

Law of Consecration/United Order

- We are now under covenant to live the law of consecration
- The United Order was a specific implementation of the Law of Consecration which was participated in by relatively few, before the Lord lifted the requirement after a brief time
- Other variation of the order where attempted by the early saints at various times
- In order to redeem Zion we will be expected to live a future variation of this order as the Lord reveals it (D&C 105: 3-5, 29)
- Stewardship: Realize that all we have is the Lord's, thus we are stewards, and we each will render account of our stewardships (D&C 72:3-4, 104:54-57)

Basic United Order Principles

- We consecrate our temporal belongings to the order through the Bishop, with a covenant and deed
- Receive a stewardship (Inheritance) back from the Bishop
 - Decided under inspiration by Bishop and Steward, and supported by common consent of the order
 - Often received with a legal deed (but still stewards)
 - If one quits the order (a significant sin), keeps the inheritance, not the original consecration
- Stewardships based on capacity, needs, circumstances, and wants (D&C 82:17)
 - "Equality" in access based on capacity, etc. (D&C 51:3)
- All surplus gained from developing one's stewardship is cast back into the order to benefit all
- Regular accountability with opportunity to adjust stewardship