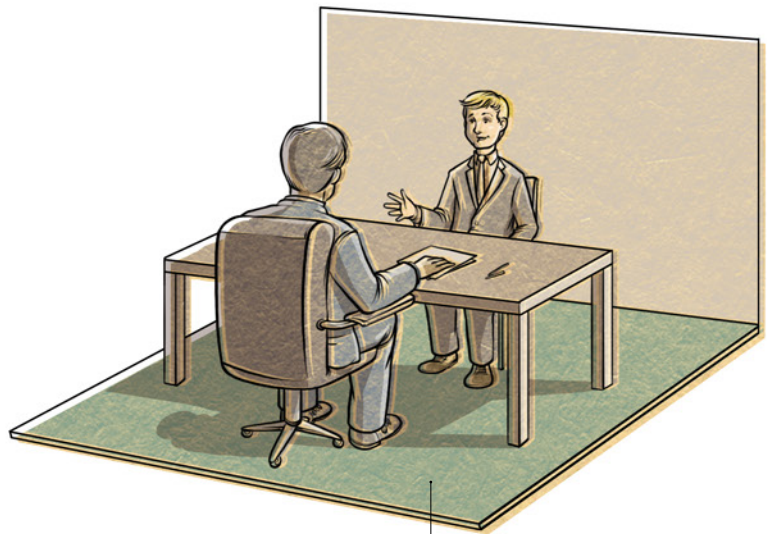


*Patriarchal blessings began in the days of Adam, when he blessed his posterity (see D&C 107:53; see also Genesis 49 for the account of Jacob's blessing upon his posterity).*



*Talk with your bishop or branch president to determine if you are ready to receive a patriarchal blessing.*



*After you receive a patriarchal blessing, study it often and try to follow its counsel. It can bring comfort and help strengthen your faith.*

*The office of patriarch, called "evangelist" in the New Testament, was restored in the latter days. Joseph Smith Sr. was the Church's first patriarch.*



*All patriarchal blessings are stored at Church headquarters. If you lose your copy, you can request another through LDS.org.*