

SYLVIA'S CORNER

ANOTHER GOSPEL

We've all seen them -- the ads on T.V.. We see the depictions of good looking, clean-cut people, with perfect families. They seem to have perfect control of all of life's situations and problems. They appear to be Christians. They even use some of our Christian terminology. Their children seem so perfect, so happy, so unlike most of the ones we see today.

They claim to derive their wisdom from the Bible and **ANOTHER** book. - The Book of Mormon. Then they offer us a gift - a copy of the Book of Mormon at no cost, they say. We might think, "How generous!" What they don't tell us is that once we call, our name is relayed to Mormon missionaries who contact us to see if we would be interested in missionary lessons. They tell us there is no cost - but there is a **huge** cost - our eternal salvation!

We Christians believe that the Bible is the **complete** word of God. Nowhere in it does it say that there is another book with a record of Jesus in the Americas. Mormons try to substantiate their book by citing the scriptures in John 10:16 to claim that the people in the Americas were the other sheep that Jesus referred to. Actually this scripture was referring to **all** who were not Jewish.

If you write to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C regarding the validity of the Book of Mormon, they will tell you that no location mentioned in the book has ever been found. There are no plains of Nephiah, no land of Zarahemla, and no Valley of Nimrod. There is also no evidence that the Nephites ever existed at all.

Another way Mormons try to substantiate their book is by using Ezekiel 37:15 in the Bible. Mormons claim that of the two sticks referred to in this passage, one represents the origin of the people living in the America. However, if you read further Ezekiel explains the true meaning. It talks about the scattered Jews that will be reunited in their own land. These are the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Mormons also interpret the sticks to be scrolls, but according to Ezekiel 26:12, the sticks mean timber. In Ezekiel

41:25 it means planks. Ezekiel 36:30 refers to trees. The Book of Mormon complicates this even further by stating in Alma 10.3 that the stick represents Manasseh's descendants, not Ephraim's, as the Bible says.

Paul, speaking to the Galatian Christians in Gal. 1:7, says that people are turning to a different and perverted gospel. He also states that even if an angel from heaven, (Moroni) should preach another gospel, let him be accursed. Paul says that there is **NO OTHER GOSPEL**. He says the same thing twice! It must be very important to God to repeat it again.

Well guess what? The angel Moroni appeared to Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism with no less than another gospel. **WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER GOSPEL. THE BIBLE IS ALL WE NEED.**