

Why Repentance Matters

The First Step of Every Covenant Journey

Before the water, there was repentance.

Before the covenant, there was repentance.

Before the journey, there was repentance.

From the beginning, TMH established a pattern for His children.

Adam fell.

Adam was taught.

Adam repented.

After the Fall, Adam learned that separation from TMH could only be overcome through faith, obedience, and a broken heart. The first man was not abandoned. He was called to turn back toward his Creator.

Thus repentance became the first gate.

Not because TMH delights in punishment.

But because TMH delights in restoration.

Repentance is the path home.

The Example of Christ

Where Adam shows us the need for repentance, Christ shows us the path of obedience.

Christ committed no sin.

He had nothing to repent of.

Yet He still entered the waters.

Not because He needed cleansing.

Not because He needed forgiveness.

But because He came to fulfill all righteousness and establish the pattern for every soul that would follow after Him.

Adam teaches us why we must turn.

Christ teaches us how we must walk.

One repented.

One was perfect.

Yet both reveal the covenant path.

Your Turn

Now the choice belongs to you.

Every traveler eventually arrives at the same question:

Will I continue walking my own way?

Or will I turn toward TMH?

Repentance is that turning.

It is not merely feeling sorry.

It is changing direction.

It is leaving the old road and beginning a new one.

The proud become humble.

The angry seek peace.

The dishonest choose truth.

The fearful learn trust.

The selfish learn love.

Repentance is not perfection.

Repentance is movement toward TMH.

Why This Matters

Many desire blessing.

Many desire purpose.

Many desire power.

But the Kingdom begins with surrender.

Before baptism comes repentance.

Before authority comes repentance.

Before growth comes repentance.

The traveler who refuses repentance remains standing outside the gate.

The traveler who repents discovers that the gate is already open.

Choose Your Area of Growth

As you prepare for the covenant journey, consider where TMH is calling you to change.

Pride

Learn humility.

Anger

Learn patience.

Fear

Learn trust.

Doubt

Learn faith.

Lust

Learn purity.

Bitterness

Learn forgiveness.

Greed

Learn generosity.

Laziness

Learn diligence.

Dishonesty

Learn truth.

Self-Will

Learn obedience.

Worldliness

Learn holiness.

Unforgiveness

Learn mercy.

Every traveler begins somewhere.

Choose honestly.

Choose prayerfully.

Choose the area where you need growth most.

The Next Gate

Adam shows the need for repentance.

Christ shows the path of obedience.

Now the covenant gate awaits.

When you are ready, continue to:

Why Baptism Matters

For repentance prepares the heart.

And baptism establishes the covenant.

Precepts

Genesis 3

Luke 13:3

Acts 3:19

Matthew 4:17

2 Corinthians 7:10

Ezekiel 18:30–32

Matthew 3:13–17

2 Nephi 31:5–13

Alma 5:13

Helaman 5:10–11

Mosiah 26:29–30