

"IN ALL THAT JESUS CAME TO SAY AND DO,....HE WAS SHOWING US WHO AND WHAT GOD OUR ETERNAL FATHER IS LIKE, HOW COMPLETELY DEVOTED HE IS TO HIS CHILDREN IN EVERY AGE AND NATION. IN WORD AND IN DEED JESUS WAS TRYING TO REVEAL AND MAKE PERSONAL TO US THE TRUE NATURE OF HIS FATHER, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."

ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND OF THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES,  
"THE GRANDEUR OF GOD," LIAHONA AND ENSIGN, NOV. 2003, 70.



President Smith testified: "We are the spirit children of God our Heavenly Father. ... We are members of his family". How has this truth influenced you?

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### **Challenge.....**

What can you do this week to improve your relationship with your Heavenly Father?

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# **God the Father**

"I bear personal witness this day of a personal, living God, who knows our names, hears and answers prayers, and cherishes us eternally as children of His spirit. I testify that amidst the wondrously complex tasks inherent in the universe, He seeks our individual happiness and safety above all other godly concerns. We are created in His very image and likeness, 16 and Jesus of Nazareth, His Only Begotten Son in the flesh, came to earth as the perfect mortal manifestation of His grandeur. In addition to the witness of the ancients we also have the modern miracle of Palmyra, the appearance of God the Father and His Beloved Son, the Savior of the world, to the boy prophet Joseph Smith. I testify of that appearance, and in the words of that prophet I, too, declare: "Our heavenly Father is more liberal in His views, and boundless in His mercies and blessings, than we are ready to believe or receive. ... God does not look on sin with [the least degree of] allowance, but ... the nearer we get to our Heavenly Father, the more we are disposed to look with compassion on perishing souls; we feel that we want to take them upon our shoulders, and cast their sins behind our backs."

*Elder Jeffrey R. Holland*  
*The Grandeur of God, October 2003.*

