

**BE READY TO  
GIVE AN ANSWER**

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Study to show thyself approved!

How often do you have a brief opportunity to tell someone else about the gospel - a minute or two? You want to get their interest so that you might create an opening to go into more detail later.

This is a study about how we can give a quick answer when the opportunity presents itself.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15** *“Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 2:15** *“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*

These are some of the statements we hear:

1. Continued revelation. *Do miracles still exist?*
2. *The Bible is easier to read than the Book of Mormon.*
3. *I've been baptized, why do it again?*
4. *I've been baptized, why can't I partake of the sacrament?*
5. *We have a bible. Why do we need the Book of Mormon?*
6. *If the Book of Mormon is evil, why pray about it?*
7. *Was Joseph Smith a prophet?*
8. *Was everything Joseph Smith said true?*
9. *There was no apostasy.*
10. *Scripture says that No man can see God and live. Joseph Smith claims to have seen God and Christ.*
11. *Once saved always saved? Mercy. Justice. Works?*
12. *You have not been to a seminary! Priesthood authority. Called of God.*
13. *Why, as Christians, should we support the Jews?*
14. *Is there only one true church? Why do we think it is The Church Of Christ?*
15. *Is salvation found only in the Church of Christ?*

16. *What is the Book of Mormon? What does it teach?*
17. *Why not have women in the ministry?*
18. *Paid ministry or family allotment and support.*
19. *Unchangeable God?*
20. *Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. Is the C of C the same church as that of old? Are we Christians?*
21. *What is our stand on polygamy?*
22. *Rev. 22:18-19 says do not add or take away.*
23. *What is the manner of worship?*
24. *Do we believe in multiple Gods? Do we believe we will be Gods someday?*
25. *Morality, sin, and being politically correct.*
26. *Why does God allow bad things to happen?*
27. *To whom do we pray?*

### **Topic #1 Continued revelation. "Do miracles still exist?"**

Do you believe in the Bible? If so, read:

**Malachi 3:6** *For I am the LORD, I change not;*

**James 1:16-17** *Do not err, my beloved brethren, every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

**Hebrews 13:8-9** *Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Be not carried about with divers (strange) doctrines,*

**1 Peter 1:25** *But the word of the Lord endureth forever, and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

**Isaiah 40:8** *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.*

**2 Nephi 11:145.** *For behold, I am God, and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men, save it be according to their faith.*

**2 Nephi 12:60-62** *Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together, the testimony of two nations shall run together also. And I do this that I may prove to many, that I am the same yesterday, today and forever;*

**Moroni 8:19** *For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.*

**Matthew 13:58** *And he did many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

**John 14:12-14** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father. And whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it.*

**Mormon 4:80-84** *And there were many mighty miracles wrought by the hands of the apostles. And if there were miracles wrought, then why has God ceased to be a God of miracles, and yet be an unchangeable being. And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children of men, is because they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they should trust. Behold I say unto you, that whosoever believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, Whatsoever he should ask the Father in the name of Christ, it shall be granted him; and this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth.*

## **Topic #2 The Bible is so much easier to read than the Book of Mormon.**

When I hear this statement I know this person is reading a paraphrased bible, and that they have not read the Book of Mormon. Many of the new bibles are paraphrased and put into modern language that is easier to read than the 1611 King James Version (KJV) of the bible. Our concern is do they still teach the gospel of Christ? Is 95% accuracy close enough for deciding your eternal salvation in heaven or eternal torment in Hell?

Here is a quote from a book titled **WHICH BIBLE?** Edited by David Otis Fuller, D.D. *“A multiplicity of differing bible versions are in circulation today, resulting in a state of bewildering confusion. Some versions omit words, verses, phrases and even chapter portions, which are well known to be included in a number of the ancient manuscripts. In copies of these new versions words and phrases have been added which have no corresponding basic expression in authentic copies of the Hebrew and Greek. Among these you will not find the Bible which God gave when ‘holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost’. (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16).”* p. 2

*“Those who were corrupting Bible manuscripts said that they were correcting them, and corrupted copies were so prevalent that agreement between them was hopeless. The worst corruptions to which the New Testament has ever been subjected originated within a hundred years after it was composed.”* p. 2

Excerpts From  
**NEW AGE BIBLE VERSIONS**

by G.A. Riplinger:

“New versions (and the ‘new’ church they are producing) owe their occult bend to the underlying Greek text, a novelty produced in the 1870’s by B. F. Wescott, a London Spiritualist. Secular historians and numerous occult books see him as “the Father” of the current channeling phenomenon, a major source of the ‘doctrines of devils’ driving the New Age movement.” (p. 25) (Wescott was a priest in the Church of England-dem)

Wescott is closely allied with “London’s Madame Helen P. Blavatsky, another Spiritualist and then editor of *Lucifer* magazine. She was to become, as *Los Angeles Times* magazine says, ‘godmother of the new age movement.’ “ (pg. 25)

“*The Encyclopedia of the Unexplained* says Blavatsky exhumed her Luciferian doctrines from Philo’s School in Alexandria, Egypt. This same school also produced manuscripts of the Old and New testament – altered to conform to their esoteric teachings. The graveyard haunts of Wescott’s ‘Ghostly Guild’ brought up these very manuscripts and used them to alter the traditional Old and New Testaments. New versions mimic the New Age because they both made their debut on the same stage – at Philo’s School.” (p. 27)

“As spiritualists (Necromancers) both Wescott and Blavatsky recognized the esoteric tone given New Testament manuscripts produced within hearing distance of Philo’s school. Both believed these were ‘corrected’ not corrupted versions.” (p. 27)

“Even the NIV *Concordance* editor concedes that this century’s versions are a deviation from the text type used, as Blavatsky said, ‘for nearly 1500 years’. He acknowledges, ‘A century ago – even a half century ago... nothing seriously threatened these standards.’ Noting their deviation from the traditional text, one NIV editor yields, ‘Certain verses that... have traditionally been thought to be part of Holy Writ, were in the judgment of the translators, not present...’ Wheaton professor, Dr. Gordon Fee, comments on the ‘clipped’ character of all versions except the Authorized Version (KJV).

“The contemporary translations as a group have one thing in common: they tend to agree against the KJV ...in omitting hundreds of words, phrases and verses.”

The NIV has 64,098 fewer words than the KJV. Manuscripts and Greek New Testaments produced according to the ‘revised’ rule of Philo’s school are markedly different from the great mass of N. T. manuscripts (over 5000) used to produce the KJV. J. B. Phillips, *another* Spiritualist and new version editor, acknowledges this ‘vast’ difference in his forward to the *NASB Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*.” (p. 28)

“...the Christian writings deleted from the bible during the 4<sup>th</sup> century, are *the very manuscripts* now being used to ‘correct’ as Luciferians say, the New Testament and create new versions. These manuscript types (Aleph, B, D, papyrus 75 et al.) *were* rejected by a growing and discerning Christian body-almost immediately after their creation by the ‘friends of Philo’. ‘Deleted’ also were their extra books such as *The Shepherd of Hermas* and *The Epistle of Barnabas*. New Agers...also recognize the esoteric qualities of these ‘deleted’ manuscripts.” (p.31)

Over the centuries as the biblical manuscripts were copied and recopied by innumerable scribes, many changes were accidentally made while others were deliberately made to the text. Many plain and precious teachings of great clarity were removed or altered. Since many would find it difficult to believe that the precious lines of the Bible could have been altered, let us turn to several biblical authorities.

- a. Professor I. M. Price wrote in his text, *The Ancestry of Our English Bible*, “Still we fail to understand our Bible of today if we do not take full account of the many passages where, in spite of all the care of the scribes – rather, we should say, occasionally because of such care? – changes did find their way into the text. For the astonishing fact is that in some cases deliberately and with full knowledge they altered the text they had received.” –p.21
- b. Philip Comfort, writing about the New Testament in his book, *The Origin of the Bible*, wrote the following: “In the late first and early second century, the oral traditions and the written word existed side by side with equal status – especially with respect to the material of the Gospels. Often, the text was changed by scribes attempting to conform the written message to the oral tradition...Others scribes, however, felt free to make ‘improvements’ in the text – either in the interest of doctrine and harmonization or due to the influence of a competitive oral tradition.” –pp. 184, 185

(“Books like *Sensuous Spirituality*, by avowed lesbian, NIV editor Virginia Mollenkat, echo the New Age movement’s hopes to replace the ‘he’ of Christianity with the neuter ‘One’ of Hinduism.” –p.77)

The purpose of the Bible and our reason for reading it is to have the word of God, understand Christ's doctrine, and know the history and destiny of mankind. *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.* **2 Timothy 3:16.**

Although it may not be the easiest version to read, the 1611 King James Version of the bible was translated from ancient manuscripts into the English language with this same intent. Whereas, the contemporary translations and interpretations have omitted hundreds of words, phrases, and verses. These erroneous changes have brought about a deviation from the truth of God's word and Christ's doctrine and have given rise to diverse denominations, distorted ordinances and false doctrines in the world today. *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* **2 Peter 1:20-21**

### **Topic 3 I've bee baptized, why do it again?**

Other baptisms can be meaningful in that the person recognizes his need to come to Jesus and change from his "old man", but there is more involved.

**Acts 19:2-6** *He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there is any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what, then, were ye baptized? And they said, unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied*

The minister who baptizes must be called of God.

**John 15:16** *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain; that whatever ye ask of the father in my name, he may give it you.*

**Hebrews 5:4** *And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.*

**Topic 4 I've been baptized, why no sacrament?**

The Church of Christ has a closed communion, only baptized members may partake.

Jesus gave the sacrament to his disciples only.

*Matthew 26:26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, take, eat; this is my body.*

*Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them...*

**3 Nephi 8:60-65.** *And now behold, this is the commandment which I give unto you, that ye shall not suffer anyone knowingly, to partake of my flesh and blood unworthily, when ye shall minister it, for whoso eateth and drinketh my flesh and blood unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to his soul; Therefore if ye know that a man is unworthy to eat and drink of my flesh and blood, ye shall forbid him; never the less ye shall not cast him out from among you, but ye shall minister unto him, and shall pray for him unto the father, in my name. And if it so be that he repenteth, and is baptized in my name, then shall ye receive him, and shall minister unto him of my flesh and blood; But if he repent not, he shall not be numbered among my people, that he may not destroy my people, for behold I know my sheep, and they are numbered; Nevertheless ye shall not cast him out of your synagogues or your places of worship, for unto such shall ye continue to minister; For ye know not but what they will return and repent, and come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I shall heal them, and ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.*

**Acts 2:41-42.** *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and of breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

**Topic 5 We have a bible, why do we need the Book of Mormon?**

I believe in the Book of Mormon because I believe in the Bible.

The Book of Mormon makes plain some of the doctrines that are not clear in the Bible; such as baptism, laying on of hands, sacrament, ministry, organization of the church judgment, etc.

**Revelation 20:12** *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

**Revelation 22:18-19** *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

**Deuteronomy 4:2** *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.*

**Deuteronomy 12:32** *What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*

**John 10:16** *And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

**2 Nephi 2: 19-23** *Wherefore, the fruit of my loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write: And that which shall be written by the fruit of my loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, Unto the confounding of false doctrines, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, And bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days; And also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.*

**2 Nephi 12: 60-64** *Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together, the testimony of the two nations shall run together also.*

**Topic 6 If the Book of Mormon is evil, why pray about it?**

What is evil about the Book of Mormon, show me.

**Matthew 12: 22-27** *Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.*

**Acts 28:22** *But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.*

**Topic 7 Was Joseph Smith a prophet?**

What is your definition of a prophet?

When a man is acting as a prophet, he is a prophet.

Look to the scriptures for the definition of a prophet. Does the criteria apply to Joseph Smith?

Fallible, yes, as were many prophets.

**Noah** -- Genesis 9:20-21 *And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.*

**John the Baptist** -- Matthew 11:1-3 *And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?*

**Luke 20:6** *But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.*

**Jonah** -- *Jonah 1:1-3 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. 4:1-3 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the Lord and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*

**Moses** -- *Numbers 20:8-13 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beast also. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.*

**Abraham** -- *Genesis 12:10-20 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. Say I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake;*

*and my should shall live because of thee. And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.*

### **Topic 8 Was everything Joseph Smith said true?**

No. He was a man just like you and me. God used him as a prophet for a time, but was prone to error just like everyone else.

### **Topic 9 No Apostasy?**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5** *For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: but even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:*

**Revelation 13:7** *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

**Daniel 7:21** *I beheld, and the same horn made ware with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

**Amos 8:11-12** *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.*

**I Timothy 4:1-3** *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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

**Revelation 12:6** *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

**Topic 10 No man has seen God and lived. Joseph Smith claims to have seen God and Christ.**

**Exodus 33:11, 20** *And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. ...And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live.*

**Acts 7:55-56** *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.*

**Genesis 32:30** *And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my lie is preserved.*

**I John 4:12** *No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

**John 7:46** *The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.*

**John 1:18** *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

**Exodus 24:9-11** *Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.*

**Topic 11 Once saved always saved. Mercy, Justice and Works**

Many references to works in the New Testament refer to the works of the Law of Moses.

Unpardonable sin- no return to God. Personal apostasy-reference notes of same title submitted by Don McIndoo.

**1 Corinthians 9:27** *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

**Matthew 24:4-5, 11-13** *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ...And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

**Hebrews 6:4-6** *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

**2 Peter 2** *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust into the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*

*Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

**James 2:14-24** *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith. Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*

## **Topic 12 Priesthood authority. Called of God; no seminary teaching**

What is the established way Jesus used to choose his ministry? Don't be bashful or ashamed to point out this truth.

Quote from the President of Harvard University of Religion: (paraphrased) "We are atheists but, we are Christian atheists."

**Hebrews 5:4** *And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.*

**1 Corinthians 2:4-5, 11-14** *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. ...For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

**1 Peter 5:1-4** *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

**Galatians 1:10-12** *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

**2 Timothy 4:4** *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

**Topic 13 Why, as Christians, should we support the Jews?**

**Ezekiel 38:14-17** *Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.*

**Isaiah 49:9-11** *That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.*

**Isaiah 49:22-26 (chapters 48-52)** *Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers; they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*

**Isaiah 52:7-10** *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for people, he had redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

**Zechariah 14:1-4** Behold, they day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**Deuteronomy 7:9-16** Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them. Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto the fathers: And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, they corn, and thy wine and thine oil, the increase of the kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

**Jeremiah 16:15-16** But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I have unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will

*make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

**Genesis 17:1-8** *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall they name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*

**Luke 21:24** *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

## **Topic 14 Is there only one true church? Why do we think it is us?**

Apostasy/Restoration

Jesus established His church

How many churches did Jesus establish? We are warned and told there is only one gospel.

**Matthew 16:18** *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**Galatians 1:6-12** *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 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. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please man? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

What is the organization of a church? Does it match the organization Jesus established in His church when He walked the earth?

**I Corinthians 14:33** *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

**I Corinthians 3:10-11** *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

**Matthew 7:13-14** *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

**Matthew 7:21-27** *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which build his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

**Matthew 24:4-5** *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

**I Corinthians 12:28** *And God hat set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*

**Ephesians 4:4** *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

**III Nephi 12:12-22** *And it came to pass that they did do all things, even as Jesus had commanded them. And they which were baptized in the name of Jesus, were called the church of Christ. And it came to pass that as the disciples of Jesus were journeying and were preaching the things which they had both heard and seen, and were baptizing in the name of Jesus, it came to pass that the disciples were gathered together, and were united in mighty prayer and fasting. And Jesus again shewed himself unto them, for they were praying unto the Father, in his name; and Jesus came and stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, What will ye that I shall give unto you? And they saith unto him, Lord, we will that thou wouldst tell us the name whereby we shall call this church; for there are disputations among the people concerning this matter. And the Lord said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Why is it that the people should murmur and dispute because of this thing? Have they not read the scriptures, which saith, Ye must take upon you the name of Christ, which is my name? for by this name shall ye be called at the last day; and whoso taketh upon him my name, and endureth to the end, the same shall be saved at the last day; Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do, ye shall do it in my name; therefore ye shall call the church in my name; and ye shall call upon the Father in my name, that he will bless the church for my sake; and how be it my church, save it be called in my name? For if a church be called in Moses' name, then it be Moses' church; or if it be called in the name of a man, then it be the church of a man; but if it be called I my name, then it is my church, if it so be that they are built upon my gospel. Verily I say unto you, that ye are built upon my gospel; therefore ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call in my name; therefore if ye call upon the Father, for the church, if it be in my name, the Father will hear you; And if it so be that the church is built upon my gospel, then will the Father shew forth his own works in it;*

**Topic 15 Is salvation found only in the Church of Christ?**

Every person will have the opportunity to choose. Going to church does not assure salvation.

**John 7:14** *Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.*

**John 7:37-39** *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

**Acts 2:38-42** *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

**Acts 19:6** *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

**Matthew 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**I Timothy 2:15** *Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.*

**I Thessalonians 5:8** *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

**Philippians 2:12** *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

**Mormon 1:85-87** *And these things do the Spirit manifest unto me; therefore I write unto you all. And for this cause I write unto you, that ye may know that ye must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ; yea, every should which belongs to the whole human family of Adam; And ye must stand to be judged of your works, whether they be good or evil; and also that ye may believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, which ye shall have among you;*

**Mormon 4:93** *Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him.*

**I Nephi 3:220-223** *And he saith unto me, Behold, there are save it be two churches: The one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; Wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; And she is the whore of all the earth.*

## **Topic 16 What is the Book of Mormon?**

- An added witness to the Bible
- A history of an Israelite family
- A record of God's dealing with a group of Israelites he led to America about 600 B.C.
- The Bible says that through two or three witnesses all things will be established

### **What does it teach?**

- It teaches Christ
- Christ visited ancient America after His resurrection
- It teaches the same gospel that is found in the Bible
- It teaches the doctrine of Christ
- It teaches many covenants that are not explained in the Bible
- Clarifies many Bible teachings
- Explains many prophecies of God to Americans and Israelites

**If it teaches the same gospel, then why do we need it?**

- What God tells one people, he tells another---consistency
- It confounds false teachings
- To restore ancient teachings that have been removed or changed by man
- It explains the American's role in bringing about God's purposes
- An added witness to the Gospels

**Topic 17 Why are there no women in the Church of Christ ministry?**

Christ did not call women to the ministry in the early church.

**Romans 16** *I commend unto you Phebeour sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla and Aquilla my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epænetus who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. Greet Mary who bestowed much labour on us. Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. Greet Ampilas my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household. Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord. Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord. Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them. Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them. Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

*Amen. Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord. Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Now in him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.*

**I Timothy 2:12** *But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*

### **Topic 18 Paid ministry – family allotment/support**

**Matthew 10: 7-10** *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.*

**Mark 6:7-8** *And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:*

**Luke 9:3** *And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.*

**Luke 22:35-37** *And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip; and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors; for the things concerning me have an end.*

**John 10:10-14** *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*

**Acts 18:3** *And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.*

**I Corinthians 4:12** *And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:*

**II Corinthians 11:7-9** *Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.*

**Acts 20:33-34** *I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.*

**I Corinthians 4:9-12** *For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have not certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it.*

**I Peter 5:1-2** *The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

**Titus 1:7** *For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;*

**I Timothy 3:3** *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*

**II Thessalonians 3:6-10** *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.*

**Mosiah 11:155** *Yea, and all their priests and teachers should labor with their own hands for their support, in all cases save it were in sickness, or in much want: and doing these things they did abound in the grace of God.*

## **Topic 19 Unchangeable God**

**Malichi 3:6** *For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

**Mark 16:17** *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

**Hebrews 13:8-9** *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.*

**James 1:16-17** *Do not err, ye beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

**I Peter 1:24-25** *For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

**Isaiah 40:6-8** *The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

**Numbers 23:19** *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?*

**Psalm 102:25-27** *Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have not end.*

**2 Nephi 11:145** *For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will shew unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men, save it be according to their faith.*

**3 Nephi 12:60-63** *Yea, and wo unto him that shall say at that day, that there can be no miracle wrought by Jesus Christ, for to get gain; for he that doeth this, shall become like unto the son of perdition, for whom there was no mercy, according to the word of Christ.*

**Mormon 4:66-70, 80-84** *And again I speak unto you, who deny the revelations of God, and say that they are done away, that there are not revelations, nor prophecies, nor gifts, nor healing, nor speaking with tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. Behold I say unto you, He that denieth these things, knoweth not the gospel of Christ; yea, he has not read the scriptures; if so, he does not understand them. For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and for ever; and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing. And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god which doth vary, and in him there is shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god which is not a god of miracles. But behold, I will shew unto you a God of miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same God which created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. 80-84 And there were many might miracles wrought by the hands of the apostles. And if there were miracles wrought, then why has God ceased to be a God of miracles, and yet be an unchangeable being. And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles. And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children of men, is because that they dwindle n unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they should trust. Behold I say unto you, that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ, it shall be granted him; and this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth.*

**Alma 5:25** *Therefore come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye may be washed from your sins, that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of faith on the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world, which is mighty to save and to cleanse from all unrighteousness;*

**1 Nephi 3:26-32** *And it came to pass that I, Nephi, was desirous also that I might see, and hear, and know of these things, by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him, as well in times of old as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men; For he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto him; For he that diligently seeketh shall find; And the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto him by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in this time as in times of old; And as well in times of old as in times to come; Wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round.*

**Moroni 8:19** *For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.*

**Mosiah 1:55-56** *And behold, all that he requires of you, is to keep his commandments; and he hath promised you that if ye would keep his commandments, ye should prosper in the land; And he never doth vary from that which he had said; therefore, if ye do keep his commandments, he doth bless you, and prosper you.*

## **Topic 20 Is Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone?**

Is the Church of Christ the same church as that of old?

- Yes, the chief cornerstone and the head of the church. Ephesians 1:20-22; *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, For above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath not all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*
- The same ministry as of old (ordained). Revelation 14:6; *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*
- Restored church not reformed. Falling away, Apostacy.

II Thessalonians 2: 1-3 *Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

Amos 8:11-12 *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.*

Revelation 14:6 *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*

- We teach the same doctrine of salvation as Christ taught. Malachi 3:6; *For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.* Hebrews 6:1-4; *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. As this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,*
- We enjoy the same spiritual gifts as did the church of old. I Corinthians 12:1-11; *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

**Topic 21 Polygamy, what is our stand?**

**Deuteronomy 17:17** *Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.*

**I Timothy 3:2-12** *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding they mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.*

**Jacob 2:32-37** *For behold, thus saith the Lord, This people begin to wax in iniquity; they understand not the scriptures: for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son. Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives, and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord, Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. Wherefore, I, the Lord God, will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old. Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have not: For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women.*

**Topic 22 Revelation 22:18-19 do not add or take away**

- Revelation is a book
- Words of this prophecy
- Book of Mormon does not change the Bible, but new translations of the Bible do.

**Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32** *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish out from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*

**Revelation 1:3, 11** *Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*

### **Topic 23 What is the manner of worship?**

**Revelation 22: 9** *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.*

**II Timothy 3: 4-5,7** *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: form such turn away. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

**II Timothy 4: 2-4** *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heapt to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

**John 4: 23-24** *That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father, he that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

**Moroni 6: 9** *And their meetings were conducted by the church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done.*

**2 Nephi 12: 3-17** *For it shall come to pass in that day, that the churches which are built up, and not unto the Lord, when the one shall say unto the other, Behold, I, I am the Lord's; and the other shall say, I, I am the Lord's. And thus shall everyone say, that hath built up churches, and not unto the Lord; And they shall contend one with another; and they shall teach with their learning, and deny the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance. And they deny the power of God, the Holy One of Israel; and they say unto the people, Harken unto us, and hear ye precept; For behold, there is not God today, for the Lord and the Redeemer hath done his work, and he hath given his power unto men. Behold, hearken ye unto my precept: if they shall say there is a miracle wrought, by the hand of the Lord, believe it not; for this day he is not a God of miracles; he hath done his work. Yea, and there shall be many which shall say, Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die: and it shall be well with us. And there shall also be many which shall say, Eat, drink, and be merry,; nevertheless, fear God, he will justify in committing a little sin: yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this. And do all these things, for tomorrow we die, and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be saved in the kingdom of God. Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false, and vain, and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark; and the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them. Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. Because of pride, and because of false teachers, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted; and their churches are lifted up; because of pride, they are puffed up. They rob the poor, because of their fine sanctuaries; they rob the poor, because of their fine clothing; and they persecute the meek, and the poor in heart; because in their pride, they are puffed up. They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray, save it be a few, which are the humble followers of Christ; Nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men.*

## **Topic 24 Godhead, do we believe in multiple Gods? Will we be gods someday?**

**Matthew 3:16** *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

**John 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

**John 3:33-35** *He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.*

**John 17:3-5, 21** *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had thee before the world was.  
21 That they all may be one: as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me.*

**I Corinthians 15:28** *And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

**Hebrews 1:9** *Thou has loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

**Mosiah 8:28** *And now Abinadi saith unto them, I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people;*

## **Topic 25 Morality, Sin, Politically correct**

**Isaiah 5:20** *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

**Isaiah 30:8-10** *Now go, write it before them in a table, and not it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:*

**I Corinthians 6:9-10** *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

**II Timothy 3:1-7** *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

**2 Nephi 12:10-13, 16-17** *And there shall also be many which shall say, Eat, drink, and be merry; nevertheless, fear God, he will justify in committing a little sin: yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this. And do all these things, for tomorrow we die; and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be saved in the kingdom of God. Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false, and vain, and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark; and the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them.*

**Jacob 2:33-34** *Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives, and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord, Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph.*

**Moroni 7:12** *Wherefore take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God, to be of the devil.*

## **Topic 26 Why does God allow bad things to happen?**

**Genesis 3:16-19** *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, til thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and dust shalt thou return.*

**Isaiah 55:8-9** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**Isaiah 57:1-12** *The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not? I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.*

**Psalms 116:15** *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

**Ecclesiastes 9:11-12** *I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.*

**Matthew 5:45** *That ye may be the children of your Father which is heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

**Acts 10:34** *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*

**James 1:3** *Know this that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

**Revelation 6:10-11; 7:14** *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

**7:14** *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which cam out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

**2 Nephi 1:81-93, 115-121** *For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my firstborn in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass; neither wickedness; neither holiness nor misery; neither good nor bad. Wherefore, all things must needs be a compound in one; Wherefore, if it should be one body, it must needs remain as dead, having no life, neither death nor corruption, nor incorruption, happiness nor misery, neither sense nor insensibility. Wherefore, it must needs have been created for a thing of nought; Wherefore, there would have been no purpose in the end of its creation. Wherefore, this thing must needs destroy the wisdom of God, and his eternal purposes; and also, the power and the mercy, and the justice of God. And if ye shall say there is no law, ye shall also say there is not sin. And if ye shall say there is no sin, ye shall also say there is no righteousness. And if there be no righteousness, there be no happiness. And if there be no righteousness nor happiness, there be no punishment nor misery. And*

*if these things are not, there is no God. 115-121 Adam fell, that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. And the Messiah cometh in the fullness of time, and he might redeem the children of men from the fall. And because that they are redeemed from the fall, they have become free forever, knowing good from evil; To act for themselves, and not to be acted upon, save it be by the punishment of the Lord, at the great and last day, according to the commandments which God hath given. Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil: For he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.*

**Alma 10:48-52; 27:28-29** *And it came to pass that when Amulek saw the pains of the women and children which were consuming in the fire, he was also pained; and he saith unto Alma, How can we witness this awful scene? Therefore let us stretch forth our hands, and exercise the power of God which is in us, and save them from the flames. But Alma saith unto him, The Spirit constraineth me that I must not stretch forth mine hand; for behold, the Lord receiveth them up unto himself, in glory; And he doth suffer that they may do this thing, or that the people may do this thing unto them, according to the hardness of their hearts, that the judgments which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath, may be just; And the blood of the innocent shall stand as a witness against them, yea, and cry mightily against them at the last day.*

## **Topic 27 Who do we pray to?**

**Matthew 6:5-13** *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

**John 14:6, 16** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.... And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

**John 16:23-26** *And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:*

**I Corinthians 8:6** *But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

**3 Nephi 8:7-8, 16-23** *Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner, bring them hither, and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; My bowels are filled with mercy; for I perceive that ye desire that I should shew unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem, for I see that your faith is sufficient, that I should heal you.... And when he had said these words, he himself also knelt upon the earth, and behold he prayed unto the Father, and the things which he prayed, can not be written, and the multitude did bear record which heard him. And after this manner do they bear record; the eye hath never seen, neither hat the ear heard, before, so great and marvelous things as we saw and heard Jesus speak unto the Father; And no tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things as we both saw and hear Jesus speak; And no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard him pray for us unto the Father. And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, he arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude, that they were overcome. And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise. And they arose from the earth, and he saith unto them, Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold my joy is full. And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bear record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.*

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