

context other than the one Joseph came to understand through faith. Critics of Joseph miss the wonder of God's returning public involvement in mankind's lives. Do not make the same mistake in your own. Do not define your own life in terms which miss the sacred narrative disclosing what is going on. See it through the "eyes of faith." If you will permit yourself to do so, you will see that your own life is sacred too. Your own history is yet another history of God at work.

## *Chapter Eighteen*

### THE TEMPLE AS A TOOL

**I** was in the Jordan River Temple with four of the full-time missionaries. The full-time missionaries were allowed into the Temple once a week. We were in the Celestial Room after a session and I was talking with them about the symbols covering the clothing worn in the rites.

An elderly Temple worker was glaring at me from across the room. His stern look seemed calculated to alter our discussion. But we continued on.

Eventually, the Temple worker came over and 'whispered' to me: "If you are discussing the meaning of the Temple clothing, YOU'RE WRONG! We don't know what the symbols mean." It wasn't much of a whisper, really. It was calculated to let the missionaries overhear it. Particularly the "YOU'RE WRONG!" part of the whisper, which could be heard across the entire room it seemed.