
OUR FAITH WILL WORK BY LOVE OR IT WILL NOT WORK AT ALL



FROM CHAR'S DESK

It's Christmas time again and my thoughts turn to Jesus and why He came. What joy fills my heart to know He came to set me free! It makes me so sad to see how hard our Mormon friends and relatives work to try and make themselves "worthy". However, after they come to know the Lord, they are also filled with joy, not because they are "worthy" but because HE is worthy, not because of what they have done, but because of what HE has done. Now they realize they are clothed in His righteousness and can sing along with us, "Worthy is the Lamb." We have seen so many Mormons experience this wonderful salvation and expect to see many more receive His grace this coming year. May you have a wonderful Christmas knowing Who it is that is worthy!

WHAT IS A SAINT?

Someone has defined a saint as "one who tries a little harder." Mormons call themselves "Latter-day Saints" and, believe me, they are always trying "a little bit harder" to be the best. That is why I often hear people say, "The best neighbor I ever had was a Mormon." Brigham Young, the second prophet of the Mormon Church, said this about his people: "*We can pray the best, preach the best, and sing the best. We are the best looking and finest set of people on the face of the earth...*" (Journal of Discourses, Vol.4, p.77)

On the other hand, he seemed to take pride in boasting of their wicked traits as well: "*I would not yet have this people faultless because the day of separation has*

not yet arrived. I have many a time in this stand, dared the world to produce as mean devils as we can; we can beat them at anything. We have the greatest and smoothest liars in the world, the cunningest [sic] and most adroit thieves, and any other shade of character that you can mention."

"We can pick out Elders in Israel right here who can beat the world at gambling, who can handle the cards, cut and shuffle them with the smartest rogue on the face of God's foot-stool. I can produce Elders here who can shave their smartest shavers, and take their money from them. We can beat the world at any game." (ibid). It seems Mormons not only try a little bit harder to be the best, they even try a little bit harder to be the worst that anyone can be!

Joseph Smith did his bragging about Mormons also. He said, and I quote, "*I see no faults in the Church, and therefore let me be resurrected with the Saints, whether I ascend to heaven or descend to hell, or go to any other place. And if we go to hell, we will turn the devils out of doors and make a heaven of it. Where this people are, there is good society. What do we care where we are, if the society be good?*" (History of the Church, Vol.5, p.517). Can you believe that a true prophet of God would ever make such a statement?

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However, it is a false notion that a saint is someone who just tries a little harder. E. Stanley Jones (who was called by God to be a missionary to the people of India for 52 years), said: *“The New Testament type of saint is different; the saint is not one who tries hard to be good, but one who surrenders to Goodness, to Jesus; not one who whips up the will, but who surrenders the will, not one who resists primarily, but who receives primarily. New Testament prescription: ‘Live in union with Christ,’ and the sainthood takes care of itself, automatically.”* (“In Christ” by E. Stanley Jones, p.279)

To that we say amen! Only Jesus was truly good and only through Him can we become acceptable to God, for *“all our own righteousnesses are as filthy rags”* (Isa.64:6)

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~ Jenell’s Jots & Tittles ~

SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE IN A MORMON PRESIDENT?

In the past, we have gotten a lot of calls asking if we believed in voting for Mitt Romney seeing he is a Mormon. Recently, a friend of our ministry brought us an article from an online site “World Net Daily” (posted 10/12/11) that addressed that question. The first line read: *“Mormon bishop’s daughter spills Romney’s ‘secrets’... ‘Would you trust the judgment of a man if he truly believes he’s gonna be a god?’”*

Mormonism has two faces. While most Mormons are nice people who have good morals and values, Mormonism (I emphasize their teachings and beliefs) has an ugly side to it from its occultic roots to its perverted theology. The “Mormons Bishops’s daughter” is Tricia Erickson, author of “Can Mitt Romney Serve Two Masters? The Church Versus the Office of the Presidency of the United States of America.” The online article quotes her as saying *“While he attempts to portray Mormonism as just another Christian religion, Mitt Romney counts on his skills to shift our attention away from what he truly believes.”*

Because we, like many other Christians, struggle with the question of voting in a Mormon for president, we purchased Ms Erickson’s book. Obviously the answer is an individual one and must come through prayer and study. However, she had some interesting insights and I will share a few in this article.

* *“**Lying for the Lord!** There is a LDS church doctrine that declares that lying is permissible and in order **if** the truth either implicates the church or makes it **look bad in any way.**”* (p.28 - We know this to be true and so does Romney)

* *“...Mitt Romney has been repetitively taught from childhood that the prophets of the Mormon Church are the mouthpieces of God...to question the prophet is an act of apostasy that could negate their salvation and eternal future in the afterlife and with the church. This action places their president/prophet in a position of authority that is never questioned...”* (p.32 - She gave examples of this in chapter 2 of her book, as well as addressed the issue where Romney said that no authorities of his church would ever exert influence on his presidential decisions; but keep in mind the above point)

* *“Just because a religion uses the name of ‘Jesus Christ,’ its members are not necessarily Christians. It’s like me standing in my garage does not make me a Cadillac. A study of the Bible plainly shows that Mitt Romney’s ‘faith’ is unequivocally not Christian...[he] has had ample time to discover the fraudulence in Mormonism, yet he still upholds allegiance to it in which case, one of two scenarios are involved: 1. Mitt Romney is aware of the deception, yet chooses to not only live in it, but also to propagate it; or 2. Mitt Romney is unable to discern for himself deception from truth. Either scenario makes him a dangerous consideration for president of the United States.”* (pp 82-83)

* *“A Mormon president would be a boon to the LDS church’s public relations campaign to portray itself as a normal religion. When MERIDIAN magazine asked*



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Mitch Davis in 2006 how a President Romney would help put a face on Mormonism, Davis replied, 'How could it not? It's one of the most visible jobs in the world! Having a Mormon in that office would be like having the Olympics in Salt Lake City everyday for four years in a row...'" [p.167]. (We agree, and it would also certainly give his church a new-found boost in their proselytizing efforts).

While there is not sufficient space to cover all of Ms. Erickson's points, I will just give mention to two more important ones, and that is Romney's flip flops on the issues of abortion and gay marriage. So back to whether a Christian should vote in a Mormon president or not, I again say each of us will have to search our consciences and seek the Lord in this very important decision. May He give us wisdom!

END NOTE: While we found Ms. Erickson's book informative, interesting, and mostly accurate in her portrayal of Mormonism, there was an omission regarding the LDS temple ceremony that we felt was misleading. This was in regards to being completely nude for the "washing and "anointing" ceremonies. While it is true that a "patron" is required to remove all of their clothing, she neglected to say they are then given a pancho-like garment (called a "shield") for this part of the ritual.

MORMONISM VS. THE BIBLE

Mormonism tells their people...

*"...learn to **do as you are told**, both old and young...if you are told by your leader to do a thing, do it. None of your business whether it is right or wrong..."* (President Herber C. Kimball, Journal of Discourses, Vol.6, p.32, my emphasis)

*"When our leaders speak, **the thinking has been done...**"* (Ward Teachers Message, Deseret News, Church Section, p.5; May 26, 1945, my emphasis)

*"...Lucifer...wins a great victory when he can get the members of the Church to speak against their leaders and **do their own thinking...**"* (Improvement ERA, 1924, my emphasis)

The Bible says...

*"**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**"* (1 Thess.5:21)

*"**Study to shew thyself approved unto God...**"* (2 Tim.2:15)

*"...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**"* (Acts 17:11)

*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils"* (1 Tim.4:1)

Blind obedience is a dangerous thing and who else, but the enemy of our souls, would want to keep us in that state of mind? The Bible warns about false prophets and how to test them (i.e. Deut.13:1-3, 18:20-22; Matt.7:15-16). However, if people are made fearful from doing their own study, or from thinking for themselves, they become easy targets for **any** cult! Jesus said: *"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* (John 8:31-32).

"MORMON DOCTRINE" OUT OF PRINT

It is our understanding that "Mormon Doctrine" is no longer in print. The following is from a May 21, 2010 article in the Salt Lake Tribune:

*"SALT LAKE CITY – After more than 50 years, Bruce R. McConkie's influential 'Mormon Doctrine' is going out of print. LDS Church-owned Deseret Book has decided not to reprint the book **due to 'low sales.'** McConkie, an LDS Apostle who died in 1985, seemed to answer every question within his classic volume. 'Mormon Doctrine served two generations of the Mormon rank and file as the main authoritative source of LDS teachings,' says LDS sociologist Armand Mauss. **'It soon took on an almost scriptural stature.'** LDS author Gregory Price is delighted the book will no longer be published, saying that it was McConkie's 'diatribe against the Roman Catholic Church that did the most harm, but subsequently, **the real damage has been his statements about blacks.'** While McConkie's book has been very popular with*

LDS members, its clarity is seen by some members as embarrassing and out of step with the current public relations goals of the LDS Church.
(Emphasis added).

We are not surprised by this move, as the leaders of the LDS Church are trying ever so hard to fit in with mainstream Christianity, as well as being seen as politically and socially correct. Even though Mormonism still adheres to the beliefs in McConkie's book, his honesty does not lend to that deception. The following is just one example of why this book went out of print:

"...Cain managed to attain the privilege of mortal birth...He understood the gospel and the plan of salvation, was baptized, received the priesthood...Then he came out in open rebellion, fought God, worshiped Lucifer, and slew Able....As a result of his rebellion, Cain was cursed and told that 'the earth' would not thereafter yield him its abundance as previously...As a result of his mortal birth he is assured of a tangible body of flesh and bones in eternity, a fact which will enable him to rule over Satan. The Lord placed on Cain a mark of a dark skin, and he became the ancestor of the black race."
(Bruce R. McConkie, "Mormon Doctrine" second edition, p.109)

For a church that wants to be known as having the same values as Christianity, it is a shame they feel compelled to mis-lead, hide and lie about their core doctrines. I believe it is fitting to end this article with 2 Tim.3:13: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

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(From LDS Leaders)

*"This gift of the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost is available only to those who have been baptized and confirmed members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Holy Ghost can influence at times all seekers of truth, but the **gift** of the Holy Ghost is reserved in its fulness for those who have taken upon themselves the covenants of the restored gospel. This gift is real. It is a supernal blessing to members of the Church."* (Dec.2010 "Ensign", p.32, Elder Neil L. Andersen, Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles)

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"The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Num.6:25-26) Merry CHRISTmas to all!

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. These gatherings include a mini-lesson, testimony of an ex-Mormon, a question and answer time, and 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 Ave. In Orange and we look forward to seeing you there.

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