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*Our faith will work by love,  
or it will not work at all.*

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### FROM CHAR'S DESK

As the new year begins, we should start it by reading God's Inspired Word!

One of my daily devotionals is "Renewed Day by Day" by A. W. Tozer. In it he said, "Let a man question the inspiration of the Scriptures and a curious, even monstrous inversion takes place: thereafter he judges the Word instead of letting the Word judge him; he determines what the Word should teach instead of permitting it to determine what he should believe; he edits, amends, strikes out, adds at his pleasure; but always he sits above the Word and makes it amendable to him instead of kneeling before God and becoming amenable to the Word. Isn't that what Joseph Smith did when he wrote the "Inspired Bible?"

In Bruce R. McConkie's book, "Mormon Doctrine," it says, "While acting under the spirit of Revelation, the prophet corrected, revised, altered, added to, deleted from the King James version of the Bible to form what is now commonly referred to as the "Inspired Version" of the Bible (p.383).

Yes, Joseph Smith judged the Word instead of letting it judge him and the dear Mormon people have been paying a great price ever since!

### ~ STEVE'S CORNER ~

I pray that this note finds you and your family well and excited for the opportunities to share and live your faith in 2022! Feelings are real but feelings are not necessarily true. The LDS Church measures the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon and their faith by having a good feeling or burning in the bosom. For example, In Moroni 10:4-5 the Mormon missionaries challenge prospective converts to read this

verse which says, "And when ye shall receive these things, 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 he 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. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things."

The Bible, on the other hand, teaches us to test the truthfulness of our faith on the solid word of God. In Acts 17:11 it says, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Biblical Christians test their faith by the revealed word of God. I Thessalonians 5:21 says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Finally, in Jude 1:3 it says "Beloved, when I gave you all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." When talking with a Latter Day Saint about truth it is important to lovingly point out that the truthfulness of our faith and the Holy Bible is based on objective evidence. The validity of Mormonism and the Book of Mormon comes from having a good feeling. Feelings can deceive us! In Proverbs 14:12 it states, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." How many couples when they met felt like they were in love, but these feelings didn't last. When eternity is at stake trust in God based on his faithfulness and evidence, not by having a special feeling.

## **MARRIAGE OR MASTER?**

The LDS Church teaches that the ones in their faith who experience the highest form of salvation are those Mormon couples who get married in the temple for time and eternity. In Doctrine and Covenants 132:19-20 it teaches that they will become gods. Several years ago the Mormon Church came out with a video entitled "Family First." For the Biblical Christian it is not family first but it is Jesus first! As a Christian being married has nothing to do with your salvation or eternal destiny. It has everything to do with putting your faith and trust in the Biblical Jesus.

Jesus himself taught that there would be no marriage in Heaven. Matthew 22:30 says "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven." I believe that we will know our believing spouse in Heaven. Because we will be sinless, we actually will have a a better relationship with our earthly believing spouse in heaven.

The exciting news for the Biblical Christian is that there will be marriage between God and man in Heaven (Revelation 19:7). This obviously will be a beautiful spiritual union! Because of what Jesus did on the cross for us we will be sinless and have intimacy with God forever. We also will have intimacy between each other as believers and we will even be in the presence of the holy angels. Mormonism is wrong. There is no marriage in Heaven between a man and a woman. Biblical Christianity is right. There will be marriage in Heaven between God and man. Before Adam and Eve sinned, this is the kind of special relationship and spiritual intimacy that was enjoyed with God.

In closing, it is clear that each one of us will give an account to God when we die. Earthly marriage is a wonderful and unique relationship between a man and a woman. God wants us to have good marriages. But having a good marriage or being married doesn't get you to heaven. Ask your Mormon friends where in the Bible did Jesus and the apostles teach that you had to be married in the temple to receive salvation from Outer Darkness. The Biblical apostles were teaching the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. They also taught that salvation was found only in receiving and trusting in Jesus Christ. If being married was a key to salvation they would have constantly been telling

people to get married. Christ is the bridegroom and the church is his bride. Beyond that, there is not and will not be any marriage in heaven.

## **CITATIONS OF CONCERN**

(Unbelievable quotes from LDS Leaders)

Every spirit that confesses that Joseph Smith is a prophet, that he lived, died a prophet and that the Book of Mormon is true, is of God, and every spirit that does not is of the anti-Christ. (H of the C vol 7, p. 287)

## **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**



## **SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS**

We are excited to announce that our EMFJ Center reopened in January. We will inform you when our support group meetings will resume.

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