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PROVO, UTAH, AND SALT LAKE CITY—In general conference, Church President Russell M. Nelson spoke about poverty and other humanitarian concerns, declaring, "As members of the Church, we feel a kinship to those who suffer in any way. . . . We heed an Old Testament admonition: 'Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy' (Deuteronomy 15:11)." President Nelson's linking of Old Testament law with modern social concerns highlights the continued relevancy of the Old Testament for confronting modern challenges, including poverty, ethnocentrism, and the world's growing refugee crisis.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, and the volume contains an article by V. Wallace McCarlie Jr. and Andrew C. Skinner to commemorate the event. The following gospel scholars are contributors to the 50th Annual Sperry Symposium: Sharon Eubank, David Rolph Seely and Jo Ann H. Seely, Kerry Muhlestein, Joshua M. Sears, Amy Easton-Flake, Avram R. Shannon and Thora Florence Shannon, Gaye Strathearn and Angela Cothran, Dana M. Pike, Matthew L. Bowen, Jennifer C. Lane, Elizabeta Jevtic-Somlai and Robin Peterson,



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