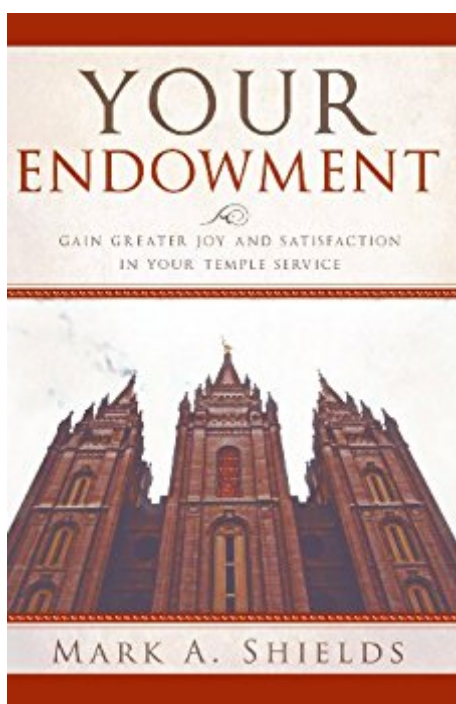


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Synopsis

As members of the Church, we often spend years anticipating the privilege of entering the Lord's temple. But we all know that there are times when temple worship can seem confusing, repetitive, or even boring. In this remarkable volume, Mark Shields, an experienced gospel teacher, casts new light on the symbolism inherent in temple ordinances and provides a wealth of insights that will change the way you worship. By approaching the subject from a scriptural and historical perspective, Mark focuses on specific aspects of the endowment while still respecting the sacredness of the ordinance. With helpful summaries at the end of each chapter, this book provides direction and guidance for all whether you've been attending the temple for years or are preparing to enter for the very first time. Learn to love the temple, understand its purposes, and appreciate the rich symbolism it embodies. Your Endowment is a must-read for anyone looking to get more from temple worship.

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"Your Endowment" covers the basics of LDS temple ordinances in light of Old Testament traditions and modern revelation. The author aims both to introduce prospective templegoers to the temple

ordinance and enhance the understanding of those who have already been. Given the reverent manner required to approach these subjects, the author does an admirable job and largely succeeds. The first several chapters are strong and tightly written. They will not likely present the Latter-day Saint reader with any new information, but the information is organized in such a way to help the reader apply them to understanding the temple ordinance. The content is well-sourced and light on speculation. These first chapters are lucid and insightful. Unfortunately, chapters 6 and 7 tend to lack the focus of the earlier chapters. These chapters include extended personal anecdotes, mini-sermons on tithing and the Word of Wisdom - valuable topics, to be sure, but distracting to the stated purpose of the book. The section on worthiness particularly reads like an EFY talk, complete with sports analogies. In any other context these anecdotes may be entertaining, and the author is clearly a talented communicator, but the change in tone is unexpected and inappropriate. Fortunately, the author rights his course in the final chapters, discussing symbols and additional Old Testament parallels with the same tight prose and focus as the earlier chapters. The book ends with a worthy summary of the key principles taught. All in all, this book is a straightforward and concise introduction to the principles of the temple. It is less involved than other, longer works such as Boyd K.

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