

EXAMINING The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Part 1)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that many of the peculiar beliefs of Mormonism are contradicted in the Book of Mormon?

## **GOD OF FLESH AND BONES**

For example, Mormons are known for their belief that God has a solid body of, flesh and bones. Yet the Book of Mormon says,

" ... Behold, is not this the GREAT SPIRIT who doth send such great punishments upon this people, because of their murders? And they answered the king and said ... O king, we do not believe that a man has such great power, for we know HE CANNOT BE SLAIN." (Alma 18:2-3)

"And the king said: Is God that GREAT SPIRIT that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem? And Aaron said Ili1to him: Yea, he is that GREAT SPIRIT, and he created all things both in heaven and in earth ... "(Alma 22:9-10)

## **GOD WAS ONCE MORTAL**

They claim that God himself is an exalted man who has progressed to eternal deity. Yet, the Book of Mormon says,

"And now if ye have imagined up Ili1to yourselves a god who doth vary, and in whom there is shadow of changing, then ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god WHO IS NOT A GOD of miracles ... And behold, I say Ili1to you HE CHANGETH NOT; if so he would cease to be God ... "  
(Mormon 9: 10, 19)

"For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but HE IS UNCHANGE-ABLE FROM ALL ETERNITY TO ALL ETERNITY" (Moroni 8: 18)

The above text clearly stands against the doctrine of "eternal progression" as taught by Latter-Day Saints.

## MANY GODS

Mormons believe there are multitudes of gods beside the Lord God of this world. However, the Book of Mormon states,

"And Amulek said: Yea, there is a true and living God. Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God? And he answered, No." (Alma 11:27-29)

If there is only one true and living God, and he is "unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity," there is no way that any mortal man could have ever become God.

If there was a way for a mortal man to progress to Godhood, wouldn't this require at least one other God with the authority to promote him?

## THERE IS NO TRINITY

Mormons claim that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three completely separate beings merely working toward the same goals. There is no Trinity of the Godhead The Book of Mormon states however,

"And now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, WHICH IS ONE GOD, without end. Amen" (2 Nephi 31:21)

" ... but every thing shall ... be arraigned before the bar of Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, WHICH IS ONE ETERNAL GOD, to be judged ... " (Alma 11:44)

"And thus will the Father bear record of me, and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him ... for THE FATHER, AND I, AND THE HOLY GHOST ARE ONE."(3 Nephi 11:36)

"...unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, WHICH ARE ONE GOD ...  
"(Mormon 7:7)

## **SECOND CHANCE AFTER DEATH**

Mormons believe that, by proxy, they can be baptized for the dead in order for those who never heard about the Restored Gospel to have a second chance to be saved Sorry folks,

"If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life and happiness; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of ENDLESS damnation ..." (Mosiah 16: 11)

"For behold, THIS LIFE IS THE TIME for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of THIS LIFE IS THE DAY for men to perform their labors .. I beseech of you that ye DO NOT PROCRASTINATE the day of your repentance ... For behold, IF YE HAVE PRO-CRASTINATED the day of your repentance even until death, behold ye have become SUBJECTED TO THE SPIRIT OF THE DEVIL ... and THIS IS THE FINAL STATE of the wicked." (Alma 34:32-35)

## **GOD APPROVES OF POLYGAMY**

Probably the most well known of the Mormon teachings is that it is alright for men to have many wives. God allegedly called it "a new and an everlasting covenant" which, "if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned." (Doctrine & Covenants 132:4)

And once again the Book of Mormon is found to teach just the opposite. Notice,

"Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, WHICH THING WAS ABOMINABLE BEFORE ME, saith the Lord ... Wherefore, I the Lord God will NOT

SUFFER that this people SHALL DO LIKE UNTO THEM of old." (Jacob 2:24-26)

"And it came to pass that Riplakish did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, for he DID HAVE MANY WIVES AND CONCUBINES ... " (Ether 10:5)

When the Book of Mormon was published by Joseph Smith in 1830, most Americans had some basic understanding of Christian doctrines. Smith was no exception. In order to avoid being tarred and feathered, his new book had to at least appear to agree with the Holy Bible.

In time however, Joseph Smith would boast,

"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." (Preface, Book of Mormon)

The Book of Mormon says God is an "unchangeable being from all eternity." Yet He sure does change his mind an awful lot! You would think that if HE doesn't change, neither should his attitudes on important matters.

The Holy Bible declares,

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

"The grass withereth, and the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isaiah 40:8)

The basic premise of Mormonism, that an angel brought to Joseph· Smith a new "Restored Gospel" that Christians had never known before, is unbiblical by its own definition.

The Apostle Paul wrote nearly 2000 years ago,

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8)

Although most Mormons are decent people, they are still lost sinners for whom Jesus Christ died and wants to save from Hell. They need to see the inconsistent nature of their faith and turn to the simple saving grace of Jesus Christ to wash away their sins.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)