

The Miracle of Forgiveness

- **This life is the time to prepare – pp.1, 10, 117, 210, 248**
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- Cannot delay compliance with God's commandments – p.10
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"When needed, full repentance will require action on your part. If you are not familiar with the classic steps to repentance, such as confession and abandonment of sin, restitution, obedience, and seeking forgiveness, talk to a bishop or study a source such as President Spencer W. Kimball's masterly work *The Miracle of Forgiveness*." (Richard G. Scott, "Peace of Conscience and Peace of Mind," *Ensign* (Conference Edition), November 2004, p.16).

"Many of you would be familiar with President Spencer Kimball's wonderful work on the miracle of forgiveness. I witness to you that God is a loving Father who will forgive and help us find peace and self-respect as we repent and show our sincerity by the lives we live. And there is nothing he asks of us that we cannot do; there is no requirement we cannot keep-if we are willing, if we want to. Repentance is a miracle, if it is sincere" (Richard L. Evans, *Conference Report*, April 1970, p.16).

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