

THE MERCIFUL PLAN of the Great Creator

1. Welcome!
2. The presentation you are about to see is the great plan of life for all humanity.
3. The name of this presentation is "Teaching The Merciful Plan of the Great Creator" taken from 2 Nephi 9:6.
4. This presentation is. . . (Read text on slide)
5. The plan is so essential to the human experience that close examination and study are critical for each of us.
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10. The Plan is generally referred to as "The Plan of Salvation" or "The Plan of Happiness."
11. Joseph Smith taught . . . (Read quote)
12. (Slide transition)
13. The plan is like a Map.
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15. Most maps show the direction or the road one must follow to arrive at a predetermined destination.
16. A map that is incomplete makes it very difficult, if not impossible, to arrive at a given destination.
As we come into this world and we start our journey back to God, we find that our map is not as complete as we might hope.
17. The Temple provides a more complete map of the course we should follow.
18. As members of the church, we should realize that all organizations within the church help provide a more complete map and a greater sense of direction back to our Father in heaven.
19. Elder Packer stresses the importance, responsibility, and obligation we have as we administer the different organizations of the church to insure that they do direct members to the temple. (Read quote)
20. It is through the temple that our course back to our Father in heaven becomes more sure. Our map becomes as complete as possible here on earth.
21. Our map brings us to the realization that Christ is central to the plan. He gives us the most complete picture of our map.
22. There is no other name given to us that ensures us exaltation in the kingdom of our Father in heaven.
Mosiah 3:17–21
23. Christ is central in the plan from the very beginning as. . . (1) Genesis 1:1,26; Moses 1:32–33; 2:1
24. Also central to the whole plan is his role as. . . (2) Isaiah 49:26; 2 Nephi 2:6-7
25. Central to our worthiness and eternal prospects is the Savior's title as. . . (3)
Psalms 9:7–8; 2 Nephi 9:41
26. As we complete our map and come to the Savior for judgment, we are still not perfect. After all we have struggled to accomplish to find ourselves approved in the site of God it is only. . . (4) Ephesians 2:7–8;
2 Nephi 25:23
27. Our journey really begins in a place referred to as our. . . Jeremiah 1:5; Abraham 3:23
28. We lived as spirits in this Pre-Earth Life.
29. Here. . . (1) Abraham 3:19, 21; Doctrine and Covenants 93:29
30. In the pre-earth life. . . (2) Acts 17:24–29
31. Here. . . (3) Doctrine and Covenants 138:53–56; Abraham 3:22
32. As spirit children of God. . . (4) Luke 24:39; Ether 3:16
33. Here, in this pre-mortal world, we grew and advanced as far as we could. In order for us to continue to grow and progress, a plan was presented.
34. A council was held in heaven. Job 38:4–7
35. Lucifer, another spirit of high position, presented another plan that was not accepted. He became known as Satan and he. . . (4) Isaiah 14:12–16; Abraham 3:27–28
36. On this occasion. . . (5) Abraham 3:26
37. But. . . (6) Revelation 12:3–4, 9; Doctrine and Covenants 29:36–37
38. (Slide transition)
39. (Slide transition)
40. As a result of the council in heaven and in order that we might continue according to the great plan of life the creation of the earth became necessary. Genesis 1:1

41. According to the scriptures. . .(1) Moses 3:5
42. (Slide transition)
43. The scriptures tell us that while in the garden, Adam walked with God. The fall not only placed Adam outside the garden, but separated him from the presence of God. As we left our pre-earth life and were born here on earth, . . .
 - (3)Genesis 3:22–24; Alma 42:7–9 Adam and Eve were placed on the earth in the beautiful Garden of Eden.
 - (4)They disobeyed God when they partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
44. By partaking of the fruit they were cast out of paradise into the world we know today.
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; Alma 42:2–6
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46. As we left our pre-earth life and were born here on earth, . . .(3) Genesis 3:22–24; Alma 42:7–9
47. (Slide transition)
48. As we were born into this world, a VEIL was placed across our minds and. (4) Quote by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, in Tambuli, May 1977, 24
49. From our birth into this world. . . (5) Genesis 2:7; Moses 3:7
50. On earth we gain experience. Remember, God has given us our bodies and our agency to choose for ourselves. He requires a certain level of obedience to law or righteousness in order to return back into his presence. Moses 1:37–39; Abraham 3:24–25
51. The first expectation is that. . . (1) John 17:3
52. Because of what the Savior has done for all mankind. . . (2) 2 Nephi 2:25–27; 31–20–21
53. Through the Atonement we find that we have certain obligations and responsibilities where in. . . (3) Alma 34:32; Abraham 3:25
54. From the examples of Adam and Eve we learn the very important elements of family life. Families are essential.
55. As we come to accept Christ as our Savior and redeemer we find ourselves on a path that leads back to the presence of God. Through life’s trials, it becomes important that. . . (5) 2 Nephi 31:15–20
56. We read in the Old Testament that we must have courage to find God, and realize that he is there for us. (Read) Deuteronomy 31:6
57. Because of the Fall of Adam, one of the realities of this life is that we will “all die”. 1 Corinthians 15:22; Alma 40:9–14
58. Death is the point in life when we leave this world. 1 Corinthians 15:22; Alma 40:9–12
59. Our body and spirit separate from each other.
60. The body goes to the grave.
61. Our spirit and life force goes to a place called the Spirit World.
62. After a time, depending on our valiance, we are resurrected.
63. The resurrection is the event when the grave gives up the dead body and the living spirit counterpart reunites with the body once again. John 11:25
64. The Spirit and the body will never be separated again. This event is necessary for us receive a fullness of joy. Alma 11:42–45; 40:22–23
65. (Slide transition)
66. The scriptures teach that we are “born once”. Ecclesiastes 3:1–2
67. We “die once”. Hebrews 9:27; Alma 11:45
68. (Slide transition)
69. (Slide transition)
70. We are “resurrected once”. Job 19:25–26; Bible Dictionary p 761 In Asia many people believe in reincarnation. That is, if you live a wicked life now, in the next life you might come back as a fly. But, if you are a very good fly, you might come back as a king or queen. Whose doctrine is this? Satan’s. He wants you to think you have many chances to “get it right.” However, “Life is not a dress rehearsal.” We are only born once, die once and are resurrected once. Be the best you can be.
71. (Slide transition)
72. The resurrection is our final preparation for the final judgment of our lives.
73. At this last or final judgment, we will give an account of our actions on earth. From our actions the Lord will determine which kingdom and what body we inherit. There are three general possibilities: Revelation 20:12; Romans 14:10–12; 2 Nephi 9:41
74. One of the possibilities representing the lowest glory one can attain is the Telestial kingdom.
75. The next kingdom of a higher glory is the Terrestrial kingdom. Doctrine and Covenants 138:58–59

76. In both these kingdoms. . . (1) Doctrine and Covenants 76:71–80
77. In both as well. . . (2) Doctrine and Covenants 76:81–89, 98–106
78. The most important of these three possibilities is the Celestial kingdom. Doctrine and Covenants 76:92–9
79. It is here, in the Celestial kingdom that. . . (1) Doctrine and Covenants 76:62
80. (2) Doctrine and Covenants 130:2; 131:1–4
81. (3) Matthew 5:48; Philippians 3:20–21; Doctrine and Covenants 76:62
82. And our bodies reach their highest potential. . . (4) 1 Corinthians 15:40–42; Doctrine and Covenants 76:69–70
83. (Slide transition)
84. 84. For a moment let’s see how much we can recall about “The Merciful Plan of the Great Creator” as we review what has been taught.
85. What does this represent? (Our Pre-earth life)
86. This figure represents us as a . . . ? (Spirit child of God)
87. Who lived in this pre-earth life? (All the spirit children of God who would come to this earth)
88. How is it that we lost some of the spirit children of God before coming to earth? (1/3 became rebellious and were cast out, and 2/3 were valiant keeping their first estate and allowed to come here to earth in a physical body.)
89. As we progress towards our birth, what takes place? (A veil is placed over our minds so that we cannot remember our previous life. We are separated from the presence of God.)
90. The creation of the earth with the Fall of Adam introduced us to our new home.
91. What does our new home make available for us? (A body and a family)
92. Because of the fall, what will eventually happen to us all? (We will all die)
93. Where do our bodies go when we die? (To the Grave)
94. Where do our spirits go? (Spirit World)
95. In the spirit world we will wait for what event to take place? (The resurrection.)
96. What does the resurrection do for us? (Our body and spirit will come back together again.)
97. (Slide transition)
98. After our resurrection, what is the next major event that will take place related to our lives on earth?
(The Final Judgment)
99. Beginning from the lowest to the highest, what degree of glory or kingdom is possible in the final judgment?
100. (Celestial)
101. (Terrestrial)
102. And (Celestial). Who is the central or key figure in this whole plan? (The Savior).
103. No matter how hard we may work, or how much good we do in our lives, how is it that we are saved in the final judgment?
(By the grace of Christ.)
104. Is it really possible to be saved in the Kingdom of God? How close are we? I know what you are thinking. “I have committed too many sins to be ‘celestialized.’” Whose voice is this talking to you? Satan’s. When he reminds you of your past, you remind him of his future. You are way ahead of him. He will never have a body – a little boy to take fishing or a little girl to sit on his knee. The main purpose of life is to repent. “It matters not where you are on the path. What matters is that you are facing the Savior and moving toward him.”
105. What difference can we make? (Read Alma 31:35)
106. (Slide transition)
107. Here are the scriptural references that support "The Merciful Plan" in this presentation. It is amazing that these scriptures are evenly dispersed throughout the standard works. Many Latter-day Saint Mothers in Israel have not served missions. Most of them are not comfortable teaching the Plan of Salvation to their young children. However, when children are young is the most important time to teach them. So, we hope that mothers can use this visual tool to help them teach the plan and “raise the bar” in preparing their children to serve missions
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113. (Slide transition)
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Invite the student to mix the cards up and place them on a table in their correct order. Invite them to tell the plan in their own words. A bonding takes place. The plan is now theirs. You might call it putting together the Plan of Salvation puzzle.