OBEDIENCE SECURES THE BLESSINGS

In the temple, we promise to serve others and obey God’s commandments.
PRE-1990 COVENANT AND PENALTY FOR DIVULGING
THE FIRST TOKEN OF THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

• “I . . . covenant before God, angels and these witnesses that I will never reveal the First Token of the Aaronic Priesthood, with its accompanying name and sign, and penalty. Rather than do so, I would suffer my life to be taken.”

• Pre-1930: “We, and each of us, covenant and promise that we will not reveal any of the secrets of this, the first token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying name, sign or penalty. Should we do so, we agree that our throats be cut from ear to ear and our tongues torn out by their roots.”
3. MARRIAGES AND SEALINGS

“Another thing that we must not forget in this great plan of redemption and exaltation, is that a man must have a wife, and a woman a husband, to receive the fulness of exaltation. They must be sealed for time and for all eternity in a temple; then their union will last forever, and they cannot be separated because God has joined them together, as he taught the Pharisees.”

10th President Joseph Fielding Smith

Doctrines of Salvation 2:43-44
4. BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD

*D&C 128:17:* “This most glorious of all subjects belonging to the everlasting gospel, namely, the baptism for the dead.”

*Joseph Smith:* “Those Saints who neglect it in behalf of their deceased relatives, do it at the peril of their own salvation” ([Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith](https://books.google.com/books?id=3Z_402D3lAcC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false), p. 193.)
“Through living proxies who stand in behalf of the dead, the same ordinances are available to those who have passed from mortality. In the spirit world they then are free to accept or reject those earthly ordinances performed for them, including baptism, marriage, and the sealing of family relationships. There must be no compulsion in the work of the Lord, but there must be opportunity.”
“When the temple of Solomon was built, we read of a ‘molten sea,’ ten cubics (sic) from one brim to the other, it stood on the backs of twelve carved oxen. This font, or brazen sea, was not used for baptisms for the dead, for there were no baptisms for the dead until after the resurrection of the Lord.”

Answers to Gospel Questions 5:12-13
2 CHRONICLES 4: 4, 6

“It [the bronze sea] stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. The sea was set on them, and all their rear parts were inward. . . . He also made ten basins in which to wash, and set five on the south side, and five on the north side. In these they were to rinse off what was used for the burnt offering, and the sea was for the priests to wash in.”
SOLOMON'S BRONZE SEA WAS ALTERED BY AHAZ (REIGNED FROM 744 – 728 BC)

2 Kings 16:17 – "And King Ahaz cut off the frames of the stands and removed the basin from them, and he took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone pedestal."
THE BRONZE SEA WAS DESTROYED IN 587 B.C.

2 Kings 25:1ff: “. . .Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. And they built siegeworks all around it. In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—that was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. And he burned the house of the Lord and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. And the pillars of bronze that were in the house of the Lord, and the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon.”
The Second Temple (Herod’s Temple) did not have a bronze sea. There was a laver or basin, but it was never used for baptisms.
“The dead will be after you, they will seek after you as they have after us in St. George. They called upon us, knowing that we held the keys and power to redeem them.”
“Every one of those men that signed the Declaration of Independence with General Washington called upon me, as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Temple at St. George two consecutive nights, and demanded at my hands that I should go forth and attend to the ordinances of the house of God for them.”
VICARIOUS BAPTISMS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED FOR

- Christopher Columbus
- John Wesley
- William Shakespeare
- All deceased U.S. Presidents
- Albert Einstein
- Numerous Holocaust victims including Anne Frank
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“Else what shall THEY do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are THEY then baptized for the dead?"
“Several writers have offered the following analogy. Imagine a Protestant writing, ‘Why do they then pray for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all?’ No one would take this as an endorsement of the practice of praying for the dead; it is a criticism of the inconsistency of praying for the dead while holding that the dead do not rise...
To make this rhetorical question an endorsement of the practice of praying for the dead, one would expect, “Why do we then pray for the dead?” Likewise, in 1 Corinthians 15:29 Paul preserves the more distant they. After all, his primary concern in 1 Corinthians 15 is the defense of the Christian doctrine of resurrection.”
IN SUMMARY

• The Jerusalem temple was mainly used for animal sacrifice, not baptisms or marriages.
• Worshipers in ancient Jerusalem entered the temple with a sense of unworthiness, not worthiness.
• There is no evidence to suggest that baptism for the dead was an orthodox practice among early Christians.
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