

## Katy First Ward Spiritual Message #45

“WE SEE THE WORLD, NOT AS IT IS BUT AS WE ARE.”

Ananis Ninn

I think so often about the shock it was for me seeing my childhood toys after my mission. When I came back to my parents' home I found my old toy chest I had as a child. In it was a little Gray Hound bus. I remember so well playing with it when my hand just would reach around it. There after my mission I was shocked to see it was just a little toy bus. But in my mind I can still to this day see it in my mind so big my hand would not go all the way around it. I also remember clearly one day crawling up the chicken walk in through the hole in the barn, into the chicken coop. As I stood up I remember seeing the chickens that looked 4 feet tall. Because I was only about 3 years old the chickens were almost as tall as me. I can still see those huge chickens in my mind.

We see things in our life by the perspective we have at the time. That is also true of our spiritual perspective. One person in the room may be in tears from a lesson while the person sitting next to them is asleep. I saw that in the Provo Temple when we returned from the Army. We had not been able to go to the temple for four years so I was very excited to live almost next door to one as a BYU student. Every morning I got up and went to the temple at 5 a.m. on my way to school. Then at night I spent hours and hours studying the temple and the things we learn there. As a result of that time in my life I have 11 three ring binders full of information related to the temple and what we do there and why. I so often thank back about that time now. It was an amazing experience for me to study and study and then go there and listen and listen then go back home and study and learn about it some more. Because it was 5 A.M. not many people were there. Sometimes there were just 2 or 3 others. The amazing thing to me is how often I looked around the room as I was having these marvelous spiritual leaning experiences only to realize I was the only person in the room awake, including the workers. How could I be having such a spiritual experience and they were asleep with the same information being given? It had to be because of how we viewed that experience in our life at that time in our life. That is why Annanis Ninn's words have such meaning to me.

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Brother Vail

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