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



FROM CHAR'S DESK

One of the hardest things for Christians to keep from doing is falling for Satan's deceptions. He is so adept at counterfeiting true Christianity that we can easily be deceived. I read something regarding this in one of my daily devotionals "Day by Day" by A. W. Tozer (Sept.23) that I would like to share with our readers this month.

"Throughout the whole world error and truth travel the same highways, work in the same fields and factories, attend the same churches, fly in the same planes, and shop in the same stores. So skilled is error at imitating truth that the two are constantly being mistaken for each other. It takes a sharp eye these days to know which brother is Cain and which is Abel!"

"We must never take for granted anything that touches our soul's welfare. Issac felt Jacob's arms and thought they were the arms of Esau. Even the disciples failed to spot the traitor among them; the only one of them who knew who he was was Judas himself. That soft-spoken companion with whom we walk so comfortable and in whose company we take such delight may be an angel of Satan whereas the rough, plain-spoken man whom we shun may be God's very prophet sent to warn us against danger and eternal loss."

"It is therefore critically important that the Christian take full advantage of every provision God has made to save him from delusion. The most important of these combine as a protective shield—faith, prayer, constant meditation on the Scriptures, obedience, humility, much serious thought and the illumination

of the Holy Spirit." May we help those who have fallen into Satan's trap escape from the delusion of Mormonism and may we, who have been spared, take these admonitions seriously lest we also be deceived.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

In Acts 16:30, we read of the desperate Philippian jailer asking the Apostle Paul and his companion, Silas, a **very** important question – "*Sirs what must I do to be saved?*". Had Paul and Silas lived in our day and been true and faithful Mormons, they surely would have answered him as follows:

Believe in Joseph Smith: "*...no man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith...every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are—I with you and you with me. I cannot go there without his consent.*" (Brigham Young, "Journal of Discourses", Vol.7, p .289).

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“No man can accept Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, no man can accept this as His church, the Church of Jesus Christ, unless he can accept Joseph Smith as God’s mouthpiece and the restorer of His work in these latter days” (“The Teachings of Harold B. Lee”; Dec.2003 “Ensign”, p.18).

Believe in Joseph Smith’s “First Vision” (Joseph Smith – History 1:14ff): *“‘Upon our acceptance and testimony to the truth of this vision and statement hangs our individual salvation.’ Those are strong words—to think that our personal salvation depends upon whether we accept and have a testimony of what Joseph saw and heard in the spring of 1820. Ultimately, his vision is a test for all of us.” (Feb.2009 “Ensign”, p.10).*

Believe in baptism for the dead: *“The ordinances performed in our temples are vital to our salvation and to the salvation of our deceased loved ones.” (Nov.2010 “Ensign”, p.5). “Those Saints who neglect [temple work] in behalf of their deceased relatives, do it at the peril of their own salvation.” (Oct.2003 “Ensign”, p.58, also in “History of the Church”, Vol.4, p.426).*

Be a member of the LDS Church; *“Full salvation is attained by virtue of knowledge, truth, righteousness, and all true principles...Without the atonement, the gospel, the priesthood, and the sealing power, there would be no salvation...If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. **There is no salvation outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.**” (“Mormon Doctrine”, p.670, my emphasis)*

Be converted to and fully embrace the “Book of Mormon”: *“Finally, conversion to the Book of Mormon is conversion to the divine, prophetic calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith. It is the divine evidence of the truthfulness of Joseph Smith’s calling.” (Sept. 2002 “Ensign”, p.14). “I testify that one cannot come to full faith in this latter-day work...until he or she embraces the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the Lord Jesus Christ, of whom it testifies...God always provides safety for the soul, and with the Book of Mormon, He has again done that in our time.” (Nov.2009 “Ensign”, p.89-90).*

Then “Paul and Silas” probably would have added –

abstain from coffee, pay a full tithe, faithfully follow the LDS prophets and obey all the “laws and ordinances” (third “Article of Faith”). But instead, in verse 31 we read the good news and their glorious answer: *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* Thank you Lord!

CITATIONS OF CONCERN April 2011 (From LDS Leaders)

*“President Joseph F. Smith beautifully expressed the foregoing **doctrine**, as follows: Man is the child of God, formed in the divine image and endowed with divine attributes; and even as the infant son of our earthly father and mother is capable in due time of becoming a man, so the undeveloped offspring of celestial parentage is capable by experience through ages of aeons **of evolving into a God.**” (“Improvement Era”, Vol.12.p.8, my emphasis; President Smith was quoting from “The Gospel Through The Ages”, p.107)*

PRESENT, FUTURE, PAST???

The Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, stated: *“I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.”* (“Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith”, p.194). Yet this “most correct” book is full of errors, contradictions and blunders and one can only wonder why Mormons can not see this for themselves. One such example is seen in Alma 13:1:

*“And again, my brethren, I would **cite** your minds **forward** to the time when the Lord God **gave** these commandments unto his children;...”* (my emphasis)

This obviously does not compute – “cite” (present), “forward” (future), “gave” (past). *“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”* (1 Cor.14:33). For additional information regarding problems in the Book of Mormon, contact us and request one or all of the following tracts: “DNA EVIDENCE AND THE BOOK OF MORMON”, “CONTRADICTIONS IN

MORMON SCRIPTURES”, “OVER 8400 WORD CHANGES IN MORMONS SCRIPTURES”, and “BOOK OF MORMON TODAY”. A love gift to cover postage would be most appreciated, thank you.

DESTROYED FOR A LACK 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.

Information on the subject of Mormonism’s occultic roots and heretical doctrines is abundant. It can be discovered through the Internet, books, DVD’s and various ministries like ours. But Mormons, for the most part, are forbidden to look at or listen to anything that is not from an LDS source. 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.

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 the faithful and True 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 come to know the truth regarding their false beliefs. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further service.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Jesus said to beware of false prophets, who come in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves (Matt.7:15). I don’t think a better description of Mormonism can be found anywhere. For the most part, Mormons are good people and they have many good programs. They use Christian terminology and have many Christian values which can be very confusing to those who are not aware of their heretical doctrines and theology.

Our ministry is two-fold. The first is to make sure the “sheep” are protected so they do not fall into the trap of this dangerous cult, and the second is to train them how to witness to their Mormons friends and family. Therefore, we are available to come to your church, Bible Study, or anywhere Christians are gathered to share or teach on this subject. A love gift would be most appreciated but not mandatory if funds are not available. Please contact our Center to set a date and time.

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

“I’ve been LDS for the last 20 years of my life, I’m now 37. I have stopped going to church several months ago because of growing doubts about Joseph Smith, I’ve since researched a lot and am convinced that he was not a prophet.

I feel lost now, I don’t know where to turn. How do I trust that any religion is true now? I don’t want to give up my faith in Jesus Christ but I’m not sure I

really know or understand him or what I'm supposed to believe. How do I know that the things I've learned about him in the LDS church are true. I keep hearing that Mormons worship a different Jesus and a different God but I don't know what that means.

I'm just looking for help, I'd like to talk to people who have been in my position, who have been faithful Mormons and then left and found their faith in Jesus Christ. So many of the ex-Mormons I've read about online become atiests (sic), I just want to know how to keep my faith but not be Mormon anymore."

Dear C., thank you for writing to us. We know exactly how you feel! We have an Ex-Mormons for Jesus Support Group meeting once a month and we are there to help Mormons like you....it would be great if you could come to our meetings.

When people say Mormons worship a different Jesus, what they mean is that Joseph Smith taught things about Jesus Christ that are not biblical, turning him into a different Jesus. Gordon B. Hinckley said that Mormons do not believe in the traditional Christ; they believe in the Jesus Christ that Joseph Smith revealed. And Bernard P. Brockbank, on of the 70's , said "It is true that Christians worship a different Jesus Christ than the Mormons...". So, according to them, they even know that they worship a different Jesus Christ than the Christians do.

About where to find the "true" church. God never told us to search for a "true" church, He said in Jeremiah 29:13 ~ "You will seek me and find me when you shall

search for me with all your heart." Jesus is the Truth and when you find Him, you find Truth. Please send me your telephone number as I would love to talk to you...God bless you, Love Char (Director of EMFJ)
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"Hi, I left the Mormon church (cult) after 50 years and they are tearing my family apart now. Could you send me pamphlets and let me know what other info you have such as dvds I can get for my family and others. Thank you, J"

We received your E-Mail and was sorry to hear about the problem you are having in your family. We are sending you some info to help you and also some dvd's that you may share with your family. We are used to hearing these types of problems which is very sad. We have put you on our prayer list and will be praying for you. God is our help in time of trouble! Do not let Satan discourage you. In His Service,
Charlotte Pardee

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesdays 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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