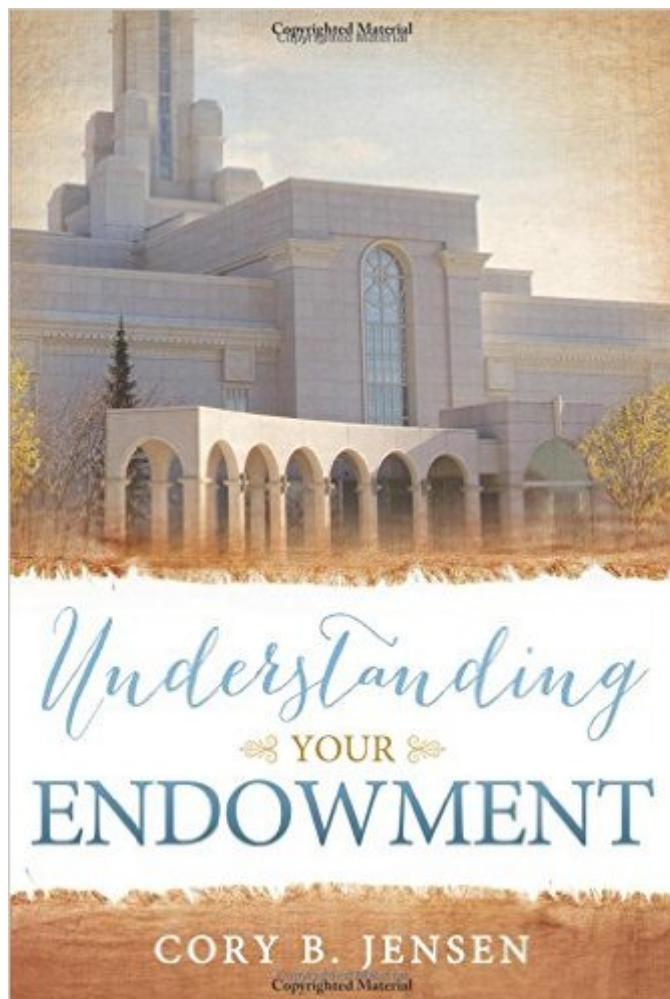


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Synopsis

Most books on the LDS temple are either too general to be very helpful or too scholarly and esoteric to appeal to average Church members. This volume is different. Based primarily upon the scriptures, Understanding Your Endowment explores the meaning of the temple endowment in our daily lives. Coming to understand our own endowment is a personal, sacred journey--one largely between us individually and the Lord. No one, other than the Lord, is really qualified to unfold everything. Part of the beauty of the temple's ordinances and teachings lies in the fact that the Lord can personalize them to whatever stage we are at in our individual growth. The path to understanding requires time, effort and experience. Sometimes it may seem a bit overwhelming. We may need some help, or at least a foundation from which to begin. The intent of this book is to help lay that foundation and enrich your temple experience. It is written for believing Latter-day Saints who would like to better understand their own endowment.

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I have read several books regarding the temple, temple symbolism, the gate of heaven, the endowment in early church history (both Peter, James and John's time as well as Joseph Smith's time), anti-Mormon articles regarding Mormons and Mason, the plan of salvation, etc. Many of these are great books and make more sense to me now that I have read this book. However, Cory Jensen's book expounds on and re-emphasizes the key element of the temple, which I think is missing from the other books I've read regarding the temple. That key element is

covenants. Rightfully so, Cory has given much credit to the work of two non-LDS authors, H. Clay Trumbull and James L. Garlow, regarding blood covenants. This is extremely helpful information which, in my opinion, clearly bears witness to the restoration of The Church of Jesus Christ through the Prophet Joseph Smith. By understanding that the ordinances taught to mankind by Jesus Christ are the divinely established means by which we enter into eternal covenants with God, the Father, all the other pieces of the temple fall into place more easily: the rites and rituals, the ceremonial clothing, our understanding of the symbols, etc. What may seem strange to modern-day Christians becomes much clearer when viewed in light of blood covenants in the Old Testament. Why this is not pointed out more readily by scriptural scholars as the primary explanation to the temple covenants is curious. This is the most helpful book I have read regarding the temple endowment, which is really a ceremony by which we enter into sacred covenants with God, the Father. Jesus Christ is the messenger of the covenants, He is the mediator of the covenants, and His blood effects the covenants.

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