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SE #15

Memorial Day and the Temple

(GT)

John 1:14

Jesus dwelt with us - tabernacted/templed

skenoō - to have one's tent, encamp, tabernacle

denotes a temporary residence

Revelation 7:15

dwelt among them (KJV) = spread his tabernacle over them (NASB)

Jesus is the ~~temple~~ truth toward which the temple always pointed
When he came to earth, he spread his tabernacle over us

1 Ne. 11 -

this is the story of the condescension of God

- ① Nephi ~~test~~ is shown the tree of life
- ② He desires above all else to know the interpretation
- ③ He is asked if he understands the condescension of God - answer: no
- ④ He is shown a vision of Jesus coming into the world
(i.e. this is enough to tell him)
- ⑤ He understands without further help that the tree is the Love of God
- ⑥ He sees Jesus' ministry, sufferings and death, and eventual victory
- ⑦ The angel affirms all of this is God's condescension - Isaiah 56

holy place
Tabernacle symbolized Garden of Eden

spread gospel to all the world

the priest's journey on the day of atonement ^{carrying lamb's blood} symbolized Jesus redeeming us from ^{the fall}

It's so appropriate that on Memorial Day we sing patriotic songs in church and speak of our honored dead. ~~It's even more~~ But that Sunday, like every Sunday, is a memorial day of another type, because we sing songs and speak of ~~our most~~ Jesus, our most honored dead. And... if the sacrament is a commemoration of his atonement, then we are singing, speaking, remembering, and participating in ^a sacred ordinance ~~as~~ part of this "memorial." ~~It's~~ Going to the temple is similar, ~~about~~ —

The modern temple parallels this but also commemorates Jesus' role as Creator and God who watches over us

~~Instead of simply remembering our honored dead, we are taking~~
~~part~~

We are remembering our honored dead, to an even greater extent, because we are participating in their redemption. We are thinking of them and speaking of them as we prepare the names to take with us. And it is there we come ~~into~~ ^{because} terms with the real meaning of the condescension of God, ^{as} ~~we~~ we walk under that holy roof, we experience what it means to have Christ spread his tabernacle ~~of~~ over us - that is to say, to dwell among us. And we commemorate not just his Atonement, as important as that is, but ~~at~~ there we celebrate Christ in all his roles, as our Creator, Redeemer, Teacher, Healer, Savior, and Friend. It is there we encounter our Most Honoured Dead in his most complete form. So, this memorial Day, remember ^{with gratitude} those who have gone before, especially ~~the~~ ^{our} ancestors who are responsible for so many of our blessings. We are their seed. And ~~remember~~ ^{acknowledge, too,} ~~that~~ ^{remember,} ~~that~~ any day, we can remember with ^{utmost} gratitude Jesus of Nazareth, whose seed we ^{also} all are (as Isaiah observed in his marvelous chapter 53), who is responsible for all of our blessings, who condescended to make his temporary dwelling with us, to lead us from grace to grace until we are prepared to rest again with God in the place of his highest glory.