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Emma, Joseph's beloved wife and devoted companion, was called an elect lady by the Lord. She stood by her husband as he translated the Book of Mormon, organized the Church, restored the fulness of the gospel, and led the Church through joys, trials, and persecutions of New York, Kirtland, Missouri, and Nauvoo.

In Joseph's letters to Emma, he often expressed his love for their children and especially for her. In a letter written in Liberty Jail and dated 4 April 1838, Joseph wrote, "I would gladly walk from here to you barefoot, and bareheaded, and half naked, to see you and think it great pleasure, and never count it toil."⁵³

Jesse Nathaniel Smith, in speaking of the Prophet and his wife, said, "I knew that queenly woman, his wife, Emma Smith. I may say that I was greatly impressed with her personality. She was the fitting helpmate of such a man. I stood in awe of this lady"⁵⁴

Benjamin Johnson observed that "... Emma, the wife of his youth, ... appeared the queen of his heart and of his home."⁵⁵

Joseph and Emma were sealed together for eternity on 28 May 1843.⁵⁶ Surely they will enjoy the blessings described in section 132 of the Doctrine and Covenants.

And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the Holy Spirit of promise,

by him who is anointed, unto whom I have appointed this power and the keys of this priesthood; and it shall be said unto them — Ye shall come forth in the first resurrection ... and shall inherit thrones, kingdoms, principalities, and powers, dominions, all heights and depths — ... and they shall pass by the angels, and the gods, which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things, as hath been sealed upon their heads, which glory shall be a fulness and a continuation of the seeds forever and ever.⁵⁷

Dear Emma

Elect daughter of God
speaks comfort to Joseph,
provider, protector,
prophet-husband,
as he swims deep water.

Companion in trouble,
she magnifies the office
of her calling,
consoling his days.

Wife of his youth,
enthroned in his heart
she reigns supreme
as queen of his hearth.

Lives entwined in
meekness, virtue,
affliction and delight
they are sealed together,
crowned with light,
bound by love
and priesthood power
forever.

In the celestial glory there are three heavens or degrees; And in order to obtain the highest, a man must enter into this order of the priesthood [meaning the new and everlasting covenant of marriage]; ... (D&C 131:1–2).