

JESUS



FROM CHAR'S DESK

This past few months have been hard on me as my dear husband, Bill, is in the last stages of Alzheimers. Even with this disease, Bill has been going to work with me at the EMFJ Center every week until he could no longer walk. By God's grace, Bill has been a real trooper and we thank and praise Him for it. Bill is now in a Healthcare Center and even though he can hardly talk, he still says, "Thank you, Lord." What a joy it is to know the Lord and not be afraid to die, as we know that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" as Paul says in 2 Cor.5:8.

Ex-Mormons For Jesus will continue to witness to the dear Mormons by telling them that eternal life is not something you can earn, but it is a free gift given to us by the Biblical Jesus. When He died on the cross, He took our sins and gave us His righteousness, if we only believe. Bill faithfully prayed this for the Mormons, many of them by name. May we live to see his prayers answered.

Jenell's Jots & Tittles

DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

In John 7:40-53, we read of a group of people who were trying to figure out if Jesus was the promised Messiah or not. Some were sure He was, while others were convinced He could not possibly be the One because it was prophesied that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem and they knew he was from Galilee. Of course, we know from scripture that Jesus

was born in Bethlehem and later came to live in Galilee.

How sad that a group of people missed embracing their Messiah because of a lack of knowledge, a missing piece of information. Likewise, our hearts hurt for all the precious souls who are trapped in the cult of Mormonism because they have not researched its roots or that of its founder, Joseph Smith. All they know is what has been taught to them by other deceived people, generation upon generation, rather than researching for themselves with an open mind.

There is so much information "out there" through books, DVD's, Christian ministries like ours, the Internet, etc. But Mormons, for the most part, are forbidden to look at or listen to any of these sources. They have been duped into believing they have the truth and are actually fearful of seeing anything that might harm their "testimony" regarding Joseph Smith, the Book of Mormon and the LDS church. Satan, who comes as an "angel of light" (2 Cor.11:14) has caused them to see Mormonism through rose colored glasses, a deceptive filter, if you will, that distorts and keep out the light of truth.

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Thank You

That's the bad news, however, there is another side. For all of you that have Mormon relatives or acquaintances, please be encouraged in knowing that our faithful God has reached many of us who used to be Mormons and are now born-again believers. Our testimonies on how He moved on our behalf are nothing short of miraculous, so never give up praying and believing. We can read where Moses moved the hand of God through prayer (Ex.32:10-14) and James reminds us that the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much (5:16).

In Hosea 4:6, we read where God says: *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."*. We have many resources here at the EMFJ Center, including a library of **Mormon books** that can document information that would help Mormons in coming to know the truth regarding the roots of Mormonism. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further service.

CITATIONS OF CONCERN (From LDS Leaders)

"What is the priesthood? The priesthood is the eternal power and authority of God by which He blesses, redeems, and exalts His children. Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained the priesthood this way: 'Priesthood is the means whereby the Lord acts through men to save souls...'

"As I have studied, pondered, and sought to understand the priesthood, it has been helpful for me to consider what the world would be like without it. Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explored this idea when he said: 'Can you imagine how dark and empty mortality would be if there were no priesthood? If the power of the priesthood were not upon the earth, the adversary would have freedom to roam and reign without restraint. There would be no gift of the Holy Ghost to direct and enlighten us; no prophets to speak in the name of the Lord; no temple where we could make sacred, eternal covenants; no authority to bless or baptize, to heal or comfort... There would be no light, no hope—only darkness.'" (the June 2014 "Ensign", p.38, my emphasis).

Once again, Mormonism substitutes something else for Jesus. This time it is with their priesthood. Christians

know that Jesus is our High Priest (1 Tim.2:5) and we need no other. We are a royal priesthood (1 Pet.2:9) because we belong to King Jesus and our **"power"** and **"authority"** are in His Name (Mark 16:17). He is the One who **saves** us and gives us **light and hope**, to Him be the glory!

A DIFFERENT JESUS

We recently received a call from a Mormon man who wanted to know what we mean when we say that Mormons worship a different Jesus. We get asked this question a lot as they just assume that the Christian Jesus is the same as the Mormon one.

Lets start with 2 Cor.11:4 where the Apostle Paul warned us that there would be those who would come preaching "another Jesus", "another spirit", and "another gospel". In verse 13 of this chapter, Paul continues with this thought - *"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ."* Obviously, this warning needs to be taken seriously so lets look at some of the differences.

A very basic Mormon teaching is that their Jesus was born in the "pre-existence" (before coming to this earth) to a heavenly Mother and is literally the brother of Lucifer: *"The appointment of Jesus to be Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer...this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind."* (The Gospel Through the Ages, 1945, p.15)

Another teaching which separates the Christian Jesus from the Mormon one is their view concerning the virgin birth: *"The birth of the Savior was as natural as are the births of our children; it was the result of natural action. He partook of flesh and blood – was begotten of his Father, as we were of our fathers."* (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol.8, p.115 - also see "Mormon Doctrine" 1979 edition, p.547, "Seer", p.158, etc. my emphasis)

The Mormon Jesus was also a polygamist: *"The grand reason of the burst of public sentiment in anathemas upon Christ and his disciples, causing his crucifixion, was evidently based on polygamy...A belief in the doctrine of a plurality of wives caused the persecution*

of Jesus, and his followers..." (Journal of Discourses, Vol.1, p.346). "Jesus Christ was married at Cana of Galilee, that Mary, Martha, and others were his wives, and that he begat children." (Journal of Discourses, Vol.2, p.210)

Many other examples could be given but this should be sufficient to show that the Mormon Jesus is **not** the One Christians believe in as revealed in the Bible. It also may be of interest for Mormons to know that their own leaders have admitted their belief in a "different Jesus" as follows:

"It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints..." (LDS Seventy, Bernard P. Brockbank, May 1977 ENSIGN, p.26)

"In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, president Hinckley spoke of those outside the church who say Latter-day Saints do not believe in the traditional Christ. No, I don't, the traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this dispensation of the fulness of times." (LDS Church News, June 20, 1998)

"As a Church we have critics, many of them. They say we do not believe in the traditional Christ of Christianity. There is some substance to what they say." (President Gordon B. Hinckley, May 2002 ENSIGN, p.90).

If the **only** way to the Father is through His Son (and it is - John 14:6), then Mormons are in serious trouble for believing in a "different Jesus". Please take every opportunity to witness to them, and prayer for our ministry will also be *much* appreciated.

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Christianity is not a religion. Religion is humans trying to work their way to God. Christianity is God coming to humans through a relationship with Christ.

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FALSE PROPHECIES EXPOSE JOSEPH SMITH

As recorded in Mormon scripture, the Lord supposedly told Joseph Smith that the way to distinguish between God's plans and man's plans is whether they come to fruition or not as follows: *"The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught."* *"Remember, remember that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men,"* (D&C 3:1, 3).

A few verses later in that same section, a prophecy goes on to say that the Lamanites (Indians to the Mormons) would be converted (D&C 3:20). The LDS church has been trying to convert the Indians for almost 180 years and have not had much success thus far. In fact the majority that they have converted are totally inactive, this is especially true in Latin America and South America.

It is also interesting to note that according to the *Book of Mormon*, the Lamanites (Indians) were "cursed" with dark skin as a sign of God's displeasure (1 Nep.12:23, 2Nep.5:21, Alma 3:6). However, when they repented of their sins, *"their curse was taken from them, and their skin became white like unto the Nephites"* (3 Nephi 2:15).

The *Book Of Mormon* also prophesied that these Lamanites would turn "white and delightsome" (2 Nephi 30:6) in a few generations after accepting the "gospel" (i.e.Mormonism). Obviously it became quite embarrassing when they did not become "**white**" as was promised, so in the 1981 edition , 2 Nephi 30:6 was changed to read: *"...they shall be a pure and delightsome people"* (my emp.). Of course there was no footnote, as honest editing would dictate, as to why this change was being made.

When it comes to spotting a false prophet, the Bible agrees that if something prophesied does not come to pass, it is the work of men, not God – *"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet*

speakeh in the name if the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously..." (Deut.18:20-22).

The whole premise of these Laminites, who according to the Book of Mormon were originally Israelites, and ended up becoming the Native American Indians, is now exposed through DNA research. If interested, you can contact our Center and request the excellent DVD that *scientifically* debunks this BOM claim. Please ask for "DNA vs. The Book of Mormon" (in English or Spanish for a \$10 donation). We also have an excellent tract, "We Thank Thee, O God, for the Prophets" that further documents false prophesies from LDS leaders.

CHARLOTTE'S THREE POISONS

When our director, Charlotte Pardee, was first asked by a Mormon to read the Book of Mormon, she came across what she calls "three deadly spiritual poisons" as follows:

First: *"And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb [meaning the Bible] many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away."* (1 Nephi 13:26). If this "poison" is accepted, one would not put much trust in the Bible, which she believes was the author's intent, and of course we know that many Mormons have swallowed this poisonous lie.

Second: *"And because my words shall hiss forth—many of the Gentiles shall say: A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible. Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written."* (2 Nephi 29:3, 10). This was supposedly written between 559 and 545 B.C. In our scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, you will never hear them use the word "Bible" because that word was not used yet. This "poison" would open a door for people to accept

whatever "more" (e.g. the Book of Mormon) was written without a shred of objective or historical proof.

Third: *"And when ye shall receive these things [the Book of Mormon], I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost."* (Moroni 10:4). God never asked us to pray a prayer like this regarding the New Testament, so why would He ask us to pray a prayer like that regarding *another* Testament (which Mormons like to call the BOM)? When Mormons do as this verse suggests, many get some sort of manifestation, or *feeling* that this book is true. The danger of accepting this last "poison" comes from not knowing about deceitful spirits (1 Tim.4:1 & 1 John 4:1), or even one's own heart deceiving them (Jer.17:9 & Deut.11:16).

We pray for Mormons to become inoculated against these poisons by believing , receiving, and trusting the Bible (2 Tim.3:16)!

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"When your upside becomes your downside, your inside becomes your outside" (In other words, you can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.)

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Last month, we had to cancel this meeting due to the illness of Charlotte's husband, but hopefully there will be no problem for our October gathering.

Steve Welch will be speaking on "The Spirit World of Mormonism" which will be a very interesting subject as you can imagine. As usual, this will be followed with refreshments. All are welcome – those who have a burden to reach the Mormons, those who want to learn more, those who need support, and the Mormons themselves. The address is 240 W. Chapman Avenue in Orange and we look forward to seeing you there.