people”—both men and women—can be “armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.” This is the divine destiny for all of God’s children who are covenant keepers.

Sister Stephens: Understanding the reach of our divine destiny is found in the answers to two questions. (1) Do you know who you are? (2) Do you know what you have? If we understood what we have, we’d understand that we have all that we need. Through the ordinances and covenants we make in the temple, we have the blessings, the power, and the authority of all things pertaining to priesthood. We’re not ordained. We don’t know why. Being ordained to the priesthood from father to son has been the order of God since the days of Adam and Eve.

Sister Reeves: I have a testimony that covenant-keeping women recognize that our Father has given us all we need to return to His presence through making and keeping covenants.

8. What is the most important thing you would like Relief Society sisters to remember?

Sister Burton: In Doctrine and Covenants 45:3 it says: “Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him.” “Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren (and sisters) that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life” (verse 5). I love Christ’s tenderness toward us. He is pleading our cause because He loves us! He wants us to come unto Him! Let us love and increase our faith in Jesus Christ and in our Heavenly Father.

As covenant daughters of God scattered upon all the face of the earth today, we are armed in great glory with righteousness and with the power of God. As we remember our purpose, rejoice in and keep our covenants, we will be seen as “distinct and different—in happy ways—from the women of the world,” and we can help prepare the world for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. 

NOTES
1. Emma Smith, in Relief Society Minute Book, Mar. 17, 1842, 13, Church History Library, Salt Lake City.
6. Teachings of Presidents of Spencer W. Kimball, 223.
13. This interview was conducted by LaRene Porter Gaunt, Church History Department.

Purpose of Relief Society

Relief Society helps prepare women for the blessings of eternal life as they
- increase faith in Heavenly Father and in Jesus Christ and His Atonement;
- strengthen individuals, families, and homes through ordinances and covenants; and
- work in unity to help those in need.